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## Initial Claims in Mining Increase More than 500%

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After more than three years of monthly over-the-year decreases, the number of new initial Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims in Wyoming increased by 20.0% in July 2019. The overall increase was driven by a 507.6% increase in initial claims in mining, which was due in large part to mine closures and job losses in Campbell County in July (Graham, 2019).

### Initial Claims

Most industries saw an over-the-year decline in initial claims, with the greatest decreases seen in educational & health services (-55, or -49.5%), government (-33, or -26.8%), and leisure & hospitality (-14, or -16.3%). However, if unemployment in mining continues for an extended period, other industries could see job losses as well, which would likely result in an increase in UI claims.

Initial claims in Campbell County rose from 80 in July 2018 to 423 in July 2019, an increase of 343, or 428.6%. Other counties that showed a substantial increase in initial claims included Crook (1,180.0%) and Weston (113.3%); UI claims are based on county of residence of the claimant, so it's likely that both Crook and Weston

had residents commuting to Campbell County for work.

Most counties experienced a decrease in initial claims, such as Sweetwater (-40.6%), Albany (-43.4%), and Laramie (-30.3%) counties.

### Continued Claims

The total number of continued weeks claimed decreased by 389 weeks, or 4.4%. The total number of unique claimants decreased by 291 (11.7%) and the number of benefit exhaustions decreased by 3,141 (91.6%).

Continued claims in mining increased by 809 weeks, or 194.5%. Most industries showed a decrease in continued claims, including educational & health services

(-364, or -30.0%), leisure & hospitality (-203, or -22.8%), and trade, transportation, warehousing, & utilities (-189, or -15.5%).

Continued claims increased in Campbell (653, or 101.4%), Sublette (42, or 86.7%), Crook (27, or 54.8%), Hot Springs (20, or 76.7%), and Johnson (14, or 19.4%) counties. The greatest percentage decreases in continued claims were seen in Uinta (-36.5%) and Albany (-31.2%) counties.

