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Initial and Continued Claims Up from December 2024

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Both initial and continued Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims in Wyoming (see Definitions, page 9) increased over the year (see Figure 1 below and Figure 2, page 4). Initial and continued claims also increased over the month; both typically increase in the winter months and peak in January.

Initial Claims

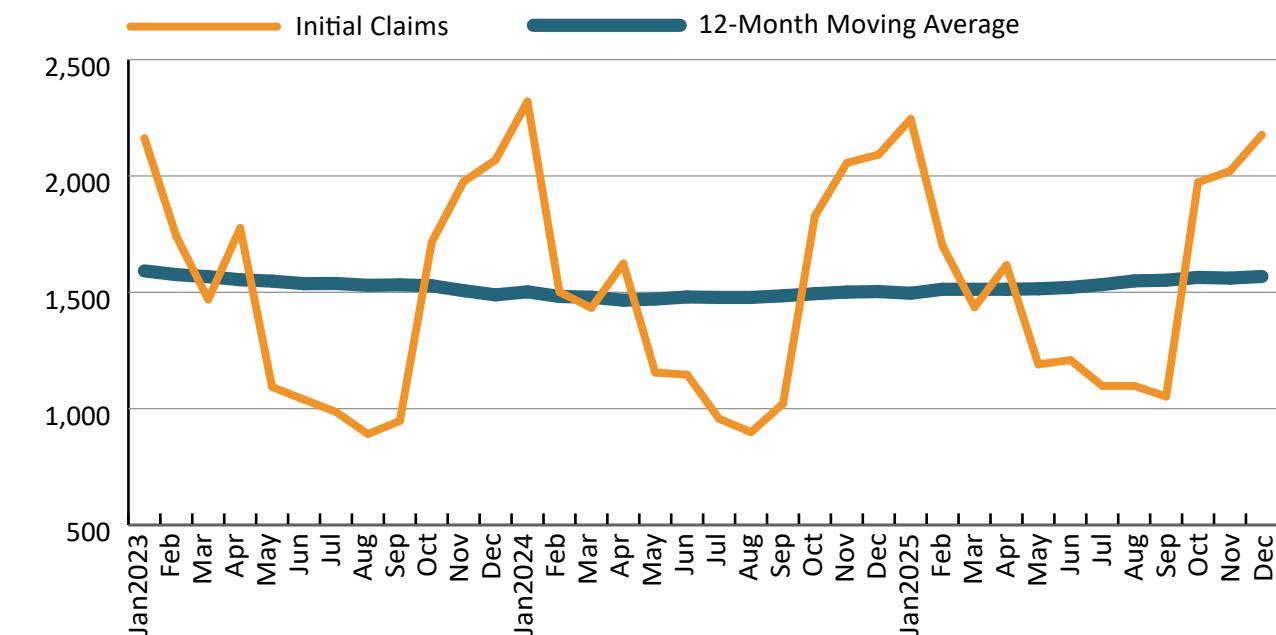
There were 2,177 initial claims in December 2025, up 85 (or 4.1%) from December 2024. Initial claims increased by 156 (7.7%) over the month.

The industries with the largest numbers

UI Claims Online

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of initial claims included construction (940); professional & business services (264); trade, transportation, & utilities (226); and leisure & hospitality (216; see Table 1, page 5, and Figure 3, page 6). Construction increased the most over the year with 80 more claims (9.3%), followed by leisure & hospitality with 38 more claims (21.3%). Manufacturing had the largest over-the-year decrease with 28 fewer initial claims (-29.5%).



*An *initial claim* is a claim filed by an unemployed individual after a separation from an employer.

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

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Figure 1: Total Number of Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming, January 2023 to December 2025

Natrona had the largest number of initial claims with 353, followed by Laramie (343), Sweetwater (175), and Fremont (141) counties (see Figure 4, page 6, and Table 3, page 9). In addition, there were 344 out-of-state claimants.

