FY 2021 revenue to the General (GF) and Education Funds (EF) totaled $4.7 billion through the first six months, a year-over-year (YoY) increase of 29.8%. The consensus target for the whole fiscal year is 23.6%. This 29.8% is down from November’s 32.6% and December’s 33.7%. Overall, revenue continues to perform better than expected as businesses and consumers in the state power through the pandemic.

General Fund collections totaled almost $1.5 billion through the first six months of FY 2021, representing a YoY growth rate of 5.4%. The current consensus growth rate is 3.4%. Sales tax is largely behind the General Fund performance, up 10.2%. The sales tax growth rate continues to outperform expectations, even as revenue collections moved to more apples-to-apples comparison. For the first four months of FY 2021, collections included marketplace sales while FY 2020 collections did not. Overall, consumer spending has, so far, held up well over the course of the pandemic.

Education Fund collections reached $3.2 billion through the first six months of FY 2021, representing a YoY increase of 45.7%. The 45.7% increase is largely the result of income tax payments occurring in July 2020 instead of April 2020. Overall, as with the sales tax, income taxes have, so far, held up quite well over the course of the pandemic.

Transportation Fund collections reached $326 million through the first six months of FY 2021, a rate of 4.2% over the prior year. This is below the consensus target of 4.6%. Overall, although there is a heightened degree of uncertainty for the performance of the economy over the coming months, the Transportation Fund is holding up relatively well given the state of the economy.