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## Claims Drop as Summer Employment Warms Up

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The number of initial and continued Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims in Wyoming (see Definitions, page 9) increased slightly over the year, but declined substantially over the month as warm summer months brought more jobs (see Figure 1 below and Figure 2, page 4).

### Initial Claims

There were 1,200 initial claims in May 2026, up from 1,190 (10, or 0.8%) in May 2025. Over the month, initial claims fell by 455 (-27.5%).

The industries with the largest numbers of initial claims included construction

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(335), education & health services (168), leisure & hospitality (163), and trade, transportation, & utilities (147; see Table 1, page 5, and Figure 3, page 6). The greatest over-the-year increase was seen in construction (50 more claims, or 17.5%). Mining had the greatest over-the-year decrease in initial claims (-36, or -42.4%).

Laramie County had the largest number of initial claims with 220, followed

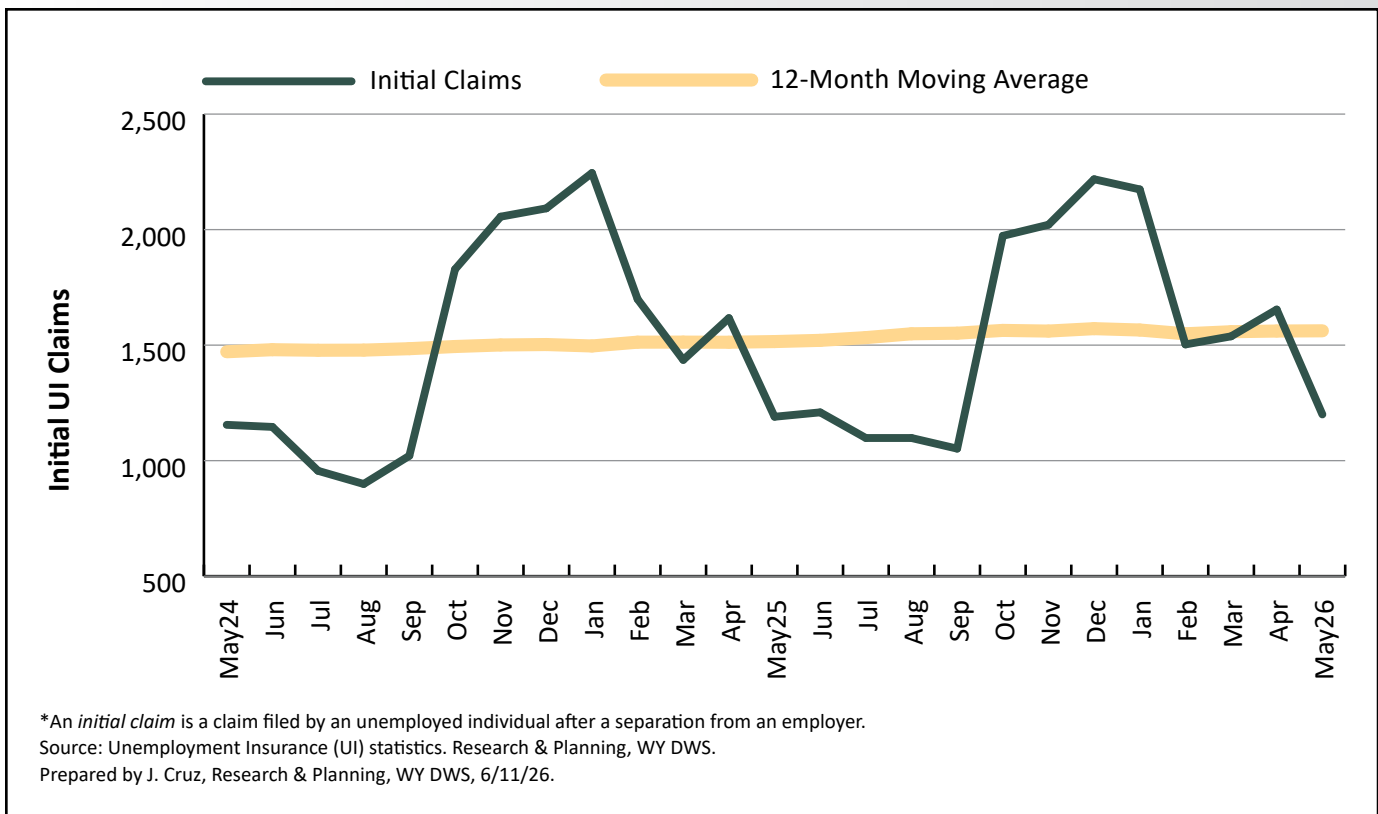


Figure 1: Total Number of Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming, May 2024 to May 2026

