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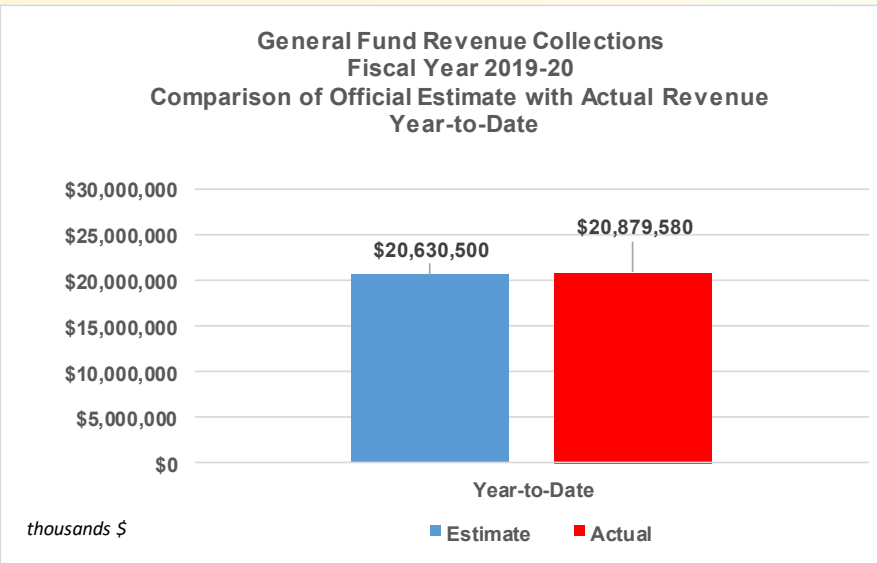


Monthly Report March 2020

February Revenue Collections Solid

General Fund revenue collections for February were \$90.5 million above the estimate for the month. Gross receipts tax (GRT), which is generally due in March, was over estimate by \$38.5 million in February. There is a strong probability the monthly GRT surplus is from revenues that are included in the March estimate; therefore, it is likely this timing difference will result in lower revenues than would otherwise be received later this month. Consequently, a truer picture for February might be that revenues were closer to \$50 million, rather than \$90 million, above the monthly estimate.

General Fund tax revenue was \$101.8 million above the estimate, but non-tax revenue was \$11.3 million below the estimate. General Fund revenue collections for the fiscal year-to-date are \$249.1 million ahead of estimate. The Governor’s FY 2020-21 Executive Budget projects that FY 2019-20 General Fund revenue collections will exceed the Official Revenue Estimate by \$200 million at fiscal year’s end.



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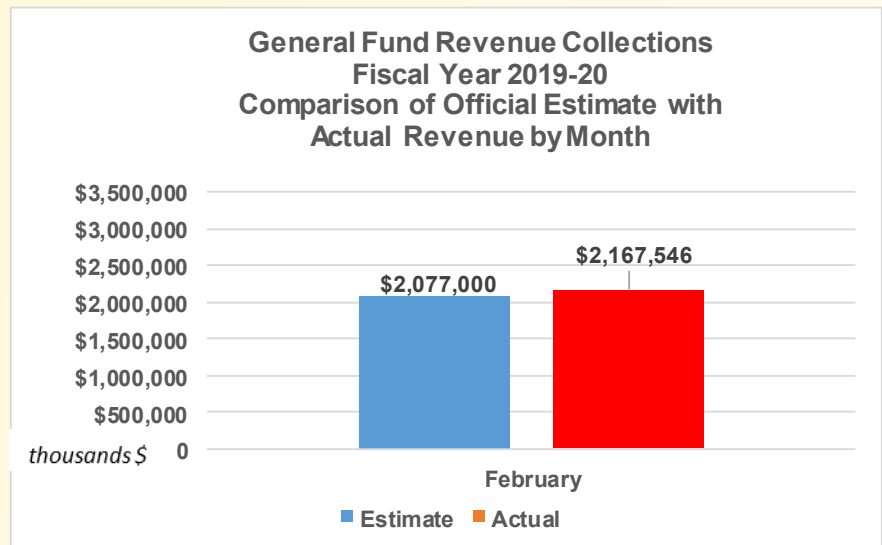
February Revenue Collections Solid Continued.....

