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### Initial Claims Reach 10-Year February Low

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The total number of initial Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims in Wyoming was lower in February 2018 than any other February during the last 10 years, according to new data released by the Research & Planning (R&P) section of the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services.

In February 2018, the total number of initial UI claims was 1,837, down from 2,527 in February 2017 (-690, or -27.3%). This is illustrated in Figure 1, which shows the number of initial claims in Wyoming by year and month from January 2009 to February 2018. The four most recent years were a period of economic downturn for

Wyoming, and are illustrated in color in Figure 1.

#### Initial Claims

All industries experienced a decline in the number of initial claims. The largest decreases were seen in leisure & hospitality (-178 claims, or -57.4) and construction (-126 claims, or -15.9%).

Most counties experienced over-the-year decreases in initial claims. However, some small counties showed over-the-year increases in initial claims, such as Washakie (23 more claims, or 80.8%), Big Horn (21, or 70.4%), and Hot Springs (2, or 28.6%) counties.

#### Continued Claims

Over the year, the number of unique claimants with continued claims decreased by 29.5% (2,377 fewer individuals). Total continued weeks claimed decreased by 29.0% (8,235 fewer weeks claimed).

Most industries saw over-the-year decreases in continued claims, with the greatest decrease in construction (-2,620 weeks, or -27.1%). All counties showed an over-the-year decrease with the exception of Big Horn (27 weeks, or 7.8%) and Platte (12, or 4.5%) counties.

