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UI Claims Continue to Drop Over the Year

by: Laura Yetter, Senior Economist

Wyoming's initial and continued Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims (see Definitions, page 9) follow very consistent seasonal patterns, barring unforeseen events like large-scale layoffs or a public health crisis (see Figure 1 below and Figure 2 on page 4). The greatest over-the-month increase in initial claims occurs from September to October each year; in 2026, initial claims increased by 84.9%, while continued claims increased by 11.8%.

Initial Claims

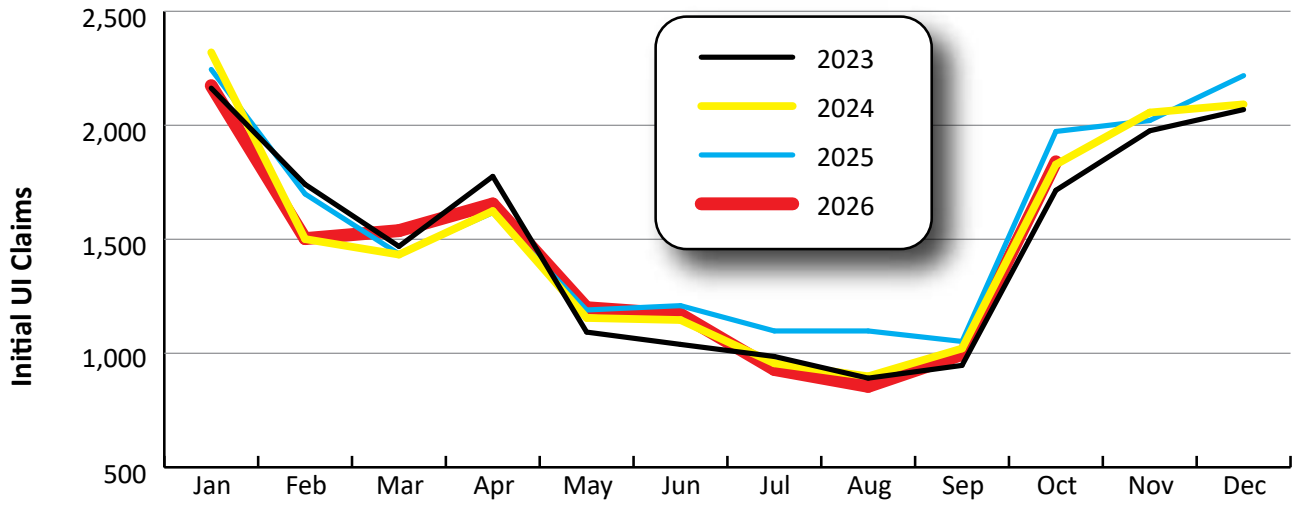
There were 1,840 initial claims in October 2026, down by 133 (-6.7%) compared to October 2025. Over the month, initial claims followed their normal seasonal pattern and increased by 845, or 84.9%.

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 leisure & hospitality (691); construction (284); trade, transportation, & utilities (231); and professional & business services (162; see Table 1, page 5, and Figure 3, page 6). Leisure & hospitality drove over-the-month growth, increasing from 192 to 691 (491, or 259.9%). Leisure & hospitality had the greatest over-the-year increase with 65 (10.5%), while the greatest decrease was seen in government (-116, or -46.4%).

