

LOUISIANA TAX FREE SHOPPING

TOPS REPORT

2008

TOP 20 COUNTRIES RANKED BY NUMBER OF TRANSACTIONS*

COUNTRY	NUMBER OF TRANSACTIONS
U.K.	1,441
Philippines	1,383
Brazil	1,099
Canada	1,078
France	1,068
Germany	932
Mexico	924
Italy	873
Honduras	755
India	664
Japan	592
Venezuela	551
China	463
Netherlands	426
Spain	420
Colombia	411
Norway	381
Australia	339
Poland	302
Turkey	282
Other Countries	6,014
Total	20,398

TOP 20 COUNTRIES RANKED BY DOLLARS SPENT

COUNTRY	DOLLARS SPENT
1 Philippines	\$1,256,868
2 Honduras	\$1,089,669
3 Brazil	\$1,004,709
4 Mexico	\$820,128
5 U. K.	\$803,915
6 Venezuela	\$646,839
7 France	\$557,497
8 Canada	\$549,497
9 Italy	\$543,462
10 India	\$487,335
11 Germany	\$486,905
12 Guatemala	\$414,779
13 China	\$365,745
14 Colombia	\$355,362
15 Norway	\$353,530
16 Costa Rica	\$332,044
17 Poland	\$294,156
18 Australia	\$287,303
19 Greece	\$286,635
20 Japan	\$266,373
Other Countries	\$5,144,748
Total	\$16,347,499

TOP CATEGORIES

Apparel and Accessories	\$ 8,150,130
Electronics	\$ 5,958,814
Fine Art and Jewelry	\$ 791,330
Gifts, Souvenirs and Novelties	\$ 409,937
Home and Office Appliances & Supplies	\$ 397,315
Health & Beauty Products	\$ 391,069
Entertainment (DVD's, CD's Sporting Goods, Books,	\$ 248,905

