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Initial Claims Decrease in Most Industries, All Counties

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The total number of initial Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims in Wyoming continued to decline in January 2018, down 27.4% (-1,044 claims) from January 2017. 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) that persisted throughout 2017. As noted by Bullard (2017), Wyoming's labor force decreased significantly from December 2016 to December 2017 (-8,569 people, or -2.8%)¹, the most recent month for which data were available.

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

As shown in Figure 1, there were considerably fewer initial UI claims in January 2018 compared to the January of each of the three prior years.

Most industries experienced substantial over-the-year declines in initial claims, with the largest decreases seen in construction (-414, or -29.1%) and leisure & hospitality (-147, or -39.2%).

Initial claims decreased in all counties, with the greatest decreases seen in Natrona (-170, or -31.5%) and Laramie (-103, or -19.8%) counties. Out-of-state initial claims decreased by 34.7% (-200 claims).

Continued Claims

Over the year, the number of unique claimants with continued claims decreased by 40.9% (-3,506 individuals). Total continued weeks claimed decreased by 31.2% (-9,045 weeks). The number of workers exhausting their UI benefits declined by 43.1% (-211 individuals).

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

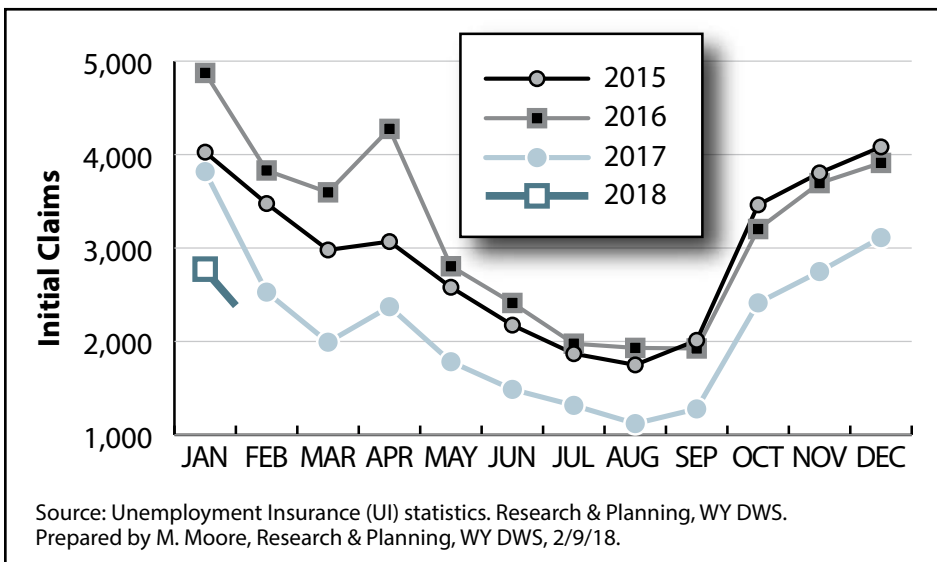


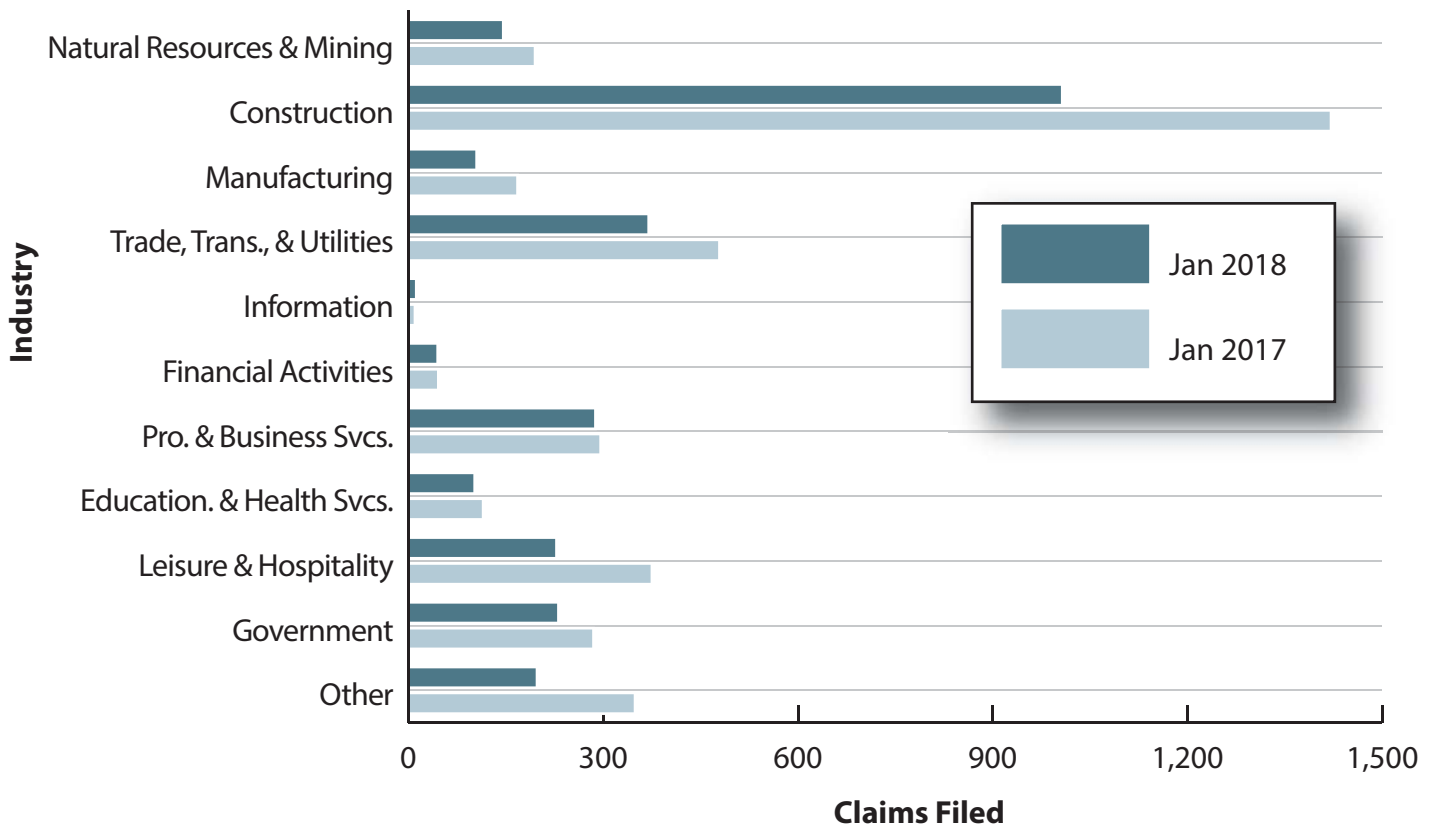
Figure 1: Number of New Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by Year and Month, 2015-2018

¹ Bullard, D. (2018, January). Wyoming Unemployment Falls to 4.2% in December. Research & Planning, Wyoming DWS. Retrieved February 9, 2018, from <http://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/news.htm>

