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Initial Claims Down, Continued Claims Up in January 2020

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Wyoming had 2,766 initial Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims in Wyoming in January 2020, down 2.6% (75 fewer claims) over the year. Initial claims had shown a double-digit percentage increase from prior-year levels in five of the previous six quarters.

the-year increases were seen in Sweetwater (32, or 16.8%), Big Horn (19, or 45.8%), and Campbell (16, or 10.6%) counties. The number of out-of-state claimants increased by 73 (19.0%). The greatest decreases were seen in Sheridan (-42, or -22.5%) and Park (-41, or -22.4%) counties. See *Figure 3 (page 5)*.

Initial Claims

Over the year, the largest increases in initial claims were seen in construction (122 claims, or 13.5%) and natural resources & mining (90 claims, or 66.7%). The most substantial decrease in initial claims was in federal government (-363 claims, or -80.8%). The large number of initial claims in federal government in January 2019 was due in part to the federal government shutdown that lasted from December 22, 2018, to January 25, 2019¹. See *Table 1 (page 4)* and *Figure 2 (page 5)*.

At the county level, the greatest over-

Continued Claims

Continued weeks claimed increased by 1,431 (8.8%) while the total number of unique claimants increased by 235 (5.4%). The number of claimants who exhausted their benefits increased by five (1.0%). The 17,707 continued weeks claimed in January represented the highest monthly total since March 2018. See *Table 2 (page 6)*.

The largest increases were seen in natural resources & mining (935 weeks, or 110.0%) and construction (733 weeks, or 14.5%). The greatest decreases were seen in federal government (-781 weeks, or 48.0%), followed by leisure & hospitality (-351 weeks, or -20.2%) and professional & business services (-284 weeks, or -15.0%). See *Figure 4 (page 7)*.

¹ Manning, P., and Moore, M. Wyoming Unemployment Insurance Claims Report, January 2019. Research & Planning, WY DWS. Retrieved February 11, 2020, from https://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/UI/UI_Claims_0119.pdf

