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GENERAL FUND AND ROAD FUND RECEIPTS FOR AUGUST 2026

General Fund receipts declined 1.7 percent, Year-to-Date up 13.8 percent
Road Fund receipts increased 1.3 percent, Year-to-Date down 7.0 percent

FRANKFORT, KY – (Thursday, September 10, 2026) - State Budget Director John Hicks reported today that General Fund receipts fell 1.7 percent in August compared to last year. Total revenues for the month were $1,088.6 million, compared to $1,107.7 million last August. So far this fiscal year, General Fund receipts have increased 13.8 percent. The official revenue estimate for FY27 calls for General Fund revenues to fall 0.5 percent compared to FY26 actual receipts. Based on Augusts' results, receipts can fall 2.8 percent for the remainder of the fiscal year and still meet the official estimate.

State Budget Director John Hicks remarked that "August is usually one of the lowest months of each fiscal year for General Fund revenues receipts. Through the first two months of FY27, sales and use taxes have risen 6.5 percent and major business taxes are more than $300 million higher than last year. Individual income tax collections declined by 10.1 percent due mainly to the 12.5 percent rate reduction effective January 1, 2026, from 4.0 percent to 3.5 percent. The Consensus Forecasting Group will meet later this month to revisit the FY27 and FY28 General Fund revenue estimates in light of the FY26 revenue surplus and the 13.8 percent growth thus far in FY27."

Among the major accounts:

- Individual income tax collections fell 8.1 percent largely due to a 10.1 percent decline in withholding receipts. The remaining components of the tax all had modest increases.

- Sales tax revenues grew 3.4 percent in August and are up 6.5 percent through the first two months of the fiscal year.

- Major business tax collections were $16.2 million for the month, a decrease of 8.2 percent compared to prior year totals. Year-to-date receipts in these accounts have increased dramatically due to the large increase in estimated payments in July.

- Cigarette taxes fell 15.4 percent for the month but have increased 1.0 percent for the year.

- Property taxes rose 13.9 percent in August and have increased 17.2 percent for the fiscal year. Large swings in property tax receipts are not unusual early since less than 5.0 percent of annual revenues have been collected.

- Coal severance tax collections in August grew 33.5 percent to $5.6 million and are up 17.8 percent through the first two months of the fiscal year.

- Lottery revenues were unchanged at $27.5 million in August and are flat through the first two months of FY27.

- Income on investments fell. Through the first two months of FY27, income on investments has declined 29.1 percent due primarily to a reduction in investable balances.

Road Fund receipts for August totaled $160.0 million, an increase of 1.3 percent from August 2025 levels. Through the first two months of the fiscal year, collections in this fund have fallen 7.0 percent. The official Road Fund revenue estimate calls for a 0.8 percent increase in receipts for FY27. Based on year-to-date collections, revenues must grow 2.5 percent for the remainder of the fiscal year to meet the estimate.

Among the major accounts:

- Motor fuels declined 1.1 percent in August with revenues of $67.4 million and have declined 11.5 percent for the year.

- Motor vehicle usage collections rose 5.3 percent for the month but have fallen 3.1 percent for the first two months of the fiscal year.

- License and privilege tax receipts fell 0.9 percent in August and have dropped 1.9 percent year-to-date.

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KENTUCKY STATE GOVERNMENT REVENUE

