

### Wage Replacement Programs

There are three programs in the wage replacement category; two provide wage replacement for people who lose jobs as “no fault of their own” and the other provides a wage replacement for those who are out of work due to work-related injury. The intent of wage replacement programs is to allow affected individuals the means to pay their bills while they attempt to return to work, thus providing economic stability to their community.

The unemployment programs are federally-funded, and the Workers’ Compensation Program is state-funded. Both funds originate from taxes on a percentage of employers’ payroll. During 2001, 216,000 received Unemployment Insurance benefits.

The programs in this section of the report include:

- Disaster Relief Unemployment Assistance Program (DUA)
- Unemployment Insurance Program (UI)
- Workers’ Compensation Program

Unemployment Insurance Programs pay benefits to individuals who have lost their job through no fault of their own. Workers may be paid up to 50 percent of their average weekly wage for up to 26 weeks subject to a state maximum, currently \$467 per week. Under certain economic conditions there are extended benefits available for some individuals.

The Disaster Relief Unemployment Assistance Program provides similar coverage to individuals who lose their job, even temporarily due to a disaster. Spring flooding of crops and communities is a frequent cause for DUA.

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Program Funding Sources <sup>21</sup>					
Agency Program	Source of Federal Funding	Federal Allocation	Source of State Funding	State Allocation	
Work-related	<b>MDES Disaster Relief Unemployment Assistance Program (DUA)</b>	U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration	\$855,000		\$0
	<b>MDES Unemployment Insurance Program (UI)</b>	U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration	\$37,000,000		\$0
	<b>DLI Workers' Compensation Program</b>			Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry	\$20,000,000

<sup>21</sup> Allocation amounts are for the Program Year ending in 2001.

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## General Program Information

Agency Program	Purpose	Services	Customers	Number Served	
Work-related	<b>MDES Disaster Relief Unemployment Assistance Program (DUA)</b>	Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) is a federal program administered by MDES and provided temporary benefits (UI) to workers and the self-employed who are unable to qualify for the regular UI program.	The DUA program is a Federal-State partnership, with overall program mandates being established by the U.S. Department of Labor; program administration and payment policies are provided by the State of Minnesota through the Department of Economic Security.	DUA is available only in those areas affected by a Presidential Disaster Declaration. Workers and self-employed (including those in agriculture) may apply.	540
	<b>MDES Unemployment Insurance Program (UI)</b>	The Unemployment Insurance (UI) program aids economic stability by maintaining an available workforce for employers by providing unemployment insurance to their employees who are unemployed through no fault of their own. Workers may be paid up to 50 percent of their average weekly wage subject to a state maximum (currently \$467) for up to 26 weeks.  The Minnesota Department of Economic Security administers multiple Federal and state UI programs (See also Disaster Relief, Shared Work, and Trade Adjustment Act).	The UI program is a Federal-State partnership, with overall program mandates being established by the U.S. Department of Labor; program administration and payment/employer tax policies are provided by the State of Minnesota through the Department of Economic Security.	The primary customers of the UI program are the 130,000 Minnesota employers subject to the UI Benefit Tax and their 2.7 million employees.	216,000
	<b>DLI Workers' Compensation Program</b>	Not reported	Not reported	Not reported	Not reported

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Measures <sup>22</sup>					
Agency Program	Federal Measures	Results	State Measures	Results	Other Measures
Work-related	<b>MDES Disaster Relief Unemployment Assistance Program (DUA)</b>		Not applicable		
	<b>MDES Unemployment Insurance Program (UI)</b>	U.S. Department of Labor has mandated 10 Primary (Tier I) measures (with 17 indicators) and 37 Secondary (Tier II) measures (with 62 indicators) regarding UI program performance; in addition, DOL has added 5 priorities for program performance in 2001-2002.	Not applicable		
	<b>DLI Workers' Compensation Program</b>	Not applicable			

<sup>22</sup> Results are for the Program Year ending in 2001.

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## Service Delivery

Agency and Program Name		Who delivers products and services?			Where are products and services delivered?					
		State staff	Other public employees	Other	Community-based organizations	Educational Institutions	Faith-based organizations	WorkForce Centers	Online	Other
Work-related	<b>MDES</b> <b>Disaster Relief Unemployment Assistance Program (DUA)</b>	X								X
	<b>MDES</b> <b>Unemployment Insurance Program (UI)</b>	X			X			X	X	X
	<b>DLI</b> <b>Workers' Compensation Program</b>									