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Initial, Continued UI Claims Remain Low

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The number of initial and continued Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims in Wyoming (see Definitions, page 9) remained unusually low in August 2026 (see Figure 1 below and Figure 2, page 4). The 855 initial claims marked the second fewest in any month dating back to at least 2007. In addition, the 6,642 continued weeks claimed were the lowest for any month since August 2024.

Initial Claims

There were 855 initial claims in August 2026, down from 1,098 in August 2025 (-243, or -22.1%). There were 74 fewer claims filed over the month (-8.0%).

UI Claims Online

Weekly, monthly, and annual Unemployment Insurance claims for Wyoming available online at <https://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/UI.htm>.

The industries with the largest numbers of initial claims included construction (193); trade, transportation & utilities (140); professional & business services (116); and leisure & hospitality (99; see Table 1, page 5, and Figure 3, page 6). Initial claims decreased for each industry over the month, except for professional & business services. Most industries experienced double-digit percentage decreases over the year as well.

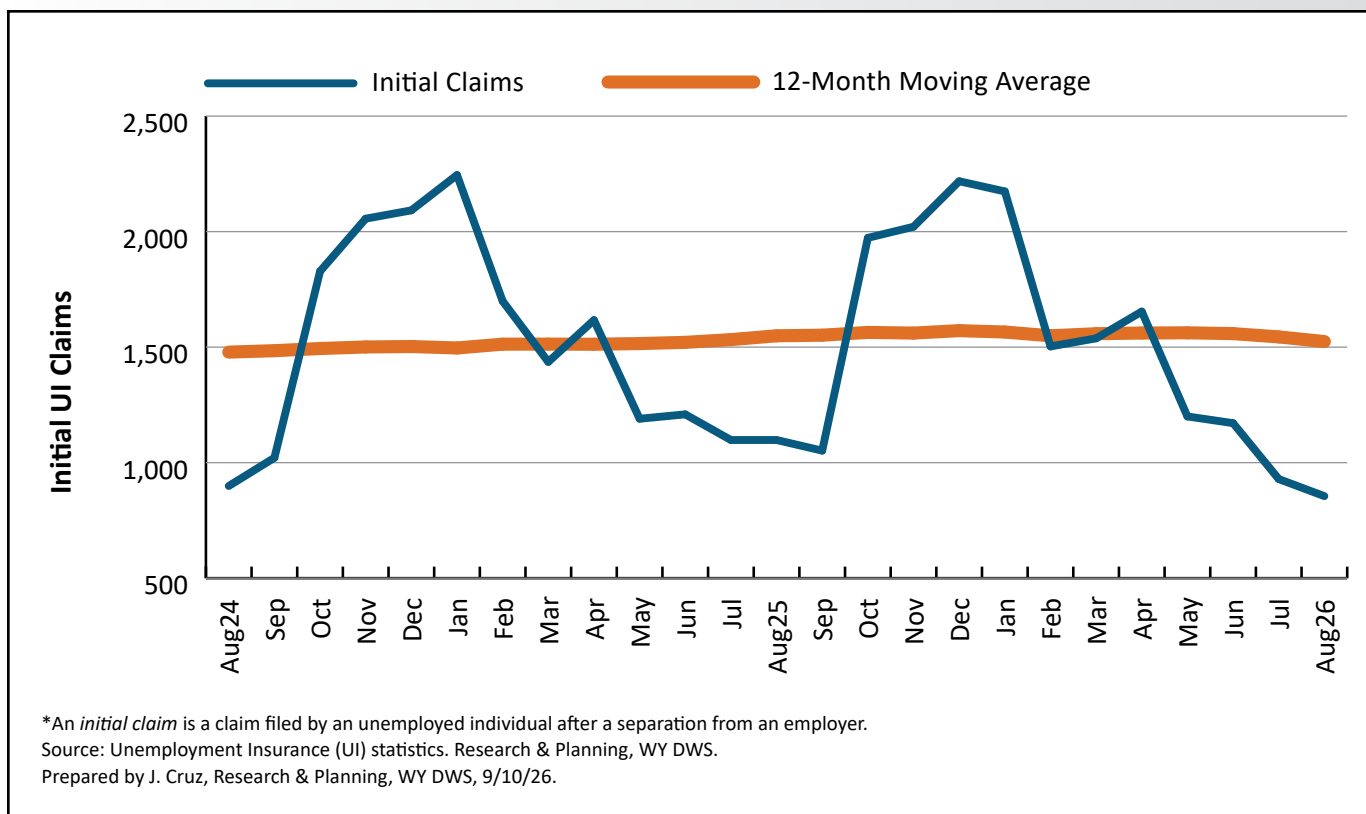


Figure 1: Total Number of Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming, August 2024 to August 2026

Laramie had the largest number of initial claims with 174, followed by Natrona (138), Campbell (71), and, Fremont (59) counties (see Figure 4, page 6, and Table 3, page 9). There were 105 out-of-state claimants as well, down over the month and the year.

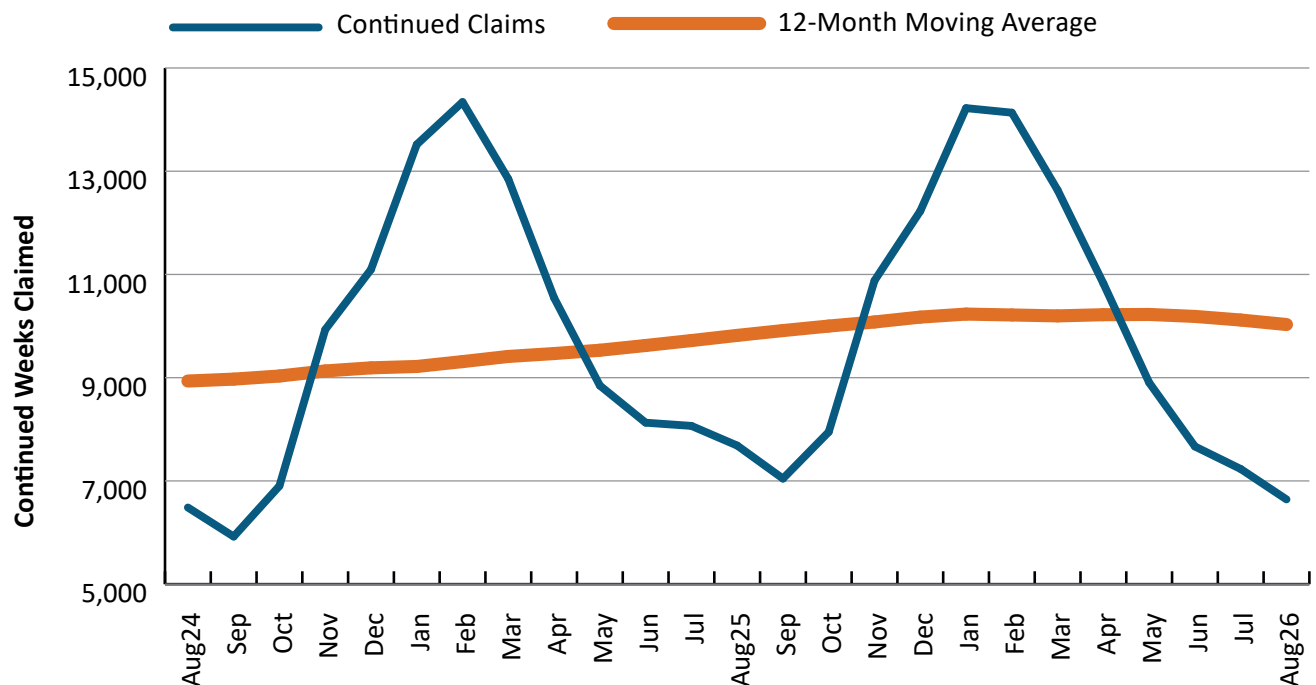
Continued Claims

The total number of continued weeks claimed decreased from 7,685 in August 2025 to 6,642 in August 2026 (-1,043, or -13.6%). The total number of continued weeks claimed decreased over the month as well (-589, or -8.1%). There were 2,303 unique claimants in August 2026, down over the year (-328, or -12.5%) but up over the month (224, or 10.8%).

