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Unemployment Initial Weekly Claims Increase

PIERRE, S.D. – During the week of May 3 through May 9, a total of 5,131 initial weekly claims for unemployment benefits were processed by the Department of Labor and Regulation. This is an increase of 1,202 claims over the prior week’s total of 3,929.

A total of \$5.3 million was paid out in state benefits, in addition to \$13.3 million paid out in Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) benefits. The Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund balance May 10 was \$104.3 million.

The latest number of continued claims is 23,719 for the week ending April 25. This indicates the number of unemployed workers eligible for and receiving benefits after their initial claim.

“Many employers are starting to recall workers, but if you are permanently without employment due to the coronavirus outbreak, we can help,” said state Labor and Regulation Secretary Marcia Hultman. “The Department of Labor and Regulation has a wide variety of training and education programs to help eligible individuals work towards a career in a high-demand, high-wage occupation.”

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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.