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Fewest Initial UI Claims in April Since 2001

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There were 1,682 initial Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims in Wyoming in April 2019, 250 fewer claims than April 2018 (-12.9%). This was the fewest new UI claims in the month of April dating back to 2001 (1,457). Several factors contribute to the current low level of initial claims; for example, Wyoming’s population has dropped each year since 2015 (Liu, 2018), and the state’s resident labor force has declined from prior-year levels during each month dating back to September 2012 (U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2019).

Initial Claims

Most industries experienced a decrease in initial claims, with the largest decreases in leisure & hospitality (-57, or -9.6%), construction (-39, or -12.5%), and professional & business services (-39, or 26.7%). Financial activities showed the greatest increase (10, or 38.5%). Most counties saw an over-the-year decrease in initial claims, led by Natrona (-45 or -19.5%) and Sweetwater counties (-30, 25.2%). Fremont County was the only county with an over-the-year increase in initial claims (14, or 20.0%).

Continued Claims

Statewide continued claims decreased by 24.1% (3,735 fewer continued weeks claimed) to a total of 11,738 weeks. Total unique claimants decreased by 16.7% (812 fewer individuals), totaling 4,038 claimants. Industries with decreases in continued claims included construction (-1,067, or -27.6%), leisure & hospitality (-584, or -23.5%), and mining (-95, or -13.3%).

Most counties showed substantial decreases in continued claims, including Laramie (-597, or -30.4%), Natrona (-508, or -25.4%), and Sheridan (-402, or -42.7%) counties. Increases were seen in Goshen (707, or 41.7%) and Weston (9, or 8.8%) counties.

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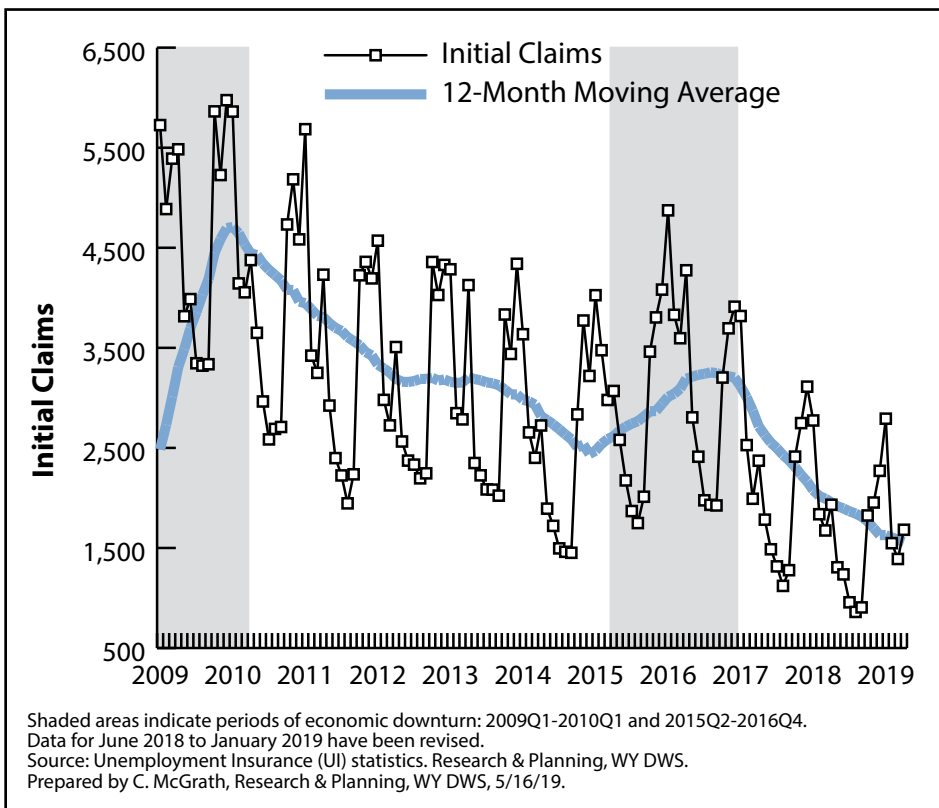


