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Initial Claims Decline for 21st Consecutive Month

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In May 2018, initial Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims decreased by 26.8% (-477 claims) compared to May 2017. Initial claims have decreased from prior-year levels for 21 months, dating back to September 2016.

The unemployment rate also continued to decline in Wyoming over the past year. From May 2017 to May 2018, unemployment rates fell in 13 counties, rose in nine counties, and remained unchanged in one county¹.

Initial Claims

There were 1,306 initial claims in May 2018, the fewest total initial claims for the month of May since 2006 (see Figure 1).

The largest decreases were seen in

construction (-113 claims, or -27.3%) and trade, transportation, and utilities (-82 claims, or -32.2%). The majority of industries experienced a decline in the number of initial claims with the exception of slight increases in financial activities and other services.

Natrona County had the largest number of initial claims (201), followed by Laramie (187) and Campbell counties (126).

Continued Claims

Total continued weeks claimed decreased by 25.7% (3,910 fewer weeks claimed). The total number of unique claimants decreased by 25.1% (1,006 fewer individuals).

The industries that experienced the largest decreases in continued weeks claimed were construction (-969 weeks, or -32.9%) and transportation and utilities (-772 weeks, or 30.5%).

¹ Bullard, D. Wyoming unemployment falls to 3.7% in May. Research & Planning, WY DWS. Retrieved June 21, 2018, from <http://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/news.htm>

