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Initial Claims Increase 4.5% Over the Year

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There were 2,186 initial Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims in October, up 4.5% from the 2,092 in October 2018. This marked the fourth consecutive month of over-the-year increases in the number of initial claims.

Initial Claims

Over-the-year increases in initial claims were seen in all goods-producing industries, while decreases were seen in all service-providing industries (see Table 1, page 4). The largest increases were seen in construction (159, or 45.0%) and mining (78, or 101.3%). The greatest decreases were seen in leisure & hospitality (-183, or -23.7%), retail trade (-22, or -23.7%), and educational & health services (-14, or -21.2%).

Initial claims increased in 13 counties, decreased in nine, and remained unchanged in Hot Springs. The largest over-the-year increases in initial claims were seen in Natrona (56, or 25.8%), Sweetwater (42, or 45.3%), and Sheridan (14, or 24.6%) counties. The greatest decreases were seen in Teton (-77, or -23.9%), Park (-14, or -13.7%), Albany

(-10, or -26.1%), and Platte (-10, or -42.3%) counties. Initial claims for out-of-state claimants increased by 5.1%, or 31 claims.

Continued Claims

Total weeks claimed increased from 7,057 in October 2018 to 7,758 in October 2019 (701, or 9.9%). The total number of unique claimants increased from 2,077 to 2,261 (184, or 8.9%) and the number of benefit exhaustions increased from 221 to 256 (35, or 15.8%).

Over-the-year increases were seen in natural resources & mining (459, or 114.2%), construction (295, or 29.8%), and manufacturing (172, or 90.5%). The largest decrease was in leisure & hospitality (-290, or -21.5%), followed by educational & health services (-145, or -24.0%).

At the county level, over-the-year increases were seen in Campbell (108, or 18.3%), Natrona (75, or 6.7%), and Goshen (72, or 48.3%) counties. Decreases were seen in Albany (-87, or -55.2%), Carbon (-48, or -43.8%), and Weston (-42, or -213.0%) counties.

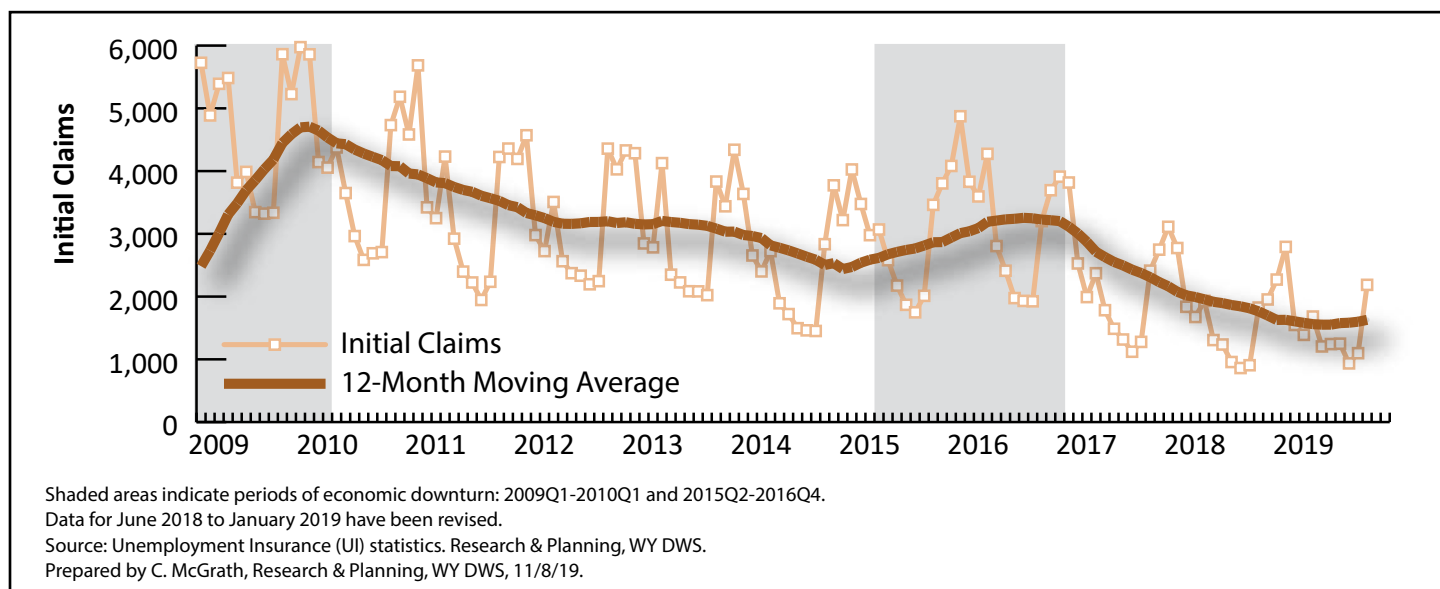


Figure A: Total Number of Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by Year and Month, January 2009 to October 2019

