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Initial Claims at Lowest Level for October Since 2001

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There were 1,824 initial claims in October 2018, the lowest level for the month of October since 2001.

Initial Claims

In October 2018, initial Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims decreased by 24.4% (-588 claims) compared to 2017.

The largest decreases were seen in leisure & hospitality (-199 claims, or -23.7%) and trade, transportation, warehousing, & utilities (-110 claims, or -36.8%). The majority of industries experienced a decline in the number of initial claims with the exception of natural resources & mining, which had an increase of 12 claims (16.7%). The information sector remained unchanged.

Teton County had the largest number of initial claims (294), followed by Natrona (203) and Laramie counties (194).

Continued Claims

There were 2,054 claimants with continued claims, a decrease of 30.8% (916 fewer individuals) over the year. Continued weeks claimed for the month of October were at the lowest level since 2006, with 6,121 weeks.

Total continued weeks claimed decreased by 27.6% (2,648 fewer weeks claimed). All industry sectors experienced a decrease in over-the-year continued weeks claimed with the exception of leisure & hospitality (87 weeks, or 7.2%) and information (35 weeks, or 31.8%). Construction experienced a substantial decrease of 680 weeks (-41.3%), followed by trade, transportation, warehousing, & utilities (-531 weeks, or -33.2%).

Natrona and Laramie counties saw the greatest decreases (518 and 460 weeks, respectively). Sublette County was the only county with an increase (24 weeks, or 44.0%).

