

What's Developing

Every month South Dakota Retailers includes a page in their newsletter that shows the municipal tax due for returns filed for a specific month. It is compared with that month a year earlier and shows the percentage of change. It includes every town in South Dakota. For example, a line would be Eureka, 2014 January total, 2013 January total and the amount of change for those 2 months.

Actually the monthly comparisons don't mean much, and can be up or down often over 100%. It's fun to look at and speculate what caused the wide fluctuations. There is one total that is very relevant, and that is the comparison of yearly totals.

That information was recently received and it showed good news for Eureka. For Eureka the 2013 yearly total was up 2.68% over the 2012 yearly total. That may be a little surprising considering the disruption caused by construction for a lot of months. And although it is only a modest increase, it is way better than the 65 towns in SD that saw a negative number between those two years.

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