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Initial and Continued Claims Decline from Prior Year

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The total number of initial Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims in Wyoming continued to decline in November 2017, down 25.7% (-948 claims) from November 2016. The number of initial claims has decreased from prior-year levels every month since September 2016.

The decline in initial UI claims in Wyoming has coincided with a shrinking labor force (all employed and unemployed individuals). As noted by Bullard (2017), Wyoming's labor force decreased significantly from October 2016 to October 2017 (-7,789 people, or -2.6%)¹, the most recent month for which data were available. There are several factors that could influence the continuing

declines in the labor force and UI claims, such as:

- People left the workforce entirely.
- People lost their jobs and quickly found jobs in other states.
- People voluntarily separated from their employers and found work in other states.

Initial Claims (see pages 4-5)

As shown in Figure 1, initial UI claims activity in Wyoming tends to follow a seasonal pattern, increasing from October to November. The total number of initial claims in November 2017 was substantially lower than in

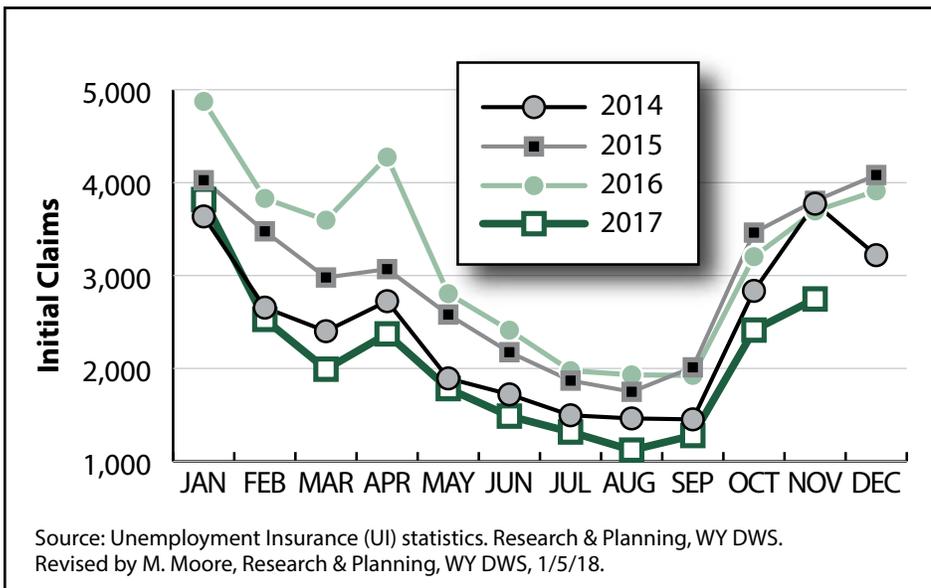
each November of the previous three years.

Most industries experienced over-the-year declines in initial claims, with the greatest decreases seen in construction (-405, or -35.7%). Increases in initial claims were seen in manufacturing (eight, or 11.0%) and information (six, or 100.0%).

At the county level, the greatest decreases in initial claims were seen in Laramie (-156, or -35.0%), Natrona (-124, or -23.9%), and Campbell (-110, or -46.7%) counties. Initial claims by out-of-state claimants decreased by 242 (-29.2%).

Continued Claims (see pages 6-8)

Over the year, the number of unique claimants with continued claims decreased by 35.5% (-1,941 individuals). Total continued weeks claimed decreased by 35.9% (-7,665 weeks). The over-the-year decrease in continued weeks claimed began in November 2016 and has continued ever since. The number of workers exhausting their UI benefits declined by 58.0% (-303 individuals).



Source: Unemployment Insurance (UI) statistics. Research & Planning, WY DWS. Revised by M. Moore, Research & Planning, WY DWS, 1/5/18.