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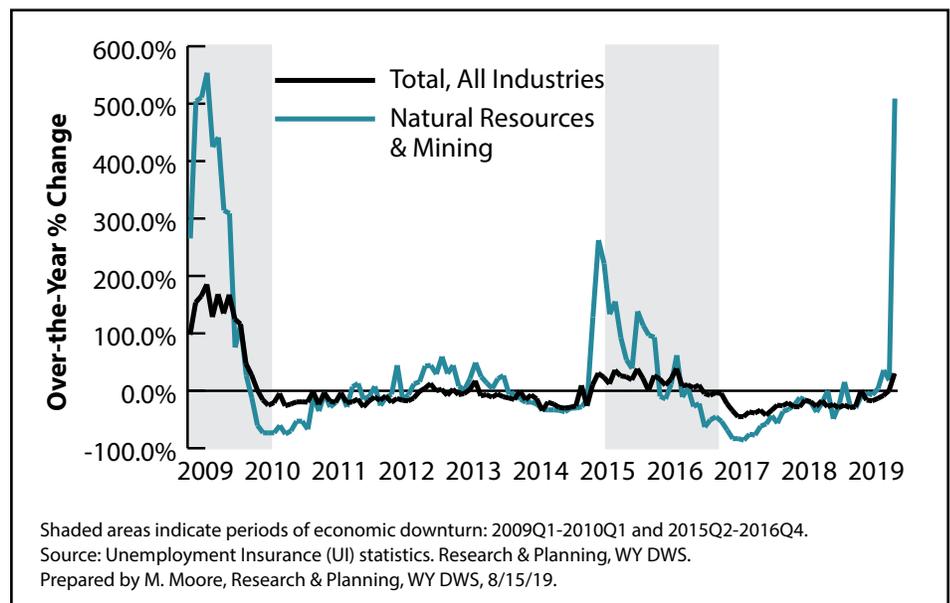
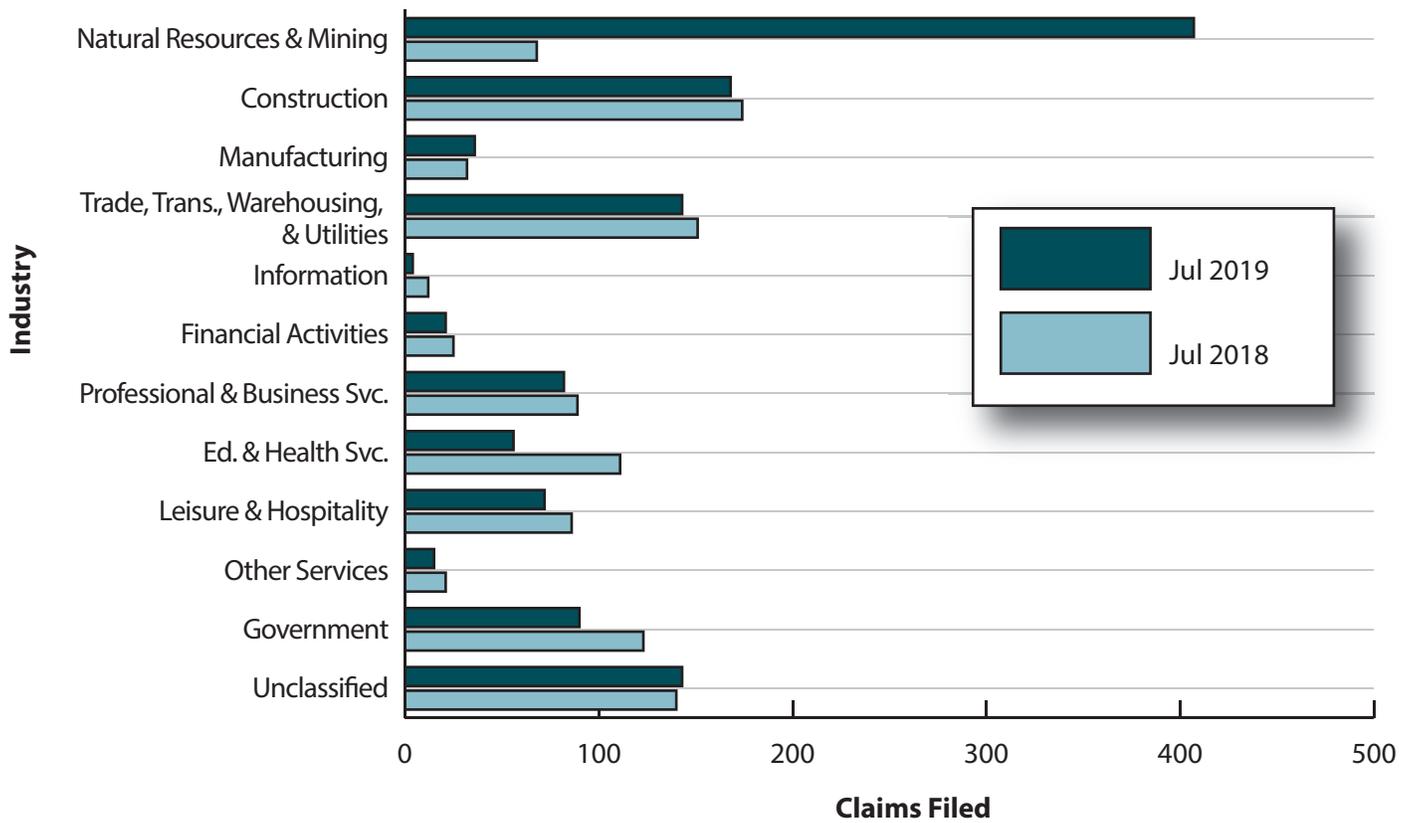


