


Strengthen Program Integrity, Eliminate Improper Payments, Increase Agency Efficiency

FY 2016/2017:



Over \$30B
in UI was paid out.

Of that, ~3.6B has been identified as an improper payments. \$205MM, specifically, of those that were not "able and available" to work (incarcerated).



In 2011, the State of Indiana made more improper payments than it did correct ones.

In most states, UI benefit funding is based solely on taxes imposed on employers; factors such as the number of employees on payroll, company layoff history, and the current tax rate determine the amount paid.

Established via the Social Security Act of 1935, the Federal-State Unemployment Insurance (UI) Program is an important public benefit available to Americans who become unemployed through no fault of their own. Unemployment insurance gives its beneficiaries continued financial stability and has helped keep individuals and families afloat during gaps in employment as they actively search for their next opportunity.

As of April 2017, there were 2 million Americans claiming unemployment benefits. For example, incarcerated individuals are ineligible to receive unemployment benefits, as they are unable to actively search for employment—one of the primary criteria necessary for eligibility.

When a state is monitoring such a large population of claimants, there is room for fraudulent activity. Unemployment eligibility fraud is a \$3.6 billion problem in the U.S. While only a certain percentage of this overspend relates to improper payments made to incarcerated individuals, it still provides clear incentive for working to eliminate overpayments to these ineligible recipients.

Identify and Eliminate Improper Payments, Bolster Program Integrity

A data-driven approach is critical to the future success of the UI Program. While most workforce agencies have certain measures in place to research filed claims, most do not have the time, data, resources, or staff to scrutinize each claim to the maximum extent needed to determine fraudulent activity, often resulting in payments to ineligible beneficiaries.

Appriss Safety is a leading data integration company that operates the nation's most comprehensive and current incarceration data network, with direct jail management system interfaces to over 2,000 jails and DOC facilities. Collaborating with workforce agencies across the country, we have identified a

According to a 2013 study by the St. Louis Federal Reserve, "individuals with relatively low earning constitute a larger fraction of those committing fraud. High-earning individuals, however, account for larger dollar amounts of fraud."

About Appriss Safety

Appriss Safety is the developer of the Appriss Insights Platform, the nation's most comprehensive source of incarceration, justice, and risk intelligence data. We are a team of technology and data science experts who provide insights and analytic solutions that support informed decisions for early response to people-driven fraud and risk.

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critical need for access to real-time incarceration data to successfully locate and monitor beneficiaries that are in the various stages of incarceration.

Appriss' Incarceration Intelligence solution gives agencies access to accurate, timely data that allows agencies to locate and monitor beneficiaries, with the end goal of eliminating improper payments and increasing savings.

Benefits of Incarceration Intelligence for Workforce Agencies

Appriss' value proposition is two-fold: we offer workforce agencies access to real-time, nation-wide incarceration data and a team of experts to implement and support it. With our breadth of data and technical expertise, workforce agencies can address many of the challenges that coincide with incarcerated beneficiaries through real-time alerts.

Today, 15 workforce agencies partner with Appriss to implement similar services. Some of the benefits our customers have realized include:

- Increased agency savings through prevention of improper payments made to ineligible, incarcerated recipients
- Identification and recovery of dollars lost through previous improper payments (via historical cross-match)

Collectively, our workforce agency customers conduct over 48 million searches and save over \$30 million in improper payments each year.

Why Appriss

Through access to Appriss' extensive, real-time incarceration data, coupled with our unmatched industry expertise, we possess the knowledge and skill set required to successfully partner with workforce agencies to resolve the challenges they face regarding incarcerated beneficiaries. Our Incarceration Intelligence solution enables agencies to vastly improve process efficiencies and save countless dollars.

Agencies are able to place "watches" on their beneficiary lists, and receive alerts when a monitored beneficiary is:



Booked into custody



Released from custody



Incarcerated for a certain "length of stay"