Figure A: Total Number of New Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by Year and Month, January 2009 to April 2019

Table 1: Wyoming Normalized Unemployment Insurance Statistics: Initial Claims

	Claims Filed			Percent Change Claims Filed		Difference Apr-19 Apr-18
	Apr-19	Mar-19	Apr-18	Apr-19 Mar-19	Apr-19 Apr-18	
<u>Wyoming Statewide</u>						
Total Claims Filed	1,682	1,414	1,932	19.0	-12.9	-250
Goods-Producing	452	543	504	-16.8	-10.3	-52
Natural Resources and Mining (11,21)	108	101	104	6.9	3.8	4
Mining (21)	100	85	93	17.6	7.5	7
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	5	5	3	0.0	66.7	2
Construction (23)	274	319	313	-14.1	-12.5	-39
Manufacturing (31 - 33)	68	122	85	-44.3	-20.0	-17
Service-Providing	990	659	1,179	50.2	-16.0	-189
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	206	193	279	6.7	-26.2	-73
Wholesale Trade (42)	29	36	30	-19.4	-3.3	-1
Retail Trade (44 - 45)	93	106	128	-12.3	-27.3	-35
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (22,48 - 49)	84	51	121	64.7	-30.6	-37
Information (51)	6	14	11	-57.1	-45.5	-5
Financial Activities (52, 53)	36	21	26	71.4	38.5	10
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	107	90	146	18.9	-26.7	-39
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	60	71	82	-15.5	-26.8	-22
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	535	251	592	113.1	-9.6	-57
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	34	12	40	183.3	-15.0	-6
Government	86	81	106	6.2	-18.9	-20
Federal Government	16	31	31	-48.4	-48.4	-15
State Government	11	7	12	57.1	-8.3	-1
Local Government	58	42	61	38.1	-4.9	-3
Local Education	10	8	9	25.0	11.1	1
Unclassified	152	130	141	16.9	7.8	11
<u>Laramie County (Place of Residence)</u>						
Total Claims Filed	192	173	199	11.0	-3.5	-7
Goods-Producing	49	66	58	-25.8	-15.5	-9
Construction	40	59	50	-32.2	-20.0	-10
Service-Providing	110	80	119	37.5	-7.6	-9
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	38	26	46	46.2	-17.4	-8
Financial Activities (52, 53)	8	3	6	166.7	33.3	2
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	35	17	21	105.9	66.7	14
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	9	14	13	-35.7	-30.8	-4
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	9	12	24	-25.0	-62.5	-15
Government	14	8	14	75.0	0.0	0
Unclassified	18	18	7	0.0	157.1	11
<u>Natrona County (Place of Residence)</u>						
Total Claims Filed	182	219	227	-16.9	-19.8	-45
Goods-Producing	73	93	76	-21.5	-3.9	-3
Construction	42	64	48	-34.4	-12.5	-6
Service-Providing	95	111	132	-14.4	-28.0	-37
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	43	42	34	2.4	26.5	9
Financial Activities (52, 53)	5	3	4	66.7	25.0	1
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	10	18	34	-44.4	-70.6	-24
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	13	16	22	-18.8	-40.9	-9
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	11	22	22	-50.0	-50.0	-11
Government	2	5	9	-60.0	-77.8	-7
Unclassified	11	9	8	22.2	37.5	3

