

Quarterly Economic Summary

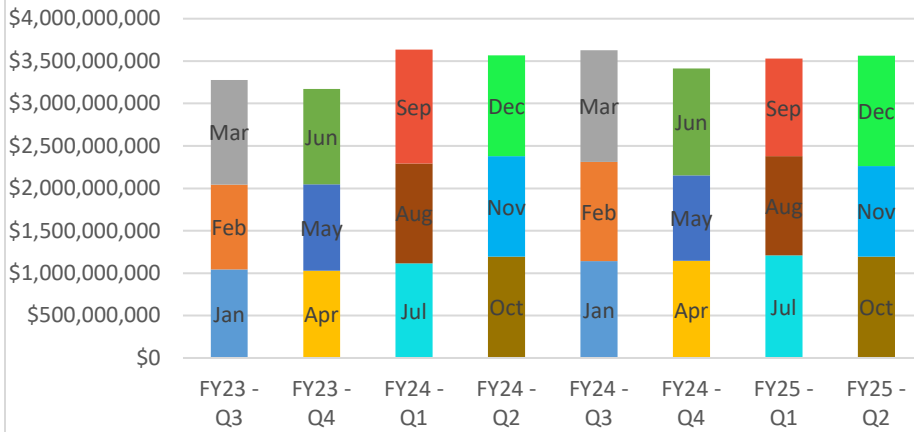
Lea County

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Chart 1. Matched Taxable Gross Receipts Per Quarter

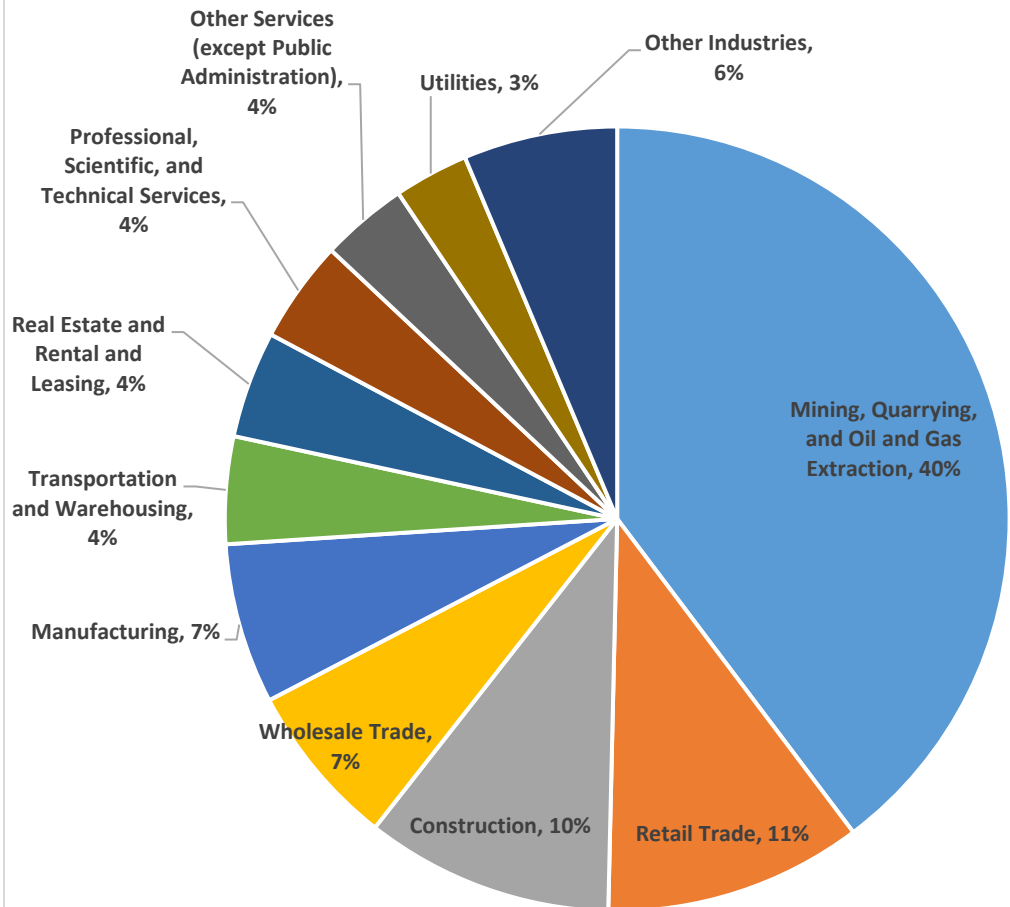


Source: NM TRD - Monthly Local Government Distribution Reports (RP-500)

In the second quarter of FY25, 22 out of 33 counties reported positive year-over-year (YOY) economic growth compared to Q2 FY24, with a statewide 5.3% increase in matched taxable gross receipts (MTGR). Statewide growth was observed across most industry sectors, with professional, scientific, and technical services and other services leading the way. Employment, wages, and the number of establishments also increased YOY in New Mexico.