by Natrona (181), Sweetwater (92), and Campbell (88) counties (see Figure 4, page 6, and Table 3, page 9). In addition, there were 164 initial claims by out-of-state individuals, down over the month (-91) and over the year (-25). Initial claims in Laramie County increased over the year by 52, or 31.0%.

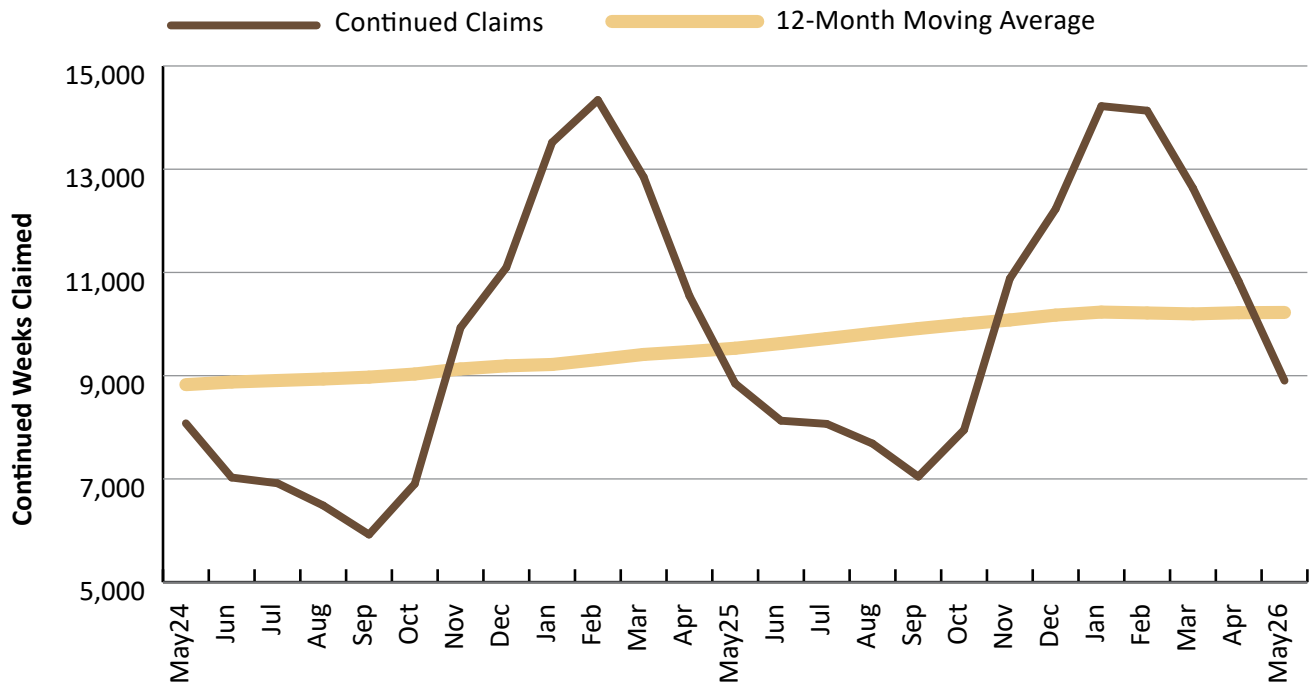
**Continued Claims**

There were 8,904 total continued weeks claimed in May 2026, down 1,921 (-17.7%) over the month. There were 3,210 unique claimants, down 196 (-5.8%) over the month. The total number of continued weeks claimed and total claimants were largely unchanged over the year.

