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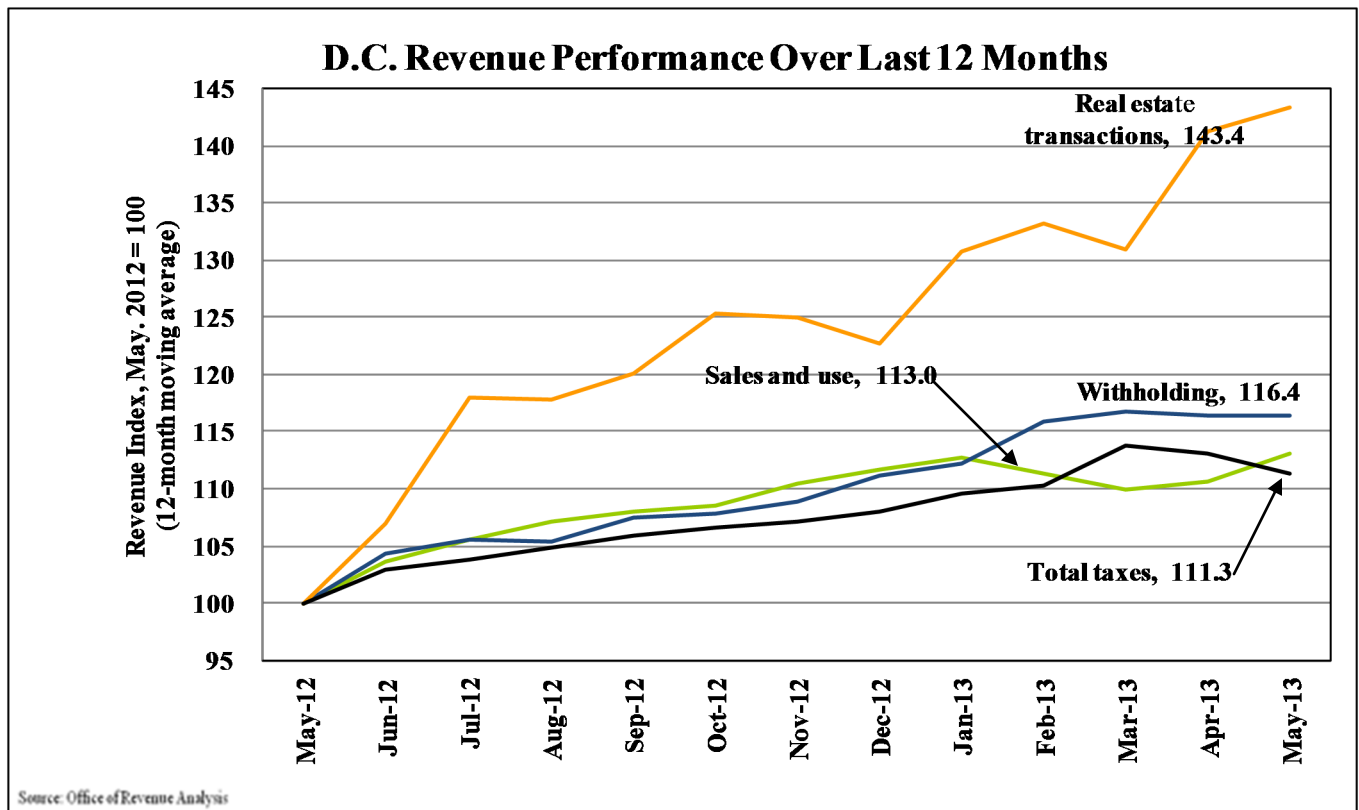
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Tax collections show growth

- The twelve-month moving average of total tax collections for May increased 11.3 percent over the same period last year. This was mainly due to strong growth in collections for the sales and use and real estate transactions taxes in May. However, the strong sales tax collections growth is largely attributed to changes in the timing of processing of this tax over the past several months compared to the same period last year.
- Withholding tax collections during the twelve-month period ending May 2013 grew by 16.4 percent over the previous year. Strong wages and salaries growth in the District continues to be the main source of growth for withholding tax collections.
- Sales tax collections for the twelve month-period ending in May were 13.0 percent higher relative to the same period last year. Again, much of this increase is due to changes in the timing of processing.
- The twelve-month period moving average of real estate transactions tax collections for May grew by about 43.4 percent compared to the same period of the previous year due to the strength of the real estate market in the District.