Figure 1: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry, April 2019

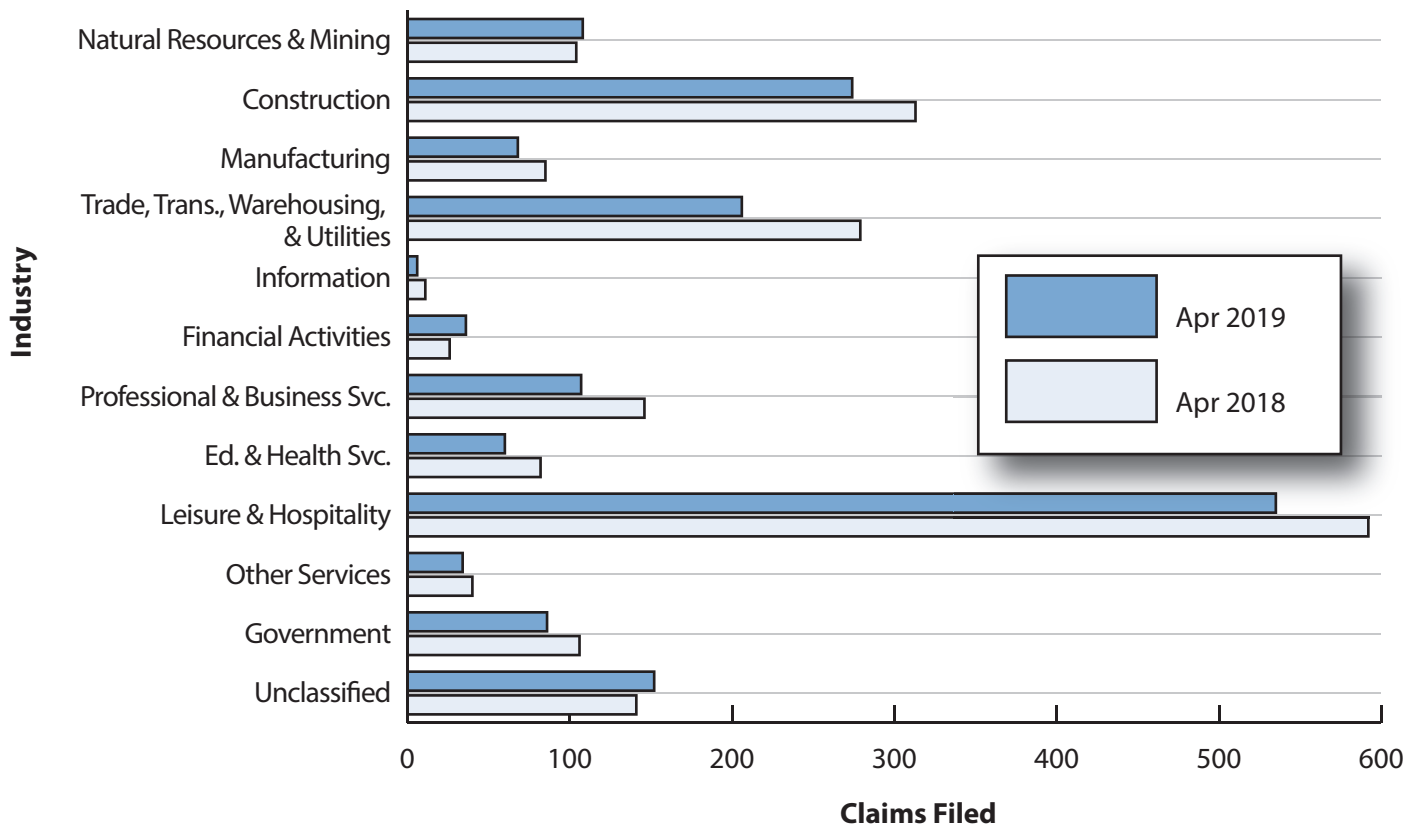
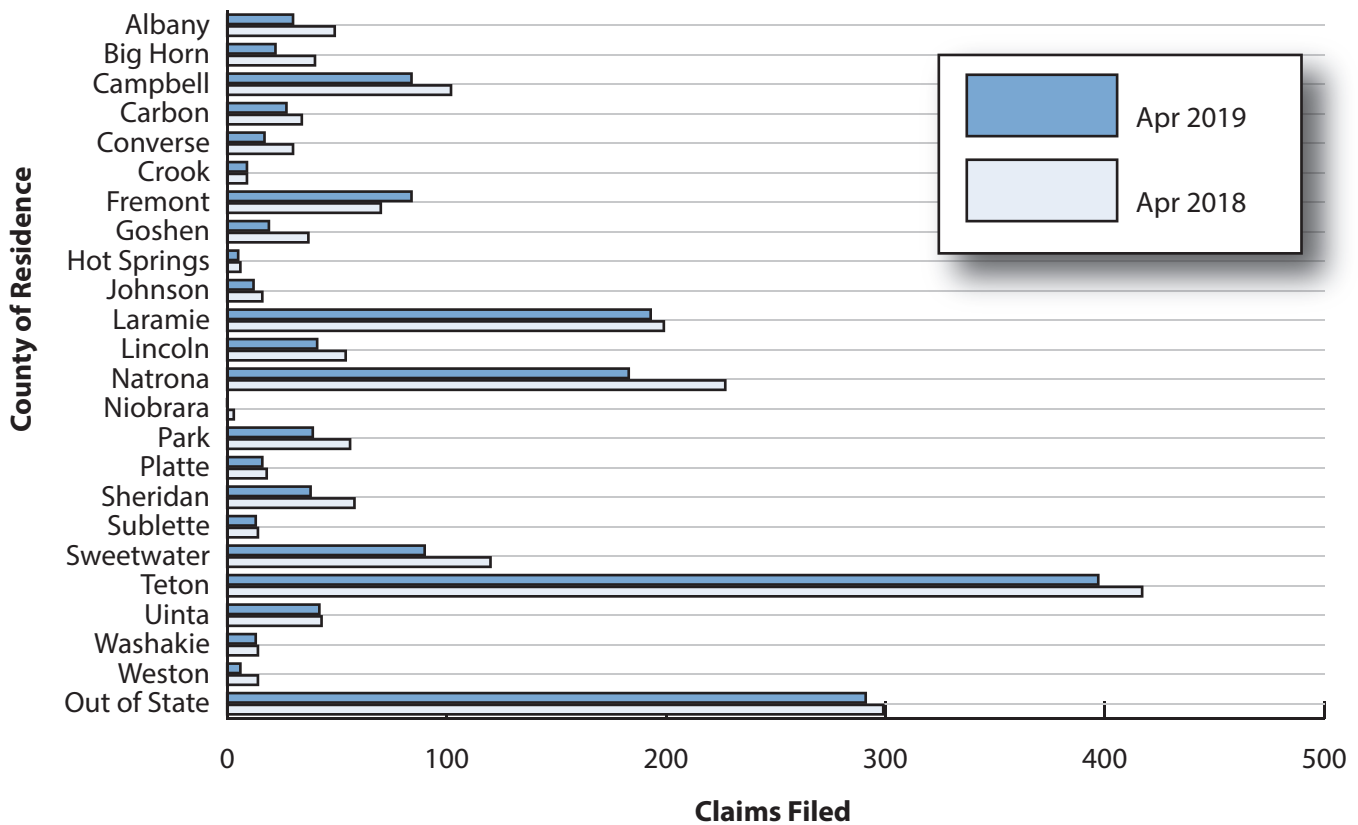