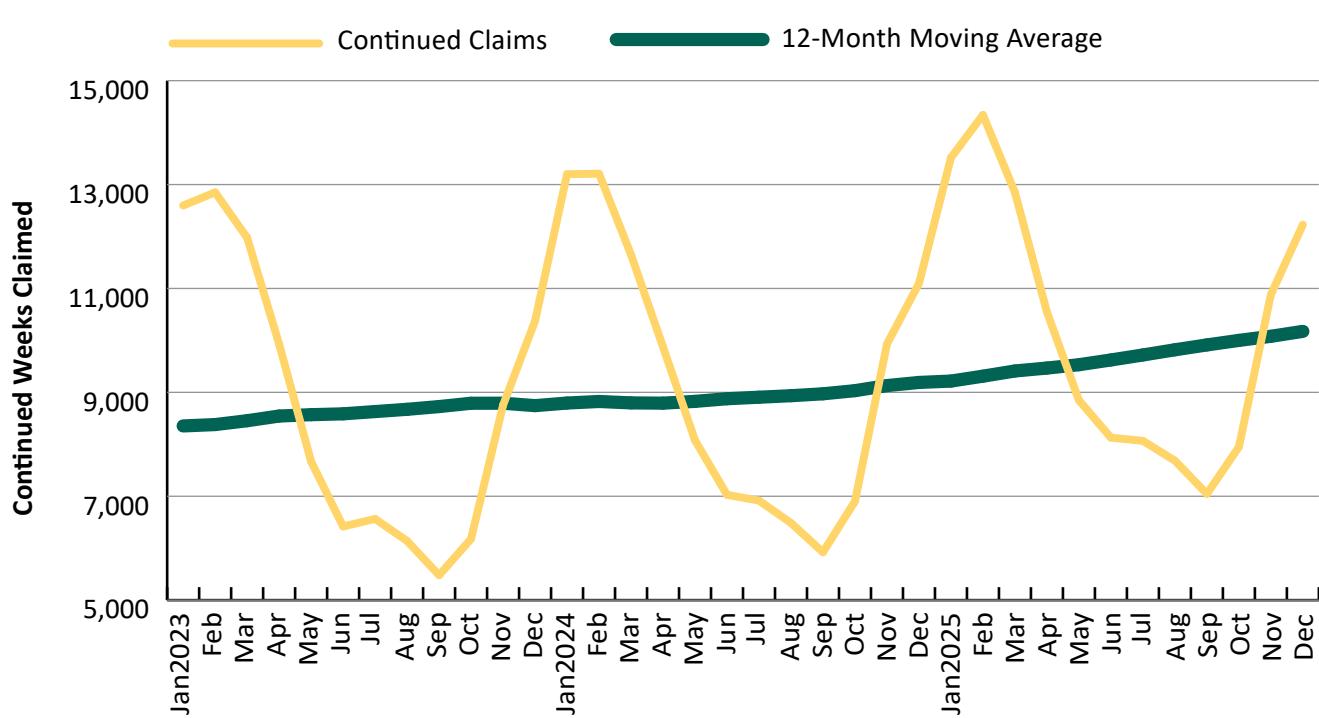
Continued Claims

The total number of continued weeks claimed increased from 11,096 in December 2024 to 12,228 in December 2025 (1,132, or 10.2%). There were 3,749 unique claimants in December 2025, decreasing both over the month (-63, or -1.7%) and over the year (-284, or -7.0%).

The industries with the most continued weeks claimed included construction

(3,509); leisure & hospitality (2,107); professional & business services (1,611); and trade, transportation, & utilities (1,414; see Table 2, page 7, and Figure 5, page 8). Construction had the largest over-the-year increase (795, or 29.3%), followed by mining, including oil & gas (113, or 21.9%). The greatest over-the-year decrease in continued claims was seen in federal government (-139, or -25.0%).