The industries with the greatest

number of continued weeks claimed included education & health services (1,130); construction (1,009); professional & business services (948); and trade, transportation, & utilities (943; see Table 2, page 7, and Figure 5, page 8). The greatest over-the-year decreases were seen in construction (-501, or -33.2%) and natural resources & mining (-313, or -48.1%). Over-the-year increases were seen in education & health services (158, or 16.3%) and government (72, or 13.5%).

Laramie County had the greatest number of continued weeks claimed with 1,078, followed by Natrona (975), Sweetwater (641), and Fremont (571; see Figure 6, page 8, and Table 4, page 9). There were 802 continued weeks claimed by out-of-state claimants, down 527 (-39.7%) over the year.



*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, August 2024 to August 2026

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

Industry	Initial Claims Filed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Aug 2026	Jul 2026	Aug 2025	N	%	N	%
Total Claims Filed	855	929	1,098	-74	-8.0	-243	-22.1
Goods-Producing	292	284	383	8	2.8	-91	-23.8
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	55	60	83	-5	-8.3	-28	-33.7
Mining (21)	50	57	82	-7	-12.3	-32	-39.0
Construction (23)	193	177	238	16	9.0	-45	-18.9
Manufacturing (31-33)	43	46	61	-3	-6.5	-18	-29.5
Service-Providing	502	542	636	-40	-7.4	-134	-21.1
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	140	144	194	-4	-2.8	-54	-27.8
Wholesale Trade (42)	21	26	40	-5	-19.2	-19	-47.5
Retail Trade (44-45)	81	78	82	3	3.8	-1	-1.2
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	37	38	72	-1	-2.6	-35	-48.6
Information (51)	3	10	24	-7	-70.0	-21	-87.5
Financial Activities (52-53)	28	31	34	-3	-9.7	-6	-17.6
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	116	90	154	26	28.9	-38	-24.7
Education & Health Services (61-62)	95	138	87	-43	-31.2	8	9.2
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	99	100	110	-1	-1.0	-11	-10.0
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	18	26	29	-8	-30.8	-11	-37.9
Government	48	82	58	-34	-41.5	-10	-17.2
Federal Government	8	11	9	-3	-27.3	-1	-11.1
State Government	5	8	11	-3	-37.5	-6	-54.5
Local Government	34	62	36	-28	-45.2	-2	-5.6
Local Education	10	25	10	-15	-60.0	0	0.0
Unclassified	11	19	20	-8	-42.1	-9	-45.0
Laramie County							
Total Claims Filed	174	163	214	11	6.7	-40	-18.7
Goods-Producing	56	47	55	9	19.1	1	1.8
Construction	48	39	43	9	23.1	5	11.6
Service-Providing	105	99	149	6	6.1	-44	-29.5
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	20	25	40	-5	-20.0	-20	-50.0
Financial Activities (52, 53)	7	9	7	-2	-22.2	0	0.0
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	37	26	64	11	42.3	-27	-42.2
Educational & Health Services (61-62)	19	13	14	6	46.2	5	35.7
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	14	20	15	-6	-30.0	-1	-6.7
Government	10	10	7	0	0.0	3	42.9
Natrona County							
Total Claims Filed	138	124	178	14	11.3	-40	-22.5
Goods-Producing	56	30	69	26	86.7	-13	-18.8
Construction	38	14	46	24	171.4	-8	-17.4
Service-Providing	77	90	101	-13	-14.4	-24	-23.8
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	24	27	28	-3	-11.1	-4	-14.3
Financial Activities (52, 53)	5	4	9	1	25.0	-4	-44.4
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	7	10	14	-3	-30.0	-7	-50.0
Educational & Health Services (61-62)	19	23	17	-4	-17.4	2	11.8
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	18	15	21	3	20.0	-3	-14.3
Government	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D
Unclassified	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D

N/D = Not discloseable due to confidentiality.

