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Unemployment Initial Weekly Claims Increase

PIERRE, S.D. – During the week of Aug. 2-8, a total of 911 initial weekly claims for state unemployment benefits were processed by the Department of Labor and Regulation. This is an increase of 136 claims from the prior week's total of 775.

A total of \$2.9 million was paid out in state benefits, in addition to \$7.8 million in Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC), \$941,000 in Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) and \$112,000 in Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) benefits.

The Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund balance was \$123.8 million on Aug. 9.

The latest number of continued state claims is 15,464 for the week ending July 25, a decrease of 179 from the prior week's total of 15,643. This indicates the number of unemployed workers eligible for and receiving benefits after their initial claim.

Benefits paid since March 16:

- Regular State = \$72.9 million
- FPUC = \$195.0 million
- PUA = \$9.7 million
- PEUC = \$1.0 million

Total = Approximately \$278.6 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.