The industries with the greatest number of continued weeks claimed included leisure

& hospitality (1,735); construction (1,659); trade, transportation, & utilities (1,384); and professional & business services (974; see Table 2, page 7, and Figure 5, page 8). The greatest over-the-year increases in continued claims were seen in local government (108, or 37.8%) and other services, except public administration (65, or 34.9%).

Laramie County had the largest number of continued claims with 1,346, followed by Natrona (1,031), Teton (831), and Sweetwater (824) counties, along with 1,368 continued weeks claimed by out-of-state individuals (see Figure 6, page 8, and Table 4, page 9). Large over-the-year increases were seen in Sweetwater (163, or 24.7%) and Laramie (162, or 13.7%) counties.



\*A person who has already filed an initial claim and who has experienced a week of unemployment then files a *continued claim* to claim benefits for that week of unemployment.  
 Source: Unemployment Insurance (UI) statistics. Research & Planning, WY DWS.  
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**Figure 2: Total Number of Unemployment Insurance Continued Weeks Claimed for Wyoming, May 2024 to May 2026**

Table 1: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims in Wyoming, May 2026

Industry	Initial Claims Filed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	May 2026	Apr 2026	May 2025	N	%	N	%
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>1,655</b>	<b>1,190</b>	<b>-455</b>	<b>-27.5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0.8</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>-66</b>	<b>-13.1</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>5.0</b>
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	55	90	89	-35	-38.9	-34	-38.2
Mining (21)	49	79	85	-30	-38.0	-36	-42.4
Construction (23)	335	340	285	-5	-1.5	50	17.5
Manufacturing (31-33)	47	72	42	-25	-34.7	5	11.9
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>1,065</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>-397</b>	<b>-37.3</b>	<b>-7</b>	<b>-1.0</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	147	242	177	-95	-39.3	-30	-16.9
Wholesale Trade (42)	25	25	34	0	0.0	-9	-26.5
Retail Trade (44-45)	70	107	83	-37	-34.6	-13	-15.7
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	50	109	59	-59	-54.1	-9	-15.3
Information (51)	7	13	6	-6	-46.2	1	16.7
Financial Activities (52-53)	41	47	29	-6	-12.8	12	41.4
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	121	115	112	6	5.2	9	8.0
Education & Health Services (61-62)	168	92	155	76	82.6	13	8.4
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	163	519	160	-356	-68.6	3	1.9
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	19	33	33	-14	-42.4	-14	-42.4
<b>Government</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>25.9</b>	<b>-8</b>	<b>-9.9</b>
Federal Government	5	13	4	-8	-61.5	1	25.0
State Government	14	6	16	8	133.3	-2	-12.5
Local Government	54	38	60	16	42.1	-6	-10.0
Local Education	17	11	18	6	54.5	-1	-5.6
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>-9</b>	<b>-32.1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>18.8</b>
<b>Laramie County</b>							
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>-9</b>	<b>-3.9</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>31.0</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>78.9</b>
Construction	89	90	49	-1	-1.1	40	81.6
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>-7</b>	<b>-6.1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10.2</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	27	37	27	-10	-27.0	0	0.0
Financial Activities (52, 53)	9	12	5	-3	-25.0	4	80.0
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	27	25	22	2	8.0	5	22.7
Educational & Health Services (61-62)	21	15	20	6	40.0	1	5.0
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	17	13	15	4	30.8	2	13.3
<b>Government</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>-33.3</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>-40.0</b>
<b>Natrona County</b>							
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-9</b>	<b>-4.7</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>-6</b>	<b>-7.8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12.7</b>
Construction	56	56	42	0	0.0	14	33.3
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>-17</b>	<b>-14.5</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	21	45	29	-24	-53.3	-8	-27.6
Financial Activities (52, 53)	11	6	3	5	83.3	8	266.7
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	16	13	16	3	23.1	0	0.0
Educational & Health Services (61-62)	25	13	36	12	92.3	-11	-30.6
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	18	15	25	3	20.0	-7	-28.0
<b>Government</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>250.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

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Source: Unemployment Insurance claims database.

