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**GENERAL FUND AND ROAD FUND RECEIPTS
FOR SEPTEMBER 2026**

General Fund receipts rose 11.3 Percent, Year-to-Date Up 12.8 percent
Road Fund receipts fell 2.0 Percent, Year-to-Date Down 5.4 percent

FRANKFORT, KY – (Monday, October 12, 2026) - State Budget Director John Hicks reported today that General Fund receipts grew 11.3 percent in September with revenues of \$1.67 billion. Collections for the month exceeded last September's total by \$169.3 million. So far this fiscal year (FY27), General Fund revenues have increased 12.8 percent.

The Consensus Forecasting Group (CFG), the body that estimates state revenues, recently updated the official General Fund revenue estimates for FY27 and FY28, which calls for revenue to increase 5.7 percent compared to FY26 receipts. Based on September's official revenue estimate, General Fund revenues must grow 3.6 percent over the remainder of the fiscal year to meet the official estimate. To meet the original budget estimate, revenues would need to decline by 4.6 percent the rest of the year.

State Budget Director John Hicks observed that "General Fund receipts for September posted the highest month of collections ever recorded, outside of the months of April when timely-filed individual and corporate income tax returns are due. Revenue growth of 12.8 percent for the first fiscal quarter of FY27 reinforced a strong final quarter in FY26 where General Fund revenues increased 7.2 percent. Major business taxes have led the way, but the resilient consumer sector in Kentucky has produced strong sales tax growth of 5.8 percent. First-quarter results for the General Fund are consistent with the revised official estimates from the September 2026 meeting of the CFG."

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Among the major General Fund accounts:

- Individual income taxes grew 4.4 percent due to increases in estimated payments and the pass-through entity tax (PTET). Year-to-date collections for the income tax have fallen 4.4 percent, primarily due to a 12.5 percent reduction in the income tax rate.
- Sales tax revenues grew 4.5 percent in September and have increased 5.8 percent in the first three months of the year.
- Major business tax receipts rose 51.2 percent for the month and have increased \$444.8 million, or 136.7 percent, through the first quarter of FY27.
- Cigarette taxes fell 0.5 percent in September but have grown 0.5 percent for the first three months of the fiscal year.
- Property taxes rose 18.3 percent in September and have increased 17.7 percent for the year.
- Coal severance tax receipts fell 62.8 percent, or \$2.3 million, in September and are down 4.0 percent year-to-date.

Road Fund receipts of \$150.5 million were 2.0 percent less than what was collected last September. Motor fuels taxes decreased 5.2 percent while usage taxes rose 2.1 percent. The official Road Fund revenue estimate calls for a 0.8 percent increase in receipts for the entire fiscal year. Based on year-to-date collections, revenues must increase 3.0 percent for the remainder of the fiscal year to meet the estimate.

Among the Road Fund accounts:

- Motor fuels receipts fell 5.2 percent in September.
- Motor vehicle usage collections rose 2.1 percent for the month. Year-to-date collections are down 1.4 percent.
- License and privilege taxes grew 1.6 percent in September. For the first three months of the fiscal year, receipts have decreased 1.3 percent.

