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## Initial Claims Back on the Decline

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In February 2019, there were 1,547 initial Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims. This was a decrease of 15.8% (290 claims) compared to February 2018. Initial claims have declined from prior-year levels each month since September 2016, with the exception of January 2019, when total initial claims increased because of a substantial increase in claims in federal government due to the partial federal government shutdown that lasted from December 22, 2018, to January 25, 2019. Initial claims in federal government decreased from 696 in January 2019 to 23 in February 2019 (-673, or -96.7%).

### Initial Claims

Initial claims decreased over the year for several industries, including construction (-105, or -15.7%), government (-46, or -34.8%), and trade, transportation, warehousing, & utilities (-45, or -18.1%).

Increases were seen in information (seven, or 100.0%) and financial activities (five, or 19.2%). Initial claims decreased in all but three counties: Goshen (17, or 106.7%), Sublette (10, or 75.0%), and Carbon (six, or 19.4%).

### Continued Claims

The total number of unique claimants with continued claims decreased from 5,691 to 4,627 (-1,064, or -18.7%), while the total number of continued weeks claimed decreased from 20,121 to 15,795 (-4,326, or -21.5%). Total continued weeks claimed have declined from prior-year levels during each month since November 2016.

Continued weeks claimed decreased in all industry sectors except information (57, or 52.3%). All counties experienced a decrease in continued claims or remained unchanged except Sweetwater (35, or 3.2%).

