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Initial and Continued Claims Decline Over the Year

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The total number of initial Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims in Wyoming continued to decline in October 2017, down 24.7% (-791 claims) from October 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 September 2016 to September 2017 (-7,668 people, or -2.5%)¹. 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. Initial UI claims increase substantially

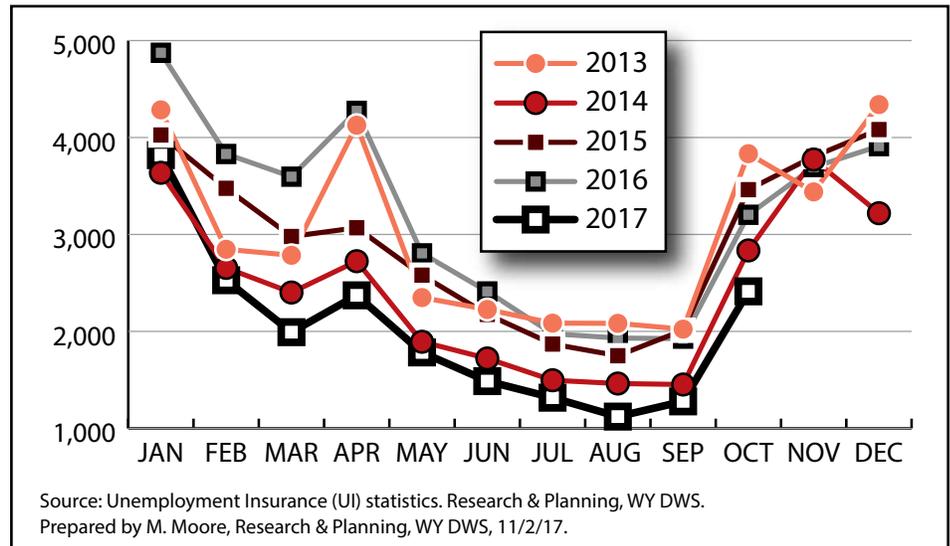


Figure 1: Number of New Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by Year and Month, 2013-2017

from September to October as seasonal job losses are seen in leisure & hospitality, retail trade, and professional & business services. Initial claims increased 88.7% (1,134 claims) from September 2017 to October 2017.

Most industries experienced substantial over-the-year declines in initial claims, with the largest decreases seen in construction (-251, or -41.3%); leisure & hospitality (-124, or -12.9%); trade, transportation, & utilities (-91, or -23.3%); and mining (-87, or -58.4%).

At the county level, the greatest decreases in initial claims were seen in Natrona (-132, or -46.4%) and Campbell (-127, or -164.8%) counties. Initial claims by out-of-state claimants decreased by 195 (-26.9%).

Continued Claims (see pages 6-8)

Over the year, the number of unique claimants with continued claims decreased by 45.0% (-2,433 individuals). Total continued weeks claimed decreased by 46.4% (-8,309 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 59.5% (-329 individuals).