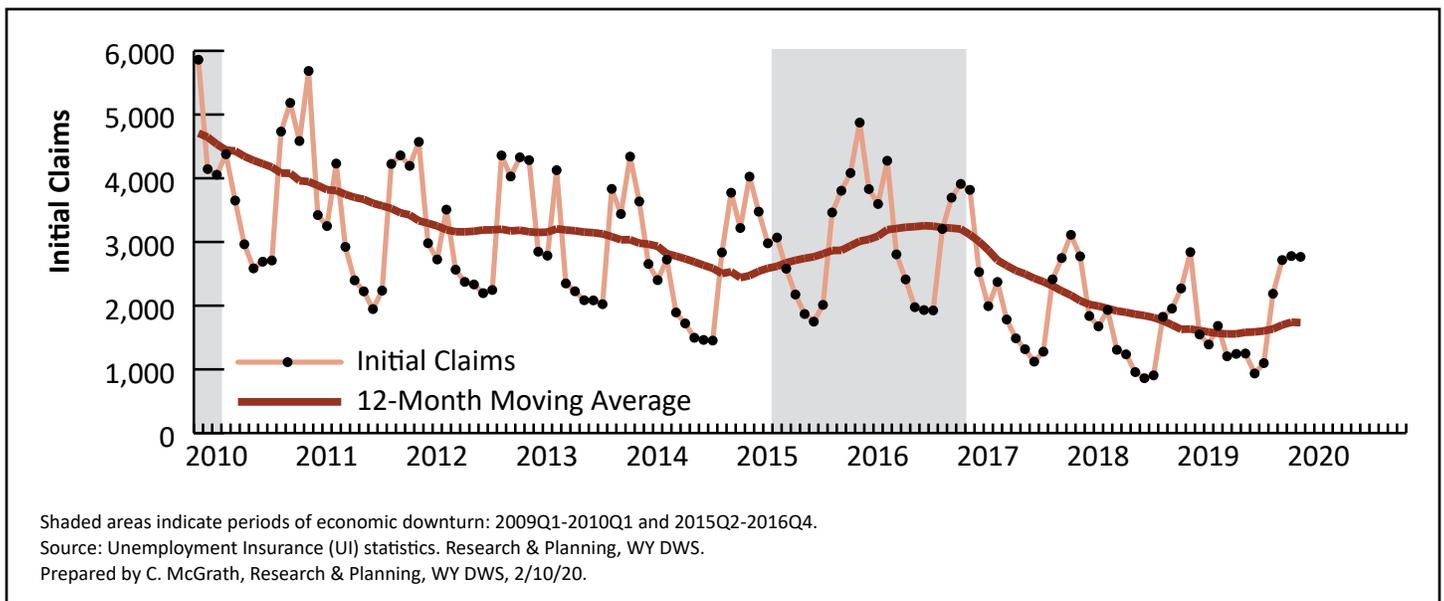


Figure 1: Total Number of Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by Year and Month, January 2010 to January 2020

Table 1: Wyoming Normalized Unemployment Insurance Statistics: Initial Claims

| | Claims Filed | | | Percent Change Claims Filed | | Difference Jan-20 Jan-19 |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|
| | Jan-20 | Dec-19 | Jan-19 | Jan-20 Dec-19 | Jan-20 Jan-19 | |
| | | | | | | |
| <u>Wyoming Statewide</u> | | | | | | |
| Total Claims Filed | 2,766 | 2,779 | 2,841 | -0.5 | -2.6 | -75 |
| Goods-Producing | 1,362 | 1,481 | 1,150 | -8.0 | 18.4 | 212 |
| Natural Resources and Mining (11,21) | 225 | 285 | 135 | -21.1 | 66.7 | 90 |
| Mining (21) | 206 | 263 | 121 | -21.7 | 70.2 | 85 |
| Oil & Gas Extraction (211) | 7 | 6 | 6 | 16.7 | 16.7 | 1 |
| Construction (23) | 1,023 | 1,099 | 901 | -6.9 | 13.5 | 122 |
| Manufacturing (31 - 33) | 111 | 96 | 112 | 15.6 | -0.9 | -1 |
| Service-Providing | 935 | 783 | 899 | 19.4 | 4.0 | 36 |
| Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49) | 314 | 209 | 260 | 50.2 | 20.8 | 54 |
| Wholesale Trade (42) | 38 | 34 | 29 | 11.8 | 31.0 | 9 |
| Retail Trade (44 - 45) | 148 | 86 | 148 | 72.1 | 0.0 | 0 |
| Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (22,48 - 49) | 128 | 89 | 83 | 43.8 | 54.2 | 45 |
| Information (51) | 8 | 5 | 18 | 60.0 | -55.6 | -10 |
| Financial Activities (52, 53) | 39 | 31 | 37 | 25.8 | 5.4 | 2 |
| Professional and Business Services (54 - 56) | 249 | 227 | 255 | 9.7 | -2.4 | -6 |
| Educational and Health Services (61 - 62) | 86 | 79 | 90 | 8.9 | -4.4 | -4 |
| Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72) | 191 | 195 | 195 | -2.1 | -2.1 | -4 |
| Other Services, except Public Admin. (81) | 43 | 31 | 37 | 38.7 | 16.2 | 6 |
| Government | 177 | 191 | 556 | -7.3 | -68.2 | -379 |