Lea County's MTGR increased by nearly \$36M, or 1%, from Q1 FY25 to Q2 FY25, as seen in Chart 1. The amount reported during Q2 FY25 (\$3.57B) was \$92.5M higher than the eight-quarter average (\$3.47B). Chart 2 shows that mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction led Lea County's MTGR at 40%, up slightly from 38% in the previous quarter. Compared to Q2 FY24, the industry declined by 2% YOY (Table 1 on page 2).

Chart 2. FY25 - Q2 Industry Size by Matched Taxable Gross Receipts



Source: NM TRD - Monthly Local Government Distribution Reports (RP-500)

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

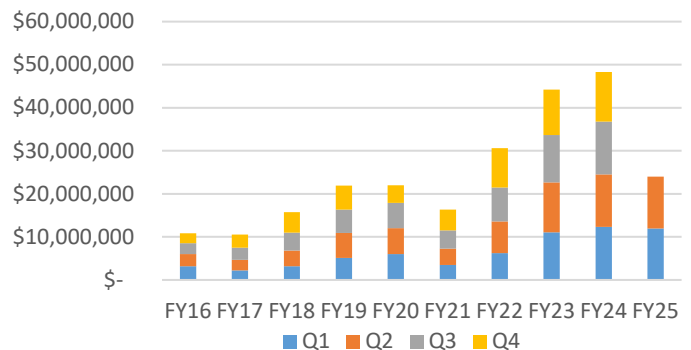
Industries	FY24 - Q2	FY25 - Q2	Growth	Year over year Change
Accommodation and Food Services	\$ 52,034,875	\$ 53,451,714	\$ 1,416,839	3%
Administrative/Support & Waste Management/Remediation	\$ 48,778,623	\$ 55,303,247	\$ 6,524,624	13%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting	\$ 4,638,743	\$ 4,651,858	\$ 13,115	0%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	\$ 3,588,583	\$ 3,705,750	\$ 117,167	3%
Construction	\$ 304,049,869	\$ 364,461,443	\$ 60,411,574	20%
Educational Services	\$ 2,203,205	\$ 1,191,625	\$ (1,011,580)	-46%
Finance and Insurance	\$ 3,354,904	\$ 3,658,485	\$ 303,581	9%
Health Care and Social Assistance	\$ 37,211,008	\$ 20,382,141	\$ (16,828,867)	-45%
Information	\$ 21,403,601	\$ 21,649,731	\$ 246,130	1%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	\$ 254,973	\$ 13,958	\$ (241,015)	-95%
Manufacturing	\$ 196,877,491	\$ 235,725,678	\$ 38,848,187	20%
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	\$ 1,442,779,517	\$ 1,415,613,992	\$ (27,165,525)	-2%
Other Services (except Public Administration)	\$ 122,152,701	\$ 127,667,350	\$ 5,514,649	5%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	\$ 120,641,401	\$ 150,139,713	\$ 29,498,312	24%
Public Administration	\$ 1,240,192	\$ 586,648	\$ (653,543)	-53%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	\$ 123,736,238	\$ 156,858,170	\$ 33,121,932	27%
Retail Trade	\$ 446,912,560	\$ 379,270,056	\$ (67,642,504)	-15%
Transportation and Warehousing	\$ 144,787,721	\$ 157,524,969	\$ 12,737,248	9%
Unclassified Establishments	\$ 65,067,439	\$ 61,471,295	\$ (3,596,144)	-6%
Utilities	\$ 125,865,872	\$ 109,520,554	\$ (16,345,318)	-13%
Wholesale Trade	\$ 298,433,142	\$ 241,041,238	\$ (57,391,904)	-19%
All Industries	\$ 3,566,693,310	\$ 3,565,666,251	\$ (1,027,059)	0%

Source: NM TRD - Monthly Local Government Distribution Reports (RP-500) and EDD Calculations

While more industries experienced YOY growth than decline, MTGR remained unchanged overall (Table 1). The largest increase came from construction, with a YOY gain of \$60.4M, while the largest decline was in retail trade, with a YOY decrease of \$67.6M.

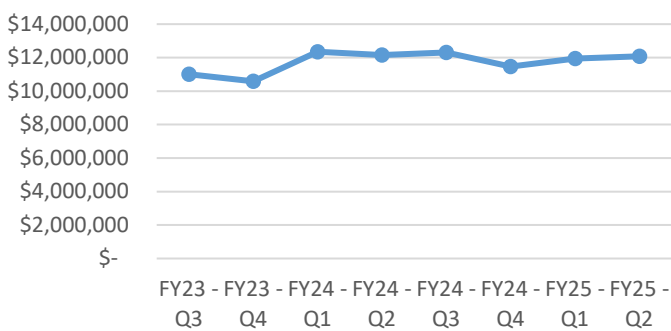
Quarterly gross receipts tax (GRT) collections during Q2 FY25 (\$12.1M), as seen in Chart 4, show a decrease of nearly \$137K, or 1.1%, compared to Q1 FY25. In Q1 FY25, both employment and average weekly wages grew YOY by 4% and 3.3%, respectively (Chart 5), while the number of establishments also increased by 1.4% YOY (Chart 6 on page 3).

