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Continued State Unemployment Claims Decrease

PIERRE, S.D. – The latest number of continued state claims is 17,163 for the week ending June 13, a decrease of 8,023 from the pandemic high of 25,186 for the week ending May 9. This indicates the number of unemployed workers eligible for and receiving benefits after their initial claim.

“Claimants are being called back to work or accepting other employment and no longer collecting unemployment benefits, which are meant to be temporary in nature,” said state Labor and Regulation Secretary Marcia Hultman. “Additional benefits under the CARES Act helped bridge the gap between the COVID-19 outbreak and the return to normal.”

During the week of June 21-27, a total of 576 initial weekly claims for state unemployment benefits were processed by the Department of Labor and Regulation. This is a decrease of 334 claims from the prior week’s total of 910.

A total of \$3.5 million was paid out in state benefits, in addition to \$10.4 million paid out in Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC), \$771,000 in Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) and \$94,000 in Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) benefits.

The Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund balance June 30 was \$129.9 million.

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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.