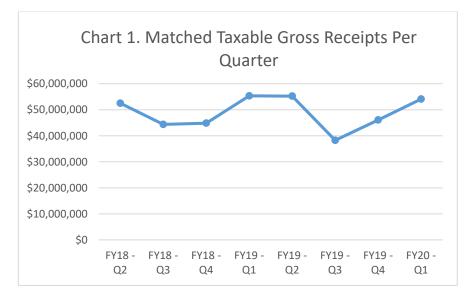
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## **Socorro County**

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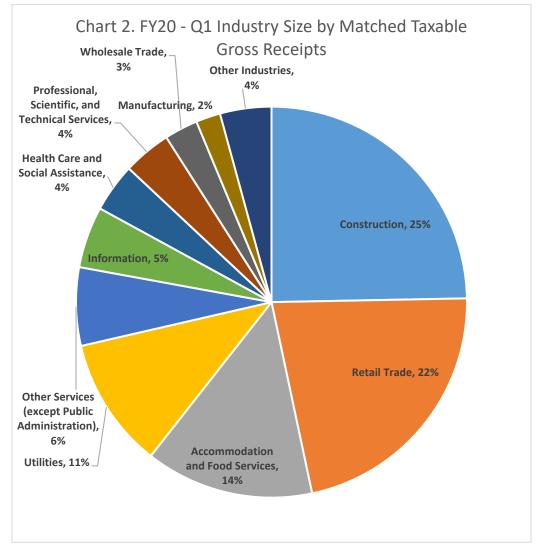
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Socorro County has seen an uptick in its matched taxable gross receipts (MTGR) over the last two quarters, as seen in Chart 1. Socorro County's MTGR was near its previous high, set in Q1 FY19, over the last eight quarters. Table 1, on the next page, shows a decrease of \$1.2M from Q1 FY19 to FY20 of the same period, with the largest dollar amount loss being in the Construction sector. This could indicate the completion of a project in the area. Even though the Construction sector saw a \$4M loss, the sector still makes up 25%

of the county's MTGR. Accommodations and Food services as well as Utilities saw the largest dollar amount of growth, with each sector increasing by roughly \$1.2M from Q1 FY19 to Q1 FY20.

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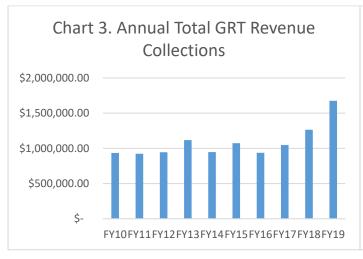
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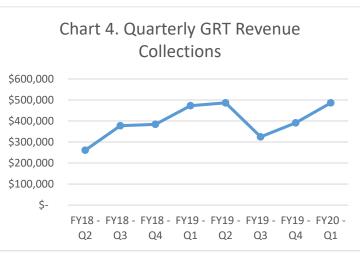


| Table 1. Matched Taxable Gross Receipts by Industry   |    |            |    |            |    |             |              |            |  |  |  |  |
|---|----|------------|----|------------|----|-------------|--------------|------------|--|--|--|--|
| Industries  |    | FY19 - Q1  |    | FY20 - Q1  |    | Growth      | Year over ye | ear Change |  |  |  |  |
| Accommodation and Food Services                       | \$ | 6,305,433  | \$ | 7,537,171  | \$ | 1,231,737   |              | 20%        |  |  |  |  |
| Administrative/Support & Waste Management/Remediation | \$ | 941,975    | \$ | 555,874    | \$ | (386,101)   |              | -41%       |  |  |  |  |
| Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting           | \$ | 385,149    | \$ | 251,322    | \$ | (133,827)   |              | -35%       |  |  |  |  |
| Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation                   | \$ | 19,715     | \$ | 16,016     | \$ | (3,698)     |              | -19%       |  |  |  |  |
| Construction  | \$ | 17,395,497 | \$ | 13,364,014 | \$ | (4,031,484) |              | -23%       |  |  |  |  |
| Educational Services                                  | \$ | 24,287     | \$ | 84,200     | \$ | 59,912      |              | 247%       |  |  |  |  |
| Finance and Insurance                                 | \$ | 215,445    | \$ | 164,634    | \$ | (50,812)    |              | -24%       |  |  |  |  |
| Health Care and Social Assistance                     | \$ | 1,738,228  | \$ | 2,179,838  | \$ | 441,609     |              | 25%        |  |  |  |  |
| Information   | \$ | 2,771,063  | \$ | 2,749,235  | \$ | (21,828)    |              | -1%        |  |  |  |  |
| Management of Companies and Enterprises               | \$ | -          | \$ | 971        | \$ | 971         | N/A          |            |  |  |  |  |
| Manufacturing   | \$ | 918,358    | \$ | 1,098,237  | \$ | 179,879     |              | 20%        |  |  |  |  |
| Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction         | \$ | -          | \$ | -          | \$ | -           | N/A          |            |  |  |  |  |
| Other Services (except Public Administration)         | \$ | 3,374,573  | \$ | 3,503,731  | \$ | 129,158     |              | 4%         |  |  |  |  |
| Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services      | \$ | 1,748,707  | \$ | 2,151,906  | \$ | 403,199     |              | 23%        |  |  |  |  |
| Public Administration                                 | \$ | -          | \$ | -          | \$ | -           | N/A          |            |  |  |  |  |
| Real Estate and Rental and Leasing                    | \$ | 873,947    | \$ | 668,307    | \$ | (205,640)   |              | -24%       |  |  |  |  |
| Retail Trade  | \$ | 12,108,028 | \$ | 11,891,214 | \$ | (216,815)   |              | -2%        |  |  |  |  |
| Transportation and Warehousing                        | \$ | 181,107    | \$ | 244,166    | \$ | 63,059      |              | 35%        |  |  |  |  |
| Unclassified Establishments                           | \$ | 182,224    | \$ | 311,953    | \$ | 129,729     |              | 71%        |  |  |  |  |
| Utilities   | \$ | 4,619,868  | \$ | 5,848,182  | \$ | 1,228,314   |              | 27%        |  |  |  |  |
| Wholesale Trade                                       | \$ | 1,534,580  | \$ | 1,497,904  | \$ | (36,676)    |              | -2%        |  |  |  |  |
| All Industries  | \$ | 55,338,185 | \$ | 54,118,872 | \$ | (1,219,313) |              | -2%        |  |  |  |  |

