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Continued Claims Drop for the First Time in Nearly 2 Years

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The number of initial and continued Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims in Wyoming (see Definitions, page 9) both decreased over the year (see Figure 1 below and Figure 2, page 4). The over-the-year decrease in continued claims was the first since April 2024, or close to two years.

Initial Claims

There were 1,503 initial claims in February 2026, down 196 (or 11.5%) from February 2025. Initial claims followed their normal seasonal pattern and dropped substantially (-671, or -30.9%) over the month.

UI Claims Online

Weekly, monthly, and annual Unemployment Insurance claims for Wyoming available online at <https://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/UI.htm>.

The industries with the largest numbers of initial claims included construction (522); trade, transportation, & utilities (216); professional & business services (163); and leisure & hospitality (141; see Table 1, page 5, and Figure 3, page 6). Most industries had over-the-year decreases in initial claims, led by construction (-124, or -19.2%) Initial claims in leisure & hospitality increased slightly over the year (18, or 14.6%).

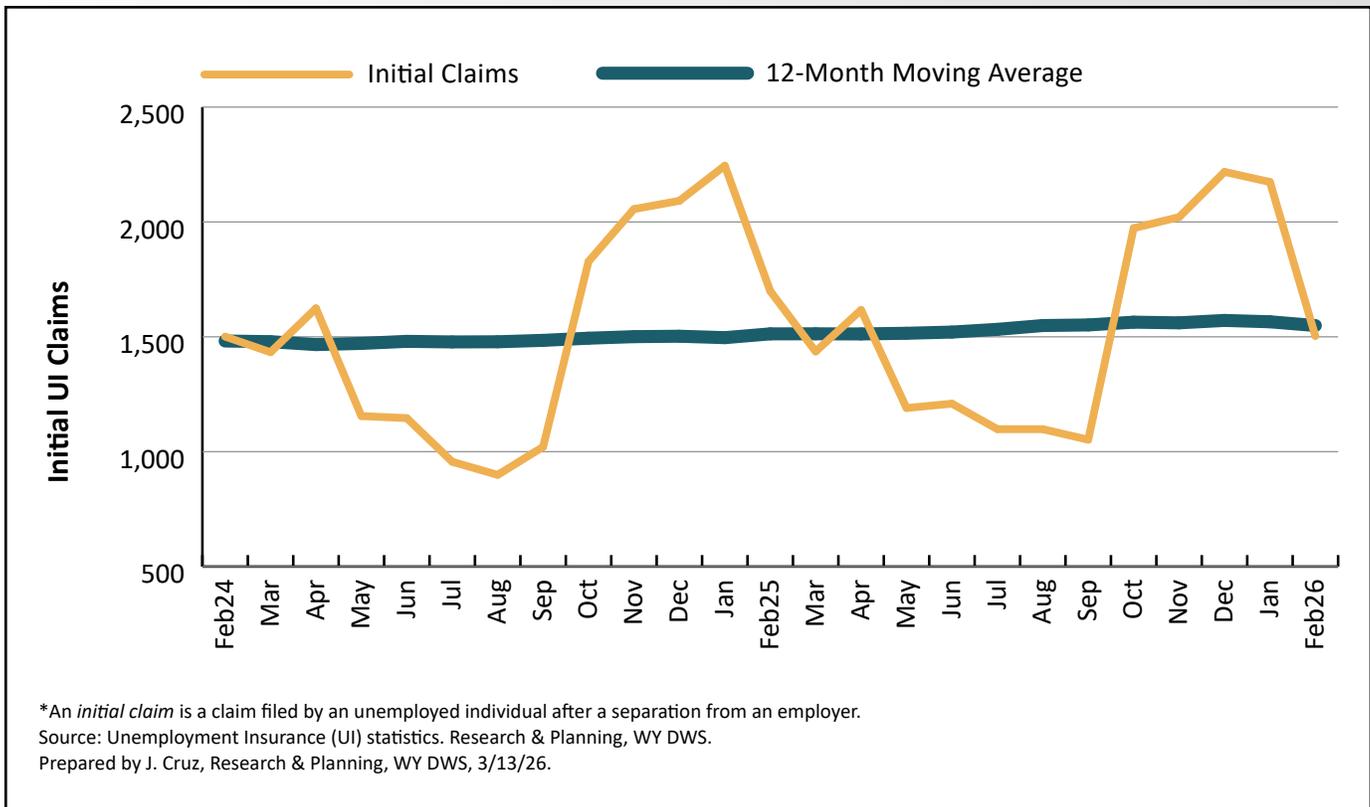


Figure 1: Total Number of Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming, February 2024 to February 2026

