# GENERAL FUND REVENUE: TRENDS \& ANALYSIS 

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## POPULATION

SOUTH CAROLINA POPULATION PYRAMID


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Estimated 2020


## SOUTH CAROLINA POPULATION BY COUNTY

Estimates as of July 1, 2015


## Notes: Population

- S.C. is growing older. The average age is expected to increase from 24.8 in 1970 to 39.8 in 2020.
- In 1970, 41.5 percent of the population was age 19 or below. By 2020, that population is expected to decrease to 24.4 percent of the total.
- In 1970, 7.4 percent of the population was age 65 or higher. By 2020, that population is expected to increase to 18.5 percent of the total.
- The impact on the economy and revenue will be different in the next twenty to thirty years than over the past few years.
- 49.6 percent of the state's population is in the top seven counties.


## PERSONAL INCOME

## SOUTH CAROLINA TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME



## TOTAL SOUTH CAROLINA PERSONAL INCOME 2014 by County




## SC PERSONAL INCOME FY GROWTH RATES

Actuals, Estimates, and Averages


## SHARES OF PERSONAL INCOME COMPONENTS In South Carolina



■ Wages \& Salaries
© Dividends, Interest, \& Rent
曰Transfer Payments
(1)Other Personal Income

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Washington, D.C.
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## Notes: Personal Income

- S.C. personal income is growing at close to its 20-year average.
- S.C. is experiencing a shift in the components of personal income.
- Wages as a component of total personal income have decreased from 62 percent to 48 percent.
- The top seven counties account for 53 percent of personal income in S.C.


## GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS



## FY 2016-17 GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS



## Notes: General Fund Appropriations

- The two largest General Fund appropriations are for the Department of Education and Health and Human Services. These two agencies account for 55 percent of total General Fund appropriations.


## GENERAL FUND REVENUE

## SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL FUND REVENUE



Fiscal Year


PERCENT CHANGE IN S.C. GENERAL FUND REVENUE


## ANNUAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE GROWTH



## ESTIMATED ANNUAL TAX SAVINGS

FY 1995-96 to FY 2013-14




## Notes: General Fund Revenue

- S.C. General Fund revenue as a percentage of total personal income has declined from 6.8 percent in FY 80 to approximately 4.1 percent in FY 17.
- General Fund revenue dropped twenty percent during the last recession.
- Sales and individual income tax revenue account for approximately 85 percent of total General Fund revenue.
- Since FY 96, estimated annual tax savings due to legislative enactments have increased from $\$ 700$ million to $\$ 2.9$ billion in FY 14.


## SALES TAX

## SOUTH CAROLINA TOTAL AND GENERAL FUND SALES TAX COLLECTIONS




## SOUTH CAROLINA PERSONAL INCOME, PERSONAL CONSUMPTION, AND TAXABLE SALES





## Notes: Sales Tax

- Sales tax accounts for 36 percent of total General Fund revenue.
- Sales tax as a percentage of total personal income has declined from almost 2.5 percent to less than 1.5 percent
- Total statewide sales tax collections at 6 percent equaled 2.2 percent of total personal income in FY 16 compared to 2.5 percent for the 4 percent rate in FY 80.
- Consumer spending is about 88 percent of total personal income. Taxable sales equal approximately 36 percent.
- The three largest sales tax exemptions are motor fuel, prescription medicine, and unprepared food. These items account for approximately 53 percent of exemptions.


## INDIVIDUAL INCOME

## SOUTH CAROLINA INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX REVENUE



Fiscal Year

## SOUTH CAROLINA INCOME TAX COLLECTIONS as a Percentage of Total Personal Income






## Notes: Individual Income Tax

- Individual income tax accounts for 49 percent of total General Fund revenue.
- Individual income tax as a percentage of total personal income has fluctuated over the past 40 years and is slightly lower than in FY 80.
- S.C. taxable income is approximately 34 percent of total personal income.
- The lowest 42 percent of tax returns have no S.C. tax liability.
- The middle twenty percent of returns pay an average of $\$ 196$. The top 20 percent of returns pay an average of $\$ 6,517$ and account for 81 percent of the total income tax liability.


## CORPORATE INCOME \& LICENSE TAXES

## SOUTH CAROLINA TOTAL CORPORATE INCOME TAX COLLECTIONS




## SOUTH CAROLINA TOTAL CORPORATE LICENSE TAX COLLECTIONS




## Notes: Corporate Income and License Tax

- Corporate income tax is the third largest revenue item in the General Fund and the most volatile.
- For comparison, the S.C. Education Lottery contributes $\$ 406.5$ million to the state compared to $\$ 411.2$ million from corporate income tax in FY 16.
- Corporate license tax has been a growing but volatile revenue source for the General Fund.


## PROPERTY TAX






## Notes: Property Tax

- Property tax revenue, as a percentage of total personal income, has increased from 2.9 percent in 2000 to 3.3 percent in 2013.
- Between tax years 2003 and 2013:
- Commercial property increased from 35.9 percent to 45.2 percent of total property tax revenue.
- Owner occupied property increased from 15.4 percent to 18.8 percent of the total.
- Motor vehicles declined from 15.8 percent to 11.0 percent of the total.
- Manufacturing declined from 9.1 percent to 4.7 percent of the total.


## QUESTIONS

