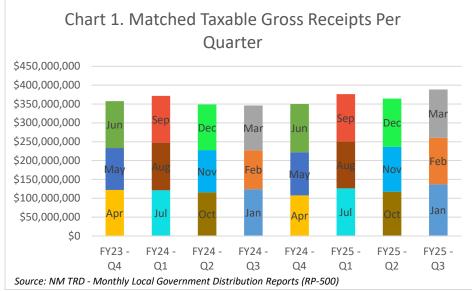
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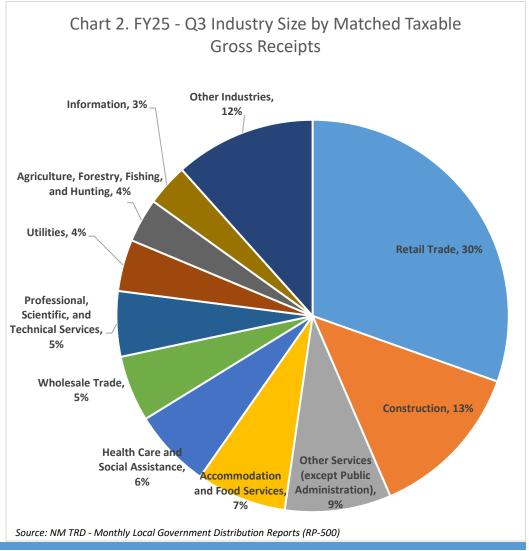
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In the third quarter of FY25, 26 out of 33 counties reported positive year-over-year (YOY) economic growth compared to Q3 FY24, with a statewide 5.9% increase in matched taxable gross receipts (MTGR). Statewide growth was observed across most industry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

County's increased by nearly \$24.4M, or 6.7%, from Q2 FY25 to Q3 FY25, as seen in Chart 1. The amount reported during Q3 FY25 (\$389M) was \$25.8M higher than the eightquarter average (\$363M). As seen in Chart 2, the largest industry as a percentage of MTGR was retail trade (30%), followed by construction (13%). quarter, retail trade was also the largest MTGR industry at 36%, followed bν construction at 10%.

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.



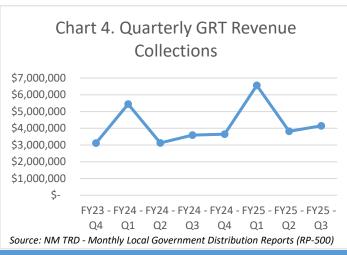
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Table 1. Matched Taxable Gross Receipts by Industry													
Industries		FY24 - Q3		FY25 - Q3		Growth	Growth Year over year						
Accommodation and Food Services	\$	26,780,137	\$	28,916,931	\$	2,136,793		8%					
Administrative/Support & Waste Management/Remediation	\$	9,533,464	\$	8,476,905	\$	(1,056,559)		-11%					
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting	\$	812,307	\$	14,102,762	\$	13,290,455		1636%					
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	\$	1,691,098	\$	895,731	\$	(795,368)		-47%					
Construction	\$	47,521,718	\$	50,882,421	\$	3,360,704		7%					
Educational Services	\$	2,328,299	\$	3,026,571	\$	698,272		30%					
Finance and Insurance	\$	1,070,135	\$	1,149,017	\$	78,882		7%					
Health Care and Social Assistance	\$	26,344,406	\$	25,234,272	\$	(1,110,134)		-4%					
Information	\$	13,364,807	\$	13,451,202	\$	86,395		1%					
Management of Companies and Enterprises	\$	42,150	\$	-	\$	(42,150)		-100%					
Manufacturing	\$	7,196,897	\$	10,505,047	\$	3,308,150		46%					
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	\$	852,962	\$	815,670	\$	(37,293)		-4%					
Other Services (except Public Administration)	\$	31,420,090	\$	34,049,350	\$	2,629,260		8%					
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	\$	20,869,225	\$	20,940,086	\$	70,861		0%					
Public Administration	\$	494,000	\$	745,124	\$	251,124		51%					
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	\$	6,807,905	\$	8,278,418	\$	1,470,513		22%					
Retail Trade	\$	115,542,907	\$	118,291,480	\$	2,748,573		2%					
Transportation and Warehousing	\$	1,105,796	\$	958,372	\$	(147,425)		-13%					
Unclassified Establishments	\$	7,216,687	\$	10,286,737	\$	3,070,050		43%					
Utilities	\$	14,629,899	\$	16,559,084	\$	1,929,185		13%					
Wholesale Trade	\$	9,254,619	\$	21,163,853	\$	11,909,234		129%					
All Industries	\$	346,041,462	\$	388,750,418	\$	42,708,956		12%					
Source: NM TRD - Monthly Local Government Distribution Reports (RP-500) and	d EDD Co	alculations											

