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The Honorable Todd M. Smola, Ranking Member
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The Honorable Michael J. Rodrigues, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
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The Honorable Patrick M. O'Connor, Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
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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 Laws¹, the Department of Revenue (DOR) hereby submits its mid-month tax revenue report for the month of October 2025, the fourth month of fiscal year 2026. The attached table shows October 2025 month-to-date tax revenue collections through October 15, 2025, along with a comparison to the equivalent period in October 2024.

¹ <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 October Revenues

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

Total tax collections for the month-to-date period were \$1.042 billion, \$71 million or 7.3% more than the collections during the same period in October 2024. Mid-month October results show increases in withholding, non-withholding income tax, and “all other” tax, partially offset by a decrease in corporate and business tax.

- **Income** tax totaled \$795 million, up \$65 million or 8.9% versus the same period in October 2024.
- **Sales & use** tax totaled \$135 million, up \$1 million or 0.5% versus the same period in October 2024.
- **Corporate & business** tax totaled \$44 million, down \$7 million or 13.1% versus the same period in October 2024.
- **All other** taxes totaled \$69 million, up \$12 million or 20.5% versus the same period in October 2024.

Details

Total income tax of \$795 million for mid-month October is comprised of the following:

- **Withholding** of \$677 million, up \$22 million versus the same period in October 2024;
- **Estimated payments** of \$57 million, up \$11 million versus the same period in October 2024;
- **Returns/bills** of \$103 million, up \$19 million versus the same period in October 2024; and
- **Refunds** of \$41 million, down \$14 million (favorable) versus the same period in October 2024.

Sales & use tax of \$135 million is up \$1 million versus the same period in October 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 \$135 million is comprised of the following:

- **Regular sales** tax of \$59 million, up \$9 million versus the same period in October 2024;
- **Meals** tax of \$32 million, down \$4 million versus the same period in October 2024; and

- **Motor vehicles sales** tax of \$44 million, down \$4 million versus the same period in October 2024.

Corporate & business tax of \$44 million is down \$7 million versus the same period in October 2024. The month-to-date decrease is primarily due to a decrease in estimated payments, partially offset by a favorable decrease in refunds.

All other taxes of \$69 million, up \$12 million versus the same period in October 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Snyder', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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 October 2025 (in \$ Millions)
Tax Collections as of October 15, 2025, Compared to Same Collection Period in FY2025

	October (Through October 15th)			FY26 YTD (Through October 15th)		
	10/2025 MTD Actual Collections	10/2025 MTD v. 10/2024 MTD \$ Fav/(Unfav)	10/2025 MTD v. 10/2024 MTD % Fav/(Unfav)	10/2025 YTD Actual Collections	10/2025 YTD v. 10/2024 YTD \$ Fav/(Unfav)	10/2025 YTD v. 10/2024 YTD % Fav/(Unfav)
Income						
Income Withholding	677	+22	+3.4%	5,253	+271	+5.4%
Income Est. Payments	57	+11	+23.1%	1,412	+184	+15.0%
Income Returns/Bills	103	+19	+22.4%	417	+27	+7.0%
Income Refunds Net (outflow)	(41)	+14	+25.0%	(204)	+31	+13.0%
Subtotal Income	795	+65	+8.9%	6,878	+513	+8.1%
Sales & Use						
Sales - Regular	59	+9	+17.9%	1,753	+41	+2.4%
Sales - Meals	32	-4	-11.1%	489	+12	+2.4%
Sales - Motor Vehicles	44	-4	-8.7%	330	-10	-3.1%
Subtotal Sales & Use	135	+1	+0.5%	2,572	+42	+1.7%
Corporate & Business	44	-7	-13.1%	889	-243	-21.4%
All Other	69	+12	+20.5%	786	+69	+9.6%
Total Tax Collections	1,042	+71	+7.3%	11,125	+381	+3.5%

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.