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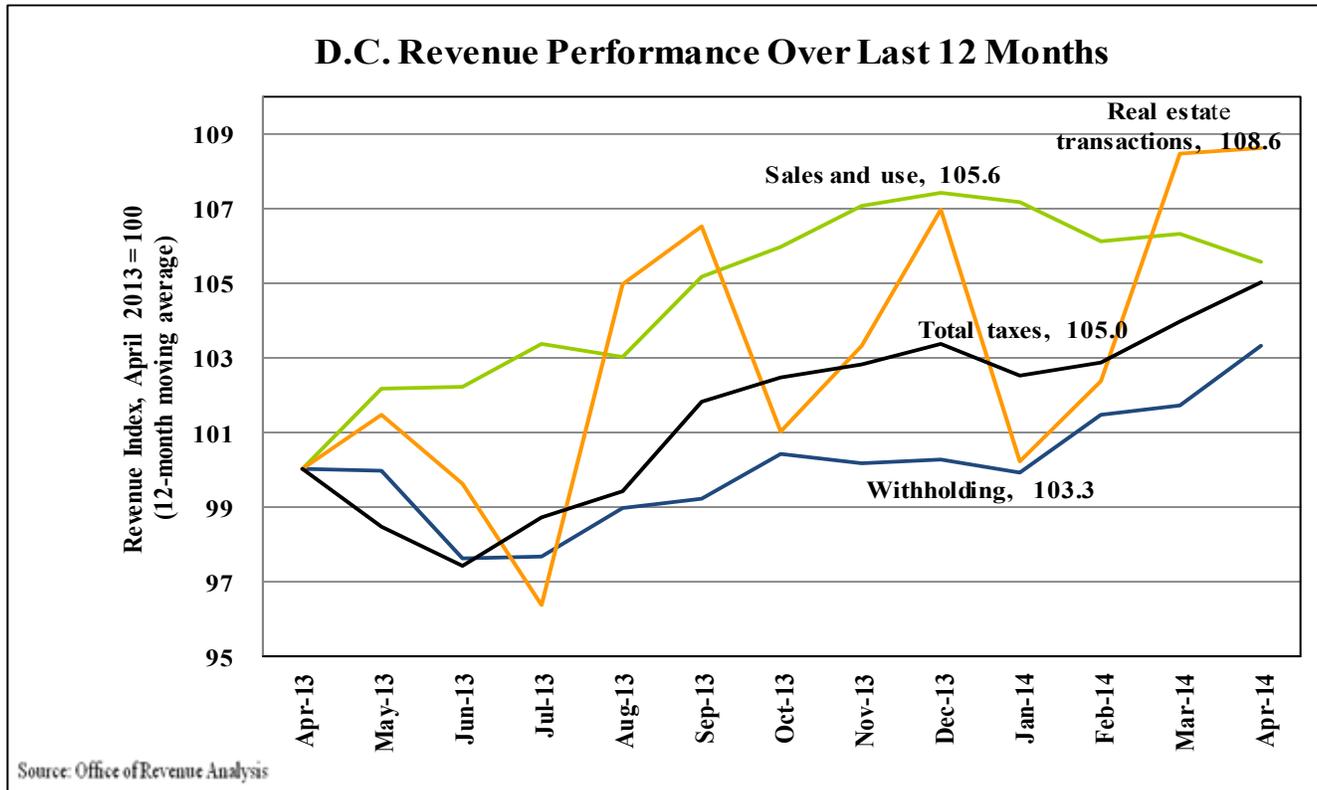
# District of Columbia Cash Collections Report

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## Highlights

- The twelve-month moving average of total tax collections in April 2014 increased 5.0 percent over the same period last year. Strong growth in withholding, sales, and real estate transactions taxes collections drove growth in the total tax collections for April.
- Withholding tax collections for April grew by 3.3 percent over the previous year. The influx of mostly younger, high income new residents continues to drive the growth in the withholding tax collections.
- Sales tax collections for the month of April were 5.6 percent higher compared to the same period last year. However, its growth has slowed over the last several months, partly because of colder than usual weather last winter, and partly because collections are compared to last year's which were unusually high because of the Presidential Inauguration.
- Real estate transactions tax collections for April grew by about 8.6 percent compared to the same period last year. As the graph shows, collections for this revenue source is highly volatile, but nonetheless has added this year, on net, to the District's bottom line.

