



CALIFORNIA UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS BOARD UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEAL FACTS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS CALENDAR YEAR 2016

General

- In December 2016, California exceeded the nation with 1,009,000 Californians out of work.
- In December 2016, California's 5.2 percent unemployment rate was twelfth highest in the nation behind eleven states and territories. The highest unemployment rates were reported in Puerto Rico (12.4), Alaska (6.7), and New Mexico (6.6).
- EDD paid out almost \$5.3 billion in Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits in Calendar Year 2016. The US Department of Labor estimates the economic multiplier is \$2 for every dollar paid in benefits making California's economic impact estimated at about \$10.6 billion.
- A comparison of 2.35 million initial UI claims filed in 2016 with 202,587 first level UI appeals opened that year suggests a rate of one appeal for every eleven initial claims processed in California.

First Level Unemployment Insurance Appeals

- With a completed caseload of 204,174, California ranked first in the number of first level Unemployment Insurance (UI) appeals filed in the nation and US territories.
- Almost one of every five first level UI appeals filed in the nation was processed in California (18 percent).
- California's UI appeal caseload was greater than the total appeal caseloads processed in 29 smaller states and US territories.
- California and 36 other states were in compliance with the US Department of Labor time performance standards for appeals closed within 30 days at the end of the year (December 2016).

Second Level Unemployment Insurance Appeals

- The CUIAB Board Members reviewed one out of every eleven second level UI appeals in the nation in 2016 (9 percent).
- With a completed caseload of 12,813, California's second level caseload is ranked second out of 48 states and territories that have second level appeals; only Texas reported more.
- A comparison of 202,587 first level UI appeals filed in 2016 with 12,721 second level UI appeals opened that year suggests a rate of one appeal for every 16 first level UI appeals processed in California.

Source: US Department of Labor Employment & Training Appeal Time Lapse Reports
EDD news releases on Unemployment
Bureau of Labor Statistics – Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment
CUIAB Trend Reports