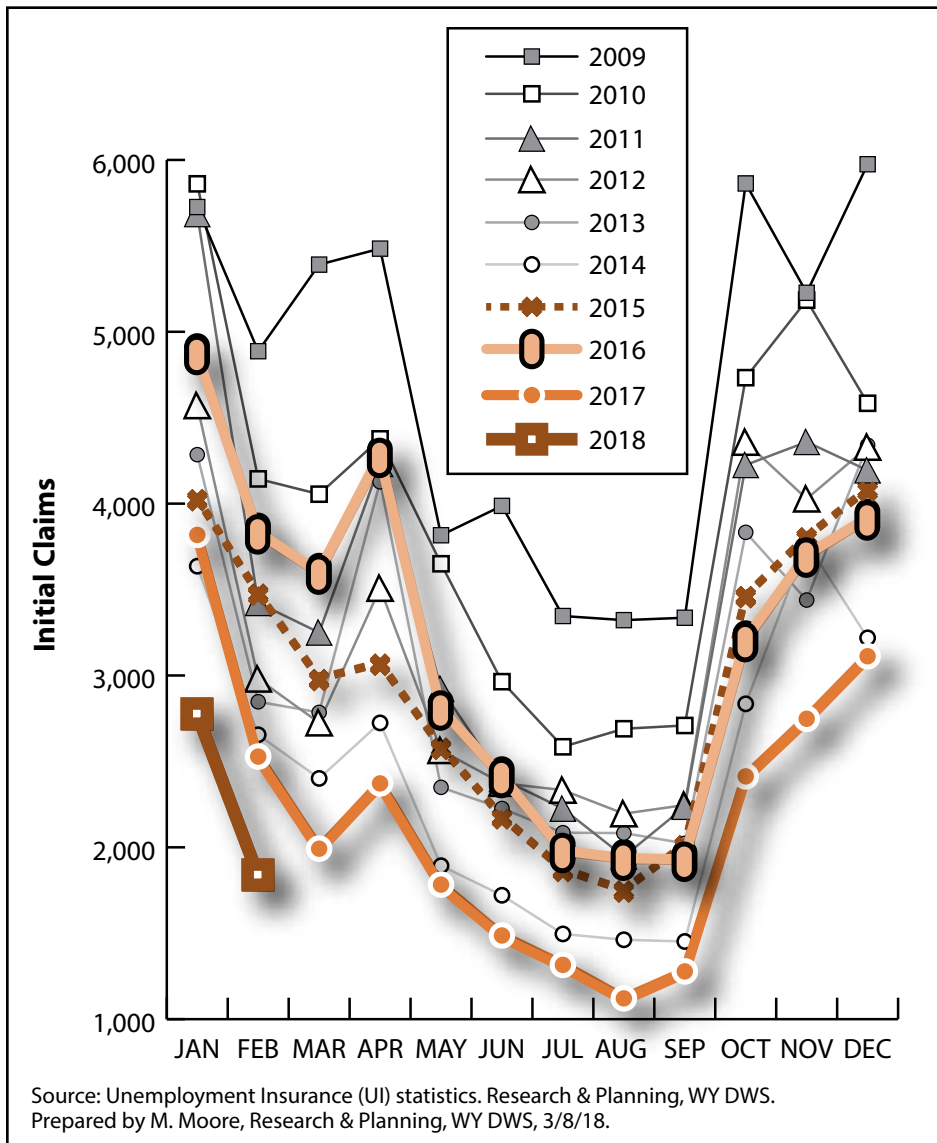
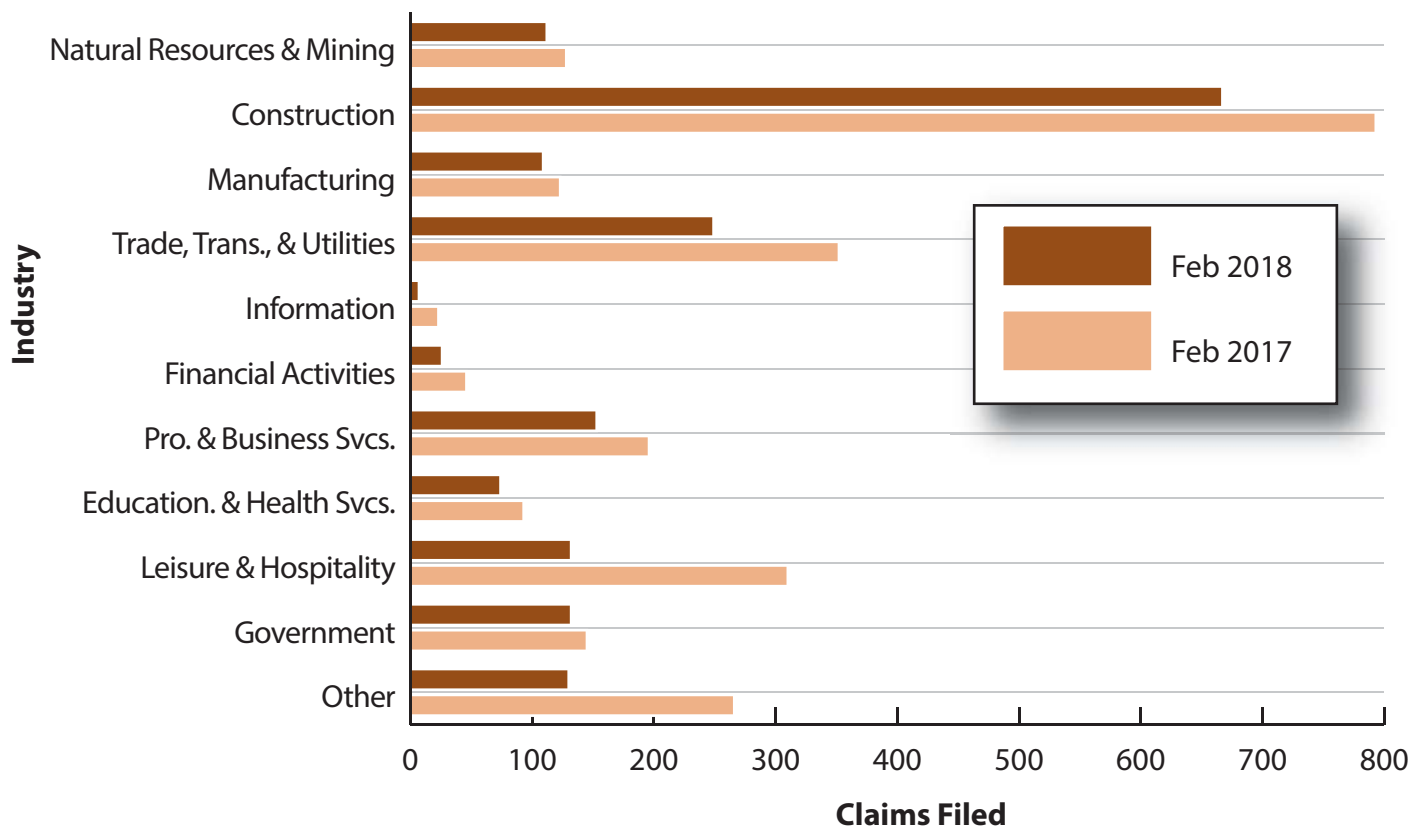