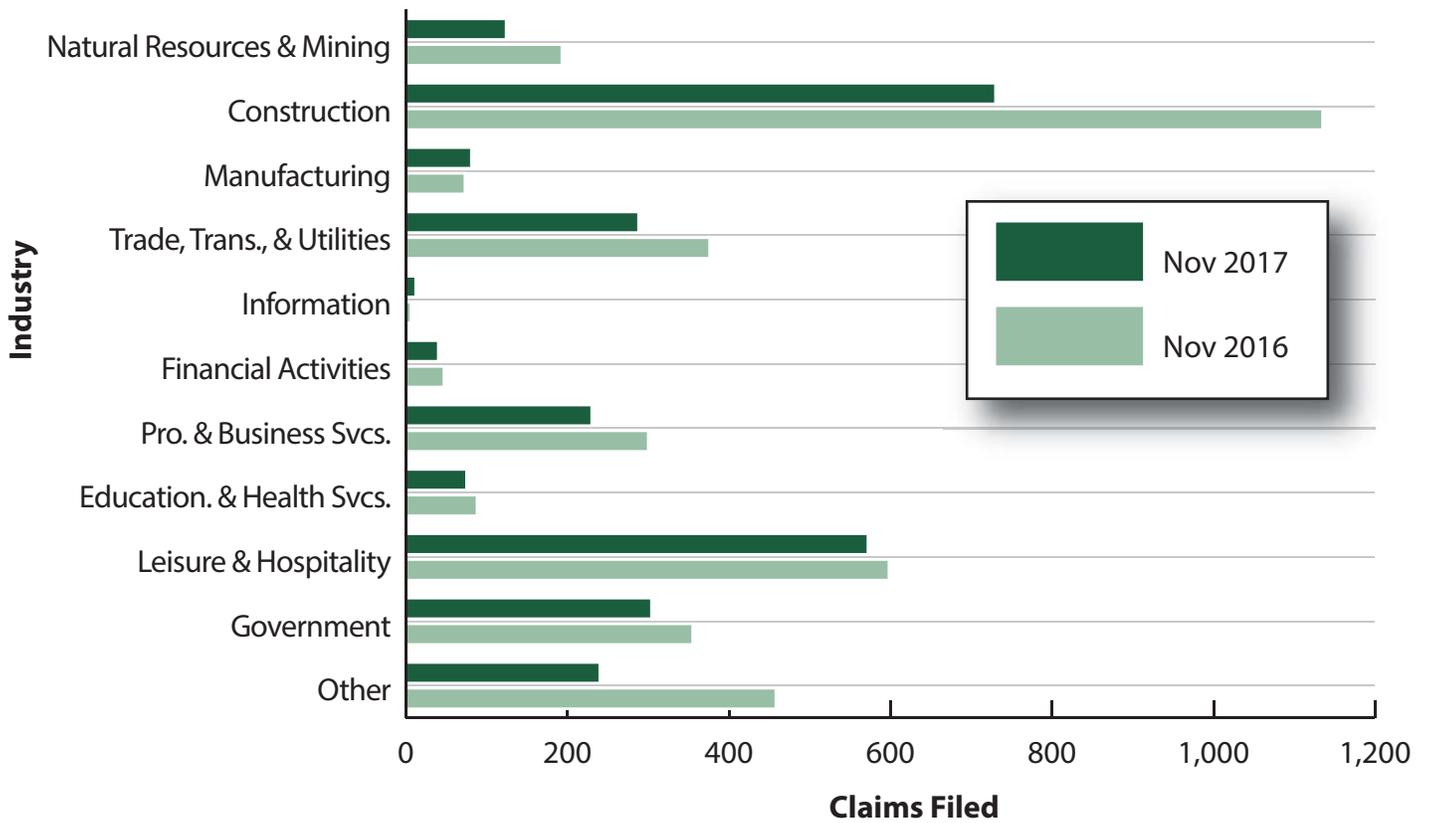
Figure 1: Number of New Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by Year and Month, 2014-2017

¹ Bullard, D. (2017, October). Wyoming unemployment rises to 4.2% in October. Research & Planning, Wyoming DWS. Retrieved December 4, 2017, from <http://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/news.htm>

