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Initial Claims in Federal Government Spike Amid Shutdown

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The number of initial and continued Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims in Wyoming (see Definitions, page 9) continued to increase in October (see Figure 1 below and Figure 2, page 4). The increase in initial claims was primarily driven by a 170.1% increase in claims from federal government. This is likely due in part to the federal government shutdown that began October 1 and continued into November.

Initial Claims

There were 1,958 initial claims in October 2025, up 130 (or 7.1%) from October 2024. Initial claims increased substantially over the month (906, or 86.1%) as summer jobs wrapped up and employers laid off seasonal workers.

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 leisure & hospitality (621), construction (340), government (246), and trade, transportation, & utilities (213). Government had the largest over-the year increase in claims with 107 more, or 77.0% (see Table 1, page 5, and Figure 3, page 6). In particular, initial claims in federal government increased from 67 in October 2024 to 181 in October 2025 (114, or 170.1%).

Over-the-month increases in initial claims from September to October were led

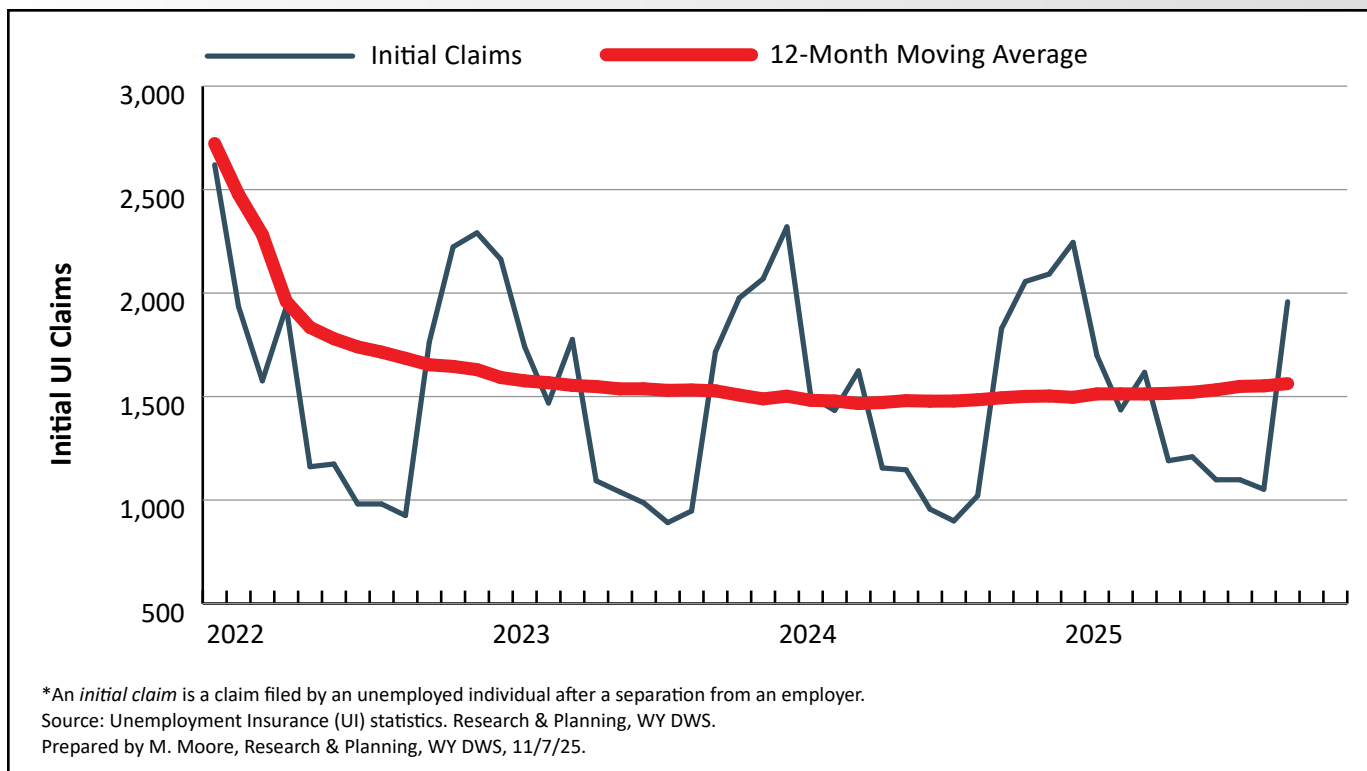


Figure 1: Total Number of Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims in Wyoming, January 2022 to October 2025

by leisure & hospitality (476 more claims, or 328.3%). Initial claims in federal government often see a large increase from September to October; however, the increase of 174 more claims (2,485.7%) was approximately four times higher compared to the September-to-October increase from the past three years.