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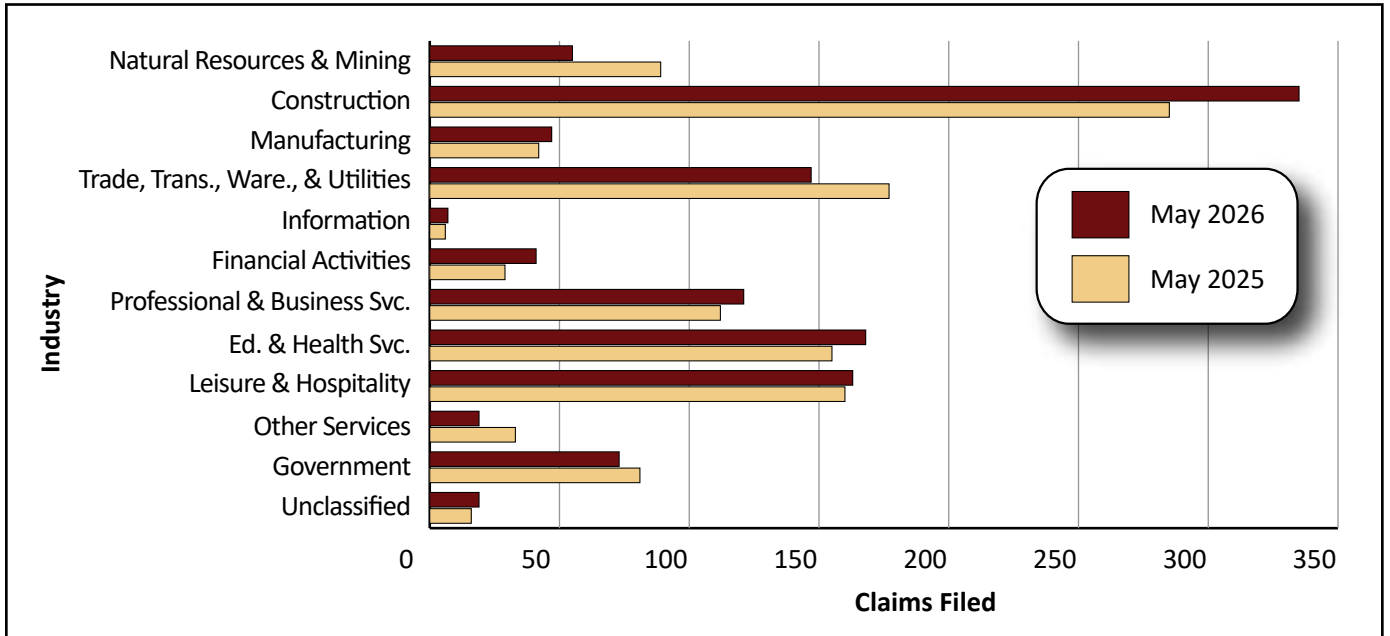


Figure 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, May 2025 and May 2026