Source: Unemployment Insurance claims database.

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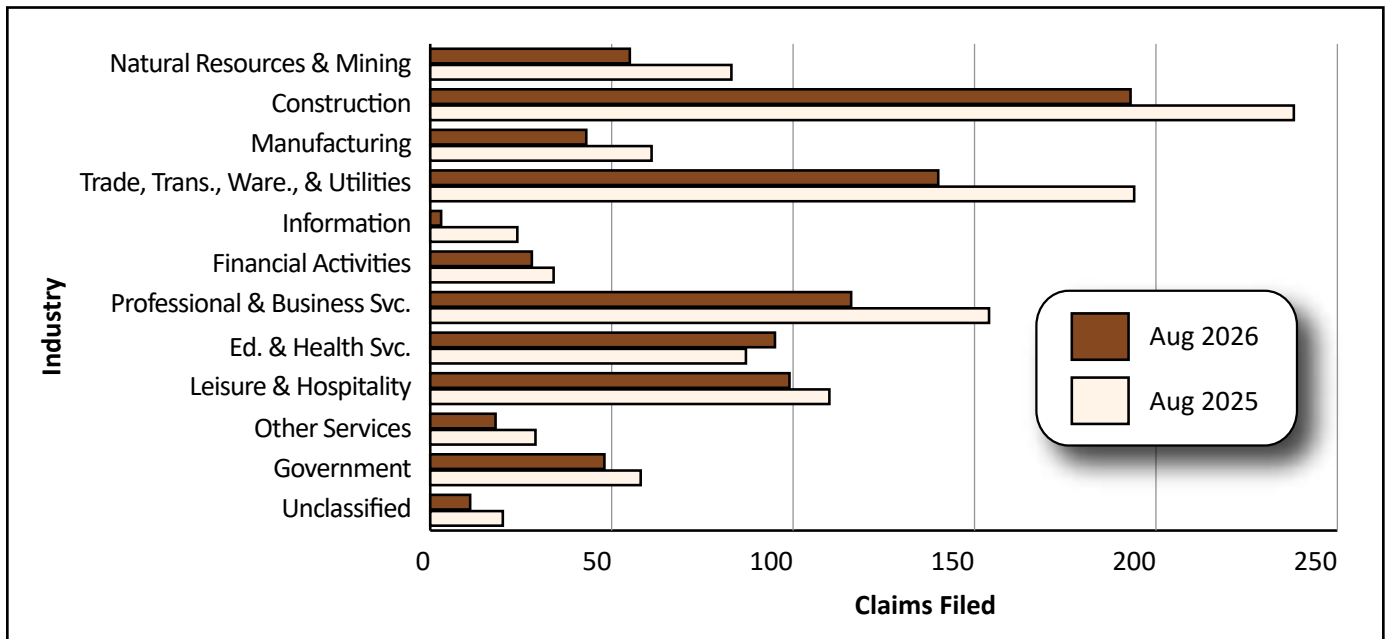


Figure 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, August 2025 and August 2026

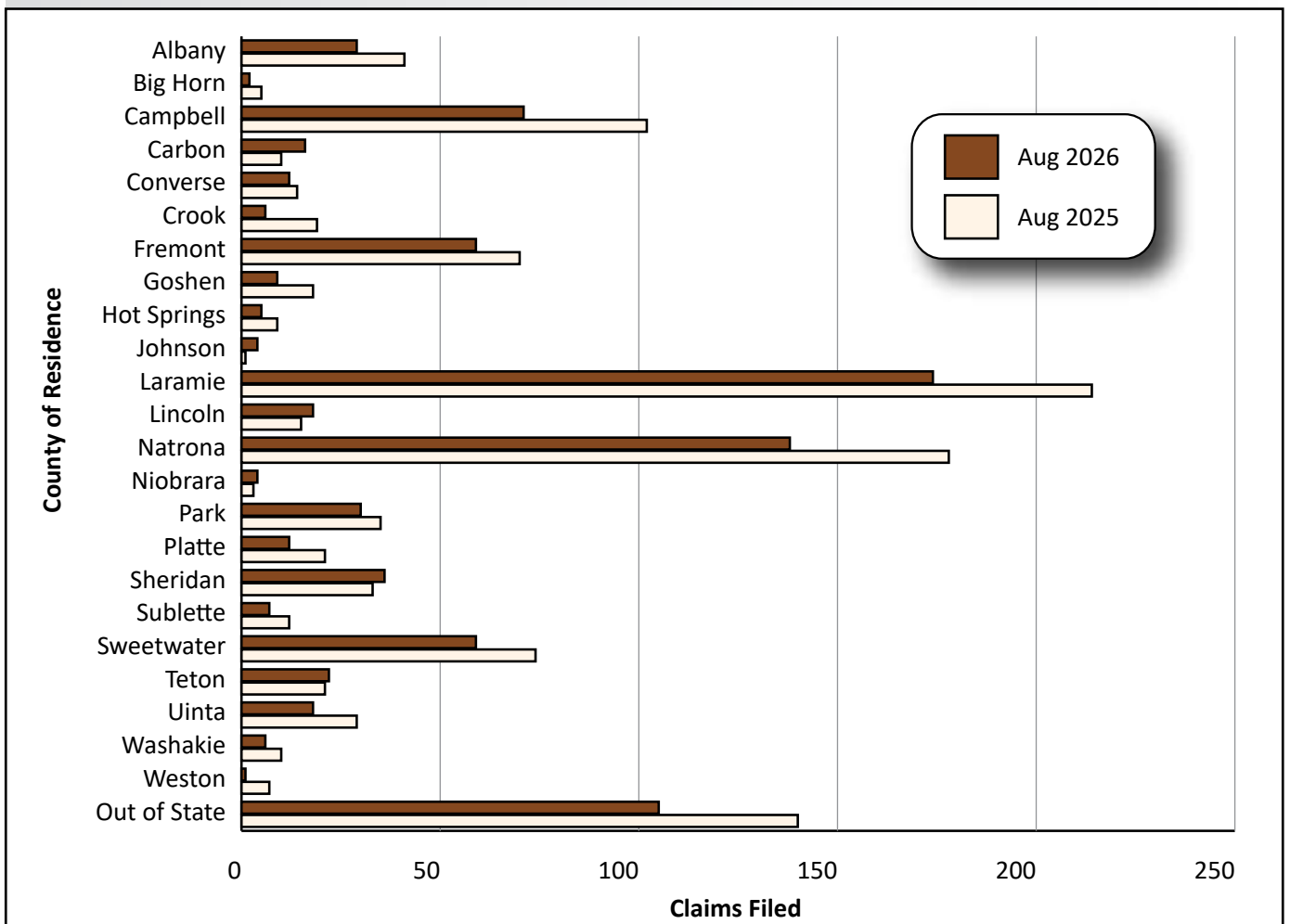


Figure 4: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, August 2025 and August 2026