Gross Receipts Tax (GRT) revenue collections rose significantly in Q1 FY20 as compared to Q2 FY18, as seen in Chart 4. This represents an 86% increase during that time period. This increase is almost exclusively due to an increase in the county hold harmless GRT collection.

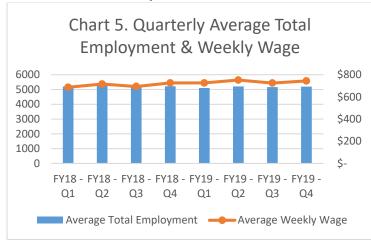
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| Table 2. Calendar Year 2018 Real County GDP vs Real State GDP            |             |            |                    |                  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|-------------|------------|--------------------|------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Industries   | Socorro, NM | New Mexico | Difference Between | County and State |  |  |  |  |  |
| Accommodation and food services  | 3.85%       | 2.94%      |                    | 0.92%            |  |  |  |  |  |
| Administrative and support and waste management and remediation services | 0.00%       | 2.51%      |                    | -2.51%           |  |  |  |  |  |
| Arts, entertainment, and recreation                                      | 0.01%       | 0.68%      |                    | -0.67%           |  |  |  |  |  |
| Educational services   | 0.00%       | 0.51%      |                    | -0.51%           |  |  |  |  |  |
| Finance and insurance  | 1.19%       | 2.75%      |                    | -1.56%           |  |  |  |  |  |
| Health care and social assistance  | 0.00%       | 7.39%      |                    | -7.39%           |  |  |  |  |  |
| Management of companies and enterprises                                  | 0.00%       | 0.61%      |                    | -0.61%           |  |  |  |  |  |
| Professional, scientific, and technical services                         | 7.03%       | 7.21%      |                    | -0.18%           |  |  |  |  |  |
| Real estate and rental and leasing                                       | 15.91%      | 12.17%     |                    | 3.75%            |  |  |  |  |  |
| Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting                               | 11.48%      | 1.78%      |                    | 9.70%            |  |  |  |  |  |
| Construction   | 0.47%       | 3.12%      |                    | -2.64%           |  |  |  |  |  |
| Information  | 0.51%       | 3.21%      |                    | -2.70%           |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manufacturing  | 2.22%       | 4.31%      |                    | -2.09%           |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction                            | 1.51%       | 14.79%     |                    | -13.28%          |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other services (except government and government enterprises)            | 1.64%       | 1.96%      |                    | -0.32%           |  |  |  |  |  |
| Retail trade   | 4.50%       | 5.87%      |                    | -1.37%           |  |  |  |  |  |
| Transportation and warehousing   | 1.65%       | 2.58%      |                    | -0.94%           |  |  |  |  |  |
| Utilities  | 0.00%       | 1.57%      |                    | -1.57%           |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wholesale trade  | 0.00%       | 3.13%      |                    | -3.13%           |  |  |  |  |  |
| Government and government enterprises                                    | 37.70%      | 21.50%     |                    | 16.20%           |  |  |  |  |  |