

Meeting Summary
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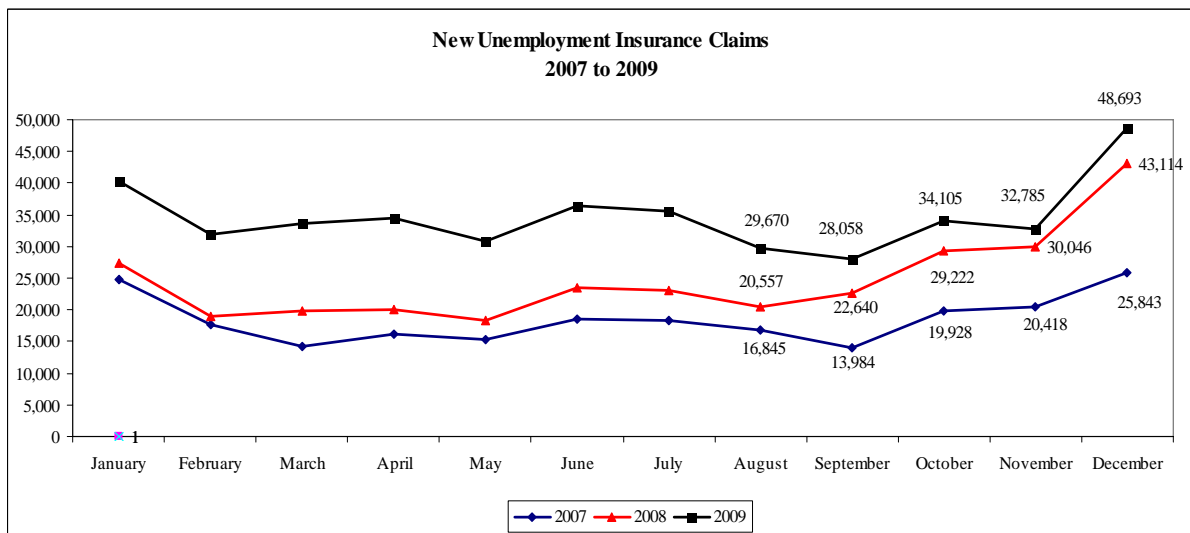
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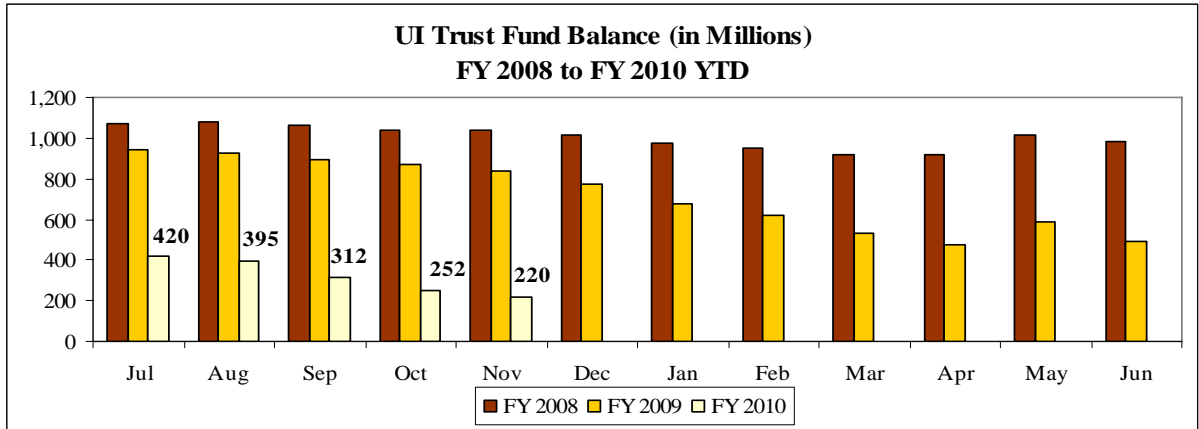
Following is a summary of the issues that were discussed at the DLLR Stat on January 14, 2010. Analysis is provided by StateStat and the Governor's Delivery Unit (GDU).