February 2020 General Fund Revenue vs. Monthly Estimate:

- General Fund revenue collections of nearly \$2.2 billion were above the monthly estimate by \$90.5 million, or 4.4%.
- General Fund tax revenues were above the estimate by \$101.8 million, or 4.9%.
- Corporation taxes were \$44.3 million, or 48%, above the estimate, resulting from earlier than expected GRT payments.
- Sales and use tax (SUT) collections beat the estimate by \$17.1 million, or 2.2%, for the month.
- Personal income tax (PIT) collections were above the estimate by \$9.5 million, or 1%.
- Inheritance tax revenues exceeded the estimate by \$24.6 million, or 31.4%.
- Realty transfer tax collections were \$9.5 million, or 35.7%, above the estimate.
- Non-tax revenues missed the estimate by \$11.3 million, or 68.7%.

Fiscal Year 2019-20 vs. the Official Revenue Estimate To-Date:

- Total General Fund revenues are \$249.1 million, or 1.2%, higher than the Official Revenue Estimate through the month of February.
- General Fund tax revenue is \$178.3 million, or 0.9%, above the estimate.
- Corporation taxes are \$85.7 million, or 4.3%, below the estimate.
- Sales and use taxes are \$92.4 million, or 1.2%, above the estimate.
 - General SUT collections are \$56.4 million, or 0.9%, above the estimate.
 - SUT collections on motor vehicle sales are \$36 million, or 3.7%, higher than the estimate.
- Personal income tax collections are ahead of the estimate by \$105.6 million, or 1.2%.
 - Withheld PIT is \$27.3 million, or 0.4%, below the estimate.
 - Non-withheld PIT (annual & estimated payments) is \$132.9 million, or 9.4%, higher than the estimate.
- Non-tax revenues are \$70.8 million, or 33.1%, higher than the estimate.



Fiscal Year 2019-20 vs. Fiscal Year 2018-19:

- Total General Fund revenues through February are \$682.8 million, or 3.4%, more than last year at this time.
- General Fund tax revenue is \$803.3 million, or 4.1%, higher than last year.
- Corporation taxes are \$4.7 million, or 0.2%, higher.
- Sales and use tax collections are \$278.5 million, or 3.8%, higher than last year through February.
- Personal income tax collections exceed last year's collections by \$435.1 million, or 5.3%.
- Non-tax revenues are \$120.4 million, or 29.7%, less than last fiscal year through February.
 - The year-over-year decline is mainly attributable to nonrecurring expanded gaming license fee revenues received in FY 2018-19.

Motor License Fund:

- Motor License Fund revenues are below the estimate by \$14.8 million, or 0.8%, through February.
- Motor License Fund revenues are \$15.5 million, or 0.9%, more than last fiscal year at this time.

Spring into Pennsylvania History

The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC) oversees the State Historic Preservation Office, The State Archives and Museum, the State Records Center and the Bureau of Historic Sites and Museums, the latter of which manages the Commonwealth's historic sites and museums that are commonly referred to as the Pennsylvania History Trail. PHMC is governed by a commission consisting of nine residents of the Commonwealth appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate, six legislative appointees and the Secretary of Education. The FY 2019-20 General Fund budget includes a \$21.6 million appropriation to support the commission's operations. The Pennsylvania History Trail map shows the Commonwealth's various historic sites and museums.

