

## DATA DEFINITIONS

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| <b>AVERAGE BENEFITS PER FIRST PAYMENT</b>   | Benefits Paid for all weeks compensated divided by the number of first payments. (ETA 5159)  |
| <b>AVERAGE DURATION</b>                     | The number of weeks compensated for the year divided by the number of first payments in the year. (ETA 5159)   |
| <b>AVERAGE HIGH COST MULTIPLE (AHCM)</b>    | Quarter Reserve Ratio (or Trust fund balance as a percent of total wages) divided by the Average High Cost Rate for the previous calendar year. The average high cost rate is the average of the three highest calendar year benefit cost rates in the last 20 years (or a period including three recessions, if longer). Benefit cost rates are benefits paid during a calendar year (including the state's share of extended benefits but excluding reimbursable benefits) as a percent of total wages in taxable employment for the same calendar year. |
| <b>AVERAGE TAX RATE (Taxable Wages)</b>     | Total employer contributions for a 12 month period divided by the total taxable wages for the same time period. (QCEW)   |
| <b>AVERAGE TAX RATE (Total Wages)</b>       | Total employer contributions for a 12 month period divided by the total wages paid by taxable employers for the same time period. (QCEW)   |
| <b>AVERAGE WEEKLY BENEFIT AMOUNT (AWBA)</b> | Benefits Paid for Total Unemployment divided by Weeks Compensated for Total Unemployment. (ETA 5159)   |
| <b>AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE</b>                  | Total wages for the four quarter ending with the report quarter divided by covered employment for the same period, divided by 52 weeks. (QCEW)   |
| <b>BENEFITS PAID</b>                        | The Unemployment benefits paid to individuals under a regular state program for all weeks compensated including partial payments. (ETA 5159)   |
| <b>CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE</b>                 | The average number of individuals who are either employed or unemployed in the week of the 12th for the three months of the quarter. (Bureau of Labor Statistics)  |
| <b>COVERED EMPLOYMENT</b>                   | The number of employees covered by Unemployment Insurance reported to the states by employers. (QCEW)  |
| <b>EXHAUSTIONS</b>                          | Number of claimants drawing the final payment of their original entitlement for a given program. (ETA 5159)  |
| <b>EXHAUSTION RATE</b>                      | A rate computed by dividing the average monthly exhaustions by the average monthly first payments. To allow for the normal flow of claimants through the program, the denominator lags the numerator by six months, e.g. the exhaustion rate for CY 2012.2 is computed by dividing the average monthly exhaustions for the twelve months ending June 2012 by the average monthly first payments for the twelve months ending December 2011. (ETA 5159)   |
| <b>EXTENDED BENEFITS (EB)</b>               | The supplemental program that pays extended compensation during periods of specified high unemployment in a state to individuals for weeks of unemployment after exhaustion of regular UI benefits. One-half of EB is  |

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|   | funded by the state trust fund. The other half is funded from the federal extended unemployment compensation account. (ETA 5159)  |
| <b>FIRST PAYMENTS</b>                         | The first payment in a benefit year and provided in the report period for a week of unemployment claimed under a specific program. This is used as a proxy for "beneficiaries" under a specific program. (ETA 5159).  |
| <b>HIGH-COST MULTIPLE (HCM)</b>               | Quarter Reserve Ratio (or Trust fund balance as a percent of total wages) divided by the High Cost Rate for the previous calendar year. The High Cost Rate is the highest historical ratio of benefits to wages for a 12-month calendar year period.  |
| <b>INITIAL CLAIMS</b>                         | Any notice of unemployment filed (1) to request a determination of entitlement to and eligibility for compensation or (2) to begin a second or subsequent period of eligibility within a benefit year or period of eligibility. Interstate claims are counted in the paying state. (ETA 5159) |
| <b>INSURED UNEMPLOYED</b>                     | The average weekly number of weeks claimed for the three months of the quarter. (ETA 5159)<br><i>Regular Programs includes State UI, UCFE and UCX.</i><br><i>All Programs includes Emergency programs and Extended Benefit program.</i>   |
| <b>INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (IUR)</b>        | The rate computed by dividing Insured Unemployed for the current quarter by Covered Employment for the first four of the last six completed quarters.   |
| <b>INTEREST EARNED</b>                        | The amount of interest earned on the Unemployment Trust Fund account. (Bureau of Public Debt)   |
| <b>LOAN PER COV EMPLOYEE</b>                  | Loan balance divided by Covered Employment.   |
| <b>LOAN AS % OF TOTAL WAGES</b>               | Loan Balance divided by Total Wages.  |
| <b>NON-TITLE XII OUTSTANDING LOAN BALANCE</b> | Estimated total loan balance from loan taken from a source other than through Federal Title XII statute since start of last recession and not repaid.   |
| <b>QUARTER</b>                                | Calendar Year Quarter   |
| <b>RANK</b>                                   | All rankings are from highest to lowest for a particular item. Ties receive the same rank.  |
| <b>RECIPIENCY RATE</b>                        | The insured unemployed in regular programs (ETA5159) as a percent of total unemployed (BLS).<br><i>Regular Programs includes State UI, UCFE and UCX.</i><br><i>All Programs includes Emergency programs and Extended Benefit program.</i>   |
| <b>STATE</b>                                  | State   |

