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Unemployment Claims Filed for Week Ending March 27

PIERRE, S.D. – During the week of March 21-27, a total of 238 initial weekly claims for state unemployment benefits were processed by the Department of Labor and Regulation. This is a decrease of 57 claims from the prior week's total of 295.

The latest number of continued state claims is 4,941 for the week ending March 20, an increase of 114 from the prior week's total of 4,827. This indicates the number of unemployed workers eligible for and receiving benefits after their initial claim.

For week ending March 27, a total of \$1.2 million was paid out in state benefits, in addition to \$1.5 million in Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC), \$152,000 in Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) and \$282,000 in Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) benefits.

The Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund balance was \$149.7 million on March 28.

Benefits paid since March 16, 2020:

- Regular State = \$109.0 million
- FPUC = \$227.1 million
- PUA = \$19.8 million
- PEUC = \$7.5 million

Total = Approximately \$363.4 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.