

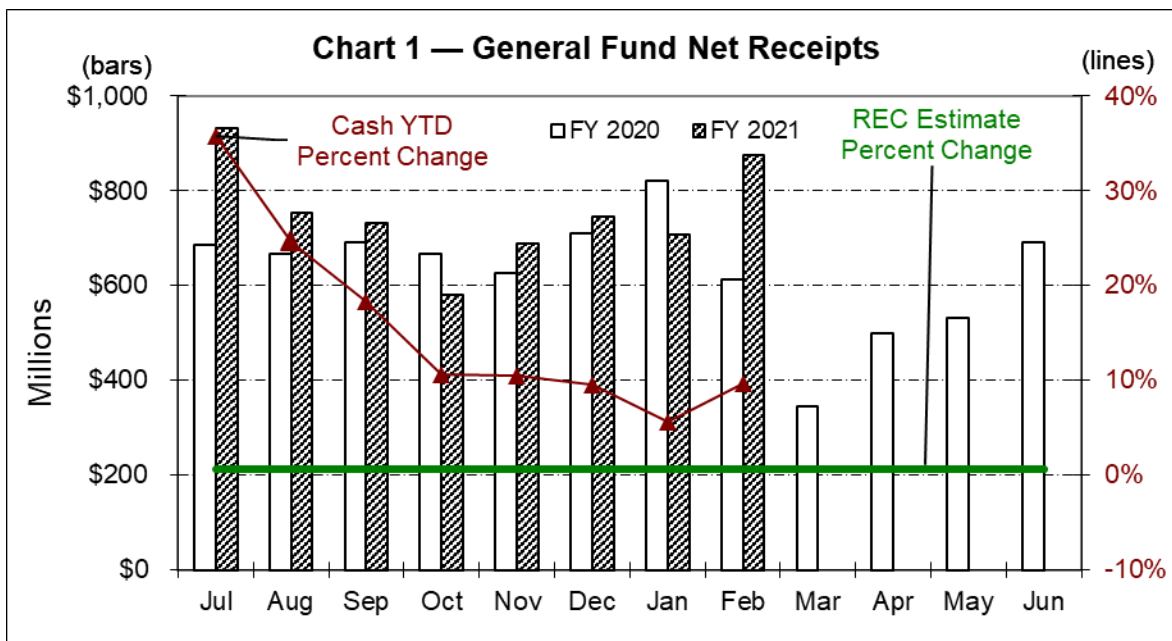
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Monthly General Fund Revenue Receipts Through February 28, 2021

The attached spreadsheet presents FY 2021 General Fund total net receipts with comparable figures for actual FY 2020. The figures can be compared to the FY 2021 estimate of \$7.861 billion set by the Revenue Estimating Conference (REC) on December 11, 2020. The FY 2021 estimate is an increase of \$45.4 million (0.6%) compared to FY 2020 actual receipts (excluding transfers). The next REC meeting has been scheduled for March 19, 2021.



Overview of Current Situation

February 2021 net General Fund revenue was \$261.5 million (42.6%) above the February 2020 revenue level. The increase reflects the result of the quarter-end and annual tax payment due dates falling on the weekend this year, pushing tax payments typically received in January into February 2021. Major sources of revenue and their contributions to the FY 2021 year-to-date revenue change include:

- Personal income tax (positive \$306.8 million, 9.8%).
- Sales/use tax (positive \$105.7 million, 4.7%).

- Corporate tax (positive \$140.6 million, 35.5%).
- Other taxes (negative \$4.5 million, -2.2%).
- Other receipts (negative \$21.2 million, -9.4%).
- Tax refunds not including school infrastructure refunds (positive \$13.4 million).
- School infrastructure sales/use tax refunds (negative \$8.9 million).

Fiscal Year Growth

Table 1 converts year-to-date receipts from a cash year basis to a fiscal year basis.