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| <b>STATE REVENUES</b>                  | Funds deposited in state accounts in the Unemployment Trust Fund (UTF). These revenues are used to pay state UI benefits and the state share of EB. (ETA 2112)  |
| <b>SUBJECT EMPLOYERS</b>               | The number of employers subject to state UI laws. (ETA581)  |
| <b>TAXABLE WAGES</b>                   | Wages paid to covered employees that are subject to State Unemployment Insurance taxes. (QCEW)  |
| <b>TAXABLE WAGE BASE</b>               | For each State, the maximum amount of wages paid to an employee by an employer during a tax year which are subject to UI taxes. Wages above this amount are not subject to tax. Note: The taxable wage bases published in this report are current as of the date of issue. Therefore, they do not match the time period of the taxable wages and average tax rate on taxable wages. |
| <b>TITLE XII LOAN BALANCE</b>          | Balance, as of the end of the quarter, of advances acquired by the state under Title XII of the Social Security Act. (unpublished US Treasury reports)  |
| <b>TF AS % OF TOTAL WAGES</b>          | Quarter ending Trust Fund Balance as a percent of Total Wages for the 12 months ending in the same quarter. Also referred to as the Quarter Reserve Ratio.  |
| <b>TOTAL UNEMPLOYED</b>                | The average number of individuals, 16 years of age or older, who do not have a job but are available for work and actively seeking work in the week of the 12th for the three months of the quarter. This includes individuals on layoff and waiting to report to a new job within 30 days.<br>(Bureau of Labor Statistics--Not Seasonally Adjusted)                                |
| <b>TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (TUR)</b>   | The rate computed by dividing Total Unemployed by the Civilian Labor Force. (Bureau of Labor Statistics)  |
| <b>TOTAL WAGES</b>                     | All wages or remuneration paid to workers on all payrolls covered by Unemployment Insurance. (QCEW)   |
| <b>TOTAL WAGES (Taxable Employers)</b> | All wages or remuneration paid to workers by all taxable employers. (QCEW)  |
| <b>TRUST FUND BALANCE (TF)</b>         | The cash balance in the individual state account in the Unemployment Trust Fund, not including loans as of the quarter ending date. (Bureau of Public Debt)   |
| <b>UCFE</b>                            | Unemployment Compensation for Federal Civilian Employees  |
| <b>UCX</b>                             | Unemployment Compensation for Ex-Service Members  |
| <b>WEEKS CLAIMED</b>                   | The number of weeks of benefits claimed, including weeks for which a waiting period or fixed disqualification period is being served. Interstate claims are counted in the paying state. (ETA 5159)   |

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| <b>WEEKS COMPENSATED</b> | The number of weeks claimed for which UI benefits are paid. Weeks compensated for partial unemployment are included. Interstate claims are counted in the paying state. (ETA 5159) |
| <b>YEAR</b>              | Calendar Year  |