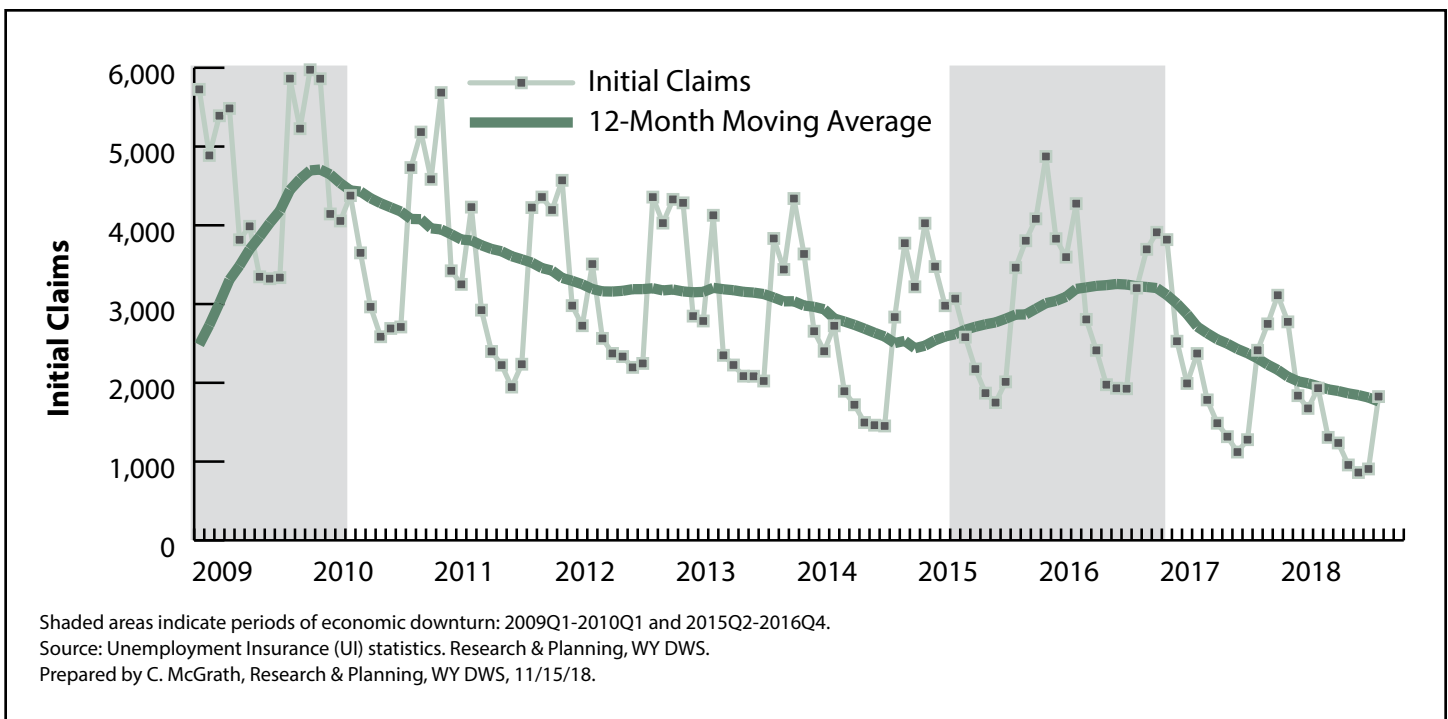
