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The monthly revenue report of November 2010 state tax collections was released today.

Results

- Total revenue collections were \$917 million, \$49 million above the most recent revenue forecast (December 2009), but \$2 million below the amount assumed in the June 2009 budget as passed. Total revenue collections were \$106 million above collections for the same period last year (13.1%).
- Sales tax collections totaled \$494 million for the month, \$27 million (+5.8%) above collections for the same period last year.
- Individual income tax collections totaled \$355 million for the month, \$66 million (+22.7%) above collections for the same period last year.

Commentary

Sales tax collections have now increased on a year over year basis for nine consecutive months. For the first five months of FY 2011, sales tax revenues have averaged growth of 3.6%.

Individual income tax collections increased 22.7% in November compared to prior year, with continued growth in payroll withholdings (4.4%). For the first five months of FY 2011, payroll withholdings have averaged growth of 6.3%.

Corporate tax collections were again weak in November, dropping 18.5% compared to November 2009. For the first five months of FY 2011, corporate tax collections are down 5.9% compared to prior year, when corporate tax collections experienced a 29.4% decrease.

Through the first five months of FY 2011, state general fund revenues are now slightly ahead of the latest forecast by \$33.2 million (+0.7%). Revenues trail the May 2009 forecast, the basis for the budget that passed, by \$265 million through the first five months of FY 2011.

In less than two weeks, the revenue forecast for FY 2011 will be updated, and the first revenue forecast for the FY 2012 – 2013 biennium will be released.

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