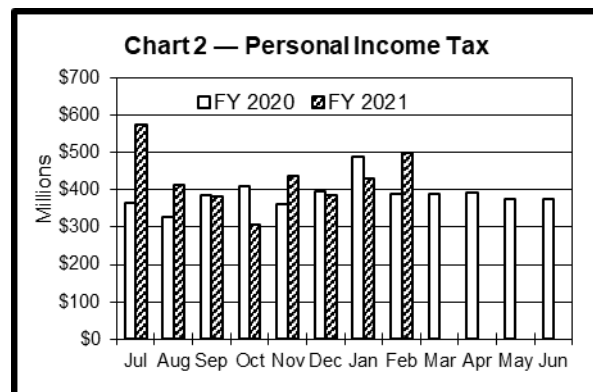
	FY 2020	FY 2021	\$ Difference	% Dif
Net Individual Income	\$ 2,632.0	\$ 2,730.8	\$ 98.8	3.8%
Net Sales/Use	1,638.6	1,736.2	97.6	6.0%
Net Corporate	265.3	364.4	99.1	37.4%
Net Franchise	30.7	11.4	-19.3	-62.9%
Net Inheritance	38.7	47.3	8.6	22.2%
Net Insurance & Other Taxes	96.8	91.3	-5.5	-5.7%
Other Revenue	196.5	180.1	-16.4	-8.3%
Net Revenue	\$ 4,898.6	\$ 5,161.5	\$ 262.9	5.4%

Revenue Categories

Personal Income Tax receipts received in February 2021 totaled \$500.0 million, an increase of \$110.3 million (28.3%) compared to February 2020.

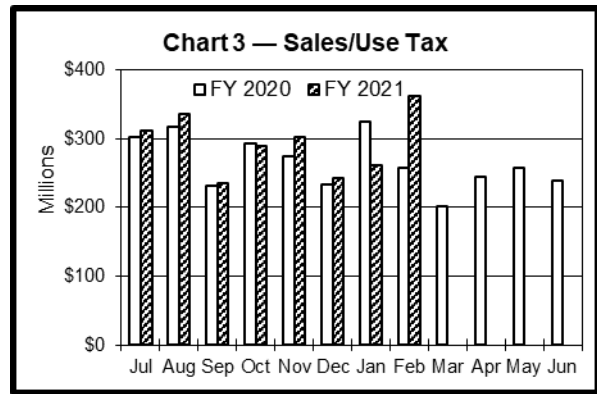
The FY 2021 REC personal income tax estimate of \$5.101 billion represents a projected increase of 9.6% compared to actual FY 2020. Through February 2021, personal income tax receipts increased 9.8%. By subcategory, withholding payments increased \$76.3 million, estimate payments increased \$31.5 million, and payments with returns increased \$199.0 million.

Chart 2 compares FY 2020 and FY 2021 monthly personal income tax receipts. The large increases in July and August of FY 2021 can be attributed to the delayed tax year 2019 tax filing deadlines.



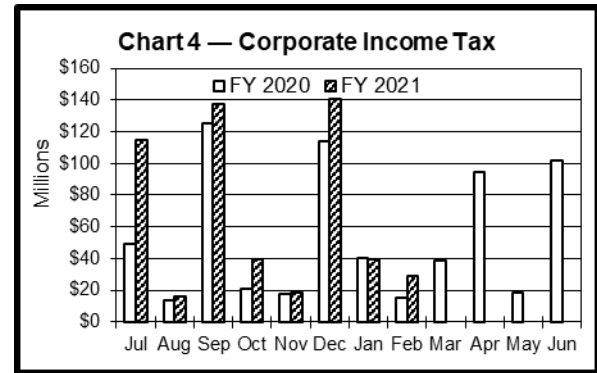
Sales/Use Tax receipts received in February 2021 totaled \$361.6 million, an increase of \$103.7 million (40.2%) compared to February 2020.

The REC estimate for FY 2021 sales/use tax receipts is \$3.274 billion, a projected increase of 3.1% compared to actual FY 2020. Through February 2021, sales/use tax receipts increased 4.7%. **Chart 3** compares FY 2020 and FY 2021 monthly sales/use tax receipts.



Corporate Income Tax receipts received in February 2021 totaled \$28.8 million, an increase of \$13.8 million (92.0%) compared to February 2020.