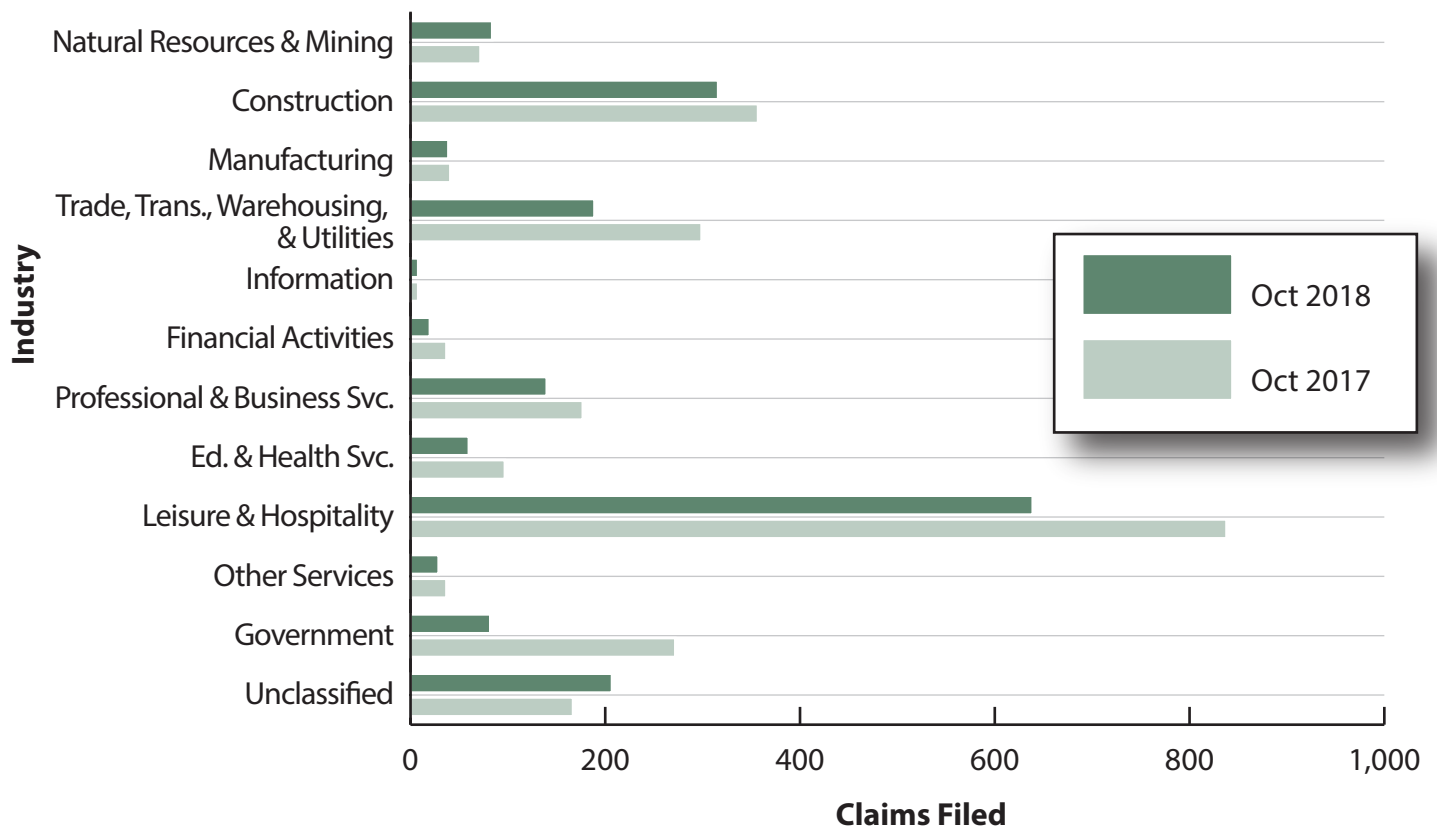


