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## Initial Claims Decline for 20th Consecutive Month

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In April 2018, initial Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims decreased by 18.5% (-439 claims) compared to April 2017. Initial claims have decreased from prior-year levels for 20 months, dating back to September 2016 (see Figure 1).

As noted by Wen (in progress<sup>1</sup>), there were 17,849 UI benefit recipients in 2017, compared to 26,101 in 2016 (-8,252, or -31.6%). The total number of UI benefit recipients in 2017 was lower than any other year since 2008. Historical UI claims data from 1997 to present are available online at <http://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/ui.htm>.

### Initial Claims

There were 1,932 initial claims in April 2018, compared to 2,371 in April 2017. Most industries experienced a decrease in the number of initial

claims over the year. Manufacturing saw the greatest over-the-year increase of all industries (16 claims, or 23.2%). At the county level, the greatest over-the-year decreases were seen in Natrona (-114, or -33.3%), Campbell (-101, or -49.7%), and Fremont (-60, or -45.8%) counties.

### Continued Claims

Over the year, the number of unique claimants with continued claims decreased by 18.0% (1,068 fewer individuals). Total continued weeks claimed decreased by 18.7% (3,559 fewer weeks claimed). Most private industries saw over-the-year decreases in continued claims, with the exception of information (24, or 21.2%).

Most counties showed an over-the-year decrease in continued weeks claimed, including Natrona (-860, or -30.0%), Campbell (-434, or -32.5%), Fremont (-355, or -25.4%), Laramie (-225, or -10.3%), and Sweetwater (-221, or -19.3%) counties.

<sup>1</sup> Wen, S. (In progress). Unemployment Insurance claims decrease in 2017. Wyoming Workforce Annual Report 2018.