Figure 1: Number of New Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by Year and Month, 2015-2018

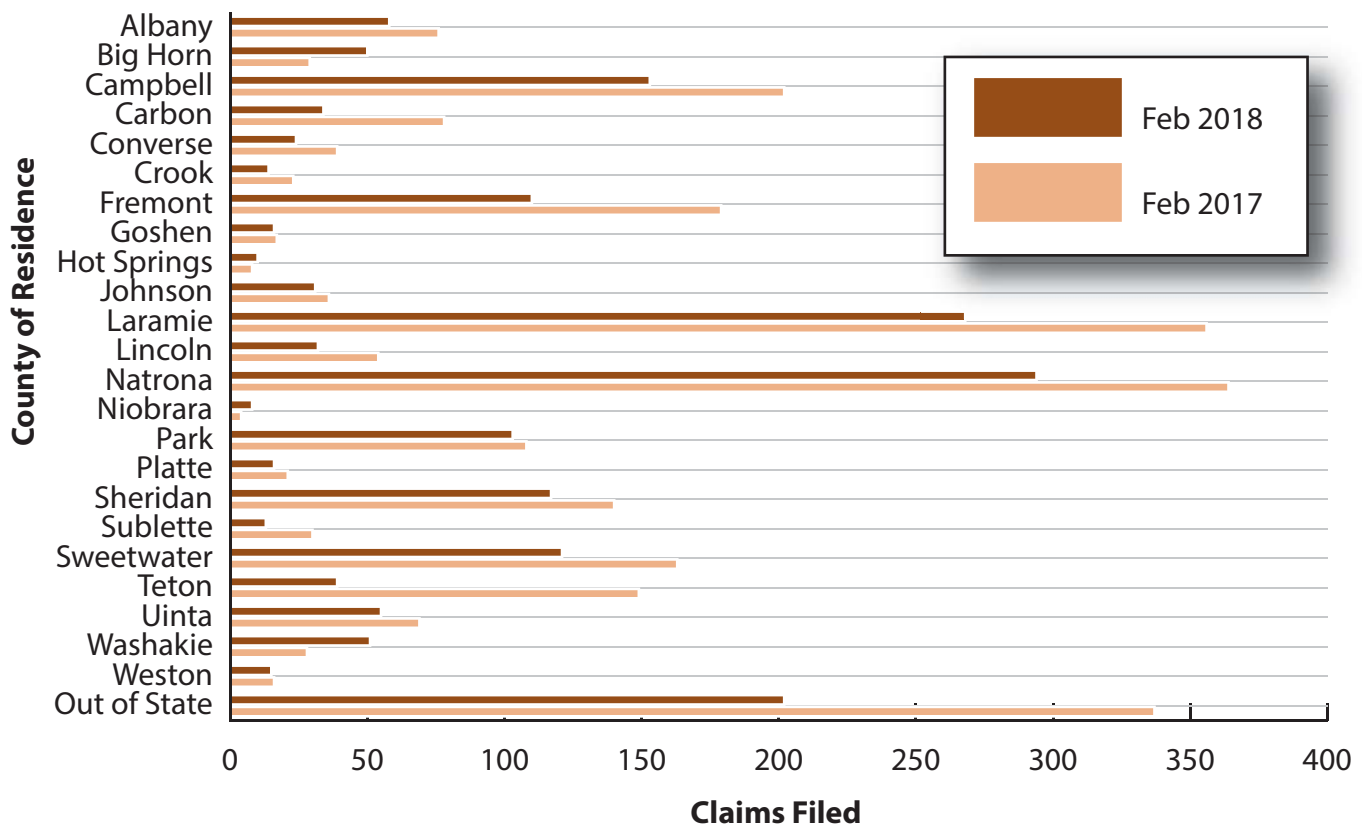
## Initial Claims Tables

	Claims Filed			Percent Change Claims Filed		Difference
	Feb-18	Jan-18	Feb-17	Feb-18 Jan-18	Feb-18 Feb-17	
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<b><u>Wyoming Statewide</u></b>						
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>1,837</b>	<b>2,773</b>	<b>2,527</b>	<b>-33.8</b>	<b>-27.3</b>	<b>-690</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>890</b>	<b>1,260</b>	<b>1,045</b>	<b>-29.4</b>	<b>-14.8</b>	<b>-155</b>
Natural Resources and Mining (11,21)	112	146	128	-23.3	-12.5	-16
Mining (21)	102	118	121	-13.6	-15.7	-19
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	3	6	17	-50.0	-82.4	-14
Construction (23)	667	1,007	793	-33.8	-15.9	-126
Manufacturing (31 - 33)	109	105	123	3.8	-11.4	-14
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>683</b>	<b>1,084</b>	<b>1,070</b>	<b>-37.0</b>	<b>-36.2</b>	<b>-387</b>
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	249	370	352	-32.7	-29.3	-103
Wholesale Trade (42)	29	52	34	-44.2	-14.7	-5
Retail Trade (44 - 45)	112	181	199	-38.1	-43.7	-87
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (22,48 - 49)	108	137	119	-21.2	-9.2	-11
Information (51)	7	12	23	-41.7	-69.6	-16
Financial Activities (52, 53)	26	45	46	-42.2	-43.5	-20
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	153	288	196	-46.9	-21.9	-43
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	74	102	93	-27.5	-20.4	-19
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	132	228	310	-42.1	-57.4	-178
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	35	32	42	9.4	-16.7	-7
<b>Government</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>-42.9</b>	<b>-9.0</b>	<b>-13</b>
Federal Government	53	116	57	-54.3	-7.0	-4
State Government	18	29	10	-37.9	80.0	8
Local Government	60	85	76	-29.4	-21.1	-16
Local Education	15	19	14	-21.1	7.1	1
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>-34.3</b>	<b>-51.1</b>	<b>-136</b>
<b><u>Laramie County (Place of Residence)</u></b>						
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>-35.6</b>	<b>-24.7</b>	<b>-88</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>-36.4</b>	<b>-6.1</b>	<b>-8</b>
Construction	105	159	99	-34.0	6.1	6
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>-40.1</b>	<b>-41.4</b>	<b>-79</b>
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	44	68	64	-35.3	-31.3	-20
Financial Activities (52, 53)	3	9	9	-66.7	-66.7	-6
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	47	74	103	-36.5	-54.4	-56
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	17	17	18	0.0	-5.6	-1
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	8	22	20	-63.6	-60.0	-12
<b>Government</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>-47.4</b>	<b>-9.1</b>	<b>-1</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>42.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b><u>Natrona County (Place of Residence)</u></b>						
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>-20.3</b>	<b>-19.0</b>	<b>-69</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>-2.5</b>	<b>-12.6</b>	<b>-22</b>
Construction	119	130	130	-8.5	-8.5	-11
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>-33.2</b>	<b>-21.8</b>	<b>-36</b>
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	38	66	70	-42.4	-45.7	-32
Financial Activities (52, 53)	5	9	7	-44.4	-28.6	-2
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	37	54	28	-31.5	32.1	9
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	19	23	16	-17.4	18.8	3
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	16	25	26	-36.0	-38.5	-10
<b>Government</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-40.0</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>-42.9</b>	<b>-76.5</b>	<b>-13</b>

## Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry, February 2018



## Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, February 2018



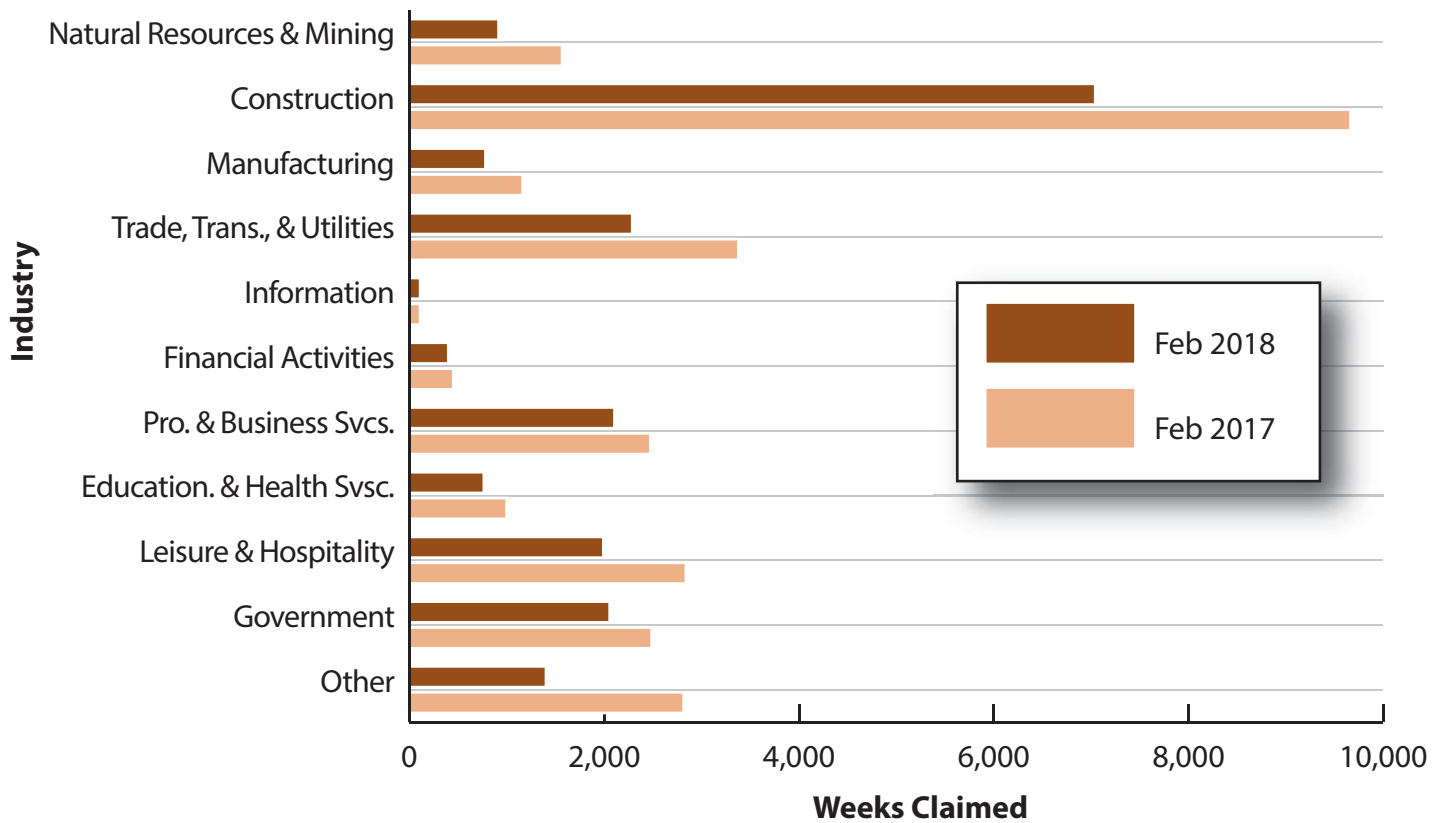
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## Continued Weeks Claimed Tables

