

Office of State Budget Director

200 Mero Street, 5th Floor Frankfort, Kentucky 40622

Andy Beshear
Governor

(502) 564-7300
Internet: osbd.ky.gov

John Hicks State Budget Director

Governor's Office for Policy and Management Governor's Office for Economic Analysis Governor's Office for Policy Research

For Immediate Release September 11, 2025 Contact: John Hicks

502-564-7300

GENERAL FUND AND ROAD FUND RECEIPTS FOR AUGUST 2025

General Fund receipts increased 7.7 percent, Year-to-Date down 3.7 percent Road Fund receipts declined 3.9 percent, Year-to-Date up 0.4 percent

FRANKFORT, KY – (**Thursday, September 11, 2025**) - State Budget Director John Hicks reported today that General Fund receipts increased 7.7 percent in August compared to last year. Total revenues for the month were \$1,107.7 million, compared to \$1,028.2 million during August 2024. So far this fiscal year, General Fund receipts have decreased 3.7 percent. August collections were aided by increases in the three largest taxes, individual income, sales and use, and the major business taxes.

The official estimate for General Fund revenues in FY26 reflects a decline of 0.3 percent compared to FY25. Receipts would need to grow 0.3 percent during the remainder of the fiscal year to achieve that estimate. The Consensus Forecasting Group (CFG) will meet later this month to officially revise the FY26 revenue estimate in addition to reaching a consensus on the preliminary revenue estimates for Fiscal Years 2027 and 2028.

State Budget Director John Hicks commented: "August General Fund receipts rebounded nicely from the 12.7 percent drop in July. A second consecutive month of strong withholding collections, with year-to-date growth of 12.6 percent, underscores the improvement in Kentucky wages and salaries. Strong wage and salary growth in FY26 has provided the necessary disposable income to reinvigorate the sales tax, which grew only 0.3 percent in FY25 but is up 4.1 percent through the first two months of FY26."

Among the major accounts:

- Individual income tax collections rose 13.0 percent primarily on the strength of withholding receipts. Net returns and pass-through entity revenues fell while declarations and fiduciary revenues were up modestly.
- Sales tax revenues grew 5.8 percent in August and are up 4.1 percent through the first two months of the fiscal year.
- Major business tax collections totaled \$17.7 million for the month, an increase of \$25.9 million compared to prior year totals. However, year-to-date receipts in these accounts are down 73.1 percent, or \$189.5 million.
- Cigarette taxes fell 5.8 percent for the month and have declined 7.0 percent for the year.
- Property taxes fell 18.7 percent in August and have decreased 17.6 percent for the fiscal year. Large swings in receipts are not unusual early in a fiscal year for property tax collections.
- Coal severance tax collections in August fell 28.9 percent to \$4.2 million and are down 15.1 percent through the first two months of the fiscal year.
- Lottery revenues rose 3.8 percent to \$27.5 million in August and are up 3.8 percent through the first two months of FY26.
- Income on investments posted receipts of \$26.9 million, a decline of 19.3 percent compared to the elevated base of \$33.3 million from last August.

Road Fund receipts for August totaled \$157.9 million, a decrease of 3.9 percent from August 2024 levels. Through the first two months of the fiscal year, collections in this fund have grown 0.4 percent. The official Road Fund revenue estimate calls for a 1.4 percent increase in receipts for FY26. Based on year-to-date collections, revenues must grow 1.6 percent for the remainder of the fiscal year to meet the current official estimate, which will also be officially revised when the CFG meets later in September.

Among the accounts:

- Motor fuels tax receipts were flat in August with revenues of \$68.2 million but have declined 3.2 percent for the year. The tax rate dropped 5.0 percent beginning July 2025.
- Motor vehicle usage collections were down 4.3 percent for the month but has grown 3.2 percent for the first two months of the fiscal year.
- License and privilege taxes fell 10.7 percent in August but have grown 8.8 percent year-to-date.