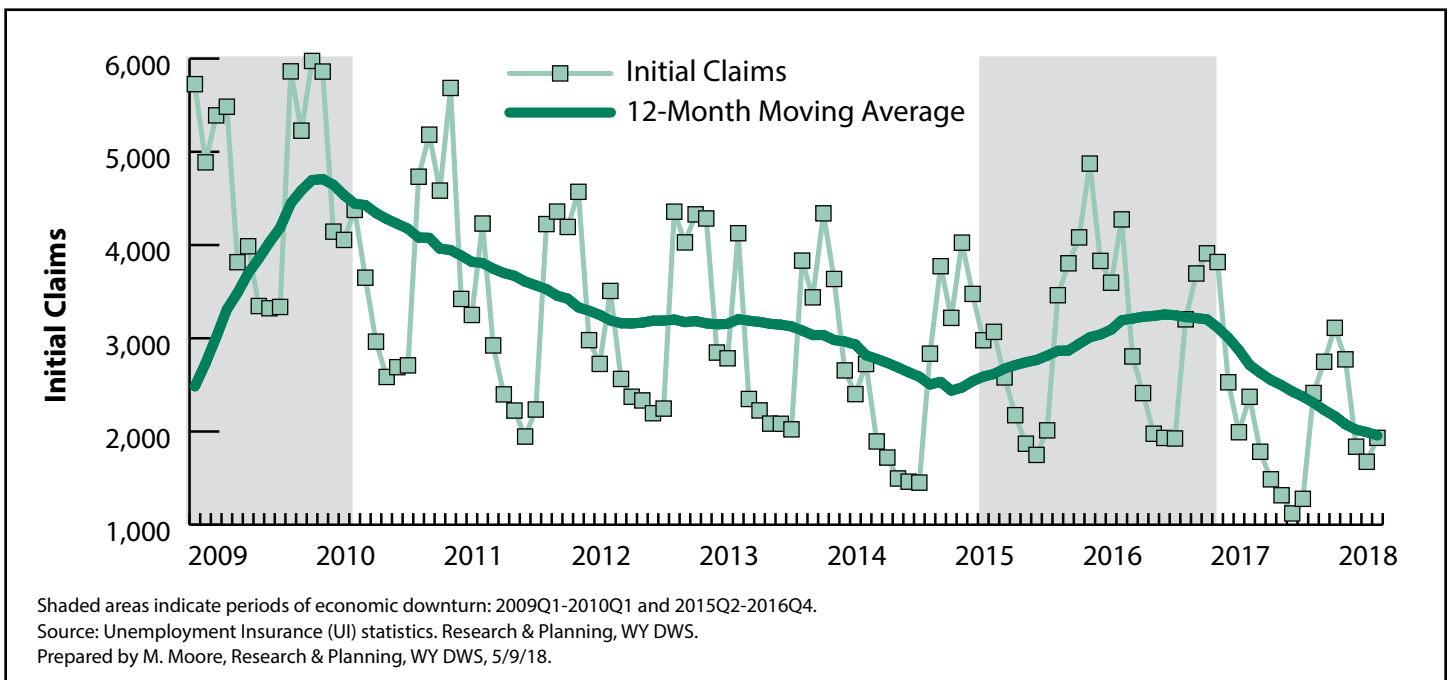
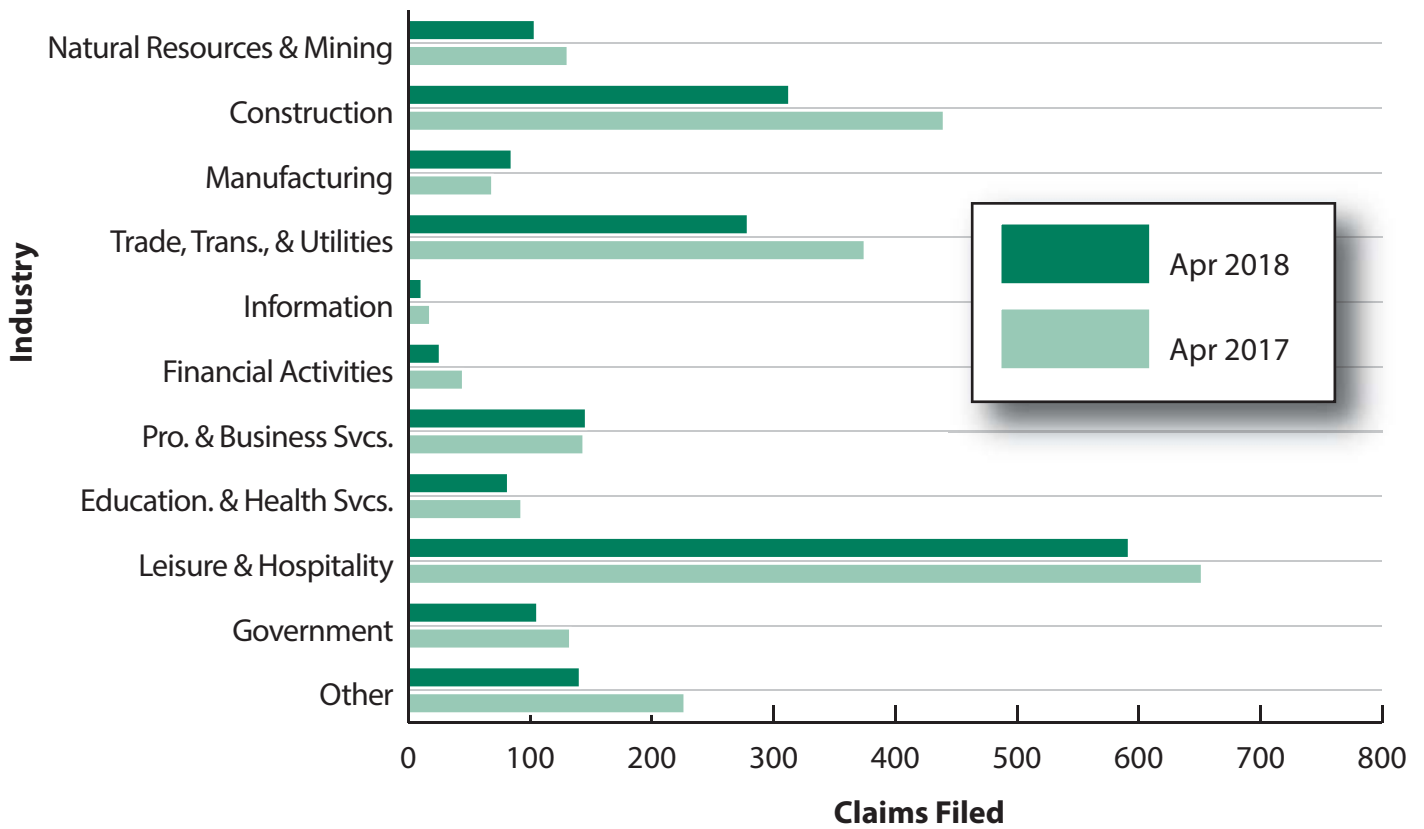


