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Initial Federal Government Claims Increase 261%

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The total number of initial Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims in Wyoming increased by 0.6% from January 2018 to January 2019, marking the first over-the-year increase in initial claims in more than two years. The increase was largely the result of a 261.2% increase in initial claims in federal government, which was due in part to the federal government shutdown that lasted from December 22, 2018, to January 25, 2019. Furloughed federal workers were eligible to file for UI benefits in Wyoming¹.

Initial Claims

Most industries experienced an over-the-year decrease in initial claims, including construction (-113 claims, or -11.2%) and trade, transportation, warehousing, & utilities (-111, or -30.0%). Initial claims increased for other sectors, including information (six claims, or 50.0%) and other services, except public administration (three claims, or 9.4%).

At the county level, initial claims decreased in 10 counties and increased in 13. The largest decreases were seen in Laramie (-55, or

-13.3%) and Campbell (-52, or -25.1%) counties, while the largest increases were seen in Natrona (29, or 7.7%), Park (28, or 18.1%) and Sweetwater (25, or 15.4%) counties.

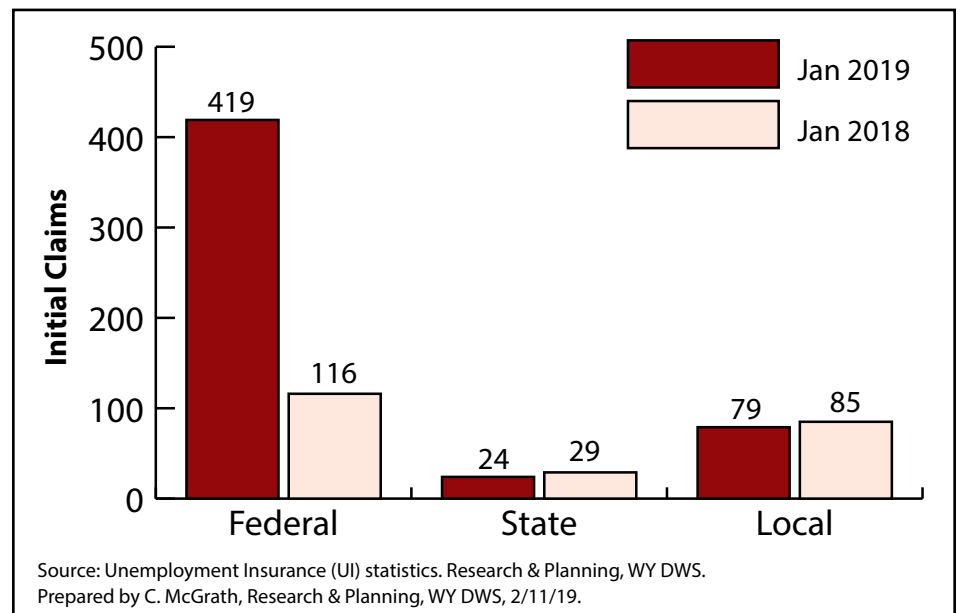
Continued Claims

The total number of unique claimants with continued claims decreased by 730 individuals (-14.4%) from January 2018 to January 2019. Total continued weeks claimed decreased by 3,679 weeks (-18.4%). Benefit exhaustions increased by 200 individuals (71.7%), as 11.1% of all claimants exhausted their UI benefits.

Most industries saw an over-the-year decrease in continued weeks claimed,

including construction (-1,736 weeks, or -25.6%); trade, transportation, warehousing, & utilities (-693, or -31.8%); and leisure & hospitality (-534, or -23.6%), among others. Over-the-year increases were seen in federal government (586 weeks, or 56.3%), information (50, or 51.0%), and mining (49, or 7.7%).

At the county level, the largest decreases were seen in Wyoming's most populous counties, including Natrona (-736, or -26.0%), Laramie (-656, or -23.1%), and Sheridan (-408, or -33.3%) counties. Increases were seen in six counties, including Sweetwater (23, or 2.1%), Hot Springs (17, or 16.8%), and Big Horn (15, or 4.5%) counties.



