

State of New Jersey

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Revenue Collections Again Reflect Nation's Severe Economic Conditions

TRENTON – State Treasurer David Rousseau announced today that for the second straight month, revenues fell significantly below budget projections, with November's collections coming in about \$200 million under target, following an October shortfall of \$211 million. Collections through the first five months of FY09 total \$10.57 billion, which is \$459 million (-4.2 percent) below estimates for the period.

For November, nearly every major revenue source came in below projections. Among the big three, the Gross Income Tax came in \$61.1 million under projections, while the Sales Tax finished \$73.6 million below targets, and the Corporation Business Tax was \$19 million below budget estimates.

Through the five months ending November 30, Gross Income Tax was \$3.73 billion, which was \$213.7 million (-5.4 percent) under target. Corporation Business Tax collections came in at \$3.35 for the same period, which is \$17.3 million (2.2 percent) below projections. Sales Tax collections totaled \$3.35 billion, finishing \$159 million (-4.5 percent) under year to date targets.

"These revenue numbers paint a sobering picture of how the deepening economic downturn is impacting New Jersey jobs, businesses, personal income and consumer spending," Rousseau said.

After October revenue came in more than \$200 million below projections, Treasurer Rousseau estimated that New Jersey's fiscal year shortfall would reach approximately \$1.2 billion. "November's shortfall raises additional concerns about FY 09. We will look more closely at the current year problem once we get a report on revenues from December, which is one our heaviest collection months of the year," he said.

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REVENUE SOURCE BUDGET VS EARNED FOR THE FIVE MONTHS ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 2008 (\$ Thousands)

	No		ember		Variance		% Variance	
	Budget		Earned		Over/(Under) Budget		Over/(Under) Budget	
Revenue Source	;			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			·	
Gross Income	\$	3,946,000	\$	3,732,270	\$ -	(213,730)	(5.4%)	
Sales		3,514,000		3,354,980		(159,020)	(4.5%)	
Corporation Business		783,000		765,657		(17,343)	(2.2%)	
Lottery		343,400		338,271		(5,129)	(1.5%)	
Motor Fuels		233,800		225,557	• •	(8,243)	(3.5%)	
Motor Vehicle Fees (b)		43,200		7,930	•	(35,270)	(81.6%)	
Transfer Inheritance		293,900		324,159		30,259	10.3%	
Casino Revenue		172,400		159,294		(13,106)	(7.6%)	
Insurance Premium		1,700		8,430		6,730	395.9%	
Cigarette (a)		-		-		· _		
Petroleum Products Gross Receipts		98,500		94,318		(4,182)	(4,2%)	
Corp. Banks & Financial Institutions		22,500		22,966		466	2.1%	
Alcoholic Beverage Excise		30,700		29,944		(756)	(2.5%)	
Realty Transfer		162,900	•	126,929		(35,971)	(22.1%)	
Tobacco Products Wholesale Sales (a) Public Utility		5,800		5,016		(784)	(13.5%)	
Total	\$	9,651,800	\$	9,195,721	\$	(456,079)	(4.7%)	
All Other		1,385,800		1,382,862	-	(2,938)	(0.2%)	
Total Revenues	\$	11,037,600	\$	10,578,583	\$	(459,017)	(4.2%)	

- (a) Pursuant to P.L. 06-37, revenue collections of \$370.0 million from the cigarette and tobacco products wholesale sales taxes are deposited in the Health Care Subsidy Fund starting with fiscal year 2007. Pursuant to P.L. 04-69 \$0.0325 per cigarette is dedicated to pay debt service on the Cigarette Securitization Bonds.
- (b) Pursuant to P.L. 03-13, \$209.4 million of FY 2009 Motor Vehicle Fee collections are dedicated to the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission.

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REVENUE SOURCE BUDGET VERSUS EARNED MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2008 (\$ Thousands)

	NOVEMBER				Variance		% Variance	
Revenue Source		Budget		Earned		ver/(Under) Budget	Over/(Under) Budget	
Gross Income	\$	905,000	\$	843,860	\$	(61,140)	(6.8%)	
Sales		673,000		599,336	•	(73,664)	(10.9%)	
Corporation Business		72,000		52,944		(19,056)	(26.5%)	
Lottery		69,300		68,626		(674)	(1.0%)	
Motor Fuels		43,100		38,903		(4,197)	(9.7%)	
Motor Vehicle Fees (b)		32,900		7,930		(24,970)	(75.9%)	
Transfer Inheritance		57,500		57,192		(308)	(0.5%)	
Casino Revenue		33,600		27,789		(5,811)	(17.3%)	
Insurance Premium		500		4,766		4,266	853.2%	
Cigarette (a)		-		=		- -	-	
Petroleum Products Gross Receipts		19,500		17,435		(2,065)	(10.6%)	
Corp. Banks & Financial Institutions		1,700		(313)		(2,013)	(118.4%)	
Alcoholic Beverage Excise		-		(1,057)		(1,057)	-	
Realty Transfer		32,900		23,203		(9,697)	(29.5%)	
Tobacco Products Wholesale Sales (a)		1,300		719		(581)	(44.7%)	
Public Utility				_		-	-	
Total	\$	1,942,300	\$	1,741,333	\$	(200,967)	(10.3%)	
All Other		277,200		277,102		(98)	(0.0%)	
Total Revenues	\$	2,219,500	\$	2,018,435	\$	(201,065)	(9.1%)	

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY MONTH AND YEAR-TO-DATE CASH COLLECTIONS Fiscal 2009 - November 2008 VERSUS 2007

(\$ Thousands)

 NOVEMBER		%			NOVEMBER - YTD							
 2007		2008	Change			2007		2008	Change			
\$ 567,604	\$	\$	\$	\$	531,860	(6.3%)	Gross Income Tax	\$	3,137,354 \$	\$	3,032,270	(3.3%)
672,845		591,336	(12.1%)	Sales		2,834,450		2,681,980	(5.4%)			
81,343		52,944	(34,9%)	Corporation Business		841,752		765,657	(9.0			
65,960		68,626	· 4.0%	Lottery		352,484		338,271	(4.0)			
48,453		43,103	(11.0%)	Motor Fuels		195,403		182,457	(6.6%)			
-		7,930	-	Motor Vehicle Fees (b)		•		7,930	-			
76,858		57,192	(25.6)	Transfer Inheritance		319,582		324,159	1.4			
34,850		27,789	(20.3)	Casino Revenue		176,721		159,294	(9.9)			
4,781		4,766	(0.3)	Insurance Premium		(7,455)		8,430	213.1			
 -		-	-	Cigarette (a)		-		-	· -			
17,170		16,435	(4.3%)	Petroleum Products Gross Receipts		76,842		74,818	(2.6%)			
(955)		(313)	(67.2%)	Corp. Banks & Financial Institutions		39,343		22,966	(41.6)			
14,262		14,243	(0.1%)	Alcoholic Beverage Excise		29,641		29,944	1.0			
29,645		18,703	(36.9)	Realty Transfer		1,30,800		94,029	(28.1)			
1,105		719	(34.9%)	Tobacco Products Wholesale Sales (a)		4,871		5,016	3.0%			
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\$ 1,613,921	\$	1,435,333	(11.1%)	Total Major Revenues	\$	8,131,788	\$	7,727,221	(5.0%)			
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