
Legislative Fiscal Division

Revenue Estimate Profile

Property Tax: 1.5 Mill

Revenue Description: Beginning in FY 1997, statute requires the boards of county commissioners in the five counties where colleges of technology reside to levy 1.5 mills for deposit in the state general fund. This revenue component used to include collections from non-levy sources that were distributed on the basis of mills levied by taxing jurisdictions. HB 124, passed during the 2001 legislative session, eliminated distribution of non-levy sources to the 1.5 mill levy.

Statutory Reference:

Tax Rate (MCA) – 20-25-439(1)

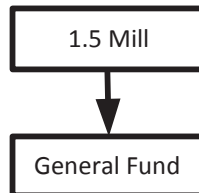
Tax Distribution (MCA) – 20-25-439(2)

Date Due – one-half of taxes due November 30th and one-half due May 31st (15-16-102(1)), county treasurers must remit to the Department of Revenue within the first 20 days of each month money received in the previous month (15-1-504(1))

Applicable Tax Rate(s): Each property class has its own tax rate which is applied to assessed value to produce a taxable value. For every \$1,000 in taxable value, 1.5 mills generate \$1.50 in state property taxes.

Distribution: All property tax receipts are deposited into the general fund, except revenue associated with the 6-mill university levy.

Distribution Chart:



Summary of Legislative Action:

Senate Bill 96 – Previous law (SB 372 in the 2011 session) provided a tax rate of 2% for class 8 equipment valued at \$2 million or less, and a tax rate of 3% for all taxable market value in excess of \$3 million owned by a taxpayer. If combined income taxes and corporate taxes collected in fiscal year 2013 exceed collections in fiscal year 2012 by 4% or more, then starting January 1, 2014 class eight business equipment would have been taxed at a tax rate of 1.5% on the first \$3 million of taxable market value and 3% for all taxable market value in excess of \$3 million owned by a taxpayer. Previous law also exempted the first \$20,000 in market value for owners with less than \$20,000 in property, but not for owners with equipment valued at more than \$20,000.

Starting January 1, 2014, SB96 reduces the taxes assessed on class eight business equipment by 1) providing a tax rate of 1.5% on the first \$6 million of taxable market value and 3% for all taxable market value in excess of \$6 million, and 2) exempts the first \$100,000 in market value of this property owned by a taxpayer. The exemption is available for all owners of class 8 business equipment tax.

Reimbursements are provided to the university system, local governments, local schools, and TIFs from the general fund for reductions in property tax revenue due to SB 96, as amended.

Senate Bill 96 reduces revenue to the general fund (95 mills and the 1.5 mills) by \$1.331 million in FY 2014 and by \$2.245 million in FY 2015. The impact in FY 2014 is because owners of strictly personal property (i.e. property not-liened-to-real) will see their taxes reduced in May 2014. University 6 mill revenue will be reduced by \$83,341 in FY 2014 and by \$140,573 in FY 2015. Reimbursements for lost revenue will be made to local governments, school districts, the county retirement fund, the countywide school transportation reimbursement, each tax increment financing district, and the 6-mill levy for support of the Montana university system in TY 2014 and 2015.

Reimbursements will total \$17.883 million for the 2015 biennium. Reimbursements to county and city governments, TIF's will be statutorily appropriated. The reimbursement for the 6 mill account will be transferred to that account. The total of these reimbursements will be \$9.951 million for the biennium. SB96 increases the appropriation for school district and county education block grants in HB 2 for FY 2015 by \$7.932 million. In addition there will be guaranteed tax base savings of \$3.054 million, and SB 96 reduces the appropriation for Base Aid in HB 2 for FY 2015 by the same amount. The net cost of SB 96 is \$18.5 million over the 2015 biennium.

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Senate Bill 231 - SB 231 increases the amount of park and recreation area land that may be exempted from property tax, by a federally recognized Indian tribe, increasing the statutory 15 acre limit to 640 acres. This bill would reduce revenue to the general fund by \$2,960 in FY 2014 and by \$2,962 in FY 2015. The 6-mill account will receive less revenue of around \$187 in each year of the 2015 biennium.

Property Tax: 1.5 Mill – Legislation Passed by 63rd Legislature General Fund Impact (\$ Millions)			
Bill Number and Short Title	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
SB0096 Lower the business and equipment tax	\$0.000	(\$0.011)	(\$0.019)
SB0231 Revise tax exemption laws regarding tribal recreational property	0.000	(0.000)	(0.000)
Total General Fund Impact	\$0.000	(\$0.011)	(\$0.019)

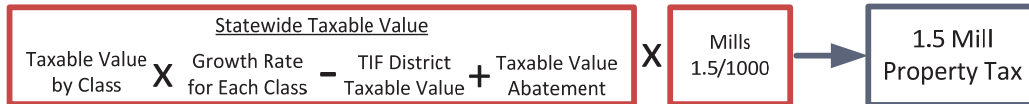
Collection Frequency: Monthly with significant state deposits in December and June.

% of Total General Fund Revenue:

FY 2004 – 0.07 %	FY 2007 – 0.06%	FY 2010 – 0.07%
FY 2005 – 0.06%	FY 2008 – 0.06%	FY 2011 – 0.06%
FY 2006 – 0.06%	FY 2009 – 0.06%	FY 2012 – 0.06%

Revenue Estimate Methodology: The methodology used to derive revenue from this source is explained in the methodology section under “Property Tax.”