Teton County had the greatest number



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Figure 1: Total Number of Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by Month, 2023-2026

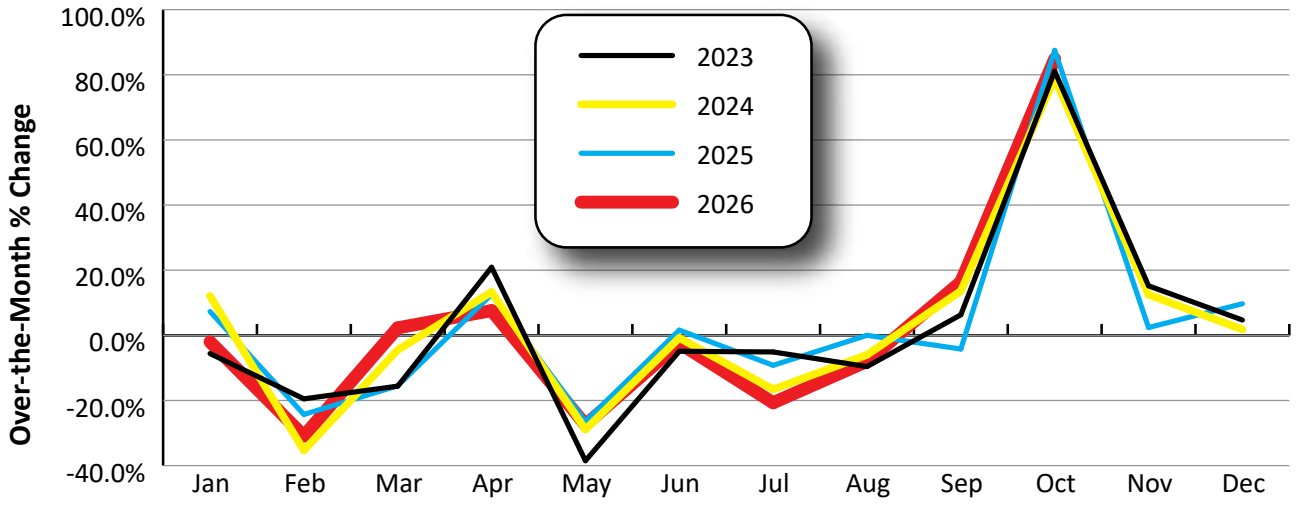
of initial claims with 232, followed by Laramie (231), Natrona (218), and Sweetwater (115) counties (see Figure 4, page 6, and Table 3, page 9). In addition, there were 519 claims by out-of-state individuals, up 358 (224.4%) over the month and down by 57 (-9.9%) over the year.

Continued Claims

The total number of continued weeks claimed decreased from 7,949 in October 2025 to 6,447 in October 2026 (-1,502, or -18.9%). Over the month, the total number of continued weeks claimed increased by 681 (11.8%). Likewise, the total number of unique claimants decreased over the year (-99, or -3.9%) but increased over the month (689, or 38.8%). Overall, there were 2,467 unique claimants in October 2026.

The industries with the greatest number of continued weeks claimed included leisure & hospitality (1,300); trade, transportation, & utilities (1,050); construction (937); and professional & business services (781; see Table 2, page 7, and Figure 5, page 8). Most industries decreased substantially over the year, led by construction (-432, or -31.6%); natural resources & mining (-250, or -47.8%); and trade, transportation, & utilities (-234, or -18.2%). The greatest over-the-year increase in continued claims was found in education & health services (78, or 11.3%).

Laramie County had the greatest number of continued weeks claimed with 1,073, followed by Natrona (874), Sweetwater (557), and Campbell (451) counties (see Figure 6, page 8, and Table 4, page 9). There were 1,074 continued weeks claimed by out-of-state individuals, up over the month (332, or 44.7%) but down over the year (-411, or -27.7%).



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Figure 2: Over-the-Month Percentage Change in Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims in Wyoming, 2023-2026