More than one-in-four initial claims were filed by out-of-state workers (571, or 29.2%; see Figure 4, page 6, and Table 3, page 9). The Wyoming counties with the largest number of initial claims included Laramie (258), Natrona (226), Teton (214), and Sweetwater (115).

Continued Claims

The total number of continued weeks claimed increased from 6,903 in October 2024 to 7,949 in October 2025 (1,046, or 15.2%). The total number of unique claimants also increased from 2,249 to 2,566 (317, or 14.1%). Continued claims also followed their normal seasonal

pattern and increased over the month (904, or 12.8%).

The industries with the most continued weeks claimed included construction (1,364); leisure & hospitality (1,334); trade, transportation, & utilities (1,292); and professional & business services (949; see Table 2, page 7, and Figure 5, page 8). Leisure & hospitality was the only industry that saw an over-the-year decrease in continued weeks claimed (-89, or -6.3%). The greatest over-the-year increases were seen in construction (331, or 32.0%) and government (217, or 48.8%).

Out-of-state claimants were responsible for nearly one in five continued weeks claimed, with 1,485 (see Figure 6, page 8, and Table 4, page 9). Out-of-state claimants also had the greatest over-the-year increase in continued weeks claimed (333, or 28.9%), followed by Laramie (157, or 15.1%), Sweetwater (123, or 24.4%), and Natrona (107, or 10.0%) counties.