The REC estimate for FY 2021 corporate income tax revenue is \$812.0 million, a projected increase of 25.2% compared to actual FY 2020. Through February 2021, corporate income tax receipts increased 35.5%. **Chart 4** compares FY 2020 and FY 2021 monthly corporate income tax receipts.



Other Tax receipts received in February 2021 totaled \$28.6 million, an increase of \$3.4 million (13.5%) compared to February 2020.

The REC estimate for FY 2021 other tax revenue is \$324.2 million, a decrease of \$3.4 million (1.0%) compared to actual FY 2020. Through February 2021, other tax receipts decreased 2.2%.

Other Receipts (nontax receipts) received in February 2021 totaled \$27.2 million, a decrease of \$1.4 million (4.9%) compared to February 2020.

The REC estimate for FY 2021 other receipts revenue is \$293.5 million, a projected decrease of 11.5% compared to actual FY 2020. Through February 2021, other receipts decreased 9.4%.

Tax Refunds issued in February 2021 totaled \$34.8 million, a decrease of \$30.3 million compared to February 2020. In addition to regular refunds, school infrastructure refunds totaled \$36.7 million, a decrease of \$1.4 million compared to February 2020.

Status of the Economy

Iowa Nonfarm Employment

was reported at 1,522,500 for the month of December 2020 (not seasonally adjusted), 66,500 (-4.2%) lower than December 2019.

Iowa's 12-month average nonfarm employment is presented as the blue line on **Chart 5**. Iowa's average nonfarm employment peaked in November 2019 at 1,586,200. This figure is 59,900 above the

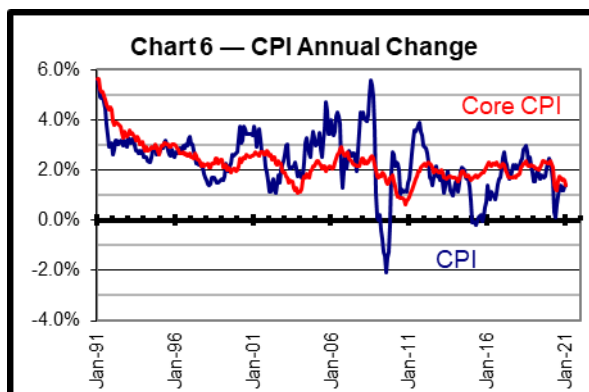
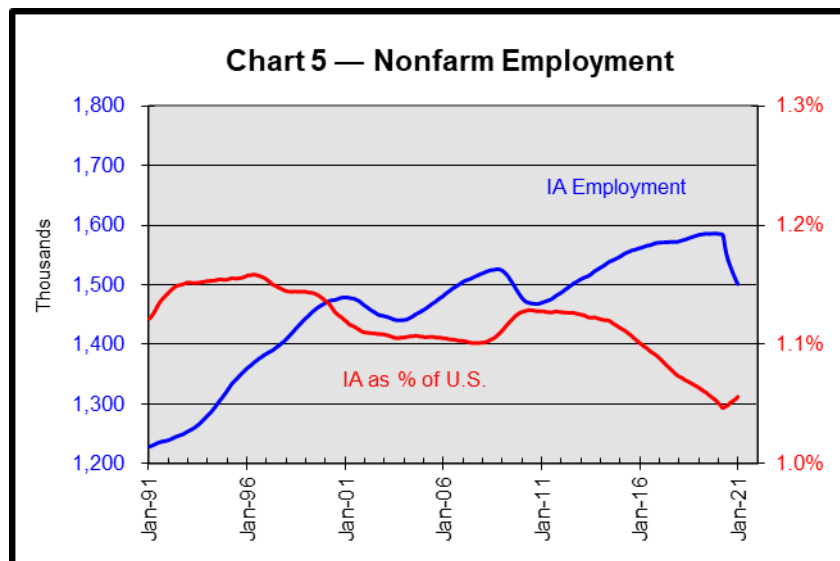
prerecession peak that occurred in October 2008. The current 12-month average reading is 1,501,600, resulting in an annual average Iowa nonfarm employment level that is 84,600 below the November 2019 peak.