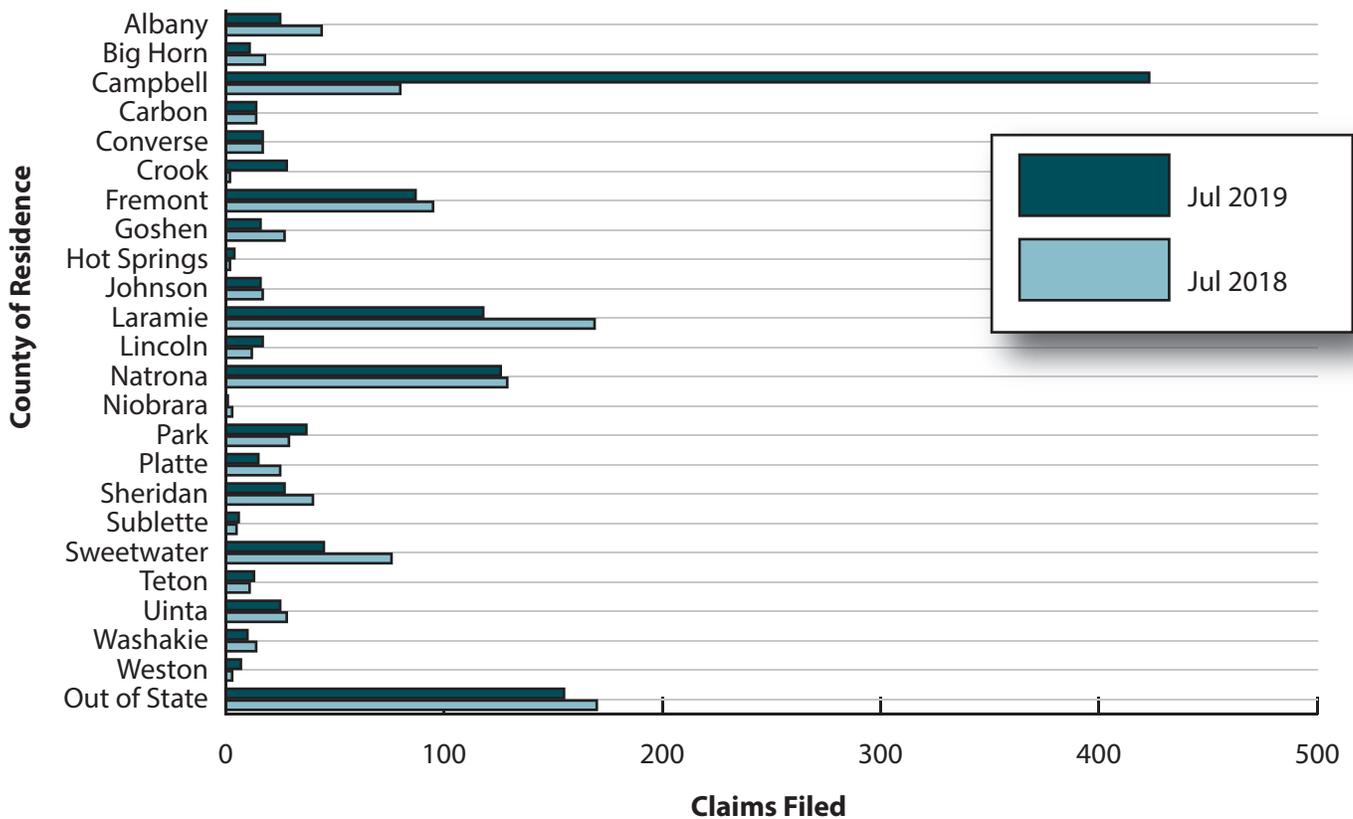
Figure A: Over-the-Year Percent Change in Initial Claims in All Industries and Natural Resources & Mining, January 2009 to July 2019