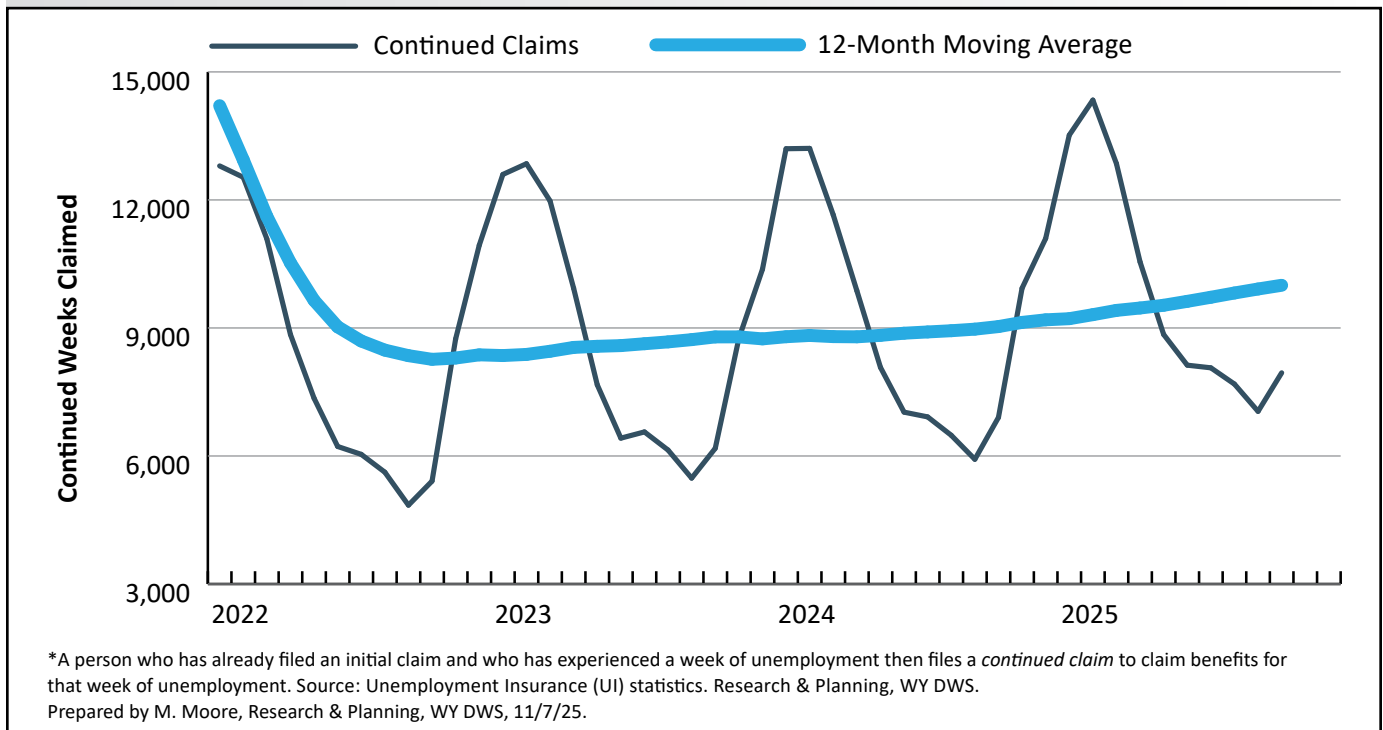


Figure 2: Total Number of Unemployment Insurance Continued Weeks Claimed for Wyoming, January 2022 to October 2025

Table 1: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims in Wyoming, October 2025

Industry	Initial Claims Filed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Oct 2025	Sep 2025	Oct 2024	N	%	N	%
Total Claims Filed	1,958	1,052	1,828	906	86.1	130	7.1
Goods-Producing	477	358	450	119	33.2	27	6.0
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	76	62	88	14	22.6	-12	-13.6
Mining (21)	70	57	83	13	22.8	-13	-15.7
Construction (23)	340	259	320	81	31.3	20	6.3
Manufacturing (31-33)	60	35	41	25	71.4	19	46.3
Service-Providing	1,189	608	1,218	581	95.6	-29	-2.4
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	213	204	204	9	4.4	9	4.4
Wholesale Trade (42)	34	30	34	4	13.3	0	0.0
Retail Trade (44-45)	124	96	109	28	29.2	15	13.8
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	54	77	59	-23	-29.9	-5	-8.5
Information (51)	8	5	12	3	60.0	-4	-33.3
Financial Activities (52-53)	30	49	30	-19	-38.8	0	0.0
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	183	102	209	81	79.4	-26	-12.4
Education & Health Services (61-62)	95	79	91	16	20.3	4	4.4
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	621	145	636	476	328.3	-15	-2.4
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	36	21	33	15	71.4	3	9.1
Government	246	66	139	180	272.7	107	77.0
Federal Government	181	7	67	174	2,485.7	114	170.1
State Government	16	10	18	6	60.0	-2	-11.1
Local Government	48	47	53	1	2.1	-5	-9.4
Local Education	11	9	8	2	22.2	3	37.5
Unclassified	44	19	20	25	131.6	24	120.0
Laramie County							
Total Claims Filed	258	167	205	91	54.5	53	25.9
Goods-Producing	66	53	58	13	24.5	8	13.8
Construction	54	48	54	6	12.5	0	0.0
Service-Providing	148	96	134	52	54.2	14	10.4
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	42	31	38	11	35.5	4	10.5
Financial Activities (52, 53)	7	7	6	0	0.0	1	16.7
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	57	14	54	43	307.1	3	5.6
Educational & Health Services (61-62)	18	20	10	-2	-10.0	8	80.0
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	12	11	19	1	9.1	-7	-36.8
Government	35	12	11	23	191.7	24	218.2
Natrona County							
Total Claims Filed	226	195	207	31	15.9	19	9.2
Goods-Producing	99	66	80	33	50.0	19	23.8
Construction	62	43	60	19	44.2	2	3.3
Service-Providing	107	123	117	-16	-13.0	-10	-8.5
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	29	44	32	-15	-34.1	-3	-9.4
Financial Activities (52, 53)	6	10	6	-4	-40.0	0	0.0
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	19	19	27	0	0.0	-8	-29.6
Educational & Health Services (61-62)	27	16	16	11	68.8	11	68.8
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	18	21	21	-3	-14.3	-3	-14.3
Government	14	3	7	11	366.7	7	100.0

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Source: Unemployment Insurance claims database.