Laramie County had the largest number of initial claims with 261, followed by Natrona County (250), along with 167 out-of-state initial claims (see Figure 4, page 6, and Table 3, page 9).

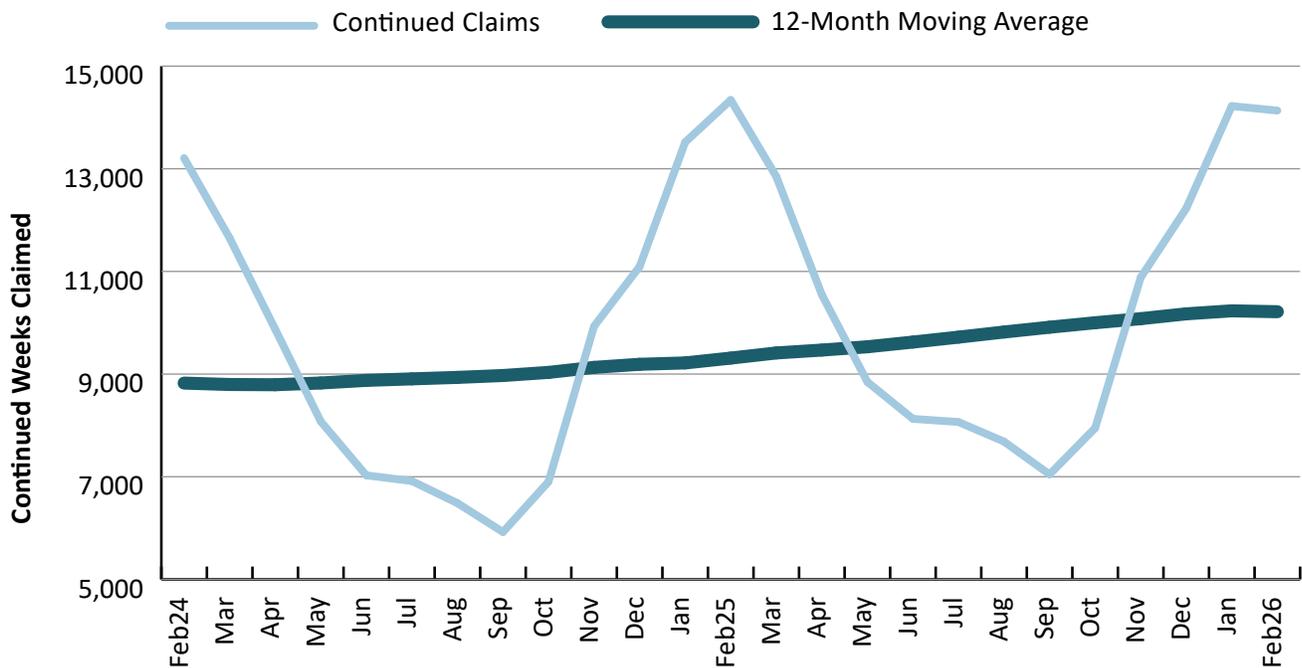
Continued Claims

The total number of continued weeks claimed decreased from 14,340 in February 2025 to 14,134 in February 2026 (-206, or -1.4%). The total number of unique claimants decreased over the year from 4,654 to 4,516 (-138, or -3.0%).

The industries with the most continued weeks claimed included construction (4,942); professional & business services (1,910); trade, transportation, & utilities (1,880), and leisure & hospitality (1,565;

see Table 2, page 7, and Figure 5, page 8). The greatest over-the-year increases in continued claims were seen in trade, transportation, & utilities (276, or 17.2%) and leisure & hospitality (258, or 19.7%). Similar to initial claims, the greatest over-the-year decrease in continued claims was in construction (-383, or -7.2%).

