A Snapshot Of State Tax Collections



Sources: The Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government, U.S. Census Bureau. Data is Q2'08 through Q3'14 (latest data available).

View from the Observation Deck

- 1. After enduring five consecutive quarters (Q4'08-Q4'09) of negative year-over-year (y-o-y) growth in state tax collections, while in the midst of the financial crisis, revenues finally turned positive in Q1'10.
- 2. Since then, total state tax collections have risen in 18 of the past 19 quarters. The only quarter that posted negative y-o-y growth was Q2'14, but collections were down just 0.5%.
- 3. The average y-o-y growth rate in tax revenues over the past 19 quarters was 5.2%. While encouraging, it did lag the 7.1% average growth rate over the 19 quarters (Q1'04-Q3'08) prior to Q4'08-Q4'09.
- 4. The major tax revenue streams represented in the chart are as follows: personal income tax, general sales tax and corporate income tax.
- 5. Personal income tax revenues posted positive y-o-y growth rates in 17 of the past 19 quarters, with an average growth rate of 6.6%.
- 6. General sales tax revenues posted positive y-o-y growth rates in 19 of the past 19 quarters, with an average growth rate of 4.2%.
- 7. Corporate income tax revenues posted positive y-o-y growth rates in 15 of the past 19 quarters, with an average growth rate of 3.5%.

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