	Claims Filed			Percent Change Claims Filed		Difference
	Jul-19	Jun-19	Jul-18	Jul-19 Jun-19	Jul-19 Jul-18	Jul-19 Jul-18
<b><u>Wyoming Statewide</u></b>						
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>1,248</b>	<b>1,262</b>	<b>1,040</b>	<b>-1.1</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>208</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>44.9</b>	<b>123.7</b>	<b>339</b>
Natural Resources and Mining (11,21)	407	72	68	465.3	498.5	339
Mining (21)	401	53	66	656.6	507.6	335
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	1	5	5	-80.0	-80.0	-4
Construction (23)	168	277	174	-39.4	-3.4	-6
Manufacturing (31 - 33)	36	73	32	-50.7	12.5	4
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>-27.0</b>	<b>-20.0</b>	<b>-100</b>
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	143	161	151	-11.2	-5.3	-8
Wholesale Trade (42)	30	31	16	-3.2	87.5	14
Retail Trade (44 - 45)	68	83	93	-18.1	-26.9	-25
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (22,48 - 49)	45	47	42	-4.3	7.1	3
Information (51)	4	10	12	-60.0	-66.7	-8
Financial Activities (52, 53)	21	18	25	16.7	-16.0	-4
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	82	67	89	22.4	-7.9	-7
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	56	167	111	-66.5	-49.5	-55
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	72	104	86	-30.8	-16.3	-14
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	15	16	21	-6.3	-28.6	-6
<b>Government</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>-33.8</b>	<b>-26.8</b>	<b>-33</b>
Federal Government	6	7	15	-14.3	-60.0	-9
State Government	6	12	15	-50.0	-60.0	-9
Local Government	77	115	93	-33.0	-17.2	-16
Local Education	12	45	25	-73.3	-52.0	-13
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>-5.9</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>3</b>
<b><u>Laramie County (Place of Residence)</u></b>						
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>-22.0</b>	<b>-30.4</b>	<b>-51</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>-31.0</b>	<b>-17.1</b>	<b>-6</b>
Construction	25	33	24	-24.2	4.2	1
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>-28.7</b>	<b>-33.0</b>	<b>-33</b>
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	20	28	32	-28.6	-37.5	-12
Financial Activities (52, 53)	3	3	6	0.0	-50.0	-3
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	20	11	20	81.8	0.0	0
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	7	31	11	-77.4	-36.4	-4
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	8	12	17	-33.3	-52.9	-9
<b>Government</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>-28.6</b>	<b>-4</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>150.0</b>	<b>-44.4</b>	<b>-8</b>
<b><u>Natrona County (Place of Residence)</u></b>						
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>-32.8</b>	<b>-2.3</b>	<b>-3</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>-49.2</b>	<b>14.3</b>	<b>4</b>
Construction	15	46	11	-67.4	36.4	4
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>-24.5</b>	<b>-14.4</b>	<b>-13</b>
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	24	31	22	-22.6	9.1	2
Financial Activities (52, 53)	8	4	5	100.0	60.0	3
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	11	17	13	-35.3	-15.4	-2
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	11	31	18	-64.5	-38.9	-7
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	11	11	23	0.0	-52.2	-12
<b>Government</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-28.6</b>	<b>150.0</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>57.1</b>	<b>4</b>