Unemployment Insurance Issues

- Secretary Sanchez remarked that Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims in December will be at the highest point since 1974. To support this influx of new claims, DLLR is hiring 30 new claims takers and increasing technology. For example, a new phone system will allow individuals to wait longer in a queue, ensuring that more individuals will eventually get served. The department is also working on methods to apprise individuals of the method for filing claims.

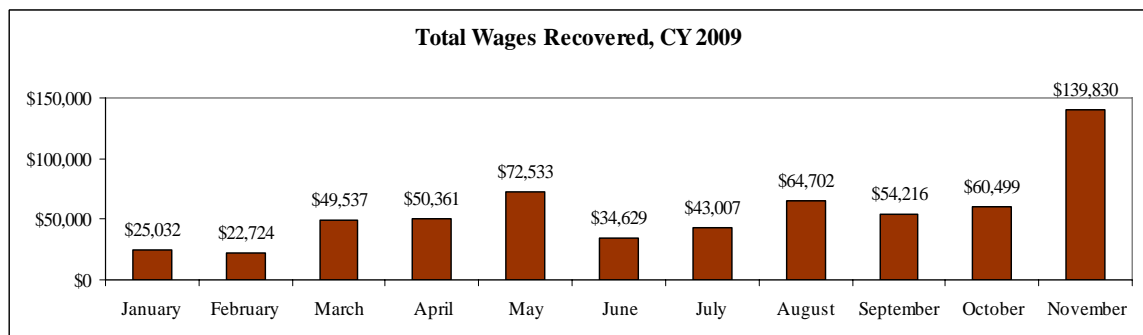
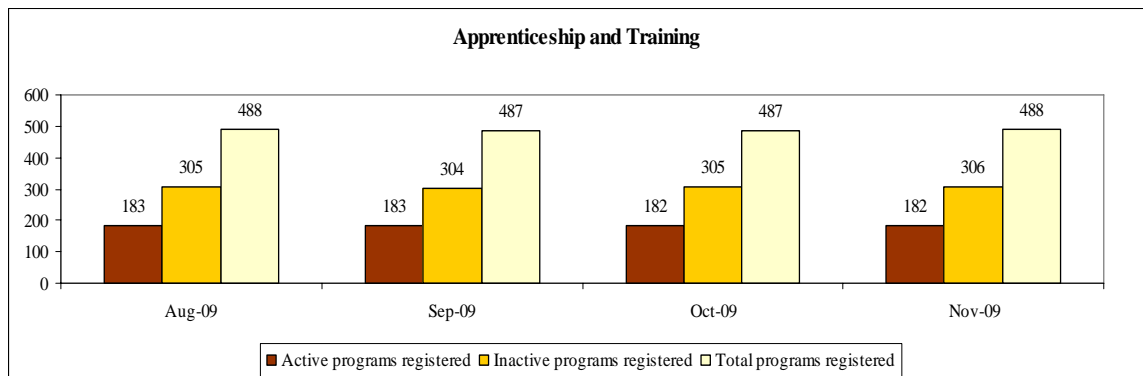


- DLLR is updating its UI overpayment case management system to go paperless, in order to make the case management system more efficient.
- A bill was introduced on the first day of the legislative session (January 13) that would pump \$126 million in incentive funds into the UI trust fund in exchange for changes in the baseline that is considered in determining eligibility. The UI trust fund balance has decreased 79% since the beginning of FY 2008.



Labor and Industry Issues

- DLLR is working to encourage apprenticeship programs in Maryland to become active by employing apprentices. The department is planning to partner with the Governor's Office of Minority Affairs (GOMA) to increase awareness of and engagement in these apprenticeship programs.



- Total wages recovered for Marylanders increased from October to November due to one large case involving severance pay.