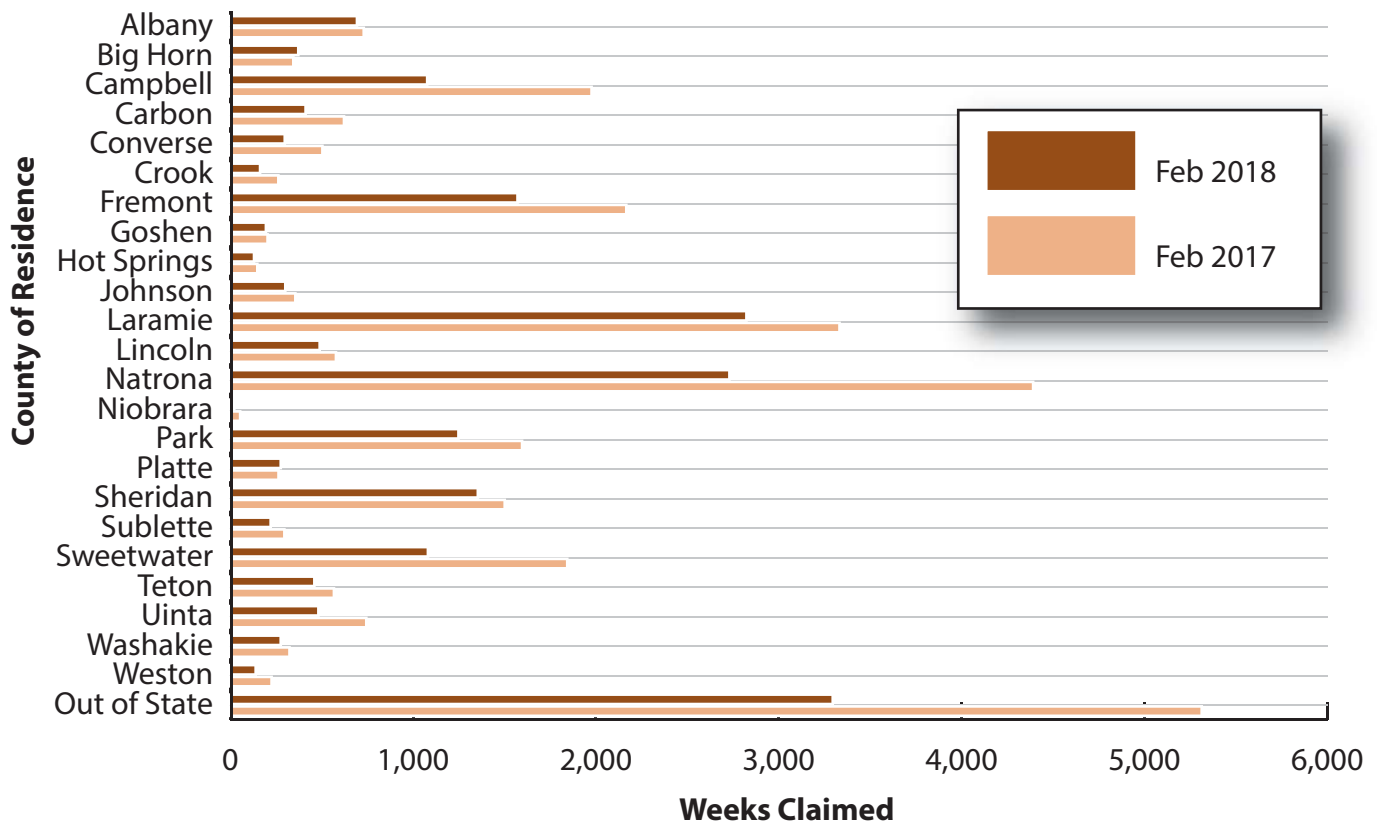
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	Feb-18	Jan-18	Feb-17	Feb-18 Jan-18	Feb-18 Feb-17	Feb-18 Feb-17
<b><u>Wyoming Statewide</u></b>						
<b>Total Continued Weeks Claimed</b>	<b>20,121</b>	<b>19,955</b>	<b>28,356</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>-29.0</b>	<b>-8,235</b>
<b>Extended Benefit Weeks Claimed</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Unique Claimants*</b>	<b>5,691</b>	<b>5,059</b>	<b>8,068</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>-29.5</b>	<b>-2,377</b>
<b>Benefit Exhaustions</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>-37.6</b>	<b>-191</b>
<b>Benefit Exhaustion Rates</b>	<b>5.6%</b>	<b>5.5%</b>	<b>6.3%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>-0.7%</b>	
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>8,735</b>	<b>8,351</b>	<b>12,388</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>-29.5</b>	<b>-3,653</b>
Natural Resources and Mining (11,21)	914	881	1,566	3.7	-41.6	-652
Mining (21)	663	633	1,326	4.7	-50.0	-663
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	51	63	194	-19.0	-73.7	-143
Construction (23)	7,041	6,776	9,661	3.9	-27.1	-2,620
Manufacturing (31 - 33)	779	692	1,160	12.6	-32.8	-381
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>7,928</b>	<b>7,958</b>	<b>10,665</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>-25.7</b>	<b>-2,737</b>
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	2,287	2,176	3,376	5.1	-32.3	-1,089
Wholesale Trade (42)	368	330	561	11.5	-34.4	-193
Retail Trade (44 - 45)	1,271	1,323	1,824	-3.9	-30.3	-553
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (22,48 - 49)	648	523	991	23.9	-34.6	-343
Information (51)	109	98	108	11.2	0.9	1
Financial Activities (52, 53)	398	375	449	6.1	-11.4	-51
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	2,104	1,964	2,472	7.1	-14.9	-368
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	763	787	996	-3.0	-23.4	-233
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	1,990	2,267	2,838	-12.2	-29.9	-848
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	270	284	420	-4.9	-35.7	-150
<b>Government</b>	<b>2,055</b>	<b>2,028</b>	<b>2,486</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>-17.3</b>	<b>-431</b>
Federal Government	1,027	1,041	1,181	-1.3	-13.0	-154
State Government	296	235	226	26.0	31.0	70
Local Government	731	750	1,079	-2.5	-32.3	-348
Local Education	163	200	200	-18.5	-18.5	-37