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

Industry	Continued Weeks Claimed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Aug 2026	Jul 2026	Aug 2025	N	%	N	%
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	6,642	7,231	7,685	-589	-8.1	-1,043	-13.6
Total Unique Claimants	2,303	2,079	2,631	224	10.8	-328	-12.5
Goods-Producing	1,681	1,842	2,596	-161	-8.7	-915	-35.2
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	338	346	651	-8	-2.3	-313	-48.1
Mining (21)	320	325	636	-5	-1.5	-316	-49.7
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	15	12	47	3	25.0	-32	-68.1
Construction (23)	1,009	1,121	1,510	-112	-10.0	-501	-33.2
Manufacturing (31-33)	332	374	435	-42	-11.2	-103	-23.7
Service-Providing	4,250	4,649	4,480	-399	-8.6	-230	-5.1
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	943	1,026	1,189	-83	-8.1	-246	-20.7
Wholesale Trade (42)	197	201	246	-4	-2.0	-49	-19.9
Retail Trade (44-45)	506	553	556	-47	-8.5	-50	-9.0
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	240	271	386	-31	-11.4	-146	-37.8
Information (51)	111	105	109	6	5.7	2	1.8
Financial Activities (52-53)	289	306	266	-17	-5.6	23	8.6
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	948	961	1,095	-13	-1.4	-147	-13.4
Education & Health Services (61-62)	1,130	1,297	972	-167	-12.9	158	16.3
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	643	756	658	-113	-14.9	-15	-2.3
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	185	196	189	-11	-5.6	-4	-2.1
Government	604	638	532	-34	-5.3	72	13.5
Federal Government	18	38	58	-20	-52.6	-40	-69.0
State Government	67	83	62	-16	-19.3	5	8.1
Local Government	518	516	411	2	0.4	107	26.0
Local Education	178	201	105	-23	-11.4	73	69.5
Unclassified	106	100	75	6	6.0	31	41.3
Laramie County							
Total Claims Filed	1,078	1,098	1,143	-20	-1.8	-65	-5.7
Total Unique Claimants	382	336	402	46	13.7	-20	-5.0
Goods-Producing	241	250	206	-9	-3.6	35	17.0
Construction	215	208	168	7	3.4	47	28.0
Service-Providing	697	719	838	-22	-3.1	-141	-16.8
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	153	168	213	-15	-8.9	-60	-28.2
Financial Activities (52, 53)	68	72	85	-4	-5.6	-17	-20.0
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	225	196	291	29	14.8	-66	-22.7
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	147	170	132	-23	-13.5	15	11.4
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	57	66	79	-9	-13.6	-22	-27.8
Government	107	104	74	3	2.9	33	44.6
Unclassified	32	24	22	8	33.3	10	45.5
Natrona County							
Total Claims Filed	975	1,012	1,100	-37	-3.7	-125	-11.4
Total Unique Claimants	334	290	383	44	15.2	-49	-12.8
Goods-Producing	226	247	309	-21	-8.5	-83	-26.9
Construction	85	89	132	-4	-4.5	-47	-35.6
Service-Providing	709	720	757	-11	-1.5	-48	-6.3
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	186	183	265	3	1.6	-79	-29.8
Financial Activities (52, 53)	41	51	44	-10	-19.6	-3	-6.8
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	137	149	128	-12	-8.1	9	7.0
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	210	207	135	3	1.4	75	55.6
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	93	75	95	18	24.0	-2	-2.1
Government	31	39	22	-8	-20.5	9	40.9
Unclassified	8	4	10	4	100.0	-2	-20.0

