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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Senator Michael Rodrigues, Chair, Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
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FROM: Lisa M. Hemmerle, Director, Department of Economic Research

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SUBJECT: March 2026 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TRUST FUND INFORMATION

The following information relates to the reporting on the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund ("UI Trust Fund") for the month of February 2026.

As of February 28, 2026, the preliminary Massachusetts UI Trust Fund ending balance was \$1.14 billion.

Year-to-date through February 28, 2026, preliminary employer contributions totaled \$118.20 million.

Year-to-date through February 28, 2026, DUA paid \$483.38 million in benefits for regular UI for 179,831 initial and continuing claims.

This update contains information related only to actual dollars collected or disbursed. On January 17, 2025, the Commonwealth and the U.S. Department of Labor entered into an agreement that fully resolved any outstanding liability related to pandemic unemployment insurance overdraws as a result of federal UI programs established during the COVID-19 pandemic. The impact of this agreement is reflected in the January 2026 projections contained in the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund Quarterly Outlook Reports. The Commonwealth's first payment under the agreement was made on December 1, 2025.



The UI Trust Fund data is also available at [Mass.gov/UITrustFund](https://www.mass.gov/UITrustFund) in the form of data visualizations spanning from February 2025 through February 2026.