



# MONTHLY REVENUE REPORT

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## Revised General Revenue Collections for July 2015 (Sales Tax Data Reported is Unaudited)

General Revenue (GR) collections for July 2015 were slightly under (by \$1.4 M or less than 0.1%) the estimates adopted by the General Revenue Estimating Conference (GR REC) on March 10, 2015, as updated for law changes occurring during the 2015 Regular Session and Special Session A.

After making adjustments to total Sales Tax collections for local taxes and distributions, audits, bad checks, and transfers to Sales Tax from the Communications Services Tax (CST), Sales Tax GR was \$32.6 M (1.8%) over estimate. A large portion of the overage (approximately \$20 M) is related to programmatic posting errors that reduced the distributions related to the local option sales tax as well as the half-cent sales tax. It is anticipated that the Department of Revenue will make additional local distributions next month to correct the error, thus reducing the distribution to GR at that point by a like amount. Final Sales Tax Liability, the sum of all sales tax components (detailed below), was over estimate by a total of \$11.7 M or 0.6%.

Three of the six Sales Tax components were over estimate for the month as follows: Automobiles (over by \$13.3 M or 4.2%), Business (over by \$12.3 M or 3.4%), and Other Durables (over by \$11.1 M or 9.0%). Two components were under estimate, including Consumer Nondurables (under by \$22.6 M or 3.8%) and Building (under by \$1.6 M or 1.3%). Tourism was virtually on estimate for the month (under by \$0.8 M or 0.2%). Note that this Sales Tax report largely reflects activity that occurred in June.

Six other sources were also over estimate for the month with the largest being Intangibles Taxes (over by \$4.1 M or 15.1%) and Earnings on Investments (over by \$1.4 M or 14.7%). Other sources that were slightly over estimate for the month include Tobacco Tax (over by \$0.6 M), Other Taxes, Licenses, and Fees (over by \$0.6 M), Severance Taxes (over by \$0.4 M), and Service Charges (over by \$0.3 M).

Of the sources coming in under estimate for July, the largest was Documentary Stamp Tax GR, which was under estimate by \$13.7 M. The shortfall was caused by a timing delay related to the transfer of \$17.8 M from several trust funds that were eliminated as part of the implementation of the Water and Land Conservation constitutional amendment. Although the July estimate included these transfers, it is now expected that the funds will be transferred to GR later in the fiscal year. Excluding these transfers, Documentary Stamp Tax GR was over estimate for the month by \$4.1 M. Insurance Taxes was under estimate by \$5.6 M because of Surplus Lines, likely due to a timing issue for July payments that will be made in August. Other sources that were under estimate for the month include Corporate Income Tax (under by \$5.2 M), Highway Safety Fees (under by \$2.0 M), Beverage Taxes (under by \$1.7 M), Other Nonoperating Revenues (under by \$1.5 M), Corporate Filing Fees (under by \$1.0 M) and Article V Fees (under by \$0.8 M). Counties' Medicaid Share and Parimutuel Taxes were each \$0.1 M under the estimate for July, and Indian Gaming was right on estimate.

Refunds were \$9.8 M (24.3%) over estimate because Insurance Premium Tax Refunds were \$17.9 M over the estimate for July. Conversely, both Corporate Income Tax Refunds and Sales Tax Refunds were under estimate for the month by \$5.9 M and \$2.3 M, respectively. Because refunds reduce revenue, coming in over the estimate in Refunds decreases the bottom-line Net GR.

In summary, Net GR collections for July were \$1.4 M under estimate for the month. The figures for July in the table below show the variance from monthly estimates that are based on the results of the March 10, 2015, estimating conference, updated for 2015 law changes. Figures for August and subsequent months will reflect the August 14, 2015, estimating conference. Details of the estimates can be found at <http://edr.state.fl.us/Content>.

Note that the listing of sources below has been rearranged to reflect each source's overall importance to GR.

Actual General Revenue Collections Compared to the March 10, 2015 Estimates (adjusted for Legislative changes)

Month	July	August	September	October	November	December
Monthly Overage (millions)	-1.4					
Year to Date Overage (millions - cumulative)	-1.4					
Percent of Monthly Estimate Collected	99.9%					
Percent of Total Year Estimate Collected	7.8%					

JULY 2015 GENERAL REVENUE COLLECTIONS (\$ MILLIONS)								
BASED ON THE MARCH 2015 REVENUE ESTIMATING CONFERENCE (adjusted for Legislative changes)								
	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	1,812.7	1,780.1	32.6	1,812.7	1,780.1	32.6	1,696.7	6.8%
CORPORATE INCOME TAX	60.6	65.8	(5.2)	60.6	65.8	(5.2)	60.2	0.7%
DOCUMENTARY STAMP TAX	60.4	74.1	(13.7)	60.4	74.1	(13.7)	54.9	10.0%
INSURANCE TAXES	17.2	22.8	(5.6)	17.2	22.8	(5.6)	23.7	-27.2%
SERVICE CHARGES	64.7	64.4	0.3	64.7	64.4	0.3	68.9	-6.1%
HIGHWAY SAFETY FEES	37.0	39.0	(2.0)	37.0	39.0	(2.0)	99.4	-62.8%
BEVERAGE TAXES	39.7	41.4	(1.7)	39.7	41.4	(1.7)	41.4	-4.2%
INTANGIBLES TAXES	31.1	27.0	4.1	31.1	27.0	4.1	26.2	18.8%
CORPORATE FILING FEES	7.4	8.4	(1.0)	7.4	8.4	(1.0)	8.3	-10.6%
COUNTIES' MEDICAID SHARE	24.7	24.8	(0.1)	24.7	24.8	(0.1)	25.2	-1.9%
INDIAN GAMING	19.5	19.5	0.0	19.5	19.5	0.0	19.4	0.4%
TOBACCO TAX	13.6	13.0	0.6	13.6	13.0	0.6	13.8	-1.7%
ARTICLE V FEES AND TRANSFERS	12.3	13.1	(0.8)	12.3	13.1	(0.8)	13.0	-5.9%
OTHER NONOPERATING REVENUES	17.4	18.9	(1.5)	17.4	18.9	(1.5)	19.6	-11.2%
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS	11.0	9.6	1.4	11.0	9.6	1.4	9.5	15.8%
OTHER TAXES LICENSES AND FEES	3.4	2.8	0.6	3.4	2.8	0.6	2.7	27.1%
PARIMUTUEL TAXES	0.5	0.6	(0.1)	0.5	0.6	(0.1)	0.5	2.7%
SEVERANCE TAXES	2.6	2.2	0.4	2.6	2.2	0.4	2.6	-1.1%
TOTAL REVENUE	2,235.8	2,227.5	8.3	2,235.8	2,227.5	8.3	2,186.1	2.3%
LESS REFUNDS	49.9	40.2	9.8	49.9	40.2	9.8	49.5	0.8%
NET REVENUE	2,185.9	2,187.4	(1.4)	2,185.9	2,187.4	(1.4)	2,136.6	2.3%