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



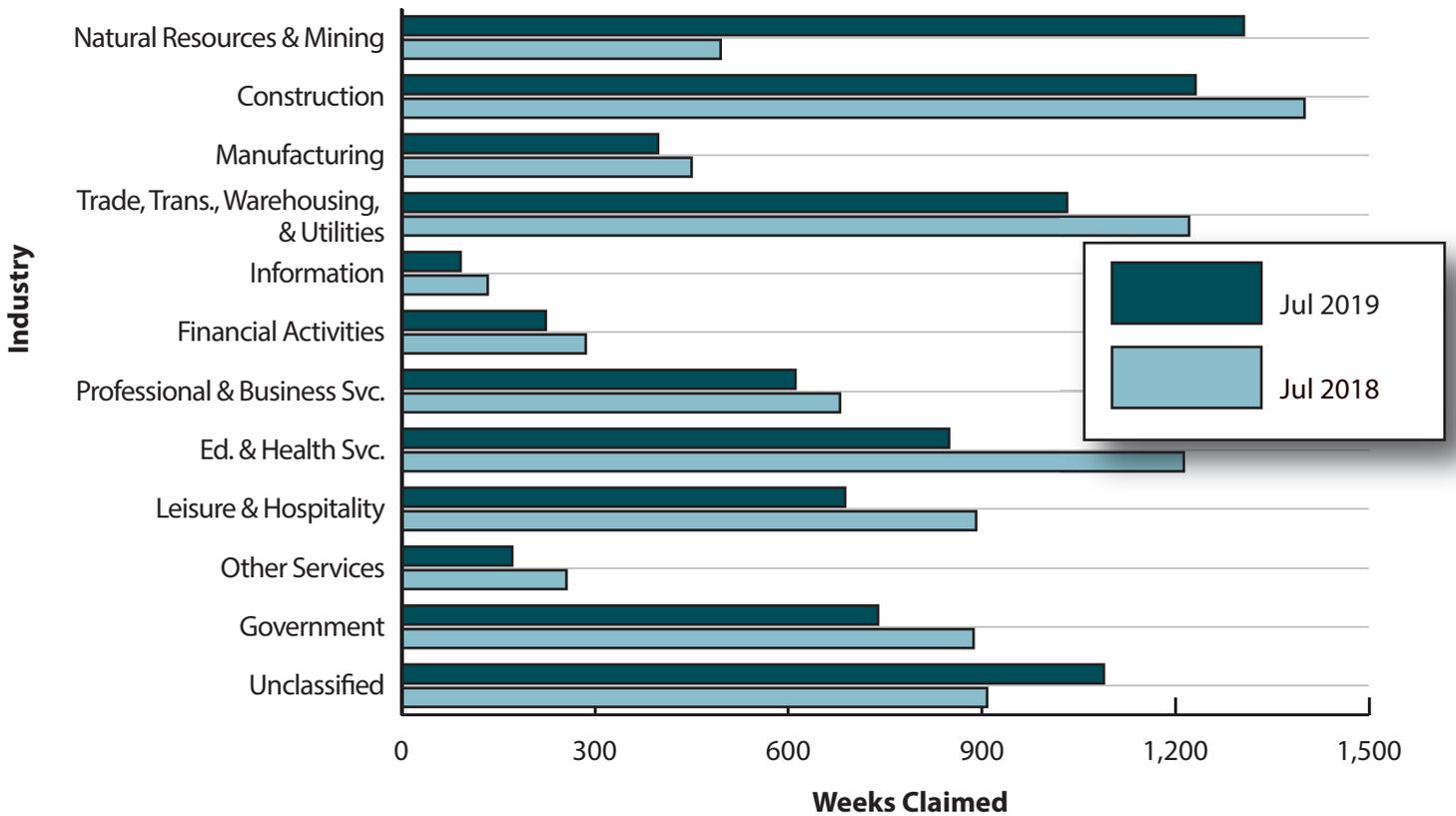
**Figure 2: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, July 2019**