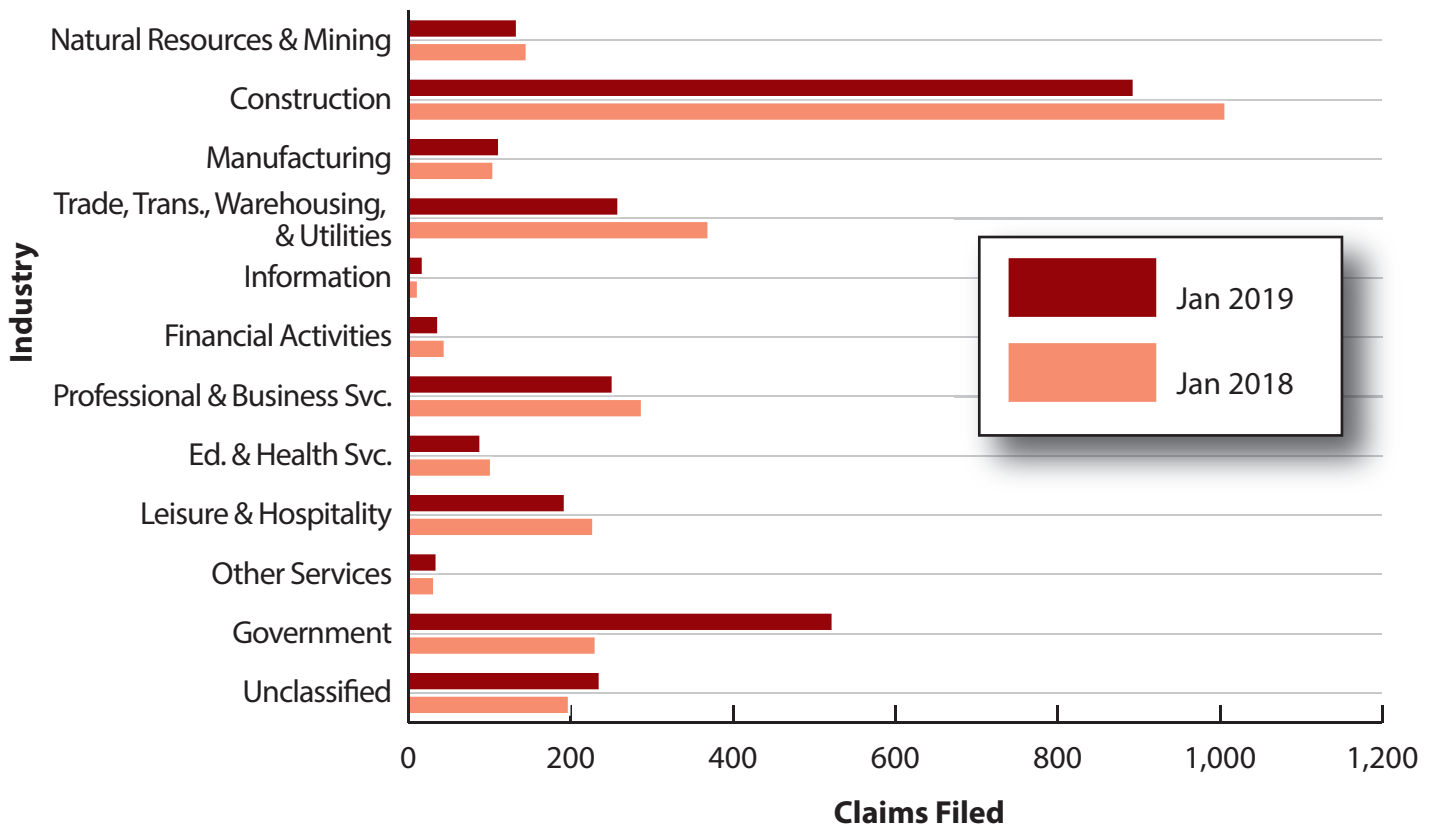
¹ U.S. Office of Personnel Management. (2018, December). Pay & leave furlough guideline. Retrieved February 12, 2018, from <https://tinyurl.com/wyui0119>