Laramie County had the largest number of continued weeks claimed with 1,736, followed by Natrona (1,642), Sweetwater (981), and Fremont (676) counties (see Figure 6, page 8, and Table 4, page 9). There were 2,604 out-of-state continued weeks claimed, up 271 (11.6%) over the year.



*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.

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Figure 2: Total Number of Unemployment Insurance Continued Weeks Claimed for Wyoming, January 2023 to December 2025

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

Industry	Initial Claims Filed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Dec 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2024	N	%	N	%
	2,177	2,021	2,092	156	7.7	85	4.1
Total Claims Filed	2,177	2,021	2,092	156	7.7	85	4.1
Goods-Producing	1,143	713	1,105	430	60.3	38	3.4
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	135	114	149	21	18.4	-14	-9.4
Mining (21)	124	99	128	25	25.3	-4	-3.1
Construction (23)	940	554	860	386	69.7	80	9.3
Manufacturing (31-33)	67	44	95	23	52.3	-28	-29.5
Service-Providing	866	1,095	820	-229	-20.9	46	5.6
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	226	177	216	49	27.7	10	4.6
Wholesale Trade (42)	22	34	32	-12	-35.3	-10	-31.3
Retail Trade (44-45)	96	89	100	7	7.9	-4	-4.0
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	106	53	83	53	100.0	23	27.7
Information (51)	8	17	9	-9	-52.9	-1	-11.1
Financial Activities (52-53)	30	28	27	2	7.1	3	11.1
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	264	229	276	35	15.3	-12	-4.3
Education & Health Services (61-62)	87	83	81	4	4.8	6	7.4
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	216	521	178	-305	-58.5	38	21.3
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	32	37	31	-5	-13.5	1	3.2
Government	141	186	148	-45	-24.2	-7	-4.7
Federal Government	69	123	92	-54	-43.9	-23	-25.0
State Government	18	18	12	0	0.0	6	50.0
Local Government	53	44	43	9	20.5	10	23.3
Local Education	9	14	14	-5	-35.7	-5	-35.7
Unclassified	26	25	18	1	4.0	8	44.4
Laramie County							
Total Claims Filed	343	272	339	71	26.1	4	1.2
Goods-Producing	216	122	187	94	77.0	29	15.5
Construction	193	112	175	81	72.3	18	10.3
Service-Providing	114	125	136	-11	-8.8	-22	-16.2
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	33	34	44	-1	-2.9	-11	-25.0
Financial Activities (52, 53)	7	7	6	0	0.0	1	16.7
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	33	41	47	-8	-19.5	-14	-29.8
Educational & Health Services (61-62)	12	16	18	-4	-25.0	-6	-33.3
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	22	20	12	2	10.0	10	83.3
Government	11	20	12	-9	-45.0	-1	-8.3
Natrona County							
Total Claims Filed	353	201	286	152	75.6	67	23.4
Goods-Producing	224	93	155	131	140.9	69	44.5
Construction	190	69	129	121	175.4	61	47.3
Service-Providing	116	99	117	17	17.2	-1	-0.9
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	25	28	36	-3	-10.7	-11	-30.6
Financial Activities (52, 53)	5	6	7	-1	-16.7	-2	-28.6
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	33	21	22	12	57.1	11	50.0
Educational & Health Services (61-62)	20	21	14	-1	-4.8	6	42.9
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	18	14	24	4	28.6	-6	-25.0
Government	10	6	10	4	66.7	0	0.0

Source: Unemployment Insurance claims database.

