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Initial Claims Continue Downward Trend

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Initial Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims continued on a downward trend in March 2018 (see Figure 1), as the number of new initial claims declined by 15.9% (-317 claims) compared to March 2017. Initial claims have decreased from prior-year levels every month since September 2016.

Initial Claims

There were 1,674 initial claims in March 2018, compared to 1,991 in March 2017. Most industries experienced a decrease in the number of initial claims over the year, with the greatest decreases seen in construction (-140 claims, or -27.1%) and trade, transportation, & utilities (-48, or -16.8%).

Increases in initial claims were seen in leisure & hospitality (16, or 5.1%), federal government (24, or 50.0%), information (two, or 25.0%), and local education (two, or 11.8%).

At the county level, the greatest decreases in initial claims were seen in Natrona (-77 claims,

or -25.0%), Laramie (-54, or -19.8%), and Fremont (-45, or -36.2%) counties.

Continued Claims

Over the year, the number of unique claimants with continued claims decreased by 11.4% (701 fewer individuals). Total continued weeks claimed decreased by 26.8% (6,680 fewer weeks claimed).

Most industries saw over-the-year decreases in continued claims, with the greatest decrease in construction (-1,858 weeks, or -22.9%) and trade, transportation, & utilities (-1,177, or -37.1%).

All counties showed an over-the-year decrease in continued claims, with the exception of Big Horn (40 weeks, or 12.9%), Washakie (36, or 12.1%), and Platte (two, or 0.6%) counties.

Out-of-state continued claims decreased by 1,632 weeks (-37.4%).

