

TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT NOTICE	NO. 2-05
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TO: STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES

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SUBJECT: Selected Unemployment Insurance Tax Data from Form ETA 581, Contribution Operations for the Quarter Ending September 30, 2004

1. Purpose. To provide summary performance data of the State Workforce Agencies' (SWAs) Unemployment Insurance (UI) tax programs and announce the posting of detailed performance data on the Employment and Training Administration's (ETA) Web site for the quarter ending (Q/E) September 30, 2004.
2. References. ET Handbook No. 401, 3rd Edition, Change 12.
3. Background. UI tax program performance data are derived from the ETA 581, Contribution Operations report. Prior to the Q/E 3/31/2004, these reports were distributed as UI Information Bulletins (UIIBs). Beginning with the Q/E 3/31/2004, Training and Employment Notices (TENs) are being used to transmit the data. Interested staff may review the information listed below by accessing the ETA Web site at: <http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/>, choosing the desired TEN, and clicking on the appropriate hyperlink(s). The previously issued UIIBs will continue to be available at: <http://www.workforcesecurity.doleta.gov/>, under "Advisories."
4. Action. State Administrators are requested to distribute this advisory to appropriate program staff.
5. Inquiries. Inquiries should be directed to the appropriate ETA regional office.
6. Web Site Hyperlinks. Click on the link(s) below to view the desired data.

Analysis	Analysis of ETA 581, Contribution Operations Data, Q/E 09/30/2004
Table 1	Status Determination Promptness, Q/E 09/30/2004
Table 2	Filing Reports – Contributory Employers, Q/E 09/30/2004
Table 3	Filing Reports – Reimbursing Employers, Q/E 09/30/2004
Table 4	Collection Activities (Contributory and Reimbursable Receivables), Q/E 09/30/2004
Table 5	Percent Distribution of Age of Receivables, Q/E 09/30/2004
Table 6	Audit Activity, Q/E 09/30/2004
Table 7	Audit Change in Total Wages and Contributions, Q/E 09/30/2004

**Summary of National Totals
Selected Data from State ETA 581 Reports
Quarter Ending September 30, 2004**

Subject Employers - Nationally

Total Number of Contributory Employers Reported:	7,051,801	¹
Total Number of Reimbursing Employers Reported:	99,922	²
Total of all Liable and Active Employers Reported:	7,151,723	

Status Determination Promptness (Detailed on Table 1)

	Total Number of <u>Determinations</u>	<u>% Completed in 90 Days or Less</u>	<u>% Completed in 180 Days or Less</u>
New Employers	218,406	84.8%	93.2%
Successor Employers	31,022	65.3%	83.9%

Employer Report Filing (Detailed on Tables 2 & 3)

	<u>% Filed Timely</u>	<u>% Secured</u>	<u>% Resolved</u>
Contributory Employers	89.1%	93.1%	96.1%
Reimbursing Employers	90.8%	95.2%	95.4%

**Receivables (Detailed on Table 4)
Contributory & Reimbursable Combined**

Beginning Balance	\$796,487,549	New Receivables	\$660,600,754
Amount Liquidated	\$630,350,594	Declared Uncollectible	\$15,252,162
Removed Due to Age	\$59,463,864	Ending Balance	\$756,021,683

National Audit Activity (Detailed on Tables 6 & 7)

Audits Completed—Objective 34,800	29,598	% of Audit Objective—Qtr. ³	85%
Large Employer Audits	823	Average Hours per Audit	7.2
Change Audits	12,683	Average Quarters Audited	4.6
Total Wages Under Reported	\$513,888,300	Contributions Under Reported	\$7,522,295
Total Wages Over Reported	143,733,556	Contributions Over Reported	1,559,863
Gross Change (wages)	\$657,621,856	Gross Change (Contributions)	\$9,082,158
Employees discovered in audits that had been misclassified as independent contractors:			32,511

¹ Total does not include the Virgin Islands (estimated to have about 4,000 contributing employers).

² Total does not include the Virgin Islands (estimated to have about 100 reimbursing employers).

³ During the third quarter of CY 2004, SWAs completed 85% of their quarterly objective of 34,800 audits.