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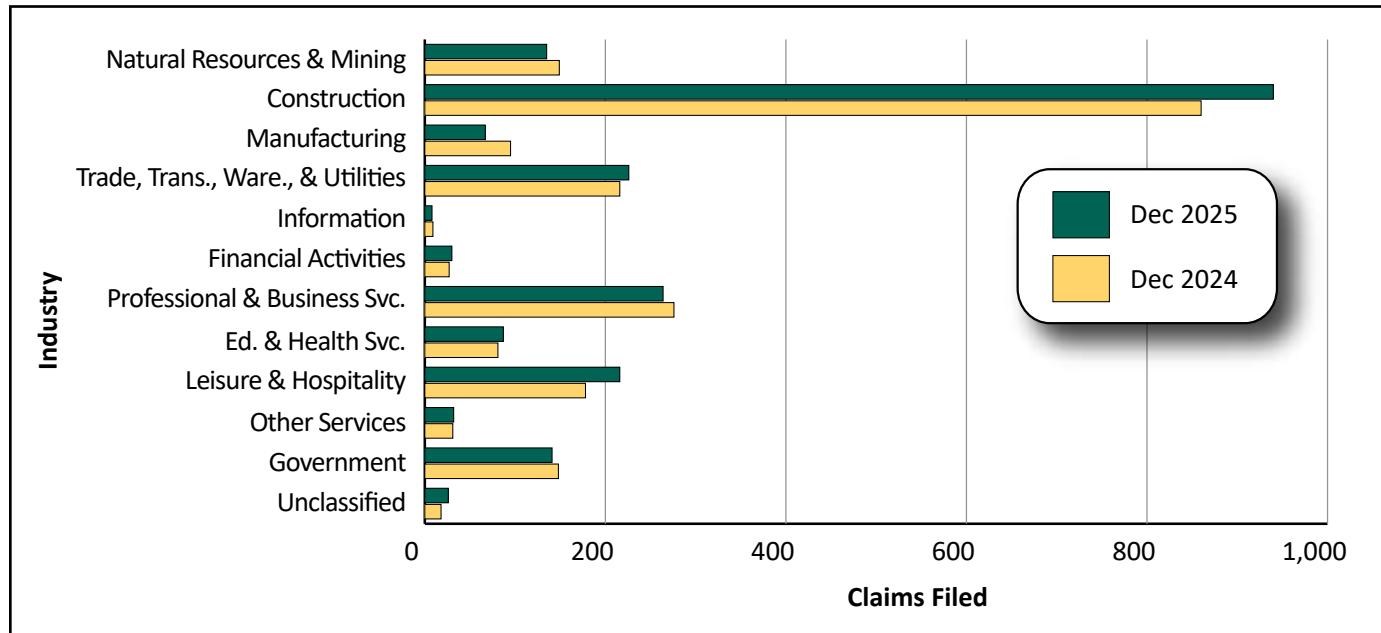


Figure 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, December 2024 and December 2025