Laramie County had the largest number of continued weeks claimed with 1,979, followed by Natrona (1,956), Sweetwater (1,177), and Fremont (1,019) counties (see Figure 6, page 8, and Table 4, page 9). There were 2,358 continued weeks claimed by out-of-state individuals, up 95 (4.2%) over the year. Campbell County had a notable decrease in continued weeks claimed (-328, or -28.0%), while a substantial increase was seen in Sweetwater County (245, or 26.3%).



*A person who has already filed an initial claim and who has experienced a week of unemployment then files a *continued claim* to claim benefits for that week of unemployment.

Source: Unemployment Insurance (UI) statistics. Research & Planning, WY DWS.

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Figure 2: Total Number of Unemployment Insurance Continued Weeks Claimed for Wyoming, February 2024 to February 2026

Table 1: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims in Wyoming, February 2026

Industry	Initial Claims Filed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Feb 2026	Jan 2026	Feb 2025	N	%	N	%
Total Claims Filed	1,503	2,174	1,699	-671	-30.9	-196	-11.5
Goods-Producing	681	1,081	829	-400	-37.0	-148	-17.9
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	92	115	101	-23	-20.0	-9	-8.9
Mining (21)	84	106	92	-22	-20.8	-8	-8.7
Construction (23)	522	859	646	-337	-39.2	-124	-19.2
Manufacturing (31-33)	67	106	81	-39	-36.8	-14	-17.3
Service-Providing	687	937	716	-250	-26.7	-29	-4.1
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	216	321	245	-105	-32.7	-29	-11.8
Wholesale Trade (42)	29	44	41	-15	-34.1	-12	-29.3
Retail Trade (44-45)	107	148	98	-41	-27.7	9	9.2
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	80	128	106	-48	-37.5	-26	-24.5
Information (51)	7	6	11	1	16.7	-4	-36.4
Financial Activities (52-53)	44	36	38	8	22.2	6	15.8
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	163	238	184	-75	-31.5	-21	-11.4
Education & Health Services (61-62)	77	95	82	-18	-18.9	-5	-6.1
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	141	198	123	-57	-28.8	18	14.6
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	35	41	30	-6	-14.6	5	16.7
Government	109	128	132	-19	-14.8	-23	-17.4
Federal Government	33	46	82	-13	-28.3	-49	-59.8
State Government	12	11	10	1	9.1	2	20.0
Local Government	62	70	38	-8	-11.4	24	63.2
Local Education	17	11	4	6	54.5	13	325.0
Unclassified	24	27	21	-3	-11.1	3	14.3
Laramie County							
Total Claims Filed	261	309	285	-48	-15.5	-24	-8.4
Goods-Producing	119	164	116	-45	-27.4	3	2.6
Construction	105	153	102	-48	-31.4	3	2.9
Service-Providing	119	127	146	-8	-6.3	-27	-18.5
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	38	38	35	0	0.0	3	8.6
Financial Activities (52, 53)	8	11	7	-3	-27.3	1	14.3
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	28	29	54	-1	-3.4	-26	-48.1
Educational & Health Services (61-62)	17	22	21	-5	-22.7	-4	-19.0
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	17	16	19	1	6.3	-2	-10.5
Government	17	12	17	5	41.7	0	0.0
Natrona County							
Total Claims Filed	250	329	229	-79	-24.0	21	9.2
Goods-Producing	114	156	111	-42	-26.9	3	2.7
Construction	92	125	89	-33	-26.4	3	3.4
Service-Providing	125	162	111	-37	-22.8	14	12.6
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	38	53	35	-15	-28.3	3	8.6
Financial Activities (52, 53)	11	4	8	7	175.0	3	37.5
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	22	47	25	-25	-53.2	-3	-12.0
Educational & Health Services (61-62)	20	22	15	-2	-9.1	5	33.3
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	16	27	17	-11	-40.7	-1	-5.9
Government	6	7	6	-1	-14.3	0	0.0

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Source: Unemployment Insurance claims database.