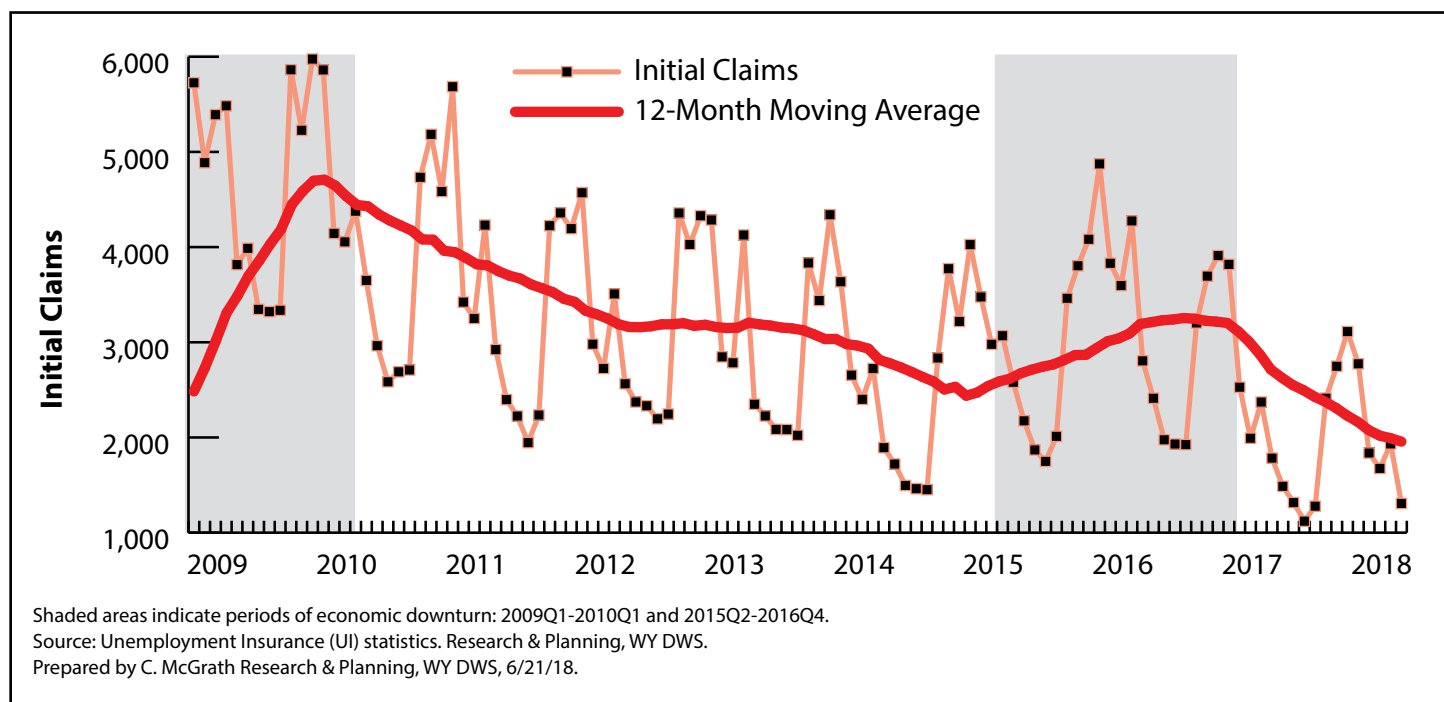
