

1935

Congress passes The Social Security Act creating Unemployment Insurance — a response to the Great Depression.

- ◆ August 14, 1935 The Social Security Act (H.R. 7260, Public Law No. 271, 74th Congress) becomes law with the President's signature at approximately 3:30 p.m.



1936

The Minnesota Employment Security Law was enacted through special session on December 24.

1938

Minimum weekly benefit amount — \$6; maximum — \$15.

1939

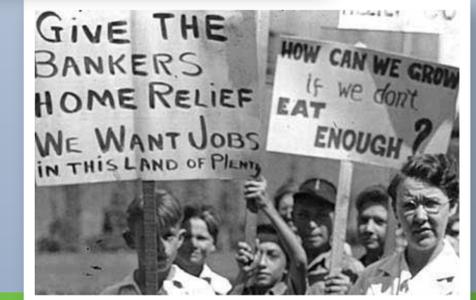
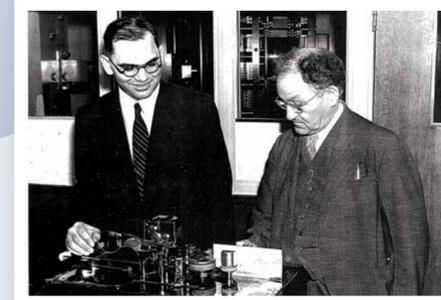
The Reorganization Act of 1939 gave birth to the Minnesota Division of Employment and Security (MDES).

March — MDES Director Victor Christgau and State Treasurer Julius Schmahl commemorate Minnesota's first one millionth UI check.

1940

Federal government began tracking unemployment rates previously done by the U.S. Census Bureau.

The national unemployment rate fell to 15 percent from the record high of 25 percent in 1933.



1942/43

Annual taxable wage base is \$3,000.
 Minnesota legislature combined the MN Unemployment Compensation program and the MN Employment Services — name changed from Minnesota Unemployment Compensation Law to Minnesota Employment and Security Act.



1947

Annual Unemployment Insurance Conference held at the Hotel Lowry December 2-4.

1953

33 Employment Services offices statewide, enabling employers to fill 178,921 jobs.



1957

July — State government workers were extended coverage.



1959

The creation of the Minnesota State Employment Services (MSES).
 Minnesota prosecuted 139 fraud overpayments.

1963

The Department of Labor's Bureau of Employment Security begins a new era using IBM machines for processing.



1968

Minnesota's Unemployment Insurance Division moved from 369 Cedar Street to 390 North Robert Street. Applicants had to appear in person to request benefits. Staff manually typed and mailed correspondence and used microfiche to look up employer account information.



1970

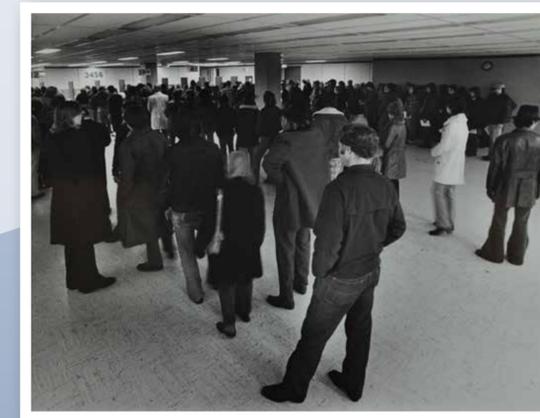
Disaster Relief Act of 1970 — Provides unemployment benefits to those affected by a disaster.



1971

Emergency Unemployment Compensation Act of 1971

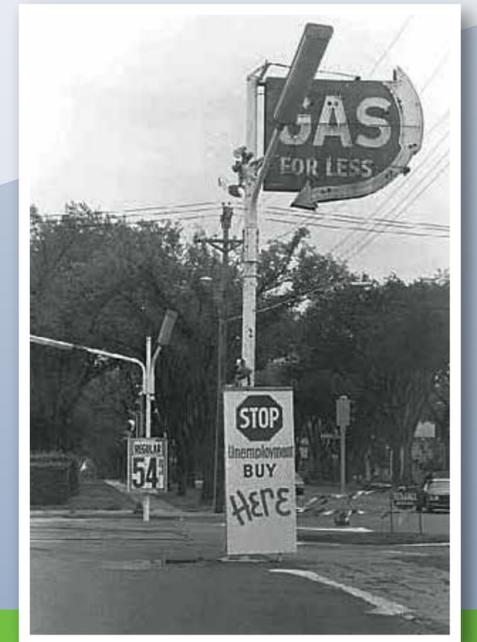
- ◆ Creates a new temporary compensation (TC) program providing extended benefits, effective January 30, 1972 through September 30, 1972. Financed entirely by the Federal Government. Triggers on for a State when its insured unemployment rate is 6.5 percent or more.



1974

Trade Act of 1974

- ◆ Establishes the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) program, providing benefits to workers adversely affected by imports.



1978

Applicants can make weekly requests for benefits by mail.

The Unemployment Compensation Amendments of 1976 Effective January 1, 1978, extends coverage to: agricultural labor; household workers; state and local governments; employees of nonprofit schools.



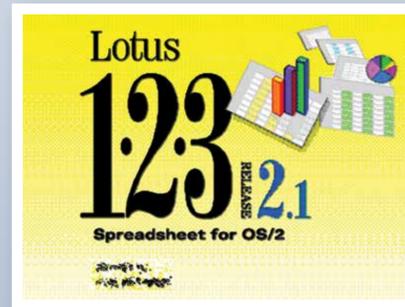
1980

CETA (Comprehensive Employment & Training Act) Week Proclaimed April 6, 1980 through April 12, 1980 by Governor Albert H. Quie.



