



# North Dakota Legislative Council

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## OIL AND GAS TAX REVENUES QUARTERLY UPDATE SUMMARY

This memorandum provides a summary of oil production and prices, oil and gas tax revenue collections, and oil and gas tax revenue allocations, including comparisons to forecasted amounts, projections for the biennium, and comparisons to the prior biennium. **The forecasted amounts reflect the 2023 legislative revenue forecast ("original forecast"), prepared at the close of the 2023 legislative session.**

### QUARTERLY SUMMARY

#### Oil Production and Prices

The schedules below provide information on actual and forecasted oil production and prices for March 2025 through May 2025. Oil and gas tax revenue collections and allocations reflect production and prices from 2 months prior. The amounts shown for the actual oil prices reflect the North Dakota prices reported by the Tax Department.

Average Daily Oil Production - Barrels Per Day			
	March 2025	April 2025	May 2025
Actual	1,193,397	1,173,319	1,112,790
Forecast	1,100,000	1,100,000	1,100,000
Variance to forecast	93,397	73,319	12,790
Percentage variance to forecast	8.5%	6.7%	1.2%

Average Oil Price - Price Per Barrel			
	March 2025	April 2025	May 2025
Actual	\$60.68	\$55.67	\$53.94
Forecast	62.00	62.00	62.00
Variance to forecast	(\$1.32)	(\$6.33)	(\$8.06)
Percentage variance to forecast	(2.1%)	(10.2%)	(13.0%)

#### Oil and Gas Tax Revenue Collections

The schedule below provides a comparison of actual to forecasted oil and gas tax revenue collections for May 2025 through July 2025.

	May 2025	June 2025	July 2025
Actual	\$204,594,942	\$182,222,267	\$176,641,507
Forecast	205,077,400	198,462,000	205,077,400
Variance to forecast	(\$482,458)	(\$16,239,733)	(\$28,435,893)
Percentage variance to forecast	(0.2%)	(8.2%)	(13.9%)

#### Oil and Gas Tax Revenue Allocations

The schedule below provides information on the oil and gas tax revenue allocations to the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, state funds, and political subdivisions for May 2025 through July 2025.

	May 2025	June 2025	July 2025
Three Affiliated Tribes	\$17,630,712	\$14,539,784	\$11,434,693
Legacy fund	56,226,771	50,401,412	49,667,498
North Dakota outdoor heritage fund	0	0	0
Abandoned well reclamation fund	773,383	188,379	0
Political subdivisions	27,937,756	26,104,735	25,196,968
Common schools trust fund	8,353,084	7,095,639	7,169,155
Foundation aid stabilization fund	8,353,084	7,095,639	7,169,155
Resources trust fund	17,123,823	14,546,059	14,696,767
Oil and gas research fund	0	0	0
State energy research center fund	0	0	0
General fund	0	0	0
Social service fund	0	0	0
Budget stabilization fund	0	0	0
Lignite research fund	0	0	0
State disaster relief fund	0	0	0
Strategic investment and improvements fund	68,196,329	62,250,620	61,307,271
PERS main system plan	0	0	0
Municipal infrastructure fund	0	0	0
County and township infrastructure fund	0	0	0
Airport infrastructure fund	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$204,594,942</b>	<b>\$182,222,267</b>	<b>\$176,641,507</b>

### Distributions to Political Subdivisions

The schedule below provides information on the distribution of oil and gas gross production tax collections to political subdivisions for May 2025 through July 2025. The formula for the distributions to political subdivisions became effective with July 2023 oil production and September 2023 distributions. However, this memorandum reports the distributions to political subdivisions for the period August 2023 to July 2025 to align with the reporting for the allocations to state funds.