Table 1 shows that all but 6 industries reported a YOY increase in MTGR. The largest increase came from the agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting industry, which posted a YOY gain of nearly \$13.3M. The largest decline came from the health care and social assistance industry, which reported a YOY decrease of \$1.1M.

Quarterly gross receipts tax (GRT) collections during Q3 FY25 (\$4.1M) show an increase of \$326K, or 8.5%, compared to Q2 FY25 (Chart 4). Chart 5 shows a YOY decline in average employment of 0.2% and an increase in average weekly wages of 4.7% in Q2 FY25.



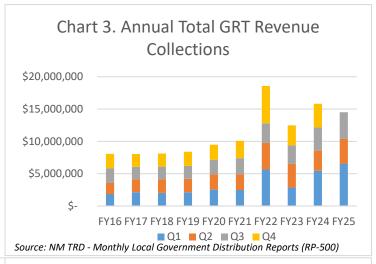


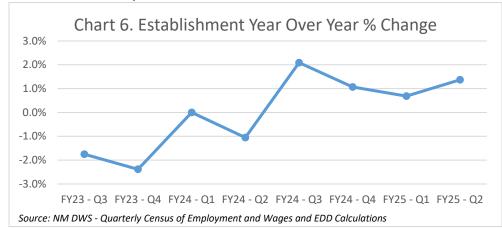
Chart 5. Total Employment & Weekly
Wage



Source: NM DWS - Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages

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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		ange in		YOY change in	ĺ							
	Average	_		Average	Average	Number of	YOY Change in Establishments						
Industry	Employment			Weekly Wage	Weekly Wage	Establishments							
Accommodation and Food Services	2,553		0.0%	\$ 544	3.8%	113	0.9%						
Administrative/Support & Waste													
Management/Remediation	946		-4.9%	\$ 1,065	7.49	102	6.3%						
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting	113		-1.7%	\$ 782	-10.6%	18	20.0%						
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	216		-11.5%	\$ 752	7.3%	25	-7.4%						
Construction	1,054		1.4%	\$ 1,193	7.6%	124	-4.6%						
Educational Services	2,066		0.5%	\$ 1,070	-2.0%	27	3.8%						
Finance and Insurance	335		2.8%	\$ 1,263	8.3%	60	-1.6%						
Health Care and Social Assistance	3,430		-0.1%	\$ 999	7.5%	215	-0.5%						
Information	196		0.0%	\$ 1,082	6.4%	34	9.7%						
Management of Companies and Enterprises	*		*	×	:	* 9	12.5%						
Manufacturing	73		-7.6%	\$ 628	4.3%	19	0.0%						
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	*		*	*	:	[*] 6	50.0%						
Other Services (except Public Administration)	360		-5.3%	\$ 801	10.2%	85	1.2%						
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	575		-8.6%	\$ 1,492	0.9%	132	4.8%						
Public Administration	2,435		6.1%	\$ 1,367	2.49	54	1.9%						
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	187		-4.1%	\$ 793	6.49	64	8.5%						
Retail Trade	2,438		-2.8%	\$ 597	6.8%	153	-1.9%						
Transportation and Warehousing	406		0.2%	\$ 1,334	0.5%	47	-2.1%						
Utilities	160		-0.6%	\$ 1,354	9.0%	19	0.0%						
Wholesale Trade	103		30.4%	\$ 1,196	13.49	28	7.7%						
All Industries	17,754		-0.2%	\$ 976	4.79	1,334	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

68,235

Source: U.S. Census Bureau - American Community Survey