| Federal Government | 86 | 122 | 449 | -29.5 | -80.8 | -363 |
| State Government | 17 | 11 | 25 | 54.5 | -32.0 | -8 |
| Local Government | 73 | 57 | 82 | 28.1 | -11.0 | -9 |
| Local Education | 14 | 15 | 9 | -6.7 | 55.6 | 5 |
| Unclassified | 291 | 322 | 234 | -9.6 | 24.4 | 57 |
| <u>Laramie County (Place of Residence)</u> | | | | | | |
| Total Claims Filed | 372 | 418 | 362 | -11.0 | 2.8 | 10 |
| Goods-Producing | 159 | 261 | 155 | -39.1 | 2.6 | 4 |
| Construction | 141 | 224 | 143 | -37.1 | -1.4 | -2 |
| Service-Providing | 153 | 94 | 130 | 62.8 | 17.7 | 23 |
| Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49) | 44 | 29 | 32 | 51.7 | 37.5 | 12 |
| Financial Activities (52, 53) | 7 | 1 | 3 | 600.0 | 133.3 | 4 |
| Professional and Business Services (54 - 56) | 53 | 29 | 49 | 82.8 | 8.2 | 4 |
| Educational and Health Services (61 - 62) | 19 | 6 | 18 | 216.7 | 5.6 | 1 |
| Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72) | 19 | 20 | 12 | -5.0 | 58.3 | 7 |
| Government | 23 | 15 | 51 | 53.3 | -54.9 | -28 |
| Unclassified | 36 | 47 | 24 | -23.4 | 50.0 | 12 |
| <u>Natrona County (Place of Residence)</u> | | | | | | |
| Total Claims Filed | 394 | 427 | 401 | -7.7 | -1.7 | -7 |
| Goods-Producing | 213 | 242 | 172 | -12.0 | 23.8 | 41 |
| Construction | 160 | 188 | 141 | -14.9 | 13.5 | 19 |
| Service-Providing | 148 | 155 | 159 | -4.5 | -6.9 | -11 |
| Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49) | 53 | 51 | 49 | 3.9 | 8.2 | 4 |
| Financial Activities (52, 53) | 6 | 9 | 8 | -33.3 | -25.0 | -2 |
| Professional and Business Services (54 - 56) | 40 | 31 | 50 | 29.0 | -20.0 | -10 |
| Educational and Health Services (61 - 62) | 16 | 19 | 21 | -15.8 | -23.8 | -5 |
| Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72) | 19 | 32 | 14 | -40.6 | 35.7 | 5 |
| Government | 4 | 6 | 48 | -33.3 | -91.7 | -44 |
| Unclassified | 29 | 22 | 21 | 31.8 | 38.1 | 8 |