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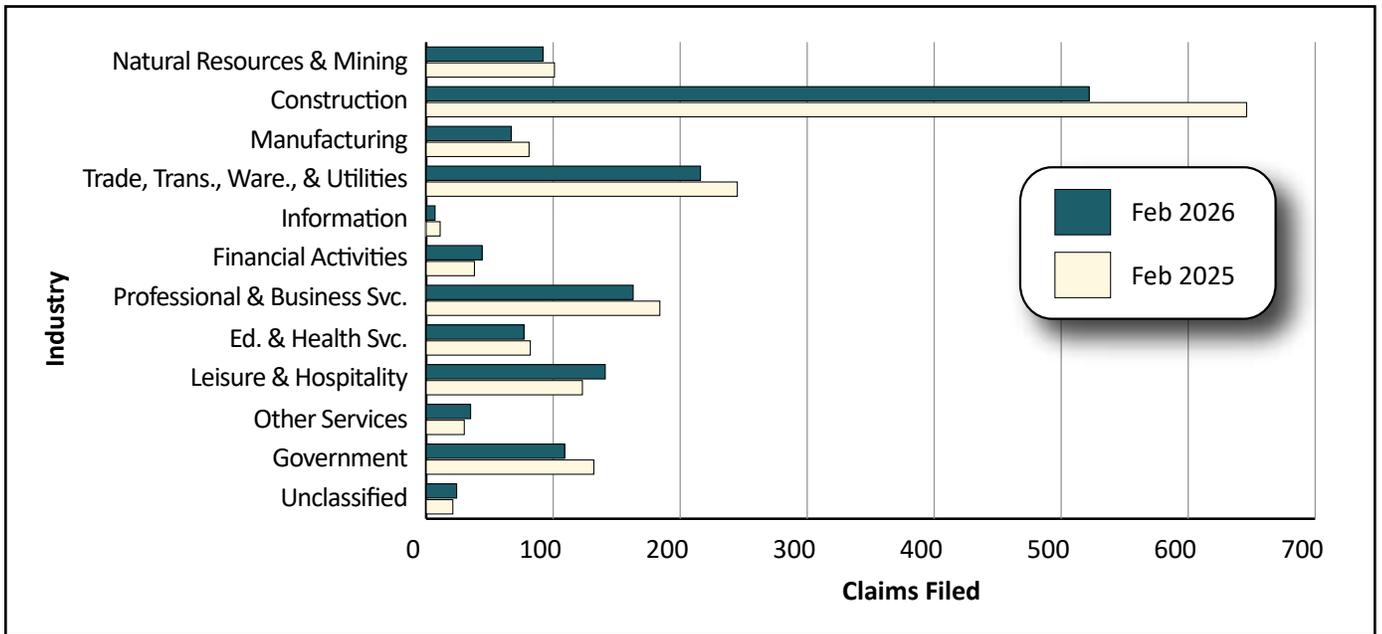


Figure 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, February 2025 and February 2026

