



Economic Brief

State Representative Donna Oberlander

July 2020

Chairman's Report

While General Fund revenues for July came in significantly higher than the previous year, it was due to an expected shift in revenues from Fiscal Year 2019-20 into Fiscal Year 2020-21.

Fiscal Year 2019-20 General Fund revenues were \$3.2 billion short of estimate. \$1.1 billion is estimated to be lost revenues from reduced economic activity during the pandemic, and \$2.1 billion is estimated to be a shift of revenue collections into Fiscal Year 2020-21 from delayed due dates for the corporate net income tax (CNIT), personal income tax (PIT) and accelerated prepayments for the sales and use tax (SUT).

The Official Revenue Estimate with the enactment of Act 1A, signed by the Governor on May 29, 2020, assumed the continuation of the COVID-19 pandemic would reduce economic activity in Fiscal Year 2020-21 resulting in the loss of another \$4.6 billion in revenue collections.

July 2020 General Fund revenues of \$4.10 billion exceeded July 2019 collections by \$1.77 billion. A total of \$1.62 billion of the revenues received in July 2020 are estimated to be attributable to the receipt of delayed 2019-20 payments for CNIT, PIT and SUT.

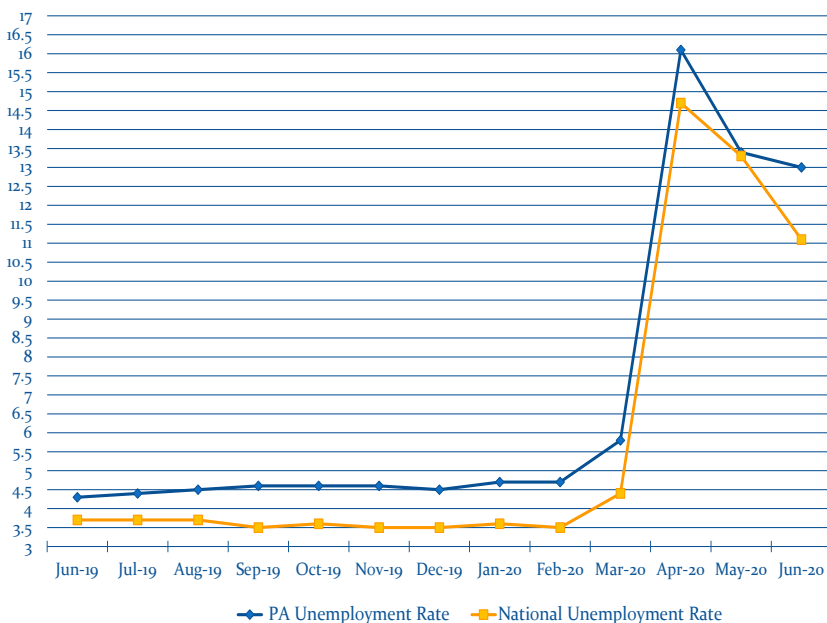
It is important to note that, of the \$330 million increase in SUT, \$160 million is attributable to the prepayment requirement, which resumed in July after being suspended by the Department of Revenue. An additional \$115 million is attributed to a one-time transfer of SUT revenue that occurred in July 2019. When taken into account, all other tax collections and non-tax collections in July were \$43 million over collections of the prior year.

Additionally, while PIT estimated and annual payments grew by \$1.31 billion do to shifted revenue, PIT withholding was \$22.7 million below July 2019, a reduction of 2.4 percent.

For the month of July, actual General Fund revenues are in-line with what was anticipated; however, the full impact of the delayed receipt of revenues will be not be realized until the end of August as the calendar year 2019 CNIT annual payment due date was delayed from May 15th to August 15th.

Beginning with the month of September, revenue collections will show a clearer picture of the economic impacts of the pandemic.

12-Month Unemployment Rates



PA EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

	June 2020	Monthly Change	
Labor Force	6.33 Million	-175,000	↓
Unemployment Rate	13.0%	-0.4%	↓
Total Nonfarm Jobs	5.43 Million	+231,500	↑
12-Month Change			
Total Nonfarm Jobs	-620,300		
Unemployment Rate	+8.7%		

Surrounding States Unemployment Rate

DE	12.5%	NY	15.7%
MD	8.0%	OH	10.9%
NJ	16.6%	WV	10.4%



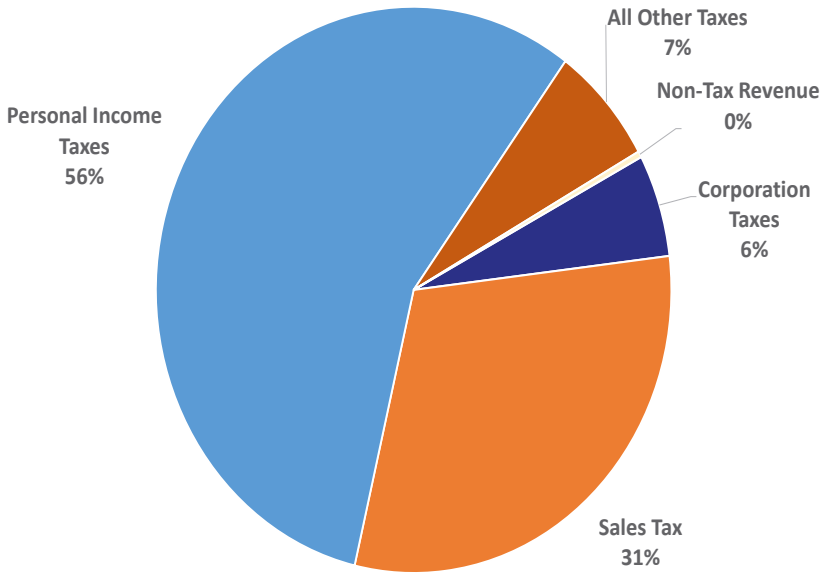
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Pennsylvania Brings in \$4.10 Billion in Revenue Collections

July 2020 Revenues by Tax



July Revenue Collections

July 2019	July 2020
Total General Fund	Total General Fund ↑
\$2.33 Billion	\$4.10 Billion
Corporation Taxes	Corporation Taxes ↑
\$117 Million	\$241 Million
Sales Taxes	Sales Taxes ↑
\$925 Million	\$1.26 billion
Personal Income Taxes	Personal Income Taxes ↑
\$1.02 Billion	\$2.31 Billion
All Other Taxes	All Other Taxes ↑
\$230 Million	\$281 Million
Non-Tax Revenue	Non-Tax Revenue ↓
\$34 Million	\$14 Million

Difference From July 2019 Revenue Collections