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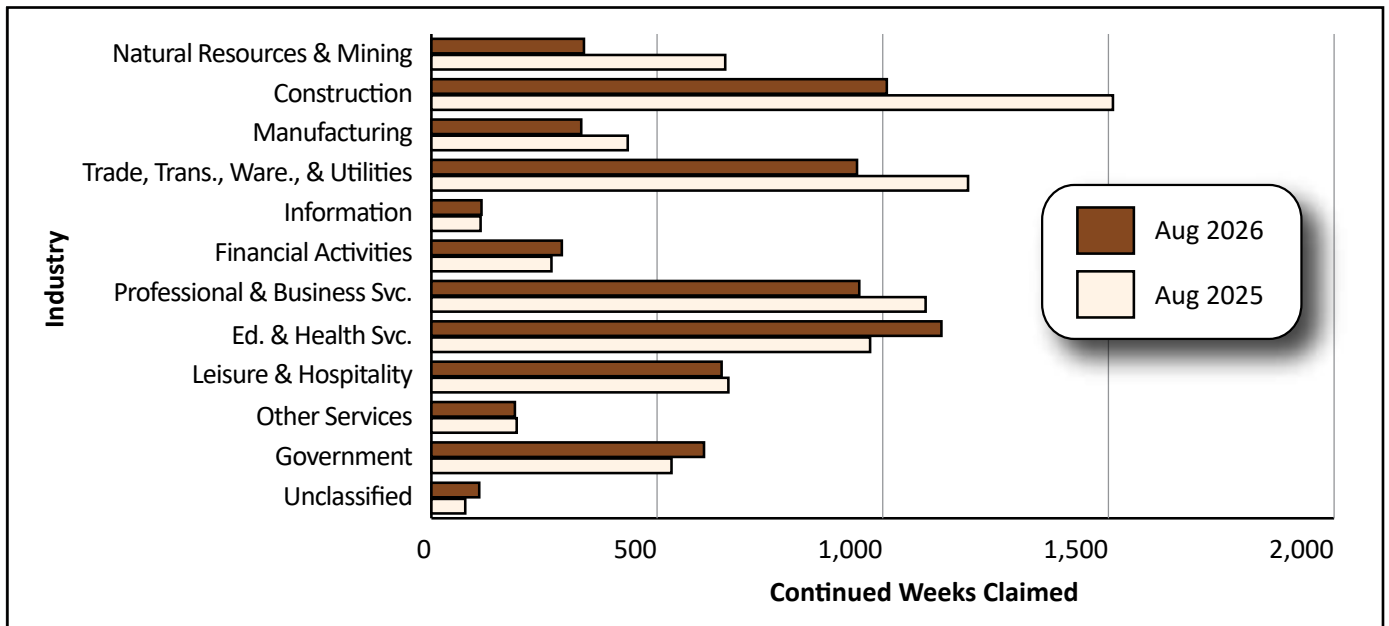


Figure 5: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, August 2025 and August 2026

