

# Quarterly Economic Summary

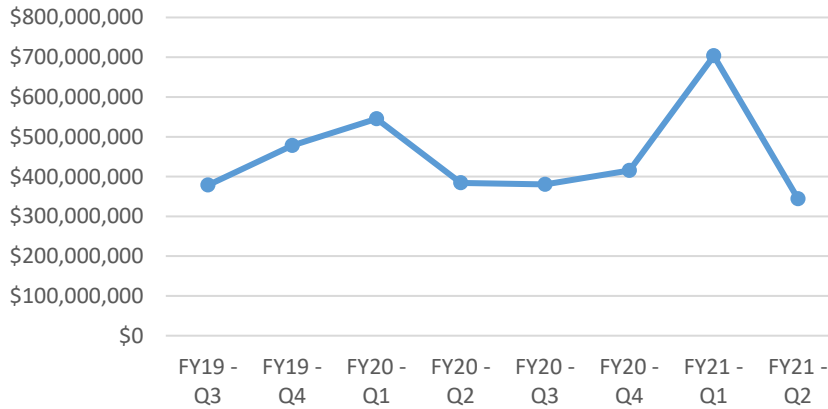
## Los Alamos County



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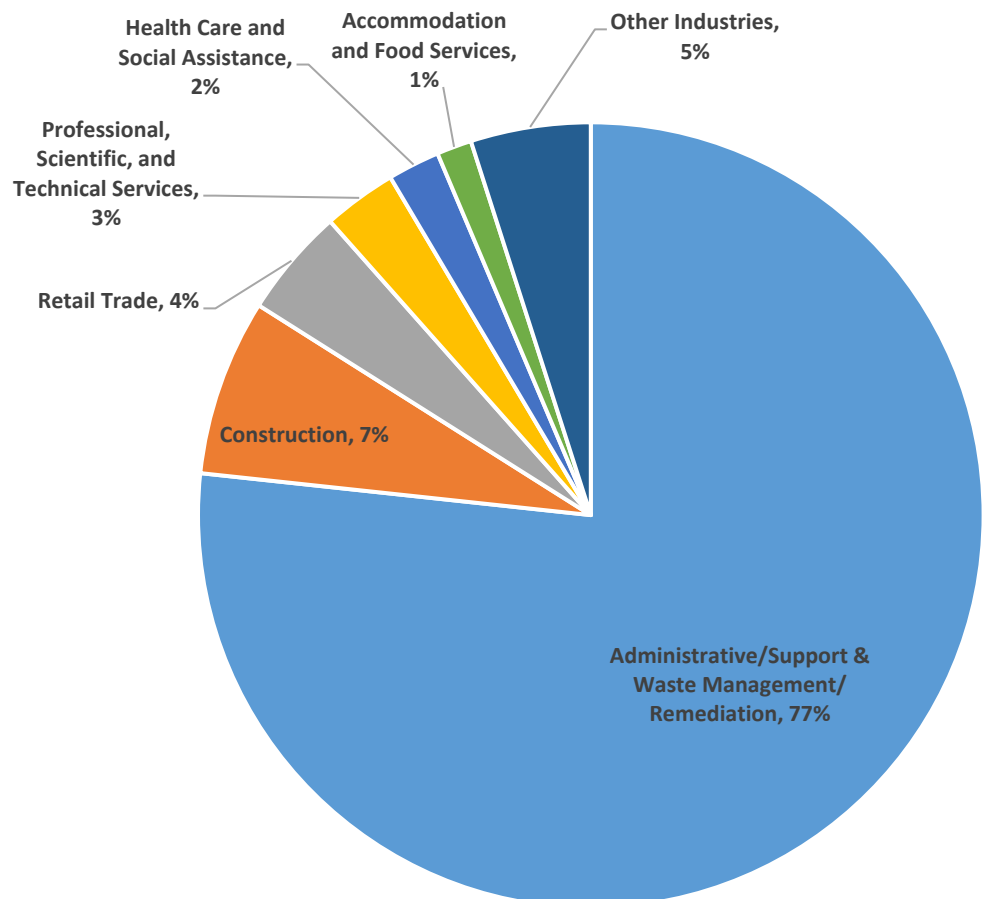
Chart 1. Matched Taxable Gross Receipts Per Quarter



New Mexico suffered another challenging quarter in Q2 FY20 compared to the previous year. The effects of the pandemic weighed heavily on business and consumer activity, and 18 of the 33 counties saw declines in year-over-year gross receipts tax revenue. Of the 15 with positive growth, several only experienced increases due to large construction projects. A new Public Health Order, which took effect on November 16, required many businesses to curb retail activities again to address the surge in COVID-19 cases.

