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Report of Wisconsin UI Fraud Detection & Prevention Available

MADISON – The Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) has posted its annual *Detection and Prevention of Fraud in the Unemployment Insurance Program* report for 2012. The report covers activities in Wisconsin to prevent Unemployment Insurance (UI) fraud, to detect attempts to conceal wages, and to recover improper payments.

Highlights from the 2012 report include:

- DWD recovered \$25.2 million in fraud overpayments, a 61.5% increase over the \$15.6 million in fraud overpayments recovered in 2011.
- Fraud payment recoveries included over \$10 million recovered through Wisconsin's participation in the U.S. Treasury's Tax Offset Program to intercept federal tax refunds.
- DWD assessed \$39.5 million and collected close to \$9.4 million in forfeitures during the year.
- Close to \$500,000 in benefit reductions were assessed under a new state law penalizing wage concealment that took effect on October 21, 2012.
- DWD investigated 42.6% more cases and established 65% more overpayments to incarcerated individuals than 2011.

The *Detection and Prevention of Fraud in the Unemployment Insurance Program* report for 2012 is available online under the Publications section of the [Unemployment Insurance Advisory Council web page](#).