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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governor Paul R. LePage<br>Members, Legislative Council<br>Members, Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs<br>Members, Joint Standing Committee on Taxation<br>FROM: Acting Commissioner Alec Porteous<br>Department of Administrative and Financial Services<br>DATE: $\quad$ October 17, 2017<br>SUBJECT: Revenues - September

September General Fund revenues were over budget by $\$ 20.7$ million or 5.8 percent. For the first quarter of fiscal year 2018, General Fund revenues are $\$ 33.7$ million over budget ( +3.8 percent). Compared to the same three-month period of last fiscal year, fiscal year 2018 General Fund revenues are up by 2.6 percent ( $+\$ 23.3$ million).

August taxable sales (September revenue) increased 3.5 percent over a year ago. For the month, sales and use and service provider taxes, combined, were under budget by $\$ 0.650$ million. Maine automobile dealers experienced weak sales growth over last August, growing 1.3 percent. This is consistent with national reports for August unit sales, and well below the growth reported in the previous three months. Tourism-related sales, specifically those tied to restaurants and lodging, both increased, 3.2 percent and 3.7 percent, respectively. For the three-month period ending in August, restaurant and lodging increased by 3.7 percent and $5.8 \%$, respectively. Building supply $(+9.0$ percent) and general merchandise ( +8.5 percent) were other areas with strong year-over-year results in August. Some of the growth in lodging and general merchandise sales is attributable to new taxpayers who began collecting and remitting Maine sales and use tax in April.

Individual income tax revenues were over budget in September by $\$ 8.5$ million. Withholding and estimated payments accounted for most of the monthly surplus, $\$ 4.4$ and $\$ 4.6$ million, respectively. Withholding growth has averaged in excess of 5 percent for the last two calendar quarters. The third estimated payment of 2017 was due on September 15 and increased 2.8 percent over a year ago; the forecast was for a decrease of 4.4 percent. The final estimated payment due on January 15 will
provide the most information on non-wage income growth during 2017, and will be a good indicator of what final payments will look like when returns are filed next April. Non-wage income during the final quarter of 2016 may be influenced by discussions in Washington of federal tax reform.

Corporate income tax payments exceeded budget by $\$ 7.7$ million in September, and are now $\$ 10.2$ million over budget for the fiscal year. Estimated payments were over budget for the month by $\$ 5.2$ million. Most calendar year filers make their third estimated payment of the fiscal year in September. A strong third estimated payment is a good indicator of profitability, but similar to individual income tax, the final payment due December 15 will provide more definitive information on profitability for the entire tax year.

Conformity to federal changes in due dates of payments has complicated the interpretation of the flow of payments from corporations, therefore some of the year-to-date positive variance may be a timing issue that could result in negative variances over the coming months.

## Sales and Use Taxes

Revenue was $\$ 0.716$ million under budget for the month and $\$ 3.9$ million over budget for the fiscal year. Revenue was $\$ 20.6$ million or 5.2 percent over prior fiscal year-to-date collections.

## Taxable Sales

Total taxable sales for the month of August (September revenue) were 3.5 percent over August 2016. The annual rate of change, excluding utilities, was 4.5 percent. Building supply sales were up 9.0 percent for the month and 2.9 percent for the year ending in August. Sales of taxable items in food stores were up 4.4 percent for the month and 9.7 percent for the year. General merchandise sales (primarily sales of goods sold in large department and discount stores) were up 8.5 percent for the month and 5.6 percent for the year. Sales in other retail stores such as jewelry, drug, sporting goods, book, antique, pet, photo, toy, and craft stores were up 5.2 percent for the month and 5.8 percent for the year. Auto/transportation sector sales were up 1.3 percent for the month and 3.3 percent for the year. Sales of meals and other prepared foods were up 3.2 percent for the month and 3.9 percent for the year. Lodging sales were up 3.7 percent for the month and 9.1 percent for the year. Business operating sales (primarily use tax paid by businesses) were up 2.9 percent for the month and 2.9 percent for the year.

## Service Provider Tax

Revenue was on budget for the month and is now $\$ 0.743$ million over budget for the fiscal year. Revenue is $\$ 0.7$ million or -4.3 percent under prior fiscal year-to-date collections.

## Individual Income Tax

Revenue was $\$ 8.5$ million or 5.5 percent over budget for the month and $\$ 18.7$ million or 5.1 percent over budget fiscal year-to-date. Fiscal year-to-date withholding payments were 4.5 percent over fiscal year 2017. Estimated payments were up 5.6 percent and final payments were down 5.1 percent fiscal year-to-date.

