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## **GENERAL FUND AND ROAD FUND RECEIPTS DROP DUE TO CORONAVIRUS & DELAYED TAX FILING DEADLINE**

***General Fund receipts decreased 33.6 percent, Year-to-date down 1.2 percent  
Road Fund receipts decreased 30.1 percent, Year-to-date down 1.4 percent***

**FRANKFORT, Ky. (Wednesday, May 6, 2020)** - The Office of State Budget Director reported today that April's General Fund receipts dropped precipitously due to the impact of the novel coronavirus and the movement of the income tax filing deadline to July 15. Collections fell 33.6 percent, or \$432.9 million, compared to April of last year. Nearly 90 percent of the decline was from individual and corporate income taxes. Total revenues for the month were \$857.0 million, compared to \$1,289.9 million received during April 2019. Receipts have now fallen 1.2 percent for the first ten months of FY20. The Office of State Budget Director recently released an unofficial General Fund revenue estimate for FY20 that called for a revenue shortfall of between \$318.7 million and \$495.7 million.

State Budget Director John Hicks noted that impacts from COVID-19 and delayed income tax filing deadlines have combined to result in much lower state tax revenues for the month of April. "The economy has been hit hard by policies necessary to limit the spread of the virus and to save lives. The decline in individual income tax receipts was also greatly influenced by the movement of the tax filing deadline from April 15 to July 15. Withholding income tax receipts and sales tax receipts are most indicative of the effects of the economic conditions, declining by 7.5 percent and 6.4 percent, respectively. April's Road Fund receipts dropped by \$43.9 million or 30.1 percent, with the usage tax from vehicle sales falling by 60.1 percent and motor fuels tax by 11.8 percent."

“Looking ahead to the last two months of the fiscal year, the economic consequences of job losses, impacts on business, and significant curtailment of consumer activity are expected to continue. The Consensus Forecasting Group will be revising the FY20 official revenue estimates for the General and Road Funds in May. The new estimate will guide the actions of the Governor in balancing the current year’s budget.”

Among the major accounts:

- Sales and use tax receipts fell 6.4 percent. Collections compared to last April were aided by collections from online Marketplace providers. Year-to-date collections have grown 5.3 percent.
- Corporation income and the limited liability entity tax receipts fell \$122.2 million, or 70.1 percent in April. Both receipts from declarations and net returns decreased significantly in April in response to the change in payment deadlines.
- Individual income tax collections fell 42.2 percent, or \$264.2 million, in April and have declined 2.6 percent though the first ten months of FY20. Net returns and declaration payments fell sharply because of the change in due dates. Withholding receipts fell 7.5 percent.
- Property tax collections fell 39.5 percent, or \$11.3 million for the month. In-person services at the County Clerks’ offices along with a 90-day grace period on vehicle registrations has impacted the timing of motor vehicle property tax payments. Receipts are up 1.5 percent year-to-date.
- Cigarette tax receipts declined 21.1 percent in April. March receipts grew an unusual 52.5 percent, due to several wholesalers increasing their stamp purchase quantities in reaction to immediate demand and to prepare for potential supply contingencies. Receipts have grown 0.2 percent year-to-date.
- Coal severance tax receipts fell 53.8 percent to \$4.1 million and are down 30.2 percent year-to-date.

Road Fund receipts fell 30.1 percent in April with total collections of \$101.7 million. This is \$43.9 million less than what was collected last year. Year-to-date collection now stand at -1.4 percent. The recently released unofficial revenue estimate calls for Road Fund revenues to decline between 8.3 percent and 13.3 percent in FY20 which would result in a revenue shortfall of between \$116.4 million and \$194.6 million.

Among the accounts, motor fuel revenue fell 11.8 percent in April. April fuel revenues reflect March activity; the full economic impacts will be reflected in May’s receipts. Motor vehicle usage tax collections fell 60.1 percent in the month as auto dealerships were severely limited in their business practices. License and privilege receipts decreased 20.2 percent.

