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Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
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The Honorable Patrick M. O'Connor, Ranking Member  
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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 May 2022, the eleventh month of fiscal year 2022. The attached table shows May 2022 month-to-date tax revenue collections through May 13, 2022, along with changes from the equivalent period in May 2021.

Revenue collections are uneven and usually weighted toward month-end, and the brief period covered in the mid-month does not provide sufficient data for comparison to prior years.

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

Therefore, the DOR urges that mid-month figures not be used to assess trends or project future revenues.

### Context for April Revenues

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Historically, May is a mid-size month for collections, ranking seventh of 12 months in seven of the last 10 years. Net revenue collections in May are influenced by the individual tax filing season, which generates both inflows and refund outflows during the month. In addition, estimated payments from individuals and businesses are not significant in May.

However, because of measures enacted this year and last year, historical comparisons between May 2022 results and prior years should be used with caution. Examples of such measures include, but are not limited to:

- The late start to the 2021 filing season.
- The extension of the income tax filing and payment deadline from April 15th, 2021 to May 17th, 2021.
- The recently enacted elective pass-through entity excise.

### Highlights

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**Total Tax collections for the month-to-date period were \$1.027 billion, down \$168 million or 14.0%** versus the same period in May 2021. The month-to-date decrease is mostly due to decreases in income returns payments, income estimated payments, and corporate and business tax, partially offset by increases in withholding, sales and use tax, all other tax, and a favorable decrease in income tax refunds.

- **Income Taxes** totaled \$779 million, down \$197 million or 20.2% versus the same period in May 2021.
- **Sales & Use Taxes** totaled \$151 million, up \$43 million or 39.5% versus the same period in May 2021.
- **Corporate & Business Taxes** totaled \$10 million, down \$25 million or 71.6% versus the same period in May 2021.
- **Other Taxes** totaled \$87 million, up \$12 million or 16.5% versus the same period in May 2021.

### Details

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**Total Income Tax** of \$779 million for mid-month May is comprised of the following:

- **Withholding** of \$686 million, up \$72 million versus the same period in May 2021.
- **Estimated Payments** of \$13 million, down \$13 million versus the same period in May 2021.
- **Returns/Bills** of \$136 million, down \$315 million versus the same period in May 2021.
- **Refunds** of \$55 million, down \$59 million versus the same period in May 2021.

**Sales & Use Tax** of \$151 million, up \$43 million versus the same period in May 2021. Typically, only a small proportion of expected regular sales and meals tax remittances are

received by the mid-month date. The month-to-date sales and use tax of \$151 million is comprised of the following:

- \$72 million in regular sales tax collections, up \$25 million from mid-month May 2021.
- \$30 million in meals tax collections, up \$18 million from mid-month May 2021.
- \$49 million in motor vehicle sales tax collections, down \$0.4 million from mid-month May 2021.

**Corporate & Business Tax** of \$10 million, down \$25 million versus the same period in May 2021. The month-to-date decrease mostly reflects an increase in corporate and business refunds and a decrease in corporate return payments.

**Other Taxes** of \$87 million, up \$12 million versus the same period in May 2021, includes a number of tax categories such as motor fuels, cigarettes, estate taxes, room occupancy, deeds, and others.

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,



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Commissioner

Attachment: 1

cc: Michael J. Heffernan, Secretary of Administration and Finance  
Representative Ronald Mariano, House Speaker  
Senator Karen E. Spilka, Senate President  
Representative Mark J. Cusack, House Chair, Joint Committee on Revenue  
Senator Adam G. Hinds, Senate Chair, Joint Committee on Revenue  
Representative Bradley H. Jones, Jr., House Minority Leader  
Senator Bruce E. Tarr, Senate Minority Leader  
Deborah B. Goldberg, Treasurer and Receiver General

## Mid-Month Tax Collection Report for May 2022 (in \$ Millions)

Tax Collections as of May 13, 2022, Compared to Same Collection Period in FY2021

	May (Through May 13th) (\$Millions)			FY22 YTD (Through May 13th) (\$Million)		
	05/2022 MTD Actual Collections	05/2022 MTD v. 05/2021 MTD \$ Fav/(Unfav)	05/2022 MTD v. 05/2021 MTD % Fav/(Unfav)	05/2022 YTD Actual Collections	05/2022 YTD v. 05/2021 YTD \$ Fav/(Unfav)	05/2022 YTD v. 05/2021 YTD % Fav/(Unfav)
<b>Income</b>						
Income Withholding	686	72	+11.7%	14,076	1,109	+8.6%
Income Est. Payments	13	(13)	-51.0%	3,759	1,472	+64.3%
Income Returns/Bills	136	(315)	-69.8%	5,479	3,603	+192.0%
Income Refunds Net (outflow)	(55)	59	+51.5%	(1,688)	(276)	-19.6%
<b>Subtotal Income</b>	<b>779</b>	<b>(197)</b>	<b>-20.2%</b>	<b>21,627</b>	<b>5,907</b>	<b>+37.6%</b>
<b>Sales &amp; Use</b>						
Sales - Regular	72	25	+52.0%	5,276	443	+9.2%
Sales - Meals	30	18	+163.1%	1,108	348	+45.7%
Sales - Motor Vehicles	49	(0.4)	-0.9%	939	65	+7.4%
<b>Subtotal Sales &amp; Use</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>+39.5%</b>	<b>7,323</b>	<b>855</b>	<b>+13.2%</b>
<b>Corporate &amp; Business - Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>(25)</b>	<b>-71.6%</b>	<b>3,996</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>+21.6%</b>
<b>All Other</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>+16.5%</b>	<b>2,556</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>+17.8%</b>
<b>Total Tax Collections</b>	<b>1,027</b>	<b>(168)</b>	<b>-14.0%</b>	<b>35,502</b>	<b>7,858</b>	<b>+28.4%</b>

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

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