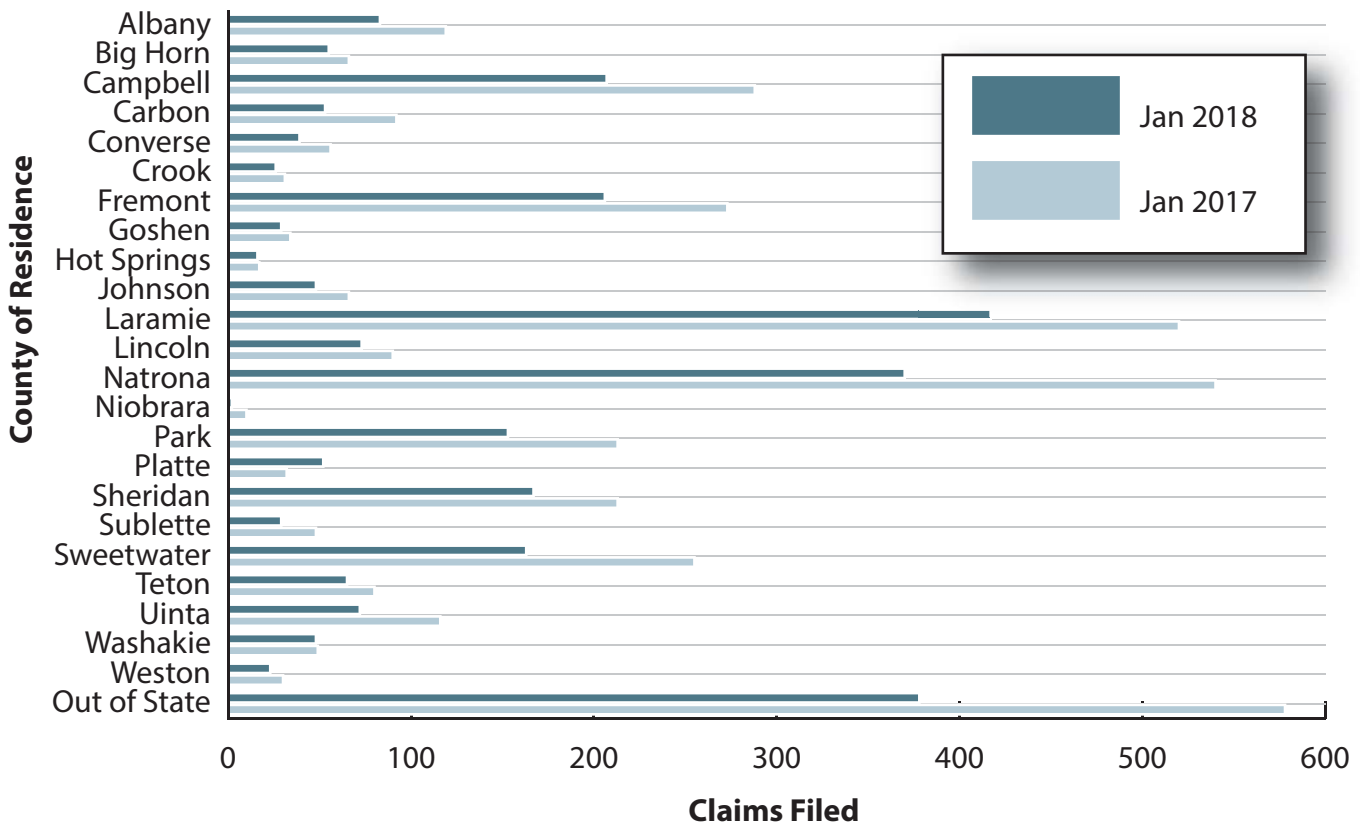
Initial Claims Tables

| | Claims Filed | | | Percent Change Claims Filed | | Difference |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | Jan-18 | Dec-17 | Jan-17 | Jan-18 Dec-17 | Jan-18 Jan-17 | Jan-18 Jan-17 |
| | | | | | | |
| <u>Wyoming Statewide</u> | | | | | | |
| Total Claims Filed | 2,773 | 3,112 | 3,817 | -10.9 | -27.4 | -1,044 |
| Goods-Producing | 1,260 | 1,672 | 1,786 | -24.6 | -29.5 | -526 |
| Natural Resources and Mining (11,21) | 146 | 161 | 195 | -9.3 | -25.1 | -49 |
| Mining (21) | 118 | 136 | 177 | -13.2 | -33.3 | -59 |
| Oil & Gas Extraction (211) | 6 | 5 | 20 | 20.0 | -70.0 | -14 |
| Construction (23) | 1,007 | 1,385 | 1,421 | -27.3 | -29.1 | -414 |
| Manufacturing (31 - 33) | 105 | 124 | 168 | -15.3 | -37.5 | -63 |
| Service-Providing | 1,084 | 948 | 1,396 | 14.3 | -22.3 | -312 |
| Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49) | 370 | 248 | 479 | 49.2 | -22.8 | -109 |
| Wholesale Trade (42) | 52 | 22 | 58 | 136.4 | -10.3 | -6 |
| Retail Trade (44 - 45) | 181 | 152 | 257 | 19.1 | -29.6 | -76 |
| Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (22,48 - 49) | 137 | 74 | 164 | 85.1 | -16.5 | -27 |
| Information (51) | 12 | 14 | 10 | -14.3 | 20.0 | 2 |
| Financial Activities (52, 53) | 45 | 34 | 46 | 32.4 | -2.2 | -1 |
| Professional and Business Services (54 - 56) | 288 | 262 | 296 | 9.9 | -2.7 | -8 |
| Educational and Health Services (61 - 62) | 102 | 85 | 115 | 20.0 | -11.3 | -13 |
| Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72) | 228 | 261 | 375 | -12.6 | -39.2 | -147 |
| Other Services, except Public Admin. (81) | 32 | 38 | 67 | -15.8 | -52.2 | -35 |
| Government | 231 | 200 | 285 | 15.5 | -18.9 | -54 |
| Federal Government | 116 | 111 | 123 | 4.5 | -5.7 | -7 |
| State Government | 29 | 24 | 28 | 20.8 | 3.6 | 1 |
