

TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT NOTICE	NO. 11-12
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TO: STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES

FROM: JANE OATES /s/
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SUBJECT: Selected Unemployment Insurance (UI) Tax Data from the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) 581, Contribution Operations Reports, for the Calendar Year (CY) Ending December 31, 2011

1. **Purpose.** To provide a summary of selected ETA 581 data with associated charts and tables for CY 2011.

2. **References.**

- Employment and Training (ET) Handbook No. 401, 4th edition, Section II, Chapter 2, *ETA 581 Contribution Operations*;
- ET Handbook No. 407, 4th edition, *Tax Performance System Handbook*;
- Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) No. 14-05, *Changes to UI Performs*, and UIPL No. 14-05, Change 1;
- UIPL No. 02-11, *Changes to the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) 581 Contribution Operations Report, and Related Handbooks*;
- UIPL No. 03-11, *Implementation of the Effective Audit Measure*; and
- Form ETA 581, Contributions Operations (OMB Approval No. 1205-0178).

3. **Background.** The Tax Performance System (TPS) helps state Administrators to improve their UI programs by providing objective information on the quality of their contribution (tax) operations. An important element of TPS is the calculation and evaluation of Computed Measures. Percentages for Computed Measures are based on aggregate information taken from the quarterly ETA 581 Contribution Operations reports, the monthly ETA 2112 UI Financial Transaction Summary reports (OMB Approval No. 1205-0154), and the quarterly wage data from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (OMB Approval No. 1220-0012) that is compiled by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Computed Measures indicate the timeliness and completeness with which basic and essential UI tax transactions occur.

Aggregate national Computed Measures provide a basis for comparing individual state performance with national performance. National Computed Measures are aggregate percentages rather than an average of individual state scores. Therefore, large states and small states each affect the national scores in direct proportion to the volume of transactions reported.

UIPL No. 03-11, *Implementation of the Effective Audit Measure*, established the Effective Audit Measure and designated it as a new Core Measure in the UI Performs performance management system beginning with audits of employers performed during CY 2013. A state that fails the measure based on CY 2013 audits will be required to write a Corrective Action Plan for the Fiscal Year 2015 State Quality Service Plan. Consequently, data on the Effective Audit Measure presented in this Training and Employment Notice and the National Summary Tables at <http://www.ows.doleta.gov/unemploy/tax.asp> are provided only for information purposes. Additional information on the Effective Audit Measurement is available in UIPL No. 03-11 at http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/corr_doc.cfm?DOCN=2971.

- 4. Information.** National values for Computed Measures are summarized in Attachment A - Summary of National Computed Measures for CY 2011 and CY 2010. State, regional and national percentages for each of the Computed Measures, along with much of the raw data used for computing the percentages, are displayed in National Summary Tables on the ETA Web site at: <http://www.ows.doleta.gov/unemploy/tax.asp>. Click the specific year of the National Summary Tables under “Tax Performance Systems’ (TPS) Computed Measures” to view the desired information.

The ETA Web site at <http://www.oui.doleta.gov/unemploy/tps.asp> also provides information for Computed Measures by state. Values for Computed Measures by state may differ slightly from the values in the National Summary Tables because the state values may change due to occasional ETA 581 report adjustments made by states after the National Summary Tables were prepared. “As of” dates in the National Summary Tables show when the tables were prepared.

Attachment B, Analysis of Employment and Training Administration (ETA) 581, Contribution Operations Report Data for Calendar Year (CY) 2011, provides additional information on contribution operations data for CY 2011. Attachment B is based on data as of April 25, 2012. Therefore, data on Attachment B may differ slightly from data presented in Attachment A, the National Summary Tables on ETA’s Web site, and information for Computed Measures by state that is also provided on ETA’s Web site.

- 5. Action Requested.** State Administrators are requested to distribute this notice to appropriate UI tax and TPS staff.
- 6. Inquiries.** Inquiries should be directed to the appropriate Regional Office.
- 7. Attachments.**
Attachment A - Summary of National Unemployment Insurance (UI) Tax Performance Computed Measures (CM) for Calendar Year (CY) 2011 and CY 2010

Attachment B - Analysis of Employment and Training Administration (ETA) 581, Contribution Operations Report Data for Calendar Year (CY) 2011