Figure 2: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry, January 2020

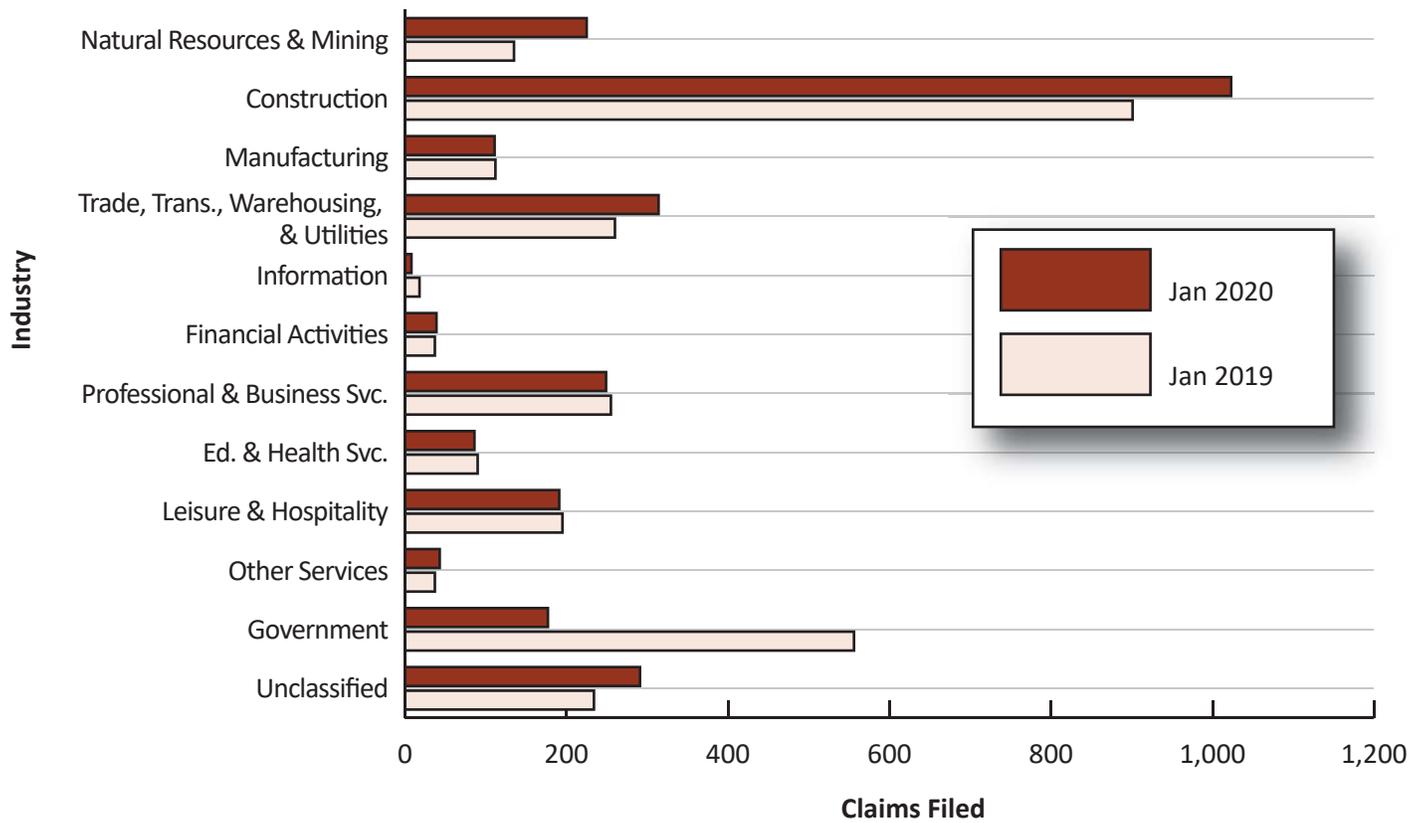
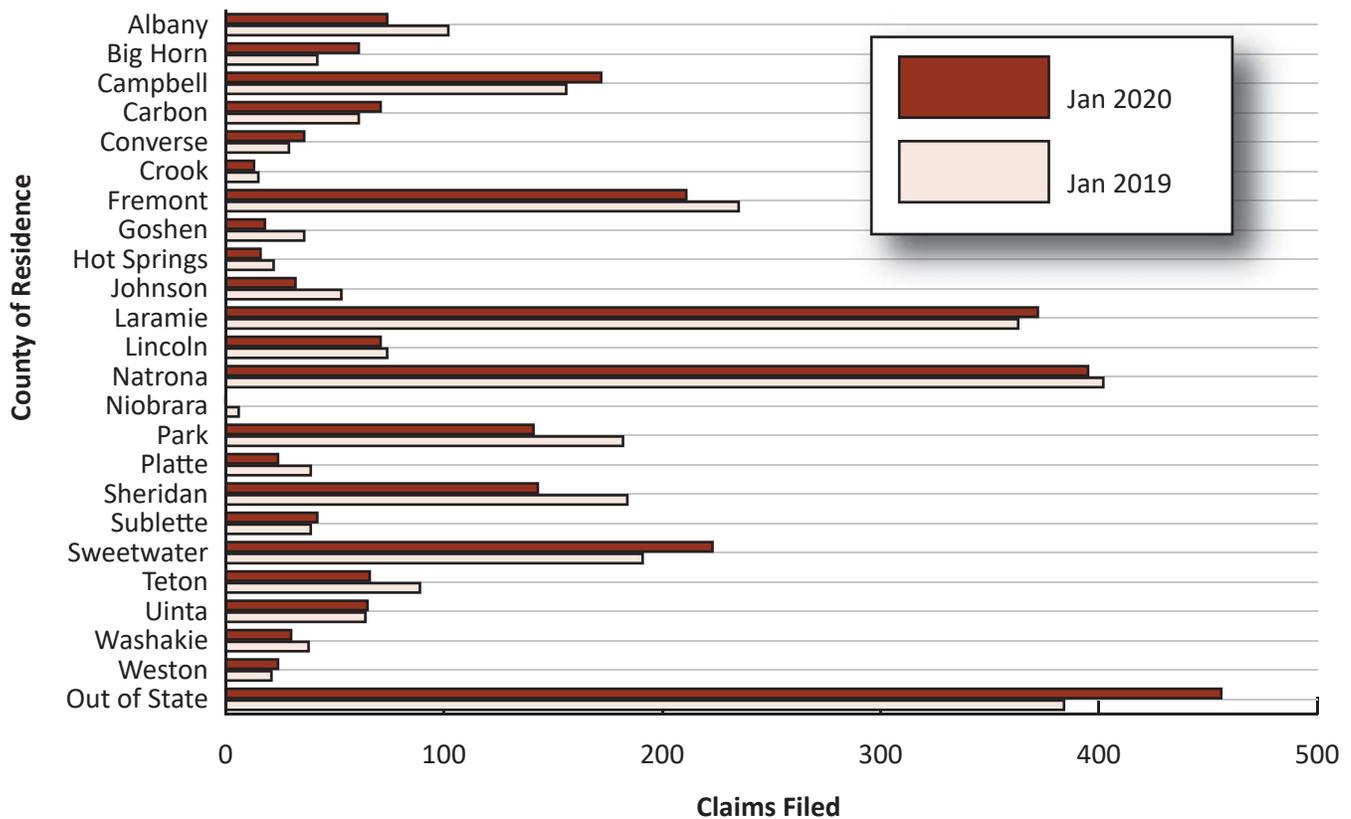


