



District of Columbia Cash Collections Report

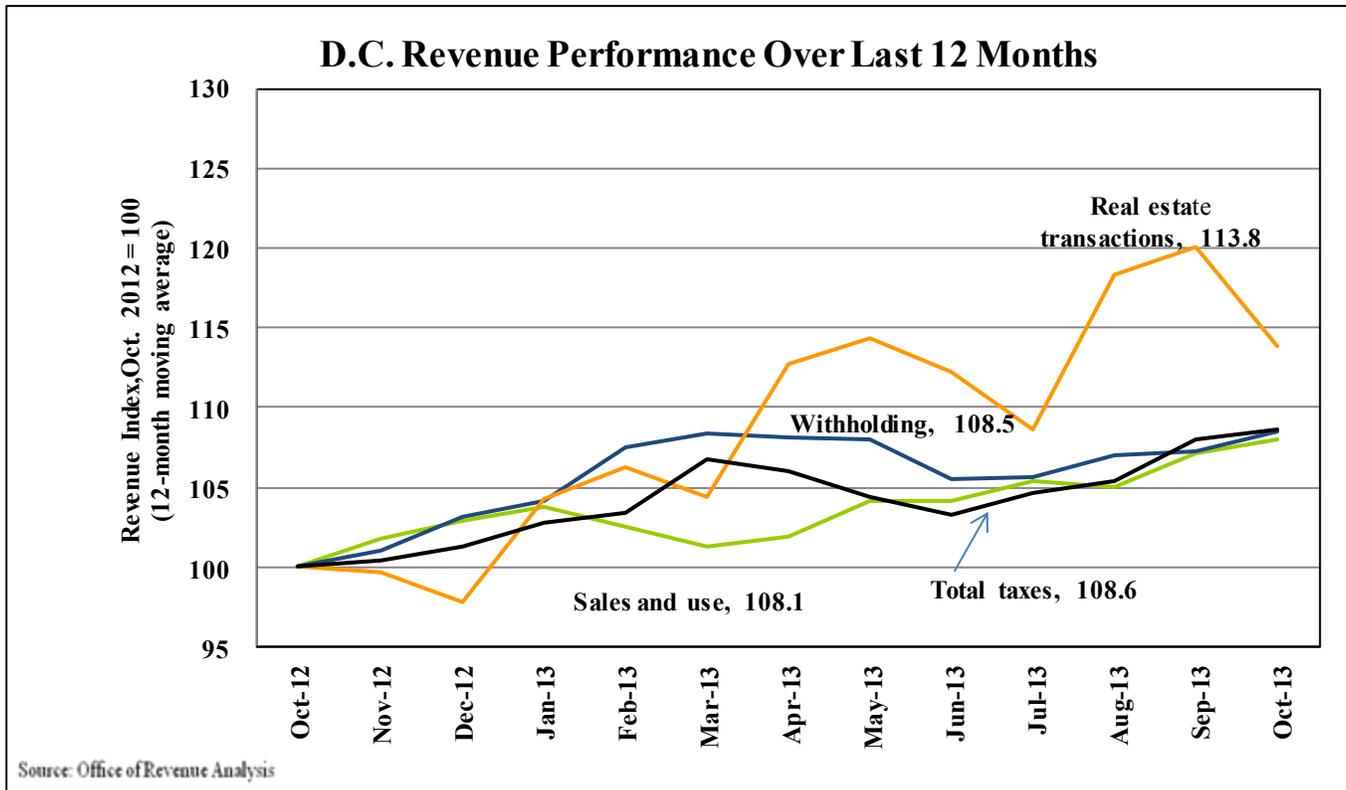
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Highlights

- The twelve-month moving average of total tax collections, during the first month of fiscal year 2014 (October 2013) increased 8.6 percent over the same period last year. The strong pace of growth in the October total collections is a reversal of the most recent trends, where growth in tax receipts slowed over the summer, perhaps the inevitable consequence of the federal sequestration. Still, with only one month of tax collections it is too early to say whether the growth in tax collections have picked up once more.
- Withholding tax collections during the first month of the current fiscal year grew by 8.5 percent over the previous year.
- Sales tax collections for the month of October were 8.1 percent higher compared to the same period last year.
- The real estate transactions tax collections for October grew by about 13.8 percent compared to the same period last year.