| Local Government | 85 | 63 | 134 | 34.9 | -36.6 | -49 |
| Local Education | 19 | 11 | 22 | 72.7 | -13.6 | -3 |
| Unclassified | 198 | 291 | 349 | -32.0 | -43.3 | -151 |
| <u>Laramie County (Place of Residence)</u> | | | | | | |
| Total Claims Filed | 416 | 531 | 519 | -21.7 | -19.8 | -103 |
| Goods-Producing | 195 | 348 | 267 | -44.0 | -27.0 | -72 |
| Construction | 159 | 319 | 244 | -50.2 | -34.8 | -85 |
| Service-Providing | 187 | 156 | 202 | 19.9 | -7.4 | -15 |
| Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49) | 68 | 45 | 70 | 51.1 | -2.9 | -2 |
| Financial Activities (52, 53) | 9 | 7 | 9 | 28.6 | 0.0 | 0 |
| Professional and Business Services (54 - 56) | 74 | 57 | 61 | 29.8 | 21.3 | 13 |
| Educational and Health Services (61 - 62) | 17 | 9 | 23 | 88.9 | -26.1 | -6 |
| Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72) | 22 | 28 | 27 | -21.4 | -18.5 | -5 |
| Government | 19 | 11 | 25 | 72.7 | -24.0 | -6 |
| Unclassified | 14 | 14 | 23 | 0.0 | -39.1 | -9 |
| <u>Natrona County (Place of Residence)</u> | | | | | | |
| Total Claims Filed | 369 | 521 | 540 | -29.2 | -31.7 | -171 |
| Goods-Producing | 157 | 315 | 271 | -50.2 | -42.1 | -114 |
| Construction | 130 | 253 | 212 | -48.6 | -38.7 | -82 |
| Service-Providing | 193 | 188 | 238 | 2.7 | -18.9 | -45 |
| Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49) | 66 | 45 | 91 | 46.7 | -27.5 | -25 |
| Financial Activities (52, 53) | 9 | 4 | 6 | 125.0 | 50.0 | 3 |
| Professional and Business Services (54 - 56) | 54 | 42 | 49 | 28.6 | 10.2 | 5 |
| Educational and Health Services (61 - 62) | 23 | 32 | 22 | -28.1 | 4.5 | 1 |
| Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72) | 25 | 46 | 50 | -45.7 | -50.0 | -25 |
| Government | 10 | 10 | 10 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 |
| Unclassified | 7 | 7 | 19 | 0.0 | -63.2 | -12 |

Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry, January 2018



Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, January 2018

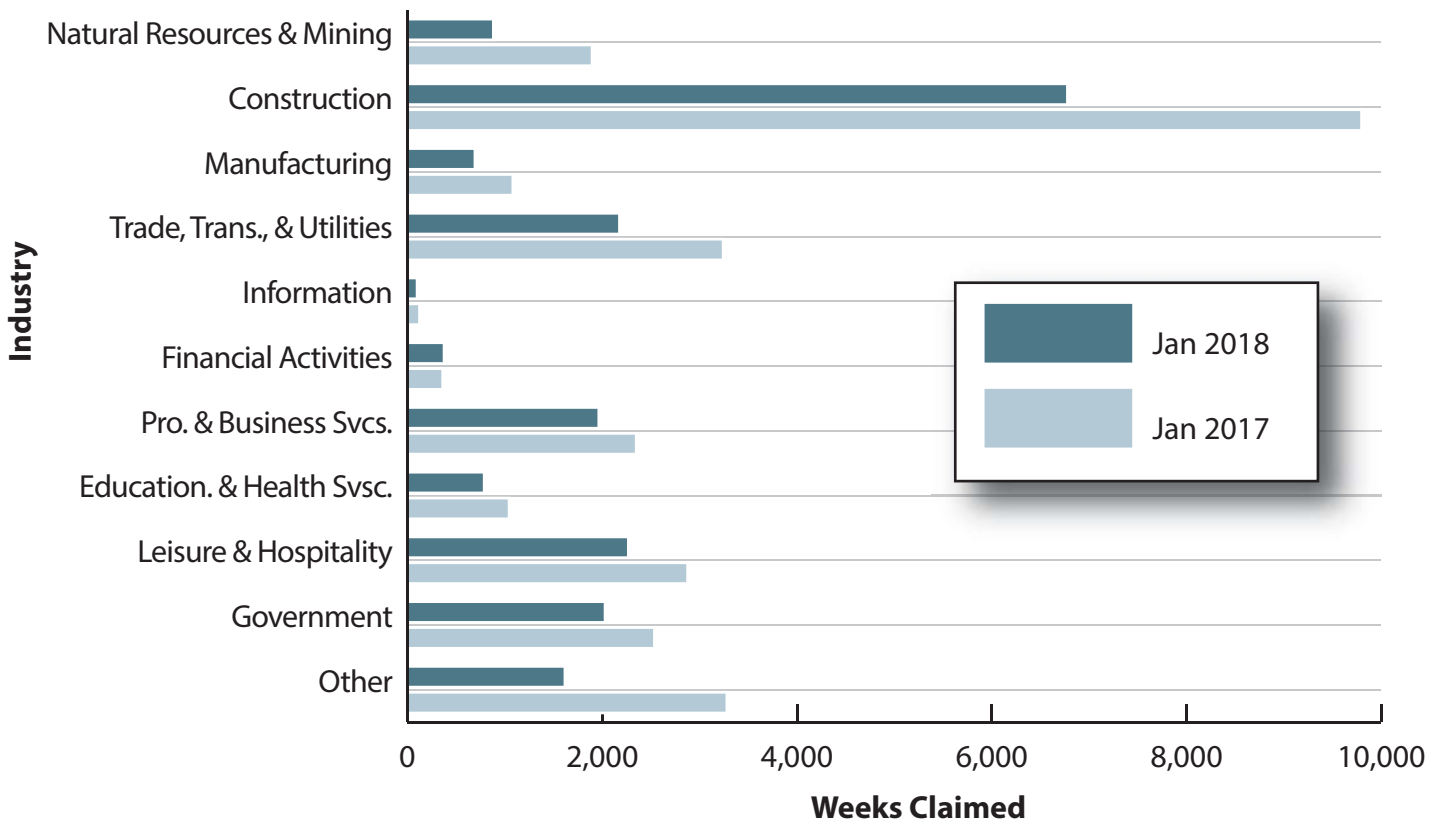


Continued Weeks Claimed Tables

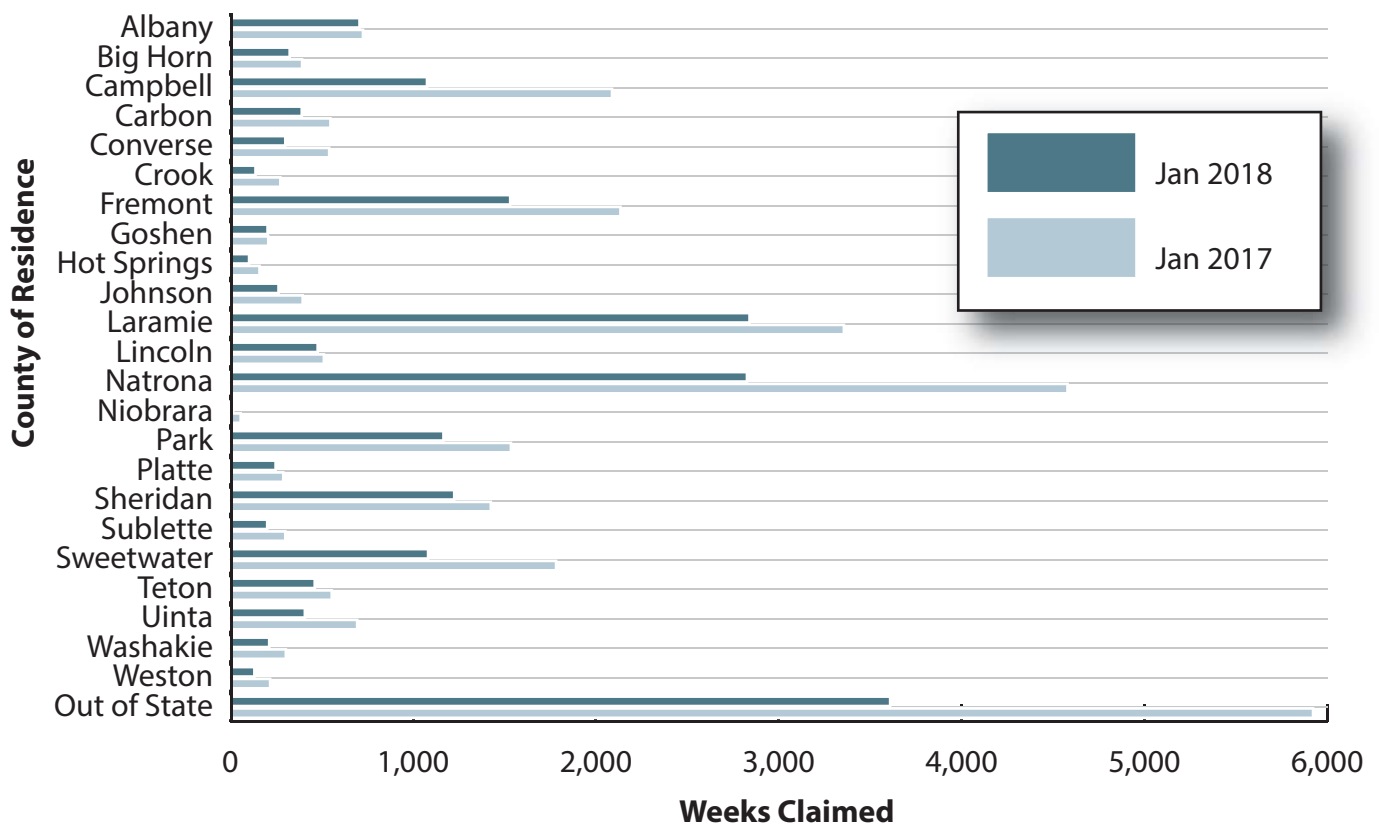
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| | | | | | | |
| <u>Wyoming Statewide</u> | | | | | | |
| Total Continued Weeks Claimed | 19,955 | 16,570 | 29,000 | 20.4 | -31.2 | -9,045 |
| Extended Benefit Weeks Claimed | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Unique Claimants* | 5,059 | 5,072 | 8,565 | -0.3 | -40.9 | -3,506 |
| Benefit Exhaustions | 279 | 273 | 490 | 2.2 | -43.1 | -211 |
| Benefit Exhaustion Rates | 5.5% | 5.4% | 5.7% | 0.1% | -0.2% | |
| Goods-Producing | | | | | | |
| Natural Resources and Mining (11,21) | 881 | 703 | 1,895 | 25.3 | -53.5 | -1,014 |
| Mining (21) | 633 | 491 | 1,668 | 28.9 | -62.1 | -1,035 |
| Oil & Gas Extraction (211) | 63 | 61 | 190 | 3.3 | -66.8 | -127 |
| Construction (23) | 6,776 | 3,995 | 9,796 | 69.6 | -30.8 | -3,020 |
| Manufacturing (31 - 33) | 692 | 411 | 1,081 | 68.4 | -36.0 | -389 |
| Service-Providing | 7,958 | 8,090 | 10,411 | -1.6 | -23.6 | -2,453 |
| Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49) | 2,176 | 2,029 | 3,241 | 7.2 | -32.9 | -1,065 |
| Wholesale Trade (42) | 330 | 335 | 572 | -1.5 | -42.3 | -242 |
| Retail Trade (44 - 45) | 1,323 | 1,217 | 1,755 | 8.7 | -24.6 | -432 |
| Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (22,48 - 49) | 523 | 477 | 914 | 9.6 | -42.8 | -391 |
| Information (51) | 98 | 99 | 123 | -1.0 | -20.3 | -25 |
| Financial Activities (52, 53) | 375 | 387 | 361 | -3.1 | 3.9 | 14 |
| Professional and Business Services (54 - 56) | 1,964 | 1,537 | 2,348 | 27.8 | -16.4 | -384 |
| Educational and Health Services (61 - 62) | 787 | 761 | 1,043 | 3.4 | -24.5 | -256 |
| Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72) | 2,267 | 2,977 | 2,876 | -23.8 | -21.2 | -609 |
| Other Services, except Public Admin. (81) | 284 | 292 | 412 | -2.7 | -31.1 | -128 |
| Government | 2,028 | 2,016 | 2,535 | 0.6 | -20.0 | -507 |
| Federal Government | 1,041 | 1,086 | 1,236 | -4.1 | -15.8 | -195 |
| State Government | 235 | 194 | 210 | 21.1 | 11.9 | 25 |
| Local Government | 750 | 735 | 1,088 | 2.0 | -31.1 | -338 |
| Local Education | 200 | 194 | 213 | 3.1 | -6.1 | -13 |
| Unclassified | 1,616 | 1,353 | 3,279 | 19.4 | -50.7 | -1,663 |
| <u>Laramie County (Place of Residence)</u> | | | | | | |
| Construction | | | | | | |
| Total Continued Weeks Claimed | 2,839 | 1,961 | 3,355 | 44.8 | -15.4 | -516 |
| Total Unique Claimants | 691 | 624 | 1,001 | 10.7 | -31.0 | -310 |
| Goods-Producing | | | | | | |
| Construction | 1,514 | 763 | 1,794 | 98.4 | -15.6 | -280 |
| Construction | 1,331 | 701 | 1,634 | 89.9 | -18.5 | -303 |
| Service-Providing | 1,053 | 968 | 1,247 | 8.8 | -15.6 | -194 |
| Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49) | 330 | 302 | 450 | 9.3 | -26.7 | -120 |