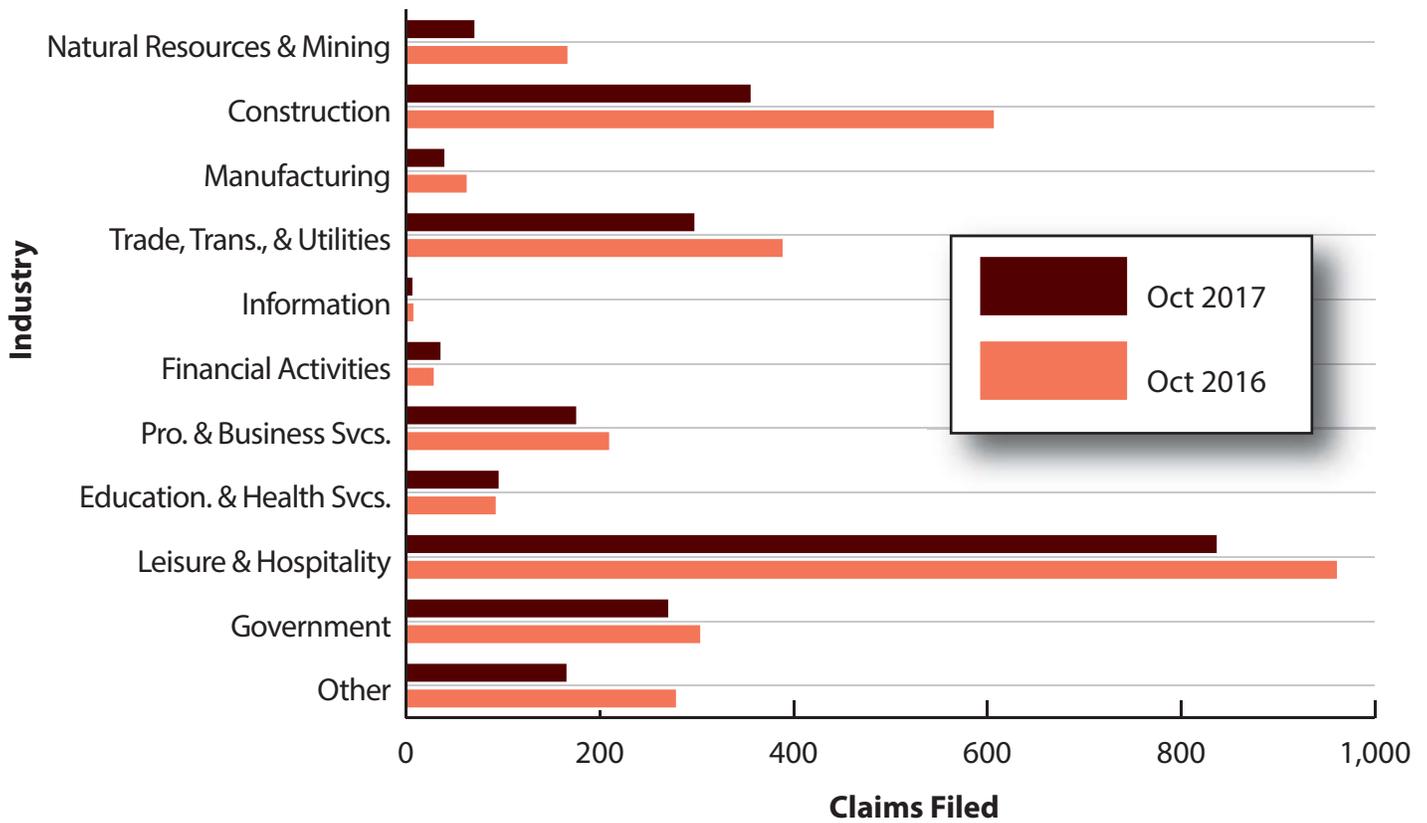
All industries and counties experienced over-the-year decreases in continued weeks claimed.

¹ Bullard, D. (2017, October). Wyoming unemployment rate unchanged at 4.0% in September 2017. Research & Planning, Wyoming DWS. Retrieved November 2, 2017, from <http://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/news.htm>

