



Idaho General Fund Revenue Report

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Idaho General Fund March 2019 receipts of \$203.5 million were very close to the forecast, coming in just \$1.1 million (-0.5%) below the projected \$204.6 million. Receipts grew 2.0% compared to March 2018, which was slightly below the expected 2.6%. For the fiscal year to date, General Fund revenue is \$2,420.4 million, which is \$75.8 million (-3.0%) under the forecasted \$2,496.2 million.

Individual income tax receipts in March topped the projected amount for just the second time this fiscal year. Actual collections of \$67.1 million exceeded the forecast by \$3.8 million. In contrast, both corporate income and sales taxes were below their forecasts. Notably, corporate income tax posted its first shortfall of this fiscal year, with receipts of \$17.4 million coming in \$1.3 million under the projection. The sales tax revenue also experienced a relatively rare shortfall this month as its \$104.9 million contribution to the General Fund fell \$6.0 million below the expected amount. Product tax revenue of \$4.7 million was virtually on target. Revenue from miscellaneous sources was \$2.4 million above the projected \$7.0 million.

This month's individual income tax surplus resulted from lower-than-expected refunds and higher-than-anticipated filing collections. Refunds

were by far the largest contributor to the excess. March refunds were \$83.5 million, which was \$17.5 million under the projected \$101.0 million. According to the Idaho State Tax Commission, both the number of refunds issued and their average amount were lower than they were at the same time last year. These lower refunds were not surprising given the under withholding during 2018.

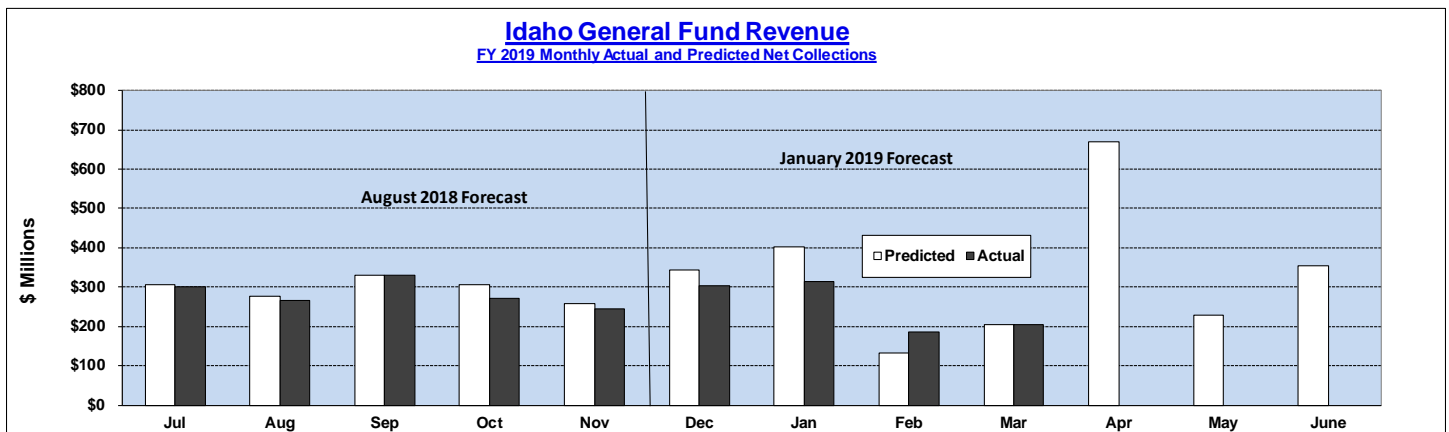
March withholding payments were \$100.5 million, which was \$18.5 million lower than projected. These payments have been below expectations in every month of the fiscal year. Taxpayers continue to adapt to the revised withholding tables that were introduced last year. Interestingly, the withholding shortfall was nearly offset by the lower refunds this month. Filing collections were \$4.5 million more than predicted. Over the next few months the withholding shortfalls are likely to be offset by higher-than-predicted filing collections, as under withholding in 2018 translates into higher filing payment this tax season. Fiscal year-to-date individual income tax receipts through March are \$948.6 million, which is \$107.3 million under the forecast.

This month's corporate income tax shortfall reflected filing collections that were \$5.7 million below the forecast. Fortunately, this shortfall was partially

offset by refunds that were \$3.5 million lower than predicted—\$0.8 million versus \$4.3 million. Estimated payments of \$12.1 million, that were \$0.8 million higher than anticipated, further reduced this month's corporate income tax shortfall to \$1.3 million. However, fiscal year-to-date corporate income tax receipts of \$154.7 million are \$18.7 million above the anticipated amount.

