Unemployment Overpayments

Unemployment Insurance Overpayments vs Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Overpayments

Unemployment Insurance Fraud: $104 million
Unemployment Insurance Non-Fraud: $831 million
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Fraud: $1.0 billion
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Non-Fraud: $4.8 billion

*All Numbers Rounded

Overpayments by Type

Unemployment Insurance Fraud (April 2020 - 2nd Quarter 2022): $51 million
Unemployment Insurance Non-Fraud (April 2020 - 2nd Quarter 2022): $501 million
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Fraud (May 2020 - June 2022): $625 million
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Non-Fraud (May 2020 - June 2022): $2.4 billion

Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation

- $53 million
- $327 million
- $387 million
- $2.5 billion

*All Numbers Rounded

Key Terms

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance: was created for those who don’t qualify for traditional unemployment benefits. Overpayments for this program are reported monthly.

Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation: provided a supplemental weekly payment (originally $600, later reduced to $300) to eligible claimants in all unemployment programs.