Figure 1: Total Number of New Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Federal, State, and Local Government in Wyoming, January 2018 to January 2019

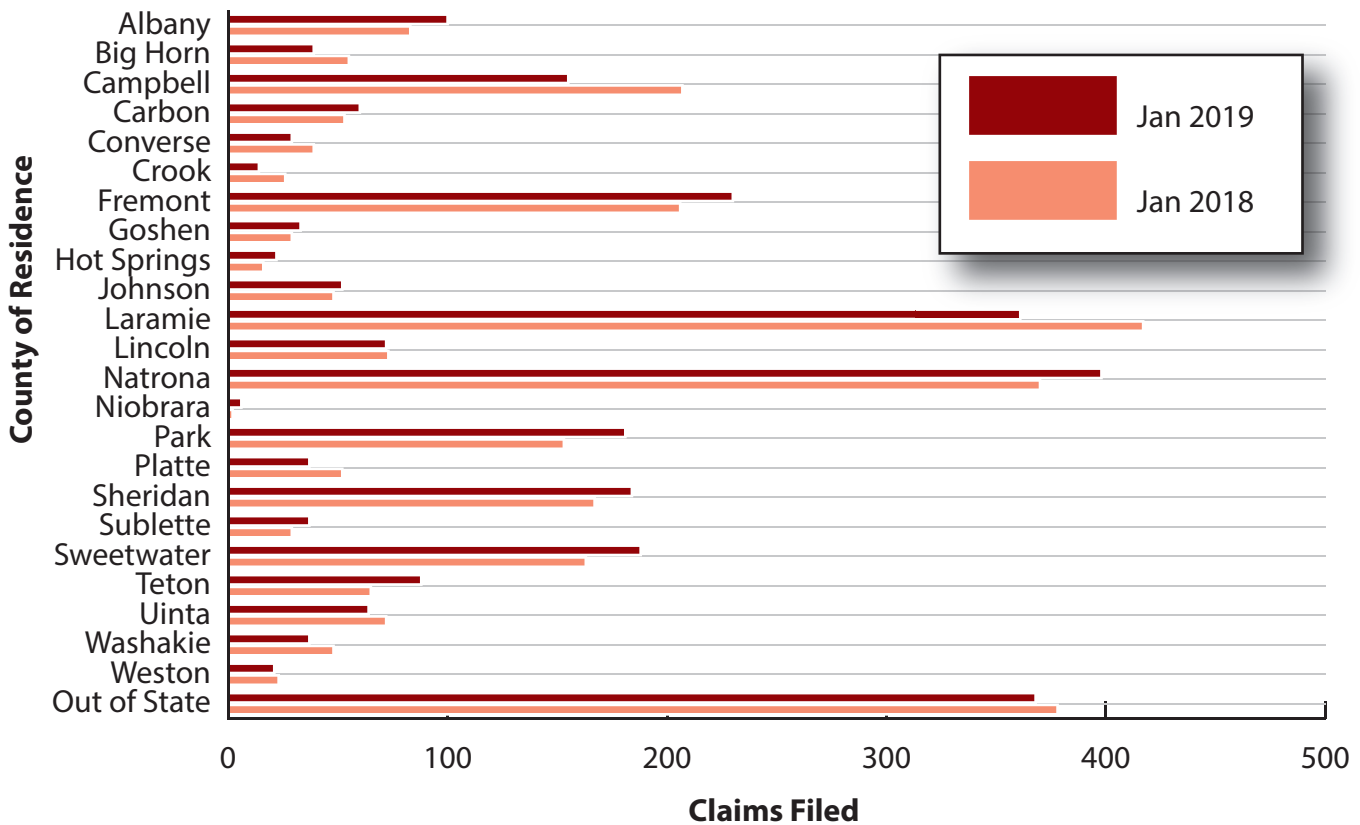
Initial Claims Tables

	Claims Filed			Percent Change Claims Filed		Difference
	Jan-19	Dec-18	Jan-18	Jan-19 Dec-18	Jan-19 Jan-18	Jan-19 Jan-18
<u>Wyoming Statewide</u>						
Total Claims Filed	2,791	2,291	2,773	21.8	0.6	18
Goods-Producing	1,142	1,215	1,260	-6.0	-9.4	-118
Natural Resources and Mining (11,21)	134	113	146	18.6	-8.2	-12
Mining (21)	120	98	118	22.4	1.7	2
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	6	6	6	0.0	0.0	0
Construction (23)	894	1,029	1,007	-13.1	-11.2	-113
Manufacturing (31 - 33)	112	72	105	55.6	6.7	7
Service-Providing	890	752	1,084	18.4	-17.9	-194
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	259	183	370	41.5	-30.0	-111
Wholesale Trade (42)	29	30	52	-3.3	-44.2	-23
Retail Trade (44 - 45)	148	90	181	64.4	-18.2	-33
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (22,48 - 49)	82	63	137	30.2	-40.1	-55
Information (51)	18	16	12	12.5	50.0	6
Financial Activities (52, 53)	37	19	45	94.7	-17.8	-8
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	252	271	288	-7.0	-12.5	-36
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	89	65	102	36.9	-12.7	-13
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	193	156	228	23.7	-15.4	-35
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	35	36	32	-2.8	9.4	3
Government	523	119	231	339.5	126.4	292