Figure 1: Total Number of New Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by Year and Month, January 2009 to October 2018

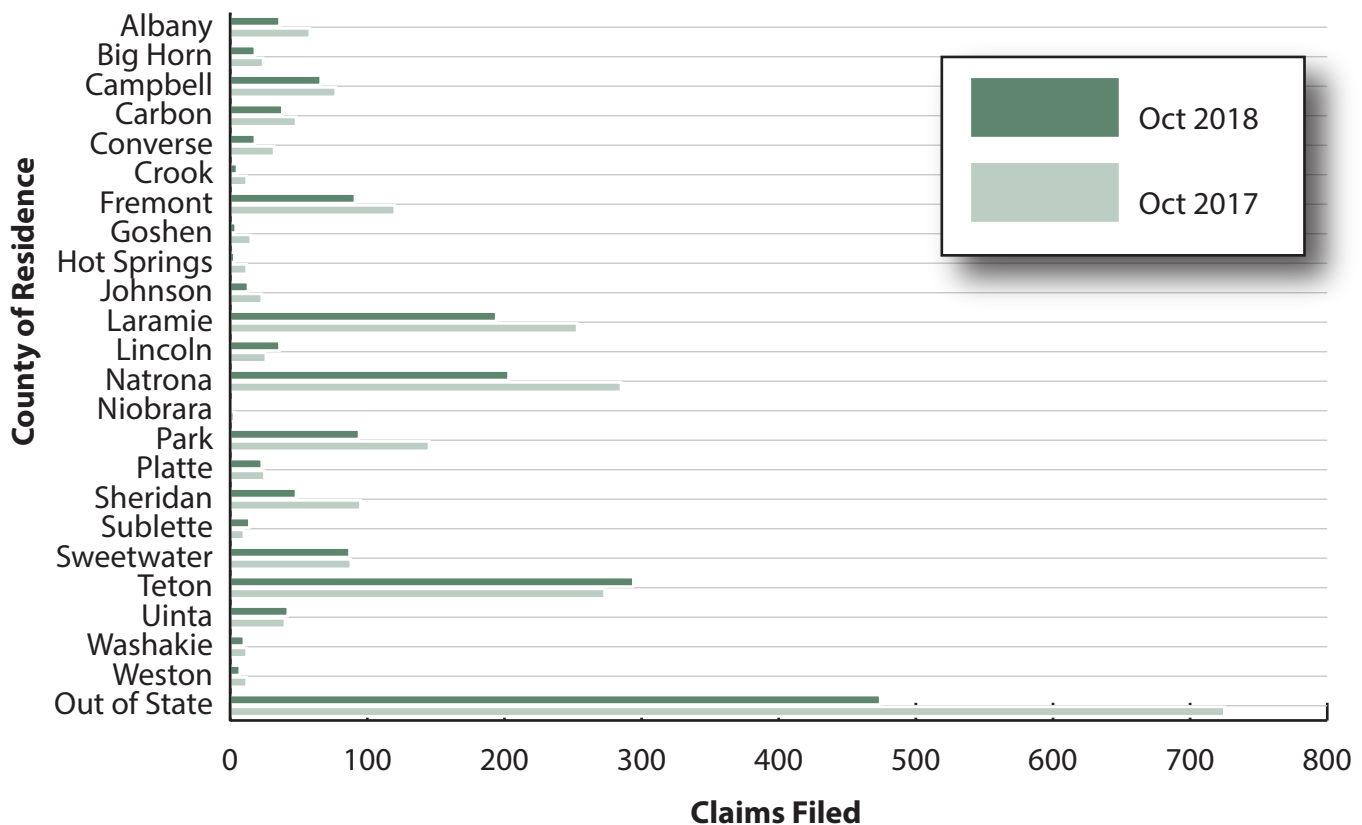
Initial Claims Tables

	Claims Filed			Percent Change Claims Filed		Difference
	<u>Oct-18</u>	<u>Sep-18</u>	<u>Oct-17</u>	<u>Oct-18</u> <u>Sep-18</u>	<u>Oct-18</u> <u>Oct-17</u>	<u>Oct-18</u> <u>Oct-17</u>
<u>Wyoming Statewide</u>						
Total Claims Filed	1,824	906	2,412	101.3	-24.4	-588
Goods-Producing	441	258	471	70.9	-6.4	-30
Natural Resources and Mining (11,21)	84	55	72	52.7	16.7	12
Mining (21)	70	47	62	48.9	12.9	8
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	3	8	4	-62.5	-25.0	-1
Construction (23)	316	179	357	76.5	-11.5	-41
Manufacturing (31 - 33)	39	22	41	77.3	-4.9	-2
Service-Providing	1,092	467	1,500	133.8	-27.2	-408
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	189	128	299	47.7	-36.8	-110
Wholesale Trade (42)	30	21	29	42.9	3.4	1
Retail Trade (44 - 45)	84	72	177	16.7	-52.5	-93
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (22,48 - 49)	75	35	93	114.3	-19.4	-18
Information (51)	8	14	8	-42.9	0.0	0
Financial Activities (52, 53)	20	28	37	-28.6	-45.9	-17
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	140	81	177	72.8	-20.9	-37
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	60	53	97	13.2	-38.1	-37
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	639	131	838	387.8	-23.7	-199
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	29	25	37	16.0	-21.6	-8
Government	82	48	272	70.8	-69.9	-190
Federal Government	14	4	156	250.0	-91.0	-142
State Government	10	11	35	-9.1	-71.4	-25
Local Government	57	32	80	78.1	-28.8	-23
Local Education	17	8	15	112.5	13.3	2
Unclassified	207	130	167	59.2	24.0	40
<u>Laramie County (Place of Residence)</u>						
Total Claims Filed	193	128	253	50.8	-23.7	-60
Goods-Producing	66	37	82	78.4	-19.5	-16
Construction	54	35	72	54.3	-25.0	-18
Service-Providing	103	70	139	47.1	-25.9	-36
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	27	23	36	17.4	-25.0	-9
Financial Activities (52, 53)	3	1	8	200.0	-62.5	-5
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	43	18	49	138.9	-12.2	-6
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	6	8	16	-25.0	-62.5	-10
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	16	8	22	100.0	-27.3	-6
Government	7	4	24	75.0	-70.8	-17
Unclassified	15	16	6	-6.3	150.0	9
<u>Natrona County (Place of Residence)</u>						
Total Claims Filed	202	174	284	16.1	-28.9	-82
Goods-Producing	89	63	90	41.3	-1.1	-1
Construction	66	47	71	40.4	-7.0	-5
Service-Providing	90	94	167	-4.3	-46.1	-77
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	32	25	62	28.0	-48.4	-30
Financial Activities (52, 53)	7	6	10	16.7	-30.0	-3
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	13	14	27	-7.1	-51.9	-14
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	11	19	18	-42.1	-38.9	-7
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	20	16	39	25.0	-48.7	-19
Government	5	2	10	150.0	-50.0	-5
Unclassified	17	14	15	21.4	13.3	2

Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry, October 2018



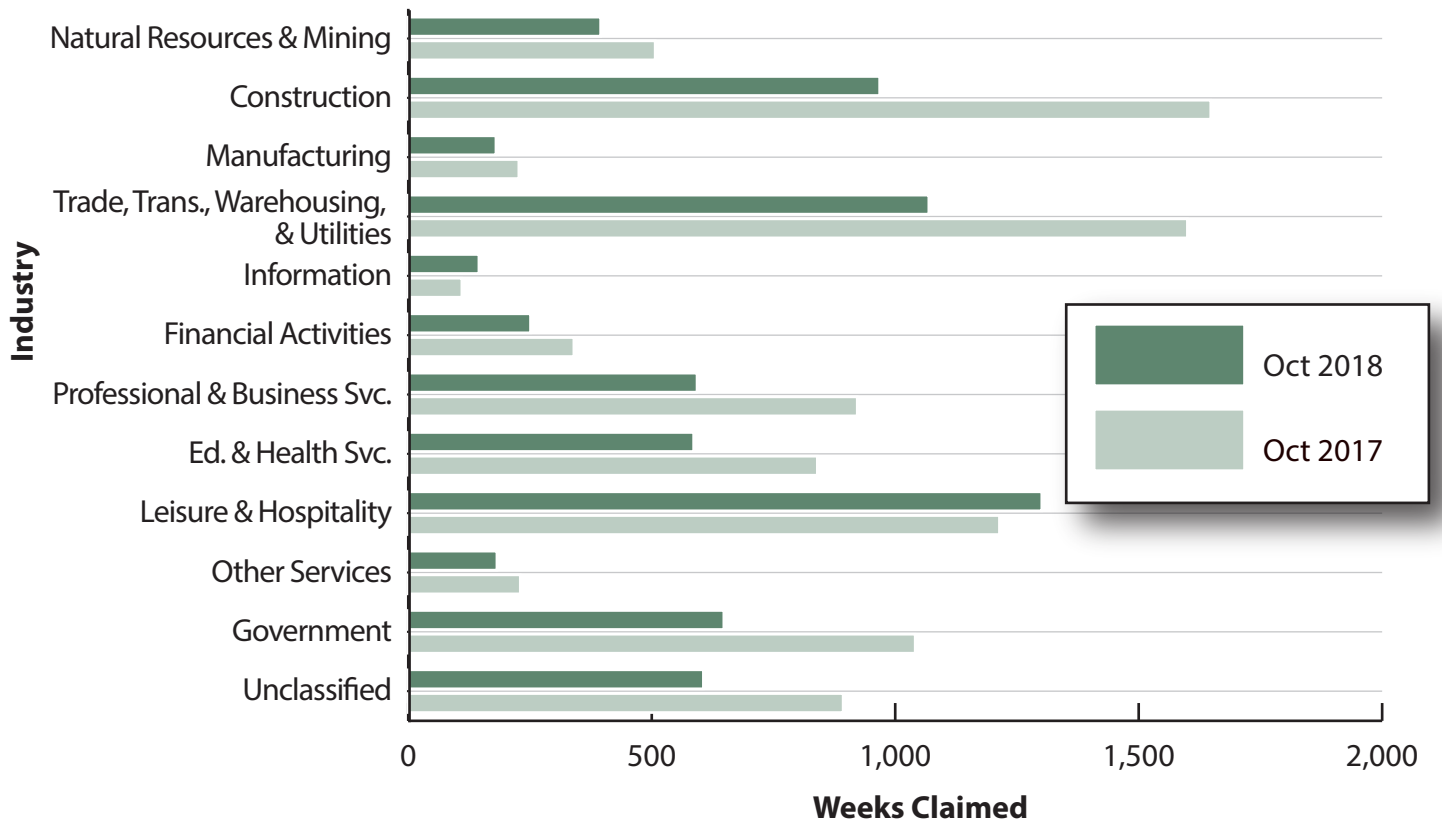
Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, October 2018



