



# Monthly Revenue Report

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

General Revenue (GR) collections for August 2010 were \$63.0 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 August 2009.

Sales Tax GR was \$12.0 M (about 0.9%) under estimate. Two of the six components of Sales Tax came in over estimate, with Tourism leading the way at \$2.0 M (about 0.7%) above estimate followed by Business (over estimate by \$1.6 M or about 0.6%). Components falling below estimate were Other Durables (under estimate by \$4.4 M or about 5.1%), Building (under estimate by \$10.5 M or about 13.5%), Consumer Non-Durables (under estimate by \$11.3 M or about 2.5%) and Automobiles (also under estimate by \$11.3 M or about 4.8%). Summing the subcomponents, Final Liability was \$33.9 M (about 2.4%) 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, the Sales GR ended with only a \$12.0 M shortfall. **Note that this Sales Tax report largely reflects activity that actually occurred in July.**

Two other sources were notably under estimate. Corporate Income Tax fell \$29.6 M under estimate this month. Last year's collections included one very large audit; this year there were no very large audits. Using last year's pattern of receipts may have skewed the estimate. Next month's Corporate Income Tax should be more indicative of strength or weakness in this source, since a large number of corporations file estimated payments in September. Medical Hospital Fees were under estimate by \$10.8 M in August. Medical Hospital Fees are reimbursement to the state by counties for medical services, primarily nursing home care. There is no real pattern to monthly receipts in this source, so relatively large deviations from the estimate are not uncommon. Billings remain on track.

Other sources under estimate include Corporate Filing Fees, collected by the Department of State. These fees were \$6.0 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. Insurance Premium Tax was \$9.5 M under

estimate, all from Surplus Lines shortfalls. Timing is generally the cause for shortfalls in Surplus Lines receipts. Refunds were also under estimate, but this adds to Net GR's bottom line. Sales Tax refunds accounted for the shortfall. Refunds as a whole were \$4.2 M under estimate.

Few sources were over estimate this month, and only one was over by a sizeable amount. Earnings on Investments exceeded the monthly estimate by \$7.5 M, primarily due to gains on the external portfolio.

In summary, Net GR collections for August were \$63.0 M under estimate for the month and \$70.7 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 <http://www.state.fl.us/edr/>. Note that the listing of sources below has been rearranged to reflect each source's overall importance to GR.

### General Revenue Collections

Month: \$63.0 M under the August 2010 estimate; \$26.9 M under the March 2010 estimate adjusted for Legislative changes

Year: \$70.7 M under the August 2010 estimate; \$73.4 M under the March 2010 estimate adjusted for Legislative changes

### August Lottery Transfers to DOE

Not yet available

AUGUST 2010 GENERAL REVENUE COLLECTIONS (\$ MILLIONS) BASED ON THE AUGUST 2010 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	1,320.8	1,332.8	(12.0)	2,679.0	2,699.9	(20.9)	2,653.1	1.0%
CORPORATE INCOME TAX	25.7	55.3	(29.6)	72.6	102.2	(29.6)	101.8	-28.7%
HIGHWAY SAFETY FEES	68.9	69.4	(0.5)	161.6	159.5	2.1	26.0	521.0%
INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX	21.7	31.2	(9.5)	52.3	61.8	(9.5)	59.1	-11.6%
BEVERAGE TAXES	39.0	41.6	(2.6)	92.0	94.6	(2.6)	94.5	-2.6%
SERVICE CHARGES	48.2	45.6	2.6	96.2	93.6	2.6	53.2	80.9%
ARTICLE V FEES AND TRANSFERS	14.7	17.4	(2.7)	30.3	34.7	(4.4)	35.1	-13.7%
TOBACCO TAX	19.5	16.8	2.7	22.6	19.6	3.0	26.2	-13.7%
CORPORATE FILING FEES	8.6	14.6	(6.0)	16.3	22.3	(6.0)	15.1	8.4%
MEDICAL HOSPITAL FEES	9.8	20.6	(10.8)	31.7	42.5	(10.8)	26.7	18.7%
INTANGIBLES TAXES	13.6	16.1	(2.5)	25.8	28.3	(2.5)	31.8	-19.0%
INDIAN GAMING	12.5	12.5	0.0	12.5	12.5	0.0	0.0	100.0%
EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS	17.6	10.1	7.5	31.5	23.9	7.5	23.1	36.1%
DOCUMENTARY STAMP TAX	9.4	14.7	(5.3)	26.2	31.5	(5.3)	24.5	6.7%
PARIMUTUEL TAXES	0.6	0.5	0.1	1.0	0.9	0.1	0.8	17.5%
SEVERANCE TAXES	0.4	0.3	0.1	3.6	3.4	0.1	0.2	1462.5%
OTHER TAXES LICENSES AND FEES	6.3	4.6	1.7	7.9	6.1	1.7	6.2	27.1%
OTHER NONOPERATING REVENUES	11.7	12.1	(0.4)	26.0	26.4	(0.4)	22.4	16.0%
TOTAL REVENUE	1,649.0	1,716.2	(67.2)	3,388.8	3,463.6	(74.8)	3,199.8	5.9%
LESS REFUNDS	15.7	19.9	(4.2)	65.4	69.5	(4.2)	85.4	-23.5%
NET REVENUE	1,633.3	1,696.3	(63.0)	3,323.4	3,394.1	(70.7)	3,114.4	6.7%