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UI Claims Continue to Drop Over the Year

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The number of initial and continued Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims in Wyoming (see Definitions, page 9) typically reach their lowest levels in the summer months, as jobs are plentiful in industries like construction and leisure & hospitality (see Figure 1 below and Figure 2, page 4).

Initial Claims

There were 917 initial claims in July 2026, down from 1,098 from July 2025 (-181, or -16.5%). There were 254 fewer claims filed over the month.

The industries with the largest numbers of initial claims included construction

UI Claims Online

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(176); trade, transportation, & utilities (141); education & health services (135); and leisure & hospitality (99; see Table 1, page 5, and Figure 3, page 6). These four industries all declined over the month, as summer employment continued to pick up. Construction decreased the most in July with 101 fewer claims over the year.

Laramie County had the greatest number of initial claims with 161, followed by Natrona (122), Fremont (94), and Sweetwater (76)

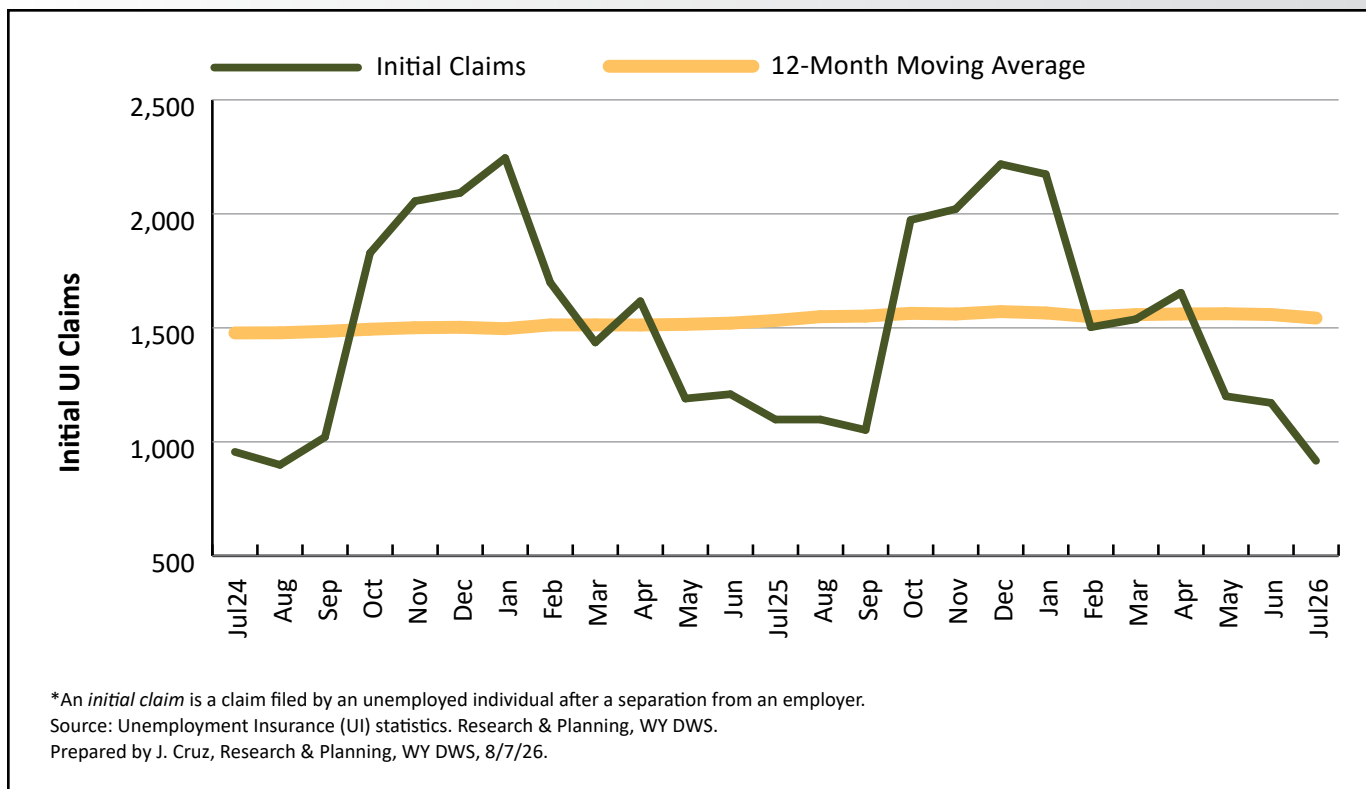


Figure 1: Total Number of Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming, July 2024 to July 2026