Collections by Revenue Source

May YTD Tax Collections by Source: 2013 vs. 2012 (\$ '000)

	May 2013	May 2012	Percent change
TOTAL TAX COLLECTIONS	3,695,039	3,344,899	10.5
Property	992,341	940,117	5.6
Real Property Tax	980,053	932,333	5.1
Personal Property Tax and Public Space Rental	12,288	7,784	57.9
Real Property Transactions	222,589	182,053	22.3
Deed Recordation Tax	129,998	93,775	38.6
Deed Transfer Tax	88,371	67,468	31.0
Economic Interest Tax	4,220	20,464	-79.4
Sales	820,776	770,060	6.6
General Sales and Use Tax	749,372	706,823	6.0
Excise Taxes	71,404	63,237	12.9
Income	1,410,552	1,195,375	18.0
Individual Income Tax	1,108,012	909,104	21.9
Corporate Franchise Tax	194,168	177,259	9.5
U.B. Franchise Tax	108,372	109,012	-0.6
Gross Receipts and Estate	248,781	257,639	-3.4
Gross Receipts Taxes	220,044	220,501	-0.2
Estate Tax	28,736	37,137	-22.6

Property Taxes. Real property tax collections, fiscal year to date, are 5.1 percent above the same period last year, reflecting first half real property tax payments that were due on March 31. This is in line with the estimate and reflects the growth in real property assessments completed at the end of calendar year 2011.

Real Property Transactions Taxes. May fiscal year to date real property transaction taxes collections were up 22.3 percent over May 2012. Deed recordation tax collections increased by 38.6 percent year to date, while collections for the deed transfer tax increased by 31.0 percent. The strong growth in the real estate transactions taxes in recent months reflects the strong real estate market activity in the District of Columbia.

General Sales and Use Tax. May fiscal year to date general sales and use tax collections were up by 6.0 percent compared to the same period last year. The year to date growth in general sales and use tax collections through

May reverses a slight decline in collections during the early months of the current calendar year. The fluctuations in growth pattern seen over the past few months largely reflects changes in the timing of processing rather than fluctuations in economic activity. The year to date growth through May is in line with expectations.

Excise Taxes. Fiscal year to date excise tax collections through May grew by 12.9 percent compared to the same period last year. Higher motor vehicle excise tax collections are the main source of the strong overall excise tax growth.

Income Taxes. May fiscal year to date individual income tax collections grew 21.9 percent over the same period last year. The withholding tax portion grew 13.0 percent, while non-withholding grew by almost 133.0 percent. Final payments were due in April, so the current performance of non-withholding tax collections is mainly a result of the strong performance of the stock market in the previous year.

May fiscal year to date corporate franchise tax collections increased by 9.5 percent, compared to that of May of a year earlier, while unincorporated business tax collections were down a mere 0.6 percent.

Gross Receipts Taxes. Overall, fiscal year to date gross receipts tax collections in May were up by 0.2 percent. Public utilities collections were up by 3.6 percent. Toll telecommunications were down by 1.3 percent and insurance premiums collections were down by 12.2 percent. The sharp decline of insurance premiums collections in May, as well as the one in April are most likely due to changes in the timing of processing the collections.

Non-Tax Revenues. May fiscal year to date non-tax revenue collections were up by 8.4 percent relative to a year earlier. Collections from automated enforcement show a significant increase of 34.5 percent over the same period last year. Meanwhile, traffic fines dropped 15.3 percent. Collections in "other" fines and forfeitures remained, basically, the same as the year before. But, non-tax receipts tend to be lumpy—receipts are high in some months and very low in other months—so current performance of this revenue source does not reflect the likely performance for the entire fiscal year.

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