Federal Government	419	55	116	661.8	261.2	303
State Government	24	9	29	166.7	-17.2	-5
Local Government	79	54	85	46.3	-7.1	-6
Local Education	9	8	19	12.5	-52.6	-10
Unclassified	236	204	198	15.7	19.2	38
<u>Laramie County (Place of Residence)</u>						
Total Claims Filed	361	399	416	-9.5	-13.2	-55
Goods-Producing	155	217	195	-28.6	-20.5	-40
Construction	143	207	159	-30.9	-10.1	-16
Service-Providing	130	120	187	8.3	-30.5	-57
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	32	34	68	-5.9	-52.9	-36
Financial Activities (52, 53)	3	2	9	50.0	-66.7	-6
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	49	52	56	-5.8	-12.5	-7
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	18	7	17	157.1	5.9	1
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	12	11	22	9.1	-45.5	-10
Government	50	27	19	85.2	163.2	31
Unclassified	24	34	14	-29.4	71.4	10
<u>Natrona County (Place of Residence)</u>						
Total Claims Filed	398	351	369	13.4	7.9	29
Goods-Producing	172	198	157	-13.1	9.6	15
Construction	141	169	130	-16.6	8.5	11
Service-Providing	157	136	193	15.4	-18.7	-36
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	49	42	66	16.7	-25.8	-17
Financial Activities (52, 53)	8	4	9	100.0	-11.1	-1
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	49	30	54	63.3	-9.3	-5
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	21	17	23	23.5	-8.7	-2
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	14	30	25	-53.3	-44.0	-11
Government	46	5	10	820.0	360.0	36
Unclassified	21	11	7	90.9	200.0	14

Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry, January 2019



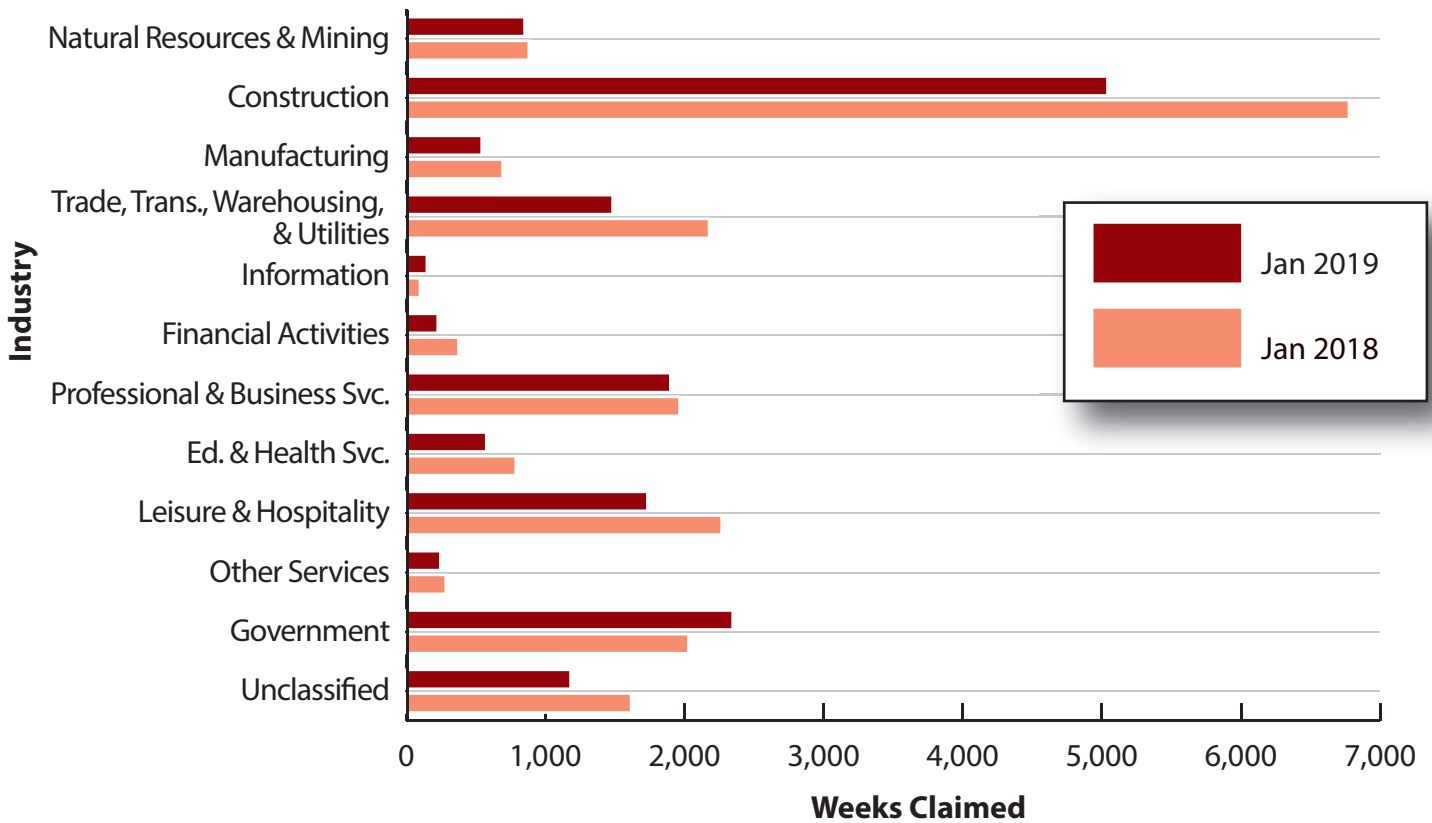
Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, January 2019



