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ALL 16 CFHLA ENDORSED CANDIDATES ARE VICTORIOUS IN 2022 GENERAL ELECTION RACES

On behalf of the Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association's PAC and PC, we'd like to congratulate **ALL 16 OF OUR ENDORSED CANDIDATES** who were victorious in their 2022 General Election races!

Throughout the 2022 general election, our CFHLA PAC and PC was thrilled to have had a **100% success rate** in turning out the Central Florida hospitality industry.

While we were unsuccessful in securing enough support for a dedicated funding source for transportation in Orange County, our CFHLA PAC and PC will continue to work with our elected and community leaders to help transform our transportation system in the future.

THANK YOU to each of you for showing up BIG to the polls in support of these bipartisan candidates, as each winner is committed to fighting for the hospitality industry and our workforce, as well as the continued vitality of our state and local community.

Congratulations to all 16 CFHLA PAC & PC endorsed candidates who were victorious in the General Election!

FLORIDA SENATE

 **Jason Brodeur (R)**
Senate District 9

FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

 **Keith Truenow (R)**
House District 26

 **Fred Hawkins (R)**
House District 35

 **Rachel Plakon (R)**
House District 36

 **Susan Plasencia (R)**
House District 37


Political Action Committee
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FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

 **David Smith (R)**
House District 38

 **Doug Bankson (R)**
House District 39

 **LaVon Bracy Davis (D)**
House District 40

 **Johanna Lopez (D)**
House District 43

 **Kristen Arrington (D)**
House District 46

ORANGE COUNTY

 **Maribel Gomez Cordero**
Orange County Commission, District 4

 **Michael "Mike" Scott**
Orange County Commission, District 6

 **Alicia Farrant**
Orange County School Board, District 3

OSCEOLA COUNTY

 **Viviana Janer (D)**
Osceola County Commission, District 2

SEMINOLE COUNTY

 **Jay Zembower (R)**
Seminole County Commission, District 2

 **Amy Lockhart (R)**
Seminole County Commission, District 4

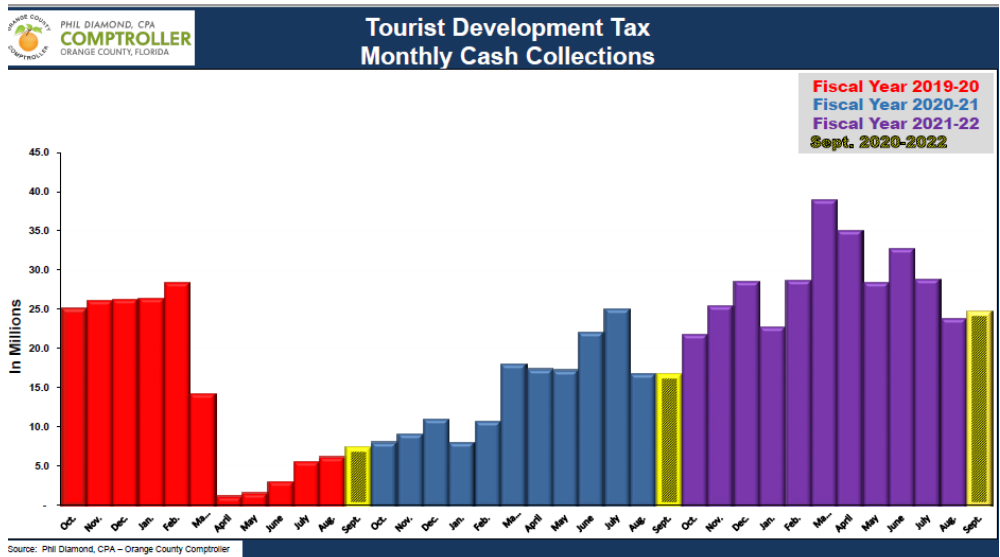
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Orange County

The Tourist Development Tax (TDT) collections received by Orange County for the **month of September 2022 was \$24,444,200**. That is a **48.6% increase** over September 2021.

