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FROM: Lisa M. Hemmerle, Director, Department of Economic Research

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SUBJECT: November 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 October 2026.

As of October 31, 2026, the preliminary Massachusetts UI Trust Fund ending balance was $1.23 billion.

Year-to-date through October 31, 2026, preliminary employer contributions totaled $1.69 billion.

Year-to-date through October 31, 2026, DUA paid $2.59 billion in benefits for regular UI for 750,519 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 April 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 the Massachusetts Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund webpage in the form of data visualizations spanning from October 2025 through October 2026.