Table 1: Wyoming Normalized Unemployment Insurance Statistics: Initial Claims

	Claims Filed			Percent Change Claims Filed		Difference
	Oct-19	Sep-19	Oct-18	Oct-19 Sep-19	Oct-19 Oct-18	Oct-19 Oct-18
<u>Wyoming Statewide</u>						
Total Claims Filed	2,186	1,109	2,092	97.1	4.5	94
Goods-Producing	719	381	489	88.7	47.0	230
Natural Resources and Mining (11,21)	162	94	93	72.3	74.2	69
Mining (21)	155	85	77	82.4	101.3	78
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	5	ND	3	150.0	66.7	2
Construction (23)	512	232	353	120.7	45.0	159
Manufacturing (31 - 33)	43	53	42	-18.9	2.4	1
Service-Providing	1,038	493	1,282	110.5	-19.0	-244
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	178	162	209	9.9	-14.8	-31
Wholesale Trade (42)	24	30	32	-20.0	-25.0	-8
Retail Trade (44 - 45)	71	81	93	-12.3	-23.7	-22
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (22,48 - 49)	83	51	84	62.7	-1.2	-1
Information (51)	5	9	9	-44.4	-44.4	-4
Financial Activities (52, 53)	22	22	28	0.0	-21.4	-6
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	158	119	160	32.8	-1.3	-2
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	52	49	66	6.1	-21.2	-14
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	589	110	772	435.5	-23.7	-183
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	29	15	32	93.3	-9.4	-3
Government	193	94	166	105.3	16.3	27
Federal Government	116	21	86	452.4	34.9	30
State Government	10	10	12	0.0	-16.7	-2
Local Government	66	61	67	8.2	-1.5	-1
Local Education	7	11	19	-36.4	-63.2	-12
Unclassified	234	140	154	67.1	51.9	80
<u>Laramie County (Place of Residence)</u>						
Total Claims Filed	219	174	207	25.9	5.8	12
Goods-Producing	106	44	71	140.9	49.3	35
Construction	95	37	58	156.8	63.8	37
Service-Providing	81	92	112	-12.0	-27.7	-31
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	24	17	27	41.2	-11.1	-3
Financial Activities (52, 53)	2	5	6	-60.0	-66.7	-4
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	32	40	46	-20.0	-30.4	-14
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	7	7	6	0.0	16.7	1
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	7	8	17	-12.5	-58.8	-10
Government	6	14	8	-57.1	-25.0	-2
Unclassified	25	23	14	8.7	78.6	11
<u>Natrona County (Place of Residence)</u>						
Total Claims Filed	274	193	218	42.0	25.7	56
Goods-Producing	153	84	93	82.1	64.5	60
Construction	116	49	71	136.7	63.4	45
Service-Providing	90	87	106	3.4	-15.1	-16
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	28	28	25	0.0	12.0	3
Financial Activities (52, 53)	1	4	8	-75.0	-87.5	-7
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	21	20	15	5.0	40.0	6
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	11	10	13	10.0	-15.4	-2
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	10	11	27	-9.1	-63.0	-17
Government	6	6	7	0.0	-14.3	-1
Unclassified	25	15	10	66.7	150.0	15

