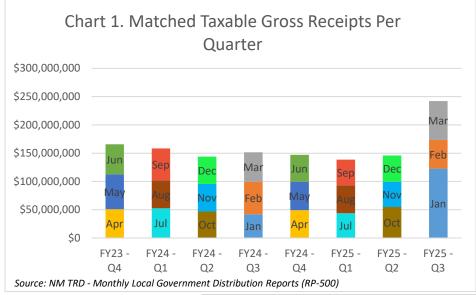
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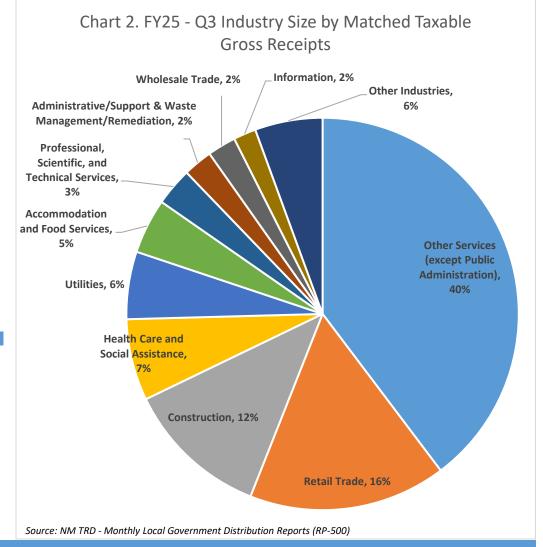
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In the third quarter of FY25, 26 out of 33 counties reported positive year-over-year (YOY) economic growth compared to Q3 FY24, with a statewide 5.9% increase in matched taxable gross receipts (MTGR). Statewide growth was observed across most industry 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.

Luna County saw a sharp increase in MTGR of \$96.3M, or 66%, from Q2 FY25 to Q3 FY25, as seen in Chart 1. The amount reported during Q3 FY25 (\$242M) was \$80.6M higher than the eightquarter average (\$162M). As indicated in Chart 2, the largest industry as percentage of MTGR was the other services industry (40%), followed by retail trade (16%). In Q2 FY25, retail trade was the largest industry, accounting for 30% of MTGR.

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.



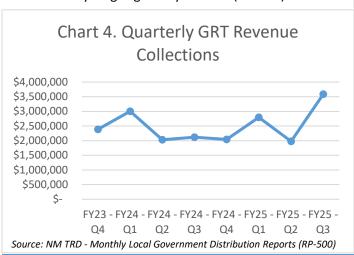
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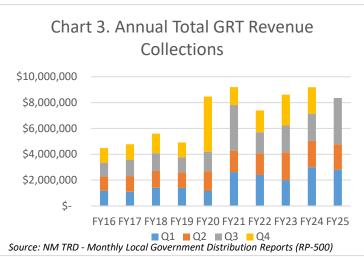


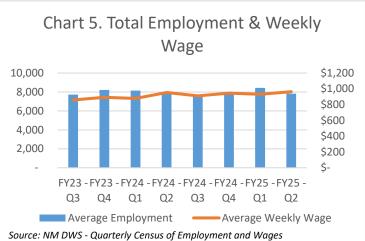
Table 1. Matched Taxable Gross Receipts by Industry											
Industries		FY24 - Q3	FY25 - Q3		Growth	Growth Year over year					
Accommodation and Food Services	\$	11,012,055	\$	10,953,343	\$	(58,713)		-1%			
Administrative/Support & Waste Management/Remediation	\$	3,823,608	\$	5,811,401	\$	1,987,794		52%			
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting	\$	286,200	\$	238,912	\$	(47,288)		-17%			
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	\$	386,639	\$	418,058	\$	31,419		8%			
Construction	\$	24,071,760	\$	28,611,190	\$	4,539,430		19%			
Educational Services	\$	142,832	\$	162,886	\$	20,053		14%			
Finance and Insurance	\$	499,476	\$	545,570	\$	46,095		9%			
Health Care and Social Assistance	\$	15,794,677	\$	16,222,671	\$	427,994		3%			
Information	\$	4,350,841	\$	4,485,737	\$	134,895		3%			
Management of Companies and Enterprises	\$	29,064	\$	-	\$	(29,064)		-100%			
Manufacturing	\$	3,819,414	\$	3,796,115	\$	(23,300)		-1%			
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	\$	448,696	\$	546,083	\$	97,387		22%			
Other Services (except Public Administration)	\$	7,805,749	\$	95,825,419	\$	88,019,671		1128%			
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	\$	13,217,139	\$	7,566,149	\$	(5,650,990)		-43%			
Public Administration	\$	81,828	\$	756,669	\$	674,841		825%			
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	\$	2,268,763	\$	2,635,527	\$	366,763		16%			
Retail Trade	\$	40,159,953	\$	39,274,816	\$	(885,138)		-2%			
Transportation and Warehousing	\$	2,406,438	\$	1,399,391	\$	(1,007,046)		-42%			
Unclassified Establishments	\$	2,309,908	\$	2,950,937	\$	641,028		28%			
Utilities	\$	12,529,241	\$	13,422,278	\$	893,037		7%			
Wholesale Trade	\$	4,517,322	\$	5,670,468	\$	1,153,146		26%			
All Industries	\$	151,676,139	\$	242,249,878	\$	90,573,739		60%			
Source: NM TRD - Monthly Local Government Distribution Reports (RP-500) and EDD Calculations											