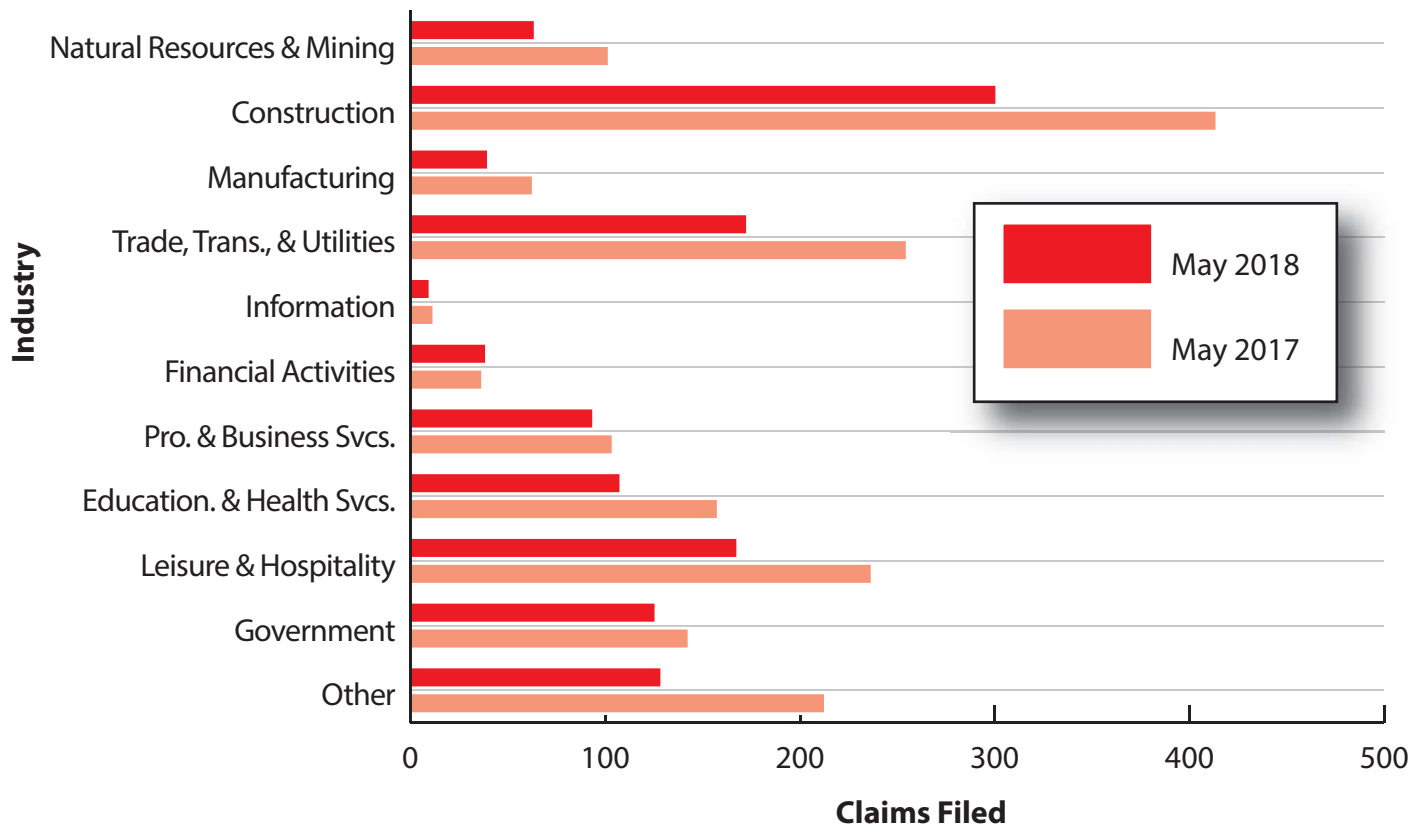


