

**CITY OF RIO RANCHO
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES**

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 30, 2015

TO: Mayor Gregory Hull
Council Members: Chuck Wilkins, Dawnn Robinson, Cheryl Everett, Mark Scott,
Shelby Smith, and Lonnie Clayton
Keith Riesberg, City Manager

FROM: Dan Olsen, Financial Services Director

SUBJECT: **April Gross Receipts Tax and Latest Economic Data**

Attached is the monthly dashboard for April GRT collections.

Gross Receipts Tax

The City's April GRT distribution totaled \$2,062,766, which is \$198,000 or 10.6 percent above the budget estimate for the month. In total, year-to-date collections are \$1.72 million or 8.4 percent above the same period last year and appear to be on track to exceed the City's FY15 estimated growth rate of 6.7 percent.

Following are some highlights from the April GRT data:

- The Retail sector's year-to-date growth rate increased from 5.0 percent last month to 6.0 percent this month.
- Gains in the Construction sector remain steady, with year-to-date growth of 38.7 percent.
- The Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate sector is up 15.6 percent compared to last year, with most of that growth occurring in the Real Estate/Rental/Leasing sub-sector.
- The Utilities/Transportation/Warehousing and Manufacturing sectors continue to decline, falling 14.9 percent and 26.8 percent, respectively, compared to the same period last year.

Unemployment and Jobs – March

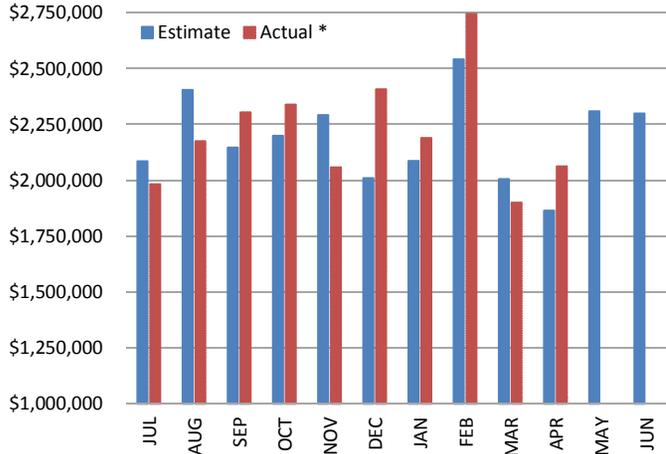
The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the Albuquerque MSA in March remained unchanged at 5.7 percent, and is down from 6.6 a year earlier. Total employment in the area declined by 400 jobs, but year-over-year employment has grown by 5,000 jobs or 1.3 percent.

New Mexico's overall unemployment rate increased from 6.0 percent in February to 6.1 percent in March. Job growth since March 2014 was 1.6 percent, representing a net gain of 13,000 jobs. In comparison, the national unemployment rate was 5.5 percent in March, unchanged from February and down from 6.6 percent last year.

New Mexico's March unemployment rate ranked 15th nationally (highest to lowest), the same rank as March 2014. In contrast, the state's job growth rate ranked 24th, a marked improvement over last year's rank of last place.

Rio Rancho Gross Receipts Tax Dashboard

Chart 1: Gross Receipts Tax Monthly Revenue General Fund FY15 Estimate vs. Actual



*YTD through March is \$332,000 or 1.7% above the revised FY15 estimate

Chart 2: Gross Receipts Tax Monthly Revenue General Fund Current Year vs. Prior Years