Figure 1: Number of New Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by Year and Month, January 2009 to April 2018

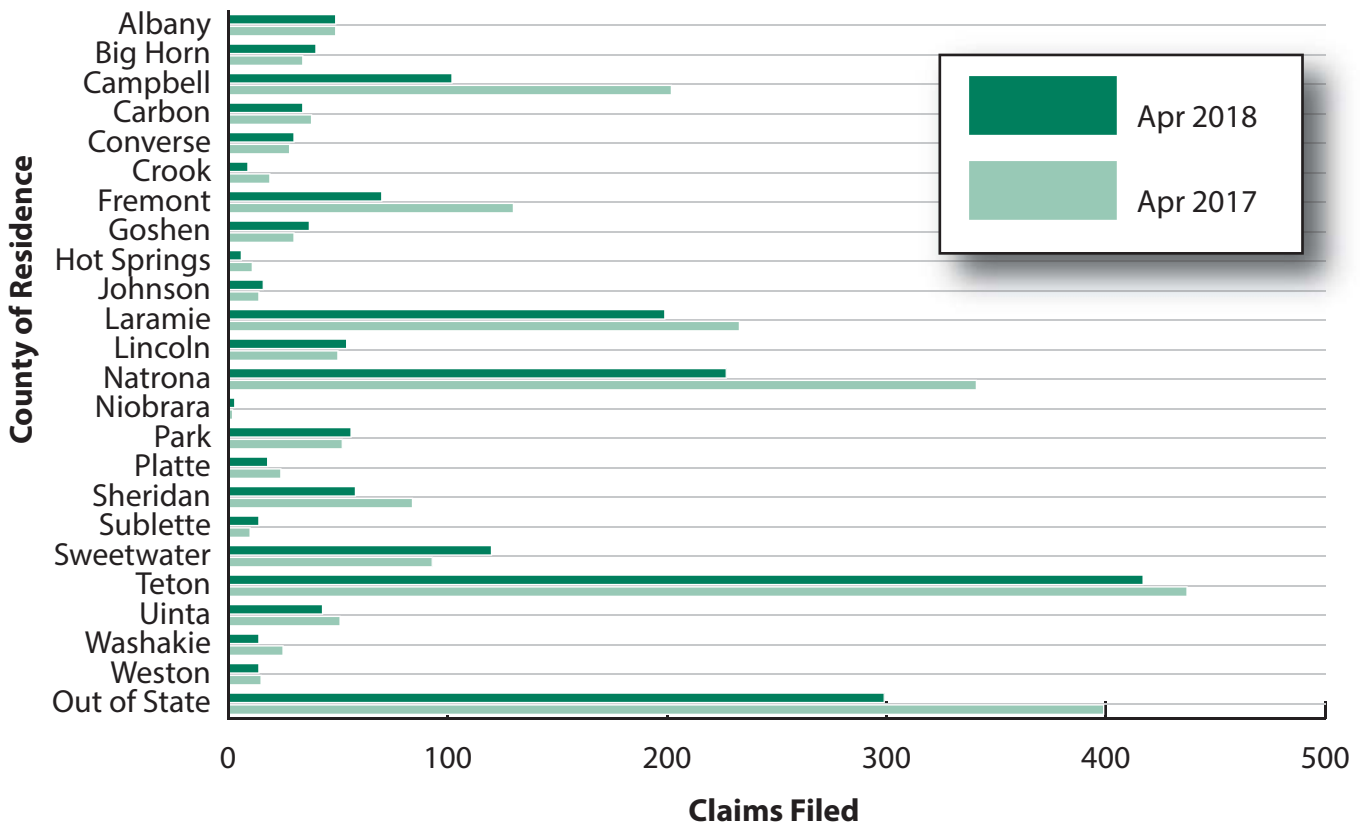
## Initial Claims Tables

	Claims Filed			Percent Change Claims Filed		Difference
	Apr-18	Mar-18	Apr-17	Apr-18 Mar-18	Apr-18 Apr-17	Apr-18 Apr-17
<b><u>Wyoming Statewide</u></b>						
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>1,932</b>	<b>1,674</b>	<b>2,371</b>	<b>15.4</b>	<b>-18.5</b>	<b>-439</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>641</b>	<b>-12.5</b>	<b>-21.4</b>	<b>-137</b>
Natural Resources and Mining (11,21)	104	105	131	-1.0	-20.6	-27
Mining (21)	93	95	122	-2.1	-23.8	-29
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	3	3	11	0.0	-72.7	-8
Construction (23)	313	377	440	-17.0	-28.9	-127
Manufacturing (31 - 33)	85	93	69	-8.6	23.2	16
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>1,179</b>	<b>837</b>	<b>1,369</b>	<b>40.9</b>	<b>-13.9</b>	<b>-190</b>
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	279	238	375	17.2	-25.6	-96
Wholesale Trade (42)	30	32	40	-6.3	-25.0	-10
Retail Trade (44 - 45)	128	110	162	16.4	-21.0	-34
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (22,48 - 49)	121	96	173	26.0	-30.1	-52
Information (51)	11	10	18	10.0	-38.9	-7
Financial Activities (52, 53)	26	39	45	-33.3	-42.2	-19
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	146	107	144	36.4	1.4	2
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	82	75	93	9.3	-11.8	-11
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	592	332	652	78.3	-9.2	-60
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	40	30	37	33.3	8.1	3
<b>Government</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>-27.4</b>	<b>-20.3</b>	<b>-27</b>
Federal Government	31	72	45	-56.9	-31.1	-14
State Government	12	14	11	-14.3	9.1	1
Local Government	61	59	75	3.4	-18.7	-14
