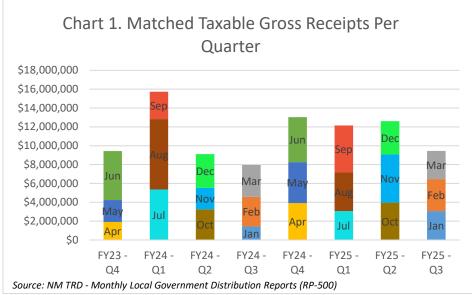
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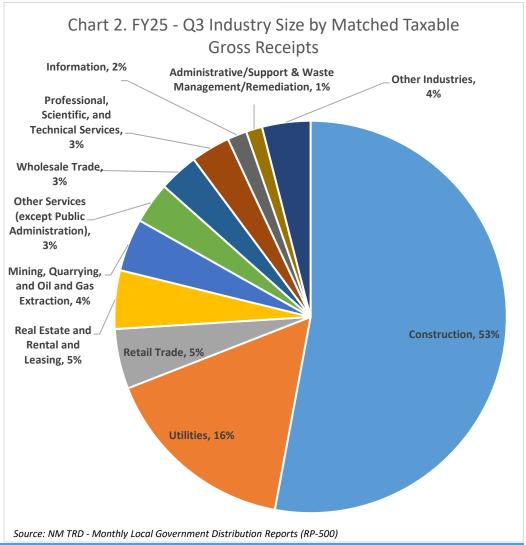
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In the third quarter of FY25, 26 out of 33 counties reported positive year-over-year (YOY) economic growth compared to Q3 FY24, with a statewide 5.9% increase in matched taxable gross receipts (MTGR). Statewide growth was observed across most industry sectors, with construction and unclassified establishments leading the way. Employment, wages, and the number of establishments also increased YOY in New Mexico in Q2 FY25.

Harding County's **MTGR** decreased by nearly \$3.2M, or 25.1%, from Q2 FY25 to Q3 FY25, as seen in Chart 1. The amount reported during Q3 FY25 (\$9.4M) was \$1.7M lower than the eight-quarter average (\$11.2M). As seen in Chart 2, the largest industry as a percentage of MTGR construction (53%), followed by utilities (16%). In Q2 FY25, construction (52%) and manufacturing (16%) the were largest contributors, followed by utilities (12%).

Matched Taxable Gross
Receipts (MTGR) provide
the most accurate tax data
for assessing underlying
economic activity. The data
collection process involves
matching tax payments with
reported receipts for each
taxpayer by industry.



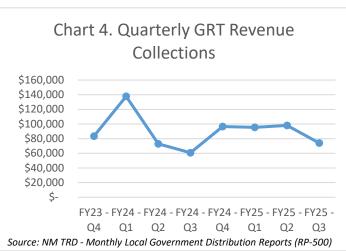
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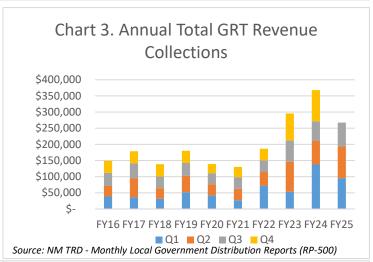


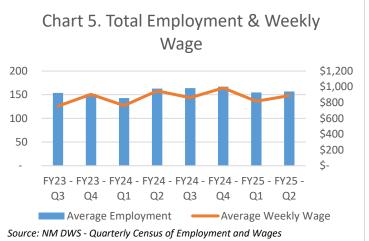
Table 1. Matched Taxable Gross Receipts by Industry												
Industries	ı	FY24 - Q3 FY25 - Q3			Growth	Growth Year over year Cha						
Accommodation and Food Services	\$	2,076	\$	6,671	\$	4,594		221%				
Administrative/Support & Waste Management/Remediation	\$	77,246	\$	124,049	\$	46,802		61%				
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting	\$	41,035	\$	101,019	\$	59,984		146%				
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	\$	38,109	\$	-	\$	(38,109)		-100%				
Construction	\$	4,588,566	\$	4,908,928	\$	320,362		7%				
Educational Services	\$	5,434	\$	15,839	\$	10,404		191%				
Finance and Insurance	\$	5,425	\$	1,204	\$	(4,220)		-78%				
Health Care and Social Assistance	\$	21,815	\$	21,758	\$	(57)		0%				
Information	\$	123,428	\$	148,342	\$	24,915		20%				
Management of Companies and Enterprises	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	N/A					
Manufacturing	\$	151,770	\$	114,933	\$	(36,837)		-24%				
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	\$	305,442	\$	402,743	\$	97,300		32%				
Other Services (except Public Administration)	\$	308,951	\$	316,168	\$	7,217		2%				
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	\$	184,560	\$	300,103	\$	115,544		63%				
Public Administration	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	N/A					
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	\$	40,942	\$	447,126	\$	406,183		992%				
Retail Trade	\$	392,952	\$	458,382	\$	65,430		17%				
Transportation and Warehousing	\$	-	\$	5,564	\$	5,564	N/A					
Unclassified Establishments	\$	74,894	\$	102,614	\$	27,720		37%				
Utilities	\$	1,347,969	\$	1,497,858	\$	149,889		11%				
Wholesale Trade	\$	75,426	\$	302,102	\$	226,675		301%				
All Industries	\$	7,960,249	\$	9,443,806	\$	1,483,557		19%				
Source: NM TRD - Monthly Local Government Distribution Reports (RP-500) and EDD Calculations												

