

City of Chicago Office of Budget and Management Comparative Estimate of Revenue Collections November 2022

The City of Chicago’s monthly comparative estimate of revenue collections provides a summary of revenues received and transfers made in the City’s corporate fund for the current fiscal year. The information contained in these monthly reports is for informational purposes only and does not reflect final audited figures.

Historically, the City has waited until all revenue has been collected before publishing reports. This can delay the City’s ability to share data by up to five months. The changes made with this report allow the City to provide a more current and timely picture of its revenues.

This guide provides information to help read the report and understand the data shared.

READING THE REPORT

Corporate Fund January 2022 (in thousands)	1	2	3	1	2	3			4
	2021 Month Actuals	2022 Month Budgeted	2022 Month Collections	2021 YTD Actuals	YTD Budgeted	2022 YTD Collections	Difference	Percent	2022 Annual Budget

1. **2021 Month Actuals and YTD Actuals:** The actual revenue numbers for the prior year contained in this report remain estimates pending adjustments during the annual audit process.
2. **2022 Month Budgeted and YTD Budgeted:** Month Budgeted refers to the collections that are anticipated for the reporting month. What this means:
 - a. For some tax revenues there can be a 2–3-month difference between the month for which the tax is due and the month in which it is collected. This report pertains to the collection month, which means at the beginning of the fiscal year some tax revenues accrue to the prior fiscal year and do not appear in this report.
 - b. For some non-tax revenues, specifically fines, forfeitures and penalties and charges for service for which the City is reimbursed, the beginning of the fiscal year includes a mix of revenues related to the prior fiscal year as well as the current fiscal year. In those cases, actuals have been adjusted for known prior year collections.
 - c. Monthly budget amounts are created by taking the total revenue anticipated and allocating across months based on historical patterns, seasonality, and in the case of some tax revenues expected economic conditions.
3. **2022 Month Collections and YTD Collections:** Revenues reflect cash collections for the current budget year. 2021 Month Collections reflect the amount collected specifically in the reported month while the YTD Collections reflect the cumulative amount collected for the year, through the reporting month. Due to a lag in collections, some revenue streams do not begin for the current budget year until the second, third, or fourth month. As part of regular activity, the City reviews revenues received to ensure those revenues

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are allocated to the appropriate period. The City could determine after these reports are published that some reported revenue belongs to a prior period and make adjustments to reflect those revenues in the proper period.

4. **2022 Annual Budget:** This column reflects collections expected for the full fiscal year.

UNDERSTANDING THE REPORT

Comparisons between these estimated budget revenues and collections are one indication of revenue performance and can indicate economic developments that may affect the annual revenue forecast. However, while budget estimates take some seasonality into account, there can be significant fluctuations from one month to the next, both in when revenues are received and at times, in the activities from which revenues are derived. Over the course of the year, many of these fluctuations even out. However, early in any fiscal year, these fluctuations can both give the impression of better or worse conditions and could mask underlying risks. As a result, the City intends to update its year end estimate with the annual Budget Forecast to be published in August.

MONTHLY ANALYSIS

This year, as the city recovered from the COVID-19 pandemic, the predictability of the path of its economic recovery remained uncertain and affected various revenue streams differently. Even during stable economic conditions, seasonality in some revenue streams and the irregular nature of others lead to significant variances from one month to the next that smooth out as the year progresses.

Total collections through November exceeded budget estimates by \$409.9 million. Personal Property Replacement Tax and Transaction taxes continue to outperform expectations. Fines, Forfeitures, and Penalties remain under budget due to greater compliance, while as well as Licenses, Permits, and Certificates. Variances from budget for internal service earnings are likely timing related.

The Office of Budget and Management (OBM) revised year end estimates based on data collected through the summer months and based on collections to date, OBM anticipates full year revenue collections to meet the revised estimates.

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	2021	2022		2021	YTD	2022	Diff	Percent Diff	2022 Annual Budget	
	Month Actuals	Month Budgeted	Month Collections	YTD Actuals	YTD Budgeted	YTD Collections				
Local Tax										
Utility Taxes	31,475	30,387	31,770	312,418	297,590	333,341	35,751	12.0%	388,902	
Chicago Sales Taxes	4,418	4,400	4,757	64,629	64,934	81,759	16,826	25.9%	73,055	
Transaction Taxes	56,431	49,814	61,196	570,772	496,671	658,569	161,898	32.6%	582,313	
Transportation Taxes	26,452	27,543	29,095	213,549	294,934	286,631	(8,303)	-2.8%	336,087	
Recreation Taxes	25,536	20,415	24,652	196,219	231,544	258,109	26,565	11.5%	274,350	
Business Taxes	8,778	11,785	14,161	54,876	98,348	112,351	14,003	14.2%	112,744	
State Taxes/Revenues										
Income Tax	21,430	32,206	27,428	273,511	287,497	307,786	20,289	7.1%	366,600	
Personal Property Replacement Tax	0	-	-	227,956	123,716	403,321	279,604	226.0%	163,683	
Auto Rental Tax	505	445	378	2,432	2,660	3,089	429	16.1%	3,960	
State Reimbursements	72	348	36	1,818	1,976	2,051	75	3.8%	2,000	
Proceeds and Transfers										
ARP Revenue Replacement	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	NA	385,000	
Reserve Fund Interest	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	NA	19,000	
Sales Tax Corporation Residual	70,575	47,693	74,632	402,280	373,120	418,898	45,778	12.3%	569,933	
Other Proceeds and Transfers	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	NA	75,000	
Local Non-Tax										
Licenses, Permits, and Certificates	8,643	9,167	9,548	100,826	111,355	97,022	(14,333)	-12.9%	119,600	
Fines, Forfeitures, and Penalties	29,336	28,962	26,083	287,434	339,735	294,462	(45,272)	-13.3%	369,700	
Charges for Service	24,671	6,986	39,921	289,267	295,003	324,282	29,279	9.9%	340,400	
Municipal Parking	457	477	552	6,488	6,951	6,368	(583)	-8.4%	7,600	
Leases, Rentals, and Sales Interest	122	5,019	701	6,063	14,710	13,646	(1,063)	-7.2%	29,300	
Interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	NA	6,500	
Internal Service Earnings	46,692	43,954	22,816	349,636	392,546	259,945	(132,601)	-33.8%	485,773	
Other Revenue	10,425	2,428	1,935	122,527	88,670	70,276	(18,394)	-20.7%	137,022	
Total Revenue	366,018	322,031	369,661	3,482,699	3,521,960	3,931,906	409,946	11.64%	4,848,522	

Month Budgeted refers to the month collections are anticipated. In some instances, there is a 2-3-month difference between the month for which a tax is due and the month in which it is collected.

Revenues are recorded at a point in time may not reflect all adjustments recorded in future periods