Collections by Revenue Source

Oct. YTD Tax Collections by Source: FY 2014 vs. FY 2013 (\$ '000)

	October 2013	October 2012	Percent change
TOTAL TAX COLLEC- TIONS	320,328	309,848	3.4
Property	19,686	21,418	-8.1
Real Property Tax	17,313	18,272	-5.2
Personal Property Tax and Public Space Rental	2,373	3,146	-24.6
Real Property Transac- tions	26,058	30,188	-13.7
Deed Recordation Tax	15,913	17,530	-9.2
Deed Transfer Tax	6,472	12,620	-48.7
Economic Interest Tax	3,673	38	9657.1
Sales	113,785	107,620	5.7
General Sales and Use Tax	108,091	100,723	7.3
Excise Taxes	5,694	6,897	-17.4
Income	141,875	131,542	7.9
Individual Income Tax	129,203	115,985	11.4
Corporate Franchise Tax	9,216	9,475	-2.7
U.B. Franchise Tax	3,456	6,083	-43.2
Gross Receipts and Estate	18,924	19,077	-0.8
Gross Receipts Taxes	17,489	18,130	-3.5
Estate Tax	1,435	947	-51.5

Property Taxes. Real property tax collections, fiscal year to date, are 5.2 percent below the same period last year. Note, however, that the first installment of property tax payments are not due until March, so this is not an indicator of likely real property tax growth for the fiscal year.

Real Property Transactions Taxes. October real property transaction taxes collections were down 13.7 percent over October 2012. Deed recordation tax collections decreased by 9.2 percent year to date, while collections for the deed transfer tax decreased by 48.7 percent. Again, we should not attach too much significance to the one-month performance as this is a very volatile revenue source, where one valuable property sale can cause big swings in collections.

General Sales and Use Tax. October general sales and use tax collections were up by 7.3 percent compared to the same period last year. This is a rebound from slowing growth over the summer, but it is too early to say whether this trend will be sustained for the fiscal year.

Excise Taxes. Fiscal year to date excise tax collections through October dropped by 17.4 percent compared to the same period last year, due mostly to lower cigarette and motor vehicle excise tax collections.

Income Taxes. October fiscal year to date individual income tax collections grew 11.4 percent over the same period last year. The withholding tax portion grew 16.1 percent, while non-withholding fell by almost 36.2 percent. The first estimated payments for the fiscal year are not due until January, so the current performance of non-withholding tax collections is not an indicator of likely performance for the fiscal year.

October fiscal year to date corporate franchise tax collections decreased by 2.7 percent, compared to that of October of a year earlier, while unincorporated business tax collections decreased by 43.2 percent. Tax payments for business tax filers are not due until March of next year. As for the individual income tax, the October performance is not a good indicator of likely performance for the fiscal year.

Gross Receipts Taxes. Overall, fiscal year to date gross receipts tax collections in October were down by 3.5 percent. Public utilities collections were up by 7.5 percent. Toll telecommunications were down by 16.8 percent.

Non-Tax Revenues. October non-tax revenue collections (including lottery and special purpose funds) were down by 6.0 percent relative to a year earlier. Collections from automated enforcement show a decrease of 116.1 percent over the same period last year. Meanwhile, traffic fines dropped 128.1 percent. This mainly is due to policy changes regarding reducing rates on some traffic fines that went into effect at the beginning of fiscal year 2014. Collections in "other" fines and forfeitures were up by 93.0 percent relative to the year before. Collections of non-tax revenues are bulky in general and delay in processing is also perceived to be the primary reason for the decrease in collections of fines and forfeitures in October.

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