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## Unemployment Claims Filed for Week Ending May 1

PIERRE, S.D. – During the week of April 25-May 1, a total of 230 initial weekly claims for state unemployment benefits were processed by the Department of Labor and Regulation. This is a decrease of 158 claims from the prior week's total of 388.

The latest number of continued state claims is 3,231 for the week ending April 24, an increase of 283 from the prior week's total of 2,948. This indicates the number of unemployed workers eligible for and receiving benefits after their initial claim.

For the week ending May 1, a total of \$565,000 was paid out in state benefits, in addition to \$1 million in Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC), \$113,000 in Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) and \$295,000 in Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) benefits.

The Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund balance was \$154.5 million on May 2.

Benefits paid since March 16, 2020:

- Regular State = \$112.7 million
- FPUC = \$232.8 million
- PUA = \$20.3 million
- PEUC = \$9.0 million

**Total = Approximately \$374.8 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](https://oui.doleta.gov/unemploy/claims_arch.asp).