Figure 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, January 2020



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 |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | Jan-20 | Dec-19 | Jan-19 | Jan-20 Dec-19 | Jan-20 Jan-19 | Jan-20 Jan-19 |
| <u>Wyoming Statewide</u> | | | | | | |
| Total Continued Weeks Claimed | 17,707 | 14,833 | 16,276 | 19.4 | 8.8 | 1,431 |
| Total Unique Claimants | 4,564 | 4,798 | 4,329 | -4.9 | 5.4 | 235 |
| Benefit Exhaustions | 484 | 449 | 479 | 7.8 | 1.0 | 5 |
| Benefit Exhaustion Rates | 10.6% | 9.4% | 11.1% | 1.2% | -0.5% | |
| Goods-Producing | 8,202 | 5,884 | 6,431 | 39.4 | 27.5 | 1,771 |
| Natural Resources and Mining (11,21) | 1,785 | 1,480 | 850 | 20.6 | 110.0 | 935 |
| Mining (21) | 1,609 | 1,356 | 682 | 18.7 | 135.9 | 927 |
| Oil & Gas Extraction (211) | 79 | 77 | 86 | 2.6 | -8.1 | -7 |
| Construction (23) | 5,771 | 3,943 | 5,038 | 46.4 | 14.5 | 733 |
| Manufacturing (31 - 33) | 645 | 460 | 542 | 40.2 | 19.0 | 103 |
| Service-Providing | 5,667 | 5,630 | 6,324 | 0.7 | -10.4 | -657 |
| Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49) | 1,521 | 1,415 | 1,485 | 7.5 | 2.4 | 36 |
| Wholesale Trade (42) | 241 | 252 | 240 | -4.4 | 0.4 | 1 |
| Retail Trade (44 - 45) | 704 | 621 | 766 | 13.4 | -8.1 | -62 |
| Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (22,48 - 49) | 576 | 542 | 479 | 6.3 | 20.3 | 97 |
| Information (51) | 90 | 83 | 148 | 8.4 | -39.2 | -58 |
| Financial Activities (52, 53) | 277 | 233 | 226 | 18.9 | 22.6 | 51 |
| Professional and Business Services (54 - 56) | 1,612 | 1,361 | 1,896 | 18.4 | -15.0 | -284 |
| Educational and Health Services (61 - 62) | 545 | 489 | 579 | 11.5 | -5.9 | -34 |
| Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72) | 1,386 | 1,855 | 1,737 | -25.3 | -20.2 | -351 |
| Other Services, except Public Admin. (81) | 230 | 187 | 245 | 23.0 | -6.1 | -15 |
| Government | 1,562 | 1,480 | 2,345 | 5.5 | -33.4 | -783 |
| Federal Government | 845 | 775 | 1,626 | 9.0 | -48.0 | -781 |
| State Government | 122 | 109 | 121 | 11.9 | 0.8 | 1 |
| Local Government | 594 | 596 | 598 | -0.3 | -0.7 | -4 |
| Local Education | 103 | 111 | 119 | -7.2 | -13.4 | -16 |
| Unclassified | 2,274 | 1,838 | 1,174 | 23.7 | 93.7 | 1,100 |
| <u>Laramie County (Place of Residence)</u> | | | | | | |
| Total Continued Weeks Claimed | 2,206 | 1,793 | 2,183 | 23.0 | 1.1 | 23 |
| Total Unique Claimants | 572 | 627 | 575 | -8.8 | -0.5 | -3 |
| Goods-Producing | 1,145 | 789 | 943 | 45.1 | 21.4 | 202 |
| Construction | 1,025 | 726 | 885 | 41.2 | 15.8 | 140 |
| Service-Providing | 666 | 699 | 948 | -4.7 | -29.7 | -282 |
| Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49) | 202 | 216 | 199 | -6.5 | 1.5 | 3 |
| Financial Activities (52, 53) | 47 | 55 | 41 | -14.5 | 14.6 | 6 |
| Professional and Business Services (54 - 56) | 182 | 192 | 443 | -5.2 | -58.9 | -261 |
| Educational and Health Services (61 - 62) | 77 | 71 | 86 | 8.5 | -10.5 | -9 |
| Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72) | 80 | 81 | 89 | -1.2 | -10.1 | -9 |
| Government | 123 | 110 | 183 | 11.8 | -32.8 | -60 |
| Unclassified | 270 | 194 | 108 | 39.2 | 150.0 | 162 |
| <u>Natrona County (Place of Residence)</u> | | | | | | |
| Total Continued Weeks Claimed | 2,497 | 2,051 | 2,089 | 21.7 | 19.5 | 408 |
| Total Unique Claimants | 657 | 664 | 581 | -1.1 | 13.1 | 76 |
| Goods-Producing | 1,264 | 1,008 | 818 | 25.4 | 54.5 | 446 |
| Construction | 892 | 662 | 654 | 34.7 | 36.4 | 238 |
| Service-Providing | 949 | 790 | 1,086 | 20.1 | -12.6 | -137 |
| Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49) | 301 | 253 | 259 | 19.0 | 16.2 | 42 |
| Financial Activities (52, 53) | 50 | 21 | 49 | 138.1 | 2.0 | 1 |
| Professional and Business Services (54 - 56) | 271 | 236 | 303 | 14.8 | -10.6 | -32 |
| Educational and Health Services (61 - 62) | 110 | 95 | 161 | 15.8 | -31.7 | -51 |
| Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72) | 142 | 114 | 211 | 24.6 | -32.7 | -69 |
| Government | 72 | 75 | 118 | -4.0 | -39.0 | -46 |
| Unclassified | 211 | 176 | 65 | 19.9 | 224.6 | 146 |