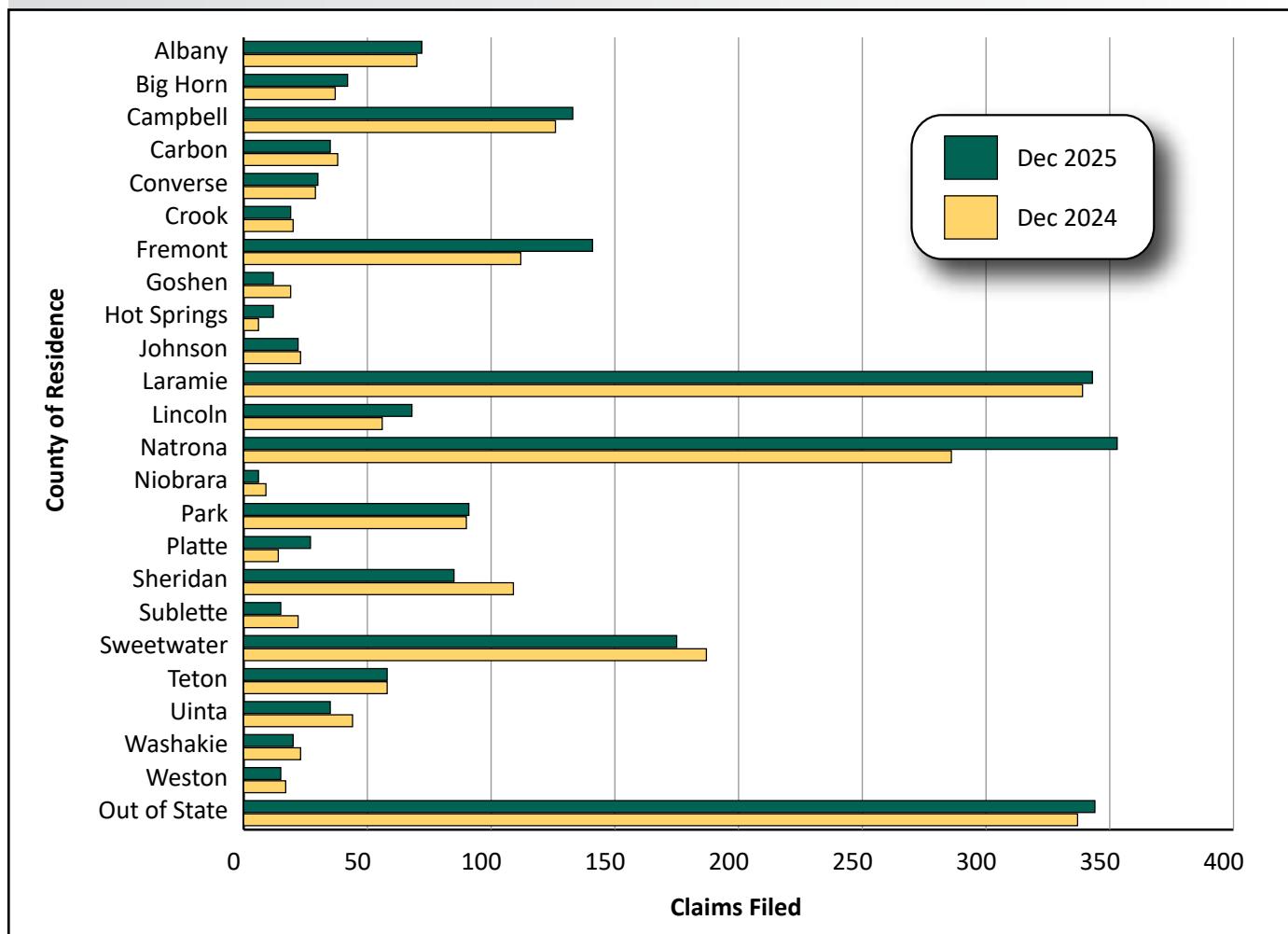


Figure 4: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, December 2024 and December 2025