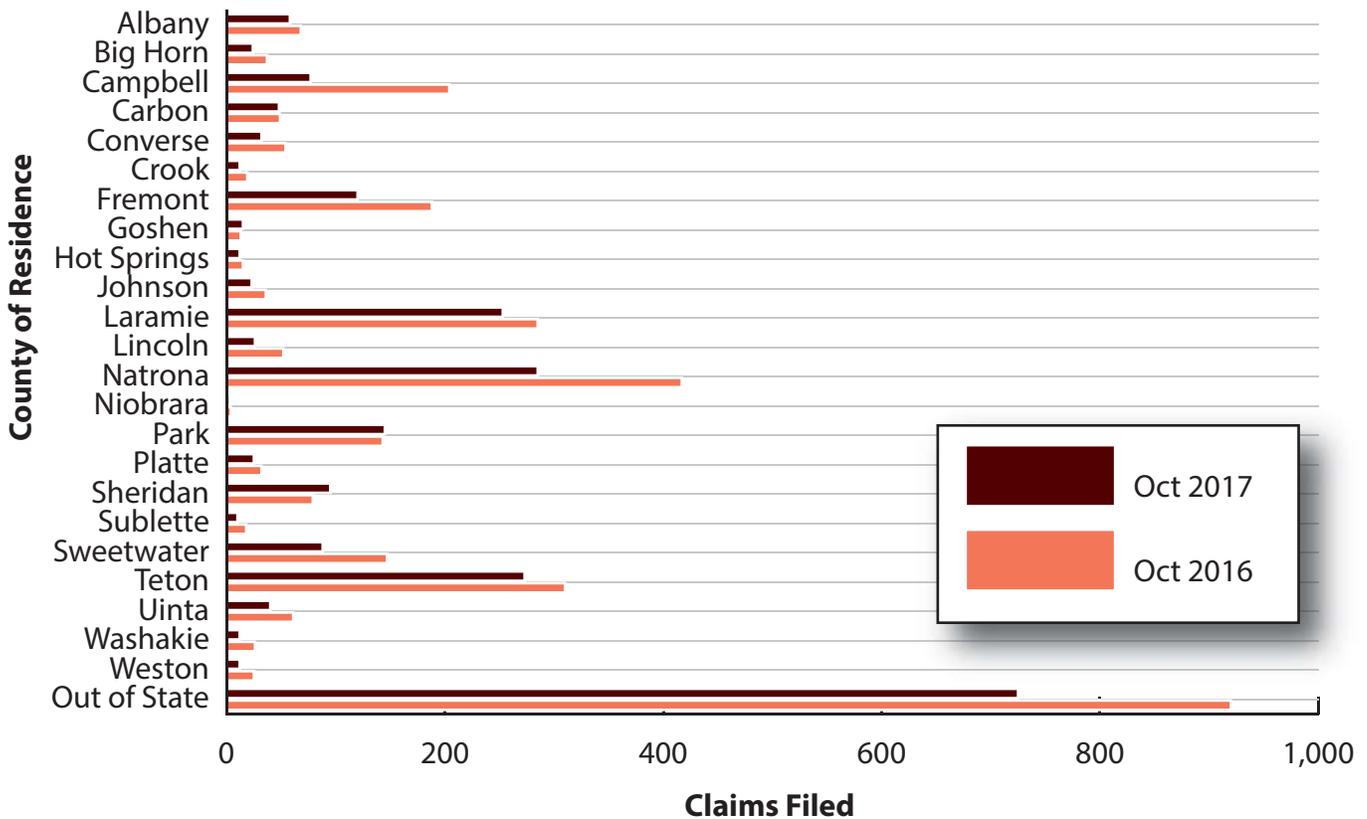
Initial Claims Tables

	Claims Filed			Percent Change Claims Filed		Difference
	Oct-17	Sep-17	Oct-16	Oct-17 Sep-17	Oct-17 Oct-16	Oct-17 Oct-16
<u>Wyoming Statewide</u>						
Total Claims Filed	2,412	1,278	3,203	88.7	-24.7	-791
Goods-Producing	471	397	842	18.6	-44.1	-371
Natural Resources and Mining (11,21)	72	73	168	-1.4	-57.1	-96
Mining (21)	62	64	149	-3.1	-58.4	-87
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	4	7	11	-42.9	-63.6	-7
Construction (23)	357	291	608	22.7	-41.3	-251
Manufacturing (31 - 33)	41	31	64	32.3	-35.9	-23
Service-Providing	1,500	652	1,775	130.1	-15.5	-275
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	299	215	390	39.1	-23.3	-91
Wholesale Trade (42)	29	30	49	-3.3	-40.8	-20
Retail Trade (44 - 45)	177	132	232	34.1	-23.7	-55
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (22,48 - 49)	93	53	109	75.5	-14.7	-16
Information (51)	8	14	9	-42.9	-11.1	-1
Financial Activities (52, 53)	37	21	30	76.2	23.3	7
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	177	113	211	56.6	-16.1	-34
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	97	77	94	26.0	3.2	3
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	838	164	962	411.0	-12.9	-124
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	37	41	73	-9.8	-49.3	-36
Government	272	92	305	195.7	-10.8	-33
Federal Government	156	24	168	550.0	-7.1	-12
State Government	35	21	30	66.7	16.7	5
Local Government	80	45	106	77.8	-24.5	-26
Local Education	15	11	19	36.4	-21.1	-4
Unclassified	167	136	280	22.8	-40.4	-113
<u>Laramie County (Place of Residence)</u>						
Total Claims Filed	253	202	284	25.2	-10.9	-31
Goods-Producing	82	68	87	20.6	-5.7	-5
Construction	72	57	73	26.3	-1.4	-1
Service-Providing	139	110	156	26.4	-10.9	-17
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	36	25	44	44.0	-18.2	-8
Financial Activities (52, 53)	8	7	5	14.3	60.0	3
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	49	23	57	113.0	-14.0	-8
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	16	18	8	-11.1	100.0	8
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	22	20	27	10.0	-18.5	-5
Government	24	12	24	100.0	0.0	0
Unclassified	6	10	15	-40.0	-60.0	-9
<u>Natrona County (Place of Residence)</u>						
Total Claims Filed	284	193	416	47.2	-31.7	-132
Goods-Producing	90	67	180	34.3	-50.0	-90
Construction	71	49	119	44.9	-40.3	-48
Service-Providing	167	112	215	49.1	-22.3	-48
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	53	37	64	43.2	-17.2	-11
Financial Activities (52, 53)	10	2	4	400.0	150.0	6
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	27	17	48	58.8	-43.8	-21
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	18	19	21	-5.3	-14.3	-3
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	39	22	50	77.3	-22.0	-11
Government	10	8	10	25.0	0.0	0
Unclassified	15	5	9	200.0	66.7	6

Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry, October 2017



Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, October 2017

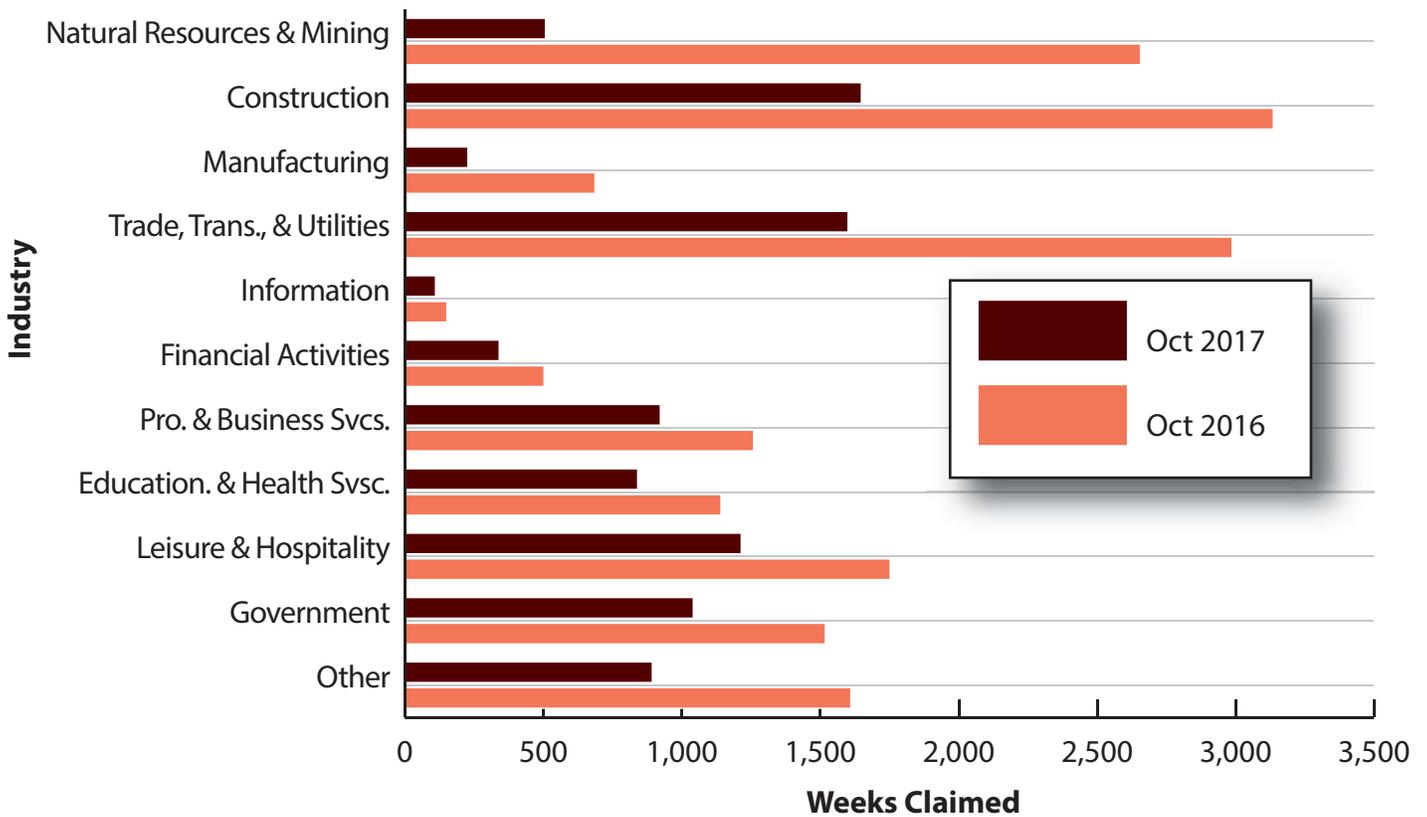


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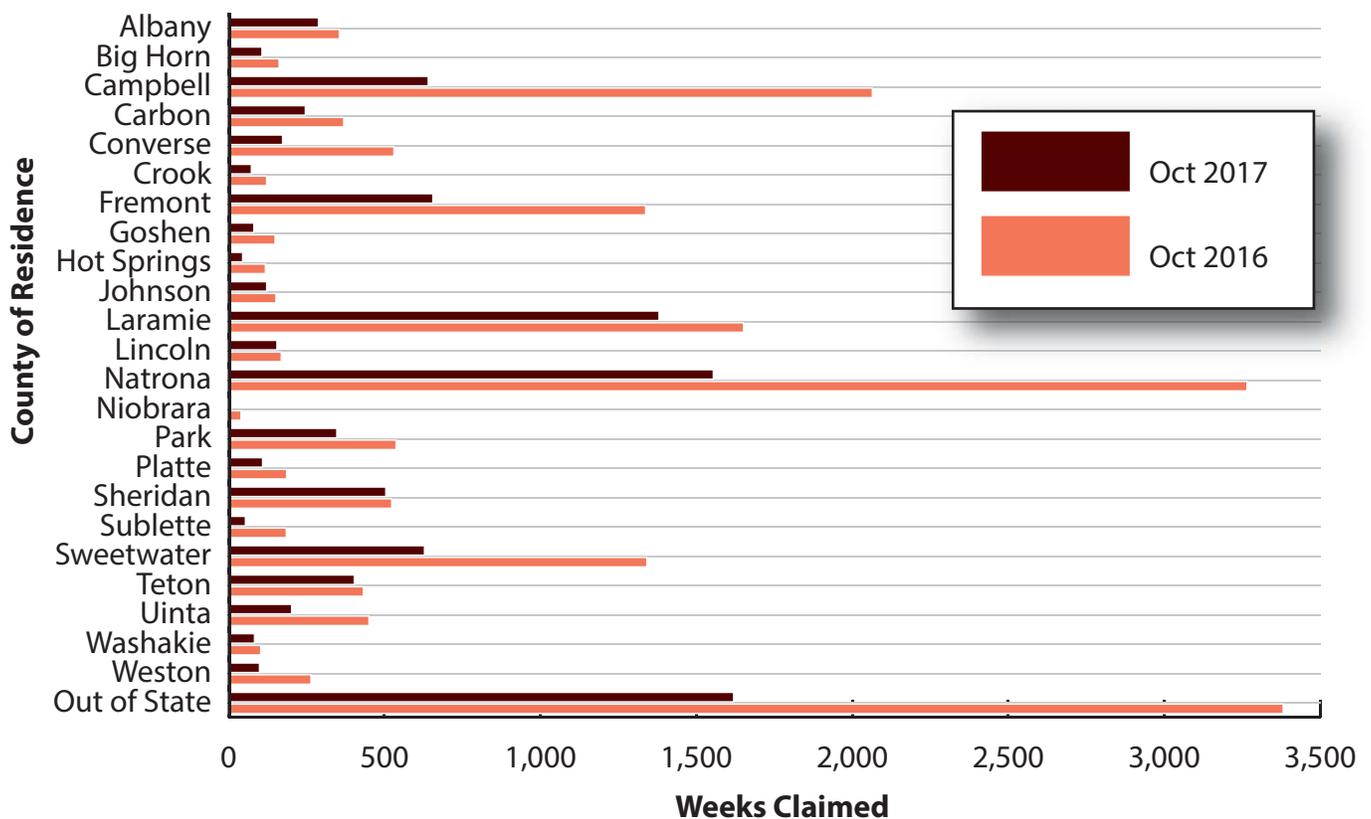
Continued Weeks Claimed Tables

