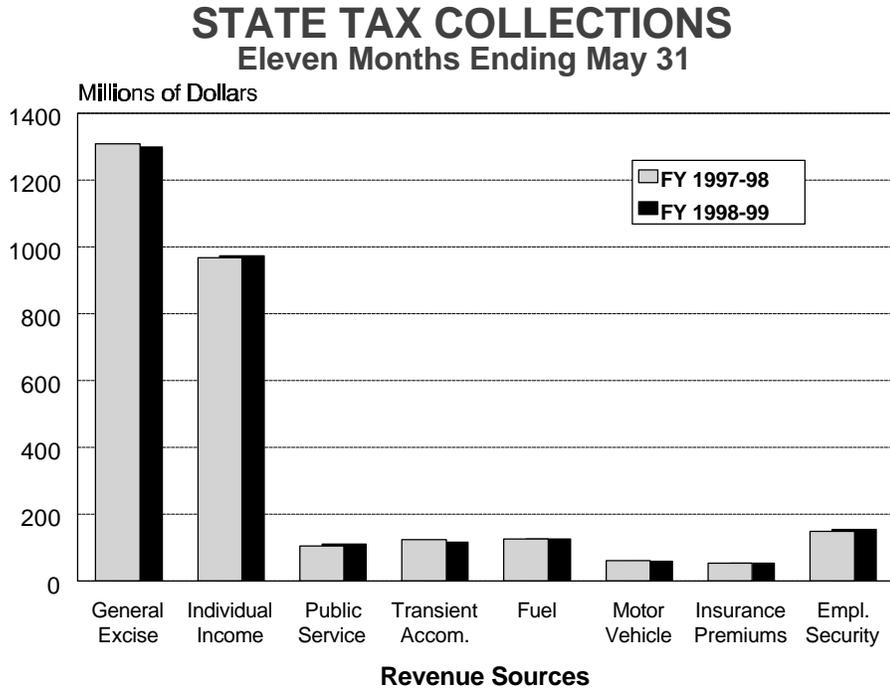


REVENUE TRENDS - MAY 1999

May state tax collections from all revenue sources amounted to \$267.3 million, an increase of \$2.7 million or 1.0% when compared with the previous May. With this increase, cumulative state tax collections for the first eleven months of fiscal 1998-1999 amounted to \$3,024.4 million, which was \$13.5 million or 0.4% more than the amount collected during the corresponding period the previous fiscal year.

General excise and use taxes, the state's largest source of revenue was relatively unchanged in May 1999. The cumulative fiscal year deposits from this source increased \$9.7 million or 0.7% ahead of the previous year's pace.

May revenue from the withholding tax on wages declined \$8.0 million as a result of the reduction of individual income tax rates. In addition, declaration of estimated taxes showed a \$3.8 million decline, mainly because of month-to-month variations. Partially offsetting this decline was a \$1.3 million increase in payment with returns and a \$3.8 million decline in individual income tax refunds. As a result, May 1999 individual income tax revenue was \$6.7 million lower than May 1998 individual income tax revenue. Cumulative general fund deposits of the individual income tax declined 0.6% compared to last year's figure.



May transient accommodations tax (TAT) revenue amounted to \$12.2 million, up from \$9.3 million the previous May. This increase reflects the increase in the TAT rate from 6% to 7.25%.

STATE GENERAL FUND

Tax collections accruing to the state general fund for the month of May totaled \$209.0 million, a decrease of \$2.9 million or 1.4% when compared with the previous May.

The cumulative amount of revenue deposited during the first eleven months of the 1998-1999 fiscal year amounted to \$2,583.5 million, which was \$9.2 million or 0.4% more than the amount deposited during the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year. For the whole fiscal year, the Council on Revenues has projected an increase of 0.5% in general fund revenue.