Local Education	9	19	6	-52.6	50.0	3
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>24.8</b>	<b>-37.9</b>	<b>-86</b>
<b><u>Laramie County (Place of Residence)</u></b>						
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>-8.7</b>	<b>-14.2</b>	<b>-33</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>-23.7</b>	<b>-12.1</b>	<b>-8</b>
Construction	50	71	61	-29.6	-18.0	-11
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>-17.9</b>	<b>-26</b>
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	46	51	56	-9.8	-17.9	-10
Financial Activities (52, 53)	6	8	9	-25.0	-33.3	-3
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	28	30	31	-6.7	-9.7	-3
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	13	11	20	18.2	-35.0	-7
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	24	16	19	50.0	26.3	5
<b>Government</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>55.6</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>-22.2</b>	<b>-36.4</b>	<b>-4</b>
<b><u>Natrona County (Place of Residence)</u></b>						
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>-1.3</b>	<b>-33.2</b>	<b>-113</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>-19.1</b>	<b>-45.3</b>	<b>-63</b>
Construction	48	72	101	-33.3	-52.5	-53
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>-28.6</b>	<b>-53</b>
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	34	39	63	-12.8	-46.0	-29
Financial Activities (52, 53)	4	9	6	-55.6	-33.3	-2
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	34	30	27	13.3	25.9	7
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	22	17	27	29.4	-18.5	-5
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	22	21	48	4.8	-54.2	-26
<b>Government</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>80.0</b>	<b>28.6</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>