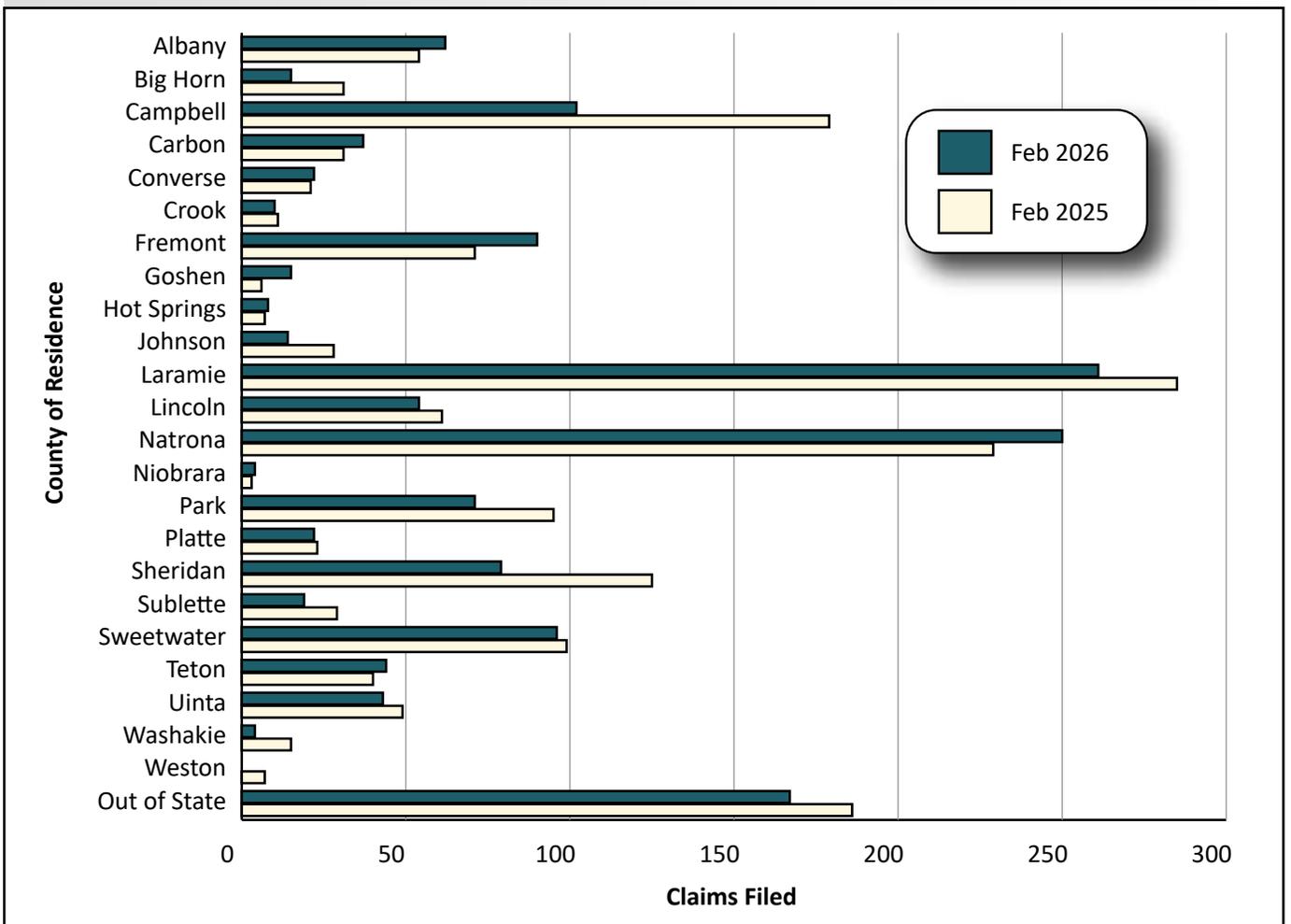


Figure 4: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, February 2025 and February 2026

Table 2: Unemployment Insurance Continued Weeks Claimed in Wyoming, February 2026

