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Initial Claims Increase in All Industries

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There were 2,715 initial Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims in November 2019, a 28.0% increase compared to November 2018. Initial claims increased in all industry sectors and most counties. Figure 1 shows the trend in initial claims from 2009 to 2019.

Initial Claims

Over the year, initial claims rose from 2,121 to 2,715, an increase of 594 claims, or 28.0%. The greatest increases were seen in construction (150 claims, or 22.5%), mining (127, or 201.6%), and trade, transportation, warehousing, & utilities (70, or 38.7%). Government claims increased by 73 (39.7%), led by federal government (44, or 36.1%). See Table 1 (page 4) and Figure 2 (page 5).

Initial claims were up in 18 counties, with large increases seen in Sublette (106.3%, or 18 claims), Converse (105.6%, or 21 claims), and Sweetwater (88.6%, or 84 claims) counties. Initial claims for out-of-state claimants increased from 461 to 641 (180 claims, or 39.0%). See Figure 3 (page 5).

Continued Claims

Total continued weeks claimed increased from 10,644 to 11,878 (1,234 weeks, or 11.6%). The number of unique claimants grew from 3,354 to 3,850 (496 individuals, or 14.8%) while the number of benefit exhaustees decreased from 390 to 348 (-42 claimants, or -10.8%). See Table 2 (page 6).

Over-the-year increases in continued claims were seen in most goods-producing industries, including construction (631, or 40.6%), mining (515, or 100.8%), and manufacturing (138 or 54.3%). Continued claims decreased in most service-providing industries, most notably leisure & hospitality (-726, or -21.7%). See Table 2 (page 6) and Figure 4 (page 7).

Over-the-year increases were seen in 13 counties, including Natrona (392, or 33.8%), Sweetwater (318, or 59.0%), and Laramie (110, or 9.9%) counties. Continued claims for out-of-state claimants increased by 294 weeks (11.0%). See Figure 5 (page 7) and Table 3 (page 8).

