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### Unemployment Insurance Training Extension Benefits

In March, Governor Culver signed a monumental Unemployment Insurance Modernization Bill. A component of the legislation provides individuals receiving unemployment insurance with the opportunity to receive an additional 26 weeks of benefits while they are enrolled in a department approved training program that leads to a career in a high-demand/high-growth occupation.

While the program only went into effect on July 5<sup>th</sup>, there is great interest in the program and we continue to monitor usage very carefully. In the first three months we paid \$1,257,695 total in training extension benefits. The breakdown of the applications is as follows:

Number of applications received	2906
Number of TEB applications allowed	1107
Number of TEB applications denied	146
Number authorized but not yet being used	290
Applications being reviewed	1426

Through the first two months of the program, the success of the program can be further measured by gender being nearly equal and 19.5% are indicating their ethnicity as being non-white. However, these numbers are not reliable as individuals on training extension benefits voluntarily report their ethnicity.

#### **TEB total by gender**

Male	328	49.9%
Female	329	50.1%
Total	657	

#### **TEB by Ethnicity**

Ethnicity	Individuals	Percent of total	Percent excluding unknown
White	347	52.8%	80.5%
African American	61	9.3%	14.2%
Hispanics	15	2.3%	3.5%
Asian	4	0.6%	0.9%
Native American	3	0.5%	0.7%
Pacific Islander	1	0.2%	0.2%
Total non-white	84	12.8%	19.5%
Unknown	226	34.4%	
Total	657	100.0%	

#### **Breakdown of Industries for Retraining:**

Medical	25.1%
Business	23.9%
GED	10.7%
Other	40.3%