Industry	Continued Weeks Claimed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Feb 2026	Jan 2026	Feb 2025	N	%	N	%
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	14,134	14,222	14,340	-88	-0.6	-206	-1.4
Total Unique Claimants	4,516	4,731	4,654	-215	-4.5	-138	-3.0
Goods-Producing	6,299	6,279	6,971	20	0.3	-672	-9.6
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	760	794	1,004	-34	-4.3	-244	-24.3
Mining (21)	667	694	881	-27	-3.9	-214	-24.3
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	61	57	29	4	7.0	32	110.3
Construction (23)	4,942	4,964	5,325	-22	-0.4	-383	-7.2
Manufacturing (31-33)	595	520	640	75	14.4	-45	-7.0
Service-Providing	6,780	6,866	6,231	-86	-1.3	549	8.8
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	1,880	1,722	1,604	158	9.2	276	17.2
Wholesale Trade (42)	332	336	266	-4	-1.2	66	24.8
Retail Trade (44-45)	825	795	805	30	3.8	20	2.5
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	722	589	532	133	22.6	190	35.7
Information (51)	93	125	127	-32	-25.6	-34	-26.8
Financial Activities (52-53)	357	345	300	12	3.5	57	19.0
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	1,910	1,979	2,012	-69	-3.5	-102	-5.1
Education & Health Services (61-62)	701	739	670	-38	-5.1	31	4.6
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	1,565	1,698	1,307	-133	-7.8	258	19.7
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	272	255	208	17	6.7	64	30.8
Government	897	935	969	-38	-4.1	-72	-7.4
Federal Government	371	430	543	-59	-13.7	-172	-31.7
State Government	113	110	112	3	2.7	1	0.9
Local Government	412	394	313	18	4.6	99	31.6
Local Education	70	70	66	0	0.0	4	6.1
Unclassified	156	141	167	15	10.6	-11	-6.6
Laramie County							
Total Claims Filed	1,979	2,023	2,110	-44	-2.2	-131	-6.2
Total Unique Claimants	660	661	698	-1	-0.2	-38	-5.4
Goods-Producing	943	1,009	1,042	-66	-6.5	-99	-9.5
Construction	884	935	961	-51	-5.5	-77	-8.0
Service-Providing	919	896	942	23	2.6	-23	-2.4
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	252	255	280	-3	-1.2	-28	-10.0
Financial Activities (52, 53)	92	82	80	10	12.2	12	15.0
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	228	240	255	-12	-5.0	-27	-10.6
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	160	140	149	20	14.3	11	7.4
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	120	121	102	-1	-0.8	18	17.6
Government	81	83	94	-2	-2.4	-13	-13.8
Unclassified	35	33	31	2	6.1	4	12.9
Natrona County							
Total Claims Filed	1,956	2,026	1,866	-70	-3.5	90	4.8
Total Unique Claimants	644	698	609	-54	-7.7	35	5.7
Goods-Producing	941	1,019	920	-78	-7.7	21	2.3
Construction	691	736	736	-45	-6.1	-45	-6.1
Service-Providing	939	936	891	3	0.3	48	5.4
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	284	257	295	27	10.5	-11	-3.7
Financial Activities (52, 53)	44	58	59	-14	-24.1	-15	-25.4
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	254	232	278	22	9.5	-24	-8.6
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	160	164	84	-4	-2.4	76	90.5
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	125	143	111	-18	-12.6	14	12.6
Government	55	49	42	6	12.2	13	31.0
Unclassified	19	20	11	-1	-5.0	8	72.7

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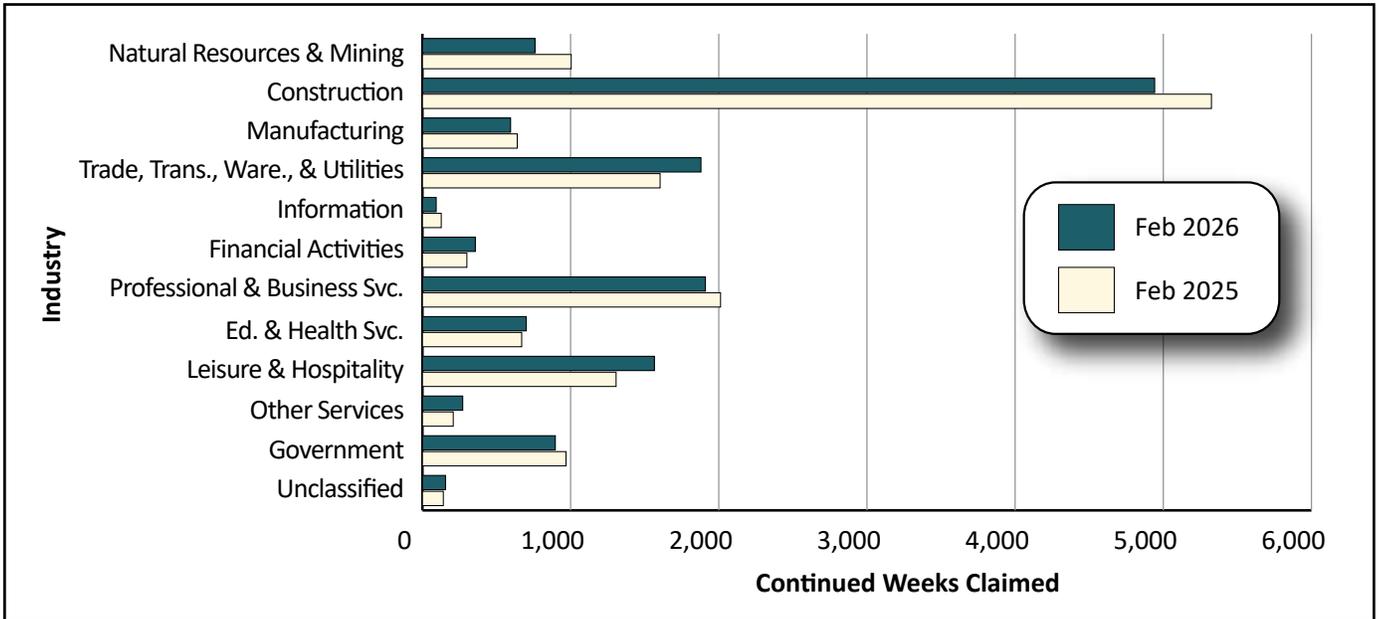