AVERAGE SALE AMOUNT
\$210.72

Average Purchase AMOUNT
SPENT PER VISITING PARTY
\$801.43



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LOUISIANA TAX FREE SHOPPING REFUND CENTER DATA

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	YTD
	# Transactions												
1999	3,142	2,583	5,735	4,035	3,159	2,875	4,380	2,870	3,066	3,773	3,081	3,465	42,164
2000	2,725	2,405	3,268	5,584	4,598	2,277	2,382	2,295	2,444	3,531	5,048	2,689	39,246
2001	2,690	2,070	3,244	2,221	4,138	2,277	1,694	1,923	1,255	2,169	2,040	1,420	27,141
2002	1,665	1,679	1,944	2,083	1,959	1,829	2,404	1,967	1,507	3,006	2,062	1,793	23,898
2003	1,873	2,844	2,140	1,788	1,981	2,437	2,749	1,789	2,082	2,711	2,980	1,874	27,248
2004	1,861	1,947	3,405	2,512	4,832	3,820	1,855	1,799	1,640	4,355	4,851	2,747	35,624
2005	2,990	3,417	3,390	3,058	4,257	4,216	2,573	2,401	0	61	125	595	27,083
2006	757	885	459	432	456	535	329	496	701	1,371	1,015	1,393	8,829
2007	1,237	1,288	2,807	1,115	1,246	1,055	942	909	765	1,762	3,814	1,645	18,585
2008	1,567	1,376	2,142	1,865	1,746	1,716	1,563	979	846	1,094	3,959	1,545	20,398
	\$ Spent												
1999	2,443,043	1,782,587	3,567,953	2,553,164	2,218,503	1,904,570	2,699,701	2,077,447	1,984,189	2,505,632	2,134,339	2,406,231	28,277,359
2000	1,985,485	1,517,462	2,346,604	3,347,155	2,640,647	1,575,608	1,842,828	1,766,392	1,760,405	2,675,045	3,055,904	2,103,253	26,616,788
2001	2,243,213	1,452,839	2,201,023	1,707,259	2,756,185	1,688,669	1,521,214	1,682,335	992,622	1,635,885	1,785,767	1,319,812	20,986,823
2002	1,601,960	1,397,826	1,548,400	1,549,004	1,379,119	1,224,405	1,669,955	1,502,879	1,019,633	1,832,321	1,501,454	1,419,064	17,646,020
2003	1,508,689	2,051,383	1,611,255	1,439,245	1,504,469	1,777,948	2,015,058	1,710,681	1,688,828	2,187,118	2,273,757	1,659,269	21,427,699
2004	1,620,412	1,564,980	2,521,078	1,865,333	2,858,301	2,360,753	1,650,231	1,571,095	1,283,055	3,171,434	3,223,702	1,985,764	25,676,139
2005	2,133,598	2,357,818	2,319,422	2,046,264	2,833,673	2,518,161	1,796,621	1,834,321	0	86,732	171,252	653,367	18,751,229
2006	817,456	582,237	453,937	513,656	454,967	592,242	328,782	588,663	736,471	1,136,378	903,631	1,211,795	8,320,214
2007	1,246,007	1,224,763	2,181,749	981,220	1,184,874	899,482	893,552	847,075	718,477	1,535,577	3,298,036	1,487,260	16,498,071
2008	1,340,117	1,122,384	1,646,102	1,509,451	1,584,592	1,125,863	1,201,415	942,796	698,610	1,044,642	2,753,414	1,378,115	16,347,499
	\$ Refunded												
1999	196,434	144,274	290,318	206,399	178,723	154,186	219,123	167,162	160,792	202,959	172,773	194,957	2,288,100
2000	161,032	122,843	190,681	271,121	214,688	127,383	148,760	142,108	142,472	216,036	249,249	170,407	2,156,780
2001	181,488	117,774	177,871	137,805	223,994	136,345	122,096	135,336	80,073	132,530	144,881	106,579	1,696,772
2002	129,735	113,386	125,305	125,559	112,004	99,029	134,995	121,177	82,402	148,986	121,908	114,825	1,429,311
2003	121,996	166,831	130,497	116,564	121,647	144,554	163,211	138,270	137,000	176,938	184,447	134,305	1,736,260
2004	131,231	126,793	205,081	151,130	232,906	192,476	133,158	126,538	103,509	258,433	261,990	160,866	2,084,111
2005	172,957	191,206	188,510	166,129	230,582	204,917	145,758	148,277	0	6,893	13,586	52,268	1,521,082
2006	65,731	46,992	36,059	41,423	36,768	47,458	26,090	46,963	59,151	91,869	73,061	97,911	669,476
2007	100,795	98,695	177,014	79,573	95,955	72,640	71,784	67,106	57,815	124,405	269,318	120,144	1,335,243
2008	108,110	90,672	133,152	122,176	128,290	91,327	97,191	74,760	55,923	83,920	222,770	110,798	1,319,088
	# Vouchers (#Sales or Purchases) Cashed												
1999	17,112	12,566	25,735	18,652	15,663	13,214	21,985	16,232	14,490	17,782	14,886	17,207	205,524
2000	13,606	10,796	14,855	25,034	19,104	11,504	12,745	12,853	12,479	16,923	21,542	12,977	184,418
2001	14,635	8,827	13,599	10,636	17,733	10,665	10,448	11,985	6,380	10,368	9,984	8,226	133,486
2002	9,706	8,567	9,107	9,834	8,782	8,325	12,084	10,652	7,278	12,851	9,223	8,248	114,657
2003	10,549	11,915	8,745	7,693	8,002	10,552	12,561	9,988	8,984	10,287	12,472	9,136	120,884
2004	9,353	9,167	14,168	11,690	18,984	15,332	10,297	9,327	7,304	17,812	18,162	11,666	153,262
2005	13,645	13,701	13,560	11,529	17,099	17,518	12,315	11,528	0	347	578	2,942	114,762
2006	4,078	3,686	2,327	2,360	2,494	3,115	1,979	3,374	3,408	5,672	4,106	4,744	41,343
2007	5,799	5,026	10,324	4,558	5,427	4,898	4,917	4,343	3,621	7,181	12,532	6,546	75,172
2008	6,694	5,035	7,481	6,863	6,876	5,929	6,191	4,739	3,406	4,439	13,689	6,238	77,580
	Handling Fees												
1999	34,484	26,571	54,315	38,205	32,391	28,602	41,494	30,023	29,594	37,469	31,092	35,711	419,951
2000	29,109	23,188	34,141	51,446	40,929	23,135	26,338	28,205	29,071	43,856	52,753	34,548	416,719
2001	35,999	24,409	35,888	27,666	46,781	27,877	24,112	26,652	15,942	26,911	27,867	20,417	340,521
2002	24,821	22,516	24,735	25,012	22,545	20,778	27,880	24,754	17,038	32,027	25,032	23,156	290,294
2003	24,588	34,768	26,821	23,648	24,525	29,661	33,820	26,550	27,592	35,331	36,893	25,976	350,172
2004	25,960	25,626	41,775	31,026	50,338	41,732	26,211	24,846	20,722	52,835	54,388	32,871	428,328
2005	35,476	39,369	38,732	34,109	47,997	43,396	30,105	29,514	0	1,260	2,518	9,916	312,389
2006	12,806	10,009	7,118	6,634	7,155	8,873	5,217	8,657	11,279	18,584	14,130	18,817	129,278
2007	19,240	18,254	36,091	15,504	18,433	14,506	14,159	13,358	11,490	24,532	52,420	23,856	261,842
2008	21,524	18,353	26,853	24,627	24,737	19,209	19,491	14,595	11,567	16,426	46,499	21,802	265,681