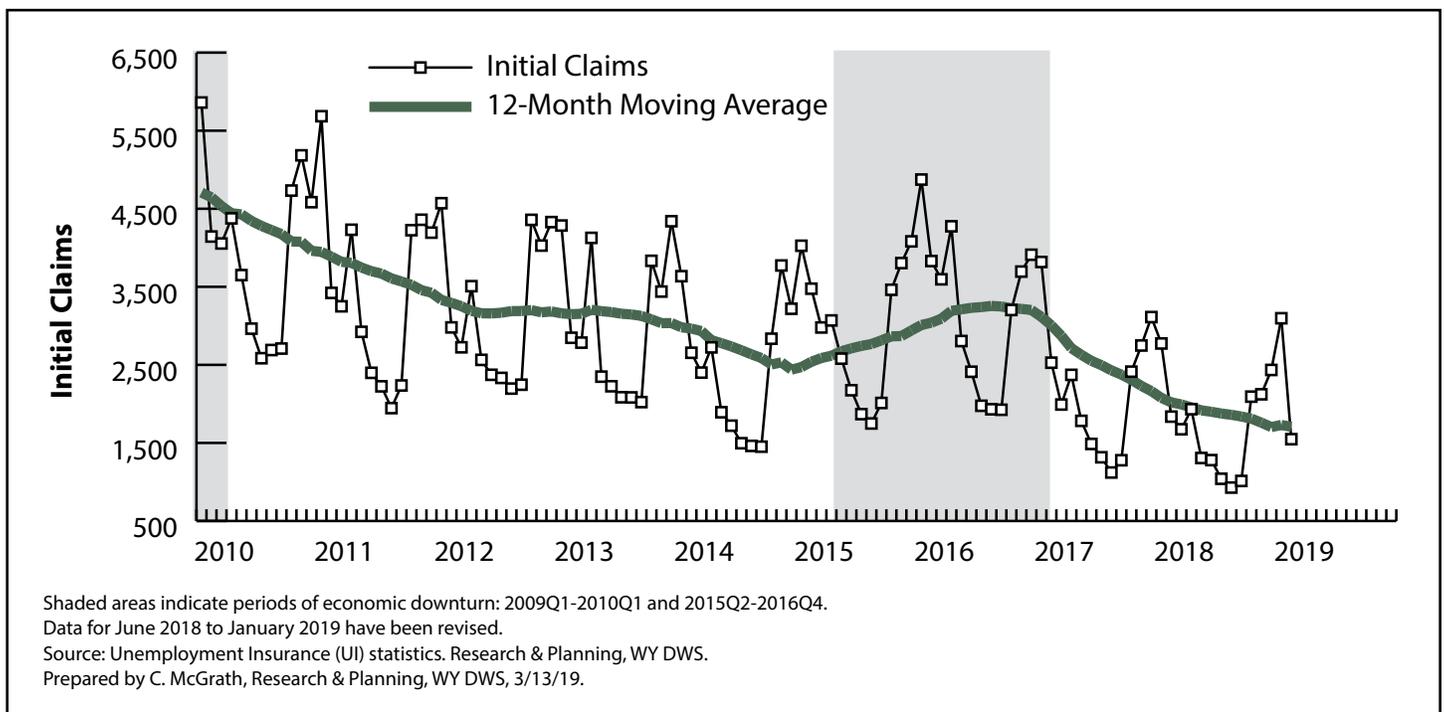
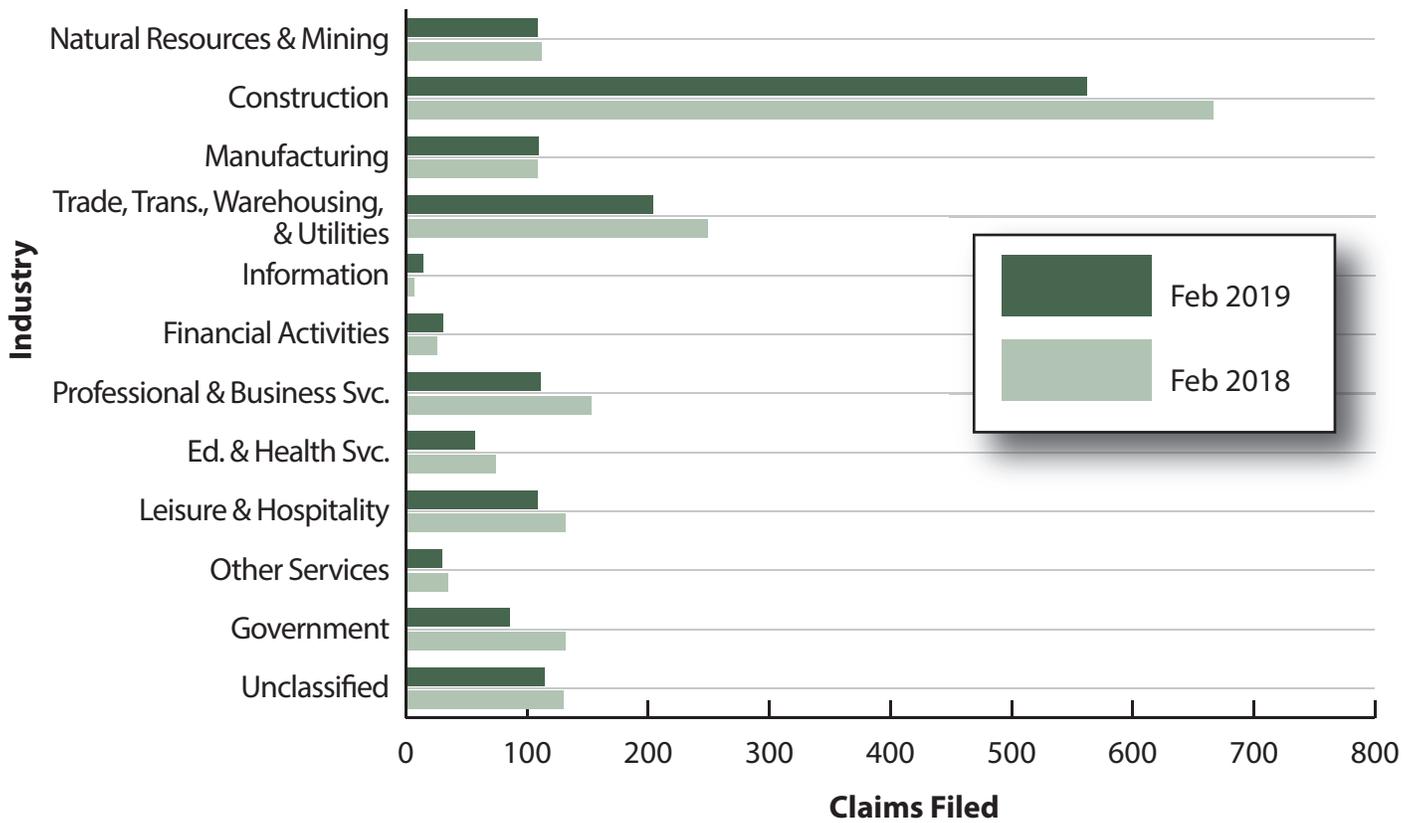