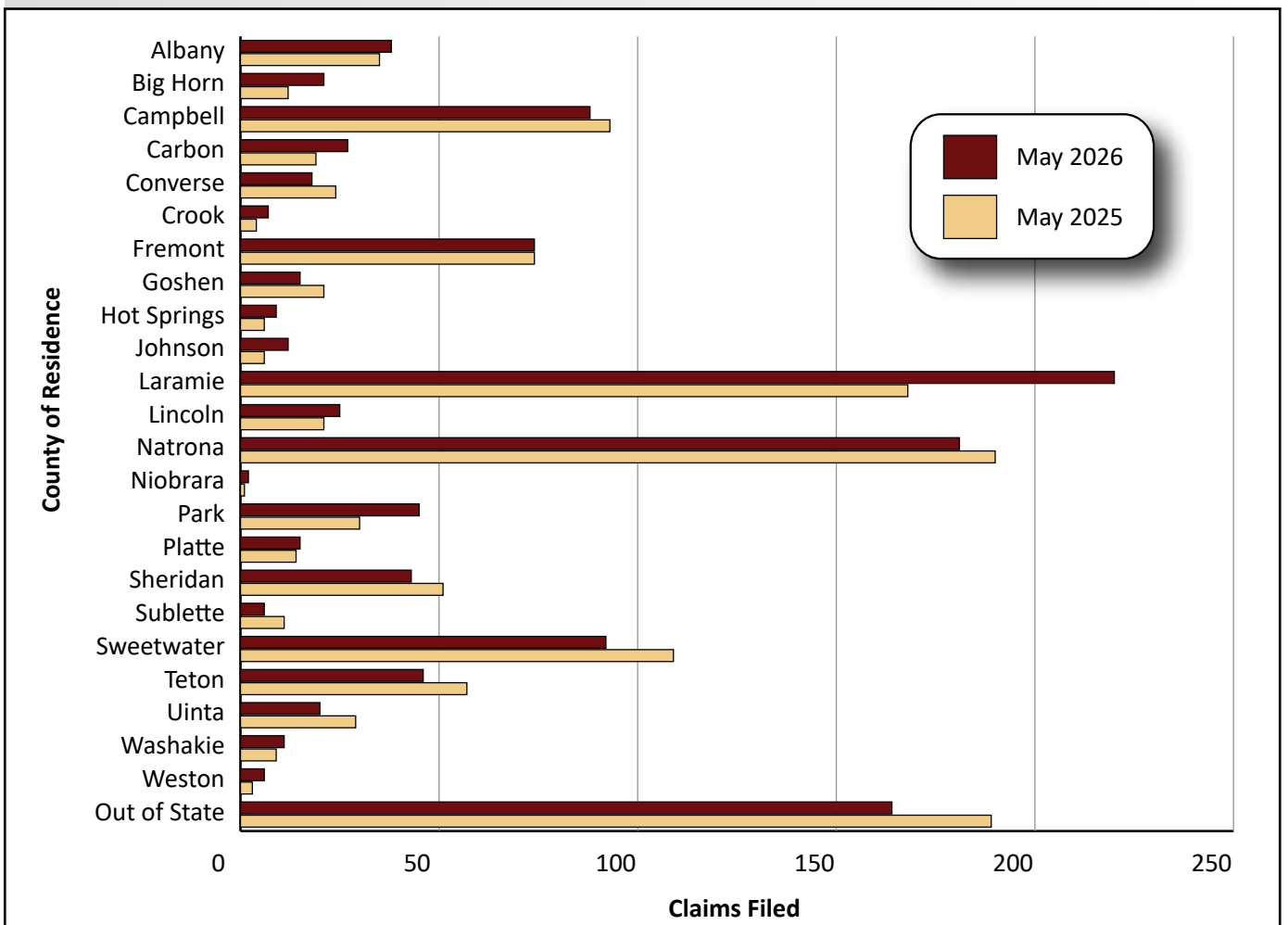


Figure 4: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, May 2025 and May 2026

