

December 2023 Revenue Estimate

December 29, 2023

Office of the Chief Financial Officer Government of the District of Columbia

DC Economic and Fiscal Outlook Unchanged from September



- Despite facing high and rising interest rates, the U.S. economy has been resilient, and real GDP grew by 5.2% in Q3 2023.
- Strong personal consumption expenditures and increased inventory investment drove economic expansion nationally, but depleted excess household savings may force consumers to cut spending.
- Inflationary pressures are easing, and the Federal Reserve is signaling potential rate cuts in 2024, but there remains uncertainty regarding the magnitude and timing of the rate cuts.
- The District's economy lags the national and regional economy in all indicators except for personal income, which grew faster than the nation's in Q2 of 2023.
- DC's job market is tight, but growth has slowed. Resident unemployment has risen from a record low of 4% in 2022 to an average of 5% in the past five months.
- DC's population is growing again after the COVID-19 pandemic declines. The latest data from the U.S. Census Bureau shows an increase of 8,023 residents (1.1%) from July 2022 to July 2023.
- Mortgage rates are high, and commercial office vacancy rates remain at the high levels as anticipated in our previous forecast.



December 2023 Revenue Estimate Compared to Previous Estimate

Preliminary						
	Actual	Actual	Estimated		Projected	
Local Source, General Fund Revenue Estimate (\$M)	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
September 2023 Revenue Estimate	9,886.8	9,890.8	9,909. 7	10,190.0	10,393.4	10,667.3
December Revision to the Estimate		82.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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Revenue Change From Previous Year						
Amount		86.9	(64.0)	280.3	203.4	273.9
Year-Over-Year Percent Change	13.3%	0.9%	-0.6%	2.8%	2.0%	2.6%

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Risks to Outlook



- ✓ National:
 - Federal government shutdown and decisions on spending levels
 - Geopolitical turmoil: escalation of the war in Ukraine and Middle East
 - Risk of U.S. recession from high-interest rates diminished but still looms

✓ District:

- Potential reduction in Metro Service
- Remote work expands beyond current levels
- Significantly larger deterioration in the commercial real estate market
- Federal employment continues to decline
- Population recovery stalls



Questions?

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