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## Tax revenues beat projections

Kansas still spending more than it takes in

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Kansas tax revenues have been beating projections, but the state budget profile continues to show a looming budget hole as politicians spend more

than the state takes in. Lawmakers on a budget committee got an update Aug. 26 from Kansas Legislative Research Department staff on the state’s finances. The report covered the final revenues and expenses for fiscal year 2025, which ended June 30, and the start of fiscal year 2026 on July 1.

**Tax revenues are beating economist projections**

Tax revenues have been beating projections from the Consensus Revenue Estimating Group. In fiscal year 2025, the state brought in about \$4.7 billion in individual income taxes, about \$1.3 billion in corporate income taxes and about \$3.5 billion in retail sales and compensating use

taxes. Those were the biggest contributors to the state’s \$10 billion in total tax revenue. Total tax receipts beat the latest projections, which were made in April, by \$249 million. They beat initial projections by even more. Actual tax revenue was \$278 million higher than the estimate made last summer following a

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Taylor Swift performs on stage during the “Taylor Swift | The Eras Tour” at Wembley Stadium on June 21, 2024, in London. Salina will have its own party on Oct. 2 at The Sullivan when Swift’s “The Life of a Showgirl” is released”

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## Salina venue hosts album release party

Taylor Swift’s ‘The Life of a Showgirl’ celebrated for good cause

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It’s time for a new Taylor Swift era, and everyone in Salina is welcome to the party. Radio station Y93.7 is hosting “The Life of a Showgirl” album release party beginning at 8 p.m. Oct. 2 at The Sullivan, 227 N. Santa Fe Ave.

Tickets for the event, which cost \$70, are already on sale and includes a night full of music, snacks and sweet treats, Swift-inspired cocktails and mocktails, and much more, including a playthrough of the new album when it drops at 11 p.m. Not only will guests get to celebrate with other Swifties, but they will also be able to support a good cause, with a portion of proceeds going to benefit Big

Brothers and Big Sisters of Salina.

**An accessible option to celebrate and enjoy Taylor Swift’s Eras**

Y93.7’s own Hannah Holt is the mastermind behind this event and spoke with the Journal about her inspiration for it.

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## Help is available

September is suicide prevention awareness month

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September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, and Central Kansas Mental Health Center is working to raise awareness about suicide prevention and the importance of recognizing warning signs.

Suicide is a leading cause of death in Kansas, impacting individuals, families and communities. Access to timely care and crisis services is a proven protective factor that can save lives, according to a community announcement.

Hotlines such as 988, the Veterans Crisis Line, the Trevor Project, the Farm Aid Hotline and the Crisis Text Line provide immediate, confidential support 24/7 for anyone experiencing a mental health crisis.

Throughout September, CKMHC is working with community partners to distribute 988 awareness materials and promote crisis services across the region. The goal is to make sure every resident knows where to turn in a moment of need.

“We want people to know that they are not alone, and that help is always available,” said crisis director Esther Kency. “Whether through 988, CKMHC’s mobile crisis services, mental health co-responders, or other trusted hotlines, immediate support is out there for anyone experiencing a mental health or suicidal crisis.”

CKMHC encourages individuals to learn the warning signs and reach out when someone may be struggling, reduce the stigma around mental health by speaking openly and compassionately,

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