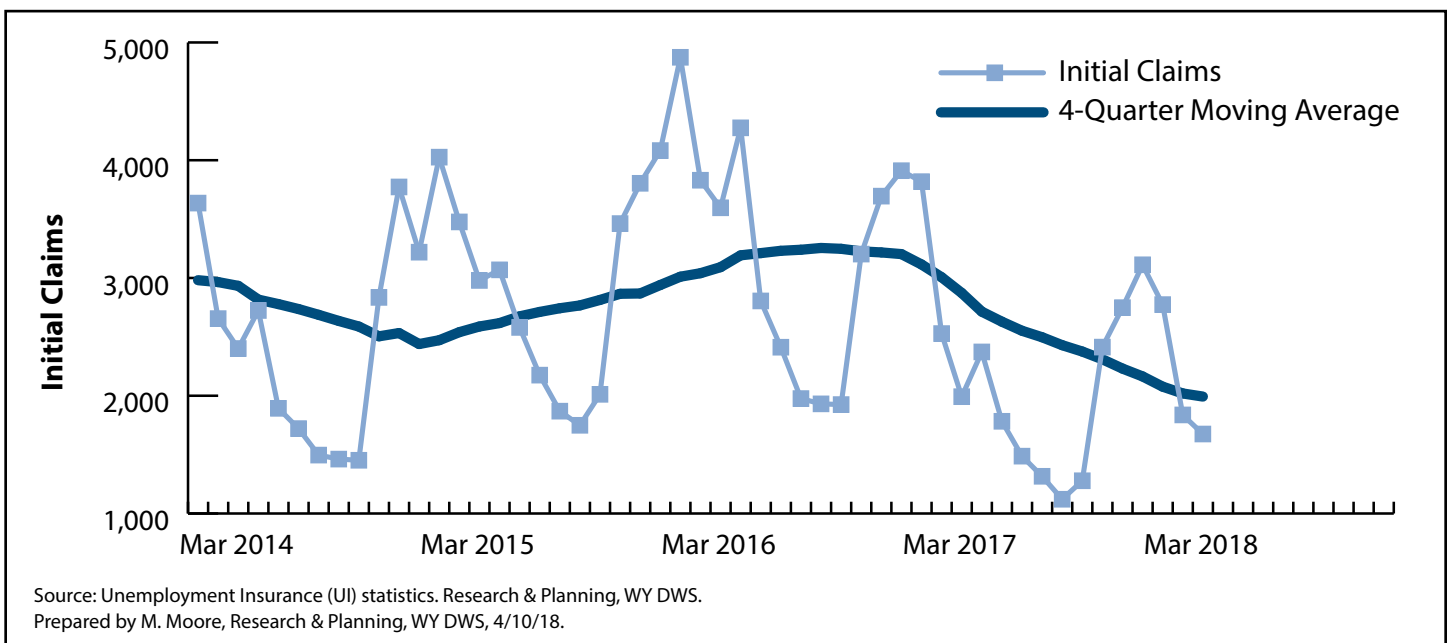
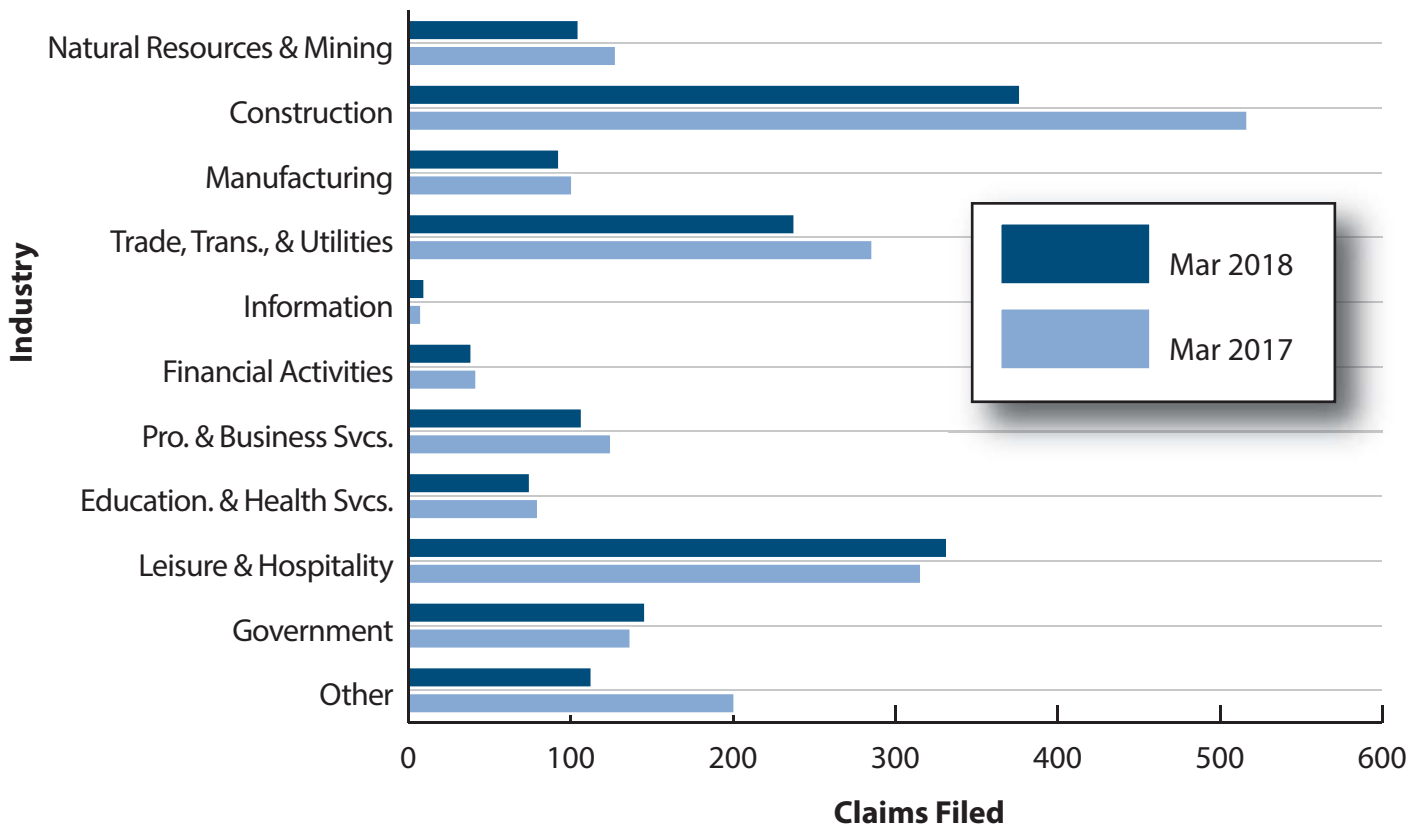


