

COVID-19: ESD Press Briefing May 28, 2020



**Employment
Security
Department**
WASHINGTON STATE

During the COVID crisis



**Over \$4 billion
in benefits**



**More than 800,000
Washingtonians**



Preventing Fraud: Priorities

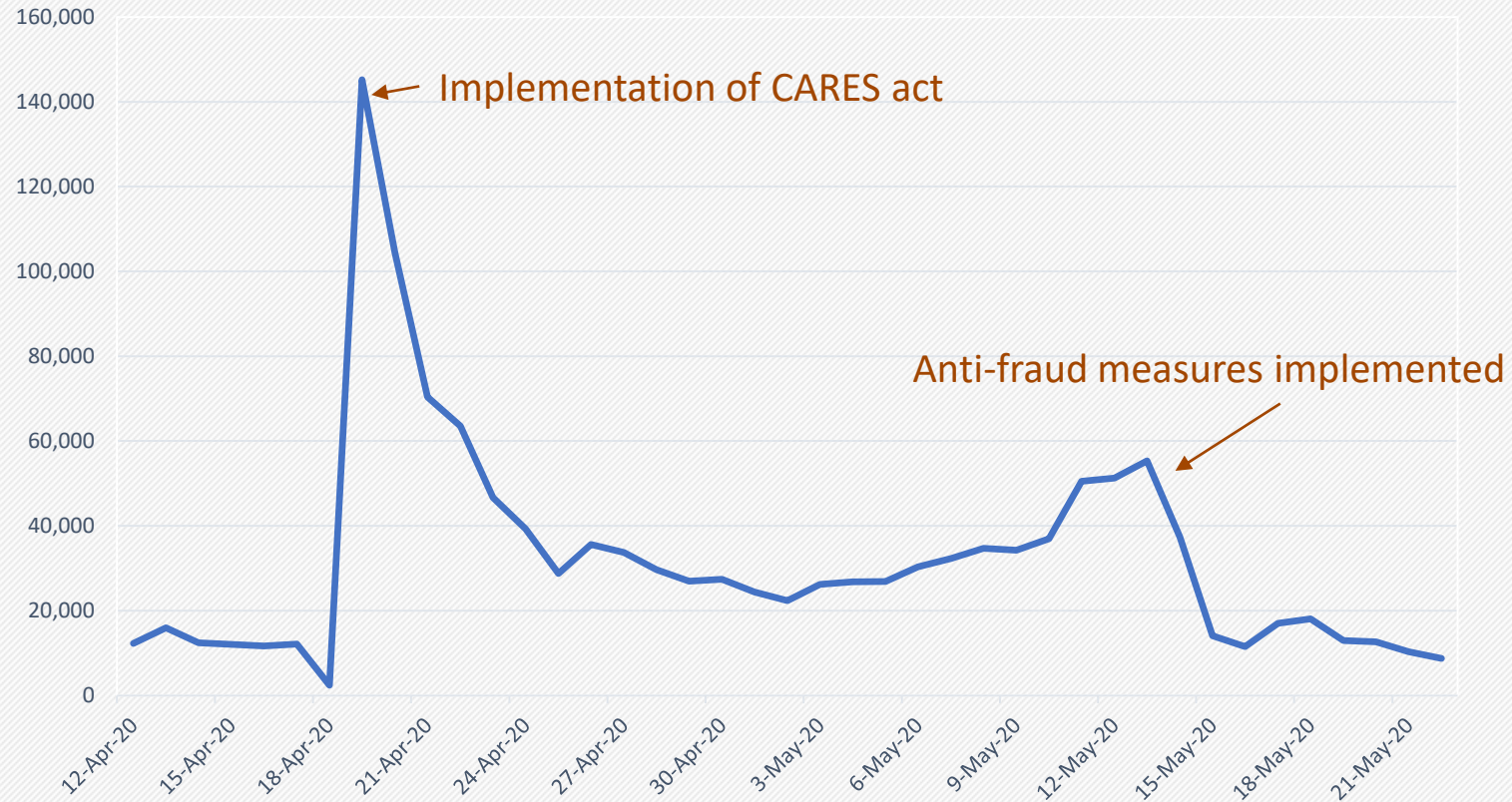


- Stopping criminals from perpetrating more fraud
- Helping the victims
- Recovering the money

Preventing Fraud: Indicators of success



Initial Claims



Preventing Fraud: Funds recovery



**\$300+ million
recovered**

How to report:



Go to

esd.wa.gov/fraud



Goal: Unemployment benefits delivered to all Washingtonians who were impacted by COVID-19, are eligible for & want to receive them

Category	Baseline # 5/1/2020	Current # 5/26/2020	Target #	% achieved
In adjudication	57,125	44,693	0	22%
Adjudication response time	85%	89%	100%	27%

WeeksWaiting	
0	378
1	876
2	1,445
3	4,303
4	8,355
5	9,765
6	6,576
7	6,985
8	4,638
9	1,148
10	128
11	96
Grand Total	44,693

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