



# Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund Report

Trust Fund Update September 2022

## THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TRUST FUND BALANCE

As of August 31, 2022, the preliminary Massachusetts Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund ("UI Trust Fund") ending balance was \$3.88 billion. This was an increase from the UI Trust Fund ending balance as of July 31, 2022, which was \$2.89 billion.

On August 30, 2022, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts issued \$2.68 billion of Special Obligation Revenue Bonds. Proceeds from the bond issuance were used to re-pay \$1.77 billion in remaining Federal Advance Program (FUA) loan balance as well as \$33.50 million in interest. Additionally, \$867.61 million of bond proceeds were deposited to the UI Trust Fund to improve solvency.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts borrowed a total of approximately \$2.27 billion under the Federal Advance Program. On March 25, 2022, the state repaid a \$500 million portion of the outstanding FUA loan. As of July 31, 2022, the remaining FUA loan balance was approximately \$1.77 billion.

## 2022 ACTIVITY TO DATE

### ***Employer Contributions***

The preliminary August 2022 employer contributions are \$155.93 million<sup>1</sup> for a year-to-date total of \$890.16 million<sup>1</sup>. These figures exclude the \$867.61 million deposit of bond proceeds discussed above. Year-to-date August 2022 contributions were lower than the comparable period ending August 2021, which were \$1.95 billion<sup>1</sup>. Year-to-date August 2021 contributions reflect payments made by employers at unadjusted 2021 rates before the passage of Chapter 16 of the Acts of 2021, which was enacted in May 2021. Employers who made payments at the higher, unadjusted 2021 rates in effect before the legislative adjustment were credited the difference between their actual payment and the new, adjusted rate. Employers retained these credits to be applied to future payments.

### ***Benefits and Claimants***

Year-to-date through August 31, 2022, DUA paid \$1.02 billion in benefits for regular UI for over 478 thousand initial and continuing claims.

*The amounts in this report are preliminary, unaudited, and subject to change.*

<sup>1</sup> Employer contributions in this monthly report are reported on an actual cash basis as of August 31, 2022. Amounts published herein may differ from amounts published on TreasuryDirect, due to timing differences.