Figure 1: Number of New Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by Year and Month, January 2014 to March 2018

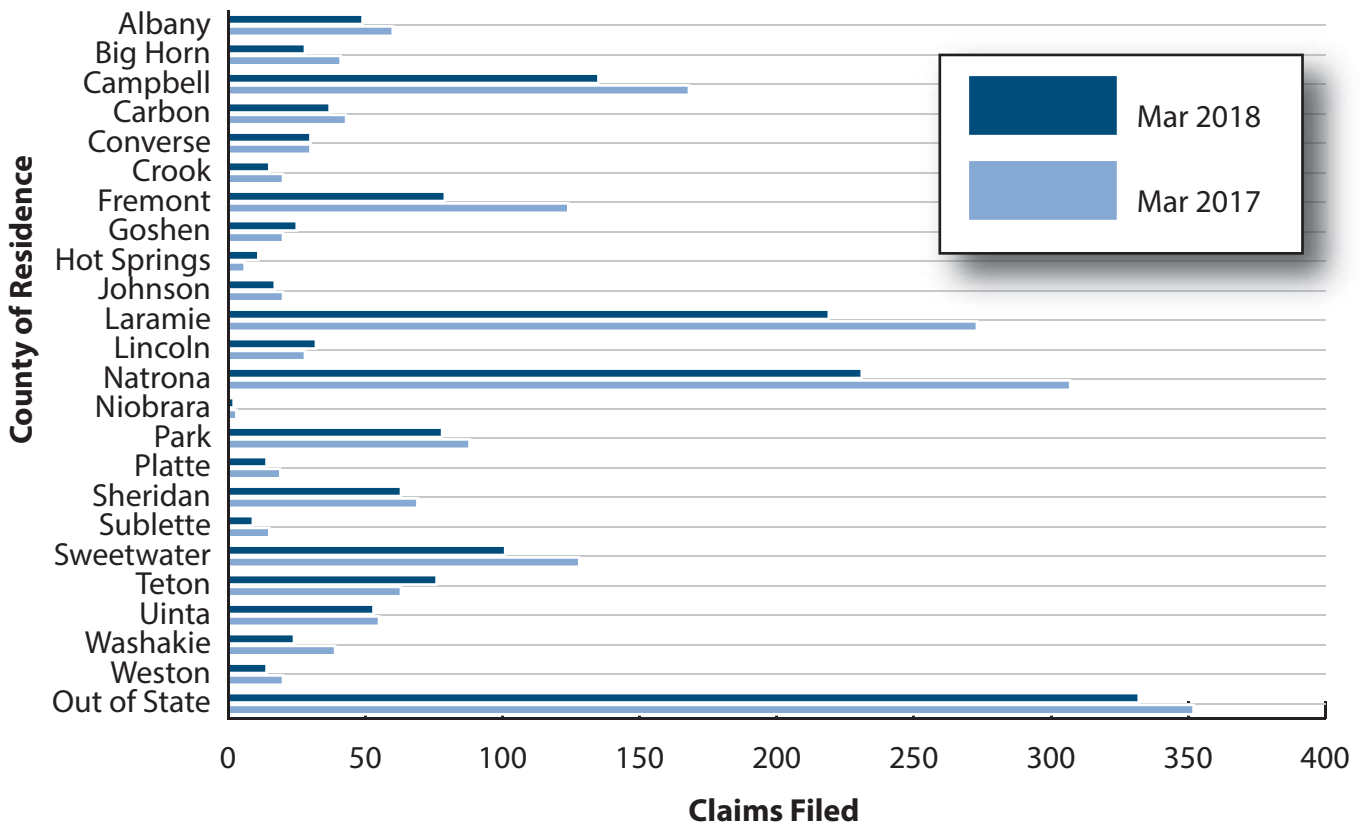
Initial Claims Tables

	Claims Filed			Percent Change Claims Filed		Difference
	<u>Mar-18</u>	<u>Feb-18</u>	<u>Mar-17</u>	<u>Mar-18</u> <u>Feb-18</u>	<u>Mar-18</u> <u>Mar-17</u>	<u>Mar-18</u> <u>Mar-17</u>
<u>Wyoming Statewide</u>						
Total Claims Filed	1,674	1,837	1,991	-8.9	-15.9	-317
Goods-Producing	576	890	747	-35.3	-22.9	-171
Natural Resources and Mining (11,21)	105	112	128	-6.3	-18.0	-23
Mining (21)	95	102	115	-6.9	-17.4	-20
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	3	3	11	0.0	-72.7	-8
Construction (23)	377	667	517	-43.5	-27.1	-140
Manufacturing (31 - 33)	93	109	101	-14.7	-7.9	-8
Service-Providing	837	683	904	22.5	-7.4	-67
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	238	249	286	-4.4	-16.8	-48
Wholesale Trade (42)	32	29	36	10.3	-11.1	-4
Retail Trade (44 - 45)	110	112	148	-1.8	-25.7	-38
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (22,48 - 49)	96	108	102	-11.1	-5.9	-6
Information (51)	10	7	8	42.9	25.0	2
Financial Activities (52, 53)	39	26	42	50.0	-7.1	-3
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	107	153	125	-30.1	-14.4	-18
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	75	74	80	1.4	-6.3	-5
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	332	132	316	151.5	5.1	16
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	30	35	40	-14.3	-25.0	-10
Government	146	132	137	10.6	6.6	9
Federal Government	72	53	48	35.8	50.0	24
State Government	14	18	15	-22.2	-6.7	-1
Local Government	59	60	73	-1.7	-19.2	-14
Local Education	19	15	17	26.7	11.8	2
Unclassified	113	130	201	-13.1	-43.8	-88
<u>Laramie County (Place of Residence)</u>						
Total Claims Filed	218	268	272	-18.7	-19.9	-54
Goods-Producing	76	124	102	-38.7	-25.5	-26
Construction	71	105	87	-32.4	-18.4	-16
Service-Providing	117	112	139	4.5	-15.8	-22
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	51	44	47	15.9	8.5	4
Financial Activities (52, 53)	8	3	17	166.7	-52.9	-9
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	30	47	34	-36.2	-11.8	-4
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	11	17	20	-35.3	-45.0	-9
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	16	8	16	100.0	0.0	0
Government	14	10	18	40.0	-22.2	-4
Unclassified	9	20	12	-55.0	-25.0	-3
<u>Natrona County (Place of Residence)</u>						
Total Claims Filed	230	294	307	-21.8	-25.1	-77
Goods-Producing	94	153	128	-38.6	-26.6	-34
Construction	72	119	94	-39.5	-23.4	-22
Service-Providing	126	129	160	-2.3	-21.3	-34
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	39	38	54	2.6	-27.8	-15
Financial Activities (52, 53)	9	5	8	80.0	12.5	1
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	30	37	29	-18.9	3.4	1
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	17	19	17	-10.5	0.0	0
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	21	16	30	31.3	-30.0	-9
Government	5	6	10	-16.7	-50.0	-5
Unclassified	4	4	8	0.0	-50.0	-4

Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry, March 2018



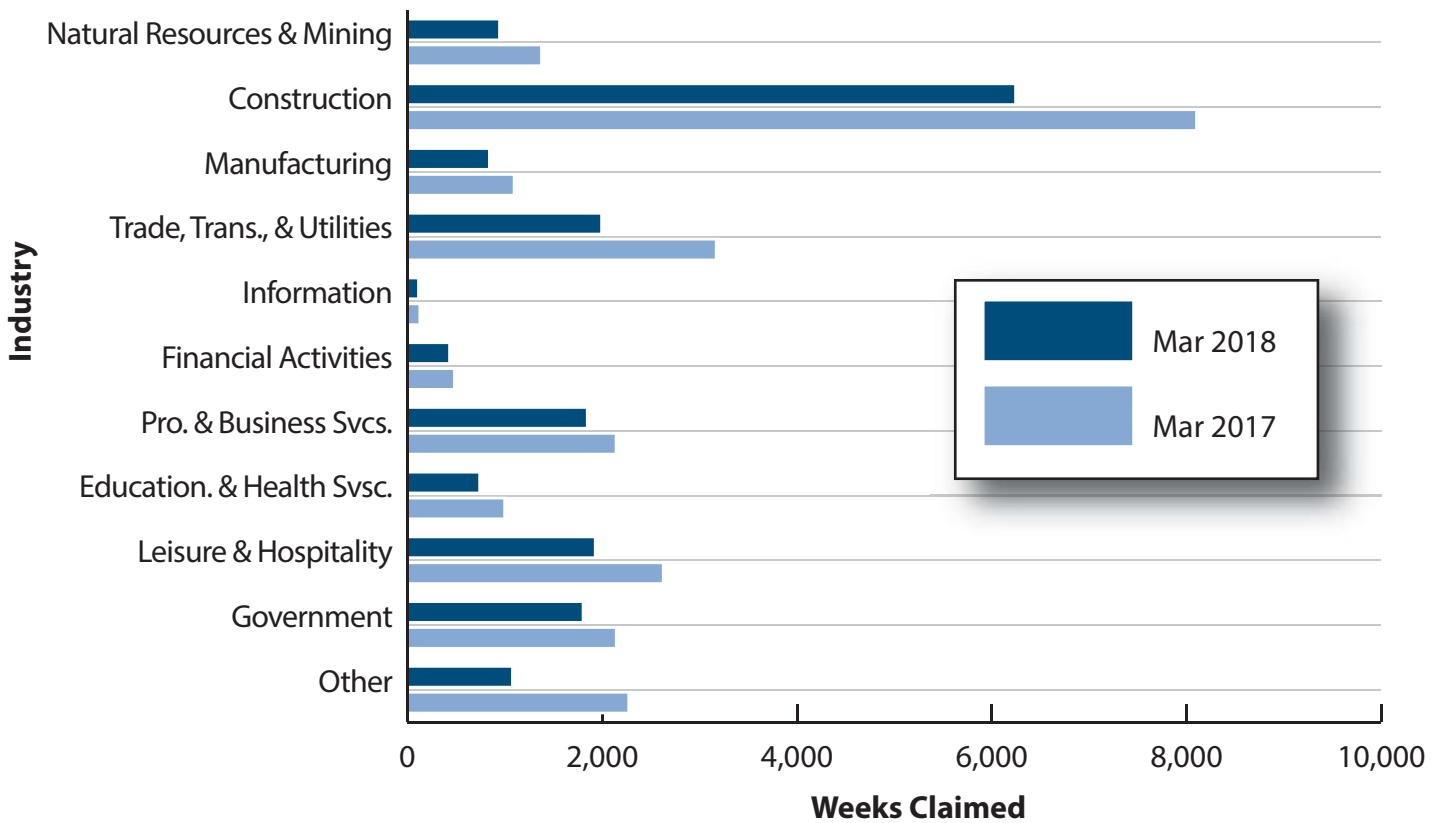