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

Industry	Initial Claims Filed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Oct 2026	Sep 2026	Oct 2025	N	%	N	%
Total Claims Filed	**1,840**	**995**	**1,973**	**845**	**84.9**	**-133**	**-6.7**
Goods-Producing	**420**	**295**	**482**	**125**	**42.4**	**-62**	**-12.9**
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	60	44	78	16	36.4	-18	-23.1
Mining (21)	53	37	72	16	43.2	-19	-26.4
Construction (23)	284	212	342	72	34.0	-58	-17.0
Manufacturing (31-33)	74	38	60	36	94.7	14	23.3
Service-Providing	**1,260**	**616**	**1,204**	**644**	**104.5**	**56**	**4.7**
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	231	183	218	48	26.2	13	6.0
Wholesale Trade (42)	19	23	33	-4	-17.4	-14	-42.4
Retail Trade (44-45)	138	120	132	18	15.0	6	4.5
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	73	39	51	34	87.2	22	43.1
Information (51)	10	9	7	1	11.1	3	42.9
Financial Activities (52-53)	41	27	31	14	51.9	10	32.3
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	162	90	188	72	80.0	-26	-13.8
Education & Health Services (61-62)	93	91	94	2	2.2	-1	-1.1
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	691	192	626	499	259.9	65	10.4
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	29	21	37	8	38.1	-8	-21.6
Government	**134**	**58**	**250**	**76**	**131.0**	**-116**	**-46.4**
Federal Government	77	9	185	68	755.6	-108	-58.4
State Government	15	13	16	2	15.4	-1	-6.3
Local Government	41	35	48	6	17.1	-7	-14.6
Local Education	9	8	11	1	12.5	-2	-18.2
Unclassified	**25**	**25**	**36**	**0**	**0.0**	**-11**	**-30.6**
Laramie County							
Total Claims Filed	**231**	**201**	**259**	**30**	**14.9**	**-28**	**-10.8**
Goods-Producing	**79**	**84**	**68**	**-5**	**-6.0**	**11**	**16.2**
Construction	67	77	55	-10	-13.0	12	21.8
Service-Providing	**137**	**106**	**149**	**31**	**29.2**	**-12**	**-8.1**
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	42	44	44	-2	-4.5	-2	-4.5
Financial Activities (52, 53)	8	7	7	1	14.3	1	14.3
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	51	24	58	27	112.5	-7	-12.1
Educational & Health Services (61-62)	11	8	17	3	37.5	-6	-35.3
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	19	19	11	0	0.0	8	72.7
Government	**9**	**6**	**35**	**3**	**50.0**	**-26**	**-74.3**
Natrona County							
Total Claims Filed	**218**	**136**	**228**	**82**	**60.3**	**-10**	**-4.4**
Goods-Producing	**95**	**43**	**103**	**52**	**120.9**	**-8**	**-7.8**
Construction	51	28	64	23	82.1	-13	-20.3
Service-Providing	**111**	**85**	**106**	**26**	**30.6**	**5**	**4.7**
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	29	26	26	3	11.5	3	11.5
Financial Activities (52, 53)	6	5	6	1	20.0	0	0.0
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	22	11	19	11	100.0	3	15.8
Educational & Health Services (61-62)	17	19	27	-2	-10.5	-10	-37.0
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	30	18	19	12	66.7	11	57.9
Government	**10**	**5**	**14**	**5**	**100.0**	**-4**	**-28.6**

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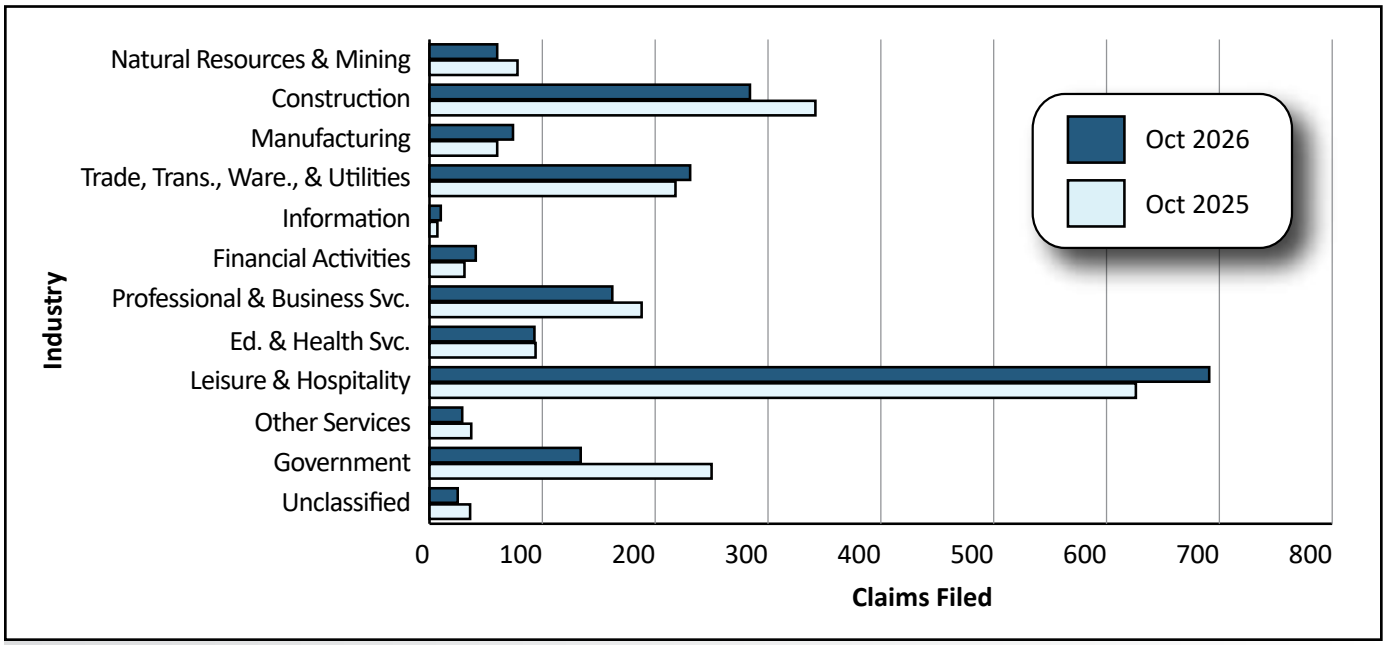


Figure 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, October 2025 and October 2026

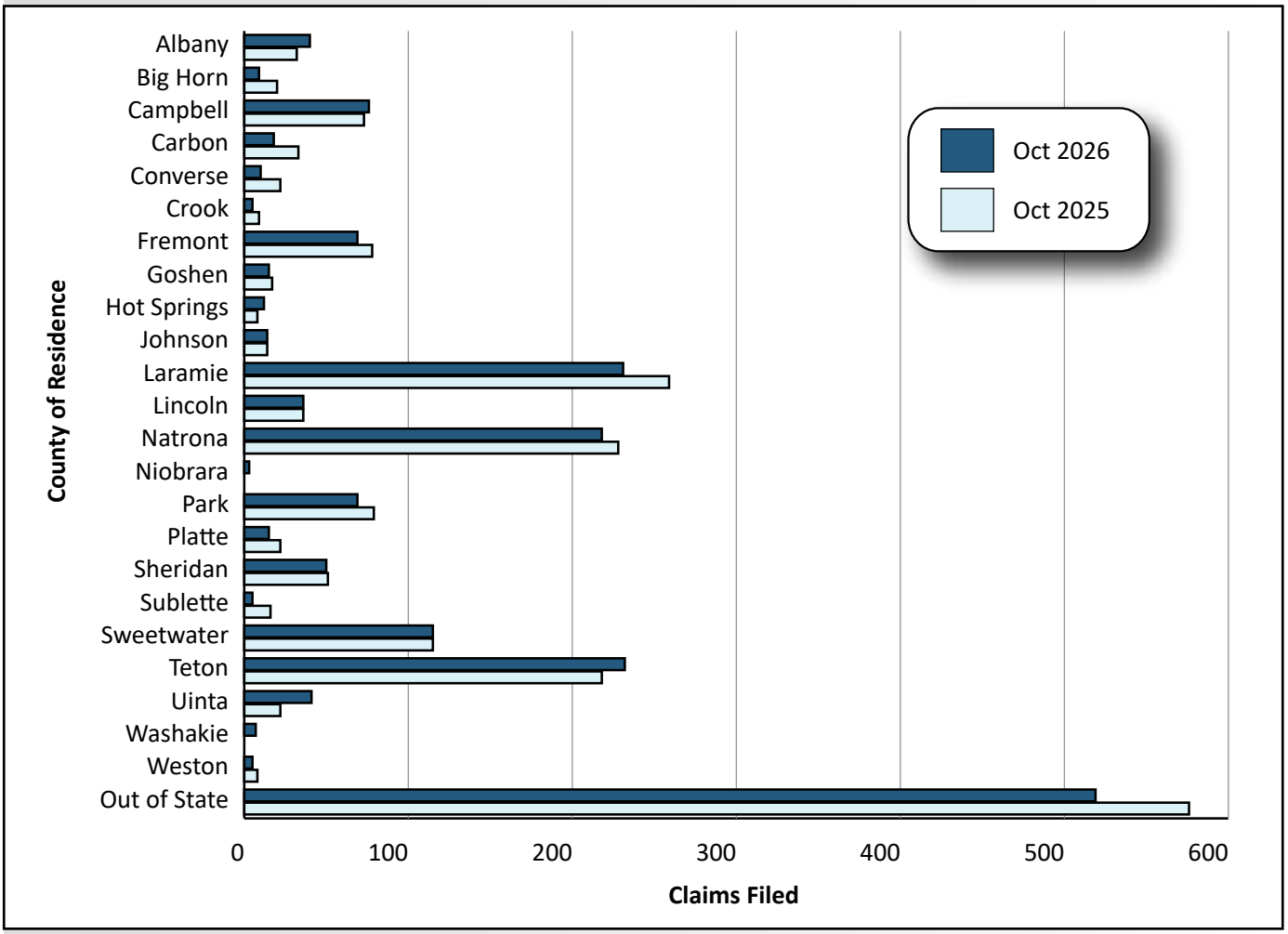


Figure 4: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, October 2025 and October 2026

