



Report Highlights

Louisiana Workforce Commission

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Why We Conducted This Audit

The Louisiana Legislative Auditor (LLA) used Louisiana Workforce Commission (LWC) unemployment data to identify bank accounts used by multiple claimants and found that the bank account used by claimant A.B. received unemployment benefits for at least 10 other claimants. LLA initiated this investigative audit to determine if claimant A.B. improperly received unemployment benefits on behalf of other claimants.

What We Found

Claimant Received Unemployment Benefits for Multiple Individuals

LWC and bank records show that claimant A.B. received Pandemic unemployment benefits totaling \$81,786 on behalf of 10 claimants other than herself from May 6, 2020 to October 10, 2020. This amount includes \$49,224 for five claimants, four of whom claimed their identities were used without their knowledge, and one who died several years ago. Applications for four of the five remaining claimants indicated that they worked for the same employer as A.B. prior to the Pandemic. Further, all 10 claimants' LWC accounts were accessed from the same Internet Protocol addresses as A.B. and several used the same or similar addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses for their contact information. By receiving unemployment benefits payable to other individuals, A.B. may have violated state law.

View the full report, including management's response, at www.la.gov.