## Corporate Income Tax

Revenue was $\$ 7.7$ million or 24.9 percent over budget for the month and $\$ 10.2$ million or 25 percent over budget fiscal year-to-date. Estimated payments were up 10.5 percent and final payments were up 27.1 percent fiscal year-to-date. Revenue was $\$ 7.5$ million or 17.2 percent over prior fiscal year-to-date collections.

## Cigarette and Tobacco Taxes

Cigarette and tobacco products tax revenue was $\$ 1.2$ million over budget for the month and $\$ 6.7$ million or 17.8 percent under budget fiscal year-to-date. Fiscal year-to-date revenue was $\$ 7.4$ million or 19.2 percent under prior fiscal year-to-date collections.

## Insurance Companies Taxes

The Insurance Companies Taxes were $\$ 1.8$ million under budget for the month and $\$ 2$ million under budget fiscal year-to-date.

## Estate Tax

The estate tax was $\$ 2.2$ million over budget for the month and $\$ 1.9$ million over budget fiscal year-to-date.

## Property Tax Relief Programs

Refunds for the Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement (BETR) and Business Equipment Tax Exemption (BETE) programs were under budget in September by $\$ 3.2$ million and are now $\$ 4.6$ million under budget year-to-date.

## Municipal Revenue Sharing

Revenue sharing was over budget in September by $\$ 0.067$ million and for the first three months of the fiscal year by $\$ 0.804$ million.

## Lottery

Lottery revenues were over budget for the month by $\$ 0.8$ million and are now over budget for the fiscal year by $\$ 2$ million.

## Other Revenues

Other Revenues were under budget for the month by $\$ 0.11$ million. For the fiscal year, other revenues are over budget by $\$ 0.54$ million or 6 percent.

## Highway Fund

Motor fuel excise tax receipts were over budget in September by $\$ 0.206$ million. The Highway Fund, as a whole, was over budget for the month by $\$ 0.6$ million ( +2.4 percent). For the first three months of the fiscal year, motor fuel excise tax revenues are under budget by $\$ 2.7$ million and total Highway Fund receipts are under budget by $\$ 1.2$ million.

## National Economy

With the third quarter of 2017 complete, economists are now updating their estimates of that quarter's growth. Moody's Analytics now puts third quarter GDP growth at approximately 3.3 percent. Moody's has cautioned that this estimate does not fully account for the economic impact caused by the major hurricanes that struck the southern United States and Caribbean territories. History shows that the initial impact of natural disasters is negative by as much as 0.5 percentage points. If that average impact holds true for the recent hurricanes it will still leave third quarter GDP growth in the upper 2 percent range, with the potential for 3 percent growth in the final quarter of 2017.

## Maine Economy

The Consensus Economic Forecasting Commission (CEFC) and the Revenue Forecasting Committee (RFC) met jointly last month for their annual "summer retreat". The first part of the meeting consisted of updates on the economies of the United States and Maine from the State Economist, current labor market conditions from the Maine Department of Labor, and year-end FY17 revenues and current FY18 revenues from the Maine Revenue Services' Office of Tax Policy.

The second part of the meeting centered on legislative changes affecting both committees and planning for the fall and spring forecasting exercises. The CEFC will meet on October 27 in the Transportation Committee room to update their April 1 economic forecast, and the RFC will meet on November 27 to update their May 1 revenue forecast.

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Attachments

cc: John McGough<br>Aaron Chadbourne<br>Nick Adolphsen<br>Grant Pennoyer<br>Chris Nolan<br>Marc Cyr<br>Amanda Rector<br>Jim Breece<br>Jerome Gerard<br>Melissa Gott

STATE OF MAINE
Undedicated Revenues - General Fund
For the Third Month Ended September 30, 2017
For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018
Comparison to Budget


NOTES: (1) Included in the above is $\$ 5,579,574$ for the month and $\$ 16,980,297$ year to date, that was set aside for Revenue Sharing with cities and towns.
(2) Figures reflect estimates of the Maine State Revenue Forecasting Committee approved in May 2017 and laws enacted through the $128^{\text {th }}$ Legislature, 1st Regular Session
(3) This report has been prepared from preliminary month end figures and is subject to change