Figure 1: Total Number of New Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by Year and Month, January 2009 to May 2018

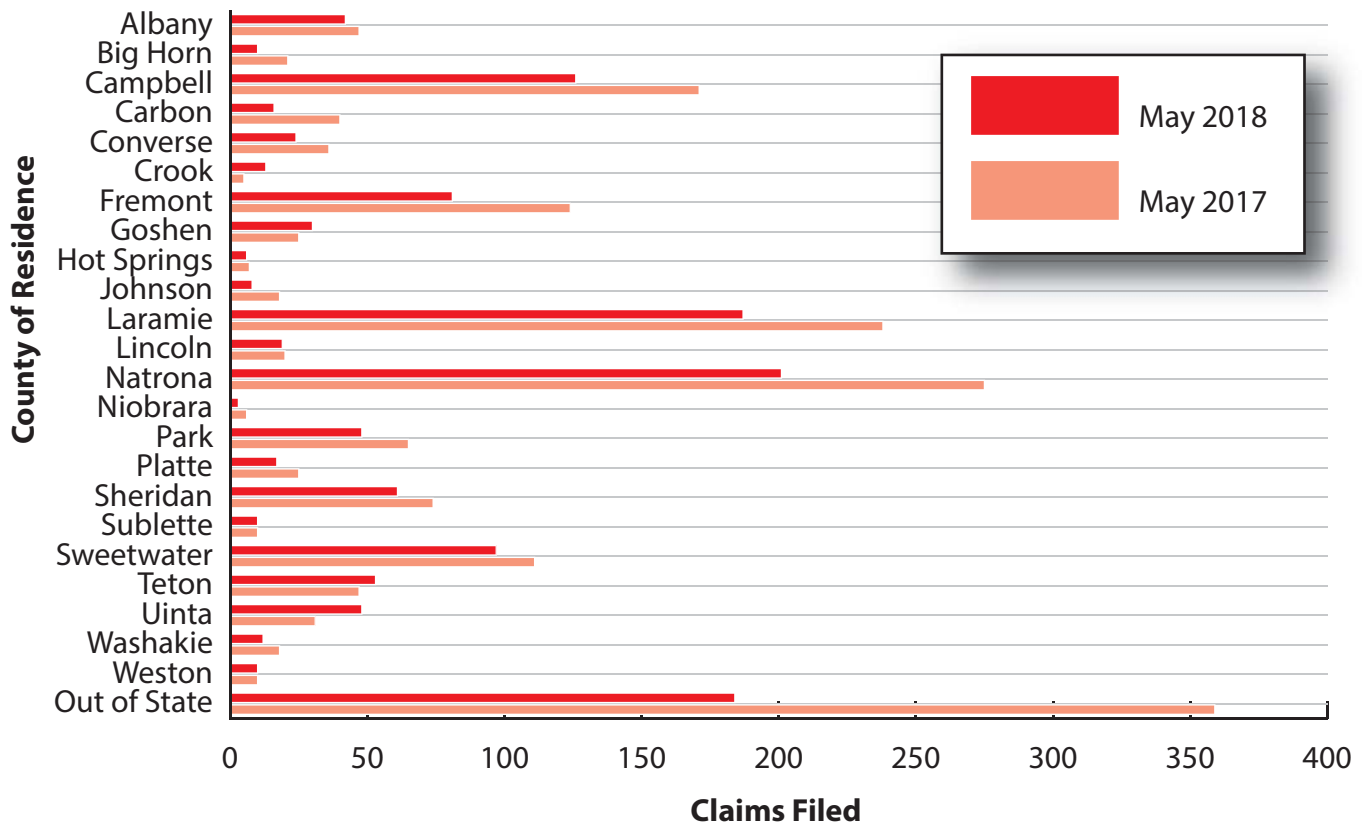
Initial Claims Tables

	Claims Filed			Percent Change Claims Filed		Difference
	May-18	Apr-18	May-17	May-18 Apr-18	May-18 May-17	May-18 May-17
<u>Wyoming Statewide</u>						
Total Claims Filed	1,306	1,932	1,783	-32.4	-26.8	-477
Goods-Producing	407	504	581	-19.2	-29.9	-174
Natural Resources and Mining (11,21)	64	104	102	-38.5	-37.3	-38
Mining (21)	51	93	87	-45.2	-41.4	-36
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	3	3	13	0.0	-76.9	-10
Construction (23)	301	313	414	-3.8	-27.3	-113
Manufacturing (31 - 33)	40	85	63	-52.9	-36.5	-23
Service-Providing	643	1,179	844	-45.5	-23.8	-201
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	173	279	255	-38.0	-32.2	-82
Wholesale Trade (42)	19	30	33	-36.7	-42.4	-14
Retail Trade (44 - 45)	103	128	120	-19.5	-14.2	-17
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (22,48 - 49)	51	121	102	-57.9	-50.0	-51
Information (51)	10	11	12	-9.1	-16.7	-2
Financial Activities (52, 53)	39	26	37	50.0	5.4	2
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	94	146	104	-35.6	-9.6	-10
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	108	82	158	31.7	-31.6	-50
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	168	592	237	-71.6	-29.1	-69
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	44	40	35	10.0	25.7	9
Government	126	106	143	18.9	-11.9	-17
Federal Government	19	31	23	-38.7	-17.4	-4
State Government	18	12	12	50.0	50.0	6
Local Government	89	61	108	45.9	-17.6	-19
Local Education	30	9	28	233.3	7.1	2
Unclassified	129	141	213	-8.5	-39.4	-84
<u>Laramie County (Place of Residence)</u>						
Total Claims Filed	187	199	238	-6.0	-21.4	-51
Goods-Producing	62	58	77	6.9	-19.5	-15
Construction	56	50	67	12.0	-16.4	-11
Service-Providing	102	119	131	-14.3	-22.1	-29
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	33	46	41	-28.3	-19.5	-8
Financial Activities (52, 53)	9	6	9	50.0	0.0	0
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	23	28	22	-17.9	4.5	1
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	13	13	29	0.0	-55.2	-16
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	17	24	20	-29.2	-15.0	-3
Government	17	14	17	21.4	0.0	0
Unclassified	5	7	12	-28.6	-58.3	-7
<u>Natrona County (Place of Residence)</u>						
Total Claims Filed	200	227	275	-11.9	-27.3	-75
Goods-Producing	62	76	93	-18.4	-33.3	-31
Construction	45	48	76	-6.3	-40.8	-31
Service-Providing	131	132	165	-0.8	-20.6	-34
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	34	34	46	0.0	-26.1	-12
Financial Activities (52, 53)	10	4	8	150.0	25.0	2
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	21	34	21	-38.2	0.0	0
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	27	22	41	22.7	-34.1	-14
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	27	22	33	22.7	-18.2	-6
Government	1	9	9	-88.9	-88.9	-8
Unclassified	5	8	6	-37.5	-16.7	-1

Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry, May 2018



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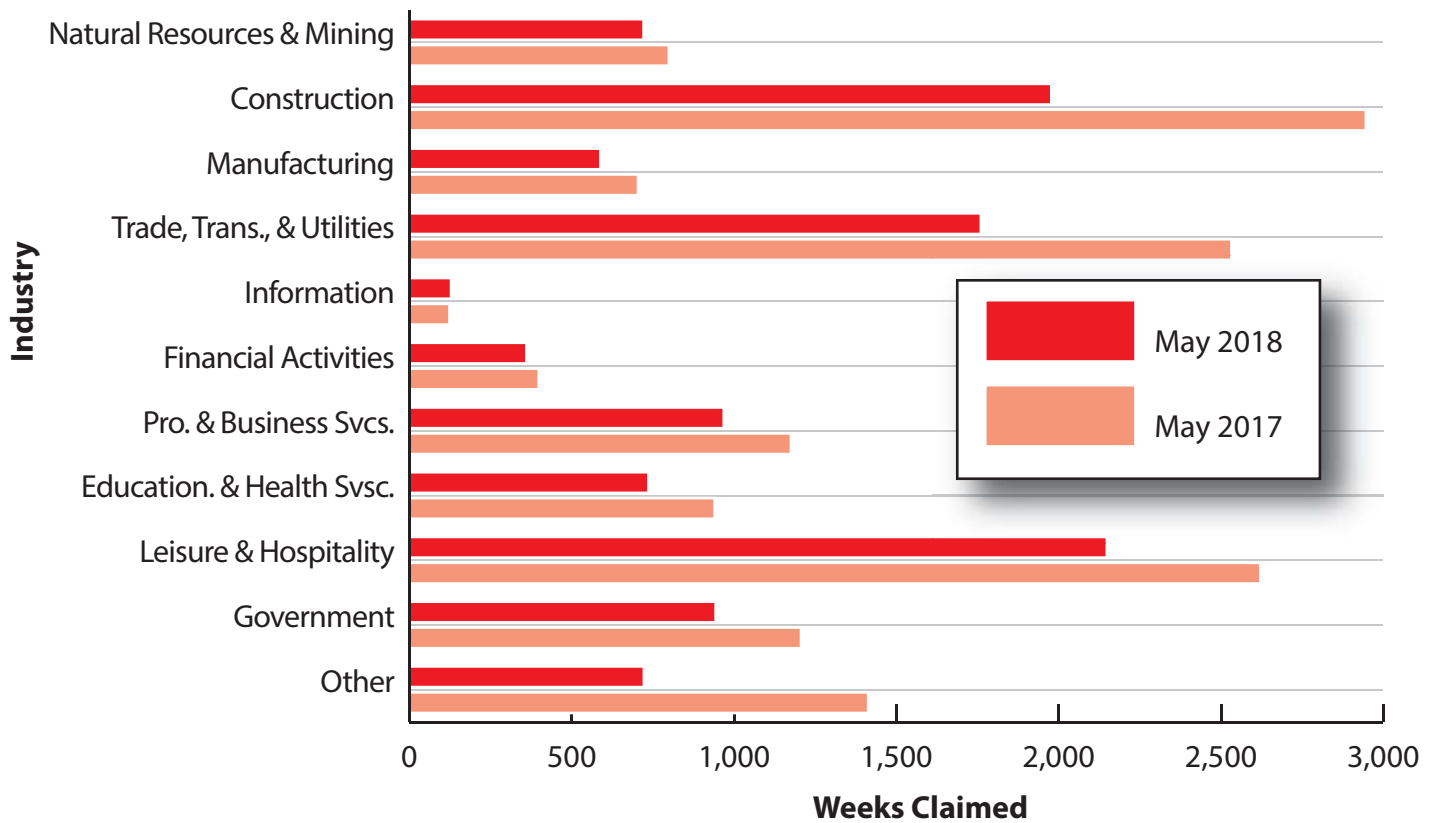


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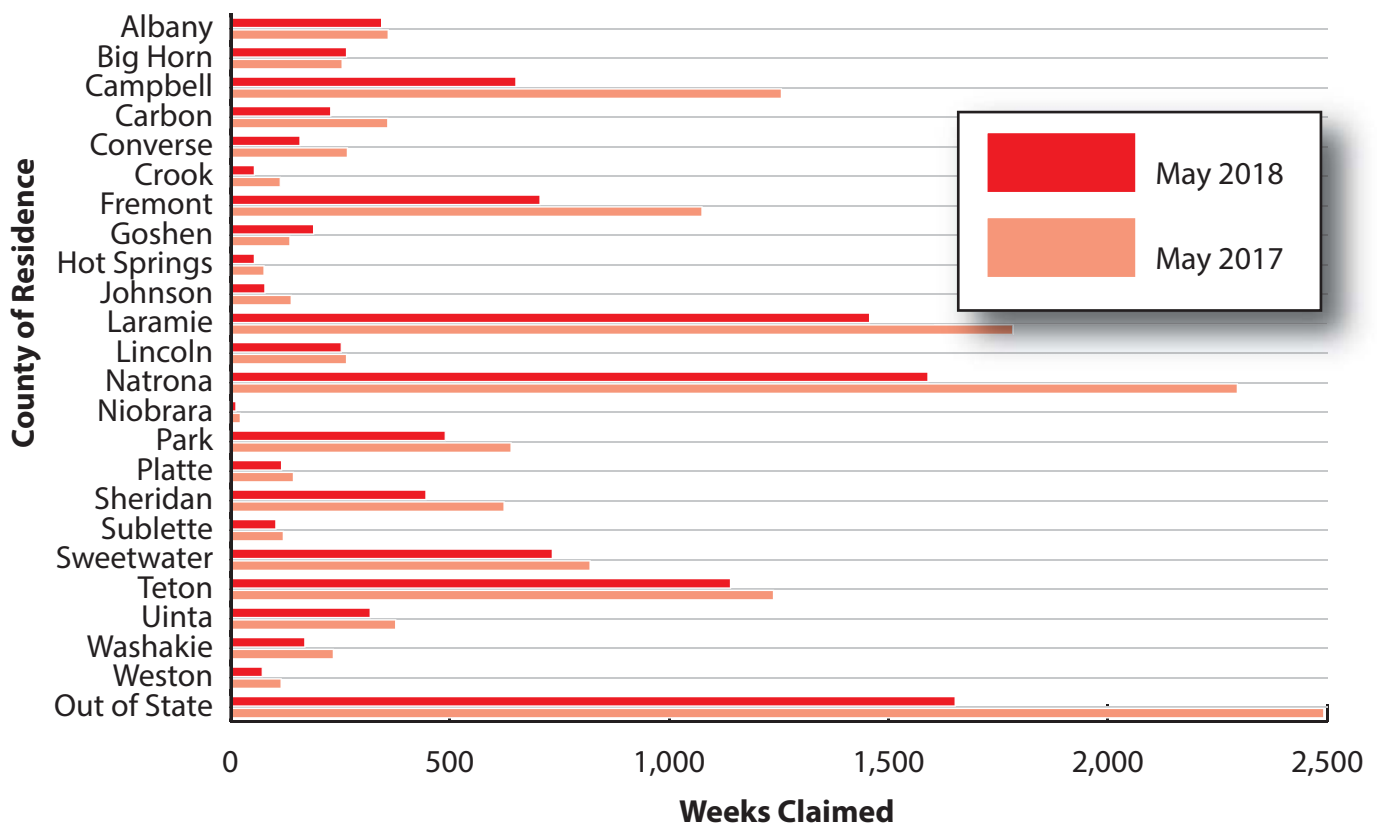
Continued Weeks Claimed Tables

	Claims Filed			Percent Change Claims		Difference
	May-18	Apr-18	May-17	May-18 Apr-18	May-18 May-17	May-18 May-17
<u>Wyoming Statewide</u>						
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	11,297	15,473	15,207	-27.0	-25.7	-3,910
Total Unique Claimants	3,000	4,850	4,006	-38.1	-25.1	-1,006
Benefit Exhaustions	241	398	348	-39.4	-30.7	-107
Benefit Exhaustion Rates	8.0%	8.2%	8.7%	-0.2%	-0.7%	
Goods-Producing	3,288	5,495	4,451	-40.2	-26.1	-1,163
Natural Resources and Mining (11,21)	721	865	799	-16.6	-9.8	-78
Mining (21)	592	716	695	-17.3	-14.8	-103
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	36	36	159	0.0	-77.4	-123
Construction (23)	1,977	3,868	2,946	-48.9	-32.9	-969
Manufacturing (31 - 33)	588	760	704	-22.6	-16.5	-116
Service-Providing	6,343	7,579	8,136	-16.3	-22.0	-1,793
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	1,760	2,089	2,532	-15.7	-30.5	-772
Wholesale Trade (42)	242	325	397	-25.5	-39.0	-155
Retail Trade (44 - 45)	932	1,082	1,266	-13.9	-26.4	-334
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (22,48 - 49)	586	682	869	-14.1	-32.6	-283
Information (51)	128	137	123	-6.6	4.1	5
Financial Activities (52, 53)	360	419	398	-14.1	-9.5	-38
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	968	1,366	1,175	-29.1	-17.6	-207
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	736	838	940	-12.2	-21.7	-204
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	2,148	2,490	2,621	-13.7	-18.0	-473
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	236	233	340	1.3	-30.6	-104
Government	943	1,491	1,206	-36.8	-21.8	-263
Federal Government	304	664	361	-54.2	-15.8	-57
State Government	136	171	119	-20.5	14.3	17
Local Government	502	655	725	-23.4	-30.8	-223
Local Education	121	147	100	-17.7	21.0	21
Unclassified	722	906	1,413	-20.3	-48.9	-691
<u>Laramie County (Place of Residence)</u>						
Construction						
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	1,457	1,963	1,783	-25.8	-18.3	-326
Total Unique Claimants	368	594	457	-38.0	-19.5	-89
Goods-Producing	397	696	407	-43.0	-2.5	-10
Construction	301	593	346	-49.2	-13.0	-45
Service-Providing	904	1,047	1,186	-13.7	-23.8	-282
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	361	418	441	-13.6	-18.1	-80
Financial Activities (52, 53)	80	98	107	-18.4	-25.2	-27
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	209	266	317	-21.4	-34.1	-108
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	132	134	189	-1.5	-30.2	-57
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	117	118	118	-0.8	-0.8	-1
Government	103	140	109	-26.4	-5.5	-6
Unclassified	51	79	78	-35.4	-34.6	-27
<u>Natrona County (Place of Residence)</u>						
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	1,589	2,001	2,294	-20.6	-30.7	-705
Total Unique Claimants	418	607	602	-31.1	-30.6	-184
Goods-Producing	448	694	788	-35.4	-43.1	-340
Construction	299	528	544	-43.4	-45.0	-245
Service-Providing	1,040	1,195	1,362	-13.0	-23.6	-322
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	326	352	468	-7.4	-30.3	-142
Financial Activities (52, 53)	82	107	63	-23.4	30.2	19
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	192	287	202	-33.1	-5.0	-10
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	184	186	231	-1.1	-20.3	-47
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	165	182	320	-9.3	-48.4	-155
Government	71	73	74	-2.7	-4.1	-3
Unclassified	29	37	69	-21.6	-58.0	-40

Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry, May 2018



Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, May 2018



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

County	May 18	May 17	Over-the-Year Change	
			N	%
Albany	345	360	-15	-4.2
Big Horn	265	255	10	3.9
Campbell	651	1,256	-605	-48.2
Carbon	229	359	-130	-36.2
Converse	159	267	-108	-40.4
Crook	55	114	-59	-51.8
Fremont	706	1,075	-369	-34.3
Goshen	190	136	54	39.7
Hot Springs	55	77	-22	-28.6
Johnson	79	139	-60	-43.2
Laramie	1,457	1,783	-326	-18.3
Lincoln	253	265	-12	-4.5
Natrona	1,590	2,295	-705	-30.7
Niobrara	13	23	-10	-43.5
Park	490	640	-150	-23.4
Platte	117	144	-27	-18.8
Sheridan	446	624	-178	-28.5
Sublette	104	121	-17	-14.0
Sweetwater	734	820	-86	-10.5
Teton	1,140	1,238	-98	-7.9
Uinta	319	377	-58	-15.4
Washakie	170	235	-65	-27.7
Weston	73	116	-43	-37.1
Unknown	6	0	6	--
Out of State	1,652	2,492	-840	-33.7
Normalized Total^a	11,298	15,208	-3,910	-25.7
Real Total^b	13,046	17,561	-4,515	-25.7

^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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