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Unemployment Initial Weekly Claims Decrease

PIERRE, S.D. – During the week of May 24 through May 30, a total of 1,435 initial weekly claims for unemployment benefits were processed by the Department of Labor and Regulation. This is a decrease of 2,036 claims from the prior week’s total of 3,471

A total of \$3.9 million was paid out in state benefits, in addition to \$12.0 million paid out in Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC), \$525,000 in Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) and \$19,000 in Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) benefits. The Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund balance May 31 was \$103.4 million.

The latest number of continued claims is 22,454 for the week ending May 16. This indicates the number of unemployed workers eligible for and receiving benefits after their initial claim.

“Effective June 1, teachers, substitute teachers and school workers who work only during the school year are no longer eligible to receive unemployment benefits because they would not typically be working during the summer,” said state Labor and Regulation Secretary Marcia Hultman. “One exception is federal teachers and school workers, such as BIA employees.”

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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.