######



KENTUCKY STATE GOVERNMENT REVENUE 1. GENERAL FUND REVENUE

	<u>AUGUST</u>	AUGUST		JULY THROUG		
	2025	2024	% Change	FY 2026	FY 2025	% Change
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$1,107,656,638	\$1,028,167,888	7.7%	\$2,238,750,912	\$2,324,343,235	-3.7%
Tax Receipts	\$1,049,239,818	\$963,760,828	8.9%	\$2,110,817,807	\$2,182,315,100	-3.3%
Sales and Gross Receipts	\$582,160,113	\$553,978,065	5.1%	\$1,165,792,965	\$1,129,112,003	3.2%
Beer Consumption	546,761	489,312	11.7%	1,092,624	1,025,476	6.5%
Beer Wholesale	6,652,848	6,301,996	5.6%	12,946,955	12,574,295	3.0%
Cigarette	22,670,826	24,062,069	-5.8%	42,609,064	45,812,867	-7.0%
Distilled Spirits Case Sales	13,331	19,688	-32.3%	28,612	41,351	-30.8%
Distilled Spirits Consumption	1,191,737	1,555,297	-23.4%	2,551,967	3,362,656	-24.1%
Distilled Spirits Wholesale	4,337,340	5,852,463	-25.9%	9,449,627	12,470,741	-24.2%
Insurance Premium	530,316	1,102,347	-51.9%	548,070	1,303,565	-58.0%
Pari-Mutuel	6,150,608	2,299,811	167.4%	10,184,868	6,042,037	68.6%
Race Track Admission	0	0			0	
Sales and Use	525,090,868	496,234,778	5.8%	1,056,906,408	1,014,841,109	4.1%
Wine Consumption	108,444	243,152	-55.4%	227,661	472,121	-51.8%
Wine Wholesale	760,246	1,574,178	-51.7%	1,552,426	3,013,198	-48.5%
Telecommunications Tax	6,795,327	6,520,329	4.2%	13,418,857	13,023,125	3.0%
Other Tobacco Products	3,115,936	3,656,966	-14.8%	5,915,324	7,376,770	-19.8%
Floor Stock Tax	0	24	-100.0%	(2)	72	7.00/
Car Rental & Ride Sharing	4,195,524	4,065,656	3.2%	8,360,505	7,752,619	7.8%
Natural Resources	\$7,654,734	\$9,234,287	-17.1%	18,245,314	\$18,559,885	-1.7%
Coal Severance	4,201,714	5,912,699	-28.9%	10,129,318	11,928,517	-15.1%
Oil Production	408,956	532,990	-23.3%	662,654	854,009	-22.4%
Minerals Severance	2,656,989	2,620,235	1.4%	6,173,024	5,445,039	13.4%
Natural Gas Severance	387,076	168,363	129.9%	1,280,318	332,321	285.3%
Individual Income Tax	\$417,321,130	\$369,335,595	13.0%	806,021,933	\$710,237,699	13.5%
Withholding	405,387,378	344,674,403	17.6%	785,167,376	697,257,380	12.6%
Declarations	7,375,553	6,213,305	18.7%	15,633,145	12,695,832	23.1%
Net Returns	(2,222,364)	(559,882)		(9,202,624)	(28,317,324)	
Fiduciary	(383,265)	(909,682)		(257,107)	(1,376,196)	
Pass-Through Entity Tax	7,163,829	19,917,451	-64.0%	14,681,143	29,978,007	-51.0%
Major Business Taxes	\$17,675,374	(\$8,249,645)		69,889,835	\$259,423,298	-73.1%
Corporation Income	(35,546,084)	(6,139,149)		(44,218,462)	252,686,213	
LLET	53,221,457	(2,110,497)		114,108,298	6,737,085	1593.7%
Property	\$23,421,561	\$28,822,258	-18.7%	35,641,245	43,233,167	-17.6%
General - Real	31,777	14,881	113.5%	(434,437)	227,563	
General - Tangible	3,551,489	3,477,406	2.1%	4,358,217	4,272,406	2.0%
Tangible - Motor Vehicle	16,371,257	16,942,500	-3.4%	32,299,253	32,983,167	-2.1%
Omitted & Delinquent	2,536,078	6,010,812	<i>-</i> 57.8%	(1,965,413)	3,438,111	
Public Service	930,959	182,489	410.1%	1,278,918	215,491	493.5%
Other	. 0	2,194,170	-100.0%	104,707	2,096,428	-95.0%
Inheritance Tax	\$6,056,066	\$8,893,668	-31.9%	18,002,232	\$17,940,879	0.3%
Missellandeus	(\$E 040 4E0)	¢4 746 604		(0.775.747)	2 000 460	
Miscellaneous	(\$5,049,159)	\$1,746,601		(2,775,717)	3,808,168	15.7%
License and Privilege Bank Franchise	\$123,835 (\$5,946)	\$127,249 (\$69,586)		423,295 (5,946)	365,992 28,954	13.770
Legal Process	832,941	719,618	 15.7%	1,798,504	1,468,215	22.5%
T. V. A. In Lieu Payments	(6,000,000)	969,320	-719.0%	(5,007,227)	1,938,640	22.570
Other	(0,000,000)	909,320	-7 19.076	15,658	6,368	145.9%
Nontax Receipts	\$58,414,051	\$64,234,657	-9.1%	125,509,939	\$141,633,825	-11.4%
Departmental Fees	721,217	706,606	2.1%	1,554,593	2,024,821	-23.2%
PSC Assessment Fee	387,194	770,156	-49.7%	13,160,373	10,874,587	21.0%
Fines & Forfeitures	1,806,195	1,606,507	12.4%	3,479,831	3,173,327	9.7%
Income on Investments	26,887,417	33,324,503	-19.3%	51,985,271	70,898,091	-26.7%
Lottery	27,500,000	26,500,000	3.8%	54,000,000	52,000,000	3.8%
Miscellaneous	1,112,028	1,326,885	-16.2%	1,329,871	2,662,998	-50.1%
Redeposit of State Funds	\$2,768	\$172,403	-98.4%	2,423,166	\$394,311	514.5%