	May 2025	June 2025	July 2025
Hub cities	\$4,054,283	\$3,891,742	\$3,812,915
Hub city school districts	743,544	707,424	689,907
Counties	15,054,823	13,959,062	13,419,188
Cities (excluding hub cities)	5,045,885	4,679,280	4,497,727
School districts (excluding hub city school districts)	2,052,132	1,952,378	1,897,417
Townships	987,089	914,849	879,814
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$27,937,756</b>	<b>\$26,104,735</b>	<b>\$25,196,968</b>

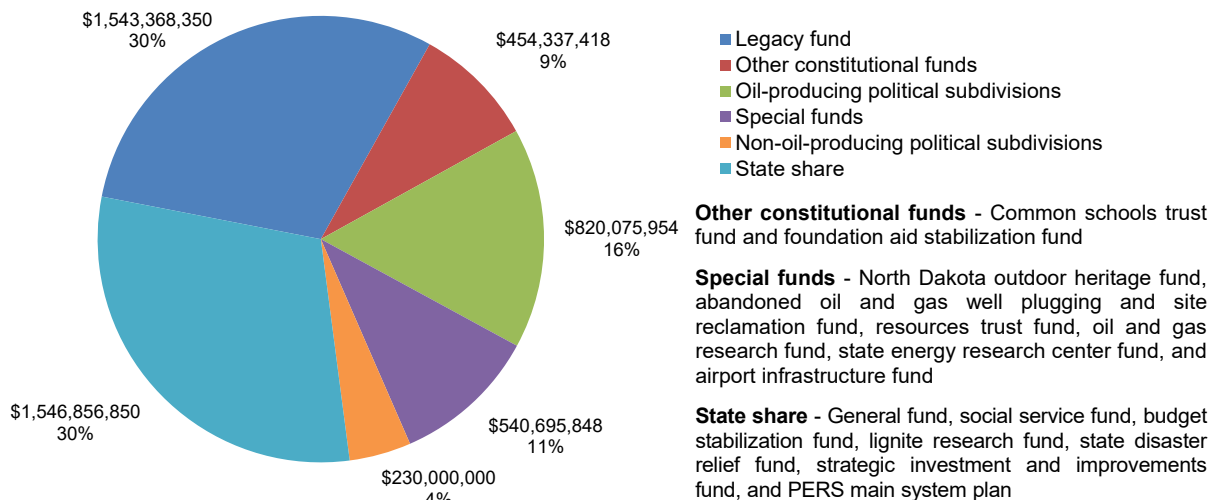
### CURRENT BIENNIUM COMPARISON TO FORECAST

The schedule below provides a comparison of actual to forecasted oil and gas tax revenue allocations for the biennium to date through July 2025.

	Biennium to Date		Increase (Decrease)	
	Actual	Forecast	Amount	Percentage
Three Affiliated Tribes	\$480,949,712	\$670,448,284	(\$189,498,572)	(28.3%)
Legacy fund	1,543,368,350	1,343,219,317	200,149,033	14.9%
North Dakota outdoor heritage fund	15,000,000	15,000,000	0	0.0%
Abandoned well reclamation fund	15,000,000	14,485,700	514,300	3.6%
Political subdivisions	820,075,954	682,393,834	137,682,120	20.2%
Common schools trust fund	227,168,709	219,443,523	7,725,186	3.5%
Foundation aid stabilization fund	227,168,709	219,443,523	7,725,186	3.5%
Resources trust fund	465,695,848	449,859,211	15,836,637	3.5%
Oil and gas research fund	17,500,000	17,500,000	0	0.0%
State energy research center fund	7,500,000	7,500,000	0	0.0%
General fund	460,000,904	460,000,000	904	0.0%
Social service fund	250,000,000	250,000,000	0	0.0%
Budget stabilization fund	0	0	0	N/A
Lignite research fund	10,000,000	10,000,000	0	0.0%
State disaster relief fund	8,450,480	12,533,761	(4,083,281)	(32.6%)
Strategic investment and improvements fund	753,405,466	453,978,847	299,426,619	66.0%
PERS main system plan	65,000,000	65,000,000	0	0.0%
Municipal infrastructure fund	115,000,000	115,000,000	0	0.0%
County and township infrastructure fund	115,000,000	115,000,000	0	0.0%
Airport infrastructure fund	20,000,000	20,000,000	0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,616,284,132</b>	<b>\$5,140,806,000</b>	<b>\$475,478,132</b>	<b>9.2%</b>