The sales tax experienced its third shortfall this fiscal year in March. Instead of growing by the projected 7.7% from last year to \$110.9 million, it increased 1.9% to \$104.9 million—a \$6.0 million difference. However, a bit of perspective shows this month's gap was not as bad as it may first seem. First, there have been surpluses in six months compared to three months of deficits. Second, the cumulative surpluses are much higher than the sum of the monthly deficits. As a result, the sales tax for the fiscal year to date has a surplus of \$5.9 million—\$1,191.7 million compared to the projected \$1,185.8 million.

Product tax receipts for the fiscal year to date of \$49.9 million are slightly lower than the expected \$50.2 million. Fiscal year-to-date miscellaneous revenue is \$75.5 million, which is \$7.3 million higher than the predicted amount.



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Idaho General Fund Collections for March 2019

MONTHLY ACTUAL AND PREDICTED COLLECTIONS FOR MARCH						
	<i>Actual FY 2017</i>	<i>Actual FY 2018</i>	<i>Actual FY 2019</i>	<i>Predicted FY 2019</i>	<i>Forecast Performance FY 2019</i>	
					<i>(Actual versus Predicted)</i>	
Individual Income Tax (\$000)	\$51,935.5	\$69,927.1	\$67,143.4	\$63,377.4	Difference	\$3,766.0
Percent Change from Previous Year	16.8%	34.6%	-4.0%	-9.4%	Percent	5.9%
Corporate Income Tax (\$000)	\$11,907.2	\$16,214.2	\$17,412.7	\$18,690.0	Difference	(\$1,277.3)
Percent Change from Previous Year	-26.9%	36.2%	7.4%	15.3%	Percent	-6.8%
Sales Tax (\$000)	\$94,048.9	\$102,940.4	\$104,909.2	\$110,901.3	Difference	(\$5,992.1)
Percent Change from Previous Year	0.2%	9.5%	1.9%	7.7%	Percent	-5.4%
Product Tax (\$000)	\$4,081.1	\$4,185.7	\$4,674.9	\$4,659.4	Difference	\$15.5
Percent Change from Previous Year	7.7%	2.6%	11.7%	11.3%	Percent	0.3%
Miscellaneous Revenue (\$000)	\$6,122.7	\$6,184.1	\$9,379.7	\$6,969.0	Difference	\$2,410.7
Percent Change from Previous Year	-1.1%	1.0%	51.7%	12.7%	Percent	34.6%
Total (\$000)	\$168,095.4	\$199,451.5	\$203,519.9	\$204,597.1	Difference	(\$1,077.2)
Percent Change from Previous Year	2.1%	18.7%	2.0%	2.6%	Percent	-0.5%

FISCAL YEAR-TO-DATE ACTUAL AND PREDICTED COLLECTIONS THROUGH MARCH						
	<i>Actual FY 2017</i>	<i>Actual FY 2018</i>	<i>Actual FY 2019</i>	<i>Predicted FY 2019</i>	<i>Forecast Performance FY 2019</i>	
					<i>(Actual versus Predicted)</i>	
Individual Income Tax (\$000)	\$1,090,722.1	\$1,272,304.7	\$948,591.9	\$1,055,924.3	Difference	(\$107,332.4)
Percent Change from Previous Year	10.3%	16.6%	-25.4%	-17.0%	Percent	-10.2%
Corporate Income Tax (\$000)	\$123,168.9	\$131,064.5	\$154,656.9	\$135,955.3	Difference	\$18,701.5
Percent Change from Previous Year	16.4%	6.4%	18.0%	3.7%	Percent	13.8%
Sales Tax (\$000)	\$1,026,474.7	\$1,110,730.1	\$1,191,724.4	\$1,185,844.4	Difference	\$5,880.0
Percent Change from Previous Year	5.8%	8.2%	7.3%	6.8%	Percent	0.5%
Product Tax (\$000)	\$44,981.7	\$45,158.2	\$49,891.3	\$50,214.8	Difference	(\$323.5)
Percent Change from Previous Year	12.7%	0.4%	10.5%	11.2%	Percent	-0.6%
Miscellaneous Revenue (\$000)	\$55,135.2	\$72,455.2	\$75,539.0	\$68,269.4	Difference	\$7,269.6
Percent Change from Previous Year	-2.3%	31.4%	4.3%	-5.8%	Percent	10.6%
Total (\$000)	\$2,340,482.6	\$2,631,712.8	\$2,420,403.4	\$2,496,208.2	Difference	(\$75,804.8)
Percent Change from Previous Year	8.3%	12.4%	-8.0%	-5.1%	Percent	-3.0%