The red line on **Chart 5** presents Iowa nonfarm employment as a percent of U.S. nonfarm employment. Iowa's share of U.S. nonfarm employment decreased noticeably from 1999 through 2002, decreased at a much slower pace from 2002 through 2007, and increased from January 2008 through June 2010. Iowa's percentage of U.S. employment is declining as the percentage growth in U.S. employment has exceeded the percentage growth in Iowa employment since June 2010. Iowa's percentage of U.S. employment has increased slightly from its lowest level (March 2020) as U.S. employment fell more in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic response.

The **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** through January 2021 was 261.6 (1983/84=100). Consumer prices increased 0.4% in January 2021 (not seasonally adjusted), and the annual rate of inflation remained at 1.4%.

Core CPI, an inflation measure excluding food and energy expenditures, increased 0.2% in January 2021 and increased 1.4% year-over-year. This is the 10th consecutive month in which the core inflation rate was below 2.0% year-over-year. For the two components excluded from the core inflation rate, energy prices are down 3.6% and food prices are up 3.7% year-over-year.

Further information can be found on the Fiscal Services Division webpages related to [State General Fund Daily Receipts](#) and other [Iowa Economic Trends](#).



GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS					ESTIMATED GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS		
July 1 through February 28 (in millions of dollars)					(in millions of dollars)		
Dollars may not add due to rounding. Percentages calculated using rounded numbers.					FY 2020 Actual Compared to FY 2021 REC Estimate		
	<u>FY 2020</u>	<u>FY 2021</u>	<u>Year-to-Date % Change</u>	<u>February % Change</u>	<u>FY 2020 Actual*</u>	<u>FY 2021 Estimate</u>	<u>Projected % Change</u>
Personal Income Tax	\$ 3,121.1	\$ 3,427.9	9.8%	28.3%	\$ 4,652.0	\$ 5,100.5	9.6%
Sales/Use Tax	2,233.6	2,339.3	4.7%	40.2%	3,176.1	3,274.0	3.1%
Corporate Income Tax	395.6	536.2	35.5%	92.0%	648.7	812.0	25.2%
Inheritance Tax	56.3	61.3	8.9%	66.2%	81.5	85.6	5.0%
Insurance Premium Tax	82.3	78.1	-5.1%	-2.7%	143.5	141.3	-1.5%
Beer/Liquor Tax	9.3	9.3	0.0%	70.0%	9.8	6.5	-33.7%
Franchise Tax	40.0	36.9	-7.8%	-33.3%	67.9	66.0	-2.8%
Miscellaneous Tax	18.7	16.5	-11.8%	-18.6%	24.9	24.8	-0.4%
Total Gross Taxes	\$ 5,956.9	\$ 6,505.5	9.2%	33.6%	\$ 8,804.4	\$ 9,510.7	8.0%
Institutional Payments	\$ 8.2	\$ 4.3	-47.6%	-27.3%	\$ 12.6	\$ 9.2	-27.0%
Liquor Profits	88.6	97.6	10.2%	11.7%	131.9	141.1	7.0%
Interest	10.3	1.5	-85.4%	-88.9%	15.1	3.1	-79.5%
Fees	20.2	18.9	-6.4%	-14.6%	28.4	27.8	-2.1%
Judicial Revenue	54.9	44.0	-19.9%	-13.8%	90.4	63.4	-29.9%
Miscellaneous Receipts	42.2	36.9	-12.6%	14.3%	53.3	48.9	-8.3%
Total Gross Receipts	\$ 6,181.3	\$ 6,708.6	8.5%	32.1%	\$ 9,136.1	\$ 9,804.2	7.3%
Accrued Revenue — Net					307.7	-307.2	
Tax Refunds *	-358.8	-345.4	-3.7%	-46.5%	-1,120.3	-1,101.7	-1.7%
School Infrast. Refunds *	-341.5	-350.4	2.6%	-3.7%	-507.6	-534.0	5.2%
TOTAL NET RECEIPTS	\$ 5,481.0	\$ 6,012.8	9.7%	42.6%	\$ 7,815.9	\$ 7,861.3	0.6%

* For the Year-to-Date section, refunds are presented on a cash year basis.
For FY 2020 Actual and FY 2021 Estimate, refunds are presented on a fiscal year basis.
The FY 2020 Actual column is final.