

## Idaho General Fund Revenue Report

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Idaho extended its income tax filing deadline from April 15 to June 15, which caused this month's receipts to dive well below the amount projected in January. The forecast anticipated revenue of \$784.9 million. The month's \$315.3 million intake fell \$469.6 million (-59.8%) short of the anticipated amount. However, this shortfall is expected to shrink over the next two months. For the fiscal year to date, General Fund revenue is \$2,980.5 million, which is \$355.7 million (-10.7%) under the projected \$3,336.1 million.

Idaho individual income tax receipts of \$165.6 million in April were \$418.2 million (-71.6%) below the forecast.

Corporate income tax revenue was \$50.3 million (-72.5%) under the expected \$69.4 million. The sales tax contribution to the General Fund was \$136.1 million, which was \$4.3 million (-3.1%) short of the projection. Product tax revenue was \$4.9 million, compared to the anticipated \$4.8 million. Miscellaneous receipts were \$3.2 million more than expected.

Both the individual and corporate income tax shortfalls result from extending their filing dates from April 15 to June 15. These changes shift the peak filing month from April to June. Historically, 56.6% of a fiscal year's individual income tax filing collections arrive in April. For corporate income tax filings, 34.5% are received that month.

Individual income tax filing collections this month were just 12.1% of the expected total and corporate income tax filing collections were 17.3% of the year's projection. This month's individual income tax filing shortfall is \$446.1 million and corporate filing shortfall is \$15.8 million.

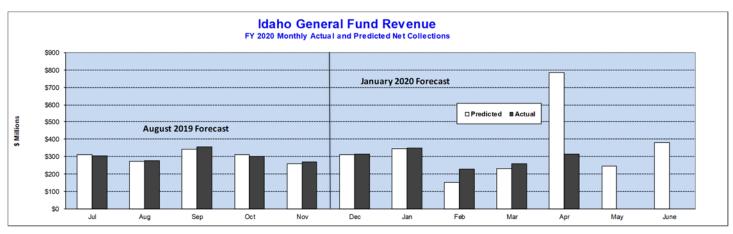
These filing deficits are expected to shrink over the next two months. First, the tax liability due this fiscal year is based on 2019 income, so it is not affected by coronavirus prevention measures enacted this year. Second, the extended due date remains in the current fiscal year. Neither the amount due nor the fiscal year it is due has changed. If Idaho had adopted the July 15 federal filing deadline, this year's expected filing payments peak would have shifted from the end of the current fiscal year to beginning of the next one.

Individual income tax refunds this month were \$27.5 million under expectations, and they have been much lower than expected this tax filing season. Historically, about two-thirds of refunds are paid during February, March, and April. However, only 43% of this year's projected refunds were paid during these months. For the fiscal year to date, only 59% of the projected refunds have been paid, this is much lower than the historical 75.2%. Experience suggests taxpayers anticipating refunds file early in the tax

season, so this year's refund payments may be minimally impacted by the extended filing date. This makes it unlikely individual income tax refunds will recover over the next two months to reach the \$361.1 million forecast for FY 2020.

Income tax withholding payments of \$111.3 million were just \$0.5 million (-0.5%) under the forecast. However, falling employment will lead to withholding payment shortfalls for the remaining months of this fiscal year. The Idaho Department of Labor reported just over 117,800 initial claims for unemployment benefits were made during the first six weeks of the COVID-19 state of emergency, which already surpasses the total claims for the previous year.

Sales tax receipts were slightly below expectations this month, missing the forecast by just \$4.3 million (-3.1%). However, the April revenue reflects March sales activity, when the social distancing measures were enacted at the month's end. The April sales activity will be reported next month and reflect a full month's impact of social distancing. As a result, May's shortfall could be larger than April's. The state's Tax Relief Fund received \$7.8 million this month from remote retailers and marketplace facilitators—its second highest distribution this fiscal year.



## **Idaho General Fund Collections for April 2020**

MONTHLY ACTUAL AND PREDICTED COLLECTIONS FOR APRIL									
	Actual FY 2018	Actual FY 2019	Actual FY 2020	Predicted FY 2020	Forecast Performance FY 2020 (Actual versus Predicted)				
Individual Income Tax (\$000)	\$360,163.9	\$507,181.8	\$165,563.0	\$583,754.9	Difference	(\$418,191.8)			
Percent Change from Previous Year	-1.2%	40.8%	-67.4%	15.1%	Percent	-71.6%			
Corporate Income Tax (\$000)	\$60,058.6	\$80,566.2	\$19,045.0	\$69,362.9	Difference	(\$50,318.0)			
Percent Change from Previous Year	17.6%	34.1%	-76.4%	-13.9%	Percent	-72.5%			
Sales Tax (\$000)	\$124,902.2	\$132,672.1	\$136,078.3	\$140,404.0	Difference	(\$4,325.7)			
Percent Change from Previous Year	6.9%	6.2%	2.6%	5.8%	Percent	-3.1%			
Product Tax (\$000)	\$4,285.2	\$4,721.0	\$4,882.4	\$4,832.7	Difference	\$49.7			
Percent Change from Previous Year	-4.8%	10.2%	3.4%	2.4%	Percent	1.0%			
Miscellaneous Revenue (\$000)	(\$15,085.8)	(\$18,894.3)	(\$10,289.3)	(\$13,497.5)	Difference	\$3,208.2			
Percent Change from Previous Year	-7145.3%	-25.2%	45.5%	28.6%	Percent	23.8%			
Total (\$000)	\$534,323.9	\$706,246.9	\$315,279.3	\$784,857.0	Difference	(\$469,577.7)			
Percent Change from Previous Year	-0.4%	32.2%	-55.4%	11.1%	Percent	-59.8%			

FISCAL YEAR-TO-DATE ACTUAL AND PREDICTED COLLECTIONS THROUGH APRIL									
	Actual FY 2018	Actual FY 2019	Actual FY 2020	Predicted FY 2020	Forecast Performance FY 2020				
					(Actual versus Predicted)				
Individual Income Tax (\$000)	\$1,632,468.6	\$1,455,773.7	\$1,272,572.7	\$1,571,493.0	Difference	(\$298,920.2)			
Percent Change from Previous Year	12.2%	-10.8%	-12.6%	7.9%	Percent	-19.0%			
Corporate Income Tax (\$000)	\$191,123.1	\$235,223.1	\$170,897.4	\$226,637.8	Difference	(\$55,740.4)			
Percent Change from Previous Year	9.7%	23.1%	-27.3%	-3.6%	Percent	-24.6%			
Sales Tax (\$000)	\$1,235,632.3	\$1,324,396.5	\$1,414,667.9	\$1,416,531.6	Difference	(\$1,863.8)			
Percent Change from Previous Year	8.1%	7.2%	6.8%	7.0%	Percent	-0.1%			
Product Tax (\$000)	\$49,443.4	\$54,612.3	\$56,589.8	\$56,972.2	Difference	(\$382.3)			
Percent Change from Previous Year	-0.1%	10.5%	3.6%	4.3%	Percent	-0.7%			
Miscellaneous Revenue (\$000)	\$57,369.4	\$56,644.7	\$65,722.3	\$64,503.5	Difference	\$1,218.8			
Percent Change from Previous Year	4.4%	-1.3%	16.0%	13.9%	Percent	1.9%			
Total (\$000)	\$3,166,036.7	\$3,126,650.3	\$2,980,450.2	\$3,336,138.1	Difference	(\$355,687.9)			
Percent Change from Previous Year	10.0%	-1.2%	-4.7%	6.7%	Percent	-10.7%			