

# **Economic Brief**

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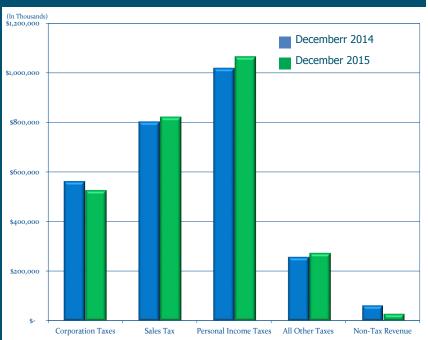
## Pennsylvania Brings in \$2.7 Billion in Revenue Collections

On December 29th the Governor certified an official revenue estimate for the FY 2015-16 equal to \$30.87 billion. The monthly distribution of this estimate will be released in late January. As a result, this economic brief compares monthly revenue collections to the prior year collections. General Fund revenue collections for the month of December were \$2.7 billion. Tax revenue collections grew by 1.8% as compared to December 2014.

The Commonwealth collected \$528 million in Corporate Taxes which is a decrease of 6.3% compared to December 2014. Pennsylvania collected \$824 million in Sales Taxes, which is a growth of 2.5%, and \$1.07 Billion in Personal Income Taxes which is an increase of 4.6%.

Year-to-date revenue collections for FY 2015-16 are \$13.4 billion. Year-to date tax revenue collections have grown by 2.6% as compared to FY 2014-15.

### Dec. 2015 vs. Dec. 2014 Collections



#### **EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS**

November 2015 Monthly Change
+14,000 ↑

Unemployment Rate 5.0% -0.1

Total Employment 6.108 Million +23,000 ↑

#### 12-Month Change

Total Employment +79,000
Unemployment Rate -0.1%

12-Month Unemployment Rates

6.9
6.7
6.5
6.3
6.1
5.9
5.7
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4.9
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Nov-14 Dec-14 Jan-15 Feb-15 Mar-15 May-15 Jun-15 Jul-15 Aug-15 Sep-15 Oct-15 Nov-15

PA Unemployment Rate — National Unemployment Rate

#### Dec. 2015 vs. Dec. 2014 Revenue Collections

December 2014	December 2015	
Total General Fund	Total General Fund	<b></b>
\$2.71 Billion	\$2.72 Billion	
Corporation Taxes	Corporation Taxes	<b>+</b>
\$564 Million	\$528 Million	
Sales Taxes	Sales Taxes	<b></b>
\$804 Million	\$824 Million	
Personal Income Taxes	Personal Income Taxes	<b></b>
\$1.02 Billion	\$1.07 Billion	
All Other Taxes	All Other Taxes	<b></b>
\$259 Million	\$276 Million	
Non-Tax Revenue	Non-Tax Revenue	<b>\</b>
\$63 Million	\$29.2 Million	