| Financial Activities (52, 53) | 88 | 87 | 42 | 1.1 | 109.5 | 46 |
| Professional and Business Services (54 - 56) | 332 | 287 | 499 | 15.7 | -33.5 | -167 |
| Educational and Health Services (61 - 62) | 155 | 139 | 163 | 11.5 | -4.9 | -8 |
| Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72) | 100 | 111 | 149 | -9.9 | -32.9 | -49 |
| Government | 176 | 153 | 156 | 15.0 | 12.8 | 20 |
| Unclassified | 94 | 75 | 156 | 25.3 | -39.7 | -62 |
| <u>Natrona County (Place of Residence)</u> | | | | | | |
| Total Continued Weeks Claimed | 2,825 | 2,248 | 4,578 | 25.7 | -38.3 | -1,753 |
| Total Unique Claimants | 731 | 699 | 1,352 | 4.6 | -45.9 | -621 |
| Goods-Producing | | | | | | |
| Construction | 1,320 | 888 | 2,267 | 48.6 | -41.8 | -947 |
| Construction | 1,129 | 760 | 1,680 | 48.6 | -32.8 | -551 |
| Service-Providing | 1,352 | 1,214 | 2,067 | 11.4 | -34.6 | -715 |
| Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49) | 420 | 366 | 695 | 14.8 | -39.6 | -275 |
| Financial Activities (52, 53) | 76 | 70 | 71 | 8.6 | 7.0 | 5 |
| Professional and Business Services (54 - 56) | 342 | 283 | 501 | 20.8 | -31.7 | -159 |
| Educational and Health Services (61 - 62) | 162 | 177 | 278 | -8.5 | -41.7 | -116 |
| Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72) | 275 | 235 | 378 | 17.0 | -27.2 | -103 |
| Government | 111 | 100 | 123 | 11.0 | -9.8 | -12 |
| Unclassified | 40 | 44 | 120 | -9.1 | -66.7 | -80 |