counties (see Figure 4, page 6, and Table 3, page 9). In addition, there were 112 claims by out-of-state individuals, down 64 (-36.4%) over the year.

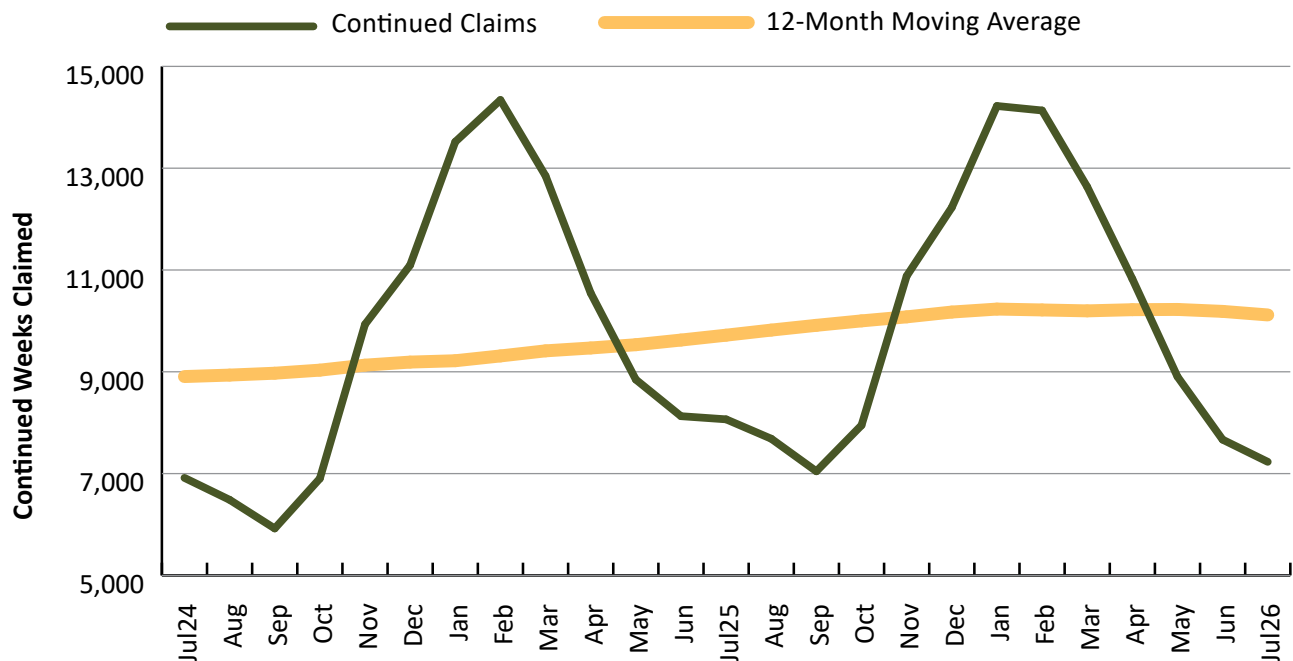
Continued Claims

The total number of continued weeks claimed decreased from 8,066 in July 2025 to 7,231 in July 2026 (-835, or -10.4%). Over the month, the total number of continued weeks claims decreased by 436 (-5.7%). There were 2,079 unique claimants in July 2026, down over the month (-619, or -22.9%) and over the year (-193, or -8.5%).