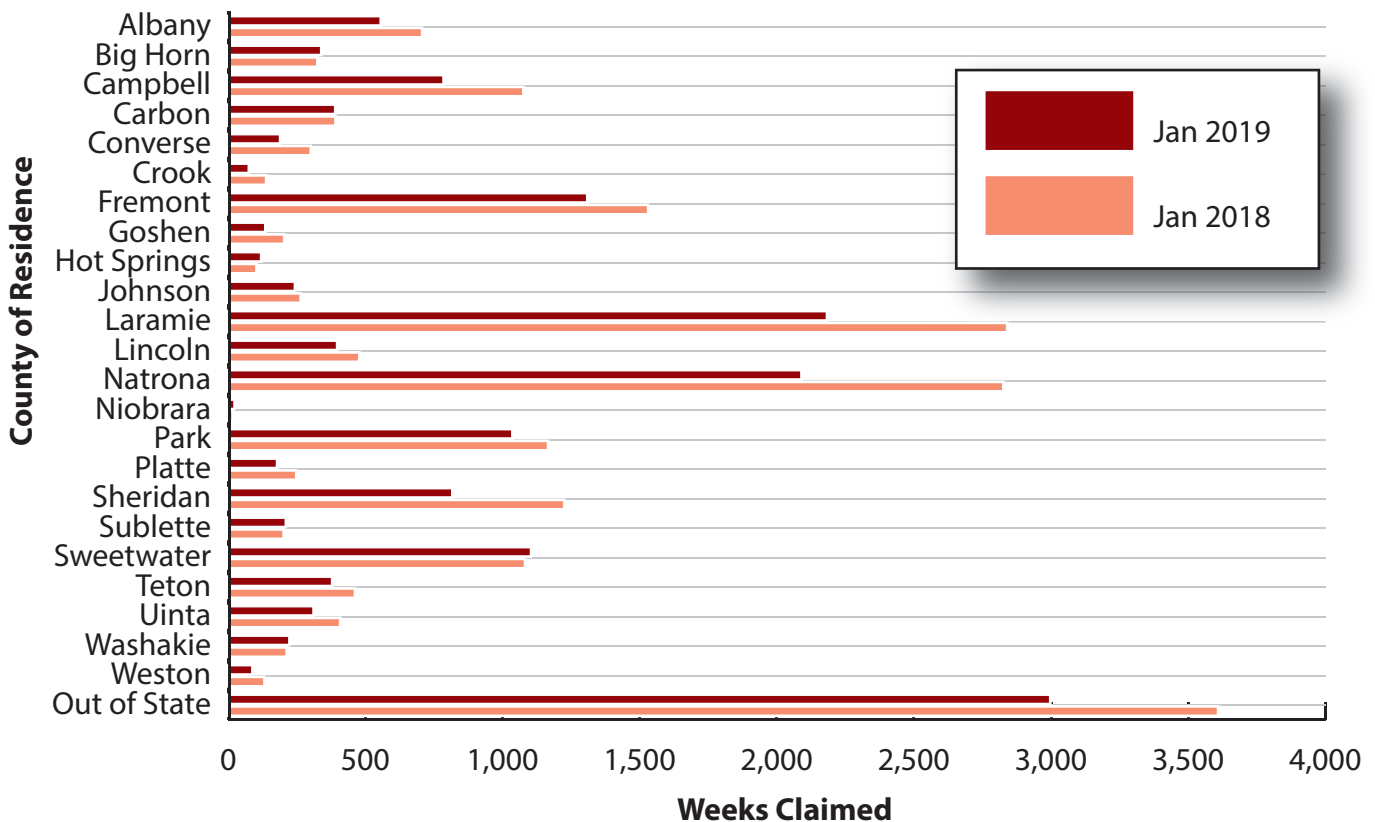
Continued Weeks Claimed Tables

	Claims Filed			Percent Change Claims		Difference
	Jan-19	Dec-18	Jan-18	Jan-19 Dec-18	Jan-19 Jan-18	Jan-19 Jan-18
<u>Wyoming Statewide</u>						
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	16,276	12,519	19,955	30.0	-18.4	-3,679
Total Unique Claimants	4,329	4,044	5,059	7.0	-14.4	-730
Benefit Exhaustions	479	350	279	36.9	71.7	200
Benefit Exhaustion Rates	11.1%	8.7%	5.5%	2.4%	5.5%	
Goods-Producing	6,432	4,256	8,351	51.1	-23.0	-1,919
Natural Resources and Mining (11,21)	850	697	881	22.0	-3.5	-31
Mining (21)	682	544	633	25.4	7.7	49
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	86	76	63	13.2	36.5	23
Construction (23)	5,040	3,220	6,776	56.5	-25.6	-1,736
Manufacturing (31 - 33)	542	337	692	60.8	-21.7	-150
Service-Providing	6,315	5,937	7,958	6.4	-20.6	-1,643
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	1,483	1,305	2,176	13.6	-31.8	-693
Wholesale Trade (42)	240	232	330	3.4	-27.3	-90
Retail Trade (44 - 45)	766	651	1,323	17.7	-42.1	-557
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (22,48 - 49)	477	422	523	13.0	-8.8	-46
Information (51)	148	135	98	9.6	51.0	50
Financial Activities (52, 53)	226	252	375	-10.3	-39.7	-149
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	1,898	1,235	1,964	53.7	-3.4	-66
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	575	512	787	12.3	-26.9	-212
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	1,733	2,306	2,267	-24.8	-23.6	-534
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	245	185	284	32.4	-13.7	-39
Government	2,346	1,321	2,028	77.6	15.7	318
Federal Government	1,627	709	1,041	129.5	56.3	586
State Government	121	87	235	39.1	-48.5	-114
Local Government	598	525	750	13.9	-20.3	-152
Local Education	119	133	200	-10.5	-40.5	-81
Unclassified	1,181	1,003	1,616	17.7	-26.9	-435
<u>Laramie County (Place of Residence)</u>						
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	2,183	1,496	2,839	45.9	-23.1	-656
Total Unique Claimants	575	493	691	16.6	-16.8	-116
Goods-Producing	943	701	1,514	34.5	-37.7	-571
Construction	885	660	1,331	34.1	-33.5	-446
Service-Providing	948	634	1,053	49.5	-10.0	-105
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	199	166	330	19.9	-39.7	-131
Financial Activities (52, 53)	41	47	88	-12.8	-53.4	-47
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	443	189	306	134.4	44.8	137