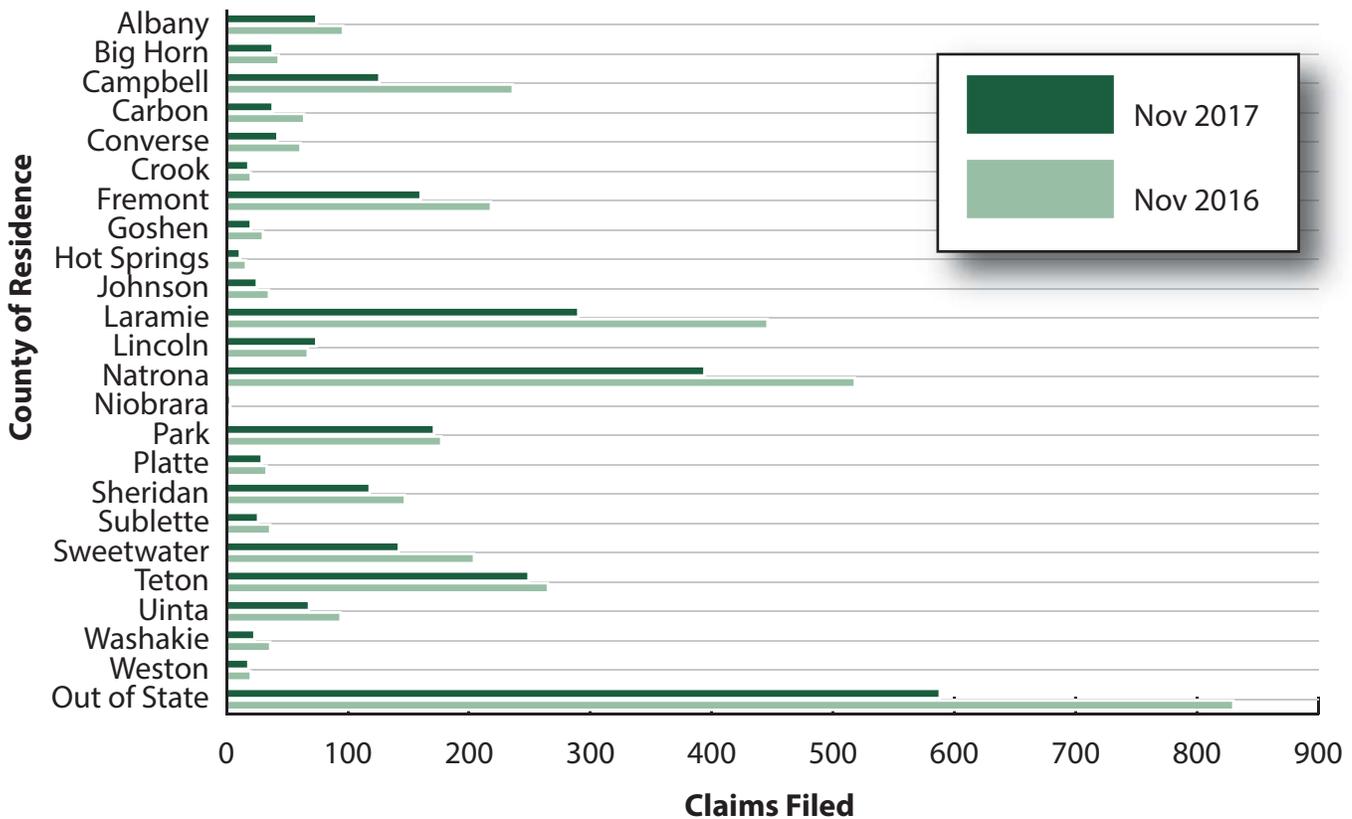
Initial Claims Tables

	Claims Filed			Percent Change Claims Filed		Difference
	Nov-17	Oct-17	Nov-16	Nov-17 Oct-17	Nov-17 Nov-16	Nov-17 Nov-16
<u>Wyoming Statewide</u>						
Total Claims Filed	2,747	2,412	3,695	13.9	-25.7	-948
Goods-Producing	936	471	1,402	98.7	-33.2	-466
Natural Resources and Mining (11,21)	124	72	193	72.2	-35.8	-69
Mining (21)	88	62	167	41.9	-47.3	-79
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	6	4	10	50.0	-40.0	-4
Construction (23)	730	357	1,135	104.5	-35.7	-405
Manufacturing (31 - 33)	81	41	73	97.6	11.0	8
Service-Providing	1,266	1,500	1,477	-15.6	-14.3	-211
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	288	299	376	-3.7	-23.4	-88
Wholesale Trade (42)	44	29	57	51.7	-22.8	-13
Retail Trade (44 - 45)	163	177	206	-7.9	-20.9	-43
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (22,48 - 49)	81	93	113	-12.9	-28.3	-32
Information (51)	12	8	6	50.0	100.0	6
Financial Activities (52, 53)	40	37	47	8.1	-14.9	-7
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	230	177	300	29.9	-23.3	-70
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	75	97	88	-22.7	-14.8	-13
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	572	838	598	-31.7	-4.3	-26
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	42	37	53	13.5	-20.8	-11
Government	304	272	355	11.8	-14.4	-51
Federal Government	214	156	239	37.2	-10.5	-25
State Government	12	35	19	-65.7	-36.8	-7
Local Government	77	80	97	-3.8	-20.6	-20
Local Education	13	15	23	-13.3	-43.5	-10
Unclassified	240	167	458	43.7	-47.6	-218
<u>Laramie County (Place of Residence)</u>						
Total Claims Filed	290	253	445	14.6	-34.8	-155
Goods-Producing	122	82	243	48.8	-49.8	-121
Construction	115	72	228	59.7	-49.6	-113
Service-Providing	139	139	167	0.0	-16.8	-28
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	52	36	68	44.4	-23.5	-16
Financial Activities (52, 53)	9	8	4	12.5	125.0	5
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	30	49	49	-38.8	-38.8	-19
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	15	16	14	-6.3	7.1	1
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	19	22	22	-13.6	-13.6	-3
Government	15	24	14	-37.5	7.1	1
Unclassified	12	6	20	100.0	-40.0	-8
<u>Natrona County (Place of Residence)</u>						
Total Claims Filed	394	284	517	38.7	-23.8	-123
Goods-Producing	204	90	250	126.7	-18.4	-46
Construction	155	71	194	118.3	-20.1	-39
Service-Providing	172	167	242	3.0	-28.9	-70
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	43	53	82	-18.9	-47.6	-39
Financial Activities (52, 53)	6	10	14	-40.0	-57.1	-8
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	49	27	67	81.5	-26.9	-18
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	15	18	19	-16.7	-21.1	-4
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	40	39	39	2.6	2.6	1
Government	6	10	13	-40.0	-53.8	-7
Unclassified	11	15	11	-26.7	0.0	0

Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry, November 2017



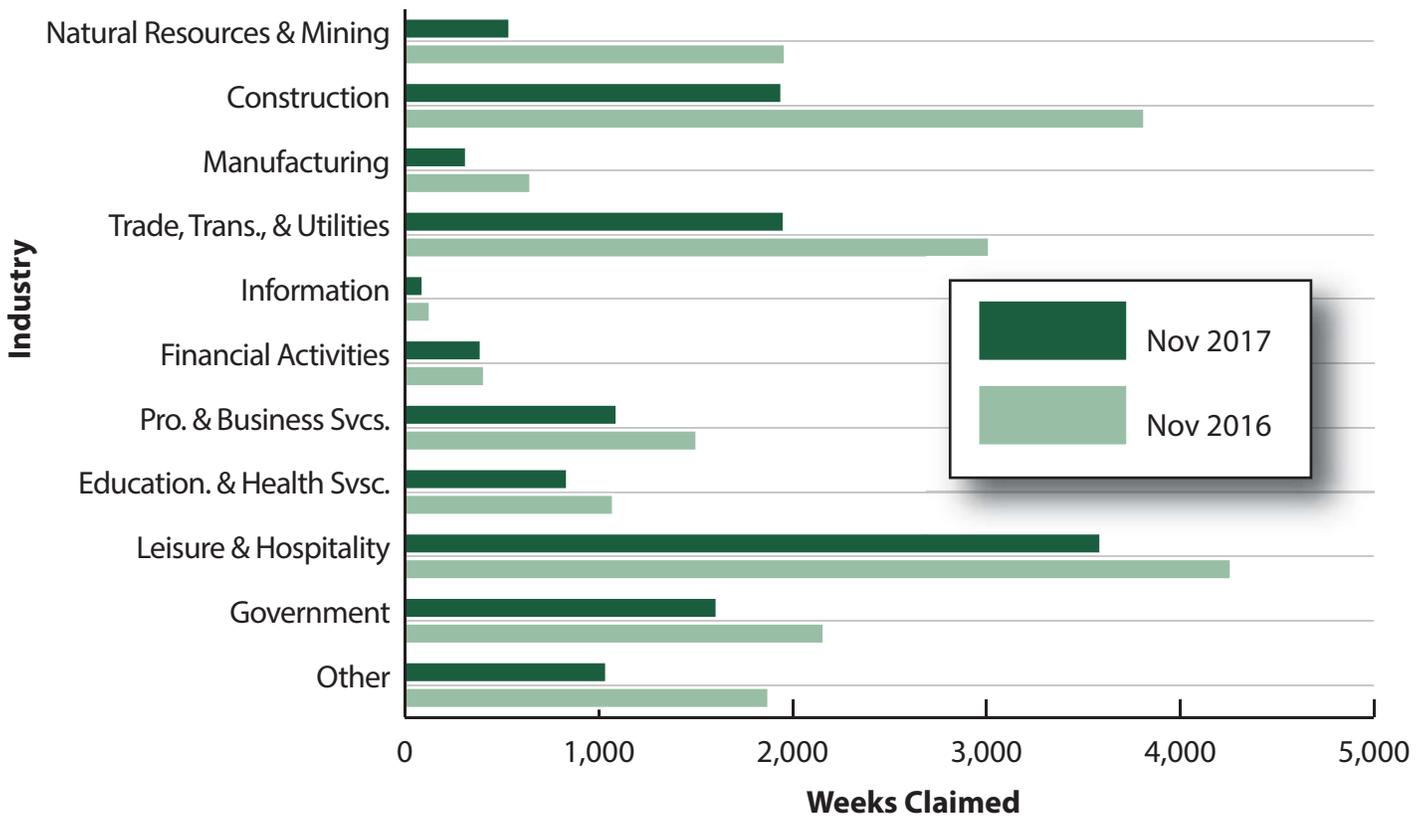