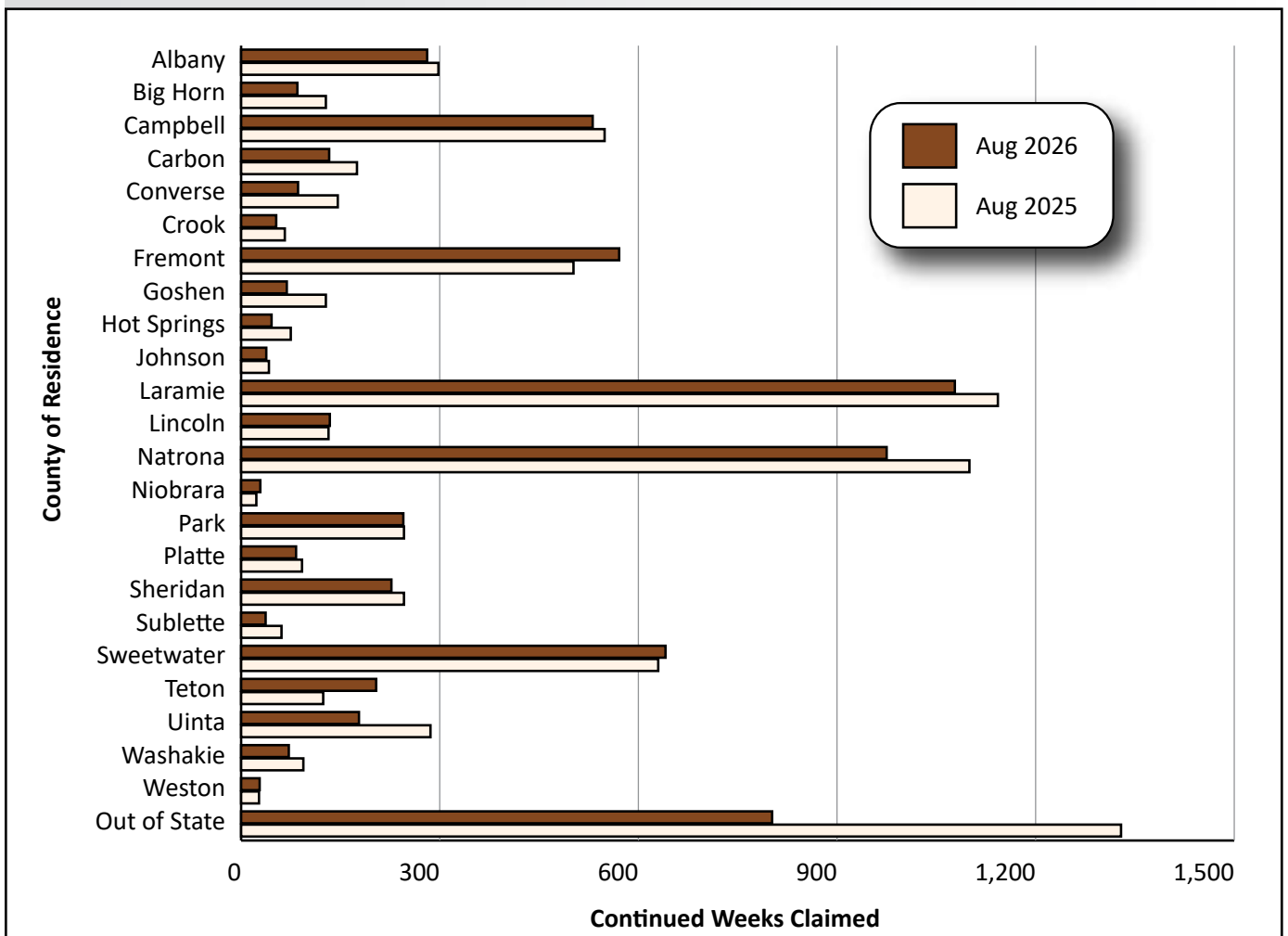


Figure 6: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence in Wyoming, August 2025 and August 2026

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

County	Aug 2026	Aug 2025	Change	
			N	%
Albany	29	41	-12	-29.3
Big Horn	N/D	5	N/D	N/D
Campbell	71	102	-31	-30.4
Carbon	16	10	6	60.0
Converse	12	14	-2	-14.3
Crook	6	19	-13	-68.4
Fremont	59	70	-11	-15.7
Goshen	9	18	-9	-50.0
Hot Springs	5	9	-4	-44.4
Johnson	4	N/D	N/D	N/D
Laramie	174	214	-40	-18.7
Lincoln	18	15	3	20.0
Natrona	138	178	-40	-22.5
Niobrara	4	3	1	33.3
Park	30	35	-5	-14.3
Platte	12	21	-9	-42.9
Sheridan	36	33	3	9.1
Sublette	7	12	-5	-41.7
Sweetwater	59	74	-15	-20.3
Teton	22	21	1	4.8
Uinta	18	29	-11	-37.9
Washakie	6	10	-4	-40.0
Weston	N/D	7	N/D	N/D
Unknown	N/D	5	N/D	N/D
Out of State	105	140	-35	-25.0
Total	855	1,098	-243	-22.1

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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, August 2025 and August 2026

County	Aug 2026	Aug 2025	Change	
			N	%
Albany	281	298	-17	-5.7
Big Horn	85	128	-43	-33.6
Campbell	531	549	-18	-3.3
Carbon	133	175	-42	-24.0
Converse	86	146	-60	-41.1
Crook	53	66	-13	-19.7
Fremont	571	502	69	13.7
Goshen	69	128	-59	-46.1
Hot Springs	46	75	-29	-38.7
Johnson	38	42	-4	-9.5
Laramie	1,078	1,143	-65	-5.7
Lincoln	134	132	2	1.5
Natrona	975	1,100	-125	-11.4
Niobrara	29	23	6	26.1
Park	245	246	-1	-0.4
Platte	83	92	-9	-9.8
Sheridan	227	246	-19	-7.7
Sublette	37	61	-24	-39.3
Sweetwater	641	630	11	1.7
Teton	204	124	80	64.5
Uinta	178	286	-108	-37.8
Washakie	72	94	-22	-23.4
Weston	28	27	1	3.7
Unknown	5	32	-27	-84.4
Out of State	802	1,329	-527	-39.7
Normalized Total^a	6,642	7,685	-1,043	-13.6

^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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