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



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

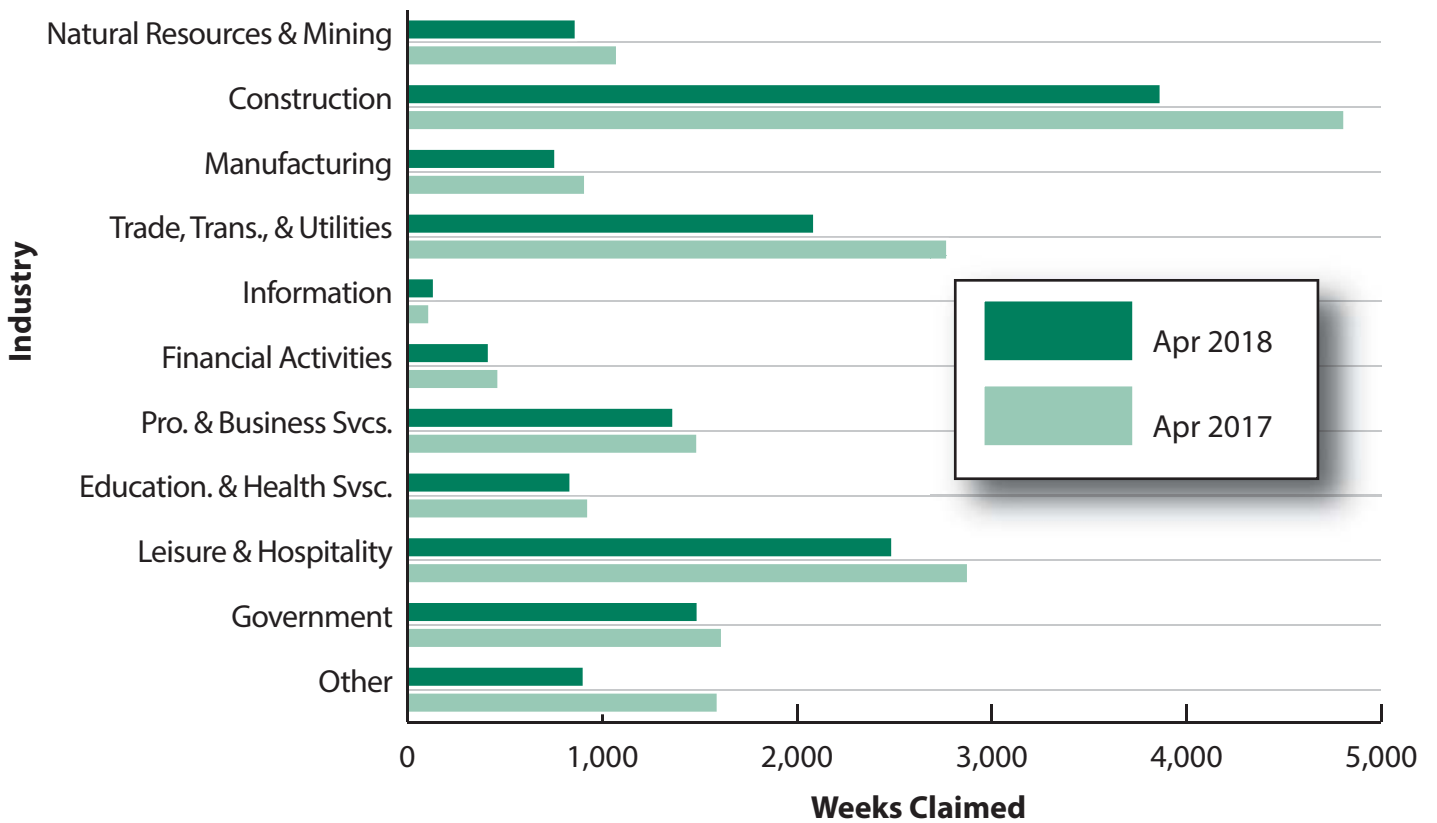