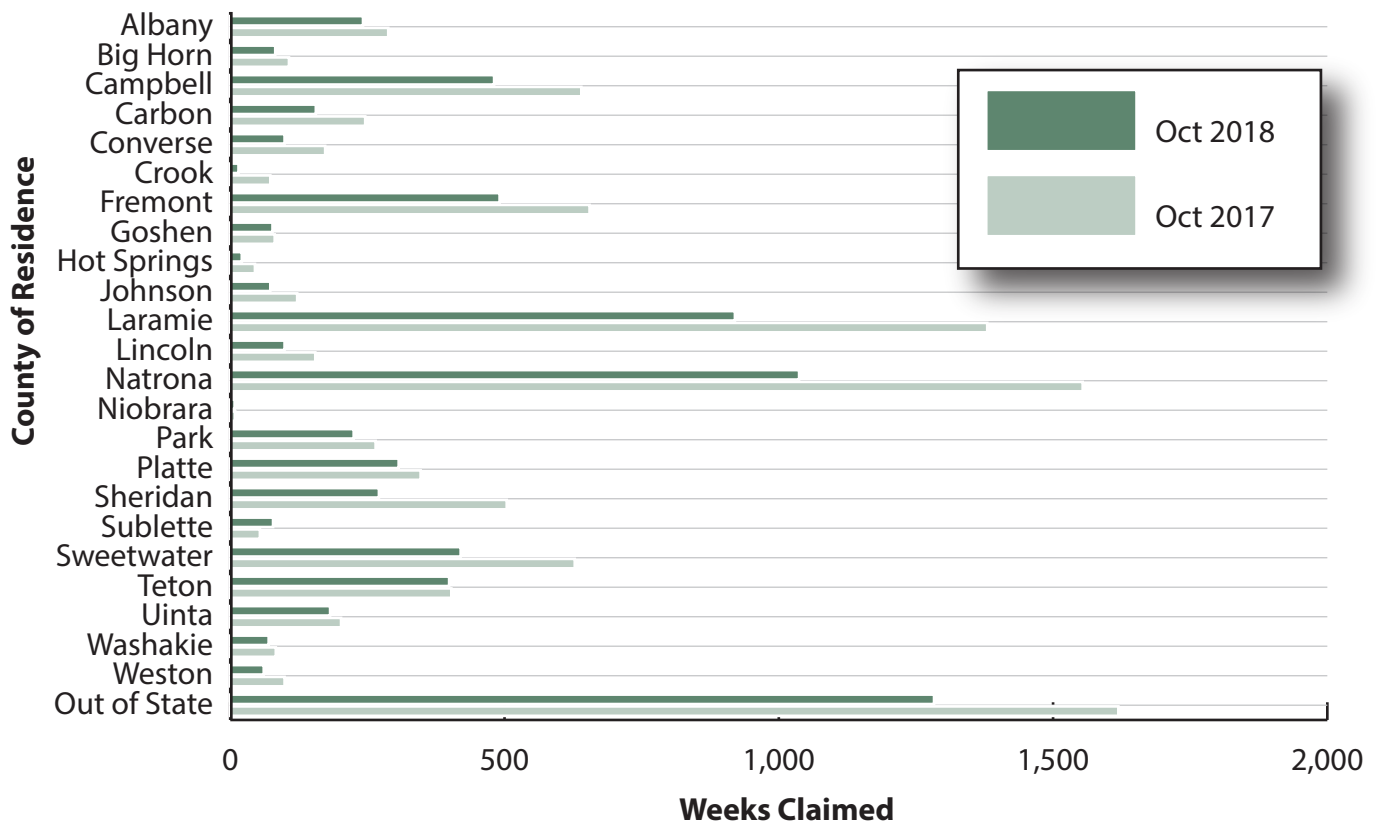
Continued Weeks Claimed Tables

	Claims Filed			Percent Change Claims		Difference
	Oct-18	Sep-18	Oct-17	Oct-18 Sep-18	Oct-18 Oct-17	Oct-18 Oct-17
<u>Wyoming Statewide</u>						
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	6,932	6,121	9,580	13.2	-27.6	-2,648
Total Unique Claimants	2,054	1,864	2,970	10.2	-30.8	-916
Benefit Exhaustions	189	190	224	-0.5	-15.6	-35
Benefit Exhaustion Rates	9.2%	10.2%	7.5%	-1.0%	1.7%	
Goods-Producing	1,544	1,512	2,383	2.1	-35.2	-839
Natural Resources and Mining (11,21)	395	379	507	4.2	-22.1	-112
Mining (21)	335	342	437	-2.0	-23.3	-102
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	42	31	79	35.5	-46.8	-37
Construction (23)	968	952	1,648	1.7	-41.3	-680
Manufacturing (31 - 33)	180	179	227	0.6	-20.7	-47
Service-Providing	4,133	3,271	5,262	26.4	-21.5	-1,129
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	1,069	1,045	1,600	2.3	-33.2	-531
Wholesale Trade (42)	192	180	252	6.7	-23.8	-60
Retail Trade (44 - 45)	575	582	959	-1.2	-40.0	-384
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (22,48 - 49)	302	283	389	6.7	-22.4	-87
Information (51)	145	158	110	-8.2	31.8	35
Financial Activities (52, 53)	251	264	340	-4.9	-26.2	-89
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	593	458	922	29.5	-35.7	-329
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	586	649	840	-9.7	-30.2	-254
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	1,301	486	1,214	167.7	7.2	87
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	182	202	230	-9.9	-20.9	-48
Government	648	598	1,041	8.4	-37.8	-393
Federal Government	145	55	214	163.6	-32.2	-69
State Government	110	114	172	-3.5	-36.0	-62
Local Government	392	428	654	-8.4	-40.1	-262
Local Education	122	176	226	-30.7	-46.0	-104
Unclassified	606	739	893	-18.0	-32.1	-287
<u>Laramie County (Place of Residence)</u>						
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	919	925	1,380	-0.6	-33.4	-461
Total Unique Claimants	263	272	417	-3.3	-36.9	-154
Goods-Producing	152	150	339	1.3	-55.2	-187
Construction	120	115	268	4.3	-55.2	-148
Service-Providing	646	618	910	4.5	-29.0	-264
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	205	221	219	-7.2	-6.4	-14