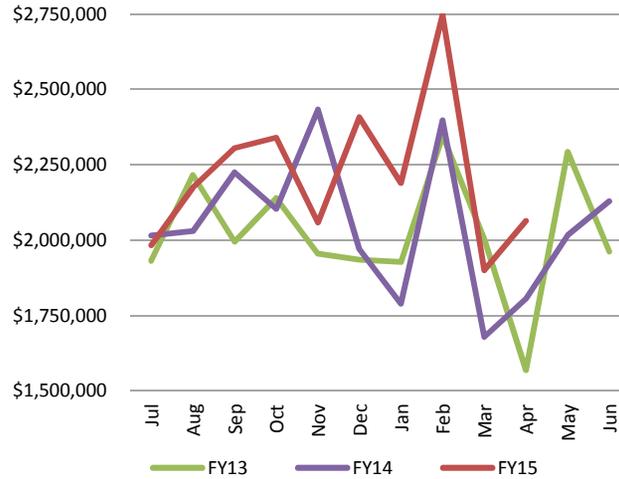


Chart 3: Gross Receipts Tax Year-to-Date Revenue General Fund Current vs. Prior Years

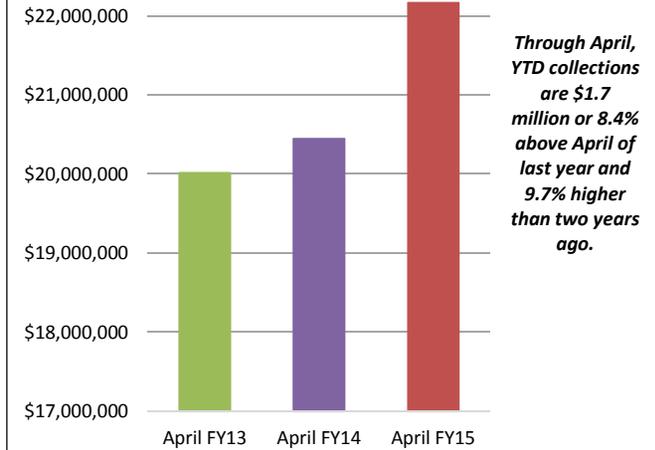


Chart 4: GRT Distribution by Industry FY15 YTD compared to FY14 YTD

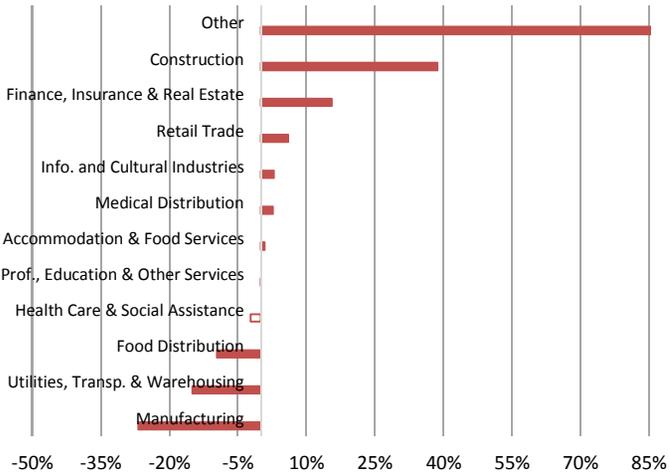


Chart 5: GRT Distribution by Industry FY15 YTD

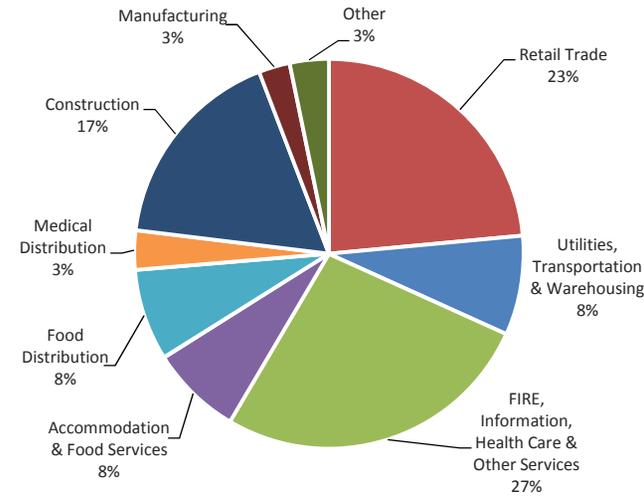


Chart 6: Changing Composition of GRT

