

Repeat Claims

Presentation to
Unemployment Insurance Task Force
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The Request

- Prior data provided on seven-year claimants
- Specifics requested for four-year claimants
 - Paid on at least 4 claims since 1998
 - At least one of those claims must have been in 1998-2001
- Compared characteristics with all claimants in a standard year (2004)

Demographics -1

- Ethnicity
 - All Claimants: 72% White, 12.5% Hispanic
 - Repeat Use: 66% White, 25% Hispanic
 - Seven-Year: 52% White, 41.5% Hispanic

Demographics -2

- Gender
 - All Claimants: 63% Male
 - Repeat Use: 75% Male
 - Many Industries: all claimants similar to repeat use
 - Mining and Aerospace: more males in repeat use
 - Wholesale Trade, Services, and High Technology – females repeat use larger

Demographics -3

- Age
 - All Claimants: 24% Age 50+
 - Repeat Use: 40% Age 50+
 - Industry Phenomenon
 - More repeat use by older workers – Retail, Services, High Technology, Public Administration
 - Less repeat use - Agriculture, Fishing, Construction, Wholesale Trade, Retail, High Tech and Public Administration

Demographics -4

- Education
 - All Claimants: 55% High School or Less
 - Repeat Use: 80% High School or Less
 - Agriculture
 - All Claimants: 47% Less than 8th grade
 - Repeat Use: 60% Less than 8th grade
 - Disproportional lower education levels for repeat use – Mining, Retail, Public Administration
 - Aerospace, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Services, High Technology and Public Administration: higher educated workers are less likely to need repeat use of benefits

Demographics -5

- Eastern / Western Washington
 - All Claimants: 28% Eastern
 - Repeat Use: 42% Eastern
 - Industries
 - Agric, Fishing, Mining, Aerospace – repeat use proportions similar to all claimants
 - High Technology – more repeat use in Western
 - Other Industries – more repeat use in Eastern

Amount of Claim Used

Repeat Use

- 14-15 weeks
- 7-yr Repeats: 12.9 wks
- 21% Exhaust
- 46% use <50% MBA
- 24% use <25% MBA
- 16% use > 75%

All Claimants

- 17-19 weeks
- Currently 14.9 weeks
- 24-35% Exhaust

Other Dimensions

- Dr. Vroman's "Possibility" (11-17 Presentation)
 - If use $>75\%$ MBA in two years
 - Reduce MBA in third year
 - Information to be forwarded
- Employer Attachment
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