Los Alamos County saw a substantial decline in its matched taxable gross receipts (MTGR), as seen in Chart 1. From Q1 FY21 to Q2 FY21, Los Alamos County MTGR fell by \$359M or 51%. The reported decline came almost exclusively from the admin. & waste mgmt./remediation industry, which reported a \$347M decline from quarter to quarter. Table 1, on the next page, shows a year over year (YOY) decrease of \$40M from Q2 in FY20 to FY21 of the same period.

Chart 2. FY21 - Q2 Industry Size by Matched Taxable Gross Receipts



**Matched Taxable Gross Receipts (MTGR)** are the best tax data available to show underlying economic activity. The data collection process matches a tax payment with reported receipts for each taxpayer by industry.

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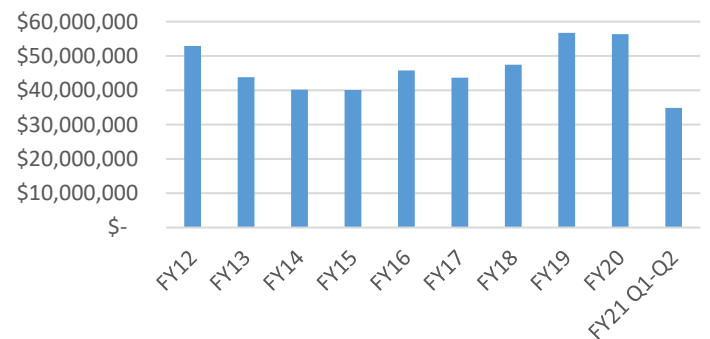


**Table 1. Matched Taxable Gross Receipts by Industry**

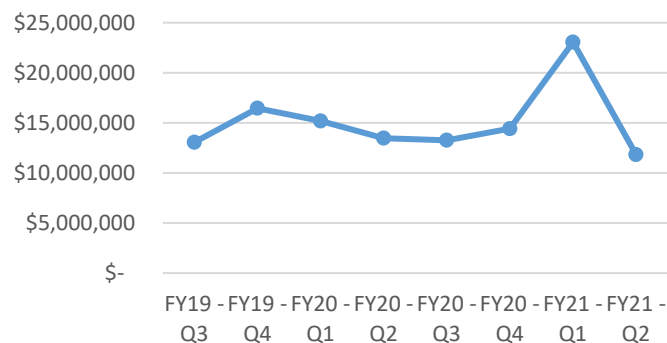
Industries	FY20 - Q2	FY21 - Q2	Growth	Year over year Change
Accommodation and Food Services	\$ 7,256,906	\$ 4,901,113	\$ (2,355,793)	-32%
Administrative/Support & Waste Management/Remediation	\$ 189,809,163	\$ 260,828,324	\$ 71,019,161	37%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting	\$ 1,705	\$ 10,263	\$ 8,558	502%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	\$ 711,126	\$ 143,734	\$ (567,391)	-80%
Construction	\$ 16,900,026	\$ 24,698,111	\$ 7,798,085	46%
Educational Services	\$ 398,427	\$ 315,587	\$ (82,840)	-21%
Finance and Insurance	\$ 1,427,043	\$ 1,455,447	\$ 28,404	2%
Health Care and Social Assistance	\$ 9,006,649	\$ 7,292,709	\$ (1,713,940)	-19%
Information	\$ 6,835,789	\$ 3,442,568	\$ (3,393,221)	-50%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	N/A
Manufacturing	\$ 2,962,609	\$ 1,697,606	\$ (1,265,003)	-43%
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	N/A
Other Services (except Public Administration)	\$ 5,376,189	\$ 4,890,460	\$ (485,729)	-9%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	\$ 116,541,971	\$ 10,288,662	\$ (106,253,309)	-91%
Public Administration	\$ 20,713	\$ 6,325	\$ (14,388)	-69%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	\$ 2,750,241	\$ 2,596,645	\$ (153,596)	-6%
Retail Trade	\$ 15,853,654	\$ 15,239,782	\$ (613,872)	-4%
Transportation and Warehousing	\$ 407,409	\$ (46,384)	\$ (453,793)	-111%
Unclassified Establishments	\$ 2,882,021	\$ 1,355,474	\$ (1,526,547)	-53%
Utilities	\$ 50,655	\$ 44,810	\$ (5,844)	-12%
Wholesale Trade	\$ 767,422	\$ 832,513	\$ 65,090	8%
<b>All Industries</b>	<b>\$ 384,095,082</b>	<b>\$ 343,925,144</b>	<b>\$ (40,169,938)</b>	<b>-10%</b>

In Los Alamos County, 14 industries reported a YOY loss and five reported a gain. The largest contributor to the YOY loss was the professional, scientific and technical services sector, which declined by \$106M or 91%. The largest increase came from the construction industry, which reported a YOY gain of \$8M or 46%. Gross receipts tax (GRT) revenue collections declined significantly in Q2 FY21, as seen in Chart 4. From Q1 FY21 to Q2 FY21, GRT collections dropped by \$11M or 49%.

