



Monthly Revenue Report

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Revised General Revenue Collections for May 2011 (Sales Tax Data Reported is Unaudited)

General Revenue (GR) collections for May 2011 were \$79.8 M over the estimates adopted by the General Revenue Estimating Conference (GR REC) on March 18, 2011. Sales Tax GR came in \$30.6 M over estimate. Looking at the details, five of the six Sales Tax components were over estimate. The Tourism component was over estimate by \$16.7 M (about 4.9%); the Consumer Non-Durables component over estimate by \$12.3 M (about 2.6%); Other Durables over estimate by \$4.4 M (about 4.8%); Building over estimate by \$4.1 M (about 5.1%); and Automobiles over estimate by \$4.1 M (about 1.7%). For the third month in a row, the only component under estimate was Business, which fell \$6.6 M (about 2.3%) under estimate. Note that this Sales Tax report largely reflects activity that actually occurred in April.

About \$51.0 M of this month's overage is attributable to two sources that were under estimate last month primarily due to timing. Last month Corporate Filing Fees were \$10.6 M under estimate. This month, the shortfall was erased, with this source coming in \$34.6 M over estimate. With the final due date falling on a weekend, much of May's revenue was received in the first few days of the month. Law changes from last year's session may also have impacted the monthly pattern of receipts. Service Charges also went from \$12.0 M under estimate last month to \$16.4 M

over estimate this month with the expected April payments finally showing up.

Other sources over estimate included Earnings on Investments, which were \$5.5 M over estimate due to rebalancing in the external portfolio. Also, last month's shortfall in Corporate Income Tax was partially recouped; this source ended the month \$10.4 M over estimate. However, for the year to date the source is still lagging estimate by \$7.1 M (about 0.5%). We will have to count on the traditionally large June collection if this source is to meet estimate for this fiscal year.

Sources notably below estimate this month include Insurance Premium Tax, Highway Safety Fees, Intangibles Taxes and Documentary Stamp Tax. The Insurance Premium Tax fell \$4.1 M under estimate, due to a smaller than anticipated transfer to GR from the Premium Tax Trust Fund. The other part of this source is Surplus Lines, which was virtually on estimate. The shortfall in Highway Safety Fees was evenly spread among the four parts of this source: Drivers License Fees were \$1.3 M under estimate; Motor Vehicle License and Fees (a number of new and increased fees) were under estimate by \$1.6 M; Auto Title and Lien Fees were under estimate by \$0.2 M; and the balance of the shortfall, \$0.6 M, came from Other Highway

Safety and Motor Vehicle Fees, including red light camera fees. Even so, this source remains on estimate for the year.

Intangibles Taxes were under estimate by \$6.1 M; the tax is paid on obligations secured by liens on Florida realty. Intangibles Taxes are usually highly correlated with the performance of the Documentary Stamp Tax. Sure enough, total collections of Documentary Stamp Tax were off by \$12.7 M this month, resulting in a \$2.9 M shortfall in the transfer to GR. Documentary Stamp Tax revenue is distributed to a large number of trust funds and to debt service on land purchase bonds, with GR a residual after all statutory distributions are made. Although Refunds were over estimate for the month (by \$1.4 M), overages in Refunds reduce Net GR's bottom line.

In summary, Net GR collections for May were \$79.8 M over estimate for the month and \$143.7 M over estimate for the fiscal year. The table below is based on monthly estimates from the March 18, 2011 GR REC. Details of changes to the estimates made at the March Conference 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.

General Revenue Collections

Month: \$79.8 M over the March 2011 estimate; \$66.5 M over the March 2010 estimate adjusted for Legislative changes

Year: \$143.7 M over the March 2011 estimate; \$177.8 M under the March 2010 estimate adjusted for Legislative changes

May Lottery Transfers to DOE

Month: \$104.439 M, \$8.213 M over the February 2011 estimate

Year: \$1,084.599 M, \$30.916 M over the February 2011 estimate; \$952 M under the July 2010 estimate

MAY 2011 GENERAL REVENUE COLLECTIONS (\$ MILLIONS)								
BASED ON THE MARCH 2011 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	1,446.9	1,416.3	30.6	15,269.3	15,142.8	126.5	14,702.2	3.9%
CORPORATE INCOME TAX	78.8	68.4	10.4	1,549.9	1,557.0	(7.1)	1,485.3	4.3%
HIGHWAY SAFETY FEES	79.9	83.5	(3.6)	884.6	884.0	0.6	664.5	33.1%
INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX	130.7	134.8	(4.1)	522.6	526.2	(3.6)	510.4	2.4%
BEVERAGE TAXES	49.2	46.2	3.0	504.7	490.8	13.8	535.7	-5.8%
SERVICE CHARGES	43.7	27.3	16.4	405.3	403.4	1.9	379.5	6.8%
ARTICLE V FEES AND TRANSFERS	12.5	12.6	(0.1)	152.6	153.0	(0.4)	177.0	-13.8%
TOBACCO TAX	16.0	18.1	(2.1)	175.2	182.7	(7.5)	173.6	0.9%
CORPORATE FILING FEES	54.6	20.0	34.6	260.7	243.5	17.2	225.4	15.7%
MEDICAL HOSPITAL FEES	23.2	21.0	2.2	187.2	179.2	8.0	186.2	0.5%
INTANGIBLES TAXES	12.2	18.3	(6.1)	148.3	157.8	(9.5)	145.3	2.0%
INDIAN GAMING	12.5	12.5	0.0	127.2	127.2	(0.0)	0.0	100.0%
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS	15.0	9.5	5.5	122.3	115.9	6.4	102.5	19.4%
DOCUMENTARY STAMP TAX	16.6	19.5	(2.9)	146.6	152.0	(5.4)	125.7	16.7%
PARIMUTUEL TAXES	0.5	0.7	(0.2)	21.6	19.7	2.0	21.3	1.8%
SEVERANCE TAXES	5.8	3.7	2.1	17.6	16.4	1.2	12.7	38.9%
OTHER TAXES LICENSES AND FEES	2.9	4.6	(1.7)	35.4	38.4	(3.0)	42.8	-17.3%
OTHER NONOPERATING REVENUES	9.4	12.2	(2.8)	153.4	153.6	(0.2)	186.0	-17.5%
TOTAL REVENUE	2,010.4	1,929.2	81.2	20,684.4	20,543.6	140.8	19,675.9	5.1%
LESS REFUNDS	15.5	14.1	1.4	315.5	318.4	(2.9)	517.2	-39.0%
NET REVENUE	1,994.9	1,915.1	79.8	20,368.9	20,225.2	143.7	19,158.6	6.3%