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## **Unemployment Insurance Initial Weekly Claims Decrease**

PIERRE, S.D. – During the week of April 5 through April 11, a total of 6,152 initial weekly claims for unemployment benefits were filed with the Department of Labor and Regulation. This is a decrease of 1,986 claims over the prior week’s total of 8,138.

“Unemployment claimants who have been placed on a temporary layoff related to COVID-19 must return to work if they are called back to remain eligible for benefits,” said state Labor and Regulation Secretary Marcia Hultman. “However, if a claimant is called back but only working reduced hours, they may continue to file a weekly request for payment to possibly receive a partial benefit.”

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**NOTE:** 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 8:30 a.m. EDT. View at [https://oui.doleta.gov/unemploy/claims\\_arch.asp](https://oui.doleta.gov/unemploy/claims_arch.asp).