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Undedicated Revenues - General Fund
For the Third Month Ended September 30, 2017 and 2016
For the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2018 and 2017
Comparison to Prior Year

|  | Month |  |  |  | Year to Date |  |  |  |
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|  | Current Year | Prior Year | $\begin{gathered} \text { Variance } \\ \text { Over/(Under) } \end{gathered}$ | Percent Over/(Under) | Current Year | Prior Year | $\begin{gathered} \text { Variance } \\ \text { Over/(Under) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Percent } \\ \text { Over/(Under) } \end{gathered}$ |
| Sales and Use Tax | 142,711,401 | 137,686,457 | 5,024,944 | $3.6 \%$ | 420,504,468 | 399,905,608 | 20,598,860 | 5.2\% |
| Service Provider Tax | 4,968,159 | 4,783,425 | 184,733 | $3.9 \%$ | 15,443,386 | 16,131,169 | $(687,783)$ | (4.3\%) |
| Individual Income Tax | 162,950,637 | 167,361,208 | $(4,410,571)$ | (2.6\%) | 382,617,019 | 370,936,626 | 11,680,392 | 3.1\% |
| Corporate Income Tax | 38,708,805 | 31,440,376 | 7,268,429 | 23.1\% | 51,144,652 | 43,621,375 | 7,523,277 | 17.2\% |
| Cigarette and Tobacco Tax | 13,225,407 | 13,674,063 | $(448,656)$ | (3.3\%) | 31,020,846 | 38,379,829 | $(7,358,983)$ | (19.2\%) |
| Insurance Companies Tax | 324,932 | 2,179,102 | $(1,854,170)$ | (85.1\%) | 358,400 | 2,397,095 | $(2,038,695)$ | (85.0\%) |
| Estate Tax | 3,237,477 | 1,018,859 | 2,218,618 | 217.8\% | 4,991,689 | 6,229,696 | $(1,238,007)$ | (19.9\%) |
| Fines, Forfeits \& Penalties | 1,391,746 | 1,614,011 | $(222,265)$ | (13.8\%) | 4,714,281 | 5,080,672 | $(366,391)$ | (7.2\%) |
| Income from Investments | 411,889 | 224,102 | 187,788 | 83.8\% | 864,536 | 466,079 | 398,457 | 85.5\% |
| Transfer from Lottery Commission | 5,956,361 | 4,722,297 | 1,234,064 | 26.1\% | 16,455,414 | 14,538,947 | 1,916,467 | 13.2\% |
| Transfers for Tax Relief Programs | $(2,800,138)$ | $(3,033,880)$ | 233,742 | 7.7\% | $(4,361,438)$ | $(3,027,973)$ | $(1,333,465)$ | (44.0\%) |
| Transfer to Municipal Revenue Sharing | $(5,579,574)$ | $(5,257,332)$ | $(322,242)$ | (6.1\%) | $(16,980,297)$ | $(15,643,188)$ | $(1,337,110)$ | (8.5\%) |
| Other Taxes and Fees | 8,684,895 | 10,156,028 | $(1,471,133)$ | (14.5\%) | 29,452,390 | 32,971,212 | $(3,518,822)$ | (10.7\%) |
| Other Revenues | 2,852,286 | 2,371,728 | 480,557 | 20.3\% | $(8,490,159)$ | $(7,596,351)$ | $(893,809)$ | (11.8\%) |
| Total Collected | 377,044,283 | 368,940,445 | 8,103,839 | $2.2 \%$ | 927,735,186 | 904,390,797 | 23,344,389 | $2.6 \%$ |

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Undedicated Revenues - General Fund
For the Third Month Ended September 30, 2017
For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018
Comparison to Budget