*Does not include claimants receiving extended benefits

Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry, January 2018



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Wyoming Normalized^a Unemployment Statistics: Continued Claims by County of Residence, January 2018

| County | Jan 2018 | Jan 2017 | Over-the-Year Change | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------|--------------|
| | | | N | % |
| Albany | 707 | 726 | -20 | -2.7 |
| Big Horn | 325 | 393 | -68 | -17.4 |
| Campbell | 1,076 | 2,088 | -1,013 | -48.5 |
| Carbon | 391 | 548 | -156 | -28.5 |
| Converse | 301 | 541 | -241 | -44.5 |
| Crook | 138 | 274 | -136 | -49.7 |
| Fremont | 1,531 | 2,134 | -603 | -28.2 |
| Goshen | 204 | 208 | -3 | -1.7 |
| Hot Springs | 103 | 160 | -57 | -35.7 |
| Johnson | 264 | 396 | -132 | -33.3 |
| Laramie | 2,840 | 3,356 | -516 | -15.4 |
| Lincoln | 478 | 512 | -34 | -6.6 |
| Natrona | 2,826 | 4,579 | -1,753 | -38.3 |
| Niobrara | N/D | N/D | N/D | N/D |
| Park | 1,166 | 1,535 | -369 | -24.1 |
| Platte | 248 | 290 | -42 | -14.6 |
| Sheridan | 1,225 | 1,425 | -200 | -14.0 |
| Sublette | 202 | 301 | -99 | -32.9 |
| Sweetwater | 1,082 | 1,782 | -700 | -39.3 |
| Teton | 462 | 555 | -93 | -16.7 |
| Uinta | 408 | 694 | -286 | -41.2 |
| Washakie | 213 | 304 | -91 | -30.0 |
| Weston | 132 | 218 | -85 | -39.1 |
| Unknown | N/D | N/D | N/D | N/D |
| Out of State | 3,609 | 5,922 | -2,314 | -39.1 |
| Normalized Total^a | 19,955 | 29,000 | -9,045 | -31.2 |
| Real Total^b | 23,043 | 26,790 | -3,747 | -14.0 |

^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.

N/D = Not discloseable due to confidentiality.

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

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