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Unemployment Insurance Initial Weekly Claims Rise

PIERRE, S.D. – During the week of March 15-21, a total of 1,703 initial weekly claims for unemployment benefits were filed with the Department of Labor and Regulation. This is an increase of 1,513 claims over the prior week’s total of 190.

“A large number of employers are announcing COVID-19 related layoffs, so we anticipate the number of new unemployment claims will continue to rise,” said state Labor and Regulation Secretary Marcia Hultman.

Many variables can affect a worker’s eligibility and an employer’s liability for benefits. Each case is examined on a case-by-case basis. [View a list of scenario interpretations](#) about eligibility.

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NOTE: Starting March 26 and for the foreseeable future, DLR will send out weekly news release updates on new unemployment claims every Thursday after the U.S. Department of Labor publishes the official release at 9:30 a.m. EDT. View at https://oui.doleta.gov/unemploy/claims_arch.asp.