|  | Month |  |  |  | Year to Date |  |  |  |  |
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|  | Actual | Budget | $\begin{gathered} \text { Variance } \\ \text { Over/(Under) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Percent } \\ \text { Over/(Under) } \end{gathered}$ | Actual | Budget | $\begin{gathered} \text { Variance } \\ \text { Over/(Under) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Percent } \\ \text { Over/(Under) } \end{gathered}$ | Total Budgeted Fiscal Year Ending 6-30-2018 |
| Detail of Other Taxes \& Fees |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0100s All Others | 998,719 | 1,426,041 | $(427,322)$ | (30.0\%) | 3,614,781 | 4,233,949 | $(619,168)$ | (14.6\%) | 32,214,337 |
| 0300s Aeronautical Gas Tax | 27,485 | 26,978 | 507 | 1.9\% | 78,268 | 76,588 | 1,680 | $2.2 \%$ | 270,520 |
| 0400s Alcohol Excise Tax | 1,946,681 | 1,518,644 | 428,037 | 28.2\% | 6,030,846 | 4,555,941 | 1,474,905 | 32.4\% | 15,732,850 |
| 0700s Corporation Taxes | 271,379 | 212,040 | 59,339 | 28.0\% | 1,182,975 | 972,921 | 210,054 | $21.6 \%$ | 9,538,649 |
| 0800s Public Utilities | - | - | - | - | 1,202 | - | 1,202 | - | 6,250,000 |
| 1000s Banking Taxes | 2,347,100 | 2,196,000 | 151,100 | 6.9\% | 6,624,850 | 6,588,000 | 36,850 | 0.6\% | 26,891,990 |
| 1100s Alcoholic Beverages | 475,427 | 375,676 | 99,751 | 26.6\% | 1,258,069 | 1,277,955 | $(19,886)$ | (1.6\%) | 5,053,838 |
| 1200s Amusements Tax | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1300s Harness Racing Pari-mutuel | 706,122 | 791,668 | $(85,546)$ | (10.8\%) | 2,307,710 | 2,375,002 | $(67,292)$ | (2.8\%) | 8,572,671 |
| 1400s Business Taxes | 470,422 | 566,173 | $(95,751)$ | (16.9\%) | 2,088,985 | 1,964,817 | 124,168 | 6.3\% | 8,948,032 |
| 1500s Motor Vehicle Licenses | 281,502 | 514,101 | $(232,599)$ | (45.2\%) | 1,079,427 | 1,679,585 | $(600,158)$ | (35.7\%) | 4,281,202 |
| 1700s Inland Fisheries \& Wildlife | 1,132,700 | 1,068,847 | 63,853 | $6.0 \%$ | 5,090,395 | 4,910,450 | 179,945 | 3.7\% | 15,878,217 |
| 1900s Other Licenses | 27,359 | 37,811 | $(10,452)$ | (27.6\%) | 94,882 | 116,529 | $(21,647)$ | (18.6\%) | 508,194 |
| Total Other Taxes \& Fees | 8,684,895 | 8,733,979 | $(49,084)$ | (0.6\%) | 29,452,390 | 28,751,737 | 700,653 | 2.4\% | 134,140,500 |
| $\underline{\text { Detail of Other Revenues }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2200s Federal Revenues | 24,410 | 27,916 | $(3,506)$ | (12.6\%) | 77,616 | 83,750 | $(6,134)$ | (7.3\%) | 335,000 |
| 2300s County Revenues | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 2400s Revenues from Cities and Towns | 2,134 | 23,166 | $(21,032)$ | (90.8\%) | 79,048 | 69,498 | 9,550 | 13.7\% | 277,996 |
| 2500s Revenues from Private Sources | 210,323 | 176,267 | 34,056 | 19.3\% | 550,700 | 528,797 | 21,903 | 4.1\% | 1,545,000 |
| 2600s Current Service Charges | 2,075,341 | 2,394,627 | $(319,286)$ | (13.3\%) | 7,590,379 | 7,762,565 | $(172,186)$ | (2.2\%) | 26,560,823 |
| 2700s Transfers from Other Funds | 537,449 | 337,301 | 200,148 | 59.3\% | $(16,855,822)$ | $(17,501,413)$ | 645,591 | 3.7\% | $(14,928,342)$ |
| 2800s Sales of Property \& Equipment | 2,629 | 7,800 | $(5,171)$ | (66.3\%) | 67,919 | 27,668 | 40,251 | 145.5\% | 133,600 |
| Total Other Revenues | 2,852,286 | 2,967,077 | $(114,791)$ | (3.9\%) | $(8,490,159)$ | $(9,029,135)$ | 538,976 | 6.0\% | 13,924,077 |

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STATE OF MAINE
For the Third Month Ended September 30, 2017 and 2016
For the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2018 and 2017
Comparison to Prior Year

