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Unemployment Claims Filed for Week Ending April 17

PIERRE, S.D. – During the week of April 11-17, a total of 268 initial weekly claims for state unemployment benefits were processed by the Department of Labor and Regulation. This is a decrease of 22 claims from the prior week's total of 290.

The latest number of continued state claims is 3,064 for the week ending April 10, a decrease of 74 from the prior week's total of 3,138. This indicates the number of unemployed workers eligible for and receiving benefits after their initial claim.

For week ending April 17, a total of \$723,000 was paid out in state benefits, in addition to \$1.1 million in Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC), \$137,000 in Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) and \$300,000 in Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) benefits.

The Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund balance was \$151.0 million on April 18.

Benefits paid since March 16, 2020:

- Regular State = \$111.5 million
- FPUC = \$230.7 million
- PUA = \$20.1 million
- PEUC = \$8.4 million

Total = Approximately \$370.8 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.