# Collections by Revenue

## April YTD Tax Collections by Source: FY2014 vs. FY2013 (\$ '000)

	April 2014	April 2013	Percent change
<b>TOTAL TAX COLLEC- TIONS</b>	<b>3,350,118</b>	<b>3,357,129</b>	<b>-0.2</b>
<b>Property</b>	<b>990,570</b>	<b>989,843</b>	<b>0.1</b>
Real Property Tax	980,721	977,701	0.3
Personal Property Tax and Public Space Rental	9,849	12,142	-18.9
<b>Real Property Transac- tions</b>	<b>222,140</b>	<b>192,206</b>	<b>15.6</b>
Deed Recordation Tax	118,708	109,174	8.7
Deed Transfer Tax	84,930	78,811	7.8
Economic Interest Tax	18,502	4,220	338.4
<b>Sales</b>	<b>700,257</b>	<b>702,877</b>	<b>-0.4</b>
General Sales and Use Tax	643,144	640,805	0.4
Excise Taxes	57,113	62,072	-8.0
<b>Income</b>	<b>1,231,471</b>	<b>1,276,752</b>	<b>-3.6</b>
Individual Income Tax	978,294	984,921	-0.7
Corporate Franchise Tax	169,165	189,315	-10.6
U.B. Franchise Tax	84,012	102,516	-18.0
<b>Gross Receipts and Es- tate</b>	<b>205,680</b>	<b>195,451</b>	<b>5.2</b>
Gross Receipts Taxes	187,819	170,084	10.4
Estate Tax	17,861	25,367	-29.6

**Property Taxes.** Real property tax collections, fiscal year to date, are only 0.3 percent above the same period last year. This growth is weaker than expected, but may have more to do with the timing of the processing of payments rather than a real decline in collections.

**Real Property Transactions Taxes.** April fiscal year to date real property transaction taxes collections were up 15.6 percent over April 2013. Deed recordation tax collections increased by 8.7 percent year to date and collections for the deed transfer tax increased by 7.8 percent. At the same time, economic interest tax collections were up by 338.4 percent relative to April 2013.

**General Sales and Use Tax.** April fiscal year to date general sales and use tax collections were down slightly (by 0.4 percent) compared to the same period last year. As noted in the previous page, slower sales

tax collections growth is due to the colder than usual winter this year as well as an artifact of unusually high sales tax collections last year because of the residential Inauguration .

**Excise Taxes.** Fiscal year to date excise tax collections through April dropped by 8.0 percent compared to the same period last year, due mostly to much lower cigarette and motor vehicle excise tax collections.

**Income Taxes.** April fiscal year to date individual income tax collections dropped slightly (by 0.7 percent) over the same period last year. The withholding tax portion grew 6.9 percent, while non-withholding decreased by 41.2 percent. The sharp decline in non-withholding is driven largely by lower capital gains in 2013 as taxpayers shifted capital gains income from calendar year 2013 to 2012 in anticipation of higher tax rates as the Bush era tax cuts were set to expire.

April fiscal year to date corporate franchise tax collections decreased by 10.6 percent, compared to that of April of a year earlier, while unincorporated business tax collections decreased by 18.0 percent. Although tax payments for business tax filers were due in March, the decline in collections may have been due to the timing of the processing.

**Gross Receipts Taxes.** Overall, fiscal year to date gross receipts tax collections in April were up by 10.4 percent. Insurance premiums were up by 39.2 percent. Public utilities collections were up by 13.1 percent and toll telecommunications were down by 3.8 percent.

**Non-Tax Revenues.** April fiscal year to date non-tax revenue collections were down slightly, by 9.5 percent relative to a year earlier. Collections from automated traffic enforcement (ATE) show a decrease of 67.1 percent over the same period last year while traffic fines increased 4.3 percent. The sharp decrease in capital gains is due to delays in implementing planned ATE equipment.

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