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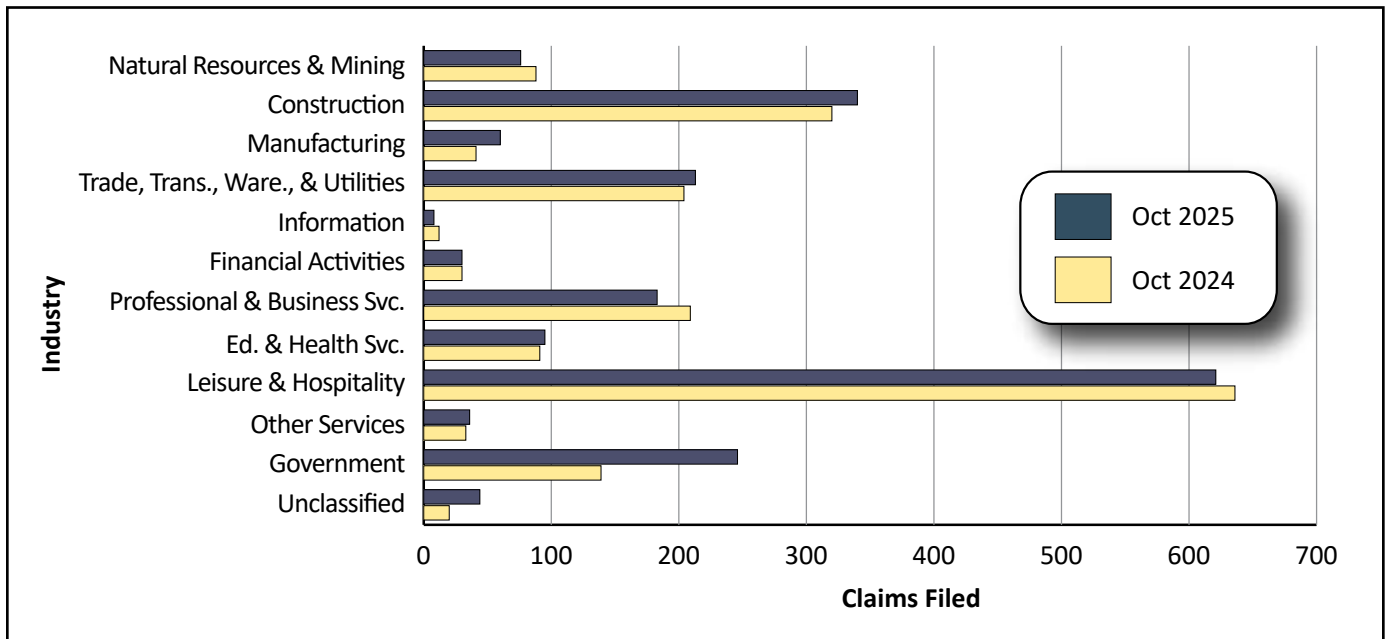


Figure 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, October 2024 and October 2025