Table 1 shows that most industries reported a YOY increase in MTGR. Overall, Harding County saw a 19% YOY increase in MTGR, or nearly \$1.5M, driven by increases in real estate and rental and leasing (\$406K), construction (\$320K), and wholesale trade (\$227K).

Quarterly gross receipts tax (GRT) collections during Q3 FY25 (\$74K), as seen in Chart 4, show a decrease of \$24K, or 24.6%, compared to Q2 FY25. Both average employment and weekly wages declined by 3.7% and 6.4% YOY, respectively, in Q2 FY25 (Chart 5). The number of establishments grew by 3% YOY in Q2 FY25 (Chart 6 on the next page).

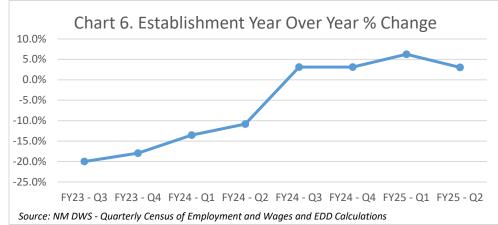






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An **establishment**, as defined by the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) and referenced in Chart 6, is an economic unit, such as a farm, factory, or store, located at a single physical address and engaged in one type of economic activity.

The Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW), used in Charts 5-6 and Table 2, produces comprehensive data on the number of establishments, monthly employment, and quarterly wages for workers covered by state unemployment insurance (UI) laws and federal workers covered by the Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees (UCFE) program. These data are aggregated to many different levels, starting at the 6-digit NAICS industry level, to higher industry levels (NAICS industry groups, sectors, and supersectors), and to higher geographic levels (MSA, state, and national).

Data are based on information reported by New Mexico employers, covering 97% of nonfarm wage and salary workers. Data are published every quarter. Considered the gold standard for its reliability of industry data, the QCEW data are the most complete universe of monthly employment and quarterly wage information by detailed industry.

Table 2. FY25 - Q2 Employment Data and Establishments by Industry												
		YOY Change in		YOY change in								
	Average Average		Average Average		Number of	YOY Change in						
Industry	Employment	Employment	Weekly Wage	Weekly Wage	Establishments	Establishments						
Accommodation and Food Services	*	*	*	*	2	0.0%						
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting	19	18.8%	*	-64.2%	7	16.7%						
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	*	*	*	*	2	0.0%						
Construction	26	8.3%	*	15.2%	4	0.0%						
Educational Services	*	*	*	*	3	0.0%						
Health Care and Social Assistance	*	*	*	*	1	-50.0%						
Other Services (except Public Administration)	*	*	*	*	1	0.0%						
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	*	*	*	*	2	100.0%						
Public Administration	32	10.3%	*	-5.5%	6	0.0%						
Retail Trade	*	*	*	*	1	0.0%						
Transportation and Warehousing	*	*	*	*	4	0.0%						
Wholesale Trade	*	*	*	*	1	0.0%						
All Industries	157	-3.7%	*	-6.4%	34	3.0%						

Source: NM DWS - Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages and EDD Calculations *Some data may be withheld to avoid disclosure of confidential information.

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Population

748

Source: U.S. Census Bureau - American Community Survey (ACS) 2023, 5-year estimates

