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## **Secretary of Taxation & Revenue collects the money needed to keep the State running**

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For most people tax season only happens once a year. Not true for Jan Goodwin, Secretary of Taxation and Revenue. Her job is to collect most of the state's taxes and motor vehicle fees that amount to approximately \$3 billion a year- or roughly - three quarters of the \$4 billion in total General Fund Revenue.

Appointed by Governor Bill Richardson in December, Goodwin announced in January a revenue enhancement program aimed at collecting some \$200 million in delinquent personal income and gross receipts taxes. Goodwin's goal is to increase the quality of government services by improving collections.

"Of the taxes we collect," Goodwin said, "47 percent goes to our public schools, 20 percent to health and human services, 7 percent to public safety and 40 percent of our gross receipt taxes goes directly to local government. So when you pay your taxes you're actually investing in New Mexico."

While Goodwin is focused on collecting taxes, the department must also process some 780,000 tax returns. On this front Goodwin has good news for taxpayers who file online at [www.state.nm.us/tax](http://www.state.nm.us/tax). For someone who files online the average turn around time for a refund check is one week. As of March 7, more than 254,000 personal income tax returns have been processed and over 207,000 refund checks have been mailed out. Of those 193,000 were filed electronically.

In addition to collecting the money that keeps government running, Goodwin also oversees the Motor Vehicle Department which last month reported that the uninsured rate in New Mexico had dropped from a national high of 33 percent to 25.5 percent which translates into 100,000 more insured vehicles on our roads.

In 1998, Goodwin began working for the State of New Mexico as Deputy Director of the State Investment Council, which manages the state's permanent endowment funds and investments for other state entities. In 2000, she served as Director of the State Board of Finance. The Board of Finance issues two of the states major bond programs and provides general supervision of the state's fiscal affairs. From 1996 to 1998, she served as Cash Management and Investment Office for the City of Santa Fe, where she developed investment policy and managed the city's investments.

She is a graduate of Wesleyan University and the New York University Stern School of Business. Goodwin is a C.P.A. and a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. She was also an adjunct lecturer for the New York University Real Estate Masters Program.