Quarterly Summary of State and Local Government Tax Revenue for 2016: Q2

INDIVIDUAL INCOME AND CORPORATION NET INCOME DECLINE

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Second quarter 2016 tax revenues for the four largest state and local government tax categories decreased 0.6 percent to $338.2 billion, from $340.4 billion in the same quarter of 2015.1 See category breakouts in Figure 1.

State and local governments collect $99.4 billion in property tax revenue

The estimated total for second quarter 2016 state and local property tax revenue grew 4.2 percent to $99.4 billion (±3.9 billion). This is not statistically different from the $95.4 billion (±3.7 billion) collected in the same quarter of 2015 (see Figure 2). Local governments collected $95.2 billion of total property tax revenue in the second quarter of 2016.

For further information on state and local government tax revenue, please contact Economy-Wide Statistics Division, U.S. Census Bureau at 866-492-0140 or by e-mail at <ewd.qtax@census.gov>.

The data and technical documentation for this release can be found at <www.census.gov/govs/www/qtax.html>.

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1 The estimates for local or state and local totals are subject to sampling error. All estimates are subject to nonsampling errors, which include nonresponse, response, and keying errors. All comparative statements in this report have undergone statistical testing, and unless otherwise noted, all comparisons are statistically significant at the 10 percent significance level.

2 As of the third quarter of 2013, the local nonproperty tax survey (F-73) was redesigned to include only general sales, personal income, and corporate net income taxes. No changes were made to the local property tax survey (F-71).

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Individual income tax collections decline

The second quarter of 2016 saw a slight decline in individual income tax collection. State and local revenue in the second quarter of 2016 was $119.3 billion (±0.5 billion), down 3.0 percent from $122.9 billion (±0.5 billion) in the same quarter of 2015.

General sales tax remains flat

General sales and gross receipts tax revenue was $100.7 billion (±0.6 billion) in the second quarter, up 0.3 percent. This is not statistically different from the $100.4 billion (±0.5 billion) collected in the same quarter of 2015.

Corporation net income tax revenue declines for third straight quarter

Corporation net income tax revenue for the second quarter declined 12.8 percent to $18.9 billion (±0.3 billion), from $21.6 billion (±0.3 billion) in the same quarter of 2015.

STATE TAX COLLECTIONS DECLINE

Total state tax revenue decreased 2.5 percent to $271.0 billion in the second quarter of 2016, from $277.9 billion reported in the same quarter of the prior year. Individual income tax, at $109.3 billion, was down 3.0 percent from the same quarter of 2015. The second largest category of state tax revenue, general sales and gross receipts taxes, accounted for $80.0 billion, virtually unchanged from the same quarter in 2015. At $16.7 billion, corporation net income tax collections went down from $18.6 billion in the same quarter in 2015, a decrease of 10.0 percent.

The majority of the nation’s state tax revenue came from individual income (40.3 percent) and sales and gross receipts (29.5 percent). Figure 3 illustrates the second quarter percentage distribution of state government revenues by tax type for the nation and the four Census regions. In the Northeast, West, and Midwest regions, individual income tax collections accounted for the largest percentage of tax collections with 50.3 percent, 47.4 percent, and 39.2 percent of total tax collections, respectively. In the South, sales and gross receipts taxes was the largest of the tax categories at 40.0 percent.

Total amounts of state tax revenue for the two largest tax subcategories, individual income and general sales and gross receipts, are summarized in Figure 4. Since the third quarter of 2012, income tax collections have been higher than general sales and gross receipts tax collections, especially in the second quarter due to the annual individual tax collection deadline. This trend continues in 2016.