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General Revenue Collections for August 2008 (Sales Tax Data Reported is Unaudited)

General Revenue (GR) collections for August 2008 were \$16.8 M under the estimates adopted by the General Revenue Estimating Conference (GR REC) on August 15, 2008. At that conference, the REC met to update the FY 2008-09, FY 2009-10, FY 2010-11, and FY 2011-12 revenue estimates for inclusion in the Three Year Plan document required by the Constitution. The conference reduced revenue estimates for FY 2008-09 by \$1.8 billion. This month's report is based on the results of that conference.

Sales Tax GR was \$2.6 M (less than 0.2%) under the August estimate for the month. Two components were over estimate. Consumer Non-Durables was \$14.8 M (about 3.3%) over estimate, while Business was \$3.6 M (about 1.2%) over estimate. The remaining components fell short, although Tourism was only \$0.2 M or less than one-tenth of one percent under estimate. Other components falling under estimate were Automobiles (\$31.2 M or about 12.1% under estimate), Other Durables (\$2.5 M or about 2.3% under estimate) and Building (\$1.5 M or about 1.5% under estimate).

A few other tax sources were over estimate for the month. Corporate Income Tax led the way at \$8.2 M over estimate; this source has been holding up well. Medical Hospital Fees,

reimbursement received from counties for state expenditures on nursing home care, was over estimate by \$7.3 M. Receipts in this source depend on when counties remit payment. Other Taxes and Fees were over estimate by \$6.1 M, mostly attributable to GR's receipt of interest earnings in excess of the amount needed to fund the Bureau of Local Retirement. Beverage Taxes were over estimate by \$4.8 M; this source is also volatile from month to month.

Most other GR sources came in under estimate for the month. Service Charges to GR were under estimate by \$10.7 M. Timing of transfers to GR from trust funds impacts this source, and most of the error came in the Other Service Charges category which is composed of many small transfers. Insurance Premium Tax was \$10.5 M under estimate, due to smaller than expected transfers from Surplus Lines.

The Documentary Stamp Tax transfer to GR was only \$0.5 M (about 2.3%) under estimate, but total collections of Documentary Stamp Tax were \$20.0 M (about 15.5%) under estimate. The discrepancy is explained by timing. One GR transfer is made each month in this source; it is based on the balance available in the trust fund on the day the transfer is made. There is a small lag between

receipt of the revenues by the State and posting of the receipts as available for transfer. This lag resulted in some of last month's collections showing up in this month's transfer to GR. Ultimately, any shortfall in Documentary Stamp Tax collections will eventually be mirrored in the GR transfer. Intangibles Taxes were also under estimate by \$7.8 M (about 28%). Part of this shortfall can be attributable to the receipt/posting lag, but both sources continue to reflect the ongoing weakness in the housing sector.

To summarize, Net GR collections for August were \$16.8 M under estimate for the month and \$21.3 M under estimate for the 2008-09 fiscal year. The table below is based on the August 2008 REC monthly estimates. A listing of the current FY 2008-09 estimates, together with work papers and summaries, is available at <http://www.state.fl.us/edr/>.

General Revenue Collections

Month: \$16.8 M under the August 2008 estimate; \$108.2 M under the March 2008 estimate adjusted for 2008 law changes

Year: \$21.3 M under the August 2008 estimate; & \$236.8 M under the March 2008 estimate adjusted for 2008 law changes

August Lottery Transfers to DOE

Month: \$87.65 M, \$11.999 M below the July 2008 estimate

Year: \$183.658 M, \$18.009 M below the July 2008 estimate

AUGUST 2008 GENERAL REVENUE COLLECTIONS (\$ MILLIONS)
(BASED ON THE AUGUST 2008 REVENUE ESTIMATING CONFERENCE)

	MONTH			FISCAL YEAR TO DATE				
	ACTUAL CURRENT MONTH	ESTIMATE CURRENT MONTH	OVER/UNDER ESTIMATE	ACTUAL CURRENT YEAR	ESTIMATE CURRENT YEAR	OVER/UNDER ESTIMATE	PRIOR YEAR ACTUAL	PERCENT INCREASE/DECREASE
SALES TAX COLLECTIONS	1,412.2	1,414.8	-2.6	2,902.9	2,910.0	-7.1	3,117.8	-6.9%
BEVERAGE TAXES	45.2	40.4	4.8	92.6	87.8	4.8	98.1	-5.6%
CORPORATE INCOME TAX	46.4	38.2	8.2	239.3	231.1	8.2	205.4	16.5%
DOCUMENTARY STAMP TAX	20.7	21.2	-0.5	39.8	40.2	-0.5	0.0	100.0%
TOBACCO TAX	18.8	23.1	-4.3	22.8	27.1	-4.3	26.4	-13.5%
INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX	29.7	40.2	-10.5	46.4	57.0	-10.5	77.3	-39.9%
PARIMUTUEL TAXES	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.6	34.0%
INTANGIBLES TAXES	19.8	27.6	-7.8	44.6	52.4	-7.8	110.0	-59.4%
INTEREST EARNINGS	21.6	24.6	-3.0	43.9	46.9	-3.0	88.3	-50.3%
DRIVERS LICENSE FEES	5.5	7.1	-1.6	12.8	14.5	-1.6	15.2	-15.9%
MEDICAL HOSPITAL FEES	23.3	16.0	7.3	28.2	20.9	7.3	26.6	6.0%
AUTOMOBILE TITLE FEES	2.0	3.8	-1.8	4.0	5.8	-1.8	4.2	-5.5%
SEVERANCE TAXES	1.0	1.1	-0.1	2.1	2.2	-0.1	1.2	69.7%
SERVICE CHARGES	37.4	48.1	-10.7	64.9	75.6	-10.7	78.3	-17.1%
CORPORATE FILING FEES	7.5	8.6	-1.1	17.4	18.5	-1.1	17.4	-0.2%
ARTICLE V FEES AND TRANSFERS	17.2	19.3	-2.1	21.9	24.0	-2.1	7.2	202.5%
OTHER TAXES AND FEES	26.6	20.5	6.1	51.1	45.1	6.1	44.7	14.3%
TOTAL REVENUE	1,735.2	1,755.0	-19.7	3,635.5	3,659.8	-24.3	3,919.0	-7.2%
LESS REFUNDS	20.0	22.9	-2.9	92.9	95.8	-2.9	73.2	26.93%
NET REVENUE	1,715.2	1,732.1	-16.8	3,542.7	3,564.0	-21.3	3,845.8	-7.9%