Table 2: Unemployment Insurance Continued Weeks Claimed in Wyoming, May 2026

Industry	Continued Weeks Claimed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	May 2026	Apr 2026	May 2025	N	%	N	%
<b>Total Continued Weeks Claimed</b>	<b>8,904</b>	<b>10,825</b>	<b>8,847</b>	<b>-1,921</b>	<b>-17.7</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>0.6</b>
Total Unique Claimants	3,210	3,406	3,195	-196	-5.8	15	0.5
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>2,743</b>	<b>3,692</b>	<b>2,839</b>	<b>-949</b>	<b>-25.7</b>	<b>-96</b>	<b>-3.4</b>
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	628	722	689	-94	-13.0	-61	-8.9
Mining (21)	572	655	653	-83	-12.7	-81	-12.4
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	37	44	37	-7	-15.9	0	0.0
Construction (23)	1,659	2,398	1,642	-739	-30.8	17	1.0
Manufacturing (31-33)	454	571	507	-117	-20.5	-53	-10.5
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>5,541</b>	<b>6,299</b>	<b>5,479</b>	<b>-758</b>	<b>-12.0</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>1.1</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	1,384	1,505	1,439	-121	-8.0	-55	-3.8
Wholesale Trade (42)	238	269	260	-31	-11.5	-22	-8.5
Retail Trade (44-45)	586	645	731	-59	-9.1	-145	-19.8
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	559	591	447	-32	-5.4	112	25.1
Information (51)	100	114	124	-14	-12.3	-24	-19.4
Financial Activities (52-53)	323	314	296	9	2.9	27	9.1
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	974	1,116	1,003	-142	-12.7	-29	-2.9
Education & Health Services (61-62)	771	783	704	-12	-1.5	67	9.5
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	1,735	2,229	1,724	-494	-22.2	11	0.6
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	251	235	186	16	6.8	65	34.9
<b>Government</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>721</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>-193</b>	<b>-26.8</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>24.5</b>
Federal Government	57	213	83	-156	-73.2	-26	-31.3
State Government	76	88	54	-12	-13.6	22	40.7
Local Government	394	420	286	-26	-6.2	108	37.8
Local Education	117	108	47	9	8.3	70	148.9
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>-20</b>	<b>-17.9</b>	<b>-11</b>	<b>-10.7</b>
<b>Laramie County</b>							