Figure 1: Total Number of New Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by Year and Month, January 2010 to February 2019

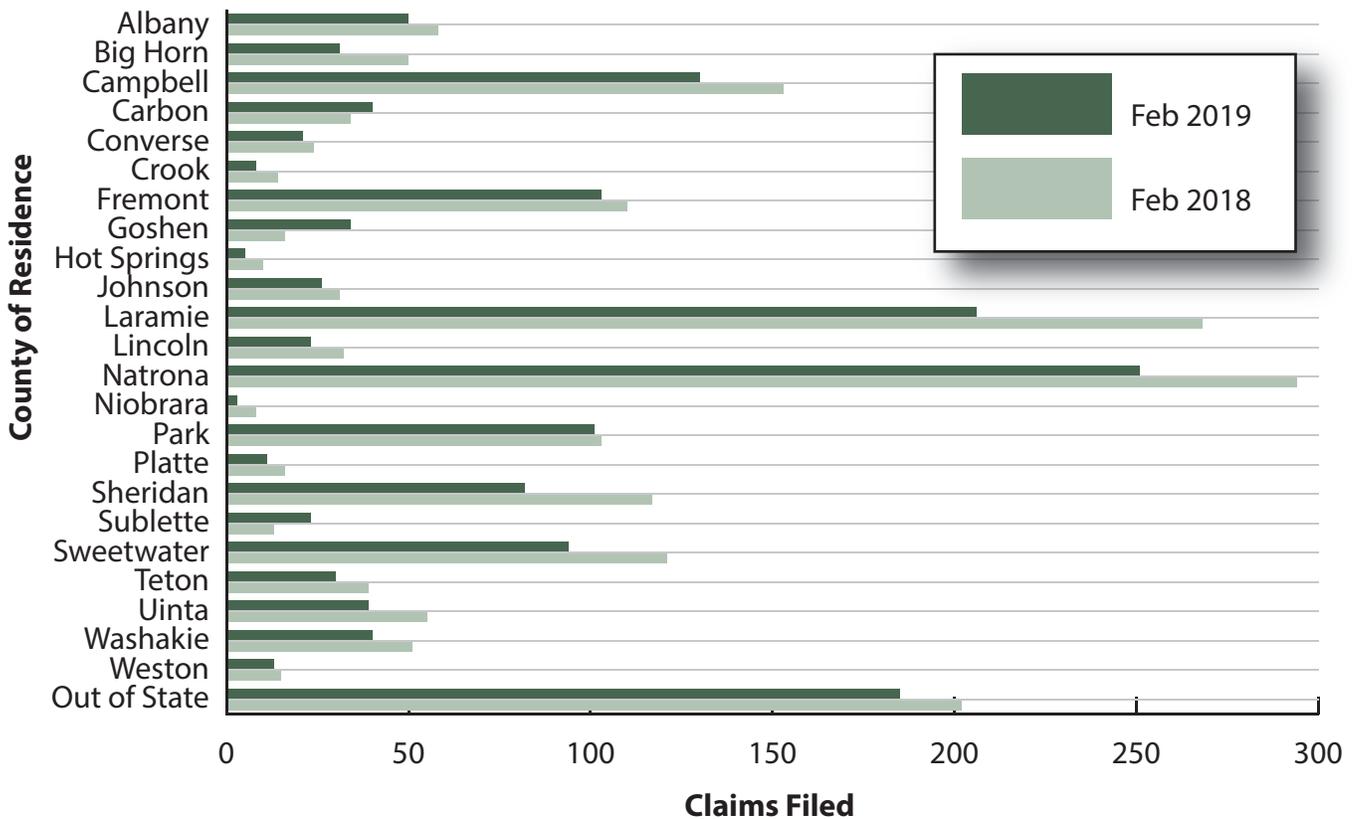
## Initial Claims Tables

	Claims Filed			Percent Change Claims Filed		Difference
	Feb-19	Jan-19	Feb-18	Feb-19 Jan-19	Feb-19 Feb-18	Feb-19 Feb-18
<b><u>Wyoming Statewide</u></b>						
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>1,547</b>	<b>3,145</b>	<b>1,837</b>	<b>-50.8</b>	<b>-15.8</b>	<b>-290</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>782</b>	<b>1,176</b>	<b>890</b>	<b>-33.5</b>	<b>-12.1</b>	<b>-108</b>
Natural Resources and Mining (11,21)	109	137	112	-20.4	-2.7	-3
Mining (21)	95	122	102	-22.1	-6.9	-7
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	10	5	3	100.0	233.3	7
Construction (23)	562	926	667	-39.3	-15.7	-105
Manufacturing (31 - 33)	110	111	109	-0.9	0.9	1
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>924</b>	<b>683</b>	<b>-39.2</b>	<b>-17.7</b>	<b>-121</b>
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	204	271	249	-24.7	-18.1	-45
Wholesale Trade (42)	31	30	29	3.3	6.9	2
Retail Trade (44 - 45)	109	153	112	-28.8	-2.7	-3
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (22,48 - 49)	64	88	108	-27.3	-40.7	-44
Information (51)	14	17	7	-17.6	100.0	7
Financial Activities (52, 53)	31	38	26	-18.4	19.2	5
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	111	262	153	-57.6	-27.5	-42
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	57	94	74	-39.4	-23.0	-17
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	109	199	132	-45.2	-17.4	-23
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	30	38	35	-21.1	-14.3	-5
<b>Government</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>804</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>-89.3</b>	<b>-34.8</b>	<b>-46</b>
Federal Government	23	696	53	-96.7	-56.6	-30
State Government	12	25	18	-52.0	-33.3	-6
Local Government	49	82	60	-40.2	-18.3	-11