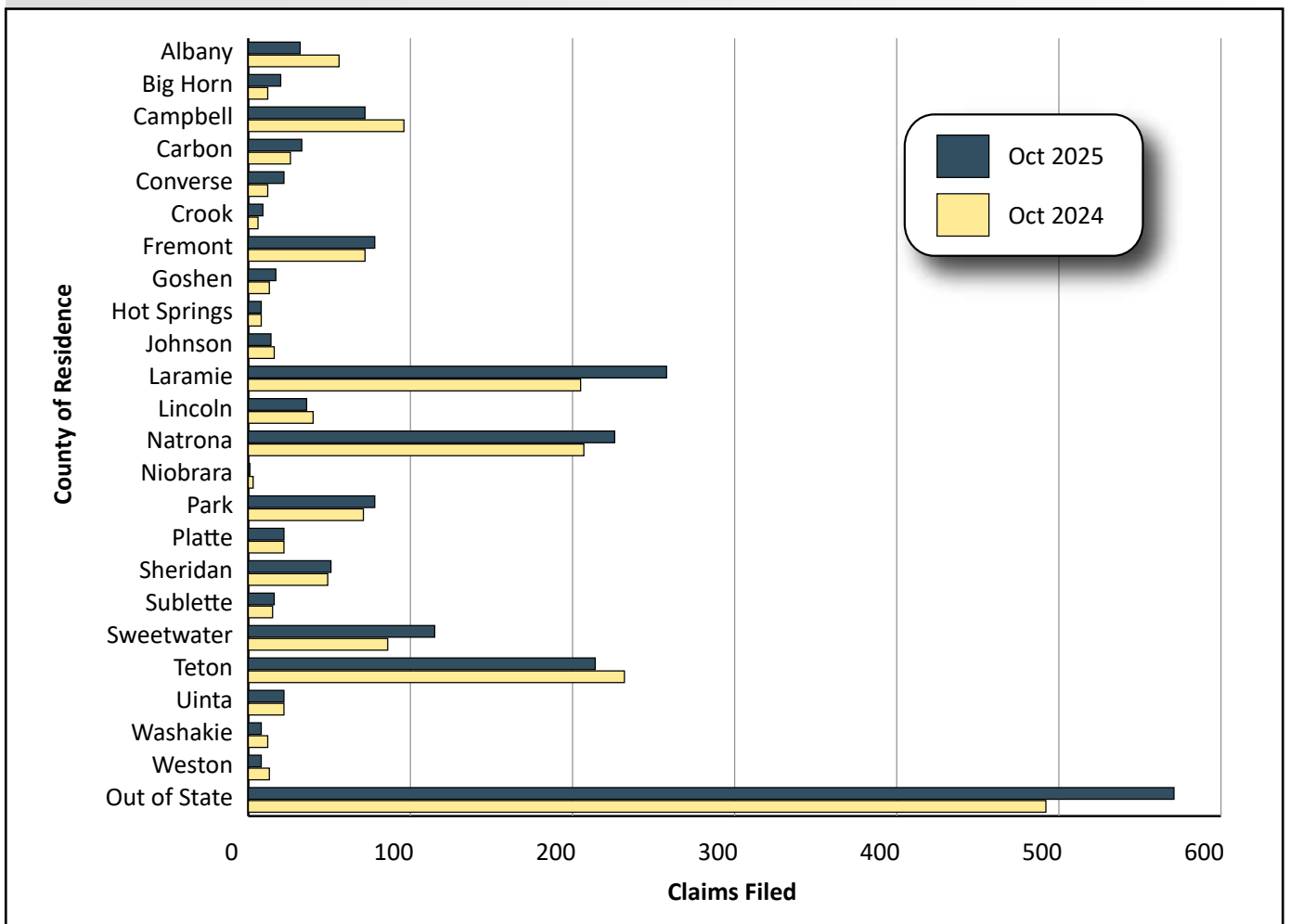


Figure 4: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, October 2024 and October 2025

Table 2: Unemployment Insurance Continued Weeks Claimed in Wyoming, October 2025

Industry	Continued Weeks Claimed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Oct 2025	Sep 2025	Oct 2024	N	%	N	%
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	7,949	7,045	6,903	904	12.8	1,046	15.2
Total Unique Claimants	2,566	2,433	2,249	133	5.5	317	14.1
Goods-Producing	2,306	2,387	1,792	-81	-3.4	514	28.7
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	525	581	412	-56	-9.6	113	27.4
Mining (21)	507	567	386	-60	-10.6	121	31.3
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	30	45	21	-15	-33.3	9	42.9
Construction (23)	1,364	1,374	1,033	-10	-0.7	331	32.0
Manufacturing (31-33)	415	431	347	-16	-3.7	68	19.6
Service-Providing	4,827	4,082	4,563	745	18.3	264	5.8
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	1,292	1,326	1,118	-34	-2.6	174	15.6
Wholesale Trade (42)	245	280	224	-35	-12.5	21	9.4
Retail Trade (44-45)	621	576	597	45	7.8	24	4.0
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	426	468	297	-42	-9.0	129	43.4
Information (51)	101	112	91	-11	-9.8	10	11.0
Financial Activities (52-53)	258	274	254	-16	-5.8	4	1.6
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	949	928	795	21	2.3	154	19.4
Education & Health Services (61-62)	699	686	687	13	1.9	12	1.7
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	1,334	545	1,423	789	144.8	-89	-6.3
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	191	207	191	-16	-7.7	0	0.0
Government	662	473	445	189	40.0	217	48.8
Federal Government	242	57	72	185	324.6	170	236.1
State Government	41	48	69	-7	-14.6	-28	-40.6
Local Government	378	366	303	12	3.3	75	24.8
Local Education	82	81	64	1	1.2	18	28.1
Unclassified	153	102	101	51	50.0	52	51.5
Laramie County							
Total Claims Filed	1,197	1,116	1,040	81	7.3	157	15.1
Total Unique Claimants	377	395	316	-18	-4.6	61	19.3
Goods-Producing	232	215	209	17	7.9	23	11.0
Construction	194	171	135	23	13.5	59	43.7
Service-Providing	844	809	728	35	4.3	116	15.9
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	228	243	239	-15	-6.2	-11	-4.6
Financial Activities (52, 53)	74	71	64	3	4.2	10	15.6
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	240	250	163	-10	-4.0	77	47.2
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	145	127	106	18	14.2	39	36.8
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	86	67	114	19	28.4	-28	-24.6
Government	84	67	83	17	25.4	1	1.2
Unclassified	35	23	19	12	52.2	16	84.2
Natrona County							
Total Claims Filed	1,173	1,086	1,066	87	8.0	107	10.0
Total Unique Claimants	372	383	328	-11	-2.9	44	13.4
Goods-Producing	370	334	277	36	10.8	93	33.6
Construction	197	150	152	47	31.3	45	29.6
Service-Providing	754	720	749	34	4.7	5	0.7
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	234	254	221	-20	-7.9	13	5.9
Financial Activities (52, 53)	43	38	58	5	13.2	-15	-25.9
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	131	137	156	-6	-4.4	-25	-16.0
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	129	98	136	31	31.6	-7	-5.1
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	118	102	110	16	15.7	8	7.3
Government	36	22	23	14	63.6	13	56.5
Unclassified	12	8	15	4	50.0	-3	-20.0

