

## Unemployment Insurance

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### Analysis

- The UI system is on track to meet its FY 2008 target for Timely Status Determinations. New Status Determinations timeliness continues to improve and expected to meet the FY 2008 target of 84.9 percent.
- The rate of timely first payments is down by less than one percentage point from a year ago. Performance decreases in eight states largely drove the decline. If corrective actions result in states meeting the acceptable levels of performance (ALP), the system would meet the 88.4 percent GPRA target.
- The Detection of Overpayments measure increased by nearly one percentage point from one year ago as the overpayment rate decreased and amounts established increased. However, the combination fell slightly short of what is needed to reach the 56.0 percent target.
- 64.9 percent of claimants were reemployed in CY 2007, also slightly short of the 65.2 percent target for FY 2008.

## Charting Program Performance

### Current Quarter/ One Year Ago

	Four Quarters ending 6/30/2008	Four Quarters ending 6/30/2007
Percent of intrastate payments made timely	87.5	88.4
Detection of recoverable overpayments	55.72	54.80
Entered employment rate for UI claimants	64.85 <sup>1</sup>	65.34
Numerator	4,924,343	4,902,396
Denominator	7,593,436	7,502,902
Percent of employer tax liability determinations made timely	85.5	85.3
<b>Operational Results</b>		
Reciency Rate	37.2	36.7
Exhaustion rate	37.3	35.4
Percent of recipients of prime working age (25-54)	73.4	73.8
Percent of recipient who are female	41.9	43.1
New initial UI claims	12,372,822	11,287,194
Number of first UI payments	8,338,028	7,606,551
Average duration of UI (weeks)	15.4	15.2

<sup>1</sup> Reemployment in year ending 12/31/2007, latest data available.

**Program Description**

By temporarily replacing part of unemployed workers' lost wages, the Federal-State Unemployment Insurance (UI) system minimizes individual financial hardship due to unemployment and stabilizes the economy during economic downturns. States operate their own UI programs under their own laws; as the Federal partner, DOL provides program leadership, allocates administrative funds, provides technical assistance, and exercises performance oversight.

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**Other Program Highlights**

In the current quarter, the number of State Benefit Accuracy Measurement programs using the National Directory of New Hires (NDNH) to improve overpayment detection rose to 45, and the number using the NDNH for Benefit Payment Control rose to 48.