**KENTUCKY STATE GOVERNMENT REVENUE**  
**1. GENERAL FUND REVENUE**

	<b>APRIL 2020</b>	<b>APRIL 2019</b>	<b>% Change</b>	<b>JULY THROUGH APRIL FY 2020</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>% Change</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$857,049,764</b>	<b>\$1,289,943,725</b>	<b>-33.6%</b>	<b>\$9,375,384,673</b>	<b>\$9,491,142,763</b>	<b>-1.2%</b>
<b>Tax Receipts</b>	<b>\$830,051,789</b>	<b>\$1,261,368,450</b>	<b>-34.2%</b>	<b>\$9,063,066,913</b>	<b>\$9,190,794,540</b>	<b>-1.4%</b>
Sales and Gross Receipts	\$387,225,249	\$415,335,445	-6.8%	\$4,054,041,888	\$3,877,154,342	4.6%
Beer Consumption	499,194	534,302	-6.6%	5,133,735	4,906,375	4.6%
Beer Wholesale	4,954,985	4,447,507	11.4%	50,743,710	46,823,692	8.4%
Cigarette	24,680,486	31,298,909	-21.1%	292,646,873	292,024,551	0.2%
Distilled Spirits Case Sales	16,471	13,851	18.9%	148,765	134,703	10.4%
Distilled Spirits Consumption	1,471,542	1,241,140	18.6%	13,105,752	12,170,510	7.7%
Distilled Spirits Wholesale	4,801,940	4,205,629	14.2%	44,648,265	40,313,496	10.8%
Insurance Premium	354,413	1,048,694	-66.2%	113,319,024	111,646,388	1.5%
Pari-Mutuel	30,404	1,752,783	-98.3%	14,905,334	11,074,511	34.6%
Race Track Admission	0	0	---	143,685	153,276	-6.3%
Sales and Use	340,860,472	364,240,491	-6.4%	3,427,415,358	3,255,893,438	5.3%
Wine Consumption	293,165	221,983	32.1%	2,674,521	2,608,178	2.5%
Wine Wholesale	1,511,722	1,406,652	7.5%	14,705,905	14,473,830	1.6%
Telecommunications Tax	5,847,784	3,127,431	87.0%	56,180,763	45,289,839	24.0%
Other Tobacco Products	1,902,251	1,776,841	7.1%	18,222,861	18,362,548	-0.8%
Floor Stock Tax	420	19,231	-97.8%	47,336	21,279,009	-99.8%
<b>License and Privilege</b>	<b>\$553,532</b>	<b>\$1,793,914</b>	<b>-69.1%</b>	<b>\$124,508,697</b>	<b>\$120,338,460</b>	<b>3.5%</b>
Alc. Bev. License Suspension	7,750	20,000	-61.3%	240,500	258,757	-7.1%
Corporation License	996	1,413	-29.5%	38,649	62,669	-38.3%
Corporation Organization	4,660	500	832.0%	60,992	311,587	-80.4%
Occupational Licenses	14,621	28,867	-49.4%	116,602	118,568	-1.7%
Race Track License	0	0	---	242,717	218,375	11.1%
Bank Franchise Tax	498,224	1,685,853	-70.4%	122,600,207	118,802,114	3.2%
Driver License Fees	27,281	57,281	-52.4%	1,209,029	566,390	113.5%
<b>Natural Resources</b>	<b>\$6,071,849</b>	<b>\$10,867,318</b>	<b>-44.1%</b>	<b>\$76,790,110</b>	<b>\$103,383,724</b>	<b>-25.7%</b>
Coal Severance	4,124,633	8,923,113	-53.8%	52,264,760	74,836,109	-30.2%
Oil Production	279,744	321,727	-13.0%	4,412,779	4,767,169	-7.4%
Minerals Severance	1,328,673	1,080,316	23.0%	16,178,250	15,302,634	5.7%
Natural Gas Severance	338,798	542,161	-37.5%	3,934,321	8,477,811	-53.6%
<b>Income</b>	<b>\$413,790,866</b>	<b>\$800,189,606</b>	<b>-48.3%</b>	<b>\$4,140,239,144</b>	<b>\$4,431,602,929</b>	<b>-6.6%</b>
Corporation	23,987,444	127,497,002	-81.2%	243,611,818	435,999,042	-44.1%
Individual	361,662,730	625,825,017	-42.2%	3,716,696,714	3,815,361,097	-2.6%
Limited Liability Entity	28,140,692	46,867,587	-40.0%	179,930,612	180,242,790	-0.2%
<b>Property</b>	<b>\$17,318,003</b>	<b>\$28,640,550</b>	<b>-39.5%</b>	<b>\$612,000,443</b>	<b>\$602,952,441</b>	<b>1.5%</b>
Building & Loan Association	0	0	---	(192,854)	256,328	---
General - Real	2,574,643	3,012,496	-14.5%	300,857,922	290,960,812	3.4%
General - Tangible	18,209,179	26,991,097	-32.5%	231,773,331	231,204,147	0.2%
Omitted & Delinquent	(4,976,538)	(5,624,556)	---	8,129,939	12,381,472	-34.3%
Public Service	1,508,398	4,224,310	-64.3%	69,187,547	66,112,889	4.7%
Other	2,321	37,203	-93.8%	2,244,558	2,036,793	10.2%
<b>Inheritance Tax</b>	<b>\$3,373,569</b>	<b>\$2,596,907</b>	<b>29.9%</b>	<b>\$38,952,954</b>	<b>\$37,318,024</b>	<b>4.4%</b>
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	<b>\$1,718,720</b>	<b>\$1,944,710</b>	<b>-11.6%</b>	<b>\$16,533,678</b>	<b>\$18,044,620</b>	<b>-8.4%</b>
Legal Process	824,656	1,003,151	-17.8%	10,702,923	10,666,753	0.3%
T. V. A. In Lieu Payments	832,214	941,559	-11.6%	4,992,694	7,368,132	-32.2%
Other	61,850	0	---	838,061	9,735	8508.7%
<b>Nontax Receipts</b>	<b>\$26,462,496</b>	<b>\$27,522,533</b>	<b>-3.9%</b>	<b>\$294,587,122</b>	<b>\$290,423,692</b>	<b>1.4%</b>
Departmental Fees	1,925,288	970,894	98.3%	11,856,260	11,225,500	5.6%
PSC Assessment Fee	0	269	-100.0%	13,071,422	16,142,376	-19.0%
Fines & Forfeitures	1,399,867	2,058,409	-32.0%	14,484,584	16,904,371	-14.3%
Income on Investments	(36,875)	(1,219,876)	---	(6,141,646)	(10,450,690)	---
Lottery	22,000,000	21,500,000	2.3%	223,363,344	205,146,017	8.9%
Miscellaneous	1,174,216	4,212,836	-72.1%	37,953,158	51,456,118	-26.2%
Redeposit of State Funds	\$535,479	\$1,052,743	-49.1%	\$17,730,638	\$9,924,531	78.7%