2. ROAD FUND REVENUE

	<u>AUGUST</u> 2025	AUGUST 2024	% Change	JULY THROUGH AUGUST FY 2026 FY 2025		% Change
TOTAL STATE ROAD FUND	\$157,876,127	\$164,355,989	-3.9%	\$329,294,561	\$328,112,063	0.4%
Tax Receipts-	\$153,773,735	\$159,242,639	-3.4%	\$320,342,945	\$316,875,359	1.1%
Sales and Gross Receipts	\$131,931,957	\$134,774,529	-2.1%	\$273,182,885	\$273,527,283	-0.1%
Motor Fuels Taxes	68,207,623	68,183,141	0.0%	138,679,937	143,233,301	-3.2%
Motor Vehicle Usage	63,663,731	66,545,172	-4.3%	134,379,772	130,208,818	3.2%
EV Charging Station Tax	60,603	46,217	31.1%	123,177	85,163	44.6%
License and Privilege	\$21,841,779	\$24,468,109	-10.7%	\$47,160,060	\$43,348,076	8.8%
Motor Vehicles	7,172,494	7,980,514	-10.1%	17,456,733	14,138,785	23.5%
Motor Vehicle Operators	3,157,933	3,081,762	2.5%	6,189,874	5,678,699	9.0%
Weight Distance	10,710,675	12,532,094	-14.5%	21,824,406	21,882,362	-0.3%
Truck Decal Fees	11,120	17,040	-34.7%	18,680	24,660	-24.2%
Other Special Fees	789,557	856,700	-7.8%	1,670,367	1,623,570	2.9%
Nontax Receipts	\$4,022,823	\$5,108,133	-21.2%	\$8,896,255	\$11,150,609	-20.2%
Departmental Fees	1,731,481	2,452,361	-29.4%	4,002,981	5,139,079	-22.1%
In Lieu of Traffic Fines	15,330	18,675	-17.9%	30,000	30,720	-2.3%
Income on Investments	1,621,898	1,794,006	-9.6%	2,437,237	4,308,395	-43.4%
Miscellaneous	463,890	487,112	-4.8%	2,034,750	988,055	105.9%
Hybrid/Electric Annual Fee	190,224	355,980	-46.6%	391,287	684,360	-42.8%
Redeposit of State Funds	\$79,569	\$5,217	1425.2%	\$55,360	\$86,096	-35.7%

An electronic version of this report is available for viewing and downloading in PDF format at the Office of the State Budget Director's web site. To access this report, set your browser to http://www.osbd.ky.gov.