Figure 2: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, April 2019



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

Table 2: Wyoming Normalized Unemployment Insurance Statistics: Continued Claims

	Claims Filed			Percent Change Claims		Difference
	Apr-19	Mar-19	Apr-18	Apr-19 Mar-19	Apr-19 Apr-18	Apr-19 Apr-18
<u>Wyoming Statewide</u>						
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	11,738	14,463	15,473	-18.8	-24.1	-3,735
Total Unique Claimants	4,038	4,458	4,850	-9.4	-16.7	-812
Benefit Exhaustions	531	553	398	-4.0	33.4	133
Benefit Exhaustion Rates	13.2%	12.4%	8.2%	0.7%	4.9%	
Goods-Producing	4,227	6,371	5,495	-33.7	-23.1	-1,268
Natural Resources and Mining (11,21)	722	757	865	-4.6	-16.5	-143
Mining (21)	621	624	716	-0.5	-13.3	-95
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	92	87	36	5.7	155.6	56
Construction (23)	2,801	4,805	3,868	-41.7	-27.6	-1,067
Manufacturing (31 - 33)	702	808	760	-13.1	-7.6	-58
Service-Providing	5,683	5,757	7,579	-1.3	-25.0	-1,896
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	1,499	1,590	2,089	-5.7	-28.2	-590
Wholesale Trade (42)	251	244	325	2.9	-22.8	-74
Retail Trade (44 - 45)	805	875	1,082	-8.0	-25.6	-277
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (22,48 - 49)	443	471	682	-5.9	-35.0	-239
Information (51)	172	162	137	6.2	25.5	35
Financial Activities (52, 53)	208	220	419	-5.5	-50.4	-211
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	1,142	1,559	1,366	-26.7	-16.4	-224
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	555	532	838	4.3	-33.8	-283
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	1,906	1,433	2,490	33.0	-23.5	-584
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	195	254	233	-23.2	-16.3	-38
Government	1,011	1,381	1,491	-26.8	-32.2	-480
Federal Government	522	726	664	-28.1	-21.4	-142
State Government	80	107	171	-25.2	-53.2	-91
Local Government	408	547	655	-25.4	-37.7	-247
Local Education	77	88	147	-12.5	-47.6	-70
Unclassified	817	952	906	-14.2	-9.8	-89
<u>Laramie County (Place of Residence)</u>						
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	1,366	1,767	1,963	-22.7	-30.4	-597
Total Unique Claimants	486	541	594	-10.2	-18.2	-108
Goods-Producing	483	844	696	-42.8	-30.6	-213
Construction	458	803	593	-43.0	-22.8	-135
Service-Providing	680	718	1,047	-5.3	-35.1	-367
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	163	182	418	-10.4	-61.0	-255
Financial Activities (52, 53)	34	26	98	30.8	-65.3	-64
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	220	240	221	-8.3	-0.5	-1
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	121	117	134	3.4	-9.7	-13
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	58	56	118	3.6	-50.8	-60
Government	92	108	140	-14.8	-34.3	-48
Unclassified	109	96	79	13.5	38.0	30
<u>Natrona County (Place of Residence)</u>						
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	1,493	1,951	2,001	-23.5	-25.4	-508
Total Unique Claimants	492	614	607	-19.9	-18.9	-115
Goods-Producing	513	833	694	-38.4	-26.1	-181
Construction	371	676	528	-45.1	-29.7	-157
Service-Providing	893	1,021	1,195	-12.5	-25.3	-302
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	322	330	352	-2.4	-8.5	-30
Financial Activities (52, 53)	38	59	107	-35.6	-64.5	-69
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	174	255	287	-31.8	-39.4	-113
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	141	135	186	4.4	-24.2	-45
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	147	154	182	-4.5	-19.2	-35
Government	48	45	73	6.7	-34.2	-25
Unclassified	38	50	37	-24.0	2.7	1