1. GENERAL FUND REVENUE

	AUGUST 2026	AUGUST 2025	% Change	JULY THROUGH AUGUST FY 2027	FY 2026	% Change
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	**$1,088,579,090**	**$1,107,656,638**	**-1.7%**	**$2,548,341,708**	**$2,238,750,912**	**13.8%**
Tax Receipts	$1,039,022,930	$1,049,239,818	-1.0%	$2,434,903,040	$2,110,817,807	15.4%
Sales and Gross Receipts	$598,190,591	$582,160,113	2.8%	$1,249,117,783	$1,165,792,965	7.1%
Beer Consumption	447,476	546,761	-18.2%	1,204,072	1,092,624	10.2%
Beer Wholesale	6,345,770	6,652,848	-4.6%	15,010,947	12,946,955	15.9%
Cigarette	19,190,270	22,670,826	-15.4%	43,015,345	42,609,062	1.0%
Distilled Spirits Case Sales	22,040	13,331	65.3%	45,514	28,612	59.1%
Distilled Spirits Consumption	1,595,308	1,191,737	33.9%	3,448,741	2,551,967	35.1%
Distilled Spirits Wholesale	5,890,700	4,337,340	35.8%	13,174,704	9,449,627	39.4%
Insurance Premium	1,548,962	530,316	192.1%	2,699,861	548,070	392.6%
Pari-Mutuel	5,080,384	6,150,608	-17.4%	15,729,438	10,184,868	54.4%
Race Track Admission	(220,000)	0	---	(110,000)	0	---
Sales and Use	542,864,568	525,090,868	3.4%	1,125,134,006	1,056,906,408	6.5%
Wine Consumption	208,482	108,444	92.2%	433,398	227,661	90.4%
Wine Wholesale	1,446,687	760,246	90.3%	2,957,053	1,552,426	90.5%
Telecommunications Tax	8,484,443	6,795,327	24.9%	13,813,598	13,418,857	2.9%
Other Tobacco Products	2,733,919	3,115,936	-12.3%	5,596,893	5,915,324	-5.4%
Fantasy Sports Wagering	0	0	---	0	0	---
Car Rental & Ride Sharing	2,551,583	4,195,524	-39.2%	6,964,213	8,360,505	-16.7%
Natural Resources	$9,534,831	$7,654,734	24.6%	19,892,076	$18,245,314	9.0%
Coal Severance	5,610,806	4,201,714	33.5%	11,928,451	10,129,318	17.8%
Oil Production	469,074	408,956	14.7%	974,165	662,654	47.0%
Minerals Severance	3,091,009	2,656,989	16.3%	6,186,427	6,173,024	0.2%
Natural Gas Severance	363,941	387,076	-6.0%	803,034	1,280,318	-37.3%
Individual Income Tax	$383,312,412	$417,321,130	-8.1%	724,340,099	$806,021,933	-10.1%
Withholding	364,399,781	405,387,378	-10.1%	695,090,267	785,167,376	-11.5%
Declarations	9,350,843	7,375,553	26.8%	17,400,648	15,633,145	11.3%
Net Returns	1,862,008	(2,222,364)	---	(1,941,650)	(9,202,624)	---
Fiduciary	(123,138)	(383,265)	---	(2,054,705)	(257,107)	---
Pass-Through Entity Tax	7,822,918	7,163,829	9.2%	15,845,538	14,681,143	7.9%
Major Business Taxes	$16,227,566	$17,675,374	-8.2%	383,813,016	$69,889,835	449.2%
Corporation Income	(411,510)	(35,546,084)	---	330,600,394	(44,218,462)	---
LLET	16,639,076	53,221,457	-68.7%	53,212,622	114,108,298	-53.4%
Property	$26,666,542	$23,421,561	13.9%	41,788,075	35,641,245	17.2%
General - Real	(7,883)	31,777	---	4,435	(434,437)	---
General - Tangible	570,763	3,551,489	-83.9%	2,447,584	4,358,217	-43.8%
Tangible - Motor Vehicle	19,436,203	16,371,257	18.7%	38,501,328	32,299,253	19.2%
Omitted & Delinquent	2,010,508	2,536,078	-20.7%	(3,878,018)	(1,965,413)	---
Public Service	4,656,880	930,959	400.2%	4,712,675	1,278,918	268.5%
Other	71	0	---	71	104,707	-99.9%
Inheritance Tax	$8,950,378	$6,056,066	47.8%	17,725,843	$18,002,232	-1.5%
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Miscellaneous	($3,859,389)	($5,049,159)	---	(1,773,852)	(2,775,717)	---
License and Privilege	$327,224	$123,835	164.2%	408,898	423,295	-3.4%
Bank Franchise	$0	($5,946)	---	0	(5,946)	---
Legal Process	703,781	832,941	-15.5%	1,598,071	1,798,504	-11.1%
T. V. A. In Lieu Payments	(4,898,074)	(6,000,000)	---	(3,796,147)	(5,007,227)	---
Other	7,679	10	76694.6%	15,327	15,658	-2.1%
Nontax Receipts	$49,447,086	$58,414,051	-15.4%	113,243,962	$125,509,939	-9.8%
Departmental Fees	702,910	721,217	-2.5%	1,823,867	1,554,593	17.3%
PSC Assessment Fee	292,198	387,194	-24.5%	13,230,013	13,160,373	0.5%
Fines & Forfeitures	2,071,951	1,806,195	14.7%	3,909,711	3,479,831	12.4%
Income on Investments	19,187,529	26,887,417	-28.6%	36,860,832	51,985,271	-29.1%
Lottery	27,500,000	27,500,000	0.0%	54,000,000	54,000,000	0.0%
Miscellaneous	(307,501)	1,112,028	---	3,419,539	1,329,871	157.1%
Redeposit of State Funds	$109,074	$2,768	3840.1%	194,706	$2,423,166	-92.0%

2. ROAD FUND REVENUE

	AUGUST 2026	AUGUST 2025	% Change	JULY THROUGH AUGUST FY 2027	FY 2026	% Change
TOTAL STATE ROAD FUND	**$159,968,126**	**$157,876,127**	**1.3%**	**$306,188,028**	**$329,297,652**	**-7.0%**
Tax Receipts-	$156,119,609	$153,773,735	1.5%	$299,367,191	$320,346,036	-6.5%
Sales and Gross Receipts	$134,474,516	$131,931,957	1.9%	$253,102,846	$273,182,885	-7.4%
Motor Fuels Taxes	67,445,230	68,207,623	-1.1%	122,723,825	138,679,937	-11.5%
Motor Vehicle Usage	67,008,593	63,663,731	5.3%	130,267,652	134,379,772	-3.1%
EV Charging Station Tax	20,693	60,603	-65.9%	111,369	123,177	-9.6%
License and Privilege	$21,645,093	$21,841,779	-0.9%	$46,264,345	$47,163,151	-1.9%
Motor Vehicles	6,044,423	7,172,494	-15.7%	18,176,533	17,459,824	4.1%
Motor Vehicle Operators	2,686,475	3,157,933	-14.9%	3,824,156	6,189,874	-38.2%
Weight Distance	12,038,101	10,710,675	12.4%	22,513,743	21,824,406	3.2%
Truck Decal Fees	16,240	11,120	46.0%	23,080	18,680	23.6%
Other Special Fees	859,854	789,557	8.9%	1,726,833	1,670,367	3.4%
Nontax Receipts	$3,759,653	$4,022,823	-6.5%	$6,728,281	$8,896,255	-24.4%
Departmental Fees	2,276,784	1,731,481	31.5%	3,907,235	4,002,981	-2.4%
In Lieu of Traffic Fines	13,455	15,330	-12.2%	27,915	30,000	-7.0%
Income on Investments	467,637	1,621,898	-71.2%	839,130	2,437,237	-65.6%
Miscellaneous	559,643	463,890	20.6%	1,025,853	2,034,750	-49.6%
Hybrid/Electric Annual Fee	442,134	190,224	132.4%	928,148	391,287	137.2%
Redeposit of State Funds	$88,865	$79,569	11.7%	$92,556	$55,360	67.2%

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