Figure 4: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry, January 2020

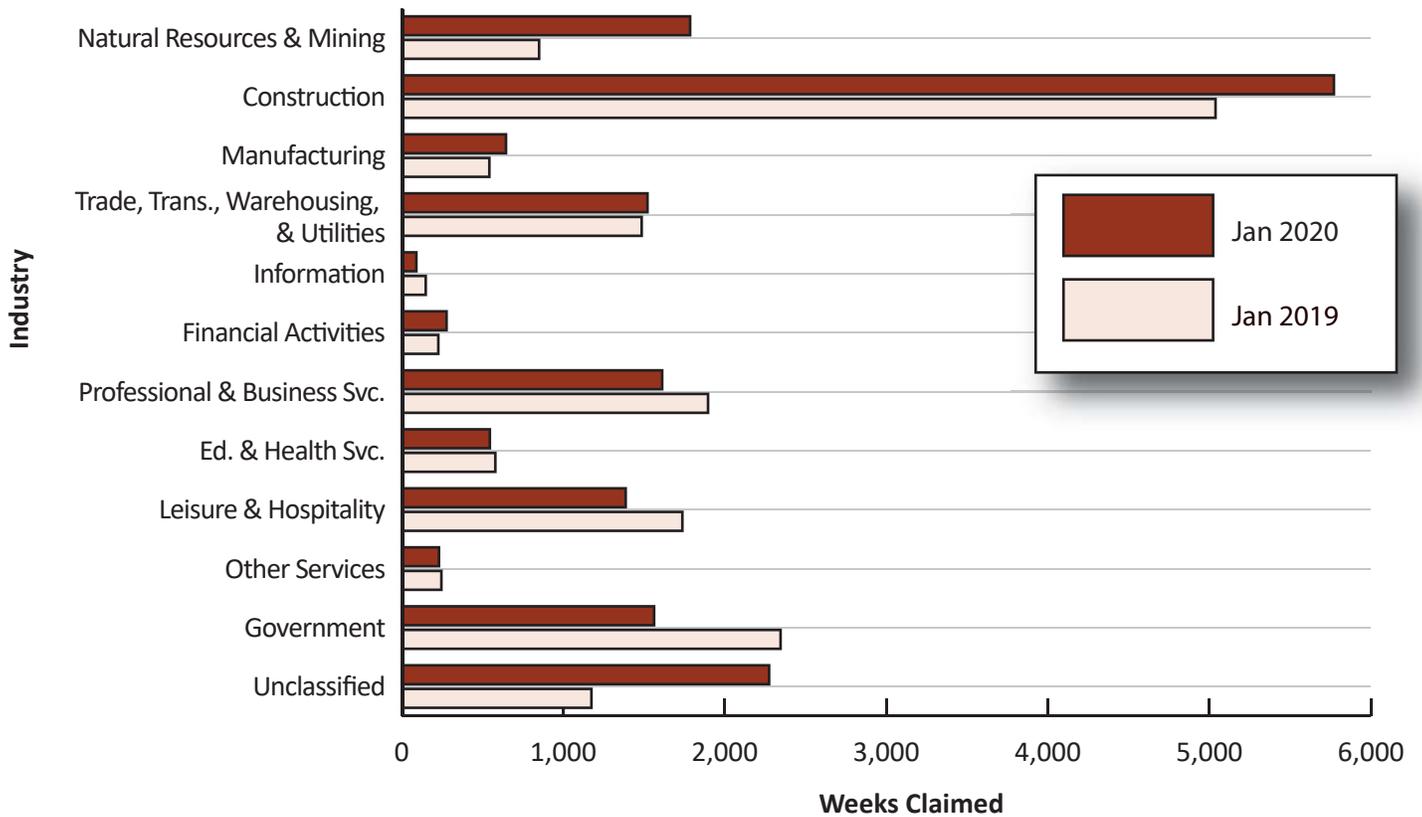
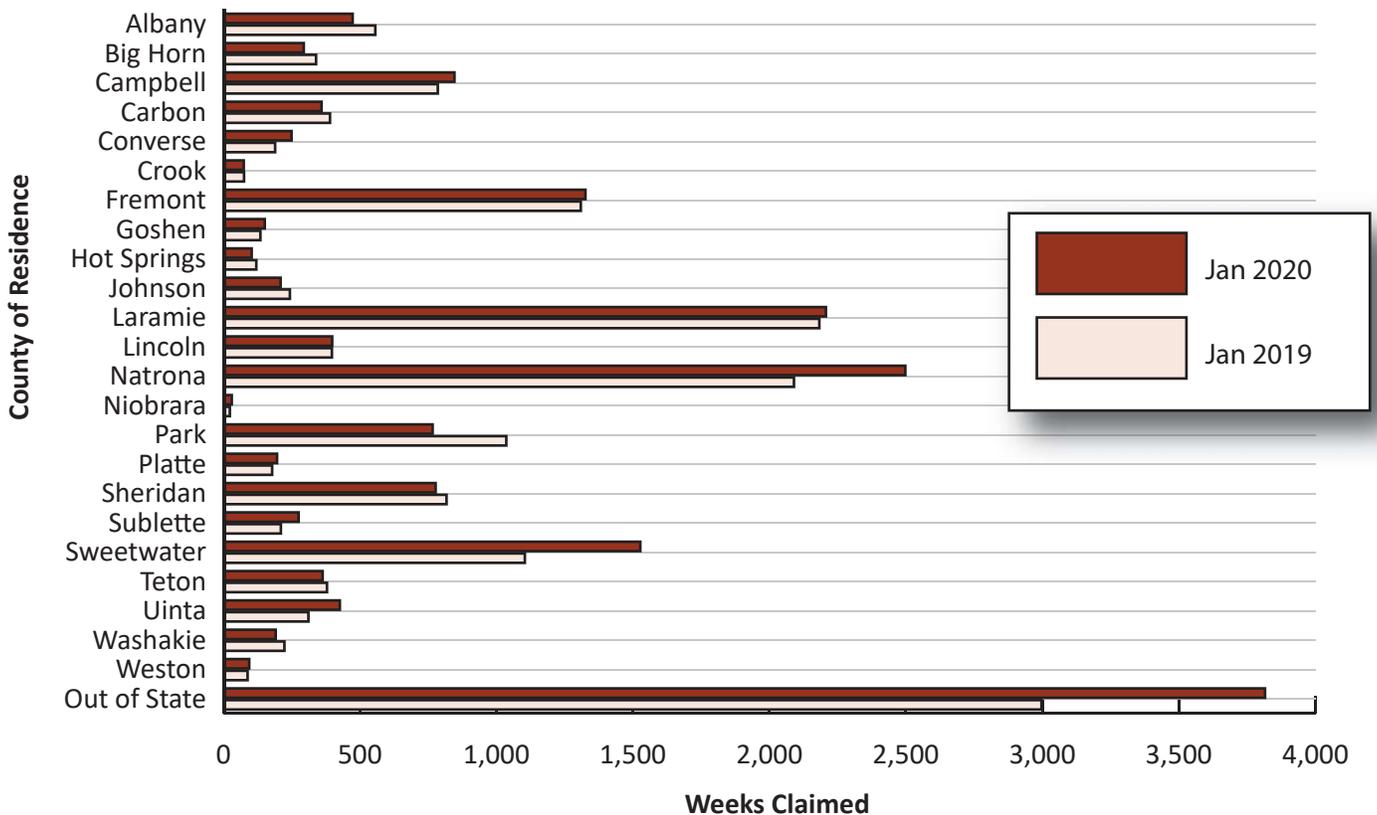


