
Legislative Fiscal Division

Revenue Estimate Profile

Highway Patrol Fines

Revenue Description: The Montana Highway Patrol issues citations for speeding, driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, and other misdemeanors. The fines and forfeitures associated with these citations are collected by various state and local courts.

Statutory Reference:

Tax Rate (MCA) – general fines (61-3-601, 61-5-307, 61-7-118, 61-8-711, 61-9-511), multiple others

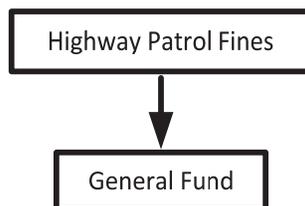
Tax Distribution (MCA) – 3-10-601 (fines collected in justice court are included in “All Other General Fund”), 61-10-148 (violations of vehicle size, weight & load), 61-12-701 (fines by Highway Patrol)

Date Due – upon conviction

Applicable Tax Rate(s): Fines for citations are variable.

Distribution: All of Highway Patrol fines and forfeitures on all offenses that result from citations issued by the Highway Patrol, except those paid to a justices’ court, and received by the state are deposited in the general fund.

Distribution Chart:



Summary of Legislative Action: The 63rd Legislature did not enact legislation that impacted this source.

Collection Frequency: Monthly

% of Total General Fund Revenue:

FY 2004 – 0.30%

FY 2007 – 0.23%

FY 2010 – 0.29%

FY 2005 – 0.28%

FY 2008 – 0.21%

FY 2011 – 0.24%

FY 2006 – 0.25%

FY 2009 – 0.23%

FY 2012 – 0.23%

Revenue Estimate Methodology:

Highway patrol fine revenue forecast by applying an average annual growth rate to the last known fiscal year collections.

Data

Data from the statewide accounting system (SABHRS) provide a history of highway patrol fine revenue.

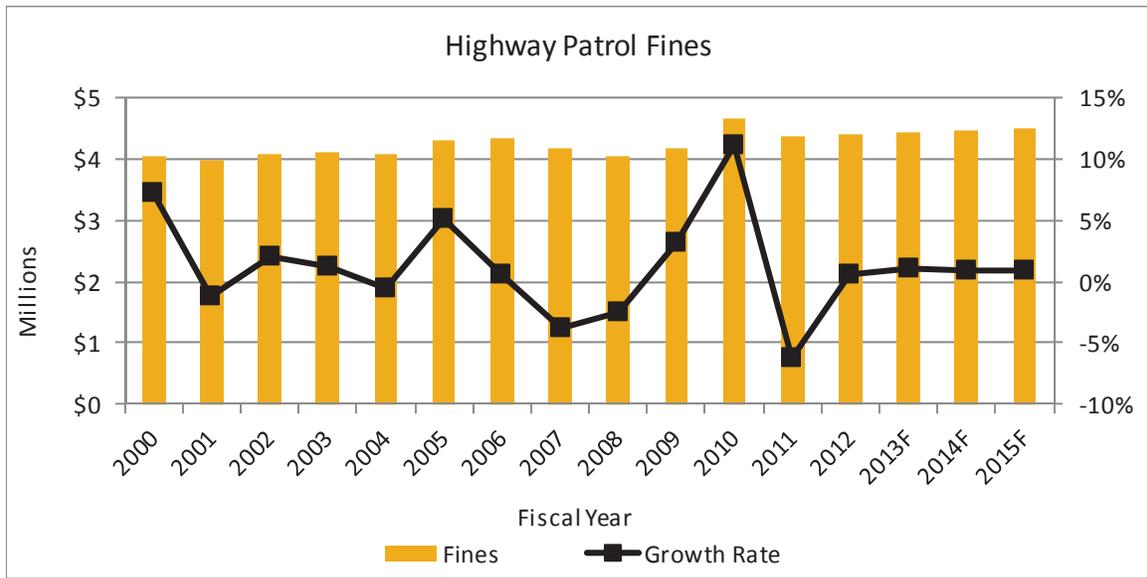
Analysis

The twenty-year average annual growth between is applied to the last known fiscal year. All subsequent years are assumed to grow at the same rate.

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Adjustments and Distribution

Once total tax revenue for each fiscal year is determined, the applicable distribution percentage, 100% to the general fund, is applied.

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.

	t	Total Tax	GF Tax	MT. Pop.	Per Capita
	<u>Fiscal</u>	<u>Millions</u>	<u>Millions</u>	<u>>=16</u>	<u>Fines</u>
				<u>Millions</u>	
Actual	2002	4.062	4.062	0.718	5.658
Actual	2003	4.110	4.110	0.727	5.652
Actual	2004	4.084	4.084	0.738	5.537
Actual	2005	4.293	4.293	0.749	5.732
Actual	2006	4.316	4.316	0.760	5.676
Actual	2007	4.155	4.155	0.771	5.387
Actual	2008	4.049	4.049	0.780	5.188
Actual	2009	4.180	4.180	0.788	5.306
Actual	2010	4.646	4.646	0.793	5.857
Actual	2011	4.359	4.359	0.798	5.464
Actual	2012	4.385	4.385	0.804	5.453
Forecast	2013	4.427	4.427	0.811	5.458
Forecast	2014	4.467	4.467	0.818	5.458
Forecast	2015	4.508	4.508	0.826	5.458

Total Tax = Mt. Pop. >=16 * Per Capita Fine

GF Tax = Total Tax

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Revenue Projection:

