

**CY 2012 State Improper Payment Rates**

Unemployment Insurance Calendar Year 2012 Improper Payment Rate

From: CY 2012 QTR 1 To: CY 2012 QTR 4

\*\*\* Please Note: UI improper payment data displayed on this web page are derived from the Benefit Accuracy Measurement (BAM) program estimates of improper payments and the actual recoveries by state agencies as recorded on the ETA 227 report.

Beginning in FY 2013, ETA will use an improper payments measure that takes into account the “net” effect of UI overpayment recoveries. The improper payment rate includes the two components -- total overpayments plus total underpayments -- and subtracts the amount of overpayments recovered by state workforce agencies.

Readers are strongly cautioned that it may be misleading to compare one state's payment accuracy rates with another state's rates. No two states' written laws, regulations, and policies specifying eligibility conditions are identical, and differences in these conditions influence the potential for error. States have developed many different ways to determine monetary entitlement to UI. Additionally, nonmonetary requirements are, in large part, based on how a state interprets its law. Two states may have identical laws, but may interpret them quite differently. States with stringent or complex provisions tend to have higher improper payment rates than those with simpler, more straightforward provisions. Finally, legal provisions for improper payment recovery differ substantially from state to state. (To compare state laws visit [www.oui.doleta.gov/unemploy/stat@elaws.asp#Statelaw](http://www.oui.doleta.gov/unemploy/stat@elaws.asp#Statelaw) or contact the state directly.)

ST	Amount Paid (a)	Estimated Amount Overpaid (b)*	Estimated Amount Underpaid (c)	Total Estimated Improperly Paid (d) = [(b)+(c)]	Amount Recovered (e)**@	Net Amount Improperly Paid (f)=[(d)-(e)]	Improper Payment Rate =[(f)/(a)]
AK	\$164,091,406	\$19,656,617	\$1,453,006	\$21,109,623	\$3,787,756	\$17,321,867	10.56%
AL	\$315,513,658	\$41,305,965	\$1,114,538	\$42,420,503	\$13,012,550	\$29,407,953	9.32%
AR	\$346,656,741	\$39,152,659	\$1,184,836	\$40,337,495	\$7,038,845	\$33,298,650	9.61%
AZ	\$440,416,943	\$60,650,279	\$780,322	\$61,430,601	\$22,617,326	\$38,813,275	8.81%
CA	\$6,667,041,695	\$394,521,026	\$25,273,106	\$419,794,132	\$54,663,745	\$365,130,387	5.48%
CO	\$589,015,029	\$86,895,104	\$7,111,101	\$94,006,205	\$11,291,190	\$82,715,015	14.04%
CT	\$811,780,652	\$32,416,319	\$2,732,481	\$35,148,800	\$10,660,596	\$24,488,204	3.02%
DC	\$157,981,458	\$41,628,409	\$1,440,806	\$43,069,215	\$3,898,889	\$39,170,326	24.79%
DE	\$117,380,260	\$8,661,944	\$571,308	\$9,233,252	\$2,612,285	\$6,620,967	5.64%
FL	\$1,279,157,802	\$115,393,762	\$3,913,751	\$119,307,513	\$20,678,515	\$98,628,998	7.71%
GA	\$860,872,016	\$69,813,254	\$3,448,613	\$73,261,867	\$7,763,611	\$65,498,256	7.61%
HI	\$254,363,164	\$22,685,869	\$2,167,344	\$24,853,213	\$988,080	\$23,865,133	9.38%
IA	\$426,061,272	\$50,975,569	\$6,630,459	\$57,606,028	\$7,051,162	\$50,554,866	11.87%
ID	\$180,497,911	\$20,967,030	\$725,664	\$21,692,694	\$6,307,219	\$15,385,475	8.52%
IL	\$2,190,973,359	\$257,294,323	\$16,190,459	\$273,484,782	\$73,969,539	\$199,515,243	9.11%
IN	\$707,895,562	\$132,230,013	\$3,237,688	\$135,467,701	\$16,129,088	\$119,338,613	16.86%

KS	\$381,994,071	\$39,407,999	\$54,084	\$39,462,083	\$8,906,896	\$30,555,187	8.00%
KY	\$486,965,108	\$29,985,363	\$2,826,516	\$32,811,879	\$5,883,486	\$26,928,393	5.53%
LA	\$249,732,726	\$54,232,088	\$4,599,391	\$58,831,479	\$6,635,094	\$52,196,385	20.90%
MA	\$1,698,543,520	\$115,872,442	\$24,143,213	\$140,015,655	\$19,732,821	\$120,282,834	7.08%
MD	\$797,851,918	\$91,011,161	\$2,200,329	\$93,211,490	\$28,376,965	\$64,834,525	8.13%
ME	\$173,977,066	\$27,193,237	\$493,883	\$27,687,120	\$3,787,004	\$23,900,116	13.74%
MI	\$1,269,236,162	\$129,919,942	\$4,651,869	\$134,571,811	\$34,702,993	\$99,868,818	7.87%
MN	\$853,210,382	\$82,842,375	\$5,673,093	\$88,515,468	\$22,182,604	\$66,332,864	7.77%
MO	\$517,804,920	\$42,825,081	\$943,837	\$43,768,918	\$14,625,196	\$29,143,722	5.63%
MS	\$181,000,537	\$24,790,814	\$482,809	\$25,273,623	\$15,210,531	\$10,063,092	5.56%
MT	\$129,597,298	\$15,821,180	\$642,873	\$16,464,053	\$3,041,785	\$13,422,268	10.36%
NC	\$1,351,692,238	\$214,886,510	\$2,172,269	\$217,058,779	\$19,436,724	\$197,622,055	14.62%
ND	\$60,748,037	\$8,037,760	\$123,136	\$8,160,896	\$1,568,605	\$6,592,291	10.85%
NE	\$120,682,182	\$33,805,972	\$206,279	\$34,012,251	\$4,032,802	\$29,979,449	24.84%
NH	\$102,819,703	\$5,208,575	\$604,904	\$5,813,479	\$1,564,622	\$4,248,857	4.13%
&NJ	\$2,401,881,454	\$374,403,947	\$36,572,658	\$410,976,605	\$143,345,309	\$267,631,296	11.14%
NM	\$242,450,954	\$16,033,507	\$1,770,131	\$17,803,638	\$5,884,178	\$11,919,460	4.92%
NV	\$473,283,447	\$70,339,807	\$3,316,815	\$73,656,622	\$8,319,561	\$65,337,061	13.81%
NY	\$3,359,587,310	\$249,211,126	\$8,584,063	\$257,795,189	\$62,280,204	\$195,514,985	5.82%
OH	\$1,228,770,625	\$221,361,004	\$7,076,146	\$228,437,150	\$30,130,085	\$198,307,065	16.14%
OK	\$271,030,547	\$12,774,940	\$1,099,327	\$13,874,267	\$4,113,216	\$9,761,051	3.60%
OR	\$748,370,444	\$79,691,776	\$1,617,325	\$81,309,101	\$12,841,548	\$68,467,553	9.15%
PA	\$2,967,456,490	\$943,507,978	\$18,589,920	\$962,097,898	\$49,505,463	\$912,592,435	30.75%
PR	\$197,200,034	\$17,883,918	\$1,881,360	\$19,765,278	\$2,231,927	\$17,533,351	8.89%
RI	\$253,452,124	\$8,414,882	\$1,121,681	\$9,536,563	\$3,884,665	\$5,651,898	2.23%
SC	\$303,274,835	\$36,650,905	\$1,020,925	\$37,671,830	\$9,389,665	\$28,282,165	9.33%
SD	\$34,216,467	\$4,745,601	\$50,365	\$4,795,966	\$1,172,609	\$3,623,357	10.59%
TN	\$429,353,186	\$48,302,760	\$1,563,587	\$49,866,347	\$7,037,483	\$42,828,864	9.98%
TX	\$2,243,289,566	\$205,797,578	\$11,526,049	\$217,323,627	\$61,867,475	\$155,456,152	6.93%
UT	\$236,412,858	\$30,949,194	\$854,419	\$31,803,613	\$7,454,778	\$24,348,835	10.30%
VA	\$632,093,026	\$104,621,422	\$4,852,330	\$109,473,752	\$10,909,336	\$98,564,416	15.59%
VT	\$96,186,764	\$4,357,031	\$837,928	\$5,194,959	\$759,136	\$4,435,823	4.61%
WA	\$1,288,591,735	\$150,434,357	\$2,488,499	\$152,922,856	\$44,271,937	\$108,650,919	8.43%
WI	\$900,105,934	\$127,063,547	\$3,550,658	\$130,614,205	\$34,375,363	\$96,238,842	10.69%
WV	\$226,511,660	\$9,727,505	\$1,117,635	\$10,845,140	\$2,406,431	\$8,438,709	3.73%
WY	\$79,530,257	\$10,611,005	\$124,975	\$10,735,980	\$1,875,802	\$8,860,178	11.14%

Amount paid is total UI benefits paid in population from which BAM samples were selected.

Note: These data are based on a completion rate of 99.95% and are subject to change.

\* Includes agency errors by states other than the sampling state.

& Integrity rates estimated due to suspension of BAM.

\*\* Overpayment Recoveries excluding extended benefit amounts (ETA 227)

@ Overpayment recoveries estimated due to missing ETA 227 reports.