**2. ROAD FUND REVENUE**

	<b>APRIL 2020</b>	<b>APRIL 2019</b>	<b>% Change</b>	<b>JULY THROUGH APRIL</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>% Change</b>
<b>TOTAL STATE ROAD FUND</b>	<b>\$101,692,138</b>	<b>\$145,584,486</b>	<b>-30.1%</b>	<b>\$1,268,603,959</b>	<b>\$1,286,898,126</b>	<b>-1.4%</b>	
Tax Receipts-	\$98,221,785	\$141,337,692	-30.5%	\$1,239,310,451	\$1,257,965,144	-1.5%	
Sales and Gross Receipts	\$75,953,513	\$113,418,933	-33.0%	\$1,056,809,561	\$1,065,080,872	-0.8%	
Motor Fuels Taxes	56,114,521	63,637,490	-11.8%	637,411,551	638,946,282	-0.2%	
Motor Vehicle Usage	19,838,992	49,781,443	-60.1%	419,398,010	426,134,590	-1.6%	
License and Privilege	\$22,268,271	\$27,918,759	-20.2%	\$182,500,890	\$192,884,272	-5.4%	
Motor Vehicles	12,254,167	19,933,799	-38.5%	89,585,338	97,802,990	-8.4%	
Motor Vehicle Operators	843,038	1,501,682	-43.9%	12,881,929	13,875,147	-7.2%	
Weight Distance	6,008,773	5,249,062	14.5%	69,545,193	68,498,426	1.5%	
Truck Decal Fees	34,320	130,888	-73.8%	54,100	175,724	-69.2%	
Other Special Fees	3,127,974	1,103,327	183.5%	10,434,330	12,531,986	-16.7%	
Nontax Receipts	\$3,457,484	\$4,001,705	-13.6%	\$28,821,311	\$27,167,721	6.1%	
Departmental Fees	2,438,861	2,832,042	-13.9%	18,353,009	16,234,437	13.0%	
In Lieu of Traffic Fines	14,325	30,850	-53.6%	265,462	346,059	-23.3%	
Income on Investments	525,921	860,656	-38.9%	6,260,629	7,494,672	-16.5%	
Miscellaneous	478,377	278,157	72.0%	3,942,211	3,092,553	27.5%	
Redeposit of State Funds	\$12,870	\$245,089	-94.7%	\$472,197	\$1,765,260	-73.3%	

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