Figure 5: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, February 2025 and February 2026

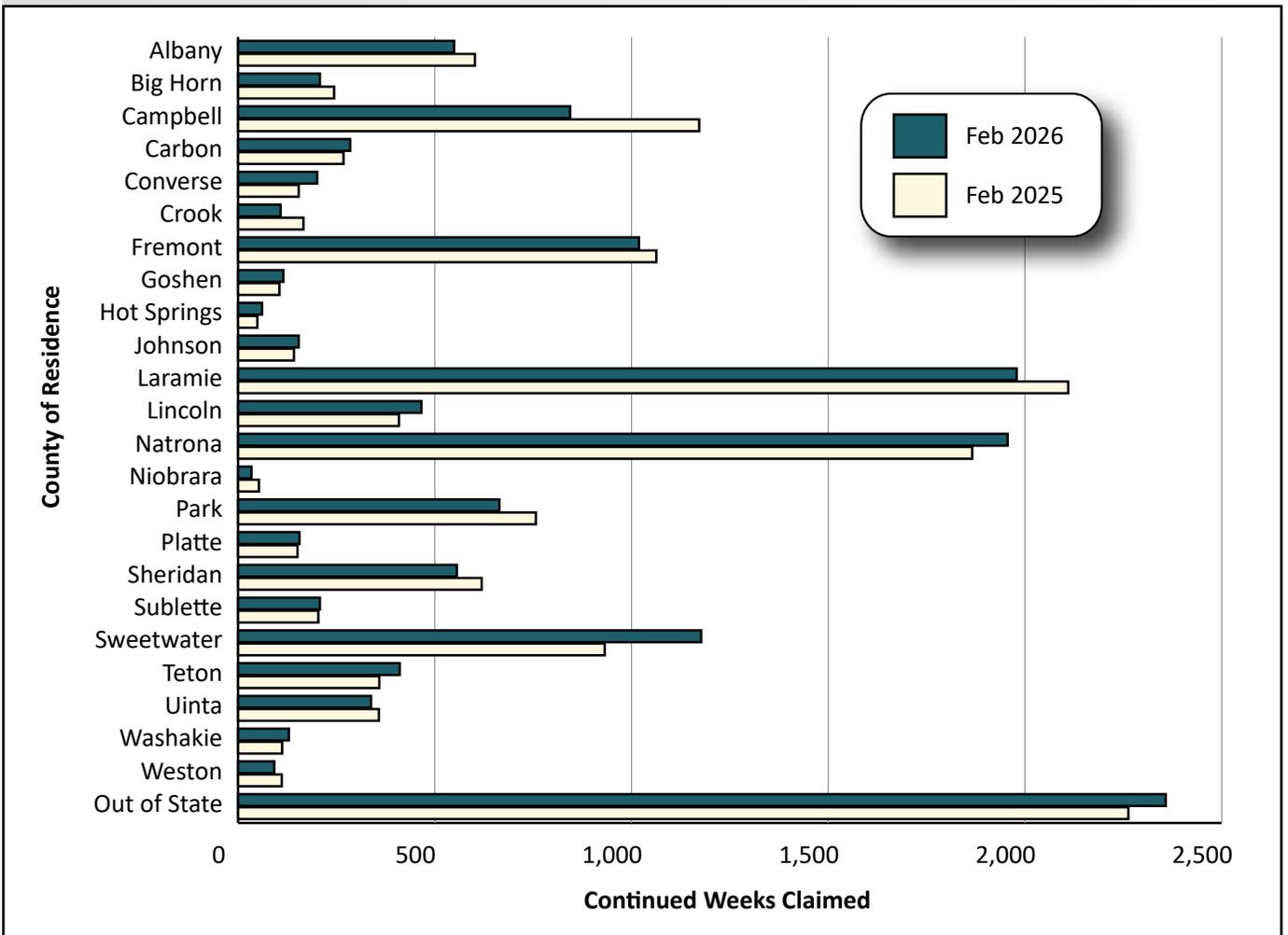


Figure 6: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence in Wyoming, February 2025 and February 2026

Table 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by County of Residence, February 2025 and February 2026

County	Feb 2026	Feb 2025	Change	
			N	%
Albany	62	54	8	14.8
Big Horn	15	31	-16	-51.6
Campbell	102	179	-77	-43.0
Carbon	37	31	6	19.4
Converse	22	21	1	4.8
Crook	10	11	-1	-9.1
Fremont	90	71	19	26.8
Goshen	15	6	9	150.0
Hot Springs	8	7	1	14.3
Johnson	14	28	-14	-50.0
Laramie	261	285	-24	-8.4
Lincoln	54	61	-7	-11.5
Natrona	250	229	21	9.2
Niobrara	4	3	1	33.3
Park	71	95	-24	-25.3
Platte	22	23	-1	-4.3
Sheridan	79	125	-46	-36.8
Sublette	19	29	-10	-34.5
Sweetwater	96	99	-3	-3.0
Teton	44	40	4	10.0
Uinta	43	49	-6	-12.2
Washakie	4	15	-11	-73.3
Weston	N/D	7	N/D	N/D
Unknown	N/D	3	N/D	N/D
Out of State	167	186	-19	-10.2
Total	1,503	1,699	-196	-11.5

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Box: Definitions

Initial Claim: An initial claim is filed by an unemployed individual after a separation from an employer. The claim requests a determination of basic eligibility for the Unemployment Insurance benefits.