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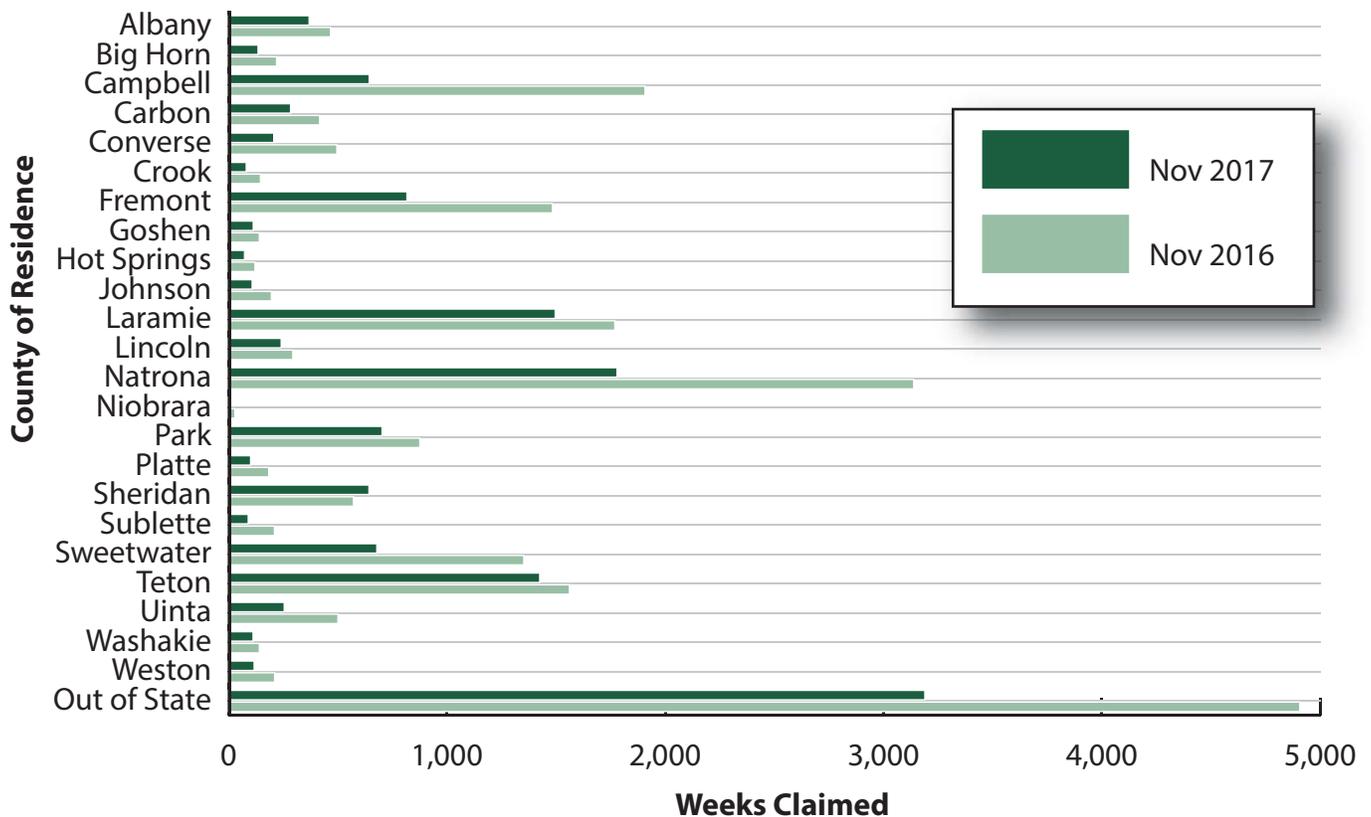
Continued Weeks Claimed Tables

