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RALEIGH – For December 2009, North Carolina's General Fund saw an increase in tax receipts and a decrease in non-tax receipts. Tax revenues, net of refunds, increased by \$408.5 million, or 24.3 percent for the month of December compared to the previous year. Non-tax revenues decreased by \$3.9 million, or 6.3 percent for the month of December compared to the previous year. With lower cash balances, investment earnings declined by \$15.7 million or 80.5 percent for December as compared to the prior year. For the year to date through December, net tax revenues reflected an increase of \$396.6 million, or 4.6 percent, with investment earnings down by \$70.2 million, or 74.6 percent.

The General Fund's unreserved fund had a balance of \$740.6 million as of December 31, as compared to \$180.5 million at the end of November.

The North Carolina Department of Revenue, in an effort to settle disputes over corporate tax bills, collected a net of \$427.2 million from 236 corporate entities between August 2009 and December 2009 with the majority of the collections being received in December 2009. The Department focused on outstanding cases in which the Department and the taxpayer had disputes over the proper calculation of taxes due to the state.

This information is contained in the most recent monthly report on the General Fund compiled by the Office of the State Controller. This report can be found at <http://www.osc.nc.gov/index2.html>. Go to "Recent Publications" and click on "General Fund Monthly Financial Report -- December." The OSC website includes General Fund monthly budgetary basis financial information back through June 1998.

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