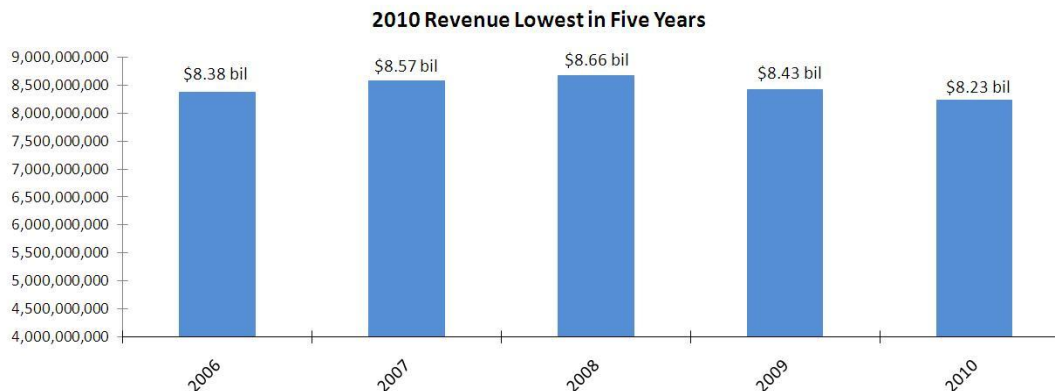


**2010 Revenues Down 2.4 Percent**

Lowest Revenues in Five Years Highlight Need for Balanced Approach

Moderately improved state revenue collections for June indicate that Kentucky’s economy is still a long way from recovery. Despite the monthly increase, revenues from the last fiscal year (July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010) were the lowest in the past five years. This suggests that the seven rounds of spending cuts made in the last three years are not likely to be restored. There is still need for lawmakers to adopt a balanced approach that includes new revenues so important programs can be restored and maintained. The need for new revenue should not be forgotten for several reasons:

- Receipts fell during the first three quarters of 2010, growing only gradually in the last quarter;
- Sales and use tax revenue was down 2.2 percent for the year and income tax revenue was down 4.9 percent ; and
- [Kentucky’s unemployment rate](#) remains high, decreasing sales and use tax and income tax revenue.



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SOURCE: Office of the State Budget Director, “General Fund and Road Fund Receipts for Fiscal Year 2010” Available: <http://www.osbd.ky.gov/NR/rdonlyres/112ED6BB-24DF-4F71-889C-83127034CEFB/0/1006TaxReceipt.pdf>

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