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| Detail of Other Taxes \& Fees |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0100s All Others | 998,719 | 1,926,378 | $(927,659)$ | (48.2\%) | 3,614,781 | 5,110,342 | $(1,495,562)$ | (29.3\%) |
| 0300s Aeronautical Gas Tax | 27,485 | 28,978 | $(1,494)$ | (5.2\%) | 78,268 | 78,583 | (315) | (0.4\%) |
| 0400s Alcohol Excise Tax | 1,946,681 | 1,936,998 | 9,683 | 0.5\% | 6,030,846 | 5,868,469 | 162,378 | 2.8\% |
| 0700s Corporation Taxes | 271,379 | 234,913 | 36,466 | 15.5\% | 1,182,975 | 1,076,844 | 106,131 | 9.9\% |
| 0800s Public Utilities | - | - | - | - | 1,202 | - | 1,202 | - |
| 1000s Banking Taxes | 2,347,100 | 2,459,250 | $(112,150)$ | (4.6\%) | 6,624,850 | 6,937,600 | $(312,750)$ | (4.5\%) |
| 1100s Alcoholic Beverages | 475,427 | 464,584 | 10,843 | 2.3\% | 1,258,069 | 1,883,016 | $(624,947)$ | (33.2\%) |
| 1200s Amusements Tax | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1300s Harness Racing Pari-mutuel | 706,122 | 906,886 | $(200,763)$ | (22.1\%) | 2,307,710 | 2,422,597 | $(114,887)$ | (4.7\%) |
| 1400s Business Taxes | 470,422 | 800,983 | $(330,561)$ | (41.3\%) | 2,088,985 | 3,250,739 | $(1,161,754)$ | (35.7\%) |
| 1500s Motor Vehicle Licenses | 281,502 | 317,367 | $(35,865)$ | (11.3\%) | 1,079,427 | 1,127,161 | $(47,733)$ | (4.2\%) |
| 1700s Inland Fisheries \& Wildlife | 1,132,700 | 1,055,027 | 77,672 | 7.4\% | 5,090,395 | 5,133,335 | $(42,940)$ | (0.8\%) |
| 1900s Other Licenses | 27,359 | 24,664 | 2,695 | 10.9\% | 94,882 | 82,525 | 12,357 | 15.0\% |
| Total Other Taxes \& Fees | 8,684,895 | 10,156,028 | (1,471,133) | (14.5\%) | 29,452,390 | 32,971,212 | $(3,518,822)$ | $(10.7 \%)$ |
| Detail of Other Revenues |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2200s Federal Revenues | 24,410 | 45,231 | $(20,821)$ | (46.0\%) | 77,616 | 88,051 | $(10,435)$ | (11.9\%) |
| 2300s County Revenues | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 2400s Revenues from Cities and Towns | 2,134 | 2,043 | 91 | 4.5\% | 79,048 | 62,073 | 16,975 | 27.3\% |
| 2500s Revenues from Private Sources | 210,323 | 86,460 | 123,863 | 143.3\% | 550,700 | 333,192 | 217,509 | 65.3\% |
| 2600s Current Service Charges | 2,075,341 | 2,253,158 | $(177,817)$ | (7.9\%) | 7,590,379 | 7,851,960 | $(261,581)$ | (3.3\%) |
| 2700s Transfers from Other Funds | 537,449 | $(23,973)$ | 561,422 | 2341.9\% | $(16,855,822)$ | $(15,965,714)$ | $(890,109)$ | (5.6\%) |
| 2800s Sales of Property \& Equipment | 2,629 | 8,809 | $(6,180)$ | (70.2\%) | 67,919 | 34,087 | 33,832 | 99.3\% |
| Total Other Revenues | 2,852,286 | 2,371,728 | 480,557 | 20.3\% | $(8,490,159)$ | $(7,596,351)$ | $(893,809)$ | $\underline{(11.8 \%)}$ |

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STATE OF MAINE
For the Third Month Ended September 30, 2017
For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018
Comparison to Budget

## Fuel Taxe

Motor Vehicle Registration \& Fees
Motor Vehicle Inspection Fees
Miscellaneous Taxes \& Fees
Fines, Forfeits \& Penalties
Earnings on Investments
All Other

| Month |  |  |  | Year to Date |  |  |  |
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| Actual | Budget | Variance Over/(Under) | $\begin{gathered} \text { Percent } \\ \text { Over/(Under) } \end{gathered}$ | Actual | Budget | $\begin{gathered} \text { Variance } \\ \text { Over/(Under) } \end{gathered}$ | Percent Over/(Under) |
| 22,187,314 | 21,981,692 | 205,622 | 0.9\% | 59,780,231 | 62,484,462 | $(2,704,231)$ | (4.3\%) |
| 4,345,467 | 3,919,630 | 425,837 | 10.9\% | 23,165,734 | 21,768,141 | 1,397,593 | 6.4\% |
| 231,667 | 200,200 | 31,467 | 15.7\% | 740,548 | 730,620 | 9,928 | 1.4\% |
| 103,287 | 107,612 | $(4,325)$ | (4.0\%) | 379,174 | 353,867 | 25,307 | 7.2\% |
| 75,163 | 81,294 | $(6,131)$ | (7.5\%) | 255,587 | 228,826 | 26,761 | 11.7\% |
| 35,427 | 49,476 | $(14,049)$ | (28.4\%) | 74,212 | 148,428 | $(74,216)$ | (50.0\%) |
| 500,233 | 506,736 | $(6,503)$ | (1.3\%) | 1,518,437 | 1,399,236 | 119,201 | 8.5\% |
| 27,478,558 | 26,846,640 | 631,918 | 2.4\% | 85,913,923 | 87,113,580 | $(1,199,657)$ | (1.4\%) |