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>1,346</b>	<b>1,474</b>	<b>1,184</b>	<b>-128</b>	<b>-8.7</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>13.7</b>
Total Unique Claimants	489	461	424	28	6.1	65	15.3
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>-87</b>	<b>-17.8</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>63.7</b>
Construction	329	433	199	-104	-24.0	130	65.3
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>831</b>	<b>847</b>	<b>862</b>	<b>-16</b>	<b>-1.9</b>	<b>-31</b>	<b>-3.6</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	215	229	256	-14	-6.1	-41	-16.0
Financial Activities (52, 53)	77	77	83	0	0.0	-6	-7.2
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	187	192	224	-5	-2.6	-37	-16.5
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	163	167	164	-4	-2.4	-1	-0.6
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	113	116	82	-3	-2.6	31	37.8
<b>Government</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>-9</b>	<b>-8.3</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>104.1</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>-16</b>	<b>-57.1</b>	<b>-13</b>	<b>-52.0</b>
<b>Natrona County</b>							
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>1,031</b>	<b>1,205</b>	<b>1,126</b>	<b>-174</b>	<b>-14.4</b>	<b>-95</b>	<b>-8.4</b>
Total Unique Claimants	382	390	424	-8	-2.1	-42	-9.9
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>-151</b>	<b>-31.9</b>	<b>-74</b>	<b>-18.6</b>
Construction	174	269	201	-95	-35.3	-27	-13.4
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>684</b>	<b>703</b>	<b>704</b>	<b>-19</b>	<b>-2.7</b>	<b>-20</b>	<b>-2.8</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	208	204	304	4	2.0	-96	-31.6
Financial Activities (52, 53)	44	46	46	-2	-4.3	-2	-4.3
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	149	137	119	12	8.8	30	25.2
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	148	155	93	-7	-4.5	55	59.1
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	60	86	103	-26	-30.2	-43	-41.7
<b>Government</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>-12.0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10.0</b>

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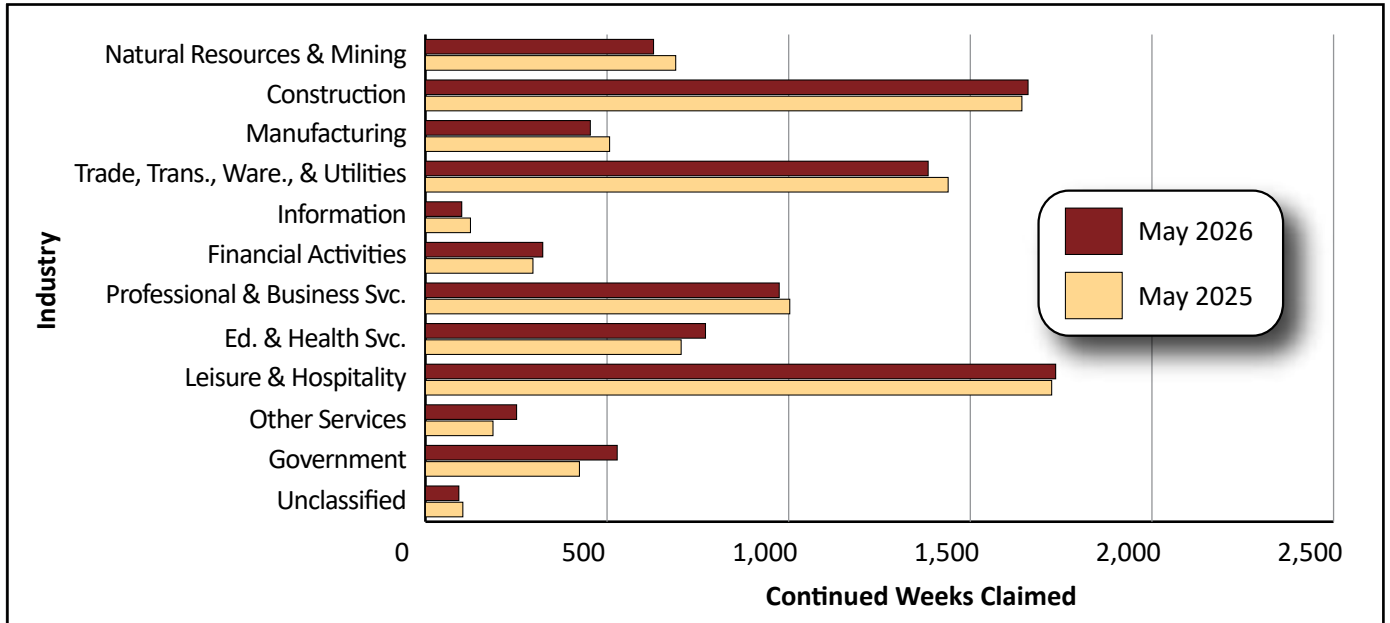


