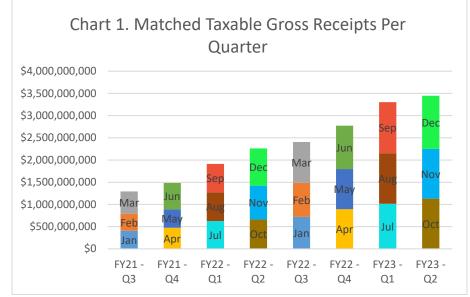
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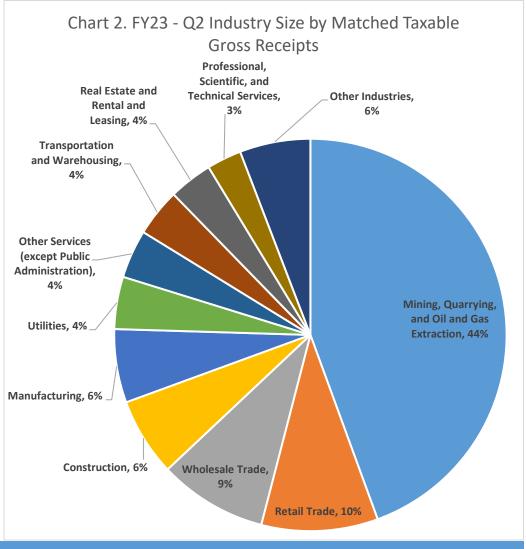
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In the second quarter of FY23, 26 of 33 counties saw year-over-year economic growth, averaging 16% growth statewide. State gross receipts dropped slightly in October and November from the prior few months but rose significantly in December to a new record high. First quarter growth in FY23 was abnormally high, and the second quarter appears to have normalized with seasonal trends while still rising at a steady pace. However, national concerns remain regarding inflation and rising interest rates.

Lea County's matched taxable gross receipts (MTGR) have continued to increase quarter-overquarter dating back to Q1 FY21. MTGR saw a slight increase in Q2 FY23 as compared to Q1 FY23, seen in Chart 1. From Q1 FY23 to Q2 FY23 MTGR increased by \$146M or nearly 5%. The amount reported during Q2 FY23, \$3.4B, accounted for over 14% of the state's entire **MTGR** reported during Q2 FY23.

Matched Taxable Gross
Receipts (MTGR) are the
best tax data available to
show underlying economic
activity. The data
collection process matches
a tax payment with
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taxpayer by industry.



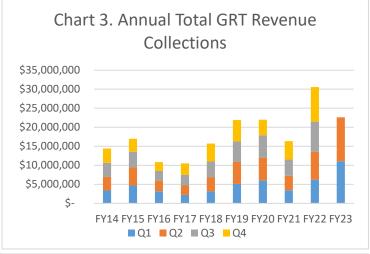
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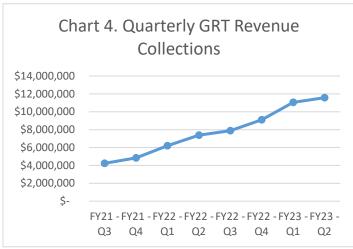


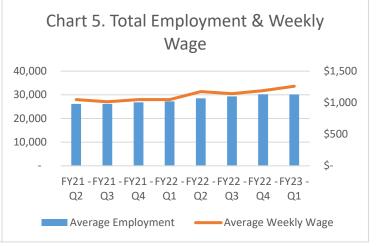
Table 1. FY23 - Q2 Matched Taxable Gross Receipts by Industry													
	%Change from FY20-												
Industries	FY23 - Q2			YOY Growth	YOY % Change		Q2 (Pre-COVID)						
Accommodation and Food Services	\$	46,867,101	\$	2,907,094		7%	7%						
Administrative/Support & Waste Management/Remediation	\$	44,944,445	\$	14,279,474		47%	61%						
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting	\$	(2,764,456)	\$	(4,561,875)		-254%	-232%						
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	\$	2,934,492	\$	621,777		27%	34%						
Construction	\$	222,106,016	\$	4,932,698		2%	-4%						
Educational Services	\$	399,380	\$	(56,656)		-12%	11%						
Finance and Insurance	\$	3,053,308	\$	(158,251)		-5%	20%						
Health Care and Social Assistance	\$	36,367,863	\$	10,037,546		38%	101%						
Information	\$	19,355,353	\$	938,407		5%	-29%						
Management of Companies and Enterprises	\$	162,889	\$	162,889	N/A		N/A						
Manufacturing	\$	208,867,016	\$	50,319,491		32%	224%						
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	\$	1,531,717,393	\$	730,847,821		91%	116%						
Other Services (except Public Administration)	\$	137,556,573	\$	39,197,762		40%	21%						
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	\$	98,461,982	\$	20,014,154		26%	105%						
Public Administration	\$	2,253,845	\$	1,514,931		205%	2919%						
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	\$	124,246,020	\$	57,098,056		85%	141%						
Retail Trade	\$	331,191,218	\$	69,523,609		27%	24%						
Transportation and Warehousing	\$	135,660,945	\$	1,706,900		1%	123%						
Unclassified Establishments	\$	47,283,846	\$	25,742,335		120%	758%						
Utilities	\$	148,572,941	\$	52,255,217		54%	90%						
Wholesale Trade	\$	308,360,449	\$	109,313,154		55%	187%						
All Industries	\$	3,448,104,356	\$	1,186,352,805		52%	85%						

Table 1 shows an increase of \$1.1B from Q2 in FY22 to FY23 of the same period. Table 1 also shows that all but three industries reported a year-over-year (YOY) increase. The largest contributor to this YOY growth came from the oil and gas industry, which posted a YOY increase of \$730M or 91%.