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| Fuel Taxes | 22,187,314 | 21,539,822 | 647,492 | 3.0\% | 59,780,231 | 62,162,127 | $(2,381,896)$ | (3.8\%) |
| Motor Vehicle Registration \& Fees | 4,345,467 | 4,080,451 | 265,016 | 6.5\% | 23,165,734 | 22,548,146 | 617,588 | 2.7\% |
| Motor Vehicle Inspection Fees | 231,667 | 310,538 | $(78,871)$ | (25.4\%) | 740,548 | 832,701 | $(92,153)$ | (11.1\%) |
| Miscellaneous Taxes \& Fees | 103,287 | 104,543 | $(1,256)$ | (1.2\%) | 379,174 | 354,866 | 24,308 | $6.8 \%$ |
| Fines, Forfeits \& Penalties | 75,163 | 73,024 | 2,139 | 2.9\% | 255,587 | 206,327 | 49,261 | 23.9\% |
| Earnings on Investments | 35,427 | 34,177 | 1,250 | 3.7\% | 74,212 | 79,805 | $(5,593)$ | (7.0\%) |
| All Other | 500,233 | 481,869 | 18,364 | $3.8 \%$ | 1,518,437 | 1,355,777 | 162,660 | 12.0\% |
| Total Collected | 27,478,558 | 26,624,423 | 854,134 | 3.2\% | 85,913,923 | 87,539,748 | $(1,625,825)$ | (1.9\%) |

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Maine Revenue Services
Taxable Sales by Sector In Thousands of Dollars

|  | August '17 | \% Ch. | August '16 | \% Ch. | August '15 | Average Last 3 Mos. Vs. Last Yr. \% Change | Moving Total Last 12 Mos. Vs. Prior \% Change | YTD Growth CY'17 vs. '16 <br> Thru. August \% Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Building Supply | \$248,251.1 | 9.0\% | \$227,840.6 | 8.9\% | \$209,139.5 | 6.6\% | 2.9\% | 4.4\% |
| Food Store | \$230,309.4 | 4.4\% | \$220,625.9 | 25.7\% | \$175,524.8 | 3.8\% | 9.7\% | 3.5\% |
| General Merchandise | \$340,491.7 | 8.5\% | \$313,782.2 | 4.7\% | \$299,666.6 | 8.5\% | 5.6\% | 5.5\% |
| Other Retail | \$238,613.6 | 5.2\% | \$226,749.4 | 4.2\% | \$217,579.8 | 4.1\% | 5.8\% | 4.2\% |
| Auto/Transportation | \$459,712.5 | 1.3\% | \$453,910.7 | 8.6\% | \$417,839.8 | 5.0\% | 3.3\% | 4.3\% |
| Restaurant | \$337,122.7 | 3.2\% | \$326,668.5 | 3.9\% | \$314,277.5 | 3.7\% | 3.9\% | 3.3\% |
| Lodging | \$206,734.9 | 3.7\% | \$199,289.3 | 7.4\% | \$185,526.4 | 5.8\% | 9.1\% | 7.6\% |
| Consumer Sales | \$2,061,238.2 | 4.7\% | \$1,968,866.6 | 8.2\% | \$1,819,554.4 | 5.4\% | 5.1\% | 4.5\% |
| Business Operating | \$180,310.3 | 2.9\% | \$175,199.6 | 7.5\% | \$163,045.8 | 2.6\% | 2.9\% | 3.4\% |
| Total | \$2,241,548.5 | 4.5\% | \$2,144,066.2 | 8.1\% | \$1,982,600.2 | 5.1\% | 4.9\% | 4.3\% |
| Utilities | \$112,928.6 | -13.4\% | \$130,466.6 | 7.5\% | \$121,336.9 |  |  |  |
| Total plus Utilities | \$2,354,477.1 | 3.5\% | \$2,274,532.8 | 8.1\% | \$2,103,937.1 |  |  |  |


[^0]:    NOTE: This report has been prepared from preliminary month end figures and is subject to change.