Figure 3: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry, April 2019

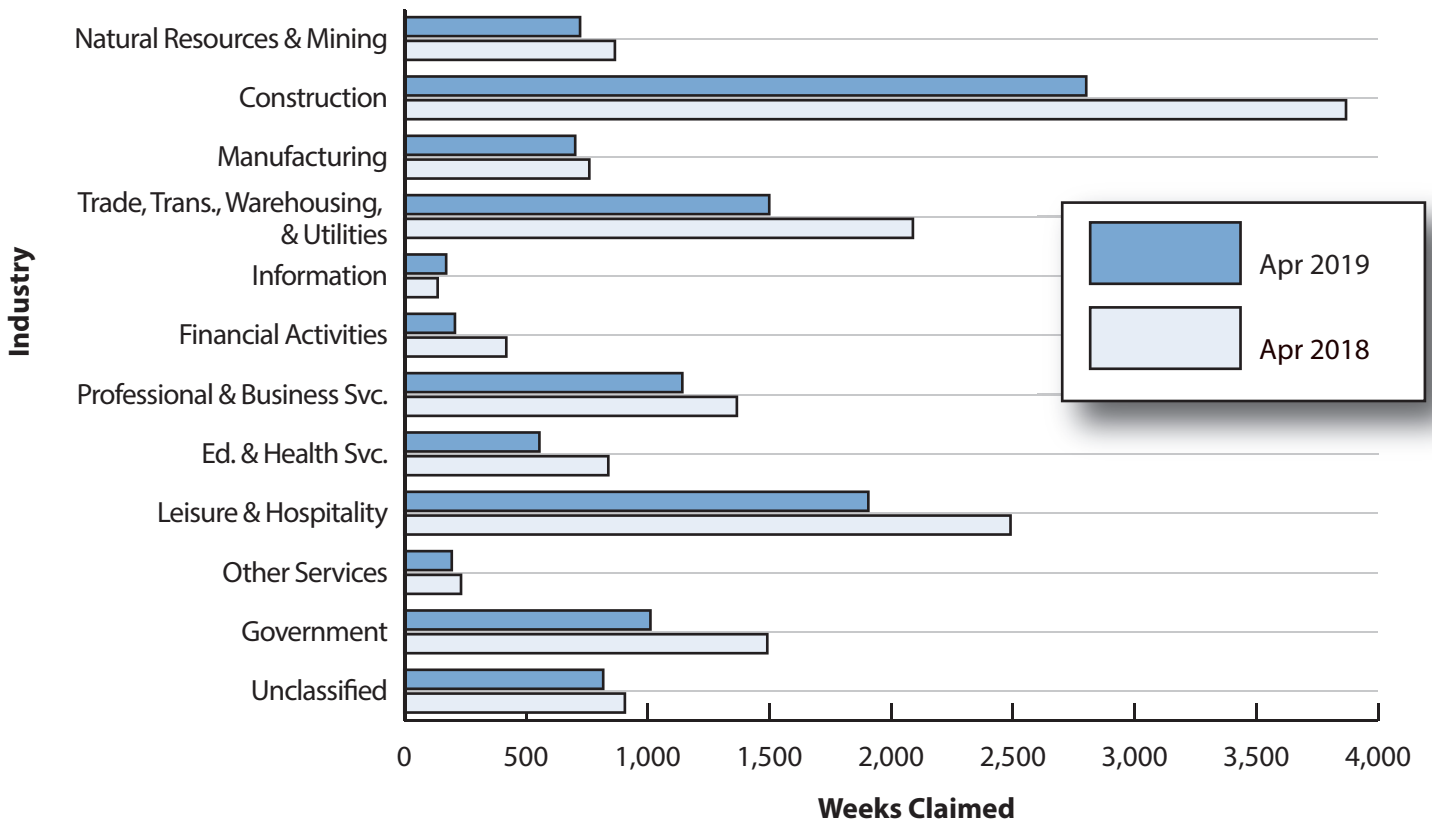
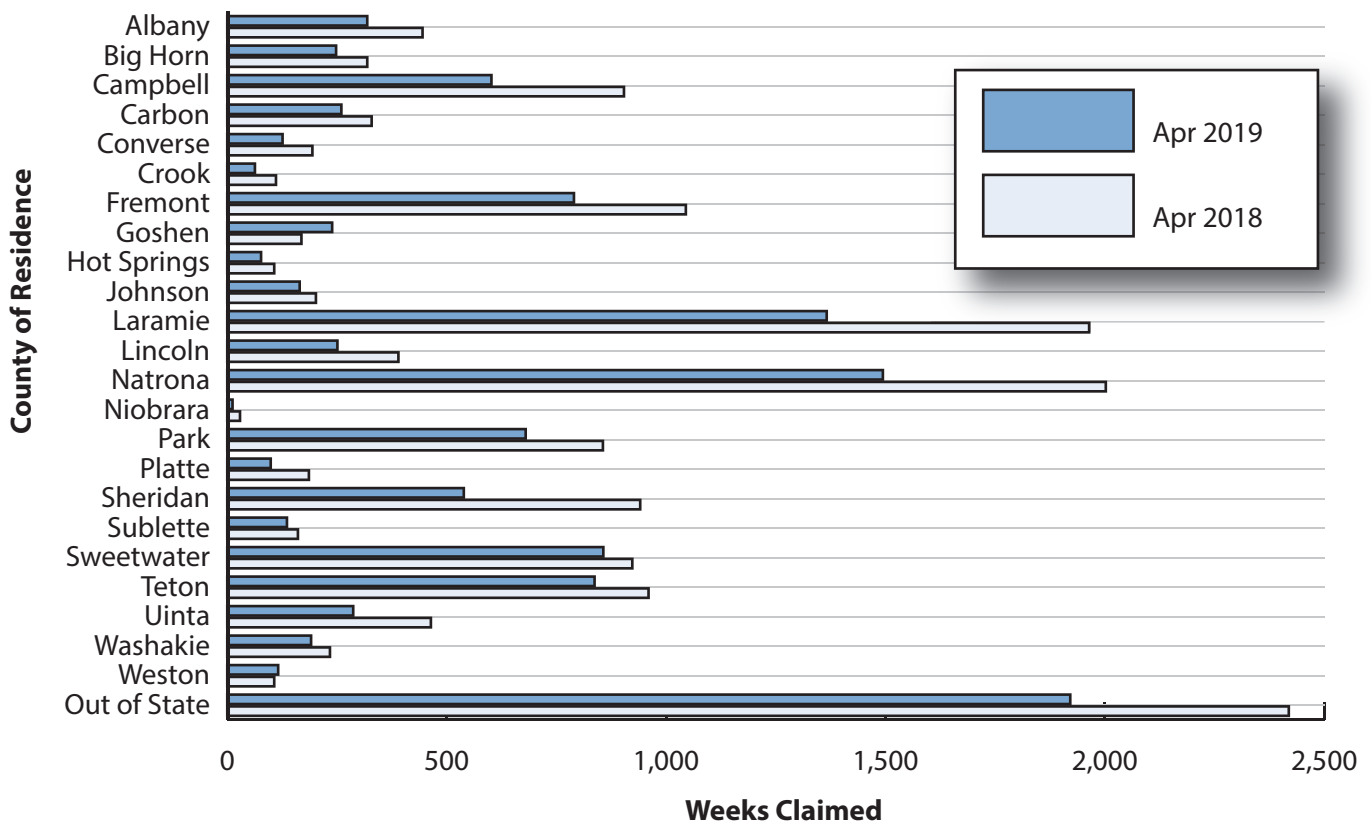


