



## **CALIFORNIA UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS BOARD UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEAL FACTS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS CALENDAR YEAR 2018**

### **General**

- In December 2018, California led the nation in the number of unemployed, with almost 813,900 Californians out of work.
- In 2018, California's annual average unemployment rate was 4.2 percent. This was thirteenth highest in the nation behind twelve states and territories. The highest annual unemployment rates were reported in Alaska (6.6 percent), District of Columbia (5.6 percent), and West Virginia (5.3 percent).
- EDD paid out over \$5 billion in Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits in Calendar Year 2018. 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 billion.
- A comparison of 2.1 million initial UI claims filed in 2018 with 182,362 first level UI appeals opened that year suggests a rate of one appeal for every 12 initial claims processed in California.

### **First Level Unemployment Insurance Appeals**

- With a completed caseload of 182,362 in Calendar Year 2018, California ranked first in the number of first level Unemployment Insurance (UI) appeals filed in the nation and US territories.
- In 2018, one of almost every five first level UI appeals filed in the nation was processed in California (19 percent).
- California's UI appeal caseload was greater than the total appeal caseloads processed in 30 smaller states and US territories.
- California and 42 other states were in compliance with all of the US Department of Labor mandated UI appeal performance standards in 2018.

### **Second Level Unemployment Insurance Appeals**

- The CUIAB Board Members reviewed one out of every 14 second level UI appeals in the nation in 2018 (7.4 percent).
- With a completed caseload of 11,561, 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 182,362 first level UI appeals filed in 2018 with 11,561 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 Unemployment News Releases  
Bureau of Labor Statistics – Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment  
CUIAB Trend Reports