

Monthly Economic Report

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General Revenue Collections for May

Preliminary General Revenue (GR) collections for May were \$17.1 M over the estimate adopted at the March 9, 2001 Revenue Estimating Conference (REC). (Details on the March Conference are available at <http://www.state.fl.us/edr/Conferences/GR/grconference.htm>.) Preliminary Sales Tax GR was \$51.2 M under estimate for the month, and \$82.8 M under estimate for the year-to-date. (Recall that distributions are made from total Sales Tax Collections to local governments, the Solid Waste Management Trust Fund, and various sports

General Revenue Collections

Month: \$17.1 M over the March 2001 estimate

\$34.3 M over the April 2000 estimate adjusted for Law Changes

Year: \$100.5 M under the March 2001

\$43.9 M under the April 2000 estimate adjusted for Law Changes

April Lottery Transfers to DOE

Month: \$64.6 M or \$7.6M below the February 2001 estimate

Year: \$730.1 M or \$4.0 M below the February 2001 estimate

\$8.2 M below the Feb 2000 estimate

facilities as well as to the General Revenue Fund.) Details on Sales Tax components are not yet available, but it appears that both total collections and various adjustments to the sales tax (audits, warrants, stipulated audit payments and the like) were under estimate. Corporate Income Tax was also short, falling \$29.0 M under estimate for the month (about 2% below estimate for the year), reflecting the current economic downturn in corporate profits. The Estate Tax continued to lag, at \$4.6 M under estimate for the month. This source is currently \$40.4 M (about 5%) under estimate for the year to date. Corporations Trust Fund Fees, a combination of various filing fees collected by the Department of State, was \$7.0 M under estimate; it appears that the monthly pattern of receipts to this source is the culprit. Expect this source to recover in June.

The primary causes of the month's positive Net Revenue were receipts from the Documentary Stamp Tax and Intangibles Taxes. Total collections from the Documentary Stamp Tax (reflecting real estate activity) now stand at \$48.5 M over estimate

for the year to date. Transfers to GR, in line with total collections, were \$29.4 M over estimate for the month. Total collections for Intangibles Taxes (which are based on the value of stocks, bonds, mortgages and other liens on Florida property) stand at \$13.4 M over estimate for the year, but the transfer to GR has been running behind the total collections. This discrepancy was recovered in May, with Intangibles GR coming in \$52.4 M over estimate for the month to result in a \$4.3 M overage for the year to date. Combined with a shortfall in Refunds of \$12.7 M, these three sources produced \$94.5 M, enough to offset the shortfalls in Sales and Corporate Income Tax.

Most of the other GR sources did not deviate significantly from estimates. Interest Earnings posted a meager \$1.7 M over estimate, recovering from last month's shortfall. Beverage Taxes fell short again, ending \$1.7 M under estimate; this source is composed of the By-the-Drink surcharge and the Beverage Excise Tax. The shortfall this month was in the By-the-Drink portion of the tax. Service Charges recovered last

month's shortfall, to stand \$7.4 M over estimate for the month and \$6.7 M over estimate for the year. This overage came in the Other Service Charges category, indicating that last month's shortfall due to timing of transfers to GR. Insurance Premium Tax, composed of transfers to GR from the 2% Premium Tax and direct deposits of Surplus Lines taxes, came in \$2.6 M over estimate. Both pieces of this source were over estimate. Although Other Taxes and Fees, a large collection of very small GR sources, stands at \$11.7 M under estimate for the year, expect this source to recover in June, when transfers to GR from the Department of Corrections' Cost of Supervision Fees will be transferred to GR.

Overall, preliminary Net GR collections for May were \$17.1 M over estimate for the month and \$100.5 M under estimate for the fiscal year. All estimates in the table below are based on the most recent General Revenue Estimating Conference that met on March 9, 2001.

MAY GENERAL REVENUE COLLECTIONS (\$ MILLIONS) (BASED ON MARCH 2001 ESTIMATES)								
	MONTH			FISCAL YEAR TO DATE				
	ACTUAL CURRENT MONTH	ESTIMATE CURRENT MONTH	OVER/ UNDER ESTIMATE	CURRENT YEAR ACTUAL	CURRENT YEAR ESTIMATE	OVER/ UNDER ESTIMATE	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL	PERCENT INCREASE/ DECREASE
SALES TAX COLLECTIONS	1,166.9	1,218.1	(51.2)	12,801.7	12,884.5	(82.8)	12,597.7	1.6%
BEVERAGE TAXES	44.7	46.4	(1.7)	477.2	483.9	(6.7)	508.8	-6.2%
CORPORATE INCOME TAX	113.8	142.8	(29.0)	1,134.0	1,157.4	(23.4)	1,153.7	-1.7%
DOCUMENTARY STAMP TAX	71.0	41.6	29.4	391.7	360.4	31.3	378.7	3.4%
TOBACCO TAX	24.6	25.3	(0.7)	228.9	228.8	0.1	106.6	114.8%
INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX	60.6	58.0	2.6	216.0	211.4	4.7	223.6	-3.4%
PARIMUTUEL TAXES	3.0	3.0	0.0	10.8	10.8	0.0	8.9	21.1%
INTANGIBLES TAXES	101.5	49.1	52.4	565.8	561.5	4.3	493.6	14.6%
ESTATE TAX	61.2	65.8	(4.6)	703.4	743.7	(40.4)	714.2	-1.5%
INTEREST EARNINGS	22.5	20.8	1.7	276.9	276.2	0.6	202.1	37.0%
DRIVERS LICENSE FEES	5.8	5.4	0.4	58.5	60.4	(1.9)	56.9	2.9%
MEDICAL HOSPITAL FEES	11.4	12.3	(0.9)	115.0	116.0	(1.1)	108.3	6.2%
MOTOR VEHICLE CHARGES	4.1	2.8	1.3	38.9	37.9	1.0	39.4	-1.3%
AUTOMOBILE TITLE FEES	2.7	2.5	0.2	26.0	25.3	0.7	24.3	6.7%
SEVERANCE TAXES	7.2	4.4	2.8	20.6	19.3	1.3	22.0	-6.6%
SERVICE CHARGES	43.3	36.0	7.4	332.2	325.5	6.7	374.3	-11.2%
CORPORATION TRUST FUND FEES	13.2	20.2	(7.0)	89.9	94.2	(4.3)	84.9	5.9%
OTHER TAXES LICENSES & FEES	12.4	11.1	1.3	131.9	143.6	(11.7)	150.8	-12.6%
TOTAL REVENUE	1,770.0	1,765.6	4.4	17,619.2	17,740.8	(121.6)	17,248.8	2.1%
LESS REFUNDS	11.7	24.4	(12.7)	319.6	340.7	(21.1)	340.6	-6.15%
NET REVENUE	1,758.3	1,741.2	17.1	17,299.6	17,400.1	(100.5)	16,908.3	2.3%