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Re: Unemployment Insurance 2023 Annual Report

The following annual Unemployment Insurance report is submitted in accordance with KRS 341.414(3):

## **Recoveries**

Recoupments posted between 7/1/2023 and 9/1/2023			
	Count	Amount	
Cash Repayment	6,685	\$1,720,897.83	
Benefit Offset	2,120	\$636,281.36	
	8,805	\$2,357,179.19	

## **Overpayments Established**

Overpayments established between 7/1/2023 and 9/1/2023			
	Count	Overpayment Amount	
Administrative			
Error	3,895	\$15,152,412.00	
Fraud	287	\$759,813.00	
Non-fraud	1,745	\$2,003,208.00	
	5,927	\$17,915,433.00	



Under KRS 341.990, knowingly providing false information or failing to provide information in order to obtain benefits is considered fraud. Falsification of information is punishable by fines and/or imprisonment. False statements, misrepresentation, or unreported earnings may result in disqualification (for up to 52 weeks), felony charges, fines, and imprisonment. Any benefits fraudulently received must be repaid to the Office of Unemployment Insurance.

Currently, Kentucky's Office of Unemployment Insurance (OUI): runs a check on new hire records against the state's unemployment rolls each week; runs a check on new hire records against federal and commercially available databases each week; and runs a check on new hire records against federal and commercially available databases each week. OUI uses an application by Appriss to run against its unemployment insurance rolls to check for incarcerated claimants. OUI is in a cooperative agreement with the United States Department of Labor's Office of Inspector General and submits to that office a monthly report of high dollar fraudulent overpayments. These cases must meet a minimum threshold of \$10,000 in overpayments. When OUI receives information that a claimant may have possible eligibility issues which may affect their eligibility for Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits, a task is created for OUI facilitators staff to reach out to the claimant to discuss their eligibility status. If it is determined a claimant no longer meets eligibility status benefits, the OUI facilitator will issue a Notice of Determination disqualifying the claimant for the duration of their ineligibility period.