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

Industry	Continued Weeks Claimed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Oct 2026	Sep 2026	Oct 2025	N	%	N	%
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	**6,447**	**5,766**	**7,949**	**681**	**11.8**	**-1,502**	**-18.9**
Total Unique Claimants	2,467	1,778	2,566	689	38.8	-99	-3.9
Goods-Producing	**1,489**	**1,590**	**2,307**	**-101**	**-6.4**	**-818**	**-35.5**
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	273	300	523	-27	-9.0	-250	-47.8
Mining (21)	254	277	505	-23	-8.3	-251	-49.7
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	14	12	30	2	16.7	-16	-53.3
Construction (23)	937	1,014	1,369	-77	-7.6	-432	-31.6
Manufacturing (31-33)	278	275	413	3	1.1	-135	-32.7
Service-Providing	**4,391**	**3,603**	**4,834**	**788**	**21.9**	**-443**	**-9.2**
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	1,050	912	1,284	138	15.1	-234	-18.2
Wholesale Trade (42)	173	198	242	-25	-12.6	-69	-28.5
Retail Trade (44-45)	594	477	620	117	24.5	-26	-4.2
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	282	237	420	45	19.0	-138	-32.9
Information (51)	108	105	101	3	2.9	7	6.9
Financial Activities (52-53)	241	224	255	17	7.6	-14	-5.5
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	781	799	969	-18	-2.3	-188	-19.4
Education & Health Services (61-62)	771	827	693	-56	-6.8	78	11.3
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	1,300	577	1,337	723	125.3	-37	-2.8
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	138	155	192	-17	-11.0	-54	-28.1
Government	**480**	**500**	**662**	**-20**	**-4.0**	**-182**	**-27.5**
Federal Government	49	26	242	23	88.5	-193	-79.8
State Government	74	65	41	9	13.8	33	80.5
Local Government	356	407	378	-51	-12.5	-22	-5.8
Local Education	117	144	82	-27	-18.8	35	42.7
