

Fast Facts

May General Fund revenues fall \$439 million short of the official estimate

May revenues were \$439.7 million lower than projected in the official estimate, or 17.3 percent. The year-to-date shortfall is \$2.6 billion, or 8.2 percent.

May is an important month for corporate net income tax (CNIT) collections; however, the due date for these filings has been delayed until August. CNIT collections for May were \$166.5 million less than estimate, or 58.4 percent.

In April, final personal income tax (PIT) payments were almost entirely deferred because of the delayed due date in July. Some taxpayers chose to file in May, as PIT final payments this past month were \$114.4 million higher than expected, or 274.5 percent. However, final PIT payments for the year remain over \$1 billion short of estimate, with most of that amount being shifted to the 2020/21 fiscal year. May PIT estimated payments showed some higher than expected collections as well at \$16.8 million above the official estimate.

The economic effect of the pandemic continues to show in tax data. Sales and use tax collections on non-motor vehicle sales were \$206.5 million, or 24.2 percent lower than estimate. Motor vehicle sales tax collections were \$76.4 million, or 60.1 percent lower than expected. PIT withholdings on wages and salaries were \$86.5 million below estimate, or 10.3 percent.

Looking ahead

Timing delays will continue to affect June revenues. The June quarterly estimated payment for the personal income tax has been delayed until July. However, the corporate net income tax quarterly payment is still due next month. No matter when these payments are remitted, they will surely reflect the negative economic impact of the pandemic.

As more Pennsylvanians return to work and resume some of their normal activities, we hope to see higher employer withholdings and consumption tax revenue. For sales tax, there is a reporting lag because most businesses are remitting based on the prior month's sales.

May Revenues:

For the month of May, total General Fund revenues were \$439.7 million lower than expected, or 17.3 percent.

- Corporate net income tax collections were \$166.5 million lower than expected (58.4 percent)
- Sales and use tax collections were \$282.9 million lower than expected (28.8 percent)
 - o Non-motor sales tax collections were \$206.5 million less than estimate (24.2 percent)
 - Motor vehicle sales tax collections were \$76.4 million below projections (60.1 percent)
- Personal income tax revenues were \$44.8 million higher than the official estimate (5.0 percent)
 - Employer withholdings on wages and salaries were \$86.5 million less than anticipated (10.3 percent)
 - o Quarterly estimated payments were \$16.8 million more than anticipated (76.8 percent).
 - Final annual payments from taxpayers filing their returns were \$114.4 million higher (274.5 percent)
- Realty transfer tax collections were \$18.1 million less than expected (35.5 percent)
- Inheritance tax collections were \$26.0 million lower than anticipated (27.3 percent)
- Gaming tax receipts into the General Fund were \$13.4 million lower than projected (76.8 percent)
- Non-tax revenues for May were \$27.2 million higher than expected (110.1 percent)

For the 2019/20 fiscal year to date:

- Cumulative General Fund revenues are \$2.6 billion lower than expected (8.2 percent)
- General Fund tax revenues are \$2.7 billion lower than projected (8.6 percent)
- Corporate net income tax revenues are \$511.9 million less than expected (17.4 percent)
- Sales and use taxes are \$576.1 million less than expected (5.5 percent)
- Personal income tax collections are \$1.5 billion less than anticipated (10.3 percent)
- Non-tax revenues are \$69.8 million above the estimate (12.5 percent)

Compared to the last fiscal year:

- Total General Fund revenue is 6.9 percent lower
- General Fund tax revenue is 6.5 percent lower
- Corporate net income tax receipts are 13.7 percent lower
- Sales and use tax revenues are 2.8 percent lower
- Personal income tax collections are 8.3 percent lower

General Fund Revenues - Year-to-Date Performance vs Official Estimate			
Amounts in Millions	YTD Estimate	YTD Collections	Difference
General Fund Total	32,244.6	29,600.9	(2,643.7)
Tax Revenue Total	31,684.9	28,971.5	(2,713.4)
Corporation Taxes	5,001.2	4,440.3	(560.9)
Consumption Taxes	11,771.0	11,151.1	(619.9)
Sales and Use Tax	10,419.7	9,843.6	(576.1)
Cigarette Tax	842.5	833.2	(9.3)
Other Tobacco Products	122.1	116.7	(5.4)
Malt Beverage Tax	20.6	21.0	0.4
Liquor Tax	366.1	336.7	(29.4)
Other Taxes	14,912.7	13,380.1	(1,532.6)
Personal Income Tax	13,311.9	11,818.6	(1,493.3)
Realty Transfer Tax	496.2	464.7	(31.5)
Inheritance Tax	998.2	1,001.9	3.7
Gaming	162.7	138.3	(24.4)
Minor and Repealed	(56.3)	(43.4)	12.9
Non-Tax Revenue	559.7	629.5	69.8