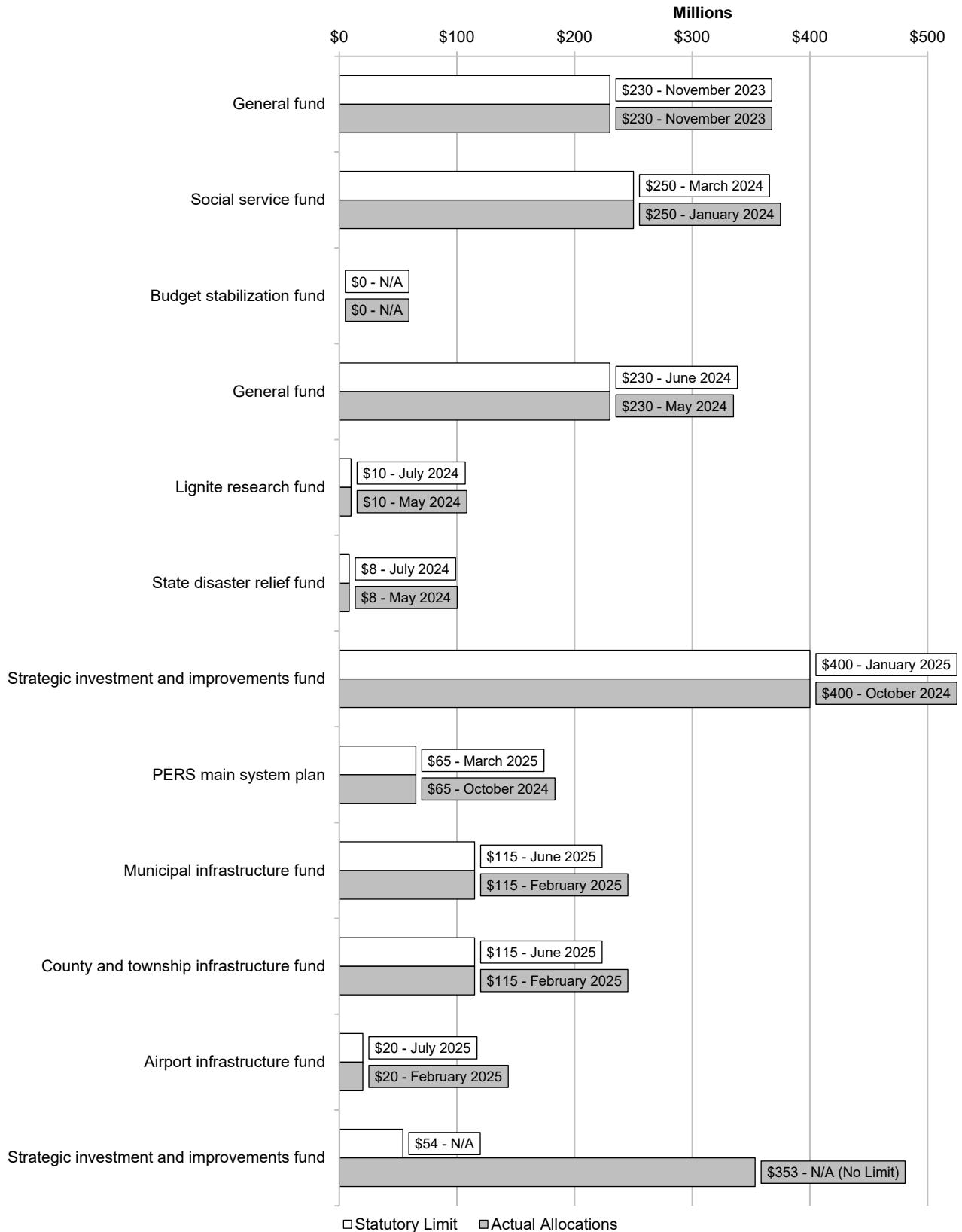
### OIL AND GAS TAX REVENUE ALLOCATIONS

The chart below provides information on the oil and gas tax revenue allocations, excluding the allocations to the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, for the biennium to date through July 2025.



### STATE'S SHARE - FUND STATUS

The chart below provides information on the status of the state's share of allocations ("buckets") for the biennium to date through July 2025. The dates in the white boxes reflect when the funds are estimated to reach the statutory limit based on the 2023 legislative revenue forecast, prepared at the close of the 2023 legislative session. The dates shown in the gray boxes reflect when the funds reached the statutory limit or when the funds are anticipated to reach the statutory limit as adjusted for the actual allocations for the biennium to date.