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KENTUCKY STATE GOVERNMENT REVENUE
1. GENERAL FUND REVENUE

	SEPTEMBER 2026	SEPTEMBER 2025	% Change	JULY THROUGH SEPTEMBER FY 2027	JULY THROUGH SEPTEMBER FY 2026	% Change
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$1,673,781,647	\$1,504,469,245	11.3%	\$4,222,123,355	\$3,743,220,156	12.8%
Tax Receipts	\$1,601,347,979	\$1,442,551,948	11.0%	\$4,036,251,019	\$3,553,369,755	13.6%
Sales and Gross Receipts	\$619,391,293	\$618,256,924	0.2%	\$1,868,509,076	\$1,784,049,888	4.7%
Beer Consumption	484,143	356,898	35.7%	1,688,216	1,449,521	16.5%
Beer Wholesale	5,596,094	4,376,365	27.9%	20,607,041	17,323,320	19.0%
Cigarette	21,540,697	21,643,134	-0.5%	64,556,041	64,252,196	0.5%
Distilled Spirits Case Sales	18,840	32,424	-41.9%	64,354	61,037	5.4%
Distilled Spirits Consumption	1,385,250	2,280,089	-39.2%	4,833,991	4,832,056	0.0%
Distilled Spirits Wholesale	5,180,054	8,514,010	-39.2%	18,354,758	17,963,637	2.2%
Insurance Premium	42,520,813	62,720,896	-32.2%	45,220,674	63,268,966	-28.5%
Pari-Mutuel	9,061,360	7,499,215	20.8%	24,790,799	17,684,082	40.2%
Race Track Admission	110,000	0	---	0	0	---
Sales and Use	516,115,885	493,950,297	4.5%	1,641,249,891	1,550,856,705	5.8%
Wine Consumption	178,128	420,327	-57.6%	611,526	647,988	-5.6%
Wine Wholesale	1,261,206	2,823,061	-55.3%	4,218,258	4,375,487	-3.6%
Telecommunications Tax	6,979,560	6,727,332	3.7%	20,793,158	20,146,190	3.2%
Other Tobacco Products	2,775,188	2,882,570	-3.7%	8,372,081	8,797,894	-4.8%
Fantasy Sports Wagering	0	0	---	0	0	---
Car Rental & Ride Sharing	6,184,075	4,030,304	53.4%	13,148,288	12,390,809	6.1%
Natural Resources	\$5,300,033	\$8,543,859	-38.0%	\$25,192,109	\$26,789,173	-6.0%
Coal Severance	1,389,124	3,736,858	-62.8%	13,317,575	13,866,176	-4.0%
Oil Production	490,856	333,080	47.4%	1,465,021	995,734	47.1%
Minerals Severance	3,075,811	4,107,210	-25.1%	9,262,238	10,280,234	-9.9%
Natural Gas Severance	344,241	366,711	-6.1%	1,147,275	1,647,029	-30.3%
Individual Income Tax	\$548,013,042	\$524,796,785	4.4%	\$1,272,353,141	\$1,330,818,718	-4.4%
Withholding	349,714,273	374,419,512	-6.6%	1,044,804,541	1,159,586,888	-9.9%
Declarations	90,383,249	74,983,377	20.5%	107,783,897	90,616,522	18.9%
Net Returns	(638,552)	4,814,948	---	(2,580,201)	(4,387,676)	---
Fiduciary	454,842	1,502,987	-69.7%	(1,599,863)	1,245,880	---
Pass-Through Entity Tax	108,099,229	69,075,961	56.5%	123,944,767	83,757,104	48.0%
Major Business Taxes	\$386,322,566	\$255,489,052	51.2%	\$770,135,582	\$325,378,887	136.7%
Corporation Income	310,664,697	181,718,876	71.0%	641,265,091	137,500,414	366.4%
LLET	75,657,869	73,770,176	2.6%	128,870,491	187,878,473	-31.4%
Property	\$32,574,153	\$27,538,366	18.3%	\$74,362,228	\$63,179,611	17.7%
General - Real	342,042	19,629	1642.5%	346,477	(414,808)	---
General - Tangible	10,540,445	7,890,317	33.6%	12,988,029	12,248,534	6.0%
Tangible - Motor Vehicle	15,047,143	13,901,050	8.2%	53,548,471	46,200,303	15.9%
Omitted & Delinquent	2,863,445	2,859,621	0.1%	(1,014,573)	894,208	---
Public Service	3,728,850	1,064,987	250.1%	8,441,525	2,343,904	260.1%
Other	52,228	1,802,762	-97.1%	52,299	1,907,469	-97.3%
Inheritance Tax	\$7,553,550	\$4,795,811	57.5%	\$25,279,393	\$22,798,043	10.9%
Miscellaneous	\$2,193,342	\$3,131,152	-30.0%	\$419,490	\$355,435	18.0%
License and Privilege	\$4,475	\$131,654	-96.6%	413,373	554,949	-25.5%
Bank Franchise	\$0	\$0	---	0	(5,946)	---
Legal Process	814,436	769,071	5.9%	2,412,506	2,567,575	-6.0%
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Other	40	0	---	15,367	15,658	-1.9%
Nontax Receipts	\$72,424,865	\$62,364,678	16.1%	\$185,668,827	\$187,874,617	-1.2%
Departmental Fees	1,089,971	1,273,020	-14.4%	2,913,838	2,827,612	3.0%
PSC Assessment Fee	1,166,207	1,240,323	-6.0%	14,396,221	14,400,696	0.0%
Fines & Forfeitures	1,704,709	2,093,477	-18.6%	5,614,420	5,573,309	0.7%
Income on Investments	4,989,225	21,098,389	-76.4%	41,850,057	73,083,660	-42.7%
Lottery	30,000,000	30,000,000	0.0%	84,000,000	84,000,000	0.0%
Miscellaneous	33,474,752	6,659,469	402.7%	36,894,291	7,989,340	361.8%
Redeposit of State Funds	\$8,803	(\$447,382)	---	\$203,509	\$1,975,784	-89.7%

