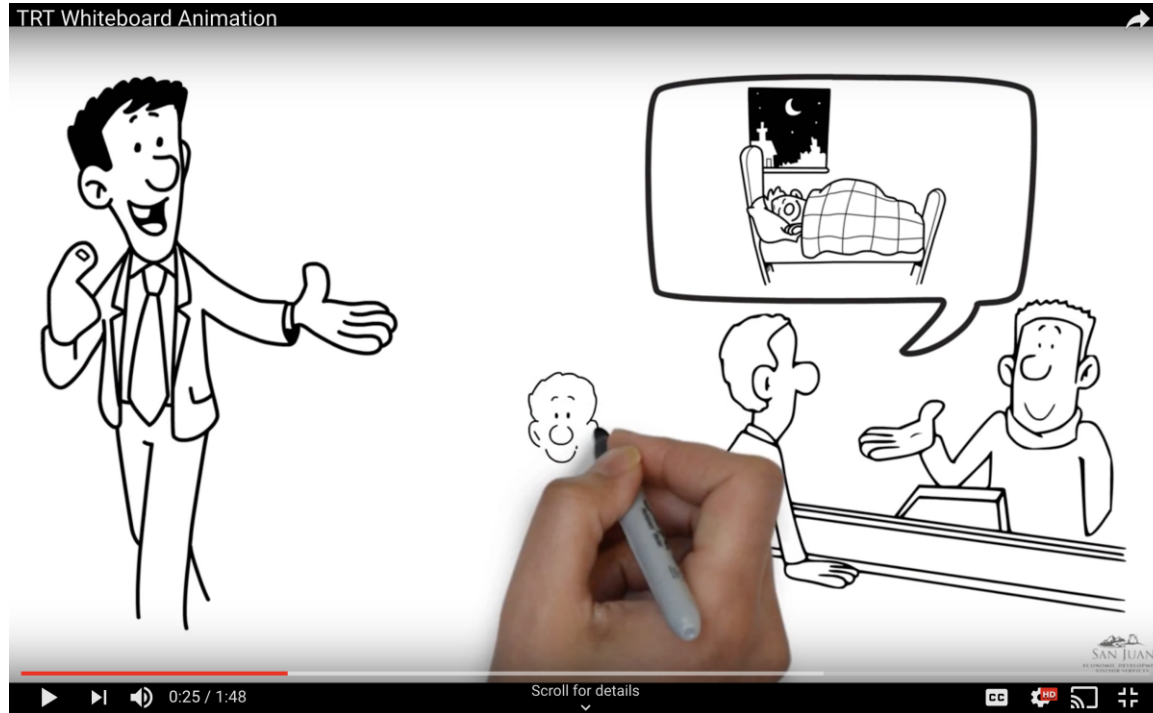


TRT & TRCC Overview

Collection and use of TRT & TRCC



TRT Whiteboard Animation



What is TRT or Transient Room Tax?

TRT is a tax on the rental of rooms in hotels, motels, inns, trailer courts, campgrounds, tourist homes, and similar accommodations for stays of less than 30 consecutive days.

TRT is not imposed on meeting room charges.



San Juan County's TRT

The TRT Tax for San Juan County is:

4.25%



County: Transient Room Tax or TRT

The county legislative body (County Commission) controls utilization of the TRT & TRCC, with advice provided by the county Tourism Tax Advisory Board (TTAB). The majority of Utah's 29 counties have an organization designated by the county legislative body to promote and market the county for tourism and to expend TRT.

Most of these **D**estination **M**arketing **O**rganizations (DMO) such as the Salt Lake Convention & Visitors Bureau, Park City Chamber/ Bureau, St. George Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, Utah Valley Convention & Visitors Bureau, Kane County Travel Council, Wayne county Travel Council, Moab Area Travel Council, Box Elder County Tourism, etc., are funded by the TRT and many receive TRCC taxes in addition.



County: Transient Room Tax or TRT

Expenditures of TRT: Total San Juan County TRT 4.25%

1. Up to 100% of TRT may be used to establish and promote recreation, tourism, film production and conventions.
2. The first 3% of TRT collected is controlled by a 2/3 and 1/3 split. 2/3 of the first 3% of TRT collected must be used to establish and promote tourism, film and conventions.