Local Education	16	9	15	77.8	6.7	1
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>-51.9</b>	<b>-11.5</b>	<b>-15</b>
<b><u>Laramie County (Place of Residence)</u></b>						
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>-47.0</b>	<b>-23.5</b>	<b>-63</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>-31.8</b>	<b>-13.7</b>	<b>-17</b>
Construction	100	146	105	-31.5	-4.8	-5
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>-43.4</b>	<b>-31.3</b>	<b>-35</b>
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	24	36	44	-33.3	-45.5	-20
Financial Activities (52, 53)	3	3	3	0.0	0.0	0
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	23	49	33	-53.1	-30.3	-10
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	12	19	17	-36.8	-29.4	-5
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	6	12	8	-50.0	-25.0	-2
<b>Government</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>-88.7</b>	<b>-20.0</b>	<b>-2</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>-47.6</b>	<b>-45.0</b>	<b>-9</b>
<b><u>Natrona County (Place of Residence)</u></b>						
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>-42.7</b>	<b>-14.6</b>	<b>-43</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>-25.3</b>	<b>-13.1</b>	<b>-20</b>
Construction	105	146	119	-28.1	-11.8	-14
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>-34.8</b>	<b>-17.1</b>	<b>-22</b>
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	36	51	38	-29.4	-5.3	-2
Financial Activities (52, 53)	7	9	5	-22.2	40.0	2
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	15	50	37	-70.0	-59.5	-22
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	10	22	19	-54.5	-47.4	-9
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	24	16	16	50.0	50.0	8
<b>Government</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>-94.8</b>	<b>-33.3</b>	<b>-2</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-64.7</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>2</b>

## Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry, February 2019



## Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, February 2019

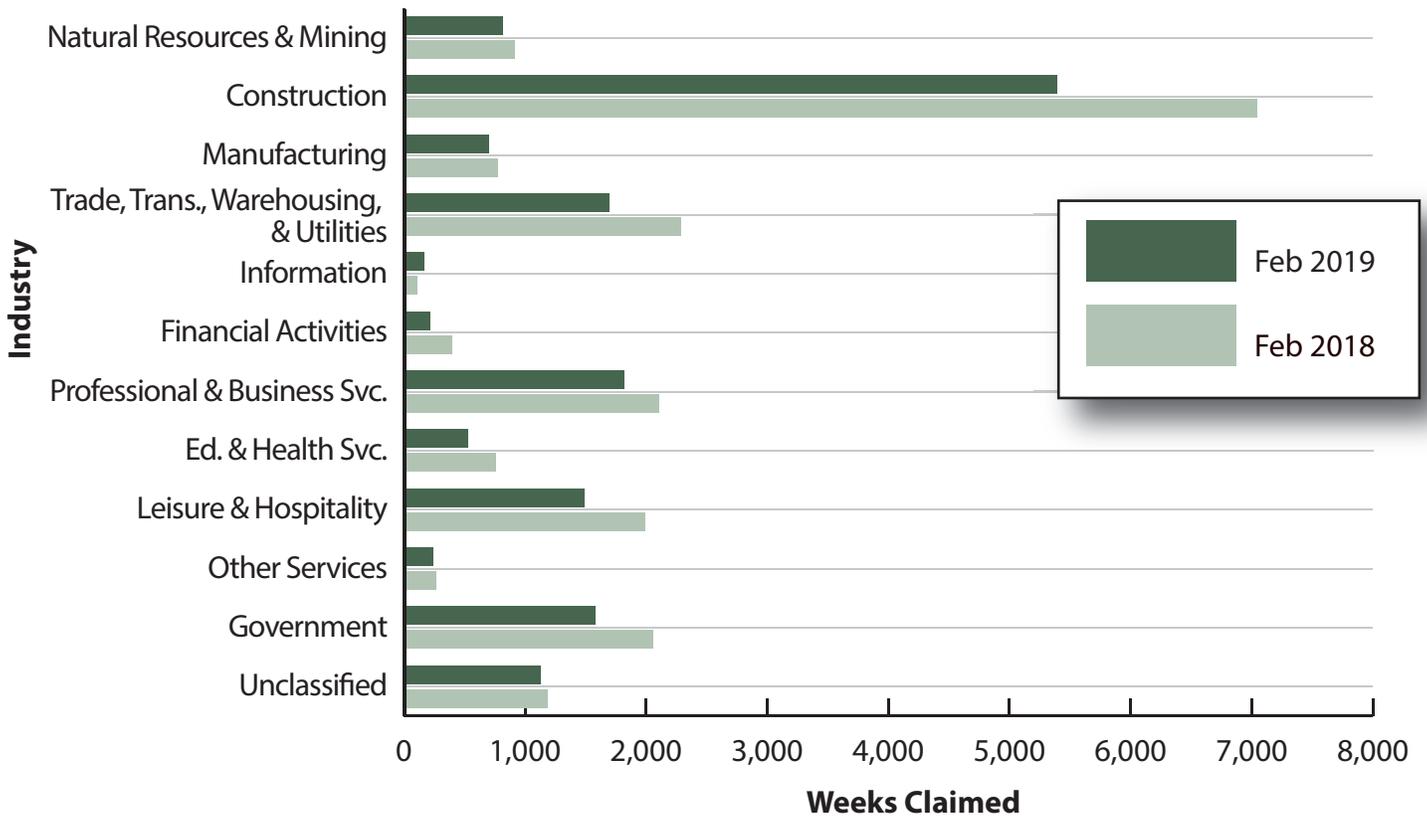


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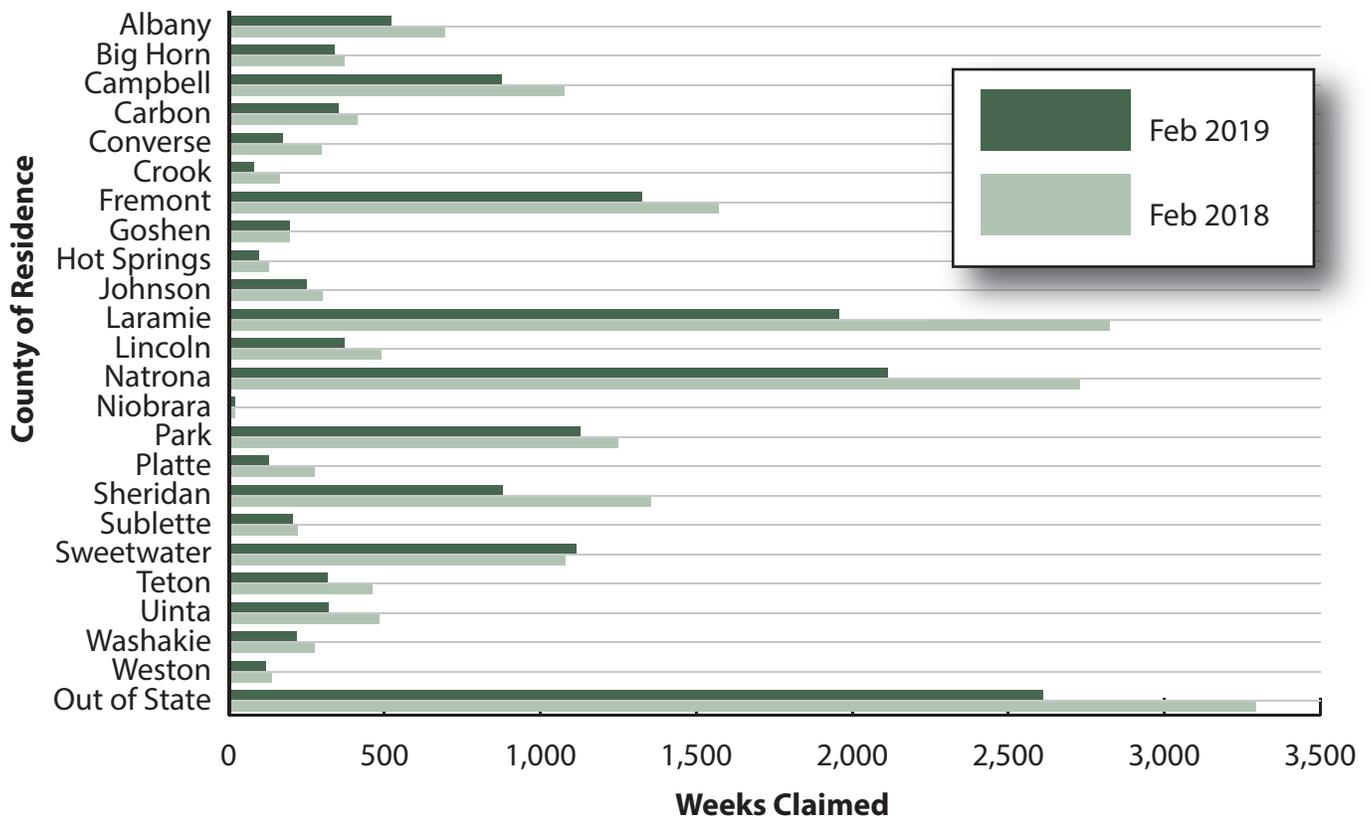
## Continued Weeks Claimed Tables

