



SOUTH DAKOTA
DEPT. OF LABOR
& REGULATION

Reemployment Assistance Advisory Council

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 21, 2020
1:30 P.M. CDT

Claims from March 16 – Oct. 3, 2020

- Initial Weekly Claims = 65,264
 - Average = 2,250
 - 2019 average = 232
- Continued Weekly Claims = 418,520
 - Average = 14,432
 - 2019 average = 1,742

Benefits Paid Since March 16

- State = \$84.4 million
- FPUC = \$206.8 million
- PUA = \$15.1 million
- PEUC = \$2.0 million

Total = Approximately \$308.3 million

Staffing

- FTE reduced from 94 in 2009 to 68 in 2020
- Since COVID-19,
 - Increased by 100 temporarily
 - Permanently assigned 16 Job Service staff to RA
 - Recruited retirees
 - Worked OT, weekends, evenings, and holidays
 - Made compensation adjustments
- Now contracting with 3rd party to take initial claims

Fraud Examples

- 7,197 fraudulent claims flagged
 - Claims from deceased (stolen information)
 - Claims from people using same address
 - Claims filed in multiple states
 - Up to 2/3 fraudulent claims per week

From all over the World... not only South Dakota.

Unemployment Rate

	Sept. 2020	Aug. 2020	Sept. 2019
United States	7.9%	8.4%	3.5%
South Dakota	4.1%	4.8%	3.4%

UI Trust Fund

- Governor Noem authorized a transfer of \$45.6 million of CARES Act money to Trust Fund.
- Trust Fund remains solvent at \$119.2 million.

UI Trust Fund Totals (in millions)

Year	Total Income In	Benefits Paid Out	Trust Fund
2010	84.2	49.7	26.1
2011	48.8	38.7	36.5
2012	45.9	33.3	51.3
2013	43.7	30.1	65.9
2014	44.3	26.5	84.8
2015	38.7	24.9	99.5
2016	40.9	27.6	112.4
2017	37.6	28.8	121.4
2018	31.9	25.5	127.8
2019	33.9	25.3	136.6

UI Trust Fund – Projected 2020

as of Oct. 1, 2020

RA Financials - Quarterly Summary

(in Millions)

CY 2020	Actual	Actual	Projected	Projected	Total
	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	
Contributions/Interest In	\$4.7	\$12.8	\$8.2	\$6.2	\$31.9
CARES Act Transfer In		\$45.6			\$45.6
Waiting Week Reimbursement In		\$5.0			\$5.0
Benefits Paid Out	\$12.1	\$52.6	\$27.0	\$15.5	\$107.2
Trust Fund	\$129.2	\$129.9	\$121.7	\$112.5	\$112.5

*Actual data through August 2020.

Public Comments



Annual Report

- To be provided at later date for approval.