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>1,401</b>	<b>1,616</b>	<b>2,815</b>	<b>-13.3</b>	<b>-50.2</b>	<b>-1,414</b>
<b><u>Laramie County (Place of Residence)</u></b>						
Construction						
<b>Total Continued Weeks Claimed</b>	<b>2,823</b>	<b>2,839</b>	<b>3,331</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>-15.3</b>	<b>-508</b>
<b>Total Unique Claimants</b>	<b>796</b>	<b>691</b>	<b>971</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>-18.0</b>	<b>-175</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>1,432</b>	<b>1,514</b>	<b>1,668</b>	<b>-5.4</b>	<b>-14.1</b>	<b>-236</b>
Construction	1,239	1,331	1,519	-6.9	-18.4	-280
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>1,142</b>	<b>1,053</b>	<b>1,392</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>-18.0</b>	<b>-250</b>
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	364	330	515	10.3	-29.3	-151
Financial Activities (52, 53)	96	88	68	9.1	41.2	28
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	402	332	547	21.1	-26.5	-145
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	145	155	158	-6.5	-8.2	-13
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	113	100	152	13.0	-25.7	-39
<b>Government</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>-13.1</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>-25.8</b>	<b>-33</b>
<b><u>Natrona County (Place of Residence)</u></b>						
<b>Total Continued Weeks Claimed</b>	<b>2,730</b>	<b>2,825</b>	<b>4,390</b>	<b>-3.4</b>	<b>-37.8</b>	<b>-1,660</b>
<b>Total Unique Claimants</b>	<b>791</b>	<b>731</b>	<b>1,236</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>-36.0</b>	<b>-445</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>1,241</b>	<b>1,320</b>	<b>2,153</b>	<b>-6.0</b>	<b>-42.4</b>	<b>-912</b>
Construction	1,055	1,129	1,684	-6.6	-37.4	-629
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>1,340</b>	<b>1,352</b>	<b>1,985</b>	<b>-0.9</b>	<b>-32.5</b>	<b>-645</b>
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	413	420	675	-1.7	-38.8	-262
Financial Activities (52, 53)	85	76	78	11.8	9.0	7
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	347	342	462	1.5	-24.9	-115
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	184	162	245	13.6	-24.9	-61
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	222	275	394	-19.3	-43.7	-172
<b>Government</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>-9.9</b>	<b>-20.6</b>	<b>-26</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>17.5</b>	<b>-62.4</b>	<b>-78</b>

