

TABLE 24. GROSS INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX COLLECTIONS BY TYPE OF PAYMENT

Fiscal year	Withholding payments									Estimated			Final [returns & assessments]			Total individual income tax gross collections	
	Quarterly			Monthly			Accelerated			Estimated payments [\$]	% of total	Annual % change	Final payments [\$]	% of total	Annual % change	Total payments [\$]	Annual % change
	Quarterly payments [\$]	% of total	Annual % change	Monthly payments [\$]	% of total	Annual % change	Accelerated payments [\$]	% of total	Annual % change								
1988-89.....	217,890,364	6.0%	-53.9%	2,741,077,157	75.3%	20.2%	-----	-----	-----	399,934,836	11.0%	14.5%	283,006,764	7.8%	12.0%	3,641,909,123	8.5%
1989-90.....	209,775,876	5.2%	-3.7%	2,897,754,022	72.1%	5.7%	-----	-----	-----	512,290,513	12.7%	28.1%	398,841,250	9.9%	40.9%	4,018,661,663	10.3%
1990-91.....	192,739,065	4.7%	-8.1%	1,891,442,278	46.2%	-34.7%	1,187,455,956	29.0%	100.0%	471,724,009	11.5%	-7.9%	354,629,248	8.7%	-11.1%	4,097,990,558	2.0%
1991-92.....	191,343,403	4.5%	-0.7%	354,951,100	8.4%	-81.2%	2,790,985,335	66.3%	135.0%	491,631,761	11.7%	4.2%	380,239,696	9.0%	7.2%	4,209,151,297	2.7%
1992-93.....	205,716,347	4.5%	7.5%	375,954,593	8.2%	5.9%	3,046,355,669	66.5%	9.1%	572,940,256	12.5%	16.5%	380,164,995	8.3%	0.0%	4,581,131,864	8.8%
1993-94.....	219,361,047	4.5%	6.6%	400,349,912	8.1%	6.5%	3,335,039,140	67.7%	9.5%	580,307,383	11.8%	1.3%	392,302,122	8.0%	3.2%	4,927,359,602	7.6%
1994-95.....	222,383,060	4.1%	1.4%	416,962,682	7.8%	4.1%	3,660,104,518	68.3%	9.7%	621,999,733	11.6%	7.2%	438,227,631	8.2%	11.7%	5,359,677,624	8.8%
1995-96.....	237,591,726	4.1%	6.8%	415,092,795	7.2%	-0.4%	3,915,632,302	67.9%	7.0%	675,537,679	11.7%	8.6%	520,744,681	9.0%	18.8%	5,764,599,183	7.6%
1996-97.....	291,630,335	4.6%	22.7%	458,018,779	7.2%	10.3%	4,171,750,920	65.7%	6.5%	792,178,770	12.5%	17.3%	639,981,330	10.1%	22.9%	6,353,560,136	10.2%
1997-98.....	339,505,906	4.8%	16.4%	486,836,857	6.8%	6.3%	4,549,750,231	63.8%	9.1%	946,046,839	13.3%	19.4%	804,487,913	11.3%	25.7%	7,126,627,746	12.2%
1998-99.....	386,155,608	5.0%	13.7%	559,275,845	7.2%	14.9%	4,937,213,785	63.3%	8.5%	1,020,970,246	13.1%	7.9%	891,304,737	11.4%	10.8%	7,794,920,222	9.4%
1999-00.....	412,458,504	5.0%	6.8%	592,699,461	7.1%	6.0%	5,293,436,732	63.6%	7.2%	1,060,882,141	12.8%	3.9%	957,040,217	11.5%	7.4%	8,316,517,056	6.7%
2000-01.....	445,143,363	5.0%	7.9%	643,784,519	7.2%	8.6%	5,621,970,976	63.3%	6.2%	1,104,543,056	12.4%	4.1%	1,070,238,600	12.0%	11.8%	8,885,680,514	6.8%
2001-02.....	393,555,815	4.6%	-11.6%	666,738,025	7.7%	3.6%	5,762,522,176	66.8%	2.5%	938,690,138	10.9%	-15.0%	862,881,558	10.0%	-19.4%	8,624,387,711	-2.9%
2002-03.....	256,463,211	3.0%	-34.8%	634,478,675	7.4%	-4.8%	5,970,051,356	70.0%	3.6%	871,328,434	10.2%	-7.2%	801,599,302	9.4%	-7.1%	8,533,920,978	-1.0%

Detail may not add to totals due to rounding.

The 1987 General Assembly amended G.S.105-163.6(c1) to require employers withholding an average of \$500 or more of income each month (previously \$3,000 or more) to file and pay the amounts withheld on a monthly basis. The change in the threshold was effective for taxes withheld on or after January 1, 1988.

The 1989 General Assembly rewrote G.S.105-163.15 to increase from 80% to 90% the percentage of an individual's income tax liability that must be paid through withholding and estimated income tax to avoid the penalty for underpayment of estimated income tax. The increase in percentage was effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1990.

The 1990 General Assembly rewrote G.S.105-163.1 to adopt the federal definition of wages subject to income tax withholding and to require employers who average withholding income tax of \$2,000 or more per month (accelerated filers) to file withholding tax reports and remit the tax in accordance with federal guidelines. (Effective January 1, 1991) In an attempt to simplify the payment of withheld taxes, the Internal Revenue Service adopted new regulations effective January 1, 1993, requiring accelerated filers to pay the withheld taxes semi-weekly instead of every three banking days. (Employers were not required to adopt the new system until January 1, 1994.)

Effective January 1, 2002, G.S. 105-163.6(b) was amended to require an employer who withholds an average of less than \$250 of State income taxes from wages each month to file a return and pay the taxes on a quarterly basis; G.S. 105-163.6(c) was amended to require an employer who withholds an average of at least \$250 but less than \$2,000 from wages each month to file a return and pay the taxes on a monthly basis. The amendments lowered the threshold for distinguishing quarterly filers from monthly filers from \$500 to \$250; approximately 70,000 taxpayers were converted from quarterly filers to monthly filers.