Figure 5: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, May 2025 and May 2026

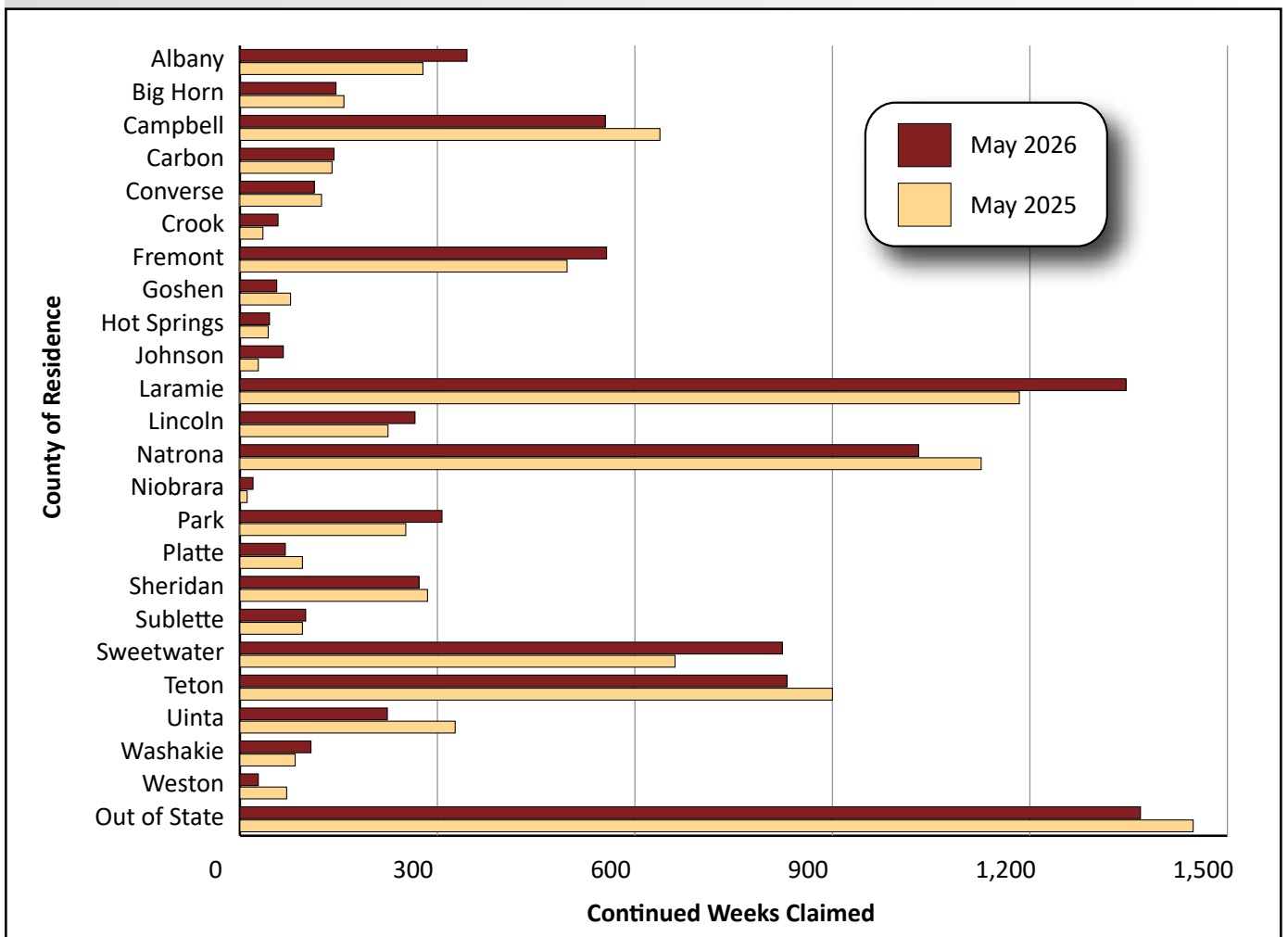


Figure 6: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence in Wyoming, May 2025 and May 2026

**Table 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by County of Residence, May 2025 and May 2026**

County	May 2026	May 2025	Change	
			N	%
Albany	38	35	3	8.6
Big Horn	21	12	9	75.0
Campbell	88	93	-5	-5.4
Carbon	27	19	8	42.1
Converse	18	24	-6	-25.0
Crook	7	4	3	75.0
Fremont	74	74	0	0.0
Goshen	15	21	-6	-28.6
Hot Springs	9	6	3	50.0
Johnson	12	6	6	100.0
Laramie	220	168	52	31.0
Lincoln	25	21	4	19.0
Natrona	181	190	-9	-4.7
Niobrara	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D
Park	45	30	15	50.0
Platte	15	14	1	7.1
Sheridan	43	51	-8	-15.7
Sublette	6	11	-5	-45.5
Sweetwater	92	109	-17	-15.6
Teton	46	57	-11	-19.3
Uinta	20	29	-9	-31.0
Washakie	11	9	2	22.2
Weston	6	3	3	100.0
Unknown	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D
Out of State	164	189	-25	-13.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>1,190</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0.8</b>

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**Box: Definitions**

**Initial Claim:** An initial claim is filed by an unemployed individual after a separation from an employer. The claim requests a determination of basic eligibility for the Unemployment Insurance benefits.

**Continued Weeks Claimed:** The number of weeks of UI benefits claimed during the reference period. An unemployed individual who has already filed an initial claim and who has experienced a week of unemployment and then filed a continued claim to claim benefits for that week of unemployment.

**Table 4: Wyoming Normalized<sup>a</sup> Unemployment Statistics: Continued Claims by County of Residence, May 2025 and May 2026**

County	May 2026	May 2025	Change	
			N	%
Albany	345	278	67	24.1
Big Horn	146	158	-12	-7.6
Campbell	555	638	-83	-13.0
Carbon	143	140	3	2.1
Converse	113	124	-11	-8.9
Crook	58	35	23	65.7
Fremont	557	497	60	12.1
Goshen	56	77	-21	-27.3
Hot Springs	45	43	2	4.7
Johnson	66	28	38	135.7
Laramie	1,346	1,184	162	13.7
Lincoln	266	225	41	18.2
Natrona	1,031	1,126	-95	-8.4
Niobrara	20	11	9	81.8
Park	307	252	55	21.8
Platte	69	95	-26	-27.4
Sheridan	272	285	-13	-4.6
Sublette	100	95	5	5.3
Sweetwater	824	661	163	24.7
Teton	831	900	-69	-7.7
Uinta	224	327	-103	-31.5
Washakie	108	84	24	28.6
Weston	28	71	-43	-60.6
Unknown	16	53	-37	-69.8
Out of State	1,368	1,448	-80	-5.5
<b>Normalized Total<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>8,904</b>	<b>8,847</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>0.6</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.

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

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