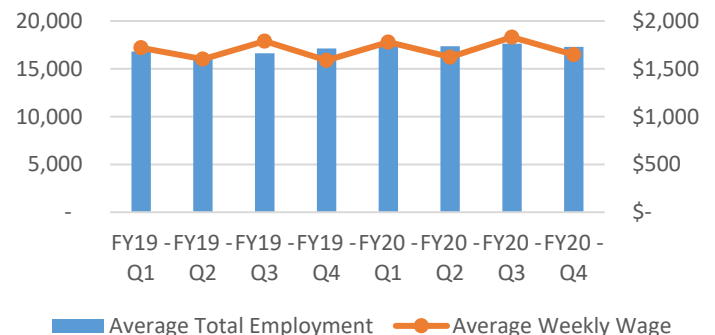
**Chart 3. Annual Total GRT Revenue Collections**



**Chart 4. Quarterly GRT Revenue Collections**



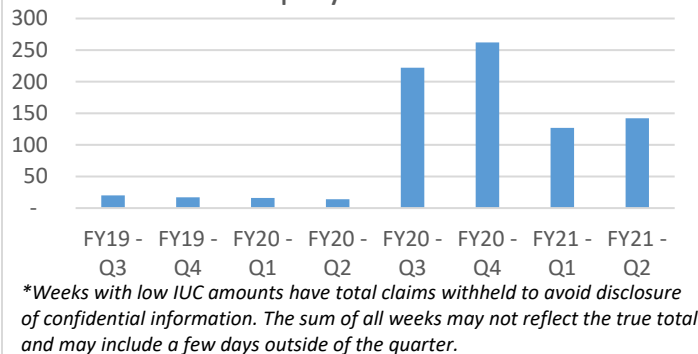
**Chart 5. Quarterly Average Total Employment & Weekly Wage**



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Chart 6. Quarterly Initial Unemployment Claims



A significant unexplained increase in initial unemployment claims can be an early indicator of an economic downturn. Examples include seasonal job fluctuations, federal government shutdowns resulting in employee furloughs, or the closing of a major regional facility. The current unprecedented uptick in initial unemployment claims is tied directly to the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent furloughs and layoffs by affected businesses. As we continue into 2021, it is likely the number of initial unemployment claims will vary based on the effects of the pandemic, and it is impossible to predict how quickly employment numbers will return to pre-COVID-19 levels.

**Gross Domestic Product (GDP)** is the value of all goods and services produced in an area. The percentage that GDP grew (or shrank) from one period to another is an important indicator as to how the economy is performing. Table 2, below, shows the percentage of GDP each industry accounts for in the total GDP, in a specific county and the state. The chart also compares the county to the entire state of New Mexico, by showing the impact of specific industry sectors on the county's GDP compared to that of the whole state.

Chart 7. Calendar Year % Change In Real GDP Year Over Year

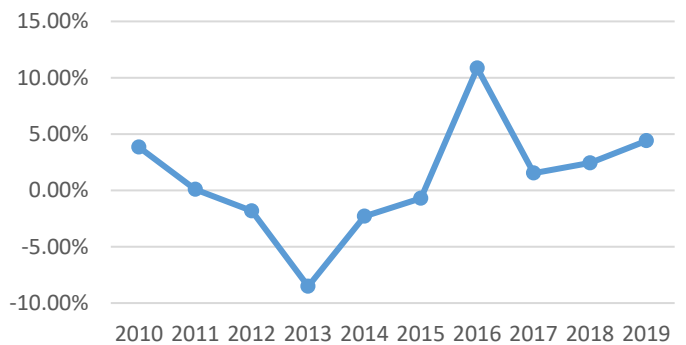


Table 2. Calendar Year 2019 Real County GDP and Real State GDP % of Total GDP

Industries	Los Alamos County	New Mexico	County Difference from State
Accommodation and Food Services	0.66%	2.92%	-2.26%
Administrative/Support & Waste Management/Remediation	5.73%	2.55%	3.18%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting	*	2.25%	N/A
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	0.18%	0.69%	-0.51%
Construction	1.03%	3.12%	-2.09%
Educational Services	0.14%	0.51%	-0.38%
Finance and Insurance	1.03%	2.62%	-1.59%
Health Care and Social Assistance	2.85%	7.15%	-4.30%
Information	0.64%	2.82%	-2.18%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	*	0.64%	N/A
Manufacturing	*	4.79%	N/A
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	*	17.38%	N/A
Other Services (except Public Administration)	0.74%	1.94%	-1.20%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	*	7.33%	N/A
Public Administration	8.53%	20.81%	-12.28%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	5.96%	11.65%	-5.68%
Retail Trade	1.27%	5.57%	-4.30%
Transportation and Warehousing	*	2.40%	N/A
Utilities	*	1.47%	N/A
Wholesale Trade	*	3.06%	N/A

*\*Not shown to avoid disclosure of confidential information*