Source: Unemployment Insurance claims database.

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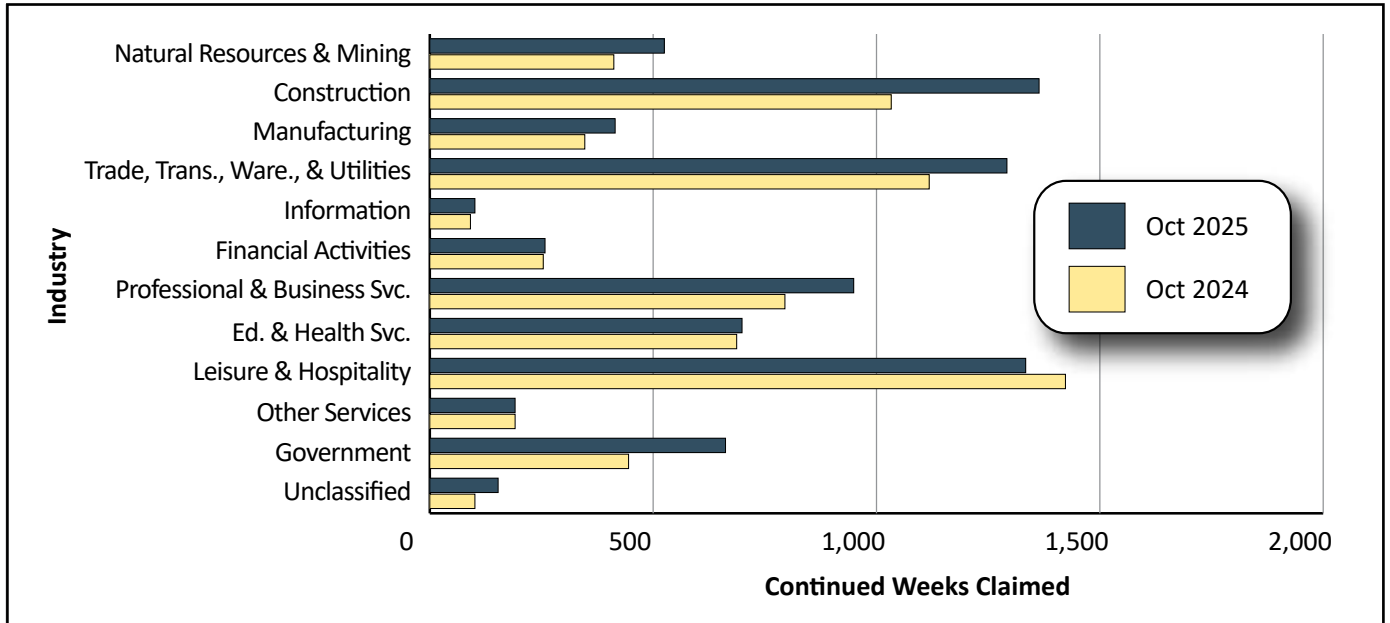