Unclassified	**85**	**71**	**145**	**14**	**19.7**	**-60**	**-41.4**
Laramie County							
Total Claims Filed	**1,073**	**977**	**1,197**	**96**	**9.8**	**-124**	**-10.4**
Total Unique Claimants	402	306	377	96	31.4	25	6.6
Goods-Producing	**276**	**278**	**237**	**-2**	**-0.7**	**39**	**16.5**
Construction	244	254	199	-10	-3.9	45	22.6
Service-Providing	**684**	**571**	**844**	**113**	**19.8**	**-160**	**-19.0**
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	204	142	232	62	43.7	-28	-12.1
Financial Activities (52, 53)	38	45	74	-7	-15.6	-36	-48.6
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	207	166	245	41	24.7	-38	-15.5
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	113	122	137	-9	-7.4	-24	-17.5
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	87	63	88	24	38.1	-1	-1.1
Government	**88**	**108**	**84**	**-20**	**-18.5**	**4**	**4.8**
Unclassified	**24**	**19**	**31**	**5**	**26.3**	**-7**	**-22.6**
Natrona County							
Total Claims Filed	**874**	**862**	**1,173**	**12**	**1.4**	**-299**	**-25.5**
Total Unique Claimants	339	264	372	75	28.4	-33	-8.9
Goods-Producing	**233**	**215**	**371**	**18**	**8.4**	**-138**	**-37.2**
Construction	112	110	198	2	1.8	-86	-43.4
Service-Providing	**599**	**610**	**753**	**-11**	**-1.8**	**-154**	**-20.5**
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	162	170	236	-8	-4.7	-74	-31.4
Financial Activities (52, 53)	56	38	44	18	47.4	12	27.3
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	110	122	131	-12	-9.8	-21	-16.0
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	128	160	126	-32	-20.0	2	1.6
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	100	83	118	17	20.5	-18	-15.3
Government	**40**	**29**	**36**	**11**	**37.9**	**4**	**11.1**

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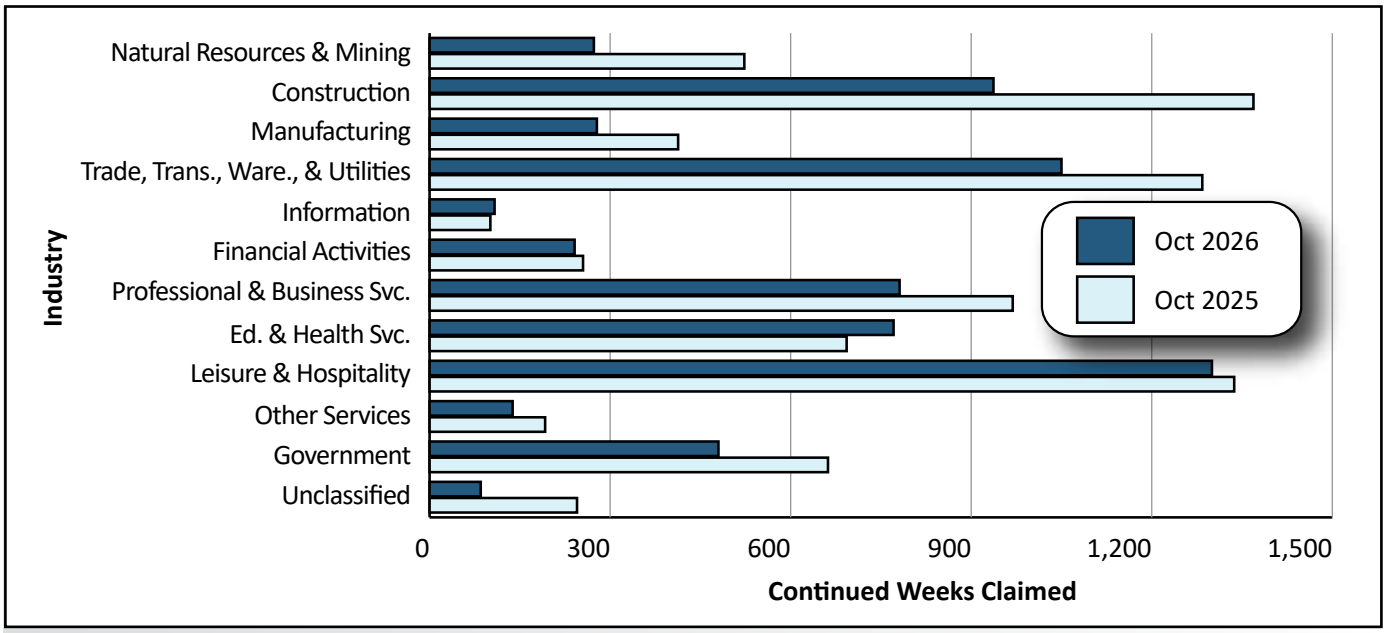