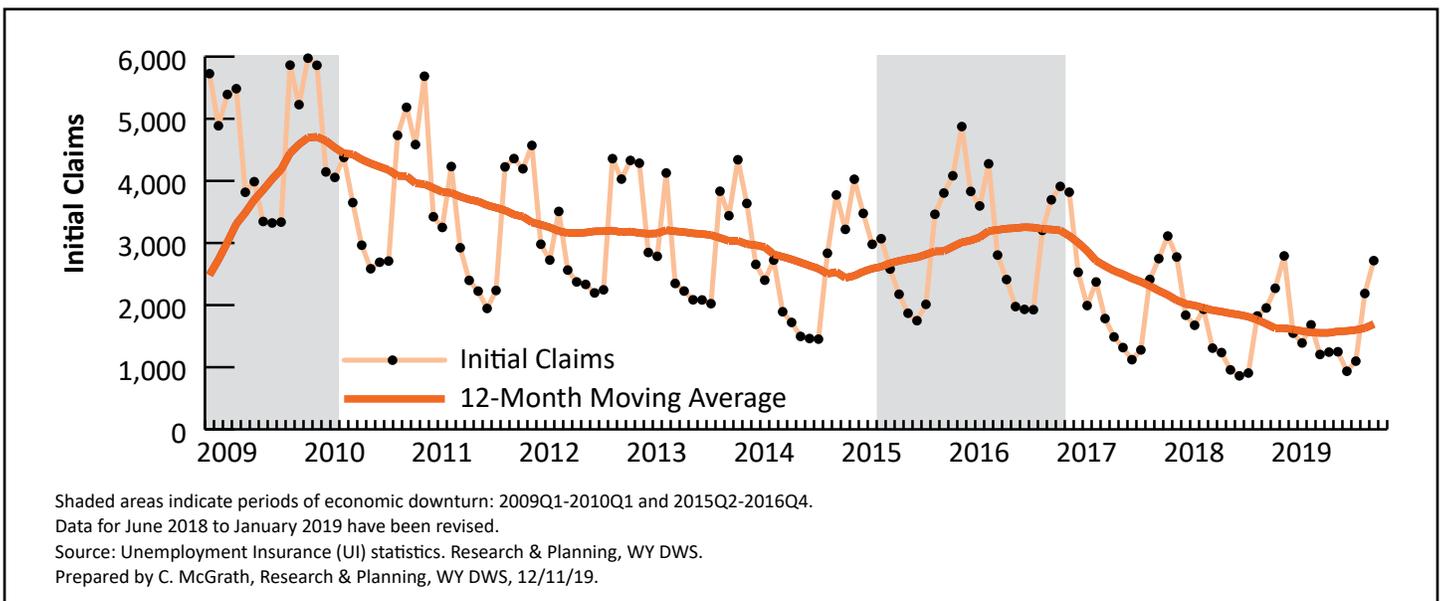


Figure 1: Total Number of Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by Year and Month, January 2009 to November 2019

Table 1: Wyoming Normalized Unemployment Insurance Statistics: Initial Claims

	Claims Filed			Percent Change Claims Filed		Difference
	Nov-19	Oct-19	Nov-18	Nov-19 Oct-19	Nov-19 Nov-18	Nov-19 Nov-18
<u>Wyoming Statewide</u>						
Total Claims Filed	2,715	2,223	2,121	22.1	28.0	594
Goods-Producing	1,097	726	810	51.1	35.4	287
Natural Resources and Mining (11,21)	211	166	93	27.1	126.9	118
Mining (21)	190	159	63	19.5	201.6	127
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	16	5	7	220.0	128.6	9
Construction (23)	817	516	667	58.3	22.5	150
Manufacturing (31 - 33)	68	43	48	58.1	41.7	20
Service-Providing	1,082	1,056	886	2.5	22.1	196
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	251	180	181	39.4	38.7	70
Wholesale Trade (42)	36	25	21	44.0	71.4	15
Retail Trade (44 - 45)	102	71	100	43.7	2.0	2
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (22,48 - 49)	113	84	60	34.5	88.3	53
Information (51)	9	5	7	80.0	28.6	2
Financial Activities (52, 53)	29	22	28	31.8	3.6	1
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	262	162	212	61.7	23.6	50
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	64	54	50	18.5	28.0	14
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	433	600	377	-27.8	14.9	56
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	27	29	24	-6.9	12.5	3
Government	257	200	184	28.5	39.7	73
Federal Government	166	121	122	37.2	36.1	44
State Government	15	11	5	36.4	200.0	10
Local Government	75	68	56	10.3	33.9	19
Local Education	14	7	12	100.0	16.7	2
Unclassified	278	239	240	16.3	15.8	38
<u>Laramie County (Place of Residence)</u>						
Total Claims Filed	402	223	291	80.3	38.1	111
Goods-Producing	188	107	150	75.7	25.3	38
Construction	169	96	140	76.0	20.7	29
Service-Providing	160	82	94	95.1	70.2	66
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	49	24	21	104.2	133.3	28
Financial Activities (52, 53)	5	2	2	150.0	150.0	3
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	64	32	37	100.0	73.0	27
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	15	8	10	87.5	50.0	5
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	11	7	14	57.1	-21.4	-3
Government	17	6	10	183.3	70.0	7
Unclassified	36	26	35	38.5	2.9	1
<u>Natrona County (Place of Residence)</u>						
Total Claims Filed	342	281	260	21.7	31.5	82
Goods-Producing	182	155	124	17.4	46.8	58
Construction	137	116	106	18.1	29.2	31
Service-Providing	128	93	117	37.6	9.4	11
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	47	29	30	62.1	56.7	17
Financial Activities (52, 53)	2	1	3	100.0	-33.3	-1
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	44	24	35	83.3	25.7	9
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	10	11	12	-9.1	-16.7	-2
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	18	10	26	80.0	-30.8	-8
Government	9	6	5	50.0	80.0	4
Unclassified	20	25	12	-20.0	66.7	8