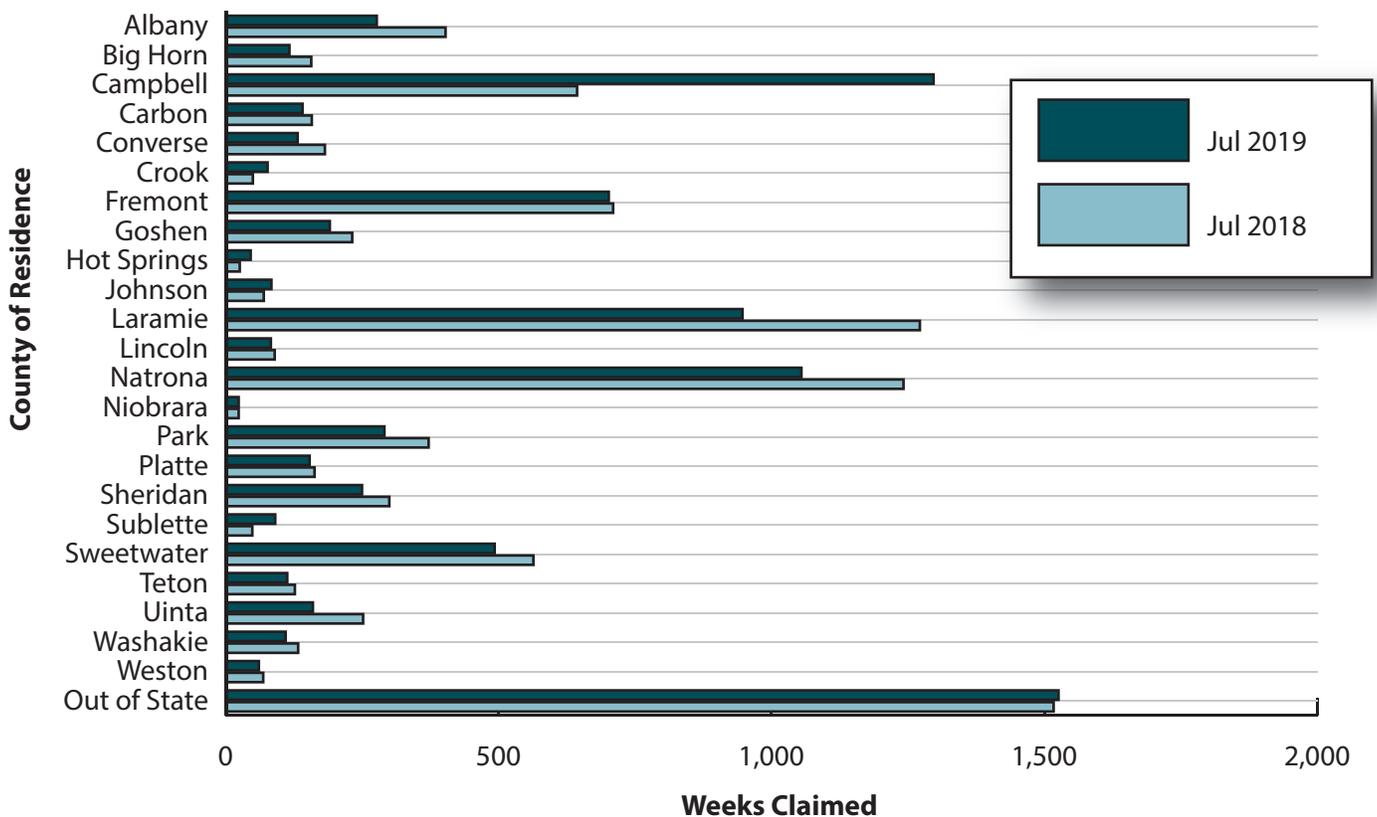
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	Jul-19	Jun-19	Jul-18	Jul-19 Jun-19	Jul-19 Jul-18	Jul-19 Jul-18
<b><u>Wyoming Statewide</u></b>						
<b>Total Continued Weeks Claimed</b>	<b>8,439</b>	<b>7,709</b>	<b>8,828</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>-4.4</b>	<b>-389</b>
<b>Total Unique Claimants</b>	<b>2,203</b>	<b>2,509</b>	<b>2,494</b>	<b>-12.2</b>	<b>-11.7</b>	<b>-291</b>
<b>Benefit Exhaustions</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>3,428</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>-91.6</b>	<b>-3,141</b>
<b>Benefit Exhaustion Rates</b>	<b>13.0%</b>	<b>10.8%</b>	<b>137.4%</b>	<b>2.2%</b>	<b>-124.4%</b>	
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>2,936</b>	<b>2,320</b>	<b>2,346</b>	<b>26.6</b>	<b>25.1</b>	<b>590</b>
Natural Resources and Mining (11,21)	1,306	568	495	129.9	163.8	811
Mining (21)	1,225	522	416	134.7	194.5	809
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	89	108	28	-17.6	217.9	61
Construction (23)	1,231	1,276	1,400	-3.5	-12.1	-169
Manufacturing (31 - 33)	398	475	450	-16.2	-11.6	-52
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>3,673</b>	<b>3,827</b>	<b>4,686</b>	<b>-4.0</b>	<b>-21.6</b>	<b>-1,013</b>
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	1,032	1,129	1,221	-8.6	-15.5	-189
Wholesale Trade (42)	212	194	171	9.3	24.0	41
Retail Trade (44 - 45)	588	648	677	-9.3	-13.1	-89
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (22,48 - 49)	232	287	373	-19.2	-37.8	-141
Information (51)	92	107	134	-14.0	-31.3	-42
Financial Activities (52, 53)	224	199	286	12.6	-21.7	-62
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	611	627	680	-2.6	-10.1	-69
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	849	734	1,213	15.7	-30.0	-364
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	688	833	891	-17.4	-22.8	-203
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	172	192	256	-10.4	-32.8	-84
<b>Government</b>	<b>739</b>	<b>663</b>	<b>887</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>-16.7</b>	<b>-148</b>
Federal Government	42	73	76	-42.5	-44.7	-34
State Government	81	72	113	12.5	-28.3	-32
Local Government	615	517	697	19.0	-11.8	-82
Local Education	159	120	180	32.5	-11.7	-21
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>1,089</b>	<b>897</b>	<b>908</b>	<b>21.4</b>	<b>19.9</b>	<b>181</b>
<b><u>Laramie County (Place of Residence)</u></b>						
<b>Total Continued Weeks Claimed</b>	<b>946</b>	<b>906</b>	<b>1,271</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>-25.6</b>	<b>-325</b>
<b>Total Unique Claimants</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>-22.2</b>	<b>-39.0</b>	<b>-141</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>-49.1</b>	<b>-132</b>
Construction	111	115	202	-3.5	-45.0	-91
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>834</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>-26.0</b>	<b>-217</b>
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	161	151	265	6.6	-39.2	-104
Financial Activities (52, 53)	51	47	63	8.5	-19.0	-12
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	110	107	152	2.8	-27.6	-42
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	162	136	175	19.1	-7.4	-13
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	72	74	135	-2.7	-46.7	-63
<b>Government</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>-14.3</b>	<b>21.5</b>	<b>17</b>
<b><u>Natrona County (Place of Residence)</u></b>						
<b>Total Continued Weeks Claimed</b>	<b>1,054</b>	<b>1,101</b>	<b>1,241</b>	<b>-4.3</b>	<b>-15.1</b>	<b>-187</b>
<b>Total Unique Claimants</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>-25.1</b>	<b>-23.0</b>	<b>-80</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>-23.2</b>	<b>-15.1</b>	<b>-40</b>
Construction	107	132	138	-18.9	-22.5	-31
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>707</b>	<b>921</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>-23.0</b>	<b>-212</b>
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	243	269	206	-9.7	18.0	37
Financial Activities (52, 53)	49	31	56	58.1	-12.5	-7
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	120	113	95	6.2	26.3	25
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	161	143	315	12.6	-48.9	-154
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	82	97	171	-15.5	-52.0	-89
<b>Government</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>200.0</b>	<b>60</b>

