



Monthly Revenue Report

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

General Revenue (GR) collections for July 2008 were \$128.6 M under the estimates adopted by the General Revenue Estimating Conference (GR REC) on March 11, 2008 adjusted for law changes. Each fiscal year begins with a new set of revenue estimates. The new estimates are generated beginning with the spring estimates adopted for the Legislature's use during the regular legislative session. The spring estimates are then adjusted to account for laws affecting revenue that were enacted by the Legislature. These are the July 2008 estimates used in this report. In August, the GR REC met to update the FY 2008-09 revenue estimates for inclusion in the Three Year Plan document required by the Constitution. At that conference, revenue estimates for FY 2008-09 were reduced by \$1.8 billion. Next month's report will be based on the results of that conference.

Sales Tax GR was \$98.1 M (about 6%) under the July estimate for the month. The Building component was the sole bright spot at \$6.3 M (about 6.8%) over estimate. The other five of the six Sales Tax components were under estimate. Automobiles took the largest hit, falling \$34.7 M (about 12.9%) under estimate, followed by Consumer Non-Durables (\$26.1 M or about 5.1% under), Business (\$21.3 M or about 6.2% under), Other Durables (\$12.2 M or about 9.9% under) and Tourism (\$2.3 M or about 0.7% under).

More of the other tax sources were over estimate for the month. Corporate Income Tax led the way at \$24.6 M (about 14.6%) over estimate. Two large payments related to audits from prior years accounted for \$13.4 M of the overage. Insurance Premium Tax is composed solely of Surplus Lines receipts this month; the source was \$6.5 M over estimate. Surplus Lines receipts are affected by the timing of transfers to GR. Other Taxes and Fees were over estimate by \$5.6 M, mostly due to one large \$4.2 M settlement from the Florida portion of a global lawsuit.

Refunds were also over estimate, which reduces the Net GR bottom line. Refunds were \$30.5 M (about 72%) over estimate, with \$21.4 M paid on Insurance Premium Tax refunds and another \$9.3 M attributable to Corporate Income Tax refunds.

In addition to Sales Tax, some other GR sources came in under estimate for the month. The Documentary Stamp Tax transfer to GR was \$15.3 M (about 45%) under estimate, but total collections of Documentary Stamp Tax were only about 17.5% 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. Intangibles Taxes were also under estimate by \$11.6 M (about 32%). 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. Medical Hospital Fees were \$9.2 M under estimate. These fees are actually reimbursements received from the counties for State expenditures primarily for nursing homes. Wide swings in monthly receipts are quite common in this source.

To summarize, Net GR collections for July were \$128.6 M under estimate for the month and for the 2008-09 fiscal year. The table below is based on the July monthly estimates (March 2008 GR Estimating Conference adjusted for law changes). A listing of the current FY 2008-09 estimates, together with work papers and summaries, is available at <http://www.state.fl.us/edr/>. Next month's table will be based on the August 2008 GR REC.

General Revenue Collections

Month: \$128.6 M under the March 2008 estimate adjusted for 2008 law changes

Year: \$128.6 M under the March 2008 estimate adjusted for 2008 law changes

July Lottery Transfers to DOE

Month: \$96.008 M; \$6.009 M under the July 2008 estimate

Year: \$96.008 M; \$6.009 M under the July 2008 estimate

JULY 2008 GENERAL REVENUE COLLECTIONS (\$ MILLIONS)								
(BASED ON THE MARCH 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	1,490.7	1,588.8	(98.1)	1,490.7	1,588.8	(98.1)	1,594.2	-6.5%
BEVERAGE TAXES	47.4	50.1	(2.7)	47.4	50.1	(2.7)	48.1	-1.4%
CORPORATE INCOME TAX	192.9	168.3	24.6	192.9	168.3	24.6	157.2	22.7%
DOCUMENTARY STAMP TAX	19.0	34.3	(15.3)	19.0	34.3	(15.3)	0.0	100.0%
TOBACCO TAX	4.0	2.8	1.2	4.0	2.8	1.2	3.0	31.1%
INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX	16.8	10.3	6.5	16.8	10.3	6.5	40.7	-58.8%
PARIMUTUEL TAXES	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.2	69.1%
INTANGIBLES TAXES	24.8	36.4	(11.6)	24.8	36.4	(11.6)	59.5	-58.2%
INTEREST EARNINGS	22.3	26.4	(4.1)	22.3	26.4	(4.1)	38.6	-42.3%
DRIVERS LICENSE FEES	7.4	6.3	1.1	7.4	6.3	1.1	10.5	-29.7%
MEDICAL HOSPITAL FEES	4.9	14.1	(9.2)	4.9	14.1	(9.2)	13.8	-64.3%
AUTOMOBILE TITLE FEES	2.0	1.2	0.8	2.0	1.2	0.8	0.2	722.9%
SEVERANCE TAXES	1.1	0.7	0.4	1.1	0.7	0.4	0.4	205.0%
SERVICE CHARGES	27.5	23.7	3.8	27.5	23.7	3.8	22.0	24.6%
CORPORATE FILING FEES	9.9	9.6	0.3	9.9	9.6	0.3	8.9	11.1%
ARTICLE V FEES AND TRANSFERS	4.7	6.0	(1.3)	4.7	6.0	(1.3)	3.6	29.4%
OTHER TAXES AND FEES	24.6	19.0	5.6	24.6	19.0	5.6	18.9	30.2%
TOTAL REVENUE	1,900.3	1,998.4	(98.1)	1,900.3	1,998.4	(98.1)	2,019.8	-5.9%
LESS REFUNDS	72.9	42.4	30.5	72.9	42.4	30.5	38.7	88.5%
NET REVENUE	1,827.4	1,956.0	(128.6)	1,827.4	1,956.0	(128.6)	1,981.1	-7.8%