Figure 2: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry, November 2019

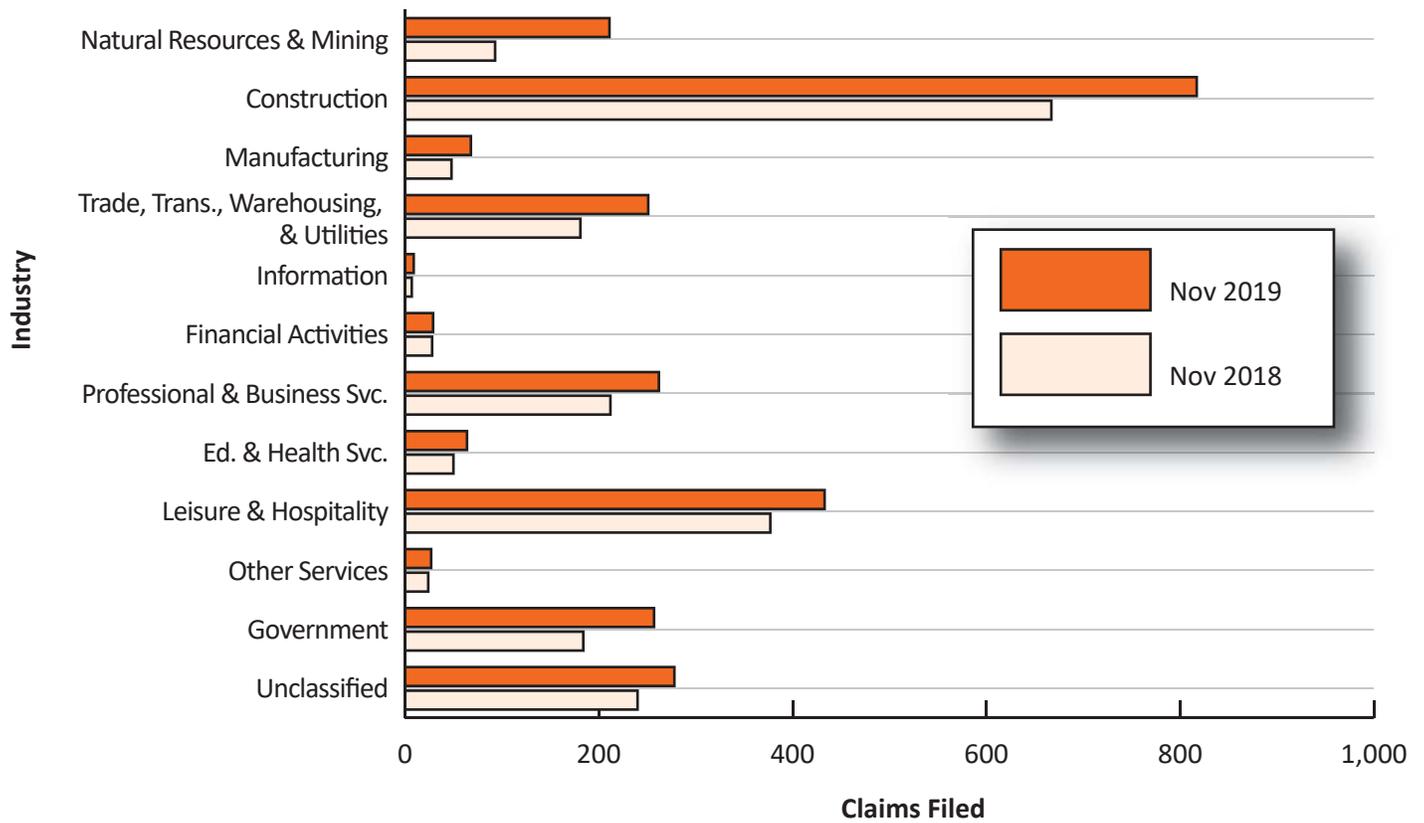
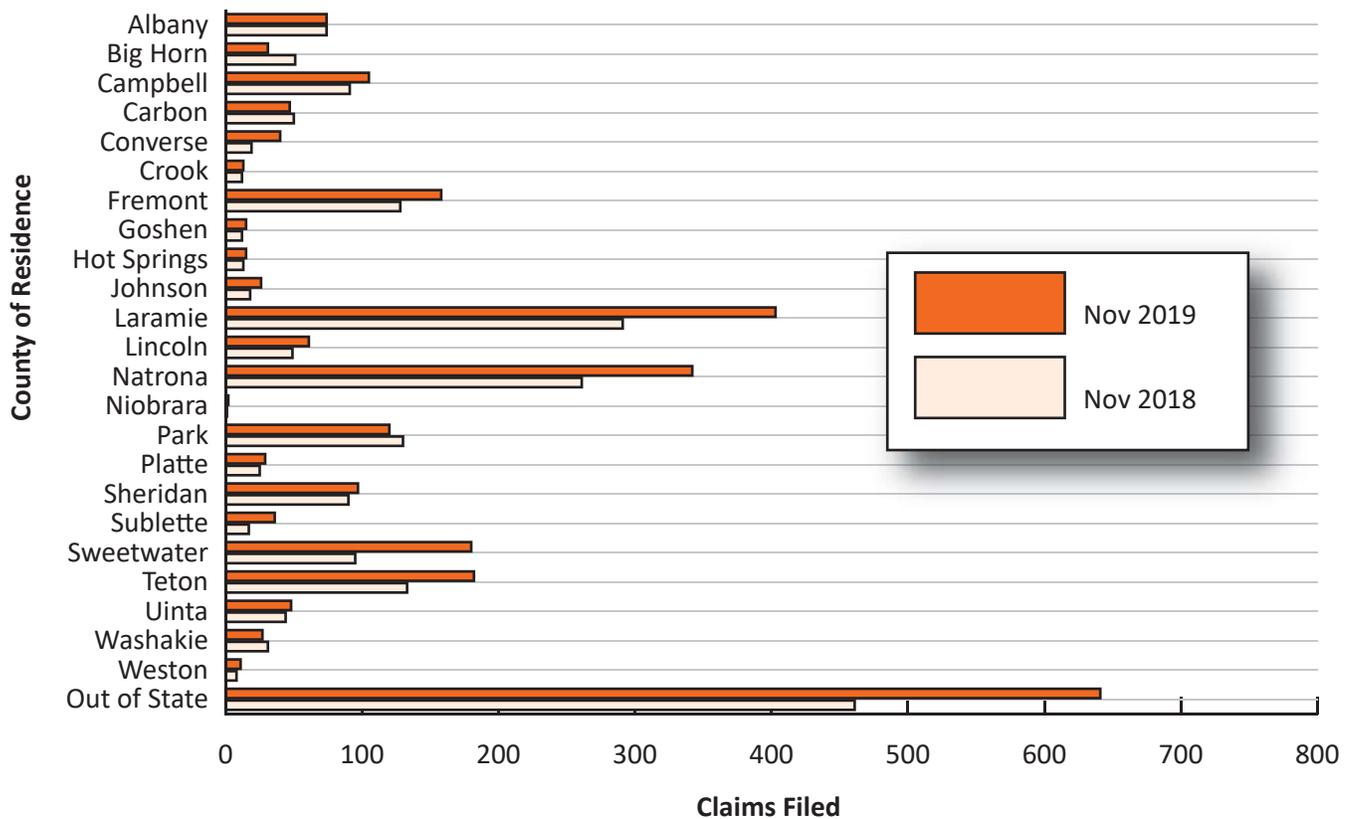


