

Idaho General Fund Revenue Report

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Revenues for the General Fund in February were \$228.8 million. This was \$77.7 million more than expected. Much of that is due to low individual and corporate income tax refunds. Over \$52.4 million less in refunds were paid last month than expected. Thus far, total collections for the fiscal year are \$2,404.8 million, which is ahead of the expected \$2,321.5 million by \$83.3 million (3.6%). Cumulative growth thus far in the fiscal year is 8.5%, which is above the 4.7% expected. Through the prior month, cumulative growth had been 7.2% over the previous year, a little over the 6.9% forecast.

Net individual income tax collections were \$89.7 million in February, up 65.6% over February 2019. Predicted net collections were \$23.8 million. Corporate income taxes brought in \$2.9 million to the General Fund in February, versus a projected \$0.8 million. The large rates of change may reflect taxpayers using the features of the federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 and the responsive Idaho income tax law changes. The sales tax was not altered at that time. Its contribution to the General Fund this month was \$122.5 million, or \$8.4 million more than expected. Growth was 9.7% rather than the 2.2% predicted. Expectations for product taxes, at \$4.6 million, and miscellaneous revenue, at \$7.8 million, foresaw \$12.4

million coming in February. Actual collections came in at \$13.6 million with miscellaneous revenue ahead by \$1.4 million.

Individual income tax refunds were \$49.1 million, less than half of the predicted \$98.7 million. Nearly all this difference is from filing refunds. Filing refunds in February 2019 had been \$64.3 million. The month's total refunds were over \$95 million in 2017, and at least \$64 million had been refunded in each February since 2012. The decline appears to be a timing issue resulting from a variety of factors, possibly including longer-than-expected processing times with the software used to validate W-2 forms. Thus, it is anticipated refunds will recover later this filing season.

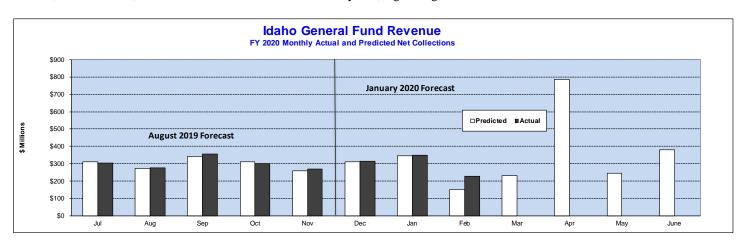
Completing the discussion of income tax collections, individual withholding payments and individual filing collections both exceeded their expectations, by 11.0% and 23.9%, respectively, putting \$11.7 million and \$4.3 million towards the surplus. For fiscal year to date, individual income tax collections are \$993.0 million, ahead of the expected amount by \$75.5 million, or 8.7%

Corporate income tax refunds were almost off by half, registering \$3.1

million rather than \$6.0 million (51.7% of expectation). Filing collections were \$2.7 million versus the \$2.5 million expectation, so over by 9.3%. Estimated payments were under prediction by 30.7%, or \$1.5 million. Thus, the revenue streams for the corporate income tax worked at cross-purposes. For fiscal year to date, corporate income tax collections are \$137.6 million. That is ahead of the predicted amount by \$4.9 million, or 3.7%.

Sales tax collections were \$8.4 million over expectation. This reversed the slight cumulative deficit compared to expectations as discussed in last month's report. Fiscal year-to-date collections are \$3.6 million ahead of schedule, which represents 0.3% more than expected. The sales tax collections from online activity, which are directed to the Tax Relief Fund, came in at \$6.2 million, returning to levels similar with October and November of 2019. For the fiscal year to date, sales tax collections are \$1,158.9 million, which is on target.

Product taxes and miscellaneous revenue sources together have brought in \$115.4 million for the fiscal year, which is \$0.6 million behind expectation, and both sources are off expectation by just 0.5–0.6%.



Idaho General Fund Collections for February 2020

MONTHLY ACTUAL AND PREDICTED COLLECTIONS FOR FEBRUARY									
	Actual FY 2018	Actual FY 2019	Actual FY 2020	Predicted FY 2020	Forecast Performance FY 2020				
					(Actual versus Predicted)				
Individual Income Tax (\$000)	\$46,123.6	\$54,152.4	\$89,702.9	\$23,746.9	Difference	\$65,956.0			
Percent Change from Previous Year	10.0%	17.4%	65.6%	-56.1%	Percent	277.7%			
Corporate Income Tax (\$000)	\$3,430.0	\$7,973.3	\$2,897.4	\$810.2	Difference	\$2,087.2			
Percent Change from Previous Year	15.7%	132.5%	-63.7%	-89.8%	Percent	257.6%			
Sales Tax (\$000)	\$103,918.2	\$111,710.6	\$122,543.8	\$114,176.9	Difference	\$8,366.9			
Percent Change from Previous Year	15.5%	7.5%	9.7%	2.2%	Percent	7.3%			
Product Tax (\$000)	\$4,192.5	\$4,515.1	\$4,439.4	\$4,606.7	Difference	(\$167.4)			
Percent Change from Previous Year	2.7%	7.7%	-1.7%	2.0%	Percent	-3.6%			
Miscellaneous Revenue (\$000)	\$8,432.9	\$8,093.3	\$9,199.5	\$7,765.5	Difference	\$1,434.1			
Percent Change from Previous Year	14.5%	-4.0%	13.7%	-4.1%	Percent	18.5%			
Total (\$000)	\$166,097.2	\$186,444.7	\$228,783.0	\$151,106.2	Difference	\$77,676.8			
Percent Change from Previous Year	13.5%	12.3%	22.7%	-19.0%	Percent	51.4%			

FISCAL YEAR-TO-DATE ACTUAL AND PREDICTED COLLECTIONS THROUGH FEBRUARY									
	Actual FY 2018	Actual FY 2019	Actual FY 2020	Predicted FY 2020	Forecast Performance FY 2020				
					(Actual versus Predicted)				
Individual Income Tax (\$000)	\$1,202,377.7	\$881,448.5	\$992,972.1	\$917,484.4	Difference	\$75,487.7			
Percent Change from Previous Year	15.7%	-26.7%	12.7%	4.1%	Percent	8.2%			
Corporate Income Tax (\$000)	\$114,850.3	\$137,244.2	\$137,571.8	\$132,695.0	Difference	\$4,876.8			
Percent Change from Previous Year	3.2%	19.5%	0.2%	-3.3%	Percent	3.7%			
Sales Tax (\$000)	\$1,007,789.7	\$1,086,815.1	\$1,158,905.7	\$1,155,351.1	Difference	\$3,554.6			
Percent Change from Previous Year	8.1%	7.8%	6.6%	6.3%	Percent	0.3%			
Product Tax (\$000)	\$40,972.6	\$45,216.4	\$47,200.2	\$47,461.2	Difference	(\$261.0)			
Percent Change from Previous Year	0.2%	10.4%	4.4%	5.0%	Percent	-0.5%			
Miscellaneous Revenue (\$000)	\$66,271.1	\$66,159.3	\$68,156.7	\$68,538.6	Difference	(\$381.9)			
Percent Change from Previous Year	35.2%	-0.2%	3.0%	3.6%	Percent	-0.6%			
Total (\$000)	\$2,432,261.3	\$2,216,883.5	\$2,404,806.5	\$2,321,530.2	Difference	\$83,276.2			
Percent Change from Previous Year	12.0%	-8.9%	8.5%	4.7%	Percent	3.6%			