



**ORANGE
COUNTY
FLORIDA**

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**TOURIST DEVELOPMENT TAX COLLECTIONS
ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

ORLANDO, FLORIDA -- County Comptroller Martha Haynie announced today that tourist tax collections (resort tax) received by the County for the hotel collection month of December 2014 were \$18,265,800. Tourist taxes are charged on short-term rentals, mostly hotels and motels.

Comptroller Haynie noted that December 2014 collections were nearly 13% higher than December 2013. "The visitors who support this important revenue for our community continue to come to Central Florida in record numbers, thanks to our world class attractions and hospitality, and our wonderful Florida winter weather," stated Haynie.

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TOURIST DEVELOPMENT TAX COLLECTIONS

ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
ALL SIX CENTS
 FISCAL YEAR 2015 (10/1/14-9/30/15)

Monthly Collections

			<u>Budget to Actual</u>	
	<u>FY 2015 Budget (1)</u>	<u>FY 2015 Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Percentage Difference</u>
Hotel Collection Month of December 2014	\$16,742,400	\$18,265,800	\$1,523,400	9.1% up

			<u>Actual to Actual</u>	
	<u>FY 2014 Actual</u>	<u>FY 2015 Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Percentage Difference</u>
	\$16,194,000	\$18,265,800	\$2,071,800	12.8% up

Cumulative Collections

			<u>Budget to Actual</u>	
	<u>FY 2015 Budget (1)</u>	<u>FY 2015 Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Percentage Difference</u>
Hotel Collection Month of December 2014	\$48,768,700	\$53,225,800	\$4,457,100	9.1% up

			<u>Actual to Actual</u>	
	<u>FY 2014 Actual</u>	<u>FY 2015 Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Percentage Difference</u>
	\$46,963,100	\$53,225,800	\$6,262,700	13.3% up

(1) On January 27, 2015, the Board of County Commissioners approved increasing the FY 2015 revenue budget by \$10,913,000 or 5.6%.

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