1986

Field Auditors first used laptops with Lotus 1-2-3.



1988

Applicants can submit initial application for benefits by mail.

Employers begin sending individual wage information.

Wage detail project started.



1994

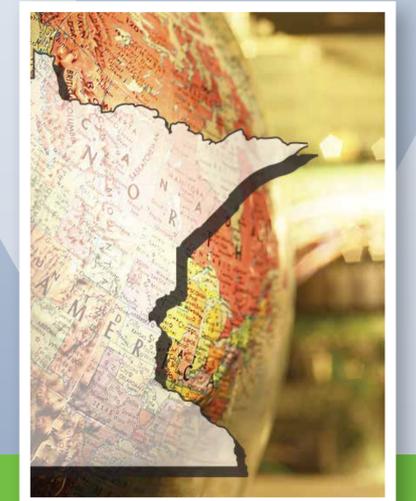
Shared Work started.

1995

UI Worker Profiling and Reemployment Services (WPRS).

DOL implemented this first step in building a nationwide reemployment system.

Minnesota first state to use Internet to send and receive UI field audit information.



1996

Applicants can make weekly requests for benefits by automated phone system.



1999

New appeals system (ABACUS) implemented.

2000

Applicants can submit initial application for benefits by phone.



2001

Applicants can use the Internet to submit initial applications for benefits.

Strategic planning for the Minnesota UI Technology Initiative Project (TIP) begins.



2002

Employers use the Internet and phone to file quarterly wage detail reports and make payments.

January – UI Customer Service reaches 1 million phone calls milestone.



2003

July – DEED was created by the merger of Minnesota Department of Trade and Economic Development (DTED) and Minnesota Department of Economic Security (MDES).

2004

September — Minnesota UI moves from 390 North Robert Street to 1st National Bank Building in St. Paul.

SUTA Dumping Prevention Act of 2004.

2005

June — Employer Self-Service System implemented.

Reemployment Assistance (REA) is a subset of Worker Profiling and Reemployment Services (WPRS)

US Department of Labor creates separate funding for REA services to qualifying states.

2006

August — Benefit payments are all electronic — applicants are paid by direct deposit or unemployment debit card.



2007

October — Applicant Self-Service System is implemented. Minnesota becomes the first state to successfully implement a fully integrated UI system that combines employer and applicant interfaces onto a modern web-based technology platform.

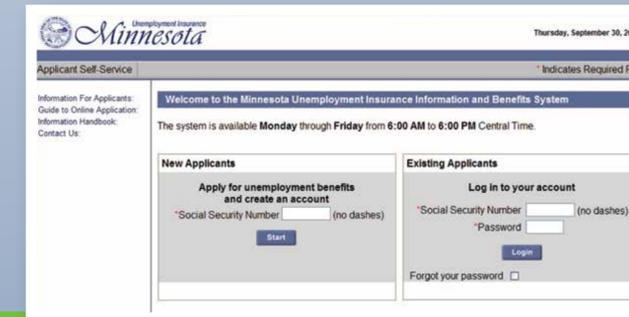
November — UI Customer Service reaches 5 million phone calls milestone.

2008

June — First Federal Extended Benefit Program is signed into law.

2009

Federal Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC), Federal-State Extended Benefits (EB), Federal Additional Compensation (\$25 additional weekly benefit amount), Special State Emergency Unemployment Compensation (SSEUC) programs are administered in addition to regular state unemployment benefits, TRA, Shared Work, DUA, and REA.

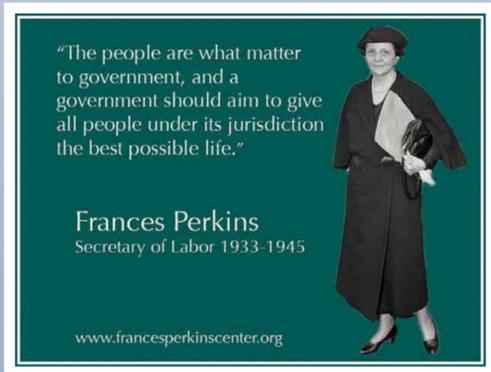


2010

January — Minnesota has 250,000 active UI benefit accounts— 2 ½ times more than the previous high point in 2003.

Frances Perkins inducted into the UI Hall of Fame - Frances was the first female appointed to the U.S. Cabinet, serving as Secretary of Labor.

Federal Emergency Unemployment (EUC) and Federal Extended Benefits (EB) end dates extended.



2011

Minnesota receives the federal 2011 Unemployment Insurance Innovation Award for Improved Worker and Employer Services.



2012

June — New uimn.org website launched – designed with customer usability requirements.

September — **UI Customer Service** reaches 10 million phone calls milestone.

Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 extends federal Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC).



2013

Final year of federal Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) that started July 2008.

Minnesota is the only state that improves program performance during recession.

Minnesota UI recovers \$15.3 million in delinquent fraud debt through the IRS Treasury Offset Program (TOP).

Digital Literacy Project – Minnesota UI initiates effort with Adult Basic Education to provide computer training for unemployed job seekers.

2014

Minnesota UI receives U.S. Department of Labor Performance Excellence Award in Appeals Decisions.

Instructional videos posted on uimn.org provide an alternative way for applicants to understand unemployment benefits.

Minnesota's 3.7% unemployment rate is the 5th lowest in the U.S.



2015

April — Unemployment rate lowest since May 2008, MN 3.7% and U.S. 5.4%

Instructional videos on uimn.org for employers to understand how to do business with MN UI.

Annual taxable wage base is \$30,000.

Work search e-learning classes posted on uimn.org.

