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The Honorable Aaron Michlewitz, Chair House Committee on Ways and Means State House Room 243 Boston, MA 02133

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The Honorable Michael J. Rodrigues, Chair Senate Committee on Ways and Means State House Room 212 Boston, MA 02133

The Honorable Patrick M. O'Connor, Ranking Member Senate Committee on Ways and Means State House Room 419 Boston, MA 02133

Honorable Chairs and Ranking Minority Members of the Committees on Ways and Means:

Pursuant to Section 6 of Chapter 14 of the General Laws<sup>1</sup>, the Department of Revenue (DOR) hereby submits its mid-month tax revenue report for the month of July 2025, the first month of fiscal year 2026. The attached table shows July 2025 month-to-date tax revenue collections through July 15, 2025, along with a comparison to the equivalent period in July 2024.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> http://www.malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleII/Chapter14/Section6

Revenue collections are uneven and usually weighted toward the month-end. The brief period covered in the mid-month report does not provide sufficient data for comparison to prior years. Therefore, mid-month figures should not be used to assess trends or project future revenues.

# **Context for July Revenues**

In general, July is among the smaller months for revenue collection because neither individual nor business taxpayers make significant estimated payments during the month. Historically, roughly 6.7% of annual revenue, on average, is received during July.

# **Highlights**

**Total tax** collections for the month-to-date period were \$980 million, \$24 million or 2.4% less than the collections during the same period in July 2024. Mid-month July results show decreases in sales tax, corporate and business tax, and "all other" tax, partially offset by increases in withholding and non-withholding income tax.

- **Income** tax totaled \$726 million, up \$38 million or 5.5% versus the same period in July 2024.
- Sales & use tax totaled \$97 million, down \$46 million or 32.3% versus the same period in July 2024.
- Corporate & business tax totaled \$108 million, down \$4 million or 3.2% versus the same period in July 2024.
- **All other** taxes totaled \$49 million, down \$12 million or 20.3% versus the same period in July 2024.

### **Details**

**Total income** tax of \$726 million for mid-month July is comprised of the following:

- Withholding of \$665 million, up \$30 million versus the same period in July 2024;
- Estimated payments of \$30 million, up \$6 million versus the same period in July 2024;
- Returns/bills of \$37 million, up \$5 million versus the same period in July 2024; and
- **Refunds** of \$5 million, up \$3 million (unfavorable) versus the same period in July 2024.

**Sales & use** tax of \$97 million is down \$46 million versus the same period in July 2024. Typically, only a small proportion of expected regular sales and meals tax remittances is received by the mid-month date. The month-to-date sales and use tax of \$97 million is comprised of the following:

- Regular sales tax of \$49 million, down \$30 million versus the same period in July 2024;
- Meals tax of \$20 million, down \$10 million versus the same period in July 2024; and
- **Motor vehicles sales** tax of \$27 million, down \$6 million versus the same period in July 2024.

**Corporate & business** tax of \$108 million is down \$4 million versus the same period in July 2024. The month-to-date decrease is primarily due to a decrease in estimated payments, partially offset by an increase in returns and bills payments.

All other taxes of \$49 million, down \$12 million versus the same period in July 2024, include a number of tax categories, such as motor fuels, cigarette, estate tax, room occupancy, and deeds.

If you have any questions concerning this report, please contact either me (snyderge@dor.state.ma.us) or Kazim P. Ozyurt, Director of the Office of Tax Analysis (ozyurtk@dor.state.ma.us).

Sincerely,

Geoffrey E. Snyder Commissioner

## Attachment: 1

cc: Deborah B. Goldberg, Treasurer and Receiver General
Matthew Gorzkowicz, Secretary of Administration and Finance
Senator Karen E. Spilka, Senate President
Representative Ronald Mariano, House Speaker
Senator Bruce E. Tarr, Senate Minority Leader
Representative Bradley H. Jones, Jr., House Minority Leader
Senator James B. Eldridge, Senate Chair, Joint Committee on Revenue
Representative Adrian C. Madaro, House Chair, Joint Committee on Revenue

# Mid-Month Tax Collection Report for July 2025 (in \$ Millions) Tax Collections as of July 15, 2025, Compared to Same Collection Period in FY2025

|                              | July<br>(Through July 15 <sup>th</sup> ) |  |   | FY26 YTD<br>(Through July 15 <sup>th</sup> ) |  |   |
|------------------------------|--|--|---|--|--|---|
|                              |  |  |   |  |  |   |
|                              | 07/2025<br>MTD<br>Actual<br>Collections  | 07/2025 MTD<br>v. 07/2024<br>MTD \$<br>Fav/(Unfav) | 07/2025 MTD<br>v. 07/2024<br>MTD %<br>Fav/(Unfav) | 07/2025<br>YTD<br>Actual<br>Collections      | 07/2025 YTD<br>v. 07/2024<br>YTD \$<br>Fav/(Unfav) | 07/2025 YTD<br>v. 07/2024<br>YTD %<br>Fav/(Unfav) |
| Income                       |  |  |   |  |  |   |
| Income Withholding           | 665                                      | 30   | +4.6%   | 665  | 30   | +4.6%   |
| Income Est. Payments         | 30                                       | 6  | +27.4%  | 30   | 6  | +27.4%  |
| Income Returns/Bills         | 37                                       | 5  | +15.7%  | 37   | 5  | +15.7%  |
| Income Refunds Net (outflow) | (5)                                      | (3)  | -142.9%   | (5)  | (3)  | -142.9%   |
| <b>Subtotal Income</b>       | 726                                      | 38   | +5.5%   | 726  | 38   | +5.5%   |
| Sales & Use                  |  |  |   |  |  |   |
| Sales - Regular              | 49                                       | (30)   | -37.6%  | 49   | (30)   | -37.6%  |
| Sales - Meals                | 20                                       | (10)   | -33.7%  | 20   | (10)   | -33.7%  |
| Sales - Motor Vehicles       | 27                                       | (6)  | -18.4%  | 27   | (6)  | -18.4%  |
| Subtotal Sales & Use         | 97                                       | (46)   | -32.3%  | 97   | (46)   | -32.3%  |
| Corporate & Business - Total | 108                                      | (4)  | -3.2%   | 108  | (4)  | -3.2%   |
| All Other                    | 49                                       | (12)   | -20.3%  | 49   | (12)   | -20.3%  |
| Total Tax Collections        | 980                                      | (24)   | -2.4%   | 980  | (24)   | -2.4%   |

It would not be advisable to use this data to predict trends.

At the time of the mid-month report, the available tax collection data is too early to provide a reliable estimate of full-month results.