

## Monthly Revenue Report

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## Revised General Revenue Collections for September 2010 (Sales Tax Data Reported is Unaudited)

General Revenue (GR) collections for September 2010 were \$152.7 M under the estimates adopted by the General Revenue Estimating Conference (GR REC) on August 12, 2010. Even so, total collections were above receipts in September 2009.

Sales Tax GR was \$51.6 M (about 3.9%) under estimate. With the exception of the Building component, which came in exactly on estimate the Sales Tax components were universally under estimate. Components falling below estimate were Other Durables (under estimate by \$3.2 M or about 3.6%), Business (under estimate by \$4.0 M or about 1.5%), Tourism (under estimate by \$9.3 M or about 3.2%). Consumer Non-Durables (under estimate by \$19.4 M or about 4.3%) and Automobiles (under estimate by \$31.1 M or about 12.4%). Summing the subcomponents, Final Liability was \$67.0 M (about 4.7%) under estimate. However, after adjusting the underlying liability by estimated payments, unpaid liability, audits, bad checks and transfers to Sales Tax from the Communications Services Tax, Sales Tax GR ended with a \$51.6 M shortfall. Note that this Sales Tax report largely reflects activity that actually occurred in August.

Two other sources were notably under estimate. Corporate Income Tax fell \$90.3 M under estimate this month. Several issues appear to have – at least - contributed to this shortfall. The estimated distribution of receipts by month may have been skewed, since this fiscal year we anticipate an

increase over prior year receipts. Basing estimates on one prior year (because of the due-date change for estimated payments) could also have pumped up the estimate for September. In addition, amnesty collections for September appear to be under estimate by a significant amount. We anticipate that at least some of the amnesty shortfall will be made up in October. It remains to be seen what this month's Corporate Income Tax shortfall bodes for the remainder of the year.

Medical Hospital Fees were under estimate by \$9.8 M in September. Medical Hospital Fees are reimbursement to the state by counties for medical services, primarily nursing home care. We expect that collections will accelerate with the beginning of the local government fiscal year (October 1).

Other sources under estimate include Corporate Filing Fees, collected by the Department of State. These fees were \$3.3 M under estimate this month. Due to a law change made in the 2010 session, we expect to collect more late fees, but the timing of these additional fees is not known. We should have a better feel for the impact of the legislation by October. Service Charges fell \$5.1 M under estimate, primarily due to the Alcoholic Beverage and Tobacco (ABT) Trust Fund service charge. Because the ABT service charge was over estimate last month, and stands slightly over estimate for the year, timing was to blame for this month's shortfall. Refunds were

also under estimate, but this adds to Net GR's bottom line. Corporate Income Tax refunds were \$10.5 M over estimate, but were balanced out by Sales Tax refunds coming in \$12.8 M under estimate. Refunds as a whole were \$2.7 M under estimate.

Some sources were over estimate this month. None were over estimate by double digits. The largest overage was in Beverage Taxes, which came in \$2.8 M over estimate. However, small deviations of this size are normal for this source.

In summary, Net GR collections for September were \$152.7 M under estimate for the month and \$223.4 M under estimate for the fiscal year. The table below is based on the monthly estimates from the August 12, 2010 GR REC. Details of that conference can be found at <a href="http://edr.state.fl.us/Content.">http://edr.state.fl.us/Content.</a> Note that the listing of sources below has been rearranged to reflect each source's overall importance to GR.

## General Revenue Collections

Month: \$152.7 M under the August 2010 estimate; \$63.2 M under the March 2010 estimate adjusted for Legislative changes

Year: \$223.4 M under the August 2010 estimate; \$136.6 M under the March 2010 estimate adjusted for Legislative changes

September Lottery Transfers to DOE

Month: \$89.599 M, \$1.754 M under the July 2010 estimate

Year: \$268.576 M, \$13.054 M under the July 2010 estimate

SEPTEMBER 2010 GENERAL REVENUE COLLECTIONS (\$ MILLIONS)								
BASED ON THE AUGUST 2010 REVENUE ESTIMATING CONFERENCE								
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	ACTUAL		OVER/UNDER	ACTUAL	ESTIMATE	OVER/UNDER	PRIOR	PERCENT
	CURRENT	CURRENT	ESTIMATE	CURRENT	CURRENT	ESTIMATE	YEAR	INCREASE/
	MONTH	MONTH		YEAR	YEAR		ACTUAL	DECREASE
SALES TAX COLLECTIONS	1,269.9	1,321.5	(51.6)	3,948.9	4,021.4	(72.5)	3,923.8	0.6%
CORPORATE INCOME TAX	338.1	428.4	(90.3)	410.7	530.6	(119.9)	421.9	-2.6%
HIGHWAY SAFETY FEES	67.3	66.9	0.4	228.9	226.4	2.5	66.0	246.7%
INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX	2.3	2.4	(0.1)	54.5	64.2	(9.6)	61.4	-11.1%
BEVERAGE TAXES	35.8	33.0	2.8	127.8	127.6	0.2	135.3	-5.6%
SERVICE CHARGES	20.7	25.8	(5.1)	116.9	119.4	(2.5)	79.0	48.0%
ARTICLE V FEES AND TRANSFERS	15.4	15.9	(0.5)	45.6	50.6	(5.0)	51.3	-11.0%
ТОВАССО ТАХ	17.3	17.3	0.0	39.9	36.9	3.0	33.6	19.0%
CORPORATE FILING FEES	10.7	14.0	(3.3)	27.1	36.3	(9.3)	21.9	23.4%
MEDICAL HOSPITAL FEES	6.7	16.5	(9.8)	38.3	59.0	(20.6)	36.7	4.5%
INTANGIBLES TAXES	12.2	12.5	(0.3)	37.9	40.8	(2.9)	45.3	-16.4%
INDIAN GAMING	12.5	12.5	0.0	25.0	25.0	0.0	0.0	100.0%
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS	11.0	9.8	1.2	42.5	33.7	8.8	31.7	34.0%
DOCUMENTARY STAMP TAX	9.4	8.1	1.3	35.5	39.6	(4.0)	33.4	6.4%
PARIMUTUEL TAXES	0.5	0.5	0.0	1.5	1.4	0.1	1.3	19.9%
SEVERANCE TAXES	0.4	0.3	0.1	4.0	3.7	0.2	0.3	1051.0%
OTHER TAXES LICENSES AND FEES	2.9	3.2	(0.3)	10.7	9.3	1.4	8.1	32.9%
OTHER NONOPERATING REVENUES	13.9	13.6	0.3	39.8	40.0	(0.1)	32.4	23.0%
TOTAL REVENUE	1,846.8	2,002.2	(155.4)	5,235.6	5,465.8	(230.2)	4,983.4	5.1%
LESS REFUNDS	38.0	40.7	(2.7)	103.4	110.2	(6.8)	138.3	-25.2%
NET REVENUE	1,808.8	1,961.5	(152.7)	5,132.2	5,355.6	(223.4)	4,845. I	5.9%