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	86	77	155	11.7	-44.5	-69
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	89	78	100	14.1	-11.0	-11
Government	183	81	176	125.9	4.0	7
Unclassified	108	79	94	36.7	14.9	14
<u>Natrona County (Place of Residence)</u>						
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	2,089	1,499	2,825	39.4	-26.1	-736
Total Unique Claimants	581	479	731	21.3	-20.5	-150
Goods-Producing	818	521	1,320	57.0	-38.0	-502
Construction	654	399	1,129	63.9	-42.1	-475
Service-Providing	1,086	907	1,352	19.7	-19.7	-266
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	259	209	420	23.9	-38.3	-161
Financial Activities (52, 53)	49	55	76	-10.9	-35.5	-27
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	303	200	342	51.5	-11.4	-39
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	161	138	162	16.7	-0.6	-1
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	211	217	275	-2.8	-23.3	-64
Government	118	35	111	237.1	6.3	7
Unclassified	65	34	40	91.2	62.5	25

Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry, January 2019



Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, January 2019



Wyoming Normalized^a Unemployment Statistics: Continued Claims by County of Residence, January 2019

County	Jan 19	Jan 18	Over-the-Year Change	
			N	%
Albany	556	707	-151	-21.3
Big Horn	339	325	15	4.5
Campbell	785	1,076	-291	-27.1
Carbon	390	391	-2	-0.4
Converse	189	301	-112	-37.2
Crook	75	138	-62	-45.3
Fremont	1,309	1,531	-222	-14.5
Goshen	135	204	-69	-33.9
Hot Springs	120	103	17	16.8
Johnson	243	264	-21	-7.9
Laramie	2,183	2,840	-656	-23.1
Lincoln	397	478	-81	-17.0
Natrona	2,090	2,826	-736	-26.0
Niobrara	23	16	6	36.8
Park	1,036	1,166	-130	-11.1
Platte	178	248	-70	-28.3
Sheridan	817	1,225	-408	-33.3
Sublette	210	202	9	4.3
Sweetwater	1,104	1,082	23	2.1
Teton	379	462	-83	-18.0
Uinta	311	408	-97	-23.8
Washakie	223	213	10	4.5
Weston	88	132	-44	-33.3
Unknown	100	10	89	858.3
Out of State	2,997	3,609	-611	-16.9
Normalized Total^a	16,276	19,955	-3,679	-18.4
Real Total^b	18,795	23,043	-4,248	-18.4

^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.

^bRaw claims data that have not been multiplied by the normalization factor.

N/D = Not discloseable due to confidentiality.

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

The table above conforms to Wyoming Employment Security Law - Wyoming Statute 27-3-603 regarding confidentiality.

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