Figure 5: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, October 2025 and October 2026

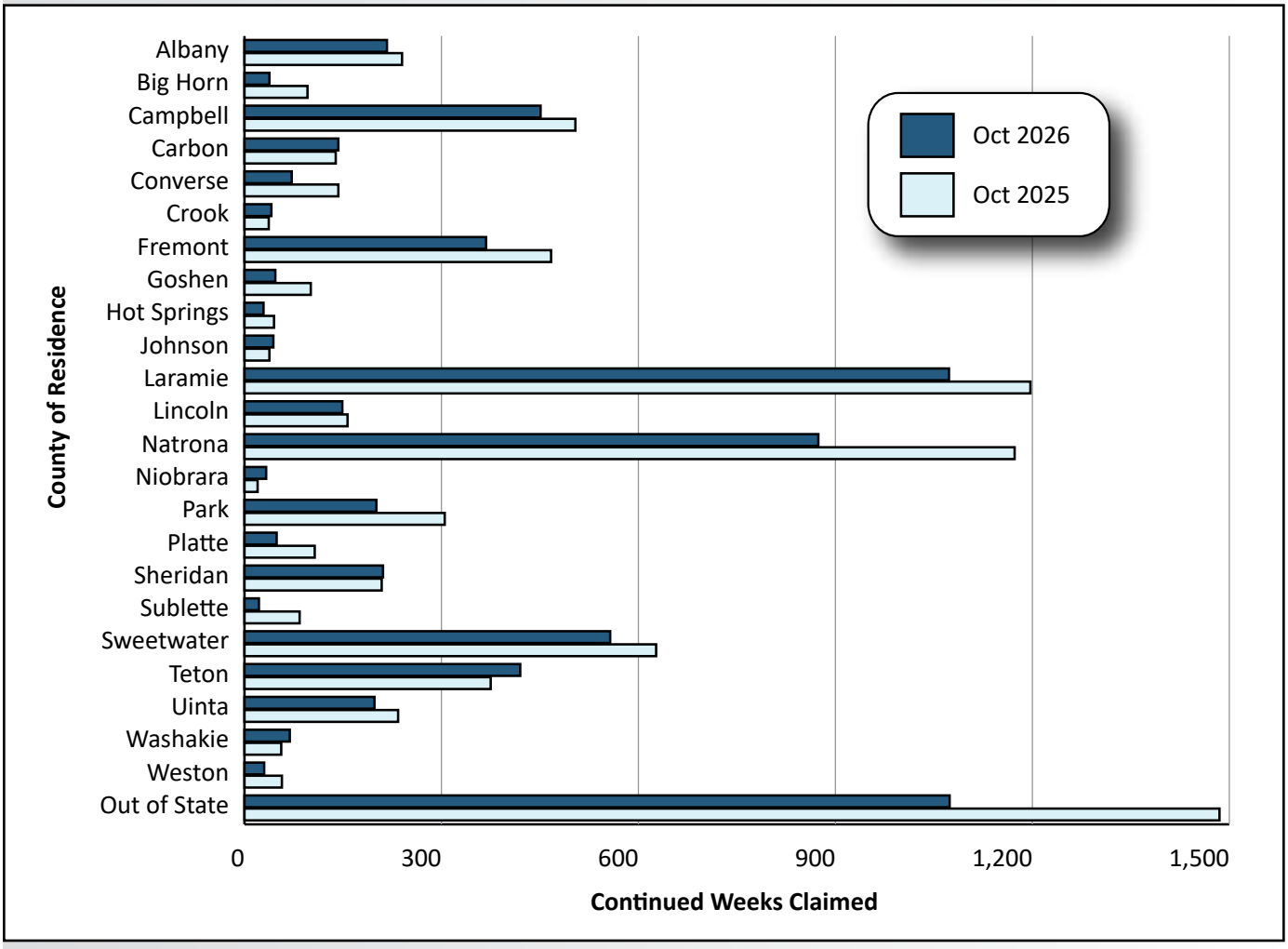


Figure 6: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence in Wyoming, October 2025 and October 2026

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

County	Oct 2026	Oct 2025	Change N	Change %
Albany	40	32	8	25.0
Big Horn	9	20	-11	-55.0
Campbell	76	73	3	4.1
Carbon	18	33	-15	-45.5
Converse	10	22	-12	-54.5
Crook	5	9	-4	-44.4
Fremont	69	78	-9	-11.5
Goshen	15	17	-2	-11.8
Hot Springs	12	8	4	50.0
Johnson	14	14	0	0.0
Laramie	231	259	-28	-10.8
Lincoln	36	36	0	0.0
Natrona	218	228	-10	-4.4
Niobrara	3	N/D	N/D	N/D
Park	69	79	-10	-12.7
Platte	15	22	-7	-31.8
Sheridan	50	51	-1	-2.0
Sublette	5	16	-11	-68.8
Sweetwater	115	115	0	0.0
Teton	232	218	14	6.4
Uinta	41	22	19	86.4
Washakie	7	N/D	N/D	N/D
Weston	5	8	-3	-37.5
Unknown	14	13	1	7.7
Out of State	519	576	-57	-9.9
Total	**1,840**	**1,973**	**-133**	**-6.7**

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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, October 2025 and October 2026

County	Oct 2026	Oct 2025	Change N	Change %
Albany	217	240	-23	-9.6
Big Horn	38	96	-58	-60.4
Campbell	451	504	-53	-10.5
Carbon	143	139	4	2.9
Converse	72	143	-71	-49.7
Crook	41	37	4	10.8
Fremont	368	467	-99	-21.2
Goshen	47	101	-54	-53.5
Hot Springs	29	45	-16	-35.6
Johnson	44	38	6	15.8
Laramie	1,073	1,197	-124	-10.4
Lincoln	149	157	-8	-5.1
Natrona	874	1,173	-299	-25.5
Niobrara	33	20	13	65.0
Park	201	305	-104	-34.1
Platte	49	107	-58	-54.2
Sheridan	211	209	2	1.0
Sublette	22	84	-62	-73.8
Sweetwater	557	627	-70	-11.2
Teton	420	375	45	12.0
Uinta	198	234	-36	-15.4
Washakie	69	56	13	23.2
Weston	30	57	-27	-47.4
Unknown	25	40	-15	-37.5
Out of State	1,074	1,485	-411	-27.7
Normalized Total[a]	**6,447**	**7,949**	**-1,502**	**-18.9**

[a]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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