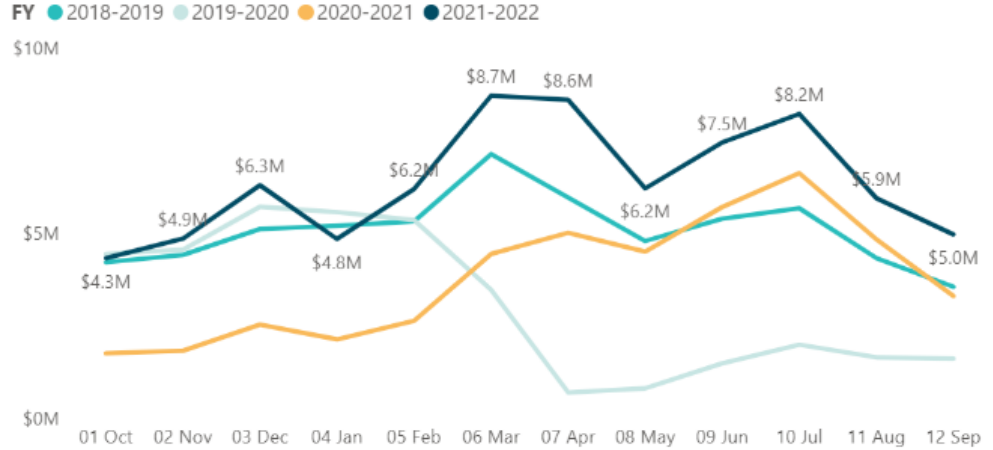
Month-over-month, **September collections were higher than August collections by \$1 million**. They were **also higher than September 2020 collections by \$17.4 million**. In fact, September 2022 collections were the highest September collections on record.

For the fiscal year 2021-22, annual collections have now totaled \$336.3 million. This is the highest annual collections ever. This shatters the previous record of \$284 million for fiscal year 2018-19 by 18.4%. It also **surpasses the \$300 million annual collections milestone**.



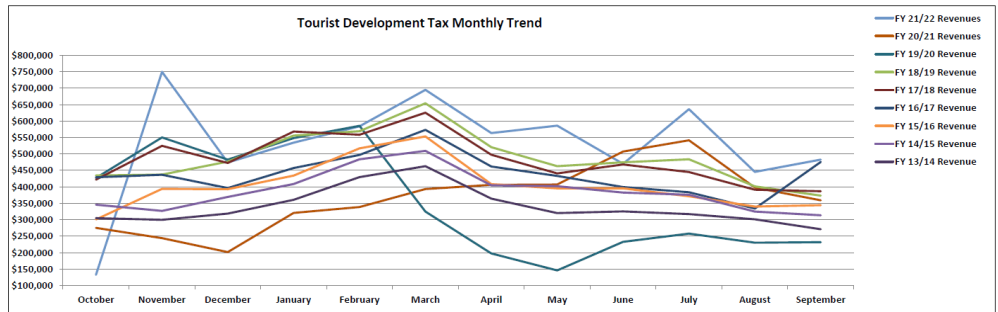
Osceola County

The Osceola County September Tourist Development Tax collection was at **\$5,000,000**. This was a **50% increase over July 2021** and a **40% increase over 2019**. Hotels performed better than in August (+9%) and account for 47% of the September TDT collection. **For the fiscal year, a total of \$76.6M in TDT was collected, which is a 69% increase** over last fiscal year and a 25% increase vs. the FY 2018 - 2019.



Seminole County

Seminole County announced that the September Tourist Development Tax collection was at **\$445,387.89**. The September collection marked the **second highest September TDT in county history**.



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CFHLA MEMBERS - Please consider making a donation of \$50 via the link below to the CFHLA PAC/PC. All contributions help CFHLA continue its efforts in supporting and endorsing Hospitality-Friendly candidates for local and state offices.



As a reminder, all CFHLA Board Members, PAC/PC Board Members, and ARC Board Members have committed to contributing \$100 to the CFHLA PAC/PC in 2022. If you are a part of one or more of these groups, please consider fulfilling your commitment today.

IN THE NEWS

[Florida's Camping World Stadium to host NCAA football in Orlando \(Orlando Business Journal\)](#)

[U.S. Olympics chooses Orlando to host 2024 event in Florida](#) (Orlando Business Journal)

[Florida hotel on Orlando's I-Drive to become apartments](#) (Orlando Business Journal)

[Tao Group Hospitality Announces Plans for First Ever Tao Resort in Orlando, Florida](#) (hospitalitynet.org)

[Downtown Orlando hotels see 2022 business spike](#) (Orlando Business Journal)

[Despite Ian, September set records for Orange County tourist tax revenue](#) (WUSF Public Media)

[Florida's Orange County hotel tax collections hit record high](#) (Orlando Business Journal)

[Florida Orange County Convention Center expansion. What happened?](#) (Orlando Business Journal)

[Florida Dwayne Johnson's Orlando XFL team details](#) (Orlando Business Journal)

[Florida hotel market in Orlando sees new deals, construction](#) (Orlando Business Journal)

[Multiple counties in Central Florida are holding job fairs today for those looking for employment](#) (yahoo.com)

[Florida hotels rank among the top in U.S.](#) (Orlando Business Journal)

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