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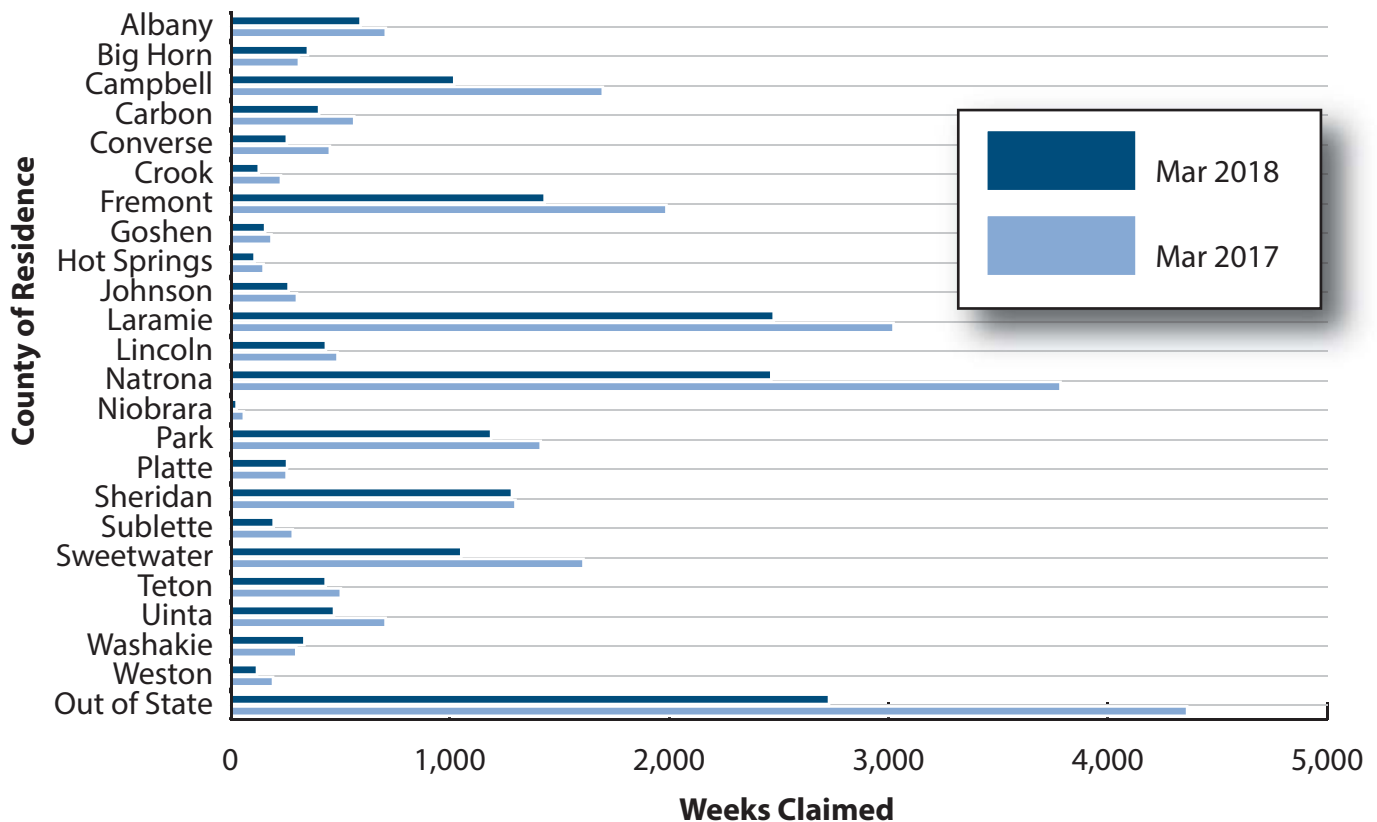
Continued Weeks Claimed Tables

