Labor Updates Week of March 29, 2021

News

- KDOL updated its weekly FAQ last Thursday. Click here for more information
- Online Applications for Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) Being Accepted for Eligible Claimants. Click here for more information
- February Labor Report. Click here for more information
- Kansas Senate Votes to Confirm Governor Kelly’s Labor Secretary Pick, Amber Shultz. Click here for more information

Fraud Software Security Weekly Updates (Numbers are as of 10:00 am, 03/31/21)

- Total claimants attempting authentication: Approximately 173,000
- Claimants waiting for user action: Approximately 35,000
- Those claimants who were proofed/approved: Approximately 86,300
- Those who have failed their ID proofing and would need to do it again/get help: Approximately 52,000
- Those who experienced an error of some sort: Approximately 615
- In terms of BOTs and fraudulent login attempts we have stopped: Approximately 6.51M
  - The number of deprovisioned users: Approximately 11,400
    - Deprovisioned users are deactivated accounts that are confirmed fraudulent

PUA Backlog

- In terms of legitimate PUA claims, as of 03/30/21, 18,756 claims are in the determination process, as it stands at this moment. Of those 12,439 claims are in verification/upload process for more than 21 days (which is when the claim is considered backlogged)

Weekly Claim Totals

- As of the week ending 03/27/21, initial and continued claims for PUA are 13,674
- As of the week ending 03/27/21, initial and continued claims for PEUC are 10,900
- As of the week ending 03/27/21, initial and continued claims for Regular UI are 14,618
As of the week ending 03/27/21, regular unemployment insurance payments totaled $4,645,071
As of the week ending 03/27/21, federal program payments totaled $26,717,006

Weekly Trust Fund Numbers

The trust fund balance for the week of 03/27/21 is at $254.6M, the week before (03/20/21), the balance was $258.3M. For the week 03/28/20 the balance was $981.2M, a -74.1% drop year-over-year

Weekly Initial Claims

The regular UI weekly initial claims for the week of 03/27/21 were 3,535. The week prior (week of 03/20/21) were 2,738. This is an increase from last week of 29.1%
The weekly initial claim number for the week of 03/28/20 was 42,994. This is -91.8% year-over-year decrease

Weekly Call Center Volume

From 03/22/21 – 03/28/21, the average total number of unique calls per day into the KDOL contact center was 176,862

Resources

Report Fraud Website - https://www.dol.ks.gov/fraud

Since March 15, 2020 KDOL has paid out over 4.2 million weekly claims totaling over $2.8 billion between regular unemployment and the federal pandemic programs. For more information, or to apply for unemployment benefits, go to www.GetKansasBenefits.gov.

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