The industries with the greatest number of continued weeks claimed included education & health services

(1,297); construction (1,121); trade, transportation, & utilities (1,026); and professional & business services (961; see Table 2, page 7, and Figure 5, page 8). The greatest over-the-year increases were seen in education & health services (183, or 16.4%) and government (102, or 19.0%). Substantial over-the-year decreases were seen in construction (-480, or -30.0%); natural resources & mining (-311, or -47.3%); and trade, transportation, & utilities (-248, or -19.5%).

Laramie County had the greatest number of continued weeks claimed with 1,098, followed by Natrona (1,012), Sweetwater (702), and Fremont (661) counties (see Figure 6, page 8, and Table 4, page 9). There were 863 continued weeks claimed by out-of-state individuals.



*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, July 2024 to July 2026

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

Industry	Initial Claims Filed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Jul 2026	Jun 2026	Jul 2025	N	%	N	%
Total Claims Filed	917	1,171	1,098	-254	-21.7	-181	-16.5
Goods-Producing	283	317	426	-34	-10.7	-143	-33.6
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	59	37	96	22	59.5	-37	-38.5
Mining (21)	56	35	94	21	60.0	-38	-40.4
Construction (23)	176	216	277	-40	-18.5	-101	-36.5
Manufacturing (31-33)	46	62	51	-16	-25.8	-5	-9.8
Service-Providing	532	717	581	-185	-25.8	-49	-8.4
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	141	178	167	-37	-20.8	-26	-15.6
Wholesale Trade (42)	25	28	28	-3	-10.7	-3	-10.7
Retail Trade (44-45)	77	110	93	-33	-30.0	-16	-17.2
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	38	40	45	-2	-5.0	-7	-15.6
Information (51)	10	16	12	-6	-37.5	-2	-16.7
Financial Activities (52-53)	30	38	28	-8	-21.1	2	7.1
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	89	125	122	-36	-28.8	-33	-27.0
Education & Health Services (61-62)	135	199	116	-64	-32.2	19	16.4
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	99	129	104	-30	-23.3	-5	-4.8
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	25	29	29	-4	-13.8	-4	-13.8
Government	81	117	72	-36	-30.8	9	12.5
Federal Government	11	9	12	2	22.2	-1	-8.3
State Government	8	11	8	-3	-27.3	0	0.0
Local Government	61	96	51	-35	-36.5	10	19.6
Local Education	25	40	19	-15	-37.5	6	31.6
Unclassified	19	18	19	1	5.6	0	0.0
Laramie County							
Total Claims Filed	161	184	178	-23	-12.5	-17	-9.6
Goods-Producing	47	56	49	-9	-16.1	-2	-4.1
Construction	39	46	41	-7	-15.2	-2	-4.9
Service-Providing	98	108	114	-10	-9.3	-16	-14.0
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	25	28	35	-3	-10.7	-10	-28.6
Financial Activities (52, 53)	9	11	5	-2	-18.2	4	80.0
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	26	27	31	-1	-3.7	-5	-16.1
Educational & Health Services (61-62)	13	22	22	-9	-40.9	-9	-40.9
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	20	12	12	8	66.7	8	66.7
Government	9	16	11	-7	-43.8	-2	-18.2
Natrona County							
Total Claims Filed	122	180	169	-58	-32.2	-47	-27.8
Goods-Producing	30	46	53	-16	-34.8	-23	-43.4
Construction	14	22	31	-8	-36.4	-17	-54.8
Service-Providing	89	123	106	-34	-27.6	-17	-16.0
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	27	33	37	-6	-18.2	-10	-27.0
Financial Activities (52, 53)	3	6	4	-3	-50.0	-1	-25.0
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	10	23	21	-13	-56.5	-11	-52.4
Educational & Health Services (61-62)	22	36	13	-14	-38.9	9	69.2
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	15	14	17	1	7.1	-2	-11.8
Government	2	7	5	-5	-71.4	-3	-60.0

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Source: Unemployment Insurance claims database.

