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House Committee on Ways and Means
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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
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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 September 2024, the third month of fiscal year 2025. The attached table shows September 2024 month-to-date tax revenue collections through September 13, 2024, along with a comparison to the equivalent period in September 2023.

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 meaningful comparison to prior years. Therefore, mid-month figures should not be used to assess trends or project future revenues.

Context for September Revenues

In general, September is a significant month for revenues because many individuals and corporations are required to make estimated payments. Historically, roughly 10% of annual revenue, on average, has been received during September, making it the third or fourth largest revenue month of the year.

Highlights

Total tax collections for the month-to-date period were \$1.889 billion, \$241 million or 14.7% more than the collections during the same period in September 2023. Mid-month September results show increases in withholding, non-withheld income tax, corporate & business tax, and sales tax, partially offset by a decrease in “all other” tax. Some of the increase in withholding is due to timing-related factors.

- **Income** tax totaled \$1.210 billion, up \$208 million or 20.7% versus the same period in September 2023.
- **Sales & use** tax totaled \$131 million, up \$5 million or 4.0% versus the same period in September 2023.
- **Corporate & business** tax totaled \$504 million, up \$74 million or 17.2% versus the same period in September 2023.
- **All other** taxes totaled \$45 million, down \$45 million or 50.2% versus the same period in September 2023.

Details

Total income tax of \$1.210 billion for mid-month September is comprised of the following:

- **Withholding** of \$762 million, up \$114 million versus the same period in September 2023;
- **Estimated payments** of \$416 million, up \$88 million versus the same period in September 2023;
- **Returns/bills** of \$58 million, up \$11 million versus the same period in September 2023; and
- **Refunds** of \$26 million, up \$6 million (unfavorable) versus the same period in September 2023.

Sales & use tax of \$131 million is up \$5 million versus the same period in September 2023. 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 \$131 million is comprised of the following:

- **Regular sales** tax of \$55 million, virtually equal to the same period in September 2023;
- **Meals** tax of \$32 million, up \$5 million versus the same period in September 2023; and
- **Motor vehicles sales** tax of \$44 million, virtually equal to the same period in September 2023.

Corporate & business tax of \$504 million is up \$74 million versus the same period in September 2023. The month-to-date increase is primarily due to an increase in estimated payments.

All other taxes of \$45 million, down \$45 million versus the same period in September 2023, includes 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 Susan L. Moran, Senate Chair, Joint Committee on Revenue
Representative Mark J. Cusack, House Chair, Joint Committee on Revenue

Mid-Month Tax Collection Report for September 2024 (in \$ Millions)
Tax Collections as of September 13, 2024, Compared to Same Collection Period in FY2024

	September (Through September 13th)			FY25 YTD (Through September 13th)		
	09/2024 MTD Actual Collections	09/2024 MTD v. 09/2023 MTD \$ Fav/(Unfav)	09/2024 MTD v. 09/2023 MTD % Fav/(Unfav)	09/2024 YTD Actual Collections	09/2024 YTD v. 09/2023 YTD \$ Fav/(Unfav)	09/2024 YTD v. 09/2023 YTD % Fav/(Unfav)
Income						
Income Withholding	762	114	+17.7%	3,601	295	+8.9%
Income Est. Payments	416	88	+26.9%	512	96	+23.1%
Income Returns/Bills	58	11	+23.2%	198	0	+0.2%
Income Refunds Net (outflow)	(26)	(6)	-28.6%	(109)	(7)	-6.7%
Subtotal Income	1,210	208	+20.7%	4,203	385	+10.1%
Sales & Use						
Sales - Regular	55	0	+0.2%	1,205	28	+2.4%
Sales - Meals	32	5	+18.4%	327	18	+5.9%
Sales - Motor Vehicles	44	(0)	-0.0%	239	2	+1.0%
Subtotal Sales & Use	131	5	+4.0%	1,772	49	+2.8%
Corporate & Business - Total	504	74	+17.2%	729	99	+15.8%
All Other	45	(45)	-50.2%	494	(81)	-14.0%
Total Tax Collections	1,889	241	+14.7%	7,197	452	+6.7%

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.