Figure 5: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, October 2024 and October 2025

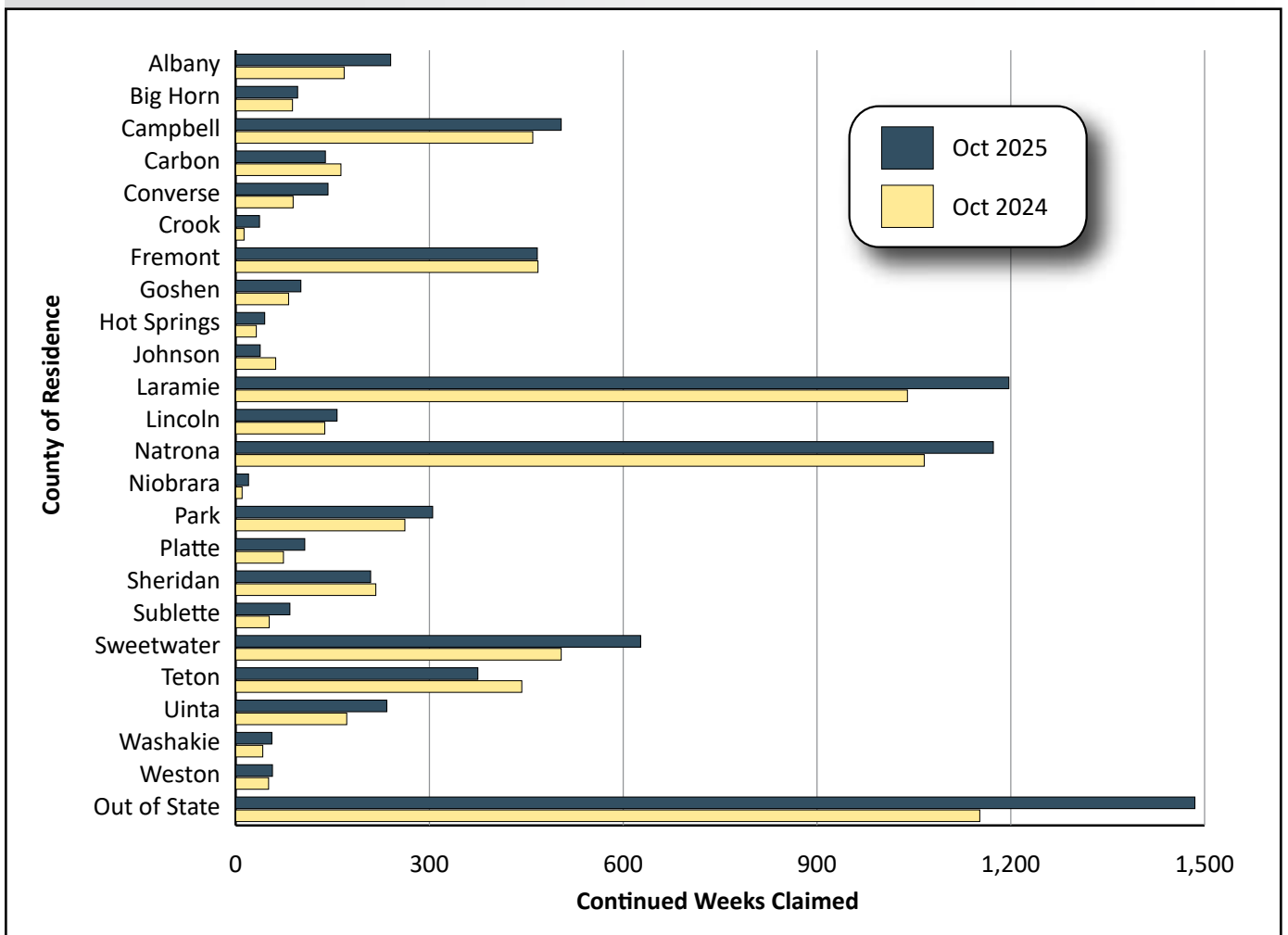


Figure 6: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence in Wyoming, October 2024 and October 2025