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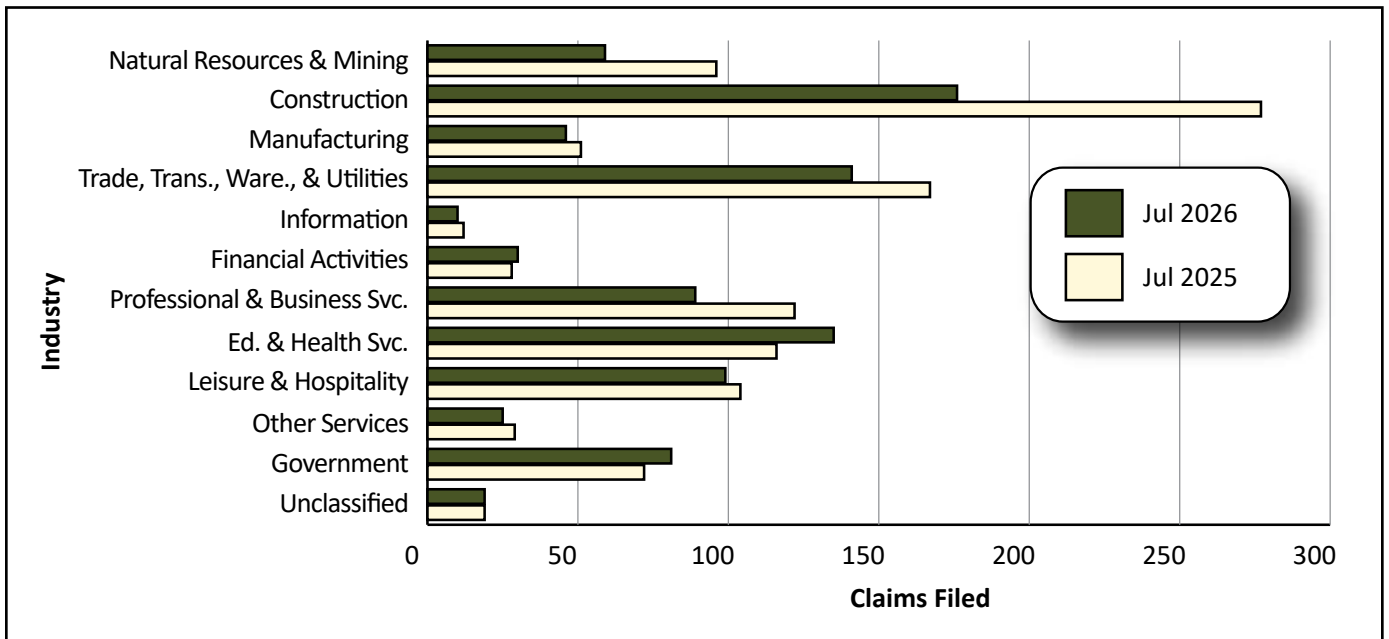


Figure 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, July 2025 and July 2026

