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*Tax Report: State tax revenue growth perks up, a new survey says.*

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State tax revenues rose 6.1% in this year's April-June quarter from the same quarter last year, according to a survey to be released soon by analysts at the Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government. That's an improvement over each of the three previous quarters. But it's still "relatively weak by long-term historical standards," says the institute, the public policy research arm of the State University of New York.

"Despite strong personal income-tax revenue growth, sales tax continued to lag and corporate income tax showed one of its weakest performances in five years," the report concludes.

For the year ended in June 2007, the period that corresponds to most states' fiscal years, preliminary numbers show total state collections rising about 5.1% from the previous year, the survey says.

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