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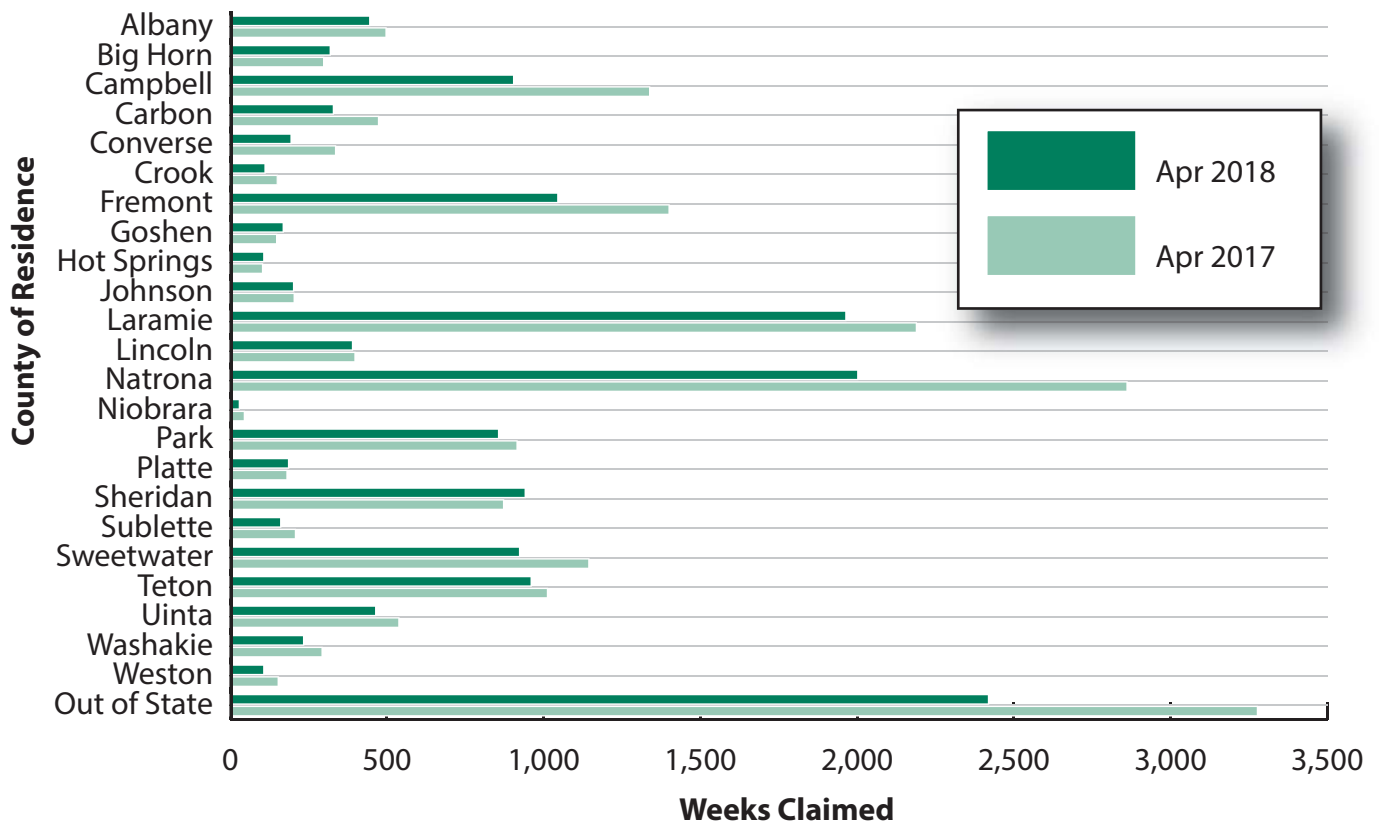
Continued Weeks Claimed Tables