Figure 5: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, January 2020



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Table 3: Wyoming Normalized^a Unemployment Statistics:
Continued Claims by County of Residence, January 2020

| County | Jan 20 | Jan 19 | Over-the-Year Change | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------|------------|
| | | | N | % |
| Albany | 473 | 556 | -83 | -14.9 |
| Big Horn | 294 | 339 | -45 | -13.3 |
| Campbell | 846 | 785 | 61 | 7.8 |
| Carbon | 359 | 390 | -31 | -7.9 |
| Converse | 249 | 189 | 60 | 31.7 |
| Crook | 74 | 75 | -1 | -1.3 |
| Fremont | 1,326 | 1,309 | 17 | 1.3 |
| Goshen | 151 | 135 | 16 | 11.9 |
| Hot Springs | 103 | 120 | -17 | -14.2 |
| Johnson | 209 | 243 | -34 | -14.0 |
| Laramie | 2,207 | 2,183 | 24 | 1.1 |
| Lincoln | 398 | 397 | 1 | 0.3 |
| Natrona | 2,498 | 2,090 | 408 | 19.5 |
| Niobrara | 30 | 23 | 7 | 30.4 |
| Park | 766 | 1,036 | -270 | -26.1 |
| Platte | 196 | 178 | 18 | 10.1 |
| Sheridan | 777 | 817 | -40 | -4.9 |
| Sublette | 275 | 210 | 65 | 31.0 |
| Sweetwater | 1,527 | 1,104 | 423 | 38.3 |
| Teton | 363 | 379 | -16 | -4.2 |
| Uinta | 426 | 311 | 115 | 37.0 |
| Washakie | 191 | 223 | -32 | -14.3 |
| Weston | 94 | 88 | 6 | 6.8 |
| Unknown | 60 | 100 | -40 | -40.0 |
| Out of State | 3,816 | 2,997 | 819 | 27.3 |
| Normalized Total^a | 17,707 | 16,276 | 1,431 | 8.8 |
| Real Total^b | 20,447 | 18,795 | 1,652 | 8.8 |

^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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