Gross receipts tax (GRT) revenue collections increased by \$513K, or 4.6%, from Q1 FY23 to Q2 FY23, seen in Chart 4. Over the last eight quarters GRT collections have an upward trend. During this period GRT collections have averaged \$7.7M, or \$3.8M, less than the collected amount in Q2 FY23 (\$11.6M).







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An establishment, as used in the QCEW and subsequently Chart 6 and Table 2, is an economic unit such as a farm, factory, or store, which produces goods or provides services at a single physical worksite and is engaged, predominantly, in one type of economic activity.

The **Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages**, or the **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.

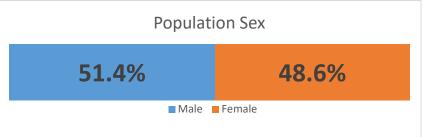
Table 2. FY23 - Q1 Employment Data and Establishments by Industry												
		YOY Change in		YOY change in								
	Average	Average		Average Average			Number of YOY Change in					
Industry	Employment	Employment		Weekly Wage	Weekly Wage		Establishments	Establishments				
Accommodation and Food Services	3,118		3.4%	\$ 457	7	5.3%	171	2.4%				
Administrative/Support & Waste												
Management/Remediation	1,470		11.9%	\$ 972	2 1	9.7%	96	7.9%				
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting	380	I.	-8.0%	\$ 818	3 1	0.2%	37	-2.6%				
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	295		-6.3%	\$ 592	2	3.1%	19	5.6%				
Construction	2,838		22.4%	\$ 1,425	5 1	6.4%	203	-1.0%				
Educational Services	1,959		1.3%	\$ 964	1 2	4.9%	16	-5.9%				
Finance and Insurance	639		-2.3%	\$ 1,253	3	6.8%	158	1.3%				
Health Care and Social Assistance	2,624		2.7%	\$ 946	5	6.8%	159	4.6%				
Information	193		11.6%	\$ 1,100	1 1	3.0%	22	4.8%				
Management of Companies and Enterprises	166		-1.8%	\$ 1,930	4	9.5%	11	0.0%				
Manufacturing	536		-5.6%	\$ 1,752	2	4.4%	36	-2.7%				
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	6,979		30.5%	\$ 1,882	2 2	4.8%	362	-1.4%				
Other Services (except Public Administration)	665		0.2%	\$ 1,030	1	1.6%	126	-0.8%				
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	762		15.3%	\$ 1,150	1	2.7%	143	6.7%				
Public Administration	916		3.3%	\$ 1,366	5	5.7%	64	0.0%				
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	476		7.0%	\$ 1,39	7 2	1.0%	94	1.1%				
Retail Trade	3,062		-0.6%	\$ 743	1 1	7.7%	212	2.9%				
Transportation and Warehousing	1,739		14.3%	\$ 1,737	7 1	3.4%	207	4.0%				
Utilities	470		17.8%	\$ 1,663	1 -	3.8%	29	3.6%				
Wholesale Trade	851		9.7%	\$ 1,525	5 2	0.9%	112	4.7%				
All Industries	30,135		10.7%	\$ 1,263	L 2	0.2%	2,277	1.8%				
*Some data may be withheld to avoid disclosure of confidential information.												

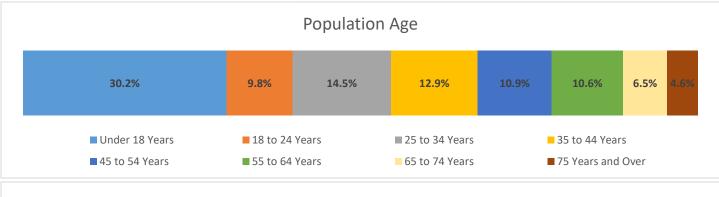
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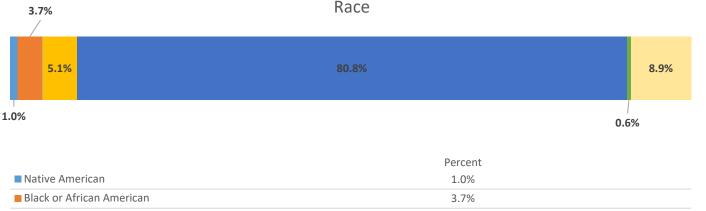


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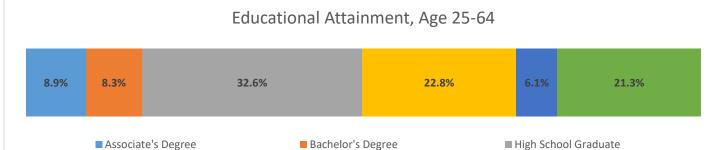
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■ Postgraduate Degree

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■ No High School Diploma

■ Some College, No Degree