

TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT NOTICE	NO. 9-05
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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 December 31, 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) December 31, 2004.
2. References. ET Handbook No. 401, 3rd Edition, Change 12.
3. Background. UI tax program performance data are derived from the quarterly ETA 581, Contribution Operations report. Prior to the Q/E 3/31/2004, these national summaries of the reported quarterly data 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 TENs and related attachments on the ETA web site at: <http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/>. 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. Attachments.
Analysis of ETA 581
Data Tables 1 – 8

**Summary of National Totals
Selected Data from State ETA 581 Reports
Quarter Ending December 31, 2004**

Subject Employers - Nationally

Total Number of Contributory Employers Reported:	7,101,118	¹
Total Number of Reimbursing Employers Reported:	100,064	²
Total of all Liable and Active Employers Reported:	7,201,182	

Status Determination Promptness (Detailed on Table 1)

	<u>Total Number of Determinations</u>	<u>% Completed in 90 Days or Less</u>	<u>% Completed in 180 Days or Less</u>
New Employers	199,079	84.4%	91.8%
Successor Employers	24,339	65.2%	77.4%

Employer Report Filing (Detailed on Tables 2 & 3)

	<u>% Filed Timely</u>	<u>% Secured</u>	<u>% Resolved</u>
Contributory Employers	87.9%	93.2%	96.5%
Reimbursing Employers	89.1%	94.6%	96.4%

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

Beginning Balance	\$747,768,950	New Receivables	\$679,605,846
Amount Liquidated	\$543,575,683	Declared Uncollectible	\$36,013,874
Removed Due to Age	\$56,971,891	Ending Balance	\$790,813,348

National Audit Activity (Detailed on Tables 6 & 7)

Audits Completed-objective 34,800	29,201	% of Audit Objective Completed-Qtr. ³	84%
Large Employer Audits	848	Average Hours per Audit	7.5
Change Audits	13,005	Average Quarters Audited	4.6
Total Wages Under Reported	\$658,258,408	Contributions Under Reported	\$69,173,405
Total Wages Over Reported	\$145,081,474	Contributions Over Reported	\$17,868,920
Gross Change (wages)	\$803,339,882	Gross Change (contributions)	\$87,042,325
Employees discovered in audits that had been misclassified as independent contractors:			36,639

¹ Total does not include the Virgin Islands (estimated to have about 3,200 contributing employers).

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

³ During the fourth quarter CY 2004, SWAs completed 84% of their quarterly objective of 34,800 audits.