	Claims Filed			Percent Change Claims		Difference
	Feb-19	Jan-19	Feb-18	Feb-19 Jan-19	Feb-19 Feb-18	Feb-19 Feb-18
<b><u>Wyoming Statewide</u></b>						
<b>Total Continued Weeks Claimed</b>	<b>15,795</b>	<b>16,360</b>	<b>20,121</b>	<b>-3.5</b>	<b>-21.5</b>	<b>-4,326</b>
<b>Total Unique Claimants</b>	<b>4,627</b>	<b>4,307</b>	<b>5,691</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>-18.7</b>	<b>-1,064</b>
<b>Benefit Exhaustions</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>814</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>-39.6</b>	<b>55.2</b>	<b>175</b>
<b>Benefit Exhaustion Rates</b>	<b>10.6%</b>	<b>18.9%</b>	<b>5.6%</b>	<b>-8.3%</b>	<b>5.1%</b>	
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>6,917</b>	<b>6,443</b>	<b>8,735</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>-20.8</b>	<b>-1,818</b>
Natural Resources and Mining (11,21)	821	852	914	-3.6	-10.2	-93
Mining (21)	658	683	663	-3.7	-0.8	-5
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	79	86	51	-8.1	54.9	28
Construction (23)	5,395	5,046	7,041	6.9	-23.4	-1,646
Manufacturing (31 - 33)	700	543	779	28.9	-10.1	-79
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>6,164</b>	<b>6,314</b>	<b>7,928</b>	<b>-2.4</b>	<b>-22.3</b>	<b>-1,764</b>
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	1,693	1,488	2,287	13.8	-26.0	-594
Wholesale Trade (42)	233	240	368	-2.9	-36.7	-135
Retail Trade (44 - 45)	887	770	1,271	15.2	-30.2	-384
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (22,48 - 49)	573	478	648	19.9	-11.6	-75
Information (51)	166	147	109	12.9	52.3	57
Financial Activities (52, 53)	218	225	398	-3.1	-45.2	-180
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	1,820	1,897	2,104	-4.1	-13.5	-284
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	530	577	763	-8.1	-30.5	-233
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	1,487	1,731	1,990	-14.1	-25.3	-503
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	241	241	270	0.0	-10.7	-29
<b>Government</b>	<b>1,582</b>	<b>2,417</b>	<b>2,055</b>	<b>-34.5</b>	<b>-23.0</b>	<b>-473</b>
Federal Government	835	1,699	1,027	-50.9	-18.7	-192
State Government	124	121	296	2.5	-58.1	-172
Local Government	622	596	731	4.4	-14.9	-109
Local Education	88	119	163	-26.1	-46.0	-75
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>1,131</b>	<b>1,184</b>	<b>1,401</b>	<b>-4.5</b>	<b>-19.3</b>	<b>-270</b>
<b><u>Laramie County (Place of Residence)</u></b>						
<b>Total Continued Weeks Claimed</b>	<b>1,958</b>	<b>2,190</b>	<b>2,823</b>	<b>-10.6</b>	<b>-30.6</b>	<b>-865</b>
<b>Total Unique Claimants</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>796</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>-26.8</b>	<b>-213</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>942</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>1,432</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>-34.2</b>	<b>-490</b>
Construction	906	882	1,239	2.7	-26.9	-333
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>797</b>	<b>943</b>	<b>1,142</b>	<b>-15.5</b>	<b>-30.2</b>	<b>-345</b>
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	238	200	364	19.0	-34.6	-126
Financial Activities (52, 53)	27	41	96	-34.1	-71.9	-69
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	276	439	348	-37.1	-20.7	-72
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	102	85	145	20.0	-29.7	-43
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	61	89	113	-31.5	-46.0	-52
<b>Government</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>-40.1</b>	<b>-24.8</b>	<b>-38</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>-9.8</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>6</b>
<b><u>Natrona County (Place of Residence)</u></b>						
<b>Total Continued Weeks Claimed</b>	<b>2,113</b>	<b>2,097</b>	<b>2,730</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>-22.6</b>	<b>-617</b>
<b>Total Unique Claimants</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>577</b>	<b>791</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>-18.5</b>	<b>-146</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>885</b>	<b>821</b>	<b>1,241</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>-28.7</b>	<b>-356</b>
Construction	725	657	1,055	10.4	-31.3	-330
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>1,092</b>	<b>1,087</b>	<b>1,340</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>-18.5</b>	<b>-248</b>
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	308	264	413	16.7	-25.4	-105
Financial Activities (52, 53)	65	47	85	38.3	-23.5	-20
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	321	301	347	6.6	-7.5	-26
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	127	160	184	-20.6	-31.0	-57
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	166	211	222	-21.3	-25.2	-56
<b>Government</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>-61.1</b>	<b>-51.0</b>	<b>-51</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>39.3</b>	<b>80.9</b>	<b>38</b>

## Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry, February 2019



## Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, February 2019



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**Wyoming Normalized<sup>a</sup> Unemployment Statistics: Continued Claims by County of Residence, February 2019**

County	Feb 19	Feb 18	Over-the-Year Change	
			N	%
Albany	521	693	-172	-24.8
Big Horn	340	372	-32	-8.7
Campbell	875	1,077	-202	-18.8
Carbon	353	412	-60	-14.4
Converse	175	298	-122	-41.1
Crook	81	163	-82	-50.3
Fremont	1,325	1,571	-246	-15.6
Goshen	196	195	1	0.6
Hot Springs	96	130	-34	-25.8
Johnson	249	301	-52	-17.3
Laramie	1,958	2,823	-865	-30.6
Lincoln	371	489	-118	-24.1
Natrona	2,113	2,730	-617	-22.6
Niobrara	21	22	-1	-5.0
Park	1,129	1,248	-119	-9.5
Platte	129	276	-147	-53.3
Sheridan	879	1,354	-475	-35.1
Sublette	207	221	-14	-6.4
Sweetwater	1,116	1,081	35	3.2
Teton	319	460	-141	-30.6
Uinta	322	482	-160	-33.3
Washakie	220	276	-56	-20.4
Weston	119	139	-19	-14.1
Unknown	71	13	58	450.0
Out of State	2,611	3,295	-684	-20.8
<b>Normalized Total<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>15,796</b>	<b>20,122</b>	<b>-4,326</b>	<b>-21.5</b>
<b>Real Total<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>14,592</b>	<b>18,588</b>	<b>-3,996</b>	<b>-21.5</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.

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