Figure 4: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, April 2019



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

County	Apr 19	Apr 18	Over-the-Year Change	
			N	%
Albany	319	445	-126	-28.3
Big Horn	248	319	-71	-22.3
Campbell	602	904	-302	-33.4
Carbon	260	329	-69	-21.0
Converse	126	194	-68	-35.1
Crook	63	111	-48	-43.2
Fremont	790	1,045	-255	-24.4
Goshen	239	169	70	41.4
Hot Springs	77	107	-30	-28.0
Johnson	165	202	-37	-18.3
Laramie	1,366	1,964	-598	-30.4
Lincoln	251	390	-139	-35.6
Natrona	1,494	2,002	-508	-25.4
Niobrara	12	29	-17	-58.9
Park	680	856	-176	-20.6
Platte	99	186	-87	-46.8
Sheridan	539	941	-402	-42.7
Sublette	136	161	-25	-15.5
Sweetwater	857	923	-66	-7.2
Teton	837	960	-123	-12.8
Uinta	287	464	-177	-38.1
Washakie	191	234	-43	-18.4
Weston	116	107	9	8.4
Unknown	65	11	54	490.9
Out of State	1,921	2,419	-498	-20.6
Normalized Total^a	11,739	15,473	-3,734	-24.1
Real Total^b	10,844	14,294	-3,450	-24.1

^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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