2016 QUARTER 1

First quarter 2016 tax revenues for the four largest state and local government tax categories increased 3.1 percent to $317.0 billion, from $307.4 billion in the same quarter of 2015. See category breakouts in Figure 1.

State and local governments collect $125.7 billion in property tax revenue

The estimated total for first quarter 2016 state and local property tax revenue grew 5.6 percent to $125.7 billion (±3.7 billion), from the $119.0 billion (±3.5 billion) collected in the same quarter of 2015 (see Figure 2). Local governments collected $122.1 billion of total property tax revenue in the first quarter of 2016.

For further information on state and local government tax revenue, please contact Economy-Wide Statistics Division, U.S. Census Bureau at 866-242-2184 or by e-mail at ewd.outreach@census.gov.

The data and technical documentation for this release can be found at <www.census.gov/govs/www/qtax.html>.
Individual income tax collections continue to rise

The first quarter of 2016 saw continued growth in individual income tax collection. State and local revenue in the first quarter of 2016 was $88.7 billion (±0.4 billion), up 2.4 percent from $86.6 billion (±0.4 billion) in the same quarter of 2015.

General sales tax increases slightly

General sales and gross receipts tax revenue was $89.4 billion (±0.6 billion) in the first quarter, up 1.8 percent from the $87.8 billion (±0.6 billion) collected in the same quarter of 2015.

Corporation net income tax revenue declines for second straight quarter

Corporation net income tax revenue for the first quarter declined 4.7 percent to $13.2 billion (±0.07 billion), from $13.9 (±0.02 billion) billion in the same quarter of 2015.

STATE TAX COLLECTIONS CONTINUE TO GROW

Total state tax revenue rose 1.8 percent to $222.3 billion in the first quarter of 2016, from $218.4 billion reported in the same quarter of the prior year. Individual income tax, at $79.7 billion, is up 2.5 percent from the same quarter of 2015. The second largest category of state tax revenue, general sales and gross receipts taxes, accounted for $70.3 billion, an increase of 2.5 percent from the same quarter in 2015. At $10.8 billion, corporation net income tax collections is down from $11.4 billion the same quarter in 2015, a decrease of 5.1 percent.

The majority of the nation's state tax revenue came from individual income (35.8 percent) and sales and gross receipts (31.6 percent). Figure 3 illustrates the first quarter percentage distribution of state government revenues by tax type for the nation and the four Census regions. In the Northeast, Midwest, and West regions, individual income tax collections accounted for the largest percentage of tax collections with 45.7 percent, 34.7 percent, and 40.3 percent of total tax collections, respectively. In the South, sales and gross receipts taxes were the largest of the four main categories at 40.1 percent.

Total amounts of state tax revenue for the two largest tax subcategories, individual income and general sales and gross receipts, are summarized in Figure 4. Since the third quarter of 2012, income tax collections have been higher than general sales and gross receipts tax collections, especially in the second quarter due to the annual individual tax collection deadline. This trend continues in 2016.

Note: Percentages may not sum to 100 due to rounding.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Quarterly Summary of State and Local Government Tax Revenue.