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMISSION



Pennsylvania Trail of History

- 1 Erie Maritime Museum**, Erie, PA 16507
This museum and replica ship bring the Battle of Lake Erie alive.
- 2 Fort Pitt Museum**, Pittsburgh, PA 15222
Fort Pitt Museum tells the story of western Pennsylvania.
- 3 Bushy Run Battlefield**, Jeannette, PA 15644
Discover Pennsylvania's only recognized Native American battlefield.
- 4 Pennsylvania Military Museum**, Boalsburg, PA 16827
This museum that honors Pennsylvania's citizen-soldiers.
- 5 Brandywine Battlefield Park**, Chadds Ford, PA 19317
Follow in the footsteps of George Washington at this revolutionary battlefield.
- 6 Joseph Priestley House**, Northumberland, PA 17857
The American home and laboratory of the discoverer of oxygen.
- 7 Conrad Weiser Homestead**, Womelsdorf, PA 19567
Discover the Colonial diplomat, who kept peace with the Iroquois Confederacy.
- 8 Daniel Boone Homestead**, Birdsboro, PA 19598
The homestead includes the Boone House with period collections.
- 9 Graeme Park**, Horsham, PA 19044
The only surviving home of a colonial governor.
- 10 Pennsbury Manor**, Morrisville, PA 19067
The country estate of Pennsylvania's founder, William Penn.
- 11 Hope Lodge**, Fort Washington, PA
Visit this exquisite 18th-century Georgian home.
- 12 Drake Well Museum**, Titusville, PA 16354
Discover the birthplace of the modern petroleum industry.
- 13 Pennsylvania Lumber Museum**, Ulysses, PA 16922
Walk into a re-created lumber camp. Discover the life of 19th-century loggers.
- 14 PA Anthracite Heritage Museum**, Scranton, PA 18504
Discover Pennsylvania's anthracite coal region.
- 15 Eckley Miners' Village**, Weatherly, PA 18255
Visit an authentic 19th-century coal patch town.
- 16 Cornwall Iron Furnace**, Lebanon, PA 17016
America's most complete charcoal-fueled iron-making complex.
- 17 Railroad Museum of PA**, Strasburg, PA 17572
Explore more than 100 historic locomotives and vintage railroad cars.
- 18 Old Economy Village**, Ambridge, PA 15003
The Harmonists, a Christian communal society, founded this village in 1824.
- 19 Somerset Historical Center**, Somerset, PA 15501
Interpretation of the rural life of southwestern Pennsylvania.
- 20 Landis Valley Museum**, Lancaster, PA 17601
Step into the largest museum of early Pennsylvania German life in the country.
- 21 Ephrata Cloister**, Ephrata, PA 17522
Discover a religious community noted for its art and architecture.
- 22 State Museum of Pennsylvania**, Harrisburg, PA 17120
The State Museum of Pennsylvania tells Pennsylvania's story.

Significant Decreases in Number of Individuals Receiving Public Assistance

Included within the Governor's Executive Budget is a chart of Program Measures for the Income Maintenance Programs in the Department of Human Services. The chart presents the number of individuals who received services from Fiscal Year 2014-15 to a projection of those receiving services in 2020-21 in Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) cash assistance program, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program, and the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

The TANF program provides state and federal funds for temporary cash support for families in transition to self-sufficiency. TANF cash assistance is provided for a limited time to people who meet income and resource guidelines and who comply with work activity requirements. The Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program provides aged, blind, and disabled persons with a monthly payment based on nationally uniform eligibility standards. SNAP is federally funded and regulated by the United States Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service to assist low-income recipients in buying food. LIHEAP is a federally funded program that assists eligible households by providing funds to offset the burden of high energy costs. LIHEAP also provides funds in heating crisis situations, arranges and pays for emergency deliveries, expedites payments to avoid utility shut offs, and provides furnace repairs through other agencies.

Comparing Fiscal Years 2014-15 to 2020-21, Pennsylvania is seeing a downward trend for all of these measures. The largest numerical decrease was in the individuals receiving SNAP benefits category at 128,612 individuals, which is a 7% decrease. The largest percentage decrease was 47% for persons receiving cash assistance category.

Program Measures From Department of Human Services	2014-15 Actual	2015-16 Actual	2016-17 Actual	2017-18 Actual	2018-19 Actual	2019-20 Estimated	2020-21 Estimated	Difference from 2014-15 to 2020-21	Percentage Difference
Persons receiving cash assistance (monthly average)	160,490	143,930	126,135	111,594	97,437	89,057	85,018	(75,472)	-47%
Persons receiving State Supplemental Grants (monthly average)	380,355	375,912	372,080	367,858	362,612	361,622	360,056	(20,299)	-5%
Persons receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits	1,833,735	1,879,833	1,863,169	1,842,458	1,783,811	1,723,811	1,705,123	(128,612)	-7%
Households receiving energy cash payments	390,121	345,233	348,680	344,008	328,706	346,221	346,221	(43,900)	-11%
Households receiving energy crisis payments	130,349	89,735	87,681	109,112	104,915	97,434	97,434	(32,915)	-25%
TANF recipients enrolled in employment and training programs (monthly average)	17,291	14,594	11,778	9,949	8,095	8,100	10,000	(7,291)	-42%
TANF recipients obtaining employment	54,259	54,039	52,110	51,503	43,700	45,000	50,000	(4,259)	-8%