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STATUS REPORT

2007-2008

2007	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	Totals
Number of Ref. Transactions	1,237	1,288	2,807	1,115	1,246	1,055	942	909	765	1,762	3,814	1,645	18,585
Number of Sales	5,799	5,026	10,324	4,558	5,427	4,898	4,917	4343	3,408	7,181	12,532	6,546	75,172
Retail Spending	\$1,246,007	\$1,224,763	\$2,181,749	\$981,220	\$1,184,874	\$899,884	\$893,552	\$847,075	\$736,471	\$1,136,378	\$3,298,036	\$1,487,260	\$16,498,071
Sales Tax Refunded	\$100,795	\$98,695	\$177,014	\$79,573	\$95,955	\$72,640	\$71,784	\$67,106	\$57,815	\$124,405	269,318	\$120,144	\$1,335,243
2008	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	Totals
Number of Ref. Transactions	1,567	1,376	2,142	1,865	1,746	1,716	1,563	979	846	1,094	3,959	1,545	20,398
Number of Sales	6,694	5,035	7,481	6,863	6,876	5,929	6,191	4,739	3,406	4,439	13,689	6,238	77,580
Retail Spending	\$1,340,117	\$1,112,384	\$1,646,102	\$1,509,451	\$1,584,592	\$1,125,863	\$1,201,415	\$942,796	\$698,610	\$1,044,642	\$2,753,414	\$1,378,115	\$16,347,499
Sales Tax Refunded	\$108,110	\$90,672	\$133,152	\$122,176	\$128,290	\$91,327	\$97,191	\$74,760	\$55,923	\$83,920	\$222,770	\$110,798	\$1,319,088

2007 Top 10 Countries Spending

2008 Top 10 YTD Countries Spending

2007 Top 10 Countries Number of Transactions*

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Philippines	\$1,390,528	Philippines	\$1,256,868	Mexico	1,637	U.K.	1,441
Mexico	\$1,381,625	Honduras	\$1,089,669	Philippines	1,587	Philippines	1,383
Honduras	\$1,193,874	Brazil	\$1,004,709	U. K.	1,212	Brazil	1,099
Brazil	\$1,074,771	Mexico	\$820,128	Canada	1,000	Canada	1,078
U. K.	\$843,193	U. K.	\$803,915	Brazil	982	France	1,068
Canada	\$583,919	Venezuela	\$646,839	France	795	Germany	932
Venezuela	\$515,373	France	\$557,497	Honduras	768	Mexico	924
France	\$489,733	Canada	\$549,497	Italy	571	Italy	873
Italy	\$440,521	Italy	\$543,462	Germany	549	Honduras	755
Guatemala	\$423,514	India	\$487,335	India	548	India	664
All Other	\$8,161,015	All Other	7,759,920	All Other	8,936	All Other	10,181
Total	\$16,498,071	Total	\$16,347,499	Total	18,585	Total	20,398

	2007	2008YTD
Average sales amount	\$219	\$211
Average amount spent per visitor party	\$887	\$801
Average refund	\$72	\$65

Source: LTFS Refund Center Data



FOR INTERNATIONAL VISITORS

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INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL PARTY MODE OF DEPARTURE 2008

Airline	Number of Transactions*
American Airlines	4,839
Continental	3,100
Delta	2,830
United	2,767
Northwest	916
US Airways	900
Southwest	174
Jet Blue	148
Air Tran	28
Express Jet	3

Ship Passenger/Crew	3,746
Leaving Louisiana by Car	292
Capital One Shreveport/Lafayette	123
Bus / Train	69
Charter Flight/ Private Plane	41

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- *Some transactions are processed by mail without knowing the domestic carrier the customer is using.