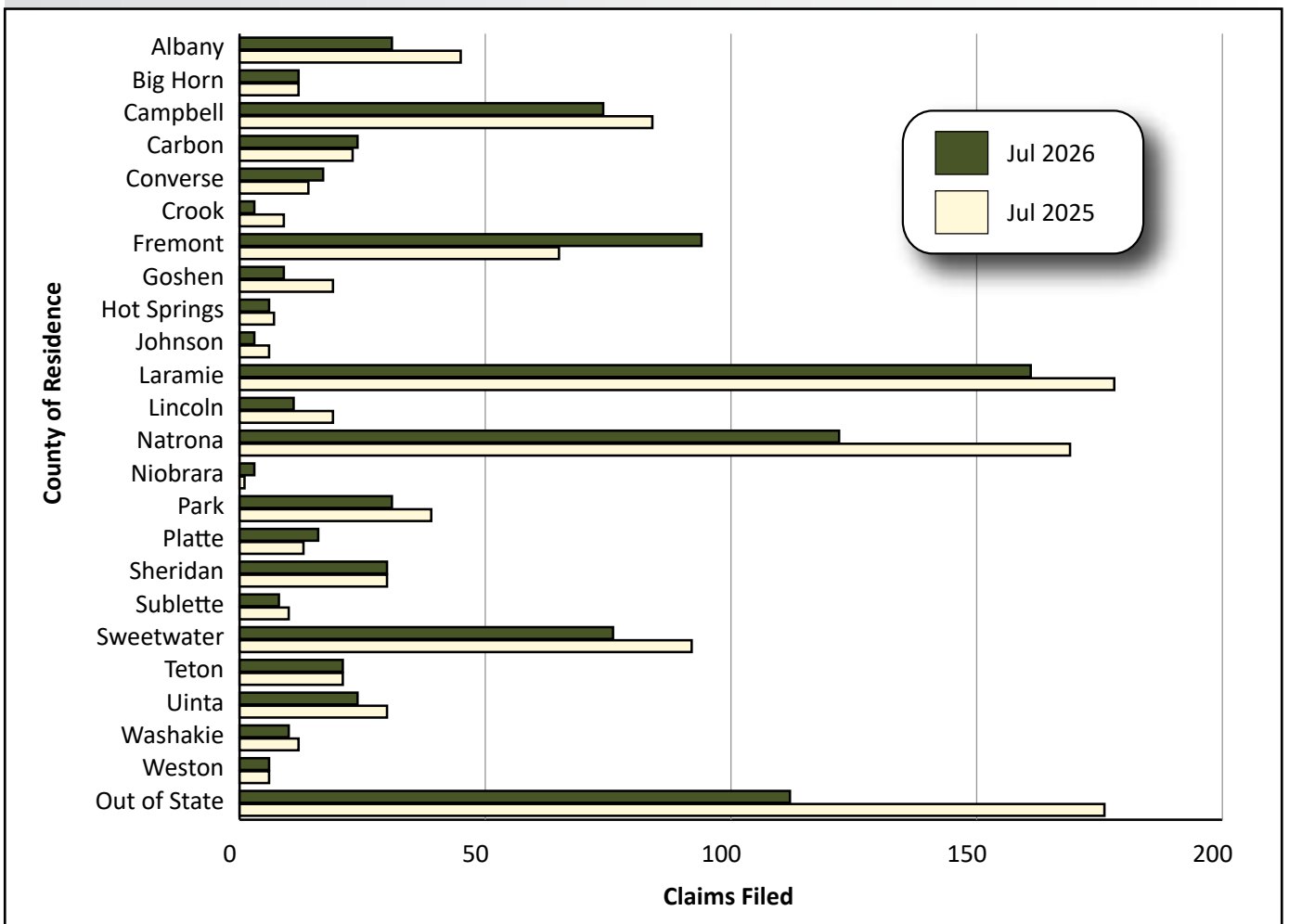


Figure 4: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, July 2025 and July 2026