County: Transient Room Tax or TRT

A county may not use more than 1/3 of the revenues for any combination of:

- a) Acquiring, leasing, constructing, furnishing, maintaining or operating convention meeting rooms, exhibit halls, visitor information centers, museums, sports and recreation facilities and related facilities; and acquiring land, leasing land, or making payments for construction or infrastructure improvements.
- b) To mitigate the impacts of recreation, tourism or conventions in counties of the fourth, fifth or sixth class(Uintah, Sanpete, Carbon, Sevier, Wasatch, Duschene, San Juan, Millard, Emery, Juab, Grand, Morgan, Beaver, Kane, Garfield, Wayne, Rich, Piute and Daggett); to pay for solid waste disposal operations, emergency medical services, search and rescue activities, and law enforcement activities
- c) To make annual payments of principal, interest, premiums and reserves on bonds for the above list in a.



County: Transient Room Tax or TRT

3. If adopted, any TRT above 3% does not have to conform to the 2/3 and 1/3 split, but it still must adhere to the expenses set fourth in 2a, b or c above.
4. A reserve account may be created for funds collected but not spent; these funds cannot revert to the general fund, but must be used as outlined above.
5. Special requirements are in effect for a county of the first class (only Salt Lake County) and are not included here.



County: Transient Room Tax or TRT

Additional Requirements:

1. Counties must conduct an annual independent audit to verify that TRT is used as authorized by law
2. Audit must be reported to the county legislative body
3. Counties that collect TRT and/or TRCC must also have a Tourism Tax Advisory Board (TAB)
 - a) The TAB must consist of 5 members that are county residents
 - b) Majority of the TAB must be employees of entities in the county that impose the TRT & TRCC tax
 - c) Rest of the TAB must be employees of recreational facilities, convention facilities, museums, cultural attractions, or other tourism related industries located within the county.
 - d) The TAB will advise the county legislative body on the best use of TRT revenues with a priority listing for proposed expenditures based on projected available tax revenues on an annual basis
 - e) If the county has an existing board, council, committee, convention visitor's bureau, or body that substantially conforms to the above requirements in a-d, a new TAB does not need to be created



Municipality: Transient Room Tax or TRT

San Juan County municipality collection:

- Blanding = 1%
- Monticello = 1%

Use of funds:

- A governing body of a municipality shall regulate the tax
- A municipality may use revenues generated by the tax under this part for general fund purposes.



TRCC or Restaurant and Car Rental Tax

TRCC Tax for San Juan County is:

- 1% Restaurant Tax
- Car Rental Tax (Short Term leasing) – *not collected, as there are no car rentals available in SJC*



What is TRCC or (Restaurant and Car Rental Tax)?

- The TRCC tax (where imposed) is 1% and combined with the sales tax, a restaurant patron will generally pay a range from 6.75% to 9.10% total tax package on restaurant bills.
- These TRCC funds **may be used** by the counties tourism marketing organization and the development, operation, and maintenance of: an airport facility; a cultural facility; a recreation facility; or a tourist facility



TRCC or Tourism, Recreation, Cultural, Convention, and Airport Facilities Tax

- A restaurant tax on prepared foods and beverages: Utah counties may impose a 1% TRCC restaurant tax on all prepared foods and beverages sold by restaurants.
 - **A restaurant** is a retail establishment selling food and beverages for immediate consumption.
 - Sales of food from deli areas, pizza take-out counters or salad bars within a grocery store or convenience stores **are not subject to this tax.**
- Alcoholic beverages are subject to a restaurant tax where imposed and sales tax.



TRT Collection Process

- In July 2011 Legislation was changed which removed the ability for counties to collect their own TRT, and the Utah State Tax Commission was given authority to collect the TRT
- The Utah State Tax Commission began charging an Administrative Fee for the collection of the Local Option Sales Taxes TRT The fee in 2011 was 0.8%
- The current fee was increased to 0.95% of the total TRT & TRCC collections
- Currently there are three collection timelines. Businesses report either monthly, quarterly or annually. The posting for these timelines are always at least two months after submission to the state.



Links

- [Utah State Tax Commission](#)
- [Transient Room Tax](#)
- [Utah Sales & Use Tax Rates Chart](#)
- [Utah Sales & Use Tax Types and Rates \(Training Section\)](#)
- [Code & Constitution](#)
- [State of Utah Legal Compliance Audit Guide \(Counties only\)](#)

