

For Immediate Release: Thursday, July 16, 2020
Media Contact: Dawn Dovre, 605-773-3101

Continued State Unemployment Claims Decrease

PIERRE, S.D. – The latest number of continued state claims is 15,942 for the week ending June 27, a decrease of 9,244 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.

“The \$600 additional weekly benefit under the CARES Act that has been federally funded will end soon. The last payment will be on claims for the week ending July 25,” said state Labor and Regulation Secretary Marcia Hultman. “This additional unemployment provision helped bridge the gap between the COVID-19 outbreak and the return to normal.”

During the week of July 5-11, a total of 1,160 initial weekly claims for state unemployment benefits were processed by the Department of Labor and Regulation. This is an increase of 325 claims from the prior week’s total of 835.

A total of \$3.3 million was paid out in state benefits, in addition to \$10.6 million paid out in Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC), \$739,000 in Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) and \$92,000 in Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) benefits.

The Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund balance July 12 was \$121.4 million.

- 30 -

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.