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

Industry	Continued Weeks Claimed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Jul 2026	Jun 2026	Jul 2025	N	%	N	%
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	7,231	7,667	8,066	-436	-5.7	-835	-10.4
Total Unique Claimants	2,079	2,698	2,272	-619	-22.9	-193	-8.5
Goods-Producing	1,842	2,244	2,681	-402	-17.9	-839	-31.3
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	346	509	657	-163	-32.0	-311	-47.3
Mining (21)	325	464	641	-139	-30.0	-316	-49.3
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	12	19	34	-7	-36.8	-22	-64.7
Construction (23)	1,121	1,337	1,601	-216	-16.2	-480	-30.0
Manufacturing (31-33)	374	396	422	-22	-5.6	-48	-11.4
Service-Providing	4,649	4,777	4,775	-128	-2.7	-126	-2.6
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	1,026	1,106	1,274	-80	-7.2	-248	-19.5
Wholesale Trade (42)	201	193	259	8	4.1	-58	-22.4
Retail Trade (44-45)	553	558	610	-5	-0.9	-57	-9.3
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	271	353	404	-82	-23.2	-133	-32.9
Information (51)	105	101	93	4	4.0	12	12.9
Financial Activities (52-53)	306	331	312	-25	-7.6	-6	-1.9
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	961	989	987	-28	-2.8	-26	-2.6
Education & Health Services (61-62)	1,297	1,131	1,114	166	14.7	183	16.4
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	756	895	795	-139	-15.5	-39	-4.9
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	196	221	196	-25	-11.3	0	0.0
Government	638	569	536	69	12.1	102	19.0
Federal Government	38	32	54	6	18.8	-16	-29.6
State Government	83	82	55	1	1.2	28	50.9
Local Government	516	454	426	62	13.7	90	21.1