Fiscal Year 2019-20
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REVENUE SOURCES	YTD FY 2018-19	February 2020 Actual	February 2020 Estim- ed	Surplus/ (Deficit)	YTD Actual	YTD Estimated	Surplus/ (Deficit)
TOTAL - GENERAL FUND	20,196,747	2,167,546	2,077,000	90,546	20,879,580	20,630,500	249,080
TOTAL - NON-TAX REVENUE	404,964	5,133	16,400	(11,267)	284,534	213,700	70,834
TOTAL - TAX REVENUE	19,791,783	2,162,414	2,060,600	101,814	20,595,046	20,416,800	178,246
TOTAL - Corporation Taxes	1,916,934	136,467	92,200	44,267	1,921,640	2,007,300	(85,660)
Accelerated Deposits	10,466	935	0	935	2,788	0	2,788
Corp. Net Income	1,739,641	83,659	73,700	9,959	1,747,936	1,870,900	(122,964)
Gross Receipts	62,510	40,840	2,300	38,540	77,802	33,000	44,802
PURTA	1,435	5	0	5	1,937	2,900	(963)
Insurance Premiums	65,111	9,948	12,300	(2,352)	68,564	67,000	1,564
Financial Institutions	37,772	1,081	3,900	(2,819)	22,613	33,500	(10,887)
TOTAL - Consumption Taxes	8,497,419	934,535	917,600	16,935	8,738,581	8,648,600	89,981
Sales and Use	7,390,085	811,818	794,700	17,118	7,668,558	7,576,200	92,358
General (net of transfers)	6,426,447	709,740	701,100	8,640	6,648,880	6,592,500	56,380
Motor Vehicle Sales	963,638	102,078	93,600	8,478	1,019,678	983,700	35,978
Cigarette Tax	747,608	79,977	81,700	(1,723)	698,691	699,500	(809)
Other Tobacco Products	86,457	10,474	11,000	(526)	87,267	89,200	(1,933)
Malt Beverage	15,696	1,620	1,600	20	15,392	15,100	292
Liquor	257,574	30,647	28,600	2,047	268,673	268,600	73
TOTAL - Other Taxes	9,377,430	1,091,412	1,050,800	40,612	9,934,825	9,760,900	173,925
Personal Income	8,256,402	940,071	930,600	9,471	8,691,548	8,585,900	105,648
Withholding	6,890,256	876,125	874,100	2,025	7,147,119	7,174,400	(27,281)
Non-Withholding	1,366,145	63,946	56,500	7,446	1,544,429	1,411,500	132,929
Realty Transfer	343,885	36,107	26,600	9,507	366,527	352,000	14,527
Inheritance & Estate	677,036	102,852	78,300	24,552	751,354	706,100	45,254
Minor & Repealed	16,612	(181)	1,200	(1,381)	6,760	3,700	3,060
Gaming	83,496	12,562	14,100	(1,538)	118,636	113,200	5,436
TOTAL - MOTOR LICENSE FUND	1,789,388	215,347	226,050	(10,703)	1,804,916	1,819,690	(14,774)
TOTAL - Liquid Fuels Taxes	1,221,537	149,183	156,100	(6,917)	1,200,522	1,228,400	(27,878)
Motor Carriers/IFTA	92,465	21,813	26,300	(4,487)	90,400	95,800	(5,400)
Alternative Fuels	10,273	1,239	1,300	(61)	8,409	10,300	(1,891)
Oil Company Franchise	1,118,475	126,130	128,500	(2,370)	1,101,708	1,122,300	(20,592)
Minor & Repealed	325	0	0	0	5	0	5
TOTAL - Licenses, Fees & Other	567,851	66,164	69,950	(3,786)	604,394	591,290	13,104
Licenses and Fees	559,635	66,813	69,300	(2,487)	594,452	580,800	13,652
Other Motor Receipts	8,216	(648)	650	(1,298)	9,942	10,490	(548)