	Claims Filed			Percent Change Claims		Difference
	Oct-17	Sep-17	Oct-16	Oct-17 Sep-17	Oct-17 Oct-16	Oct-17 Oct-16
<u>Wyoming Statewide</u>						
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	9,580	9,403	17,889	1.9	-46.4	-8,309
Total Unique Claimants	2,970	2,697	5,403	10.1	-45.0	-2,433
Benefit Exhaustions	224	217	553	3.2	-59.5	-329
Benefit Exhaustion Rates	7.5%	8.0%	10.2%	-0.5%	-2.7%	
Goods-Producing	2,383	2,530	6,478	-5.8	-63.2	-4,095
Natural Resources and Mining (11,21)	507	565	2,656	-10.3	-80.9	-2,149
Mining (21)	437	518	2,563	-15.6	-82.9	-2,126
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	79	94	306	-16.0	-74.2	-227
Construction (23)	1,648	1,664	3,136	-1.0	-47.4	-1,488
Manufacturing (31 - 33)	227	299	686	-24.1	-66.9	-459
Service-Providing	5,262	4,670	8,281	12.7	-36.5	-3,019
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	1,600	1,521	2,987	5.2	-46.4	-1,387
Wholesale Trade (42)	252	261	902	-3.4	-72.1	-650
Retail Trade (44 - 45)	959	903	1,264	6.2	-24.1	-305
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (22,48 - 49)	389	357	821	9.0	-52.6	-432
Information (51)	110	122	151	-9.8	-27.2	-41
Financial Activities (52, 53)	340	312	502	9.0	-32.3	-162
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	922	852	1,259	8.2	-26.8	-337
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	840	877	1,141	-4.2	-26.4	-301
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	1,214	747	1,752	62.5	-30.7	-538
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	230	232	481	-0.9	-52.2	-251
Government	1,041	959	1,518	8.6	-31.4	-477
Federal Government	214	140	335	52.9	-36.1	-121
State Government	172	111	179	55.0	-3.9	-7
Local Government	654	706	1,003	-7.4	-34.8	-349
Local Education	226	246	260	-8.1	-13.1	-34
Unclassified	893	1,242	1,610	-28.1	-44.5	-717
<u>Laramie County (Place of Residence)</u>						
Construction						
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	1,380	1,346	1,650	2.5	-16.4	-270
Total Unique Claimants	417	397	490	5.0	-14.9	-73
Goods-Producing	339	264	388	28.4	-12.6	-49
Construction	268	206	252	30.1	6.3	16
Service-Providing	910	932	1,001	-2.4	-9.1	-91
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	219	300	356	-27.0	-38.5	-137
Financial Activities (52, 53)	90	90	67	0.0	34.3	23
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	283	225	209	25.8	35.4	74
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	157	152	156	3.3	0.6	1
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	63	76	120	-17.1	-47.5	-57
Government	88	90	160	-2.2	-45.0	-72
Unclassified	41	59	100	-30.5	-59.0	-59
<u>Natrona County (Place of Residence)</u>						
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	1,554	1,536	3,264	1.2	-52.4	-1,710
Total Unique Claimants	469	436	956	7.6	-50.9	-487
Goods-Producing	379	407	1,286	-6.9	-70.5	-907
Construction	278	271	552	2.6	-49.6	-274
Service-Providing	1,024	985	1,794	4.0	-42.9	-770
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	338	309	747	9.4	-54.8	-409
Financial Activities (52, 53)	74	56	68	32.1	8.8	6
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	139	123	200	13.0	-30.5	-61
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	241	253	351	-4.7	-31.3	-110
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	161	157	258	2.5	-37.6	-97
Government	99	95	110	4.2	-10.0	-11
Unclassified	50	48	73	4.2	-31.5	-23

Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry, October 2017



Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, October 2017



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

County	Oct 2017	Oct 2016	Over-the-Year Change	
			N	%
Albany	288	355	-67	-18.9
Big Horn	107	162	-55	-34.0
Campbell	640	2,064	-1,424	-69.0
Carbon	246	369	-123	-33.3
Converse	173	530	-357	-67.4
Crook	73	122	-49	-40.2
Fremont	655	1,337	-682	-51.0
Goshen	81	149	-68	-45.6
Hot Springs	45	118	-73	-61.9
Johnson	122	152	-30	-19.7
Laramie	1,380	1,651	-271	-16.4
Lincoln	155	169	-14	-8.3
Natrona	1,554	3,265	-1,711	-52.4
Niobrara	9	40	-31	-77.5
Park	347	537	-190	-35.4
Platte	109	186	-77	-41.4
Sheridan	504	523	-19	-3.6
Sublette	54	185	-131	-70.8
Sweetwater	628	1,341	-713	-53.2
Teton	403	432	-29	-6.7
Uinta	202	450	-248	-55.1
Washakie	83	103	-20	-19.4
Weston	99	264	-165	-62.5
Out of State	1,619	3,381	-1,762	-52.1
Normalized Total^a	9,580	17,889	-8,309	-46.4
Real Total^b	8,850	16,526	-7,676	-46.4

^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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