2. ROAD FUND REVENUE

	<u>SEPTEMBER</u> <u>2026</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER</u> <u>2025</u>	<u>% Change</u>	<u>JULY THROUGH SEPTEMBER</u> <u>FY 2027</u>	<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>% Change</u>
TOTAL STATE ROAD FUND	\$150,520,061	\$153,612,946	-2.0%	\$456,708,089	\$482,910,598	-5.4%
Tax Receipts-	\$147,306,532	\$149,837,652	-1.7%	\$446,673,723	\$470,183,688	-5.0%
Sales and Gross Receipts	\$137,211,490	\$139,905,117	-1.9%	\$390,314,336	\$413,088,003	-5.5%
Motor Fuels Taxes	73,229,862	77,264,635	-5.2%	195,953,687	215,944,572	-9.3%
Motor Vehicle Usage	63,890,338	62,574,828	2.1%	194,157,990	196,954,600	-1.4%
EV Charging Station Tax	91,290	65,654	39.0%	202,659	188,831	7.3%
License and Privilege	\$10,095,043	\$9,932,535	1.6%	\$56,359,387	\$57,095,686	-1.3%
Motor Vehicles	6,268,635	5,746,293	9.1%	24,445,167	23,206,117	5.3%
Motor Vehicle Operators	2,405,119	2,861,284	-15.9%	6,229,274	9,051,157	-31.2%
Weight Distance	499,821	411,482	21.5%	23,013,564	22,235,887	3.5%
Truck Decal Fees	10,040	16,360	-38.6%	33,120	35,040	-5.5%
Other Special Fees	911,428	897,117	1.6%	2,638,261	2,567,484	2.8%
Nontax Receipts	\$3,242,149	\$3,694,727	-12.2%	\$9,970,430	\$12,590,982	-20.8%
Departmental Fees	1,866,875	2,340,200	-20.2%	5,774,111	6,343,181	-9.0%
In Lieu of Traffic Fines	15,145	13,980	8.3%	43,060	43,980	-2.1%
Income on Investments	(166,859)	692,989	---	672,271	3,130,226	-78.5%
Miscellaneous	1,121,011	450,739	148.7%	2,146,864	2,485,490	-13.6%
Hybrid/Electric Annual Fee	405,977	196,819	106.3%	1,334,125	588,106	126.9%
Redeposit of State Funds	(\$28,620)	\$80,567	---	\$63,936	\$135,927	-53.0%

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