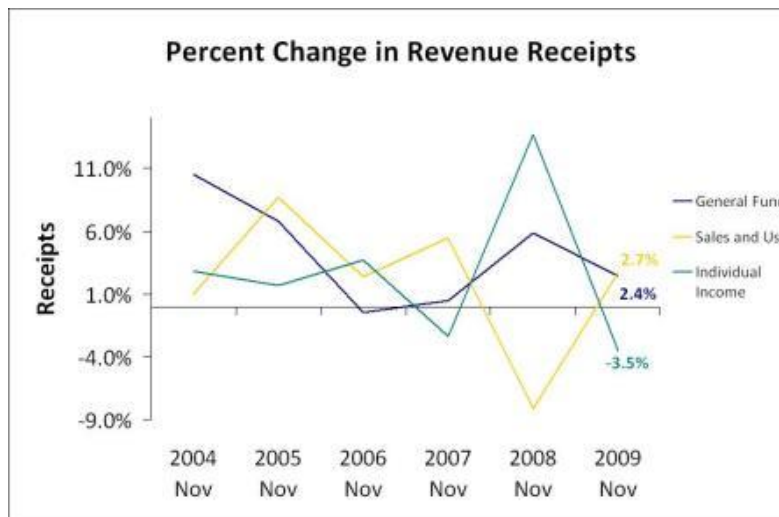


November General Fund Receipts Up 2.4 Percent
Revenues Can Only Fall 0.1 Percent and Meet Projections for FY 2010

November 2009 General Fund revenue receipts are up 2.4 percent compared to revenue that came in November last year. For the first time in 11 months, General Fund receipts increased. The budget was balanced assuming revenues would be 1.5 percent less than Fiscal Year 2009 revenues. Revenues can fall 0.1 percent between now and June 30, 2010, and still meet the official revenue estimate for FY 2010, according to a statement from the Office of State Budget Director released yesterday.



Source: Office of the State Budget Director,
"General Fund and Road Fund Receipts for November 2009"

Sales tax revenues grew 2.7 percent over November 2008 and individual income tax receipts declined 3.5 percent during the same time period. Combined, sales and income tax receipts make up approximately 75 percent of general fund revenues and are down 0.7 percent over this time last year.

November's increase in General Fund revenue is largely due to an increase in property tax receipts, cigarette tax revenue, and an increase in corporate income taxes, compared to November 2008. Fall revenue receipts can be particularly vulnerable to irregular collection patterns of one-time revenues, as noted in yesterday's release. November's increase may not mark a trend of increasing revenues for the remainder of the fiscal year.

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