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## **Unemployment Claims Filed for Week Ending June 19**

PIERRE, S.D. – During the week of June 13-19, a total of 199 initial weekly claims for state unemployment benefits were processed by the Department of Labor and Regulation. This is a decrease of 107 claims from the prior week's total of 306.

South Dakota will terminate its participation in the federal pandemic-related unemployment assistance programs effective on the week ending June 26, 2021. DLR will continue to pay regular State claims.

The latest number of continued state claims is 2,346 for the week ending June 12, an increase of 381 claims from the prior week's total of 1,965. This indicates the number of unemployed workers eligible for and receiving benefits after their initial claim.

For the week ending June 19, a total of \$322,000 was paid out in state benefits, in addition to \$672,000 in Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC), \$85,000 in Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) and \$276,000 in Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) benefits.

The Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund balance was \$160.6 million on June 20.

Benefits paid since March 16, 2020:

- Regular State = \$115.1 million
- FPUC = \$237.8 million
- PUA = \$20.9 million
- PEUC = \$11.0 million

## Total = Approximately \$384.9

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**NOTE:** This will be the last weekly news release from DLR on new unemployment claims. The U.S. Department of Labor publishes the official release at 8:30 a.m. EDT every Thursday. View at https://oui.doleta.gov/unemploy/claims\_arch.asp.