Chart 3. Annual Total GRT Revenue Collections



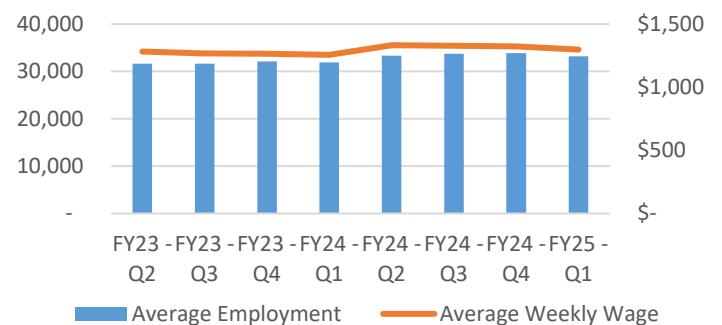
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Chart 4. Quarterly GRT Revenue Collections



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Chart 5. Total Employment & Weekly Wage



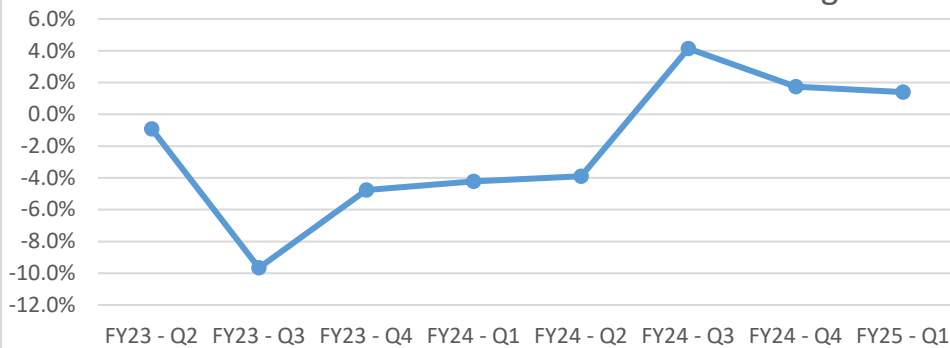
Source: NM DWS - Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages

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Chart 6. Establishment Year Over Year % Change



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.

Source: NM DWS - Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages and EDD Calculations

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 - Q1 Employment Data and Establishments by Industry

Industry	Average Employment	YOY Change in Average Employment	Average Weekly Wage	YOY change in Average Weekly Wage	Number of Establishments	YOY Change in Establishments
Accommodation and Food Services	3,309	4.7%	\$ 483	1.0%	169	1.2%
Administrative/Support & Waste Management/Remediation	1,505	-6.2%	\$ 998	7.1%	104	0.0%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting	393	-0.5%	\$ 956	5.9%	39	0.0%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	324	-0.3%	\$ 618	6.2%	21	0.0%
Construction	3,014	-1.4%	\$ 1,420	3.4%	193	1.0%
Educational Services	2,234	5.2%	\$ 1,044	4.5%	16	6.7%
Finance and Insurance	441	2.6%	\$ 1,062	7.1%	79	1.3%
Health Care and Social Assistance	2,781	3.7%	\$ 996	3.9%	163	3.2%
Information	218	0.0%	\$ 1,009	-11.4%	27	-6.9%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	138	-9.8%	\$ 1,293	2.7%	10	11.1%
Manufacturing	643	12.0%	\$ 1,752	9.0%	36	-2.7%
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	8,050	6.2%	\$ 1,879	1.4%	356	3.5%
Other Services (except Public Administration)	753	13.7%	\$ 1,096	11.4%	120	-0.8%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	866	6.8%	\$ 1,295	8.1%	143	2.9%
Public Administration	978	4.9%	\$ 1,527	7.7%	61	0.0%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	525	0.8%	\$ 1,346	-4.1%	84	0.0%
Retail Trade	3,427	3.3%	\$ 716	1.1%	237	5.3%
Transportation and Warehousing	2,183	8.3%	\$ 1,700	-2.4%	192	-2.5%
Utilities	511	1.0%	\$ 2,045	8.2%	28	0.0%
Wholesale Trade	896	3.7%	\$ 1,710	7.2%	108	-0.9%
All Industries	33,190	4.0%	\$ 1,298	3.3%	2,186	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

73,154

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