Continued Weeks Claimed: The number of weeks of UI benefits claimed during the reference period. An unemployed individual who has already filed an initial claim and who has experienced a week of unemployment and then filed a continued claim to claim benefits for that week of unemployment.

Table 4: Wyoming Normalized^a Unemployment Statistics: Continued Claims by County of Residence, February 2025 and February 2026

County	Feb 2026	Feb 2025	Change	
			N	%
Albany	549	602	-53	-8.8
Big Horn	208	244	-36	-14.8
Campbell	844	1,172	-328	-28.0
Carbon	285	268	17	6.3
Converse	201	154	47	30.5
Crook	108	166	-58	-34.9
Fremont	1,019	1,063	-44	-4.1
Goshen	115	105	10	9.5
Hot Springs	61	49	12	24.5
Johnson	154	142	12	8.5
Laramie	1,979	2,110	-131	-6.2
Lincoln	466	409	57	13.9
Natrona	1,956	1,866	90	4.8
Niobrara	34	53	-19	-35.8
Park	664	757	-93	-12.3
Platte	156	151	5	3.3
Sheridan	556	619	-63	-10.2
Sublette	208	204	4	2.0
Sweetwater	1,177	932	245	26.3
Teton	411	359	52	14.5
Uinta	338	358	-20	-5.6
Washakie	129	112	17	15.2
Weston	92	111	-19	-17.1
Unknown	50	60	-10	-16.7
Out of State	2,358	2,263	95	4.2
Normalized Total^a	14,134	14,340	-206	-1.4

^aAn average month is considered 4.33 weeks. If a month has four weeks, the normalization factor is 1.0825. If the month has five weeks, the normalization factor is 0.866. The number of raw claims is multiplied by the normalization factor to achieve the normalized claims counts.

All totals are subject to rounding error and may not add to the sum of their respective components.

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