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

Industry	Continued Weeks Claimed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Dec 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2024	N	%	N	%
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	12,228	10,881	11,096	1,347	12.4	1,132	10.2
Total Unique Claimants	3,749	3,812	4,033	-63	-1.7	-284	-7.0
Goods-Producing	4,672	2,880	3,768	1,792	62.2	904	24.0
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	705	561	594	144	25.7	111	18.7
Mining (21)	628	523	515	105	20.1	113	21.9
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	57	43	20	14	32.6	37	185.0
Construction (23)	3,509	1,884	2,714	1,625	86.3	795	29.3
Manufacturing (31-33)	457	434	458	23	5.3	-1	-0.2
Service-Providing	6,500	6,897	6,221	-397	-5.8	279	4.5
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	1,414	1,370	1,352	44	3.2	62	4.6
Wholesale Trade (42)	292	291	263	1	0.3	29	11.0
Retail Trade (44-45)	731	711	755	20	2.8	-24	-3.2
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	389	368	333	21	5.7	56	16.8
Information (51)	127	133	97	-6	-4.5	30	30.9
Financial Activities (52-53)	276	261	253	15	5.7	23	9.1
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	1,611	1,267	1,551	344	27.2	60	3.9
Education & Health Services (61-62)	743	729	673	14	1.9	70	10.4
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	2,107	2,930	2,057	-823	-28.1	50	2.4
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	219	204	235	15	7.4	-16	-6.8
Government	905	950	954	-45	-4.7	-49	-5.1
Federal Government	418	484	557	-66	-13.6	-139	-25.0
State Government	101	62	102	39	62.9	-1	-1.0
Local Government	386	402	294	-16	-4.0	92	31.3
Local Education	76	83	57	-7	-8.4	19	33.3
Unclassified	150	152	152	-2	-1.3	-2	-1.3
Laramie County							
Total Claims Filed	1,736	1,378	1,450	358	26.0	286	19.7
Total Unique Claimants	520	494	528	26	5.3	-8	-1.5
Goods-Producing	740	319	549	421	132.0	191	34.8
Construction	674	263	463	411	156.3	211	45.6
Service-Providing	868	916	796	-48	-5.2	72	9.0
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	242	258	252	-16	-6.2	-10	-4.0
Financial Activities (52, 53)	59	64	54	-5	-7.8	5	9.3
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	238	280	198	-42	-15.0	40	20.2
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	154	148	101	6	4.1	53	52.5
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	108	97	116	11	11.3	-8	-6.9
Government	87	103	84	-16	-15.5	3	3.6
Unclassified	39	37	19	2	5.4	20	105.3
Natrona County							
Total Claims Filed	1,642	1,333	1,408	309	23.2	234	16.6
Total Unique Claimants	502	450	490	52	11.6	12	2.4
Goods-Producing	799	506	529	293	57.9	270	51.0
Construction	537	283	371	254	89.8	166	44.7
Service-Providing	792	760	810	32	4.2	-18	-2.2
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	246	229	264	17	7.4	-18	-6.8
Financial Activities (52, 53)	56	47	60	9	19.1	-4	-6.7
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	166	137	185	29	21.2	-19	-10.3
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	149	152	116	-3	-2.0	33	28.4
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	109	115	109	-6	-5.2	0	0.0
Government	36	46	46	-10	-21.7	-10	-21.7
Unclassified	14	19	21	-5	-26.3	-7	-33.3

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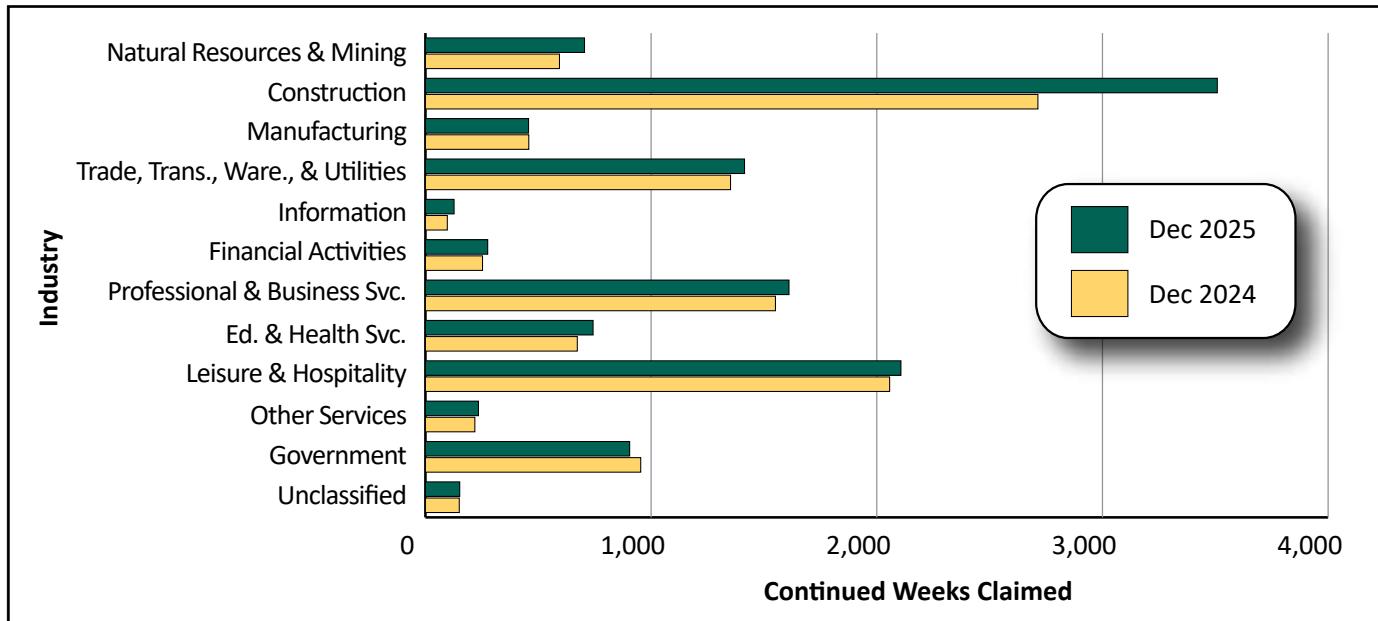


