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Labor Updates March 17, 2021

News

- KDOL updated its weekly FAQ last Friday. Click here for more information
- KDOL issued the January Labor Report. Click here for more information
- KDOL stated it was reviewing the American Rescue Plan extensions. Click here for more information

Fraud Software Security Weekly Updates (Numbers are as of 4:30pm, 03/16/21)

- Total claimants attempting authentication: Approximately 163,500
- Claimants waiting for user action: Approximately 33,500
- Those claimants who were proofed/approved: Approximately 81,000
- Those who have failed their ID proofing and would need to do it again/get help: Approximately 48,500
- Those who experienced an error of some sort: Approximately 335
- In terms of BOTS and fraudulent login attempts we have stopped: Approximately 6.29M
- The number of deprovisioned users: Approximately 11,400
  o Deprovisioned users are deactivated accounts that are confirmed fraudulent

PUA Backlog

- In terms of legitimate PUA claims, as of 03/17/21, 19,029 claims are in the determination process, as it stands at this moment. 13,445 of those 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 03/13/21, initial and continued claims for PUA are 16,948
- As of the week ending 03/13/21, initial and continued claims for PEUC are 13,003
- As of the week ending 03/13/21, initial and continued claims for Regular UI are 20,235
• As of the week ending 03/13/21, regular unemployment insurance payments totaled $7,426,242
• As of the week ending 03/13/21, federal program payments totaled $35,025,146

Weekly Trust Fund Numbers

• The trust fund balance for the week of 03/13/21 is at $258.2M, the week before (03/06/21), the balance was $264.9M. For the week 03/14/20 the balance was $987.0M, a -73.8% drop year-over-year

Weekly Initial Claims

• The regular UI weekly initial claims for the week of 03/13/21 were 1412. The week prior (week of 03/06/21) were 2267. This is a decrease from last week of -37.7%
• The weekly initial claim number for the week of 03/14/20 was 1,820. This is -22.4% year-over-year

Weekly Call Center Volume

• From 03/08/21 – 03/16/21, the total number of unique calls per day into the KDOL contact center was 253,434

Resources
• Report Fraud Website - https://www.dol.ks.gov/fraud
• Unemployment Insurance Benefits Self Service Portal - https://uiassistance.getkansasbenefits.gov/

Since March 15, 2020 KDOL has paid out over 4.1 million weekly claims totaling over $2.7 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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