



Revenue Estimating Conference Meeting – March 12

FY 2021 Estimate: The Revenue Estimating Conference (REC) met and revised their estimate for FY 2021 net General Fund Receipts (including transfers). They agreed to increase the estimate by \$109.9 million compared to the estimates they made in December. With this revision, the FY 2021 general revenue amounts are estimated to be \$148.3 million (1.9%) above the FY 2020 amount.

FY 2022 Estimate: The REC also revised their estimate for FY 2022. The change resulted in a higher estimate (up \$119.9 million from the December estimate) and represents an increase of \$306.7 million (3.8%) compared to the revised FY 2020 estimate.

Note that both estimates reflect federal tax law changes that occurred after the December 2020 REC meeting.

Revenue Estimating Conference March 19, 2021: Net General Fund Receipts (including Transfers)

(Dollars in Millions)

Actual Actual FY 2020 Net General Fund Receipts	Dec. Estimates FY 2021 - Dec. REC Estimate	March Estimates for FY 2021			
		March REC Estimate for FY 2021	Est. FY 2021 vs. FY 2020	% Change Est. FY 2021 vs. FY 2020	Change from Dec. REC Estimate for FY 2021
\$ 7,930.6	\$ 7,969.3	\$ 8,078.9	\$ 148.30	1.9%	\$ 109.60
	Dec. Estimates	March Estimates for FY 2022			
	FY 2022 - Dec. REC Estimate	March REC Estimate for FY 2022	Est. FY 2022 Vs. Est. FY 2021	% Change Est. FY 2022 vs. FY 2021	Change from Dec. REC Estimate for FY 2022
	\$ 8,265.7	\$ 8,385.6	\$ 306.70	3.8%	\$ 119.90

What does this mean?

The increase in the estimates (comparing March to December) cannot be used by the legislature as they craft the FY 2022 state budget. The legislature will now likely release budget targets and start the FY 2022 appropriation process soon. The legislative session is slated to be done by the end of April.

The state reserve funds are full and if revenues come in as projected by the REC, the overall state general fund surplus will increase. Final revenue amounts for FY 2021 will not be known until the end of September.

More on the REC

The Revenue Estimating Conference is a three-member panel that meets three times a year to agree upon the revenue estimates for the current fiscal year and following fiscal year. The estimates play a crucial role as they are used by:

- The governor when submitting budget recommendations to the legislature in January, and
- The Legislature when appropriating funds for the state budget during the legislative session.

The next scheduled REC meeting will likely be held in October.

Additional information on the REC is available on the [Department of Management's website](#).

Additional information on pertaining to the REC estimates is available on the [General Assembly's website](#).