Table 1 shows that all but 7 industries reported a YOY increase in MTGR. The largest increase came from the other services (except public administration) industry, which posted a YOY gain of \$88M. The largest decline came from the professional, scientific, and technical services industry, which reported a YOY decrease of \$5.7M.

Quarterly gross receipts tax (GRT) collections during Q3 FY25 (\$3.6M), as seen in Chart 4, show an increase of \$1.6M, or 81.3%, compared to Q2 FY25. In Q2 FY25, average employment levels declined by 0.8% YOY, while weekly wages grew by 1% YOY (Chart 5).

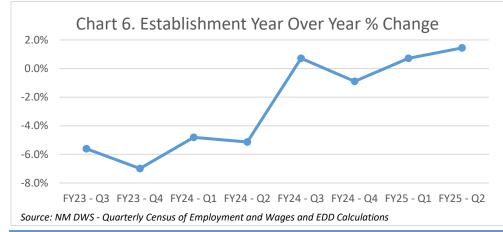






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An **establishment**, as defined by the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) and referenced in Chart 6, is an economic unit, such as a farm, factory, or store, located at a single physical address and engaged in one type of economic activity.

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		ange in	YOY chang			nge in				
	Average	erage Average		Average Avera			•	Number of YOY Chang		ange in	
Industry	Employment	Employ	ment	We	eekly Wage	Weekly	Wage	Establishments Establi		hments	
Accommodation and Food Services	708		1.3%	\$	390		-0.3%	58		11.5%	
Administrative/Support & Waste							I				
Management/Remediation	133		-10.1%	\$	865		14.4%	24		9.1%	
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting	498		-10.1%	\$	660		3.8%	48		-4.0%	
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	97		7.8%	\$	409		9.9%	10		0.0%	
Construction	701		7.7%	\$	1,631		-11.6%	56		0.0%	
Educational Services	684		1.0%	\$	1,003		-3.1%	17		0.0%	
Finance and Insurance	101		2.0%	\$	1,039		5.4%	23		-4.2%	
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,361		4.9%	\$	819		0.9%	96		3.2%	
Information	32		255.6%	\$	880		-29.3%	6		0.0%	
Management of Companies and Enterprises	*		*		*		*	2		0.0%	
Manufacturing	706		-14.1%	\$	984		31.4%	12		-7.7%	
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	*		*		*		*	2		0.0%	
Other Services (except Public Administration)	103		-17.6%	\$	755		6.3%	30		7.1%	
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	109		19.8%	\$	1,229		12.9%	17		-5.6%	
Public Administration	1,138		-0.8%	\$	1,495		-2.1%	27		-3.6%	
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	56		12.0%	\$	730		3.3%	23		0.0%	
Retail Trade	943		-3.5%	\$	585		1.4%	66		0.0%	
Transportation and Warehousing	217		15.4%	\$	899		-1.4%	22		0.0%	
Utilities	75		-28.6%	\$	1,664		-7.5%	8		14.3%	
Wholesale Trade	94		3.3%	\$	1,076		-4.3%	15		0.0%	
All Industries	7,825		-0.8%	\$	964		1.0%	562		1.4%	

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

25,420

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

