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The monthly revenue report of January 2011 state tax collections was released today.

Results

- Total revenue collections were \$1,277 million, \$41 million above the revenue forecast recently updated in December 2010, but still \$15 million below the amount assumed in the June 2009 budget as passed. Total revenue collections were \$129 million above collections for the same period last year (+11.3%).
- Sales tax collections totaled \$607 million for the month, \$34 million (+5.9%) above collections for the same period last year.
- Individual income tax collections totaled \$510 million for the month, \$67 million (+15.1%) above collections for the same period last year.

Commentary

Through the first seven months of FY 2011, state general fund revenues are now ahead of the recently updated forecast by \$78 million (+1.1%). Revenues for FY 2011 now trail the May 2009 forecast, the basis for the budget that passed, by \$297 million. Revenues for FY 2010 were \$879 million less than the same May 2009 forecast upon which the budget was passed.

Sales tax collections have now increased on a year over year basis for eleven consecutive months, with gains of more than 5% for five of the past six months. January 2011 was the first month in the state's history when sales tax collections exceeded \$600 million in a single month.

Individual income tax collections increased 15.1% in January compared to prior year, led by growth of 9.1% in payroll withholdings. For the first seven months of FY 2011, individual income tax collections have increased 15.1% compared to prior year, with payroll withholdings averaging growth of 6.3%.

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