	Claims Filed			Percent Change Claims		Difference
	Apr-18	Mar-18	Apr-17	Apr-18 Mar-18	Apr-18 Apr-17	Apr-18 Apr-17
<b>Wyoming Statewide</b>						
<b>Total Continued Weeks Claimed</b>	<b>15,473</b>	<b>18,224</b>	<b>19,032</b>	<b>-15.1</b>	<b>-18.7</b>	<b>-3,559</b>
<b>Total Unique Claimants</b>	<b>4,850</b>	<b>5,431</b>	<b>5,918</b>	<b>-10.7</b>	<b>-18.0</b>	<b>-1,068</b>
<b>Benefit Exhaustions</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>-26.2</b>	<b>-141</b>
<b>Benefit Exhaustion Rates</b>	<b>8.2%</b>	<b>6.6%</b>	<b>9.1%</b>	<b>1.6%</b>	<b>-0.9%</b>	
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>5,495</b>	<b>8,028</b>	<b>6,803</b>	<b>-31.6</b>	<b>-19.2</b>	<b>-1,308</b>
Natural Resources and Mining (11,21)	865	944	1,077	-8.4	-19.7	-212
Mining (21)	716	718	950	-0.3	-24.6	-234
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	36	38	187	-5.3	-80.7	-151
Construction (23)	3,868	6,243	4,811	-38.0	-19.6	-943
Manufacturing (31 - 33)	760	840	913	-9.5	-16.8	-153
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>7,579</b>	<b>7,316</b>	<b>9,018</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>-16.0</b>	<b>-1,439</b>
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	2,089	1,992	2,772	4.9	-24.6	-683
Wholesale Trade (42)	325	326	423	-0.3	-23.2	-98
Retail Trade (44 - 45)	1,082	1,096	1,476	-1.3	-26.7	-394
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (22,48 - 49)	682	570	873	19.6	-21.9	-191
Information (51)	137	112	113	22.3	21.2	24
Financial Activities (52, 53)	419	431	468	-2.8	-10.5	-49
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	1,366	1,845	1,489	-26.0	-8.3	-123
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	838	740	929	13.2	-9.8	-91
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	2,490	1,927	2,879	29.2	-13.5	-389
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	233	261	361	-10.7	-35.5	-128
<b>Government</b>	<b>1,491</b>	<b>1,802</b>	<b>1,616</b>	<b>-17.3</b>	<b>-7.7</b>	<b>-125</b>
Federal Government	664	872	683	-23.9	-2.8	-19
State Government	171	231	164	-26.0	4.3	7
Local Government	655	698	768	-6.2	-14.7	-113
Local Education	147	155	136	-5.2	8.1	11
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>906</b>	<b>1,077</b>	<b>1,594</b>	<b>-15.9</b>	<b>-43.2</b>	<b>-688</b>
<b>Laramie County (Place of Residence)</b>						
Construction						
<b>Total Continued Weeks Claimed</b>	<b>1,963</b>	<b>2,476</b>	<b>2,188</b>	<b>-20.7</b>	<b>-10.3</b>	<b>-225</b>
<b>Total Unique Claimants</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>748</b>	<b>671</b>	<b>-20.6</b>	<b>-11.5</b>	<b>-77</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>696</b>	<b>1,187</b>	<b>705</b>	<b>-41.4</b>	<b>-1.3</b>	<b>-9</b>
Construction	593	1,027	624	-42.3	-5.0	-31
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>1,047</b>	<b>1,067</b>	<b>1,276</b>	<b>-1.9</b>	<b>-17.9</b>	<b>-229</b>
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	418	362	487	15.5	-14.2	-69
Financial Activities (52, 53)	98	97	133	1.0	-26.3	-35
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	266	364	370	-26.9	-28.1	-104
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	134	150	201	-10.7	-33.3	-67
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	118	95	102	24.2	15.7	16
<b>Government</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>21.7</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>-16.0</b>	<b>-12.2</b>	<b>-11</b>
<b>Natrona County (Place of Residence)</b>						
<b>Total Continued Weeks Claimed</b>	<b>2,001</b>	<b>2,465</b>	<b>2,861</b>	<b>-18.8</b>	<b>-30.1</b>	<b>-860</b>
<b>Total Unique Claimants</b>	<b>607</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>878</b>	<b>-19.6</b>	<b>-30.9</b>	<b>-271</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>694</b>	<b>1,121</b>	<b>1,176</b>	<b>-38.1</b>	<b>-41.0</b>	<b>-482</b>
Construction	528	922	847	-42.7	-37.7	-319
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>1,195</b>	<b>1,226</b>	<b>1,507</b>	<b>-2.5</b>	<b>-20.7</b>	<b>-312</b>
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	352	338	528	4.1	-33.3	-176
Financial Activities (52, 53)	107	93	86	15.1	24.4	21
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	287	348	264	-17.5	8.7	23
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	186	175	200	6.3	-7.0	-14
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	182	192	323	-5.2	-43.7	-141
<b>Government</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>-15.1</b>	<b>-17.0</b>	<b>-15</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>19.4</b>	<b>-57.5</b>	<b>-50</b>

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



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



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

County	Apr 18	Apr 17	Over-the-Year Change	
			N	%
Albany	445	497	-52	-10.5
Big Horn	319	298	22	7.3
Campbell	904	1,338	-434	-32.4
Carbon	329	473	-144	-30.4
Converse	194	336	-142	-42.3
Crook	111	150	-39	-25.9
Fremont	1,045	1,400	-355	-25.4
Goshen	169	148	21	13.9
Hot Springs	107	103	4	4.2
Johnson	202	204	-1	-0.5
Laramie	1,964	2,189	-225	-10.3
Lincoln	390	398	-9	-2.2
Natrona	2,002	2,861	-860	-30.0
Niobrara	29	45	-16	-35.7
Park	856	915	-58	-6.4
Platte	186	181	5	3.0
Sheridan	941	872	68	7.8
Sublette	161	208	-47	-22.4
Sweetwater	923	1,144	-221	-19.3
Teton	960	1,012	-52	-5.1
Uinta	464	538	-74	-13.7
Washakie	234	293	-60	-20.3
Weston	107	153	-45	-29.8
Unknown	11	0	11	--
Out of State	2,419	3,277	-857	-26.2
<b>Normalized Total<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>15,473</b>	<b>19,033</b>	<b>-3,560</b>	<b>-18.7</b>
<b>Real Total<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>14,294</b>	<b>17,582</b>	<b>-3,288</b>	<b>-18.7</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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