Local Education	201	168	122	33	19.6	79	64.8
Unclassified	100	76	74	24	31.6	26	35.1
Laramie County							
Total Claims Filed	1,098	1,161	1,085	-63	-5.4	13	1.2
Total Unique Claimants	336	405	323	-69	-17.0	13	4.0
Goods-Producing	250	292	184	-42	-14.4	66	35.9
Construction	208	218	150	-10	-4.6	58	38.7
Service-Providing	719	763	791	-44	-5.8	-72	-9.1
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	168	192	213	-24	-12.5	-45	-21.1
Financial Activities (52, 53)	72	80	89	-8	-10.0	-17	-19.1
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	196	169	200	27	16.0	-4	-2.0
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	170	171	134	-1	-0.6	36	26.9
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	66	96	101	-30	-31.3	-35	-34.7
Government	104	97	75	7	7.2	29	38.7
Unclassified	24	8	33	16	200.0	-9	-27.3
Natrona County							
Total Claims Filed	1,012	1,031	1,090	-19	-1.8	-78	-7.2
Total Unique Claimants	290	369	312	-79	-21.4	-22	-7.1
Goods-Producing	247	264	297	-17	-6.4	-50	-16.8
Construction	89	115	128	-26	-22.6	-39	-30.5
Service-Providing	720	722	764	-2	-0.3	-44	-5.8
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	183	188	249	-5	-2.7	-66	-26.5
Financial Activities (52, 53)	51	50	53	1	2.0	-2	-3.8
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	149	162	128	-13	-8.0	21	16.4
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	207	186	168	21	11.3	39	23.2
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	75	71	108	4	5.6	-33	-30.6
Government	39	41	18	-2	-4.9	21	116.7
Unclassified	4	4	9	0	0.0	-5	-55.6

Source: Unemployment Insurance claims database.

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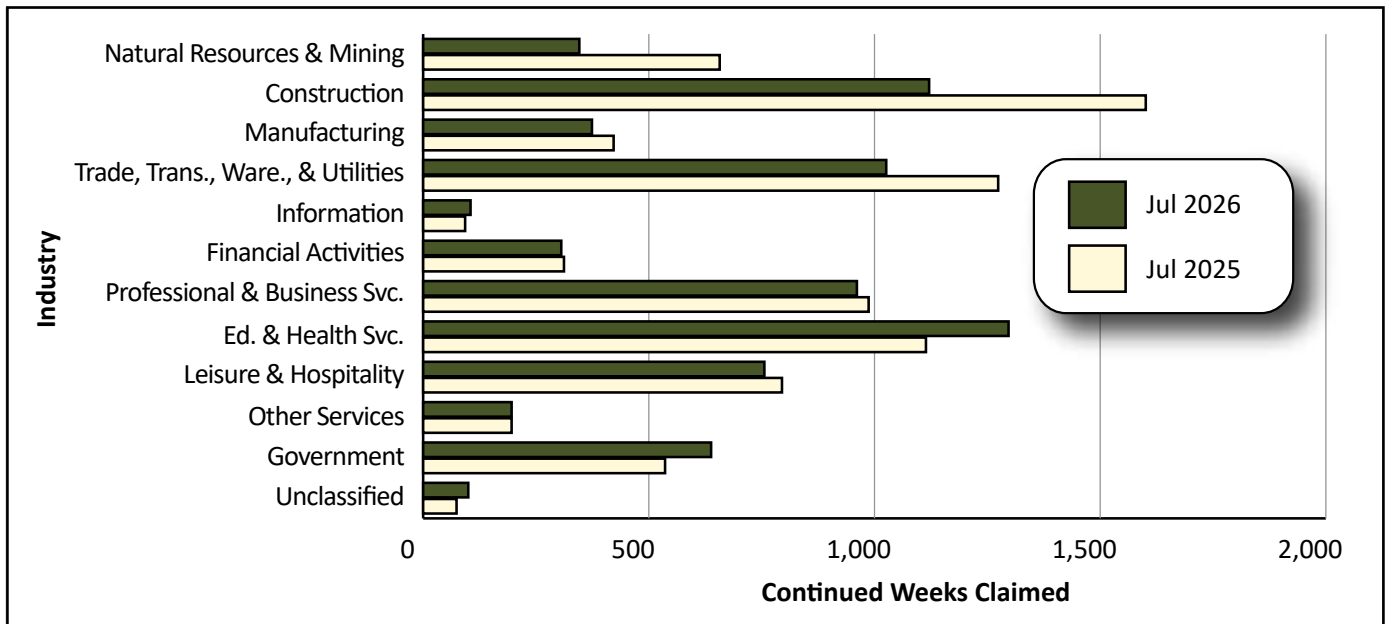