Figure 5: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, December 2024 and December 2025

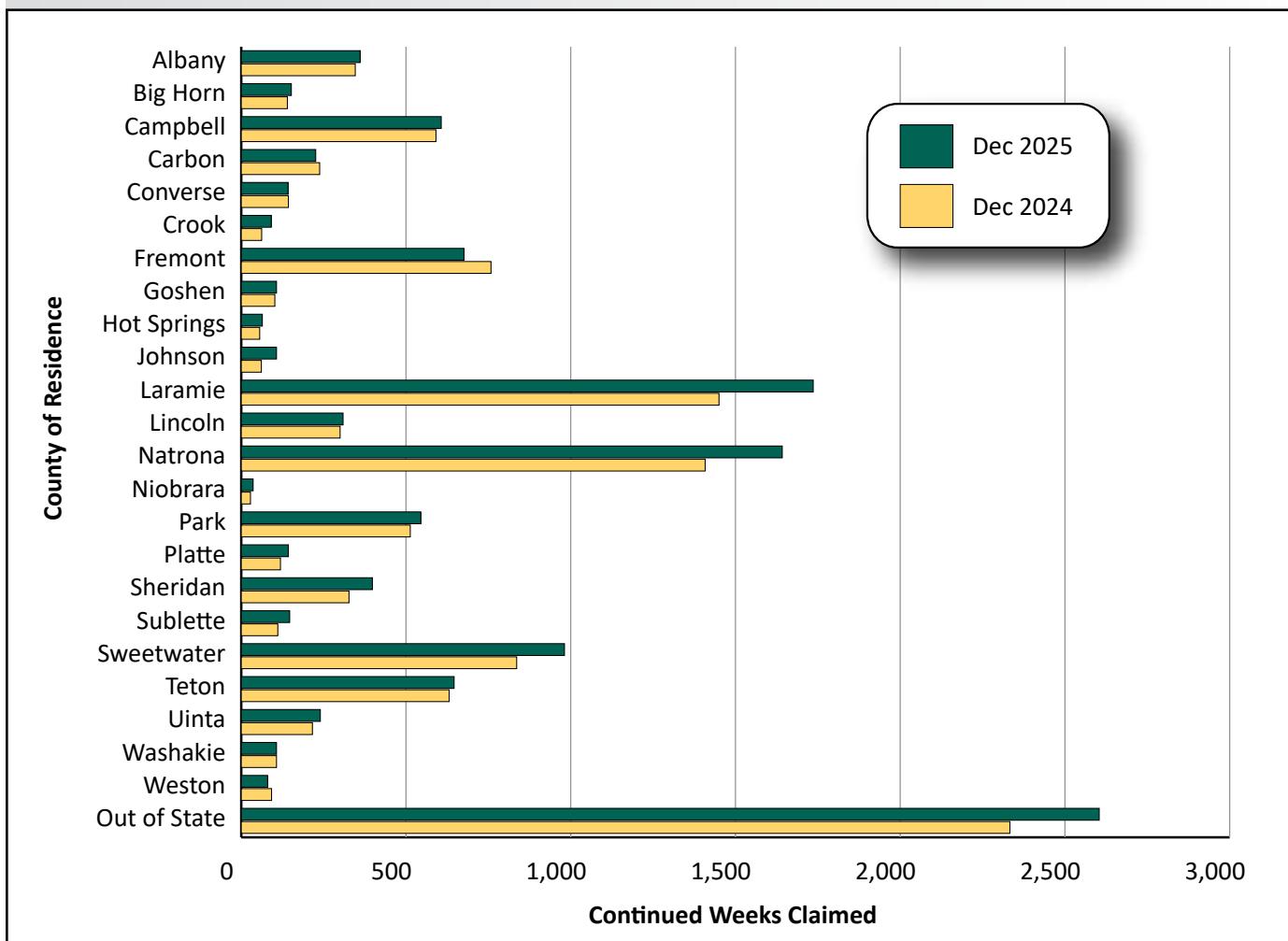


Figure 6: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence in Wyoming, December 2024 and December 2025

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

County	Dec 2025	Dec 2024	Change	
			N	%
Albany	72	70	2	2.9
Big Horn	42	37	5	13.5
Campbell	133	126	7	5.6
Carbon	35	38	-3	-7.9
Converse	30	29	1	3.4
Crook	19	20	-1	-5.0
Fremont	141	112	29	25.9
Goshen	12	19	-7	-36.8
Hot Springs	12	6	6	100.0
Johnson	22	23	-1	-4.3
Laramie	343	339	4	1.2
Lincoln	68	56	12	21.4
Natrona	353	286	67	23.4
Niobrara	6	9	-3	-33.3
Park	91	90	1	1.1
Platte	27	14	13	92.9
Sheridan	85	109	-24	-22.0
Sublette	15	22	-7	-31.8
Sweetwater	175	187	-12	-6.4
Teton	58	58	0	0.0
Uinta	35	44	-9	-20.5
Washakie	20	23	-3	-13.0
Weston	15	17	-2	-11.8
Unknown	11	7	4	57.1
Out of State	344	337	7	2.1
Total	2,177	2,092	85	4.1

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Table 4: Wyoming Normalized^a Unemployment Statistics: Continued Claims by County of Residence, Dec 2024 and Dec 2025

County	Dec 2025	Dec 2024	Change	
			N	%
Albany	361	346	15	4.3
Big Horn	152	140	12	8.6
Campbell	607	591	16	2.7
Carbon	226	238	-12	-5.0
Converse	142	143	-1	-0.7
Crook	91	62	29	46.8
Fremont	676	758	-82	-10.8
Goshen	107	102	5	4.9
Hot Springs	64	56	8	14.3
Johnson	107	61	46	75.4
Laramie	1,736	1,450	286	19.7
Lincoln	309	300	9	3.0
Natrona	1,642	1,408	234	16.6
Niobrara	36	28	8	28.6
Park	545	513	32	6.2
Platte	143	119	24	20.2
Sheridan	398	327	71	21.7
Sublette	147	111	36	32.4
Sweetwater	981	836	145	17.3
Teton	646	631	15	2.4
Uinta	240	216	24	11.1
Washakie	107	107	0	0.0
Weston	80	92	-12	-13.0
Unknown	70	116	-46	-39.7
Out of State	2,604	2,333	271	11.6
Normalized	12,228	11,096	1,132	10.2
Total^a				

^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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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.



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