**CURRENT BIENNIUM PROJECTIONS**

The schedule below provides information on actual oil tax revenue allocations for the biennium to date through July 2025 and forecasted amounts for the remainder of the biennium. The amount shown for the original forecast reflects the 2023 legislative revenue forecast, prepared at the close of the 2023 legislative session.

<b>2023-25 Biennium Actual Allocations and Remaining Forecast</b>				
	<b>Actual Through July 2025</b>	<b>Remaining Forecast</b>	<b>Biennium Total</b>	<b>Original Forecast</b>
Three Affiliated Tribes	\$480,949,712	\$0	\$480,949,712	\$670,448,284
Legacy fund	1,543,368,350	0	1,543,368,350	1,343,219,317
North Dakota outdoor heritage fund	15,000,000	0	15,000,000	15,000,000
Abandoned well reclamation fund	15,000,000	0	15,000,000	14,485,700
Political subdivisions	820,075,954	0	820,075,954	682,393,834
Common schools trust fund	227,168,709	0	227,168,709	219,443,523
Foundation aid stabilization fund	227,168,709	0	227,168,709	219,443,523
Resources trust fund	465,695,848	0	465,695,848	449,859,211
Oil and gas research fund	17,500,000	0	17,500,000	17,500,000
State energy research center fund	7,500,000	0	7,500,000	7,500,000
General fund	460,000,904	0	460,000,904	460,000,000
Social service fund	250,000,000	0	250,000,000	250,000,000
Budget stabilization fund	0	0	0	0
Lignite research fund	10,000,000	0	10,000,000	10,000,000
State disaster relief fund	8,450,480	0	8,450,480	12,533,761
Strategic investment and improvements fund	753,405,466	0	753,405,466	453,978,847
PERS main system plan	65,000,000	0	65,000,000	65,000,000
Municipal infrastructure fund	115,000,000	0	115,000,000	115,000,000
County and township infrastructure fund	115,000,000	0	115,000,000	115,000,000
Airport infrastructure fund	20,000,000	0	20,000,000	20,000,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,616,284,132</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$5,616,284,132</b>	<b>\$5,140,806,000</b>

**CURRENT BIENNIUM TO PRIOR BIENNIUM COMPARISON**

**Oil Production and Prices**

The schedules below provide information on actual and forecasted oil production and prices for the first 24 months of the 2023-25 biennium and 2021-23 biennium. Oil and gas tax revenue collections and allocations reflect oil production and prices from 2 months prior.

<b>Average Daily Oil Production - Barrels Per Day</b>				
	<b>2023-25 Biennium Through May 2025</b>	<b>2021-23 Biennium Through May 2023</b>	<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>	
			<b>Amount</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Actual	1,203,677	1,094,487	109,190	10.0%
Forecast	1,100,000	1,050,000	50,000	4.8%
Variance to forecast	103,677	44,487	59,190	133.1%
Percentage variance to forecast	9.4%	4.2%		

<b>Average Oil Price - Price Per Barrel</b>				
	<b>2023-25 Biennium Through May 2025</b>	<b>2021-23 Biennium Through May 2023</b>	<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>	
			<b>Amount</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Actual	\$68.61	\$80.31	(\$11.70)	(14.6%)
Forecast	66.00	50.00	16.00	32.0%
Variance to forecast	\$2.61	\$30.31	(\$27.70)	(91.4%)
Percentage variance to forecast	4.0%	60.6%		

**Oil and Gas Tax Revenue Collections**

The schedule below provides a comparison of actual to forecasted oil and gas tax revenue collections for the first 24 months of the 2023-25 biennium and 2021-23 biennium.

	<b>2023-25 Biennium Through July 2025</b>	<b>2021-23 Biennium Through July 2023</b>	<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>	
			<b>Amount</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Actual	\$5,616,284,132	\$5,932,875,419	(\$316,591,287)	(5.3%)
Forecast	5,140,806,000	3,717,525,000	1,423,281,000	38.3%
Variance to forecast	\$475,478,132	\$2,215,350,419	(\$1,739,872,287)	(78.5%)
Percentage variance to forecast	9.2%	59.6%		