Figure 5: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, July 2025 and July 2026

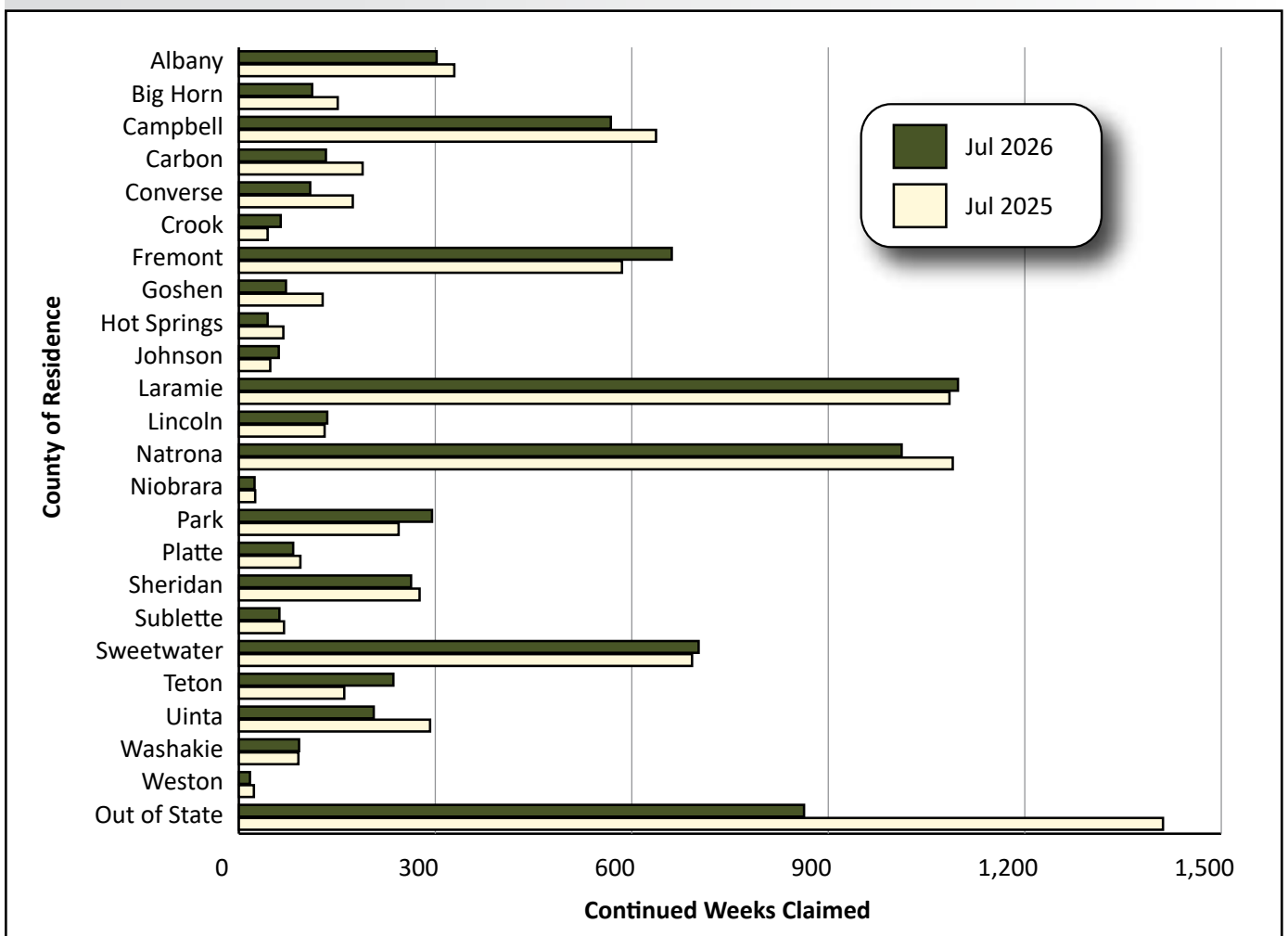


Figure 6: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence in Wyoming, July 2025 and July 2026

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

County	Jul 2026	Jul 2025	Change	
			N	%
Albany	31	45	-14	-31.1
Big Horn	12	12	0	0.0
Campbell	74	84	-10	-11.9
Carbon	24	23	1	4.3
Converse	17	14	3	21.4
Crook	3	9	-6	-66.7
Fremont	94	65	29	44.6
Goshen	9	19	-10	-52.6
Hot Springs	6	7	-1	-14.3
Johnson	3	6	-3	-50.0
Laramie	161	178	-17	-9.6
Lincoln	11	19	-8	-42.1
Natrona	122	169	-47	-27.8
Niobrara	3	N/D	N/D	N/D
Park	31	39	-8	-20.5
Platte	16	13	3	23.1
Sheridan	30	30	0	0.0
Sublette	8	10	-2	-20.0
Sweetwater	76	92	-16	-17.4
Teton	21	21	0	0.0
Uinta	24	30	-6	-20.0
Washakie	10	12	-2	-16.7
Weston	6	6	0	0.0
Unknown	0	N/D	N/D	N/D
Out of State	112	176	-64	-36.4
Total	917	1,098	-181	-16.5

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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^a Unemployment Statistics: Continued Claims by County of Residence, July 2025 and July 2026

County	Jul 2026	Jul 2025	Change	
			N	%
Albany	302	329	-27	-8.2
Big Horn	112	151	-39	-25.8
Campbell	568	637	-69	-10.8
Carbon	133	189	-56	-29.6
Converse	109	174	-65	-37.4
Crook	64	44	20	45.5
Fremont	661	585	76	13.0
Goshen	72	128	-56	-43.8
Hot Springs	44	68	-24	-35.3
Johnson	61	48	13	27.1
Laramie	1,098	1,085	13	1.2
Lincoln	135	131	4	3.1
Natrona	1,012	1,090	-78	-7.2
Niobrara	24	25	-1	-4.0
Park	295	244	51	20.9
Platte	83	94	-11	-11.7
Sheridan	263	276	-13	-4.7
Sublette	62	69	-7	-10.1
Sweetwater	702	692	10	1.4
Teton	236	161	75	46.6
Uinta	206	292	-86	-29.5
Washakie	92	91	1	1.1
Weston	17	23	-6	-26.1
Unknown	5	19	-14	-73.7
Out of State	863	1,411	-548	-38.8
Normalized Total^a	7,231	8,066	-835	-10.4

^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.

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

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