	Claims Filed			Percent Change Claims		Difference
	Nov-17	Oct-17	Nov-16	Nov-17	Nov-17	Nov-17
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Wyoming Statewide						
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	13,675	9,580	21,340	42.7	-35.9	-7,665
Total Unique Claimants	3,528	2,970	5,469	18.8	-35.5	-1,941
Benefit Exhaustions	219	224	522	-2.2	-58.0	-303
Benefit Exhaustion Rates	6.2%	7.5%	9.5%	-1.3%	-3.3%	
Goods-Producing	2,799	2,383	6,426	17.5	-56.4	-3,627
Natural Resources and Mining (11,21)	540	507	1,961	6.5	-72.5	-1,421
Mining (21)	432	437	1,838	-1.1	-76.5	-1,406
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	69	79	276	-12.7	-75.0	-207
Construction (23)	1,943	1,648	3,815	17.9	-49.1	-1,872
Manufacturing (31 - 33)	316	227	648	39.2	-51.2	-332
Service-Providing	8,226	5,262	10,876	56.3	-24.4	-2,650
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	1,955	1,600	3,014	22.2	-35.1	-1,059
Wholesale Trade (42)	268	252	719	6.3	-62.7	-451
Retail Trade (44 - 45)	1,182	959	1,476	23.3	-19.9	-294
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (22,48 - 49)	505	389	819	29.8	-38.3	-314
Information (51)	92	110	129	-16.4	-28.7	-37
Financial Activities (52, 53)	392	340	409	15.3	-4.2	-17
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	1,093	922	1,505	18.5	-27.4	-412
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	837	840	1,074	-0.4	-22.1	-237
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	3,589	1,214	4,262	195.6	-15.8	-673
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	262	230	475	13.9	-44.8	-213
Government	1,609	1,041	2,161	54.6	-25.5	-552
Federal Government	723	214	895	237.9	-19.2	-172
State Government	195	172	200	13.4	-2.5	-5
Local Government	690	654	1,065	5.5	-35.2	-375
Local Education	198	226	250	-12.4	-20.8	-52
Unclassified	1,039	893	1,876	16.3	-44.6	-837
Laramie County (Place of Residence)						
Construction						
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	1,496	1,380	1,769	8.4	-15.4	-273
Total Unique Claimants	381	417	465	-8.6	-18.1	-84
Goods-Producing	372	339	488	9.7	-23.8	-116
Construction	309	268	348	15.3	-11.2	-39
Service-Providing	911	910	1,021	0.1	-10.8	-110
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	262	219	398	19.6	-34.2	-136
Financial Activities (52, 53)	99	90	36	10.0	175.0	63
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	227	283	242	-19.8	-6.2	-15
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	164	157	120	4.5	36.7	44
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	99	63	131	57.1	-24.4	-32
Government	161	88	149	83.0	8.1	12
Unclassified	51	41	109	24.4	-53.2	-58
Natrona County (Place of Residence)						
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	1,778	1,554	3,138	14.4	-43.3	-1,360
Total Unique Claimants	483	469	822	3.0	-41.2	-339
Goods-Producing	520	379	1,177	37.2	-55.8	-657
Construction	381	278	582	37.1	-34.5	-201
Service-Providing	1,105	1,024	1,756	7.9	-37.1	-651
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	364	338	656	7.7	-44.5	-292
Financial Activities (52, 53)	68	74	58	-8.1	17.2	10
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	174	139	312	25.2	-44.2	-138
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	209	241	283	-13.3	-26.1	-74
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	208	161	303	29.2	-31.4	-95
Government	100	99	145	1.0	-31.0	-45
Unclassified	51	50	58	2.0	-12.1	-7

Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry, November 2017



Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, November 2017



Wyoming Normalized^a Unemployment Statistics: Continued Claims by County of Residence, November 2017

County	Nov 2017	Nov 2016	Over-the-Year Change	
			N	%
Albany	369	467	-98	-21.0
Big Horn	135	220	-85	-38.6
Campbell	644	1,907	-1,263	-66.2
Carbon	284	417	-132	-31.8
Converse	207	496	-289	-58.3
Crook	81	146	-65	-44.4
Fremont	817	1,483	-666	-44.9
Goshen	113	141	-28	-19.6
Hot Springs	73	121	-48	-40.0
Johnson	108	196	-87	-44.7
Laramie	1,496	1,769	-273	-15.4
Lincoln	241	294	-53	-18.0
Natrona	1,779	3,138	-1,360	-43.3
Niobrara	10	29	-20	-67.6
Park	703	876	-173	-19.8
Platte	101	184	-83	-45.1
Sheridan	643	572	71	12.4
Sublette	90	210	-120	-57.2
Sweetwater	679	1,352	-673	-49.8
Teton	1,425	1,561	-136	-8.7
Uinta	255	501	-246	-49.1
Washakie	112	141	-29	-20.9
Weston	117	211	-94	-44.7
Out of State	3,189	4,906	-1,716	-35.0
Normalized Total^a	13,675	21,341	-7,666	-35.9
Real Total^b	15,791	24,643	-8,852	-35.9

^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.

All totals are subject to rounding error and may not add to the sum of their respective components.

The table above conforms to Wyoming Employment Security Law - Wyoming Statute 27-3-603 regarding confidentiality.

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