Financial Activities (52, 53)	41	58	90	-29.3	-54.4	-49
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	161	90	283	78.9	-43.1	-122
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	98	103	157	-4.9	-37.6	-59
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	61	58	63	5.2	-3.2	-2
Government	68	94	88	-27.7	-22.7	-20
Unclassified	52	62	41	-16.1	26.8	11
<u>Natrona County (Place of Residence)</u>						
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	1,036	1,000	1,554	3.6	-33.3	-518
Total Unique Claimants	302	287	469	5.2	-35.6	-167
Goods-Producing	254	214	379	18.7	-33.0	-125
Construction	174	126	278	38.1	-37.4	-104
Service-Providing	697	700	1,024	-0.4	-31.9	-327
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	202	226	404	-10.6	-50.0	-202
Financial Activities (52, 53)	57	41	74	39.0	-23.0	-17
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	71	58	139	22.4	-48.9	-68
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	161	197	241	-18.3	-33.2	-80
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	135	119	161	13.4	-16.1	-26
Government	14	19	99	-26.3	-85.9	-85
Unclassified	70	66	50	6.1	40.0	20

Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry, October 2018



Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, October 2018



**Wyoming Normalized^a Unemployment Statistics: Continued Claims by
County of Residence, October 2018**

County	Oct 18	Oct 17	Over-the-Year Change	
			N	%
Albany	242	288	-46	-16.0
Big Horn	82	107	-25	-23.4
Campbell	481	640	-159	-24.8
Carbon	156	246	-90	-36.6
Converse	99	173	-74	-42.8
Crook	15	73	-58	-79.5
Fremont	491	655	-164	-25.0
Goshen	77	81	-4	-4.9
Hot Springs	21	45	-24	-53.3
Johnson	73	122	-49	-40.2
Laramie	920	1,380	-460	-33.3
Lincoln	99	155	-56	-36.1
Natrona	1,037	1,554	-517	-33.3
Niobrara	8	9	-1	-11.1
Park	307	347	-40	-11.5
Platte	42	109	-67	-61.5
Sheridan	271	504	-233	-46.2
Sublette	78	54	24	44.4
Sweetwater	420	628	-208	-33.1
Teton	399	403	-4	-1.0
Uinta	182	202	-20	-9.9
Washakie	70	83	-13	-15.7
Weston	61	99	-38	-38.4
Unknown	19	2	17	850.0
Out of State	1,283	1,619	-336	-20.8
Normalized Total^a	6,932	9,580	-2,648	-27.6
Real Total^b	8,005	8,850	-845	-9.5

^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.

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