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



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



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

**Table 3: Wyoming Normalized<sup>a</sup> Unemployment Statistics:  
Continued Claims by County of Residence, July 2019**

County	Jul 19	Jul 18	Over-the-Year Change	
			N	%
Albany	277	403	-126	-31.3
Big Horn	117	157	-40	-25.5
Campbell	1,297	644	653	101.4
Carbon	141	158	-17	-10.8
Converse	132	182	-50	-27.5
Crook	77	50	27	54.0
Fremont	702	710	-8	-1.1
Goshen	191	232	-41	-17.7
Hot Springs	46	26	20	76.9
Johnson	84	70	14	20.0
Laramie	947	1,272	-325	-25.6
Lincoln	83	90	-7	-7.8
Natrona	1,055	1,242	-187	-15.1
Niobrara	24	24	0	0.0
Park	291	372	-81	-21.8
Platte	154	163	-9	-5.5
Sheridan	250	300	-50	-16.7
Sublette	91	49	42	85.7
Sweetwater	493	564	-71	-12.6
Teton	113	127	-14	-11.0
Uinta	160	252	-92	-36.5
Washakie	110	133	-23	-17.3
Weston	61	69	-8	-11.6
Unknown	16	24	-8	-33.3
Out of State	1,526	1,517	9	0.6
<b>Normalized Total<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>8,439</b>	<b>8,829</b>	<b>-390</b>	<b>-4.4</b>
<b>Real Total<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>9,745</b>	<b>8,156</b>	<b>1,589</b>	<b>19.5</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.  
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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