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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 October 2022, the fourth month of fiscal year 2023. The attached table shows October 2022 month-to-date tax revenue collections through October 14, 2022, along with changes from the equivalent period in October 2021.

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

Revenue collections are uneven and usually weighted toward month-end, and 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 October Revenues

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In general, October is among the lower months for revenue collection, because neither individual nor business taxpayers make significant estimated payments during the month. Historically, roughly 6.5% of annual revenue, on average, has been received during October.

## Highlights

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**Total Tax collections for the month-to-date period were \$924 million, up \$45 million or 5.1%** versus the same period in October 2021. The month-to-date increase is mostly due to increases in withholding, income return payments, and sales tax, partially offset by decreases in corporate and business tax and all other taxes coupled with unfavorable increase in income tax refunds.

- **Income Taxes** totaled \$711 million, up \$68 million or 10.7% versus the same period in October 2021.
- **Sales & Use Taxes** totaled \$134 million, up \$30 million or 28.9% versus the same period in October 2021.
- **Corporate & Business Taxes** totaled \$1 million, down \$15 million or 95.4% versus the same period in October 2021.
- **Other Taxes** totaled \$78 million, down \$39 million or 33.4% versus the same period in October 2021.

## Details

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**Total Income Tax** of \$711 million for mid-month October is comprised of the following:

- **Withholding** of \$669 million, up \$81 million versus the same period in October 2021.
- **Estimated Payments** of \$32 million, down \$2 million versus the same period in October 2021.
- **Returns/Bills** of \$84 million, up \$28 million versus the same period in October 2021.
- **Refunds** of \$74 million, up \$37 million (unfavorable) versus the same period in October 2021.

**Sales & Use Tax** of \$134 million, up \$30 million versus the same period in October 2021. 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 \$134 million is comprised of the following:

- **Regular sales tax** of \$67 million, up \$26 million versus the same period in October 2021.
- **Meals tax** of \$28 million, up \$8 million versus the same period in October 2021.

- **Motor vehicle** sales tax of \$39 million, down \$5 million versus the same period in October 2021.

**Corporate & Business Tax** of \$1 million, down \$15 million versus the same period in October 2021. The month-to-date decrease mostly reflects unfavorable increase in refunds, partially offset by increases in corporate and business estimated and return payments.

**Other Taxes** of \$78 million, down \$39 million versus the same period in October 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,



Geoffrey E. Snyder  
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 October 2022 (in \$ Millions)

Tax Collections as of October 14, 2022, Compared to Same Collection Period in FY2022

	October (Through October 14th) (\$ Millions)			FY2023 YTD (Through October 14th) (\$ Millions)		
	10/2022 MTD Actual Collections	10/2022 MTD v. 10/2021 MTD \$ Fav/(Unfav)	10/2022 MTD v. 10/2021 MTD % Fav/(Unfav)	10/2022 YTD Actual Collections	10/2022 YTD v. 10/2021 YTD \$ Fav/(Unfav)	10/2022 YTD v. 10/2021 YTD % Fav/(Unfav)
<b>Income</b>						
Income Withholding	669	81	+13.7%	4,489	266	+6.3%
Income Est. Payments	32	(2)	-7.2%	1,012	84	+9.1%
Income Returns/Bills	84	28	+48.8%	390	135	+52.7%
Income Refunds Net (outflow)	(74)	(37)	-100.8%	(270)	(145)	-115.4%
<b>Subtotal Income</b>	<b>711</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>+10.7%</b>	<b>5,621</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>+6.4%</b>
<b>Sales &amp; Use</b>						
Sales - Regular	67	26	+64.0%	1,727	162	+10.4%
Sales - Meals	28	8	+43.4%	426	54	+14.6%
Sales - Motor Vehicles	39	(5)	-10.3%	328	13	+4.3%
<b>Subtotal Sales &amp; Use</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>+28.9%</b>	<b>2,480</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>+10.2%</b>
<b>Corporate &amp; Business - Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>(15)</b>	<b>-95.4%</b>	<b>1,162</b>	<b>(79)</b>	<b>-6.3%</b>
<b>All Other</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>(39)</b>	<b>-33.4%</b>	<b>854</b>	<b>(4)</b>	<b>-0.5%</b>
<b>Total Tax Collections</b>	<b>924</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>+5.1%</b>	<b>10,118</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>+5.1%</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.