\*Does not include claimants receiving extended benefits

## Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry, February 2018



## Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, February 2018



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**Wyoming Normalized<sup>a</sup> Unemployment Statistics: Continued Claims by  
County of Residence, February 2018**

County	Feb 18	Feb 17	Over-the-Year Change	
			N	%
Albany	693	730	-37	-5.0
Big Horn	372	345	27	7.8
Campbell	1,077	1,976	-898	-45.5
Carbon	412	622	-210	-33.7
Converse	298	504	-207	-41.0
Crook	163	263	-100	-37.9
Fremont	1,571	2,166	-595	-27.5
Goshen	195	204	-9	-4.3
Hot Springs	130	148	-18	-12.4
Johnson	301	356	-55	-15.5
Laramie	2,823	3,332	-509	-15.3
Lincoln	489	578	-89	-15.4
Natrona	2,730	4,391	-1,661	-37.8
Niobrara	22	54	-32	-60.0
Park	1,248	1,596	-347	-21.8
Platte	276	264	12	4.5
Sheridan	1,354	1,501	-147	-9.8
Sublette	221	296	-75	-25.3
Sweetwater	1,081	1,843	-762	-41.3
Teton	460	567	-107	-18.9
Uinta	482	744	-262	-35.2
Washakie	276	324	-48	-14.7
Weston	139	226	-88	-38.8
Unknown	13	13	0	0.0
Out of State	3,295	5,313	-2,018	-38.0
<b>Normalized Total<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>20,122</b>	<b>28,356</b>	<b>-8,234</b>	<b>-29.0</b>
<b>Real Total<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>18,588</b>	<b>26,195</b>	<b>-7,607</b>	<b>-29.0</b>

<sup>a</sup>An 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.

<sup>b</sup>Raw 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.

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