Figure 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, November 2019



Source: Research & Planning, Wyoming Department of Workforce Services. Retrieved from <https://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/ui.htm>.

Table 2: Wyoming Normalized Unemployment Insurance Statistics: Continued Claims

	Claims Filed			Percent Change Claims		Difference
	Nov-19	Oct-19	Nov-18	Nov-19 Oct-19	Nov-19 Nov-18	Nov-19 Nov-18
<u>Wyoming Statewide</u>						
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	11,878	7,758	10,644	53.1	11.6	1,234
Total Unique Claimants	3,850	2,261	3,354	70.3	14.8	496
Benefit Exhaustions	348	256	390	35.9	-10.8	-42
Benefit Exhaustion Rates	9.0%	11.3%	11.6%	-2.3%	-2.6%	
Goods-Producing	3,604	2,510	2,319	43.6	55.4	1,285
Natural Resources and Mining (11,21)	1,026	861	511	19.2	100.8	515
Mining (21)	963	821	401	17.3	140.1	562
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	48	40	59	20.0	-18.6	-11
Construction (23)	2,184	1,285	1,553	70.0	40.6	631
Manufacturing (31 - 33)	392	362	254	8.3	54.3	138
Service-Providing	5,885	3,644	6,550	61.5	-10.2	-665
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	1,238	986	1,235	25.6	0.2	3
Wholesale Trade (42)	216	186	197	16.1	9.6	19
Retail Trade (44 - 45)	533	496	609	7.5	-12.5	-76
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (22,48 - 49)	489	304	429	60.9	14.0	60
Information (51)	68	57	141	19.3	-51.8	-73
Financial Activities (52, 53)	213	197	256	8.1	-16.8	-43
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	1,071	731	851	46.5	25.9	220
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	506	460	559	10.0	-9.5	-53
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	2,615	1,058	3,341	147.2	-21.7	-726
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	167	150	160	11.3	4.4	7
Government	1,071	649	1,046	65.0	2.4	25
Federal Government	461	109	479	322.9	-3.8	-18
State Government	96	81	88	18.5	9.1	8
Local Government	514	458	478	12.2	7.5	36
Local Education	86	105	158	-18.1	-45.6	-72
Unclassified	1,316	953	727	38.1	81.0	589
<u>Laramie County (Place of Residence)</u>						
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	1,224	962	1,113	27.2	10.0	111
Total Unique Claimants	464	271	372	71.2	24.7	92
Goods-Producing	353	188	332	87.8	6.3	21
Construction	322	161	287	100.0	12.2	35
Service-Providing	676	569	665	18.8	1.7	11
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	232	162	175	43.2	32.6	57
Financial Activities (52, 53)	60	63	58	-4.8	3.4	2
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	169	149	181	13.4	-6.6	-12
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	84	79	87	6.3	-3.4	-3
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	58	49	84	18.4	-31.0	-26
Government	87	96	61	-9.4	42.6	26
Unclassified	106	107	54	-0.9	96.3	52
<u>Natrona County (Place of Residence)</u>						
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	1,551	1,127	1,159	37.6	33.8	392
Total Unique Claimants	516	312	382	65.4	35.1	134
Goods-Producing	668	422	312	58.3	114.1	356
Construction	386	204	220	89.2	75.5	166
Service-Providing	671	548	778	22.4	-13.8	-107
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	177	174	184	1.7	-3.8	-7
Financial Activities (52, 53)	20	21	63	-4.8	-68.3	-43
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	199	124	100	60.5	99.0	99
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	110	108	137	1.9	-19.7	-27
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	90	60	219	50.0	-58.9	-129
Government	55	41	21	34.1	161.9	34
Unclassified	155	115	46	34.8	237.0	109