	Claims Filed			Percent Change Claims		Difference
	Mar-18	Feb-18	Mar-17	Mar-18	Mar-18	Mar-18
				Feb-18	Mar-17	Mar-17
<u>Wyoming Statewide</u>						
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	18,224	20,121	24,904	-9.4	-26.8	-6,680
Extended Benefit Weeks Claimed	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Unique Claimants	5,431	5,691	6,132	-4.6	-11.4	-701
Benefit Exhaustions	357	317	549	12.6	-35.0	-192
Benefit Exhaustion Rates	6.6%	5.6%	9.0%	1.0%	-2.4%	
Goods-Producing						
Natural Resources and Mining (11,21)	944	914	1,375	3.3	-31.3	-431
Mining (21)	718	663	1,174	8.3	-38.8	-456
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	38	51	199	-25.5	-80.9	-161
Construction (23)	6,243	7,041	8,101	-11.3	-22.9	-1,858
Manufacturing (31 - 33)	840	779	1,094	7.8	-23.2	-254
Service-Providing	7,316	7,928	9,917	-7.7	-26.2	-2,601
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	1,992	2,287	3,169	-12.9	-37.1	-1,177
Wholesale Trade (42)	326	368	489	-11.4	-33.3	-163
Retail Trade (44 - 45)	1,096	1,271	1,755	-13.8	-37.5	-659
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (22,48 - 49)	570	648	925	-12.0	-38.4	-355
Information (51)	112	109	126	2.8	-11.1	-14
Financial Activities (52, 53)	431	398	481	8.3	-10.4	-50
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	1,845	2,104	2,141	-12.3	-13.8	-296
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	740	763	997	-3.0	-25.8	-257
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	1,927	1,990	2,625	-3.2	-26.6	-698
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	261	270	370	-3.3	-29.5	-109
Government	1,802	2,055	2,143	-12.3	-15.9	-341
Federal Government	872	1,027	983	-15.1	-11.3	-111
State Government	231	296	217	-22.0	6.5	14
Local Government	698	731	942	-4.5	-25.9	-244
Local Education	155	163	194	-4.9	-20.1	-39
Unclassified	1,077	1,401	2,271	-23.1	-52.6	-1,194
<u>Laramie County (Place of Residence)</u>						
Construction						
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	2,476	2,823	3,023	-12.3	-18.1	-547
Total Unique Claimants	748	796	768	-6.0	-2.6	-20
Goods-Producing						
Construction	1,027	1,239	1,203	-17.1	-14.6	-176
Service-Providing	1,067	1,142	1,414	-6.6	-24.5	-347
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	362	364	571	-0.5	-36.6	-209
Financial Activities (52, 53)	97	96	102	1.0	-4.9	-5
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	364	402	472	-9.5	-22.9	-108
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	150	145	182	3.4	-17.6	-32
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	95	113	135	-15.9	-29.6	-40
Government	127	153	142	-17.0	-10.6	-15
Unclassified	94	95	127	-1.1	-26.0	-33
<u>Natrona County (Place of Residence)</u>						
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	2,465	2,730	3,784	-9.7	-34.9	-1,319
Total Unique Claimants	755	791	930	-4.6	-18.8	-175
Goods-Producing						
Construction	922	1,055	1,397	-12.6	-34.0	-475
Service-Providing	1,226	1,340	1,736	-8.5	-29.4	-510
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	338	413	600	-18.2	-43.7	-262
Financial Activities (52, 53)	93	85	81	9.4	14.8	12
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	348	347	379	0.3	-8.2	-31
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	175	184	227	-4.9	-22.9	-52
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	192	222	345	-13.5	-44.3	-153
Government	86	100	115	-14.0	-25.2	-29
Unclassified	31	47	110	-34.0	-71.8	-79

Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry, March 2018



Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, March 2018



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

County	Mar 18	Mar 17	Over-the-Year Change	
			N	%
Albany	594	709	-115	-16.2
Big Horn	354	313	40	12.9
Campbell	1,021	1,698	-677	-39.9
Carbon	405	565	-160	-28.3
Converse	258	454	-196	-43.2
Crook	130	231	-101	-43.8
Fremont	1,433	1,988	-555	-27.9
Goshen	159	188	-29	-15.3
Hot Springs	111	152	-41	-26.8
Johnson	266	304	-38	-12.4
Laramie	2,477	3,023	-546	-18.1
Lincoln	436	489	-53	-10.8
Natrona	2,466	3,784	-1,318	-34.8
Niobrara	29	62	-33	-53.1
Park	1,189	1,415	-226	-16.0
Platte	259	257	2	0.6
Sheridan	1,284	1,300	-16	-1.2
Sublette	198	285	-87	-30.5
Sweetwater	1,053	1,610	-557	-34.6
Teton	435	504	-69	-13.7
Uinta	473	708	-235	-33.2
Washakie	338	301	36	12.1
Weston	122	195	-73	-37.2
Unknown	5	5	0	0.0
Out of State	2,729	4,361	-1,632	-37.4
Normalized Total^a	18,225	24,904	-6,679	-26.8
Real Total^b	16,836	28,758	-11,922	-41.5

^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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