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Unemployment Claims Filed for Week Ending April 24

PIERRE, S.D. – During the week of April 18-24, a total of 215 initial weekly claims for state unemployment benefits were processed by the Department of Labor and Regulation. This is a decrease of 120 claims from the prior week's total of 335.

The latest number of continued state claims is 2,934 for the week ending April 17, a decrease of 160 from the prior week's total of 3,094. This indicates the number of unemployed workers eligible for and receiving benefits after their initial claim.

For the week ending April 24, a total of \$613,000 was paid out in state benefits, in addition to \$1 million in Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC), \$120,000 in Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) and \$301,000 in Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) benefits.

The Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund balance was \$151.8 million on April 25.

Benefits paid since March 16, 2020:

- Regular State = \$112.1 million
- FPUC = \$231.8 million
- PUA = \$20.2 million
- PEUC = \$8.7 million

Total = Approximately \$372.8 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.