Forecast Methodology:



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Revenue Estimate Assumptions:

This section contains the assumptions used to generate the revenue estimates contained in Senate Joint Resolution 2. It does not reflect changes, if any, enacted by the 2013 Legislature that may affect future estimates of this revenue source.

	<u>t</u>	<u>Total Tax</u>	<u>GF Tax</u>	<u>Tax. Value</u>	<u>Mills/1000</u>	<u>Non-Levy</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>
	<u>Fiscal</u>	<u>Millions</u>	<u>Millions</u>	<u>Millions</u>	<u>Applied</u>	<u>Millions</u>	<u>Millions</u>
Actual	2002	0.919	0.919	563.452	0.002	0.020	0.034
Actual	2003	0.884	0.884	586.588	0.002	0.000	0.000
Actual	2004	0.968	0.968	596.513	0.002	0.000	0.000
Actual	2005	0.922	0.904	608.056	0.002	0.000	0.000
Actual	2006	0.960	0.945	662.811	0.002	0.000	0.000
Actual	2007	0.996	0.984	693.488	0.002	0.000	0.000
Actual	2008	1.097	1.094	721.234	0.002	0.000	0.000
Actual	2009	1.100	1.116	743.921	0.002	0.000	0.000
Actual	2010	1.120	1.115	759.598	0.002	0.000	0.000
Actual	2011	1.151	1.155	778.415	0.002	0.000	0.000
Actual	2012	1.173	1.160	797.739	0.002	0.000	0.000
Forecast	2013	1.210	1.193	806.969	0.002	0.000	0.000
Forecast	2014	1.255	1.238	836.367	0.002	0.000	0.000
Forecast	2015	1.294	1.277	862.955	0.002	0.000	0.000

	<u>t</u>	<u>Class 1</u>	<u>Class 2</u>	<u>Class 3</u>	<u>Class 4</u>	<u>Class 5</u>	<u>Class 6</u>	<u>Class 7</u>
	<u>Fiscal</u>	<u>Millions</u>	<u>Millions</u>	<u>Millions</u>	<u>Millions</u>	<u>Millions</u>	<u>Millions</u>	<u>Millions</u>
Actual	2002	7.843	11.015	139.057	954.102	35.668	12.459	0.189
Actual	2003	8.691	10.669	138.900	1,002.874	35.382	6.167	0.216
Actual	2004	7.808	8.800	140.240	1,034.656	32.725	0.000	0.995
Actual	2005	8.032	10.428	139.902	1,076.985	34.024	0.000	0.974
Actual	2006	2.694	13.045	140.988	1,129.794	34.611	0.000	0.953
Actual	2007	3.252	21.106	141.002	1,183.821	35.078	0.000	1.068
Actual	2008	3.840	18.849	141.329	1,244.916	35.418	0.000	1.096
Actual	2009	4.013	24.540	142.099	1,296.595	35.155	0.000	1.214
Actual	2010	4.002	23.837	161.073	1,368.081	37.502	0.000	1.266
Actual	2011	3.181	18.291	153.566	1,396.074	38.994	0.000	1.298
Actual	2012	3.888	22.987	150.429	1,418.797	40.642	0.000	1.194
Forecast	2013	4.189	31.132	147.792	1,446.304	45.673	0.000	1.170
Forecast	2014	4.276	33.820	145.202	1,478.146	48.816	0.000	1.147
Forecast	2015	4.337	35.056	142.657	1,511.683	52.176	0.000	1.124

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	<u>t</u>	<u>Class 8</u>	<u>Class 9</u>	<u>Class 10</u>	<u>Class 12</u>	<u>Class 13</u>	<u>TIF's</u>	<u>Abatement</u>
	<u>Fiscal</u>	<u>Millions</u>	<u>Millions</u>	<u>Millions</u>	<u>Millions</u>	<u>Millions</u>	<u>Millions</u>	<u>Millions</u>
Actual	2002	116.605	219.956	8.199	48.658	144.488	30.530	3.880
Actual	2003	118.349	206.360	7.170	46.688	137.185	30.803	3.870
Actual	2004	118.297	212.111	6.789	45.630	125.623	33.562	3.188
Actual	2005	117.241	219.993	6.791	45.074	120.485	27.767	4.088
Actual	2006	123.055	238.767	6.794	44.267	122.846	25.464	4.137
Actual	2007	135.613	248.320	6.816	41.577	130.476	28.830	18.855
Actual	2008	138.658	264.324	6.822	43.004	152.942	30.120	18.099
Actual	2009	151.317	260.190	6.816	43.567	154.611	25.752	20.021
Actual	2010	169.606	254.253	6.988	46.901	154.314	32.014	23.706
Actual	2011	182.310	280.633	6.519	51.836	174.430	41.946	27.058
Actual	2012	186.854	304.226	6.390	71.336	193.267	46.300	25.369
Forecast	2013	179.237	322.490	6.349	72.349	197.605	47.037	20.225
Forecast	2014	180.358	345.727	6.308	76.657	208.267	47.037	20.877
Forecast	2015	179.206	370.637	6.268	81.222	219.505	45.359	21.539

Total Tax = Tax Value × Mills/1000 + Non-Levy + Adjustments

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Revenue Projection:

