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Unemployment Claims Filed for Week Ending May 15

PIERRE, S.D. – During the week of May 9-15, a total of 364 initial weekly claims for state unemployment benefits were processed by the Department of Labor and Regulation. This is an increase of 59 claims from the prior week's total of 305.

The latest number of continued state claims is 2,519 for the week ending May 8, a decrease of 120 from the prior week's total of 2,639. This indicates the number of unemployed workers eligible for and receiving benefits after their initial claim.

For the week ending May 15, a total of \$343,000 was paid out in state benefits, in addition to \$729,000 in Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC), \$62,000 in Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) and \$299,000 in Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) benefits.

The Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund balance was \$162.3 million on May 16.

Benefits paid since March 16, 2020:

- Regular State = \$113.5 million
- FPUC = \$234.3 million
- PUA = \$20.5 million
- PEUC = \$9.6 million

Total = Approximately \$377.9 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.