Figure 4: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry, November 2019

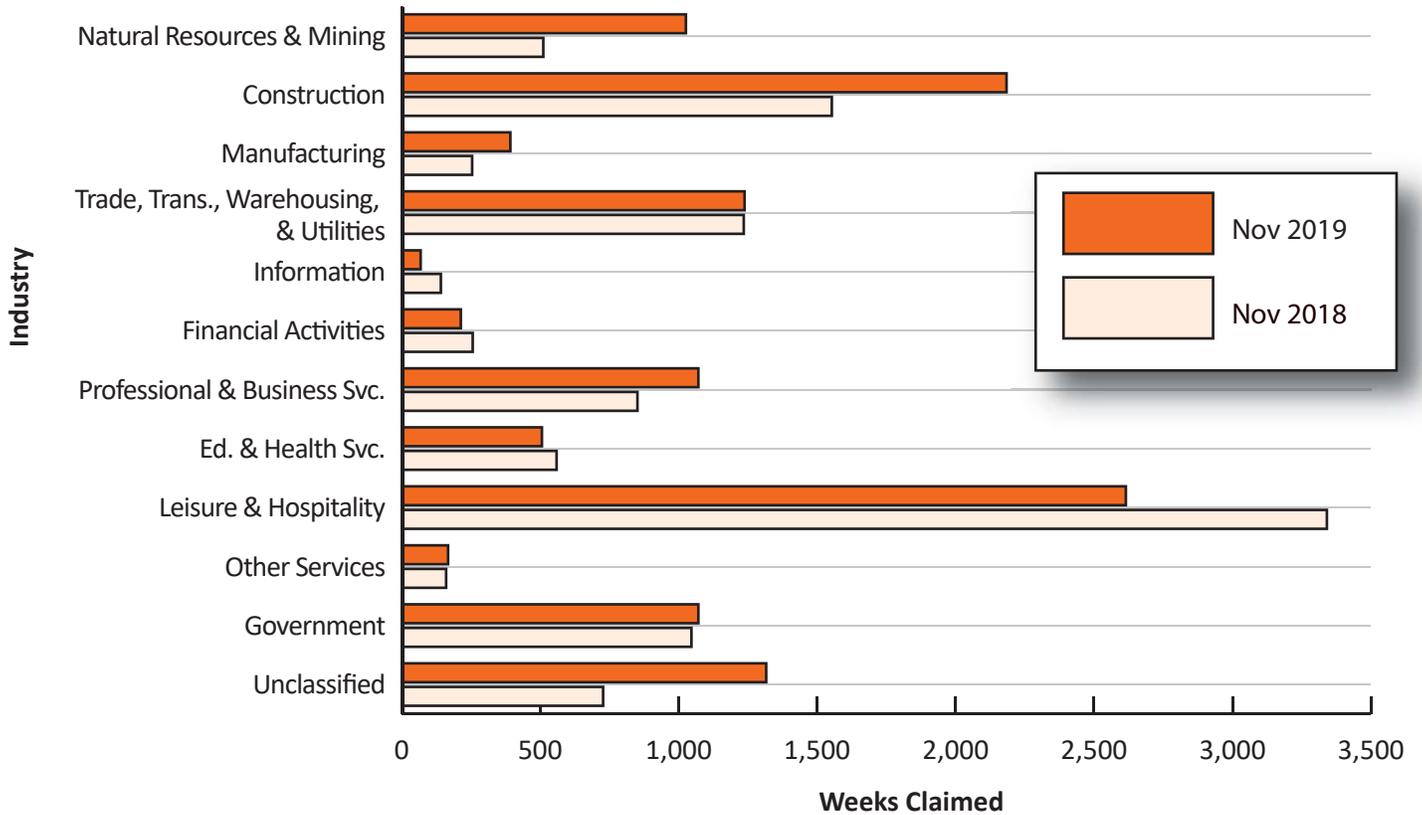
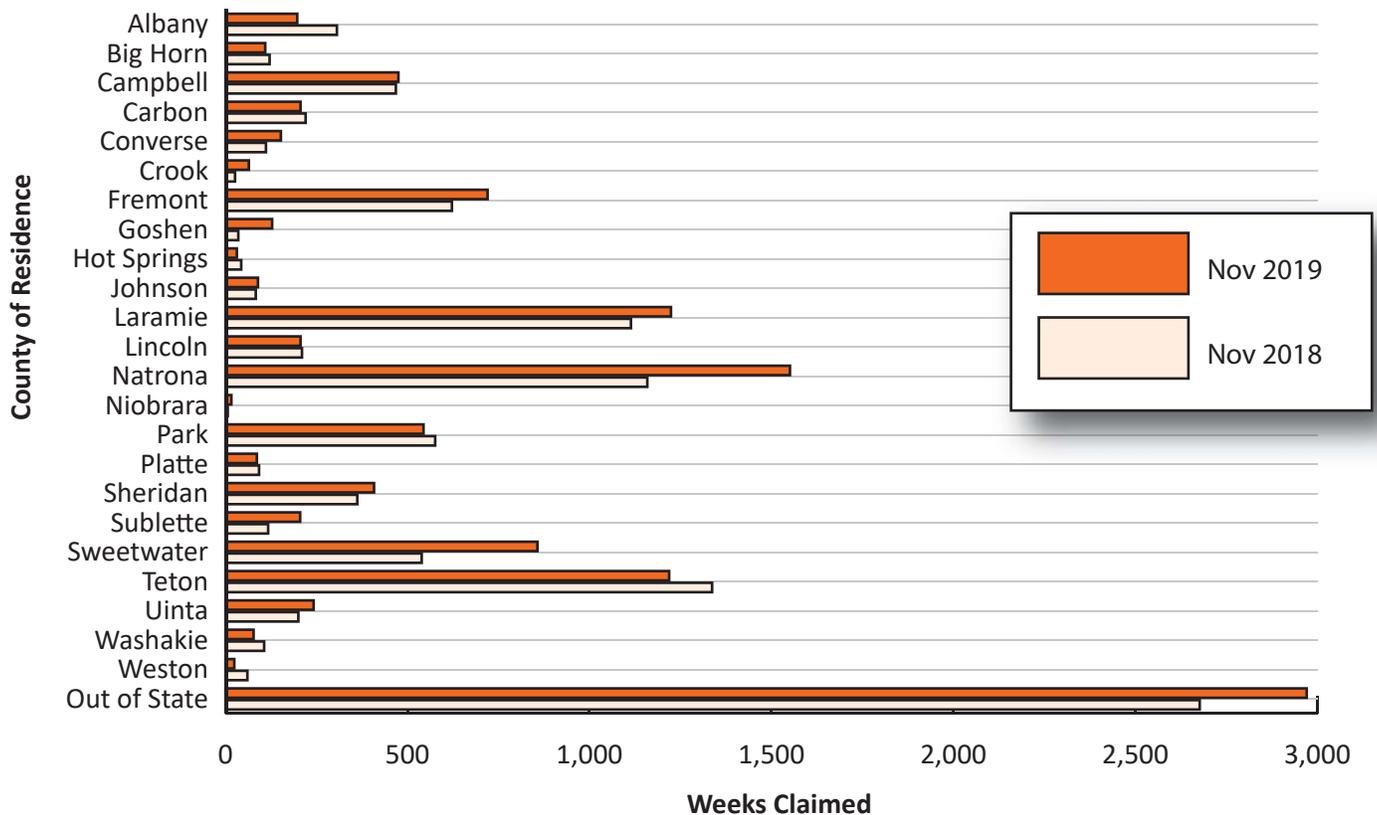