Table 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by County of Residence, October 2024 and October 2025

County	Oct 2025	Oct 2024	Change	
			N	%
Albany	32	56	-24	-42.9
Big Horn	20	12	8	66.7
Campbell	72	96	-24	-25.0
Carbon	33	26	7	26.9
Converse	22	12	10	83.3
Crook	9	6	3	50.0
Fremont	78	72	6	8.3
Goshen	17	13	4	30.8
Hot Springs	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D
Johnson	14	16	-2	-12.5
Laramie	258	205	53	25.9
Lincoln	36	40	-4	-10.0
Natrona	226	207	19	9.2
Niobrara	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D
Park	78	71	7	9.9
Platte	22	22	0	0.0
Sheridan	51	49	2	4.1
Sublette	16	15	1	6.7
Sweetwater	115	86	29	33.7
Teton	214	232	-18	-7.8
Uinta	22	22	0	0.0
Washakie	8	12	-4	-33.3
Weston	8	13	-5	-38.5
Unknown	11	30	-19	-63.3
Out of State	571	492	79	16.1
Total	1,958	1,828	130	7.1

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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, October 2024 and October 2025

County	Oct 2025	Oct 2024	Change	
			N	%
Albany	240	168	72	42.9
Big Horn	96	88	8	9.1
Campbell	504	460	44	9.6
Carbon	139	163	-24	-14.7
Converse	143	89	54	60.7
Crook	37	13	24	184.6
Fremont	467	468	-1	-0.2
Goshen	101	82	19	23.2
Hot Springs	45	32	13	40.6
Johnson	38	62	-24	-38.7
Laramie	1,197	1,040	157	15.1
Lincoln	157	138	19	13.8
Natrona	1,173	1,066	107	10.0
Niobrara	20	10	10	100.0
Park	305	262	43	16.4
Platte	107	74	33	44.6
Sheridan	209	217	-8	-3.7
Sublette	84	52	32	61.5
Sweetwater	627	504	123	24.4
Teton	375	443	-68	-15.3
Uinta	234	172	62	36.0
Washakie	56	42	14	33.3
Weston	57	51	6	11.8
Unknown	40	44	-4	-9.1
Out of State	1,485	1,152	333	28.9
Normalized Total^a	7,949	6,903	1,046	15.2

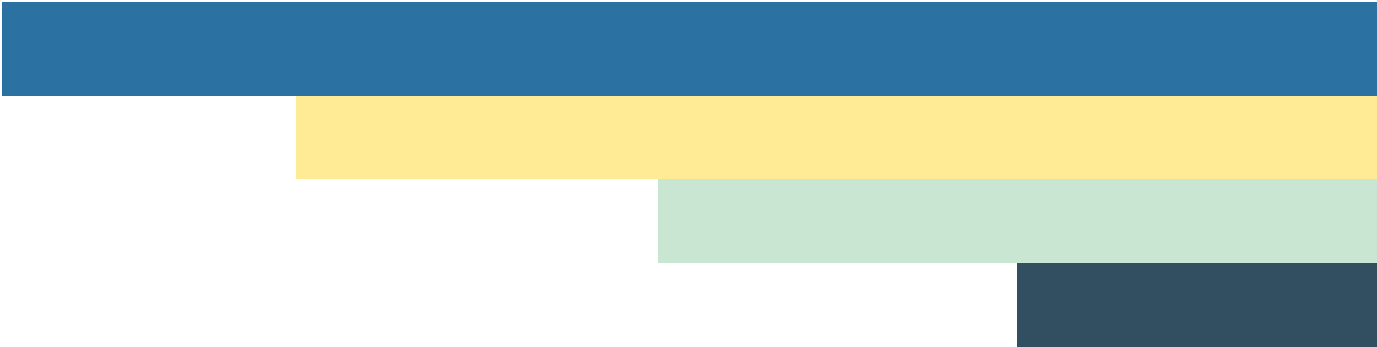
^aAn average month is considered 4.33 weeks. If a month has four weeks, the normalization factor is 1.0825. If the month has five weeks, the normalization factor is 0.866. The number of raw claims is multiplied by the normalization factor to achieve the normalized claims counts.

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

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