Figure 5: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, November 2019



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**Table 3: Wyoming Normalized^a Unemployment Statistics:
Continued Claims by County of Residence, November 2019**

County	Nov 19	Nov 18	Over-the-Year Change	
			N	%
Albany	197	306	-109	-35.6
Big Horn	109	121	-12	-9.9
Campbell	475	468	7	1.5
Carbon	206	220	-14	-6.4
Converse	152	111	41	36.9
Crook	64	26	38	146.2
Fremont	720	622	98	15.8
Goshen	128	35	93	265.7
Hot Springs	31	43	-12	-27.9
Johnson	89	83	6	7.2
Laramie	1,224	1,114	110	9.9
Lincoln	206	210	-4	-1.9
Natrona	1,551	1,159	392	33.8
Niobrara	16	6	10	166.7
Park	544	576	-32	-5.6
Platte	86	92	-6	-6.5
Sheridan	408	362	46	12.7
Sublette	205	117	88	75.2
Sweetwater	857	539	318	59.0
Teton	1,219	1,337	-118	-8.8
Uinta	242	200	42	21.0
Washakie	77	106	-29	-27.4
Weston	24	60	-36	-60.0
Unknown	77	53	24	45.3
Out of State	2,971	2,677	294	11.0
Normalized Total^a	11,878	10,644	1,234	11.6
Real Total^b	10,973	9,833	1,140	11.6

^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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