Figure 1: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry, October 2019

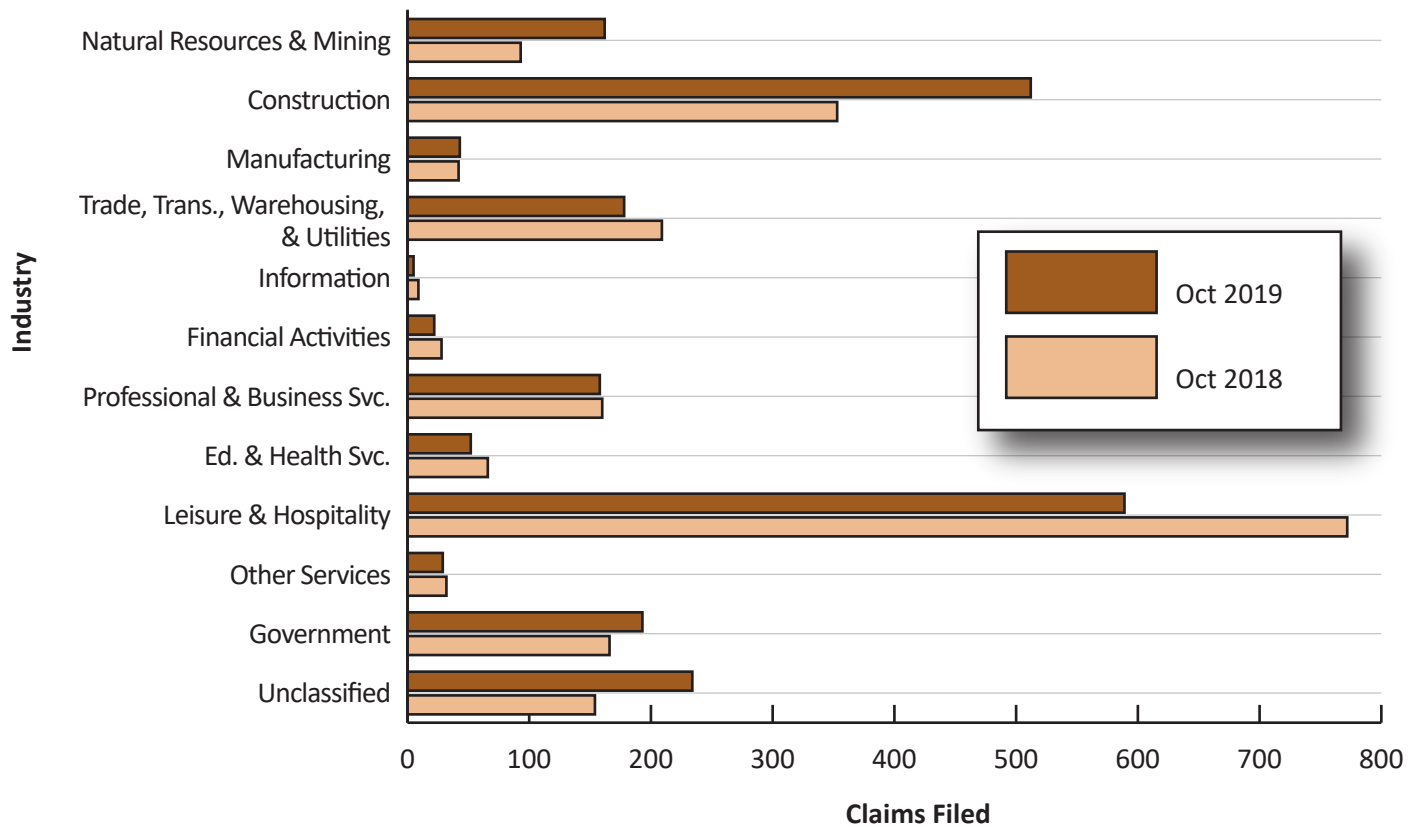


Figure 2: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, October 2019

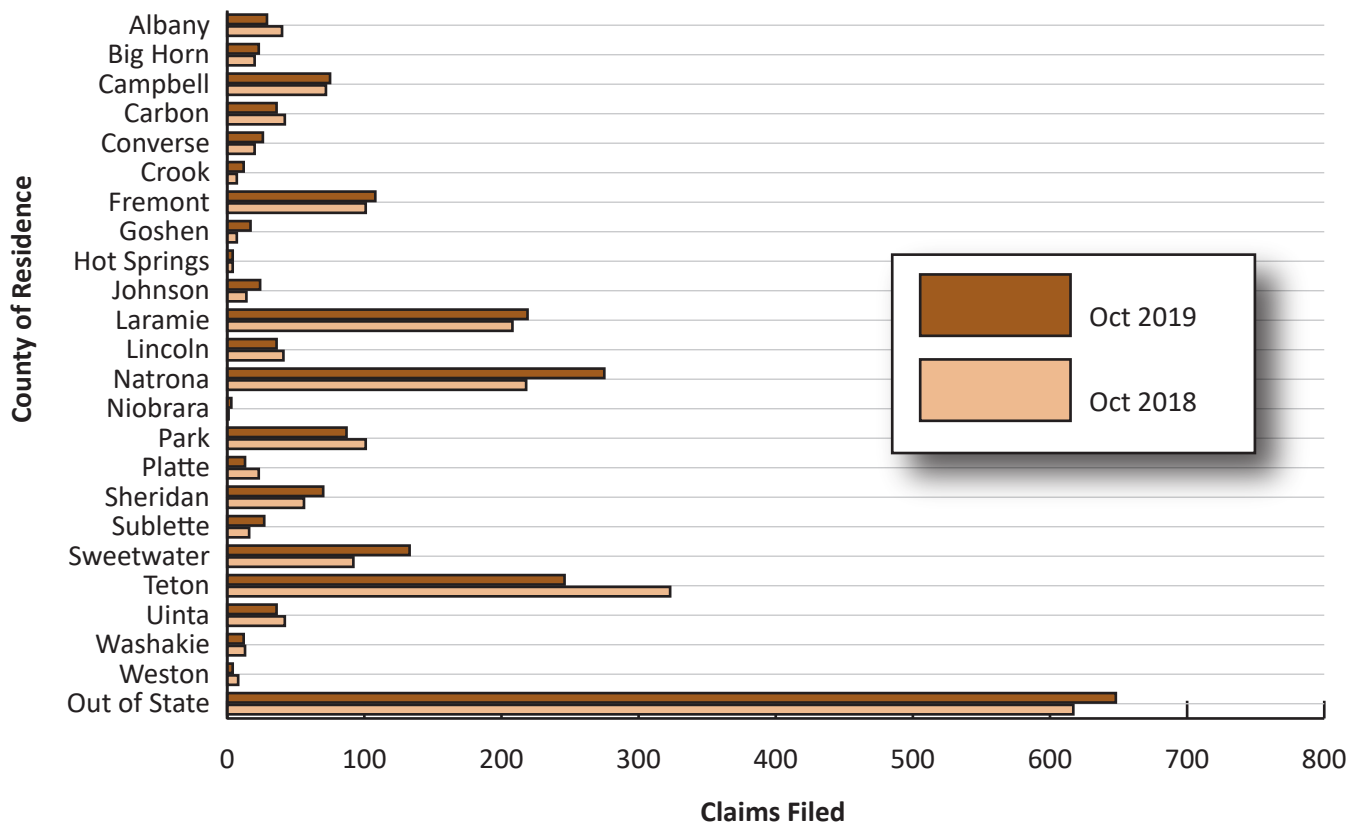


Table 2: Wyoming Normalized Unemployment Insurance Statistics: Continued Claims

	Claims Filed			Percent Change Claims		Difference
	Oct-19	Sep-19	Oct-18	Oct-19 Sep-19	Oct-19 Oct-18	Oct-19 Oct-18
<u>Wyoming Statewide</u>						
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	7,758	6,814	7,057	13.9	9.9	701
Total Unique Claimants	2,261	2,107	2,077	7.3	8.9	184
Benefit Exhaustions	256	251	221	2.0	15.8	35
Benefit Exhaustion Rates	11.3%	11.9%	10.6%	-0.6%	0.7%	
Goods-Producing	2,510	2,444	1,583	2.7	58.6	927
Natural Resources and Mining (11,21)	861	936	402	-8.0	114.2	459
Mining (21)	821	887	341	-7.4	140.8	480
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	40	35	45	14.3	-11.1	-5
Construction (23)	1,285	1,179	990	9.0	29.8	295
Manufacturing (31 - 33)	362	326	190	11.0	90.5	172
Service-Providing	3,644	2,913	4,288	25.1	-15.0	-644
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	986	969	1,103	1.8	-10.6	-117
Wholesale Trade (42)	186	205	199	-9.3	-6.5	-13
Retail Trade (44 - 45)	496	473	596	4.9	-16.8	-100
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (22,48 - 49)	304	291	308	4.5	-1.3	-4
Information (51)	57	83	148	-31.3	-61.5	-91
Financial Activities (52, 53)	197	198	263	-0.5	-25.1	-66
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	731	605	627	20.8	16.6	104
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	460	449	605	2.4	-24.0	-145
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	1,058	452	1,348	134.1	-21.5	-290
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	150	150	187	0.0	-19.8	-37
Government	649	541	672	20.0	-3.4	-23
Federal Government	109	47	155	131.9	-29.7	-46
State Government	81	87	112	-6.9	-27.7	-31
Local Government	458	405	405	13.1	13.1	53
Local Education	105	110	124	-4.5	-15.3	-19
Unclassified	953	915	511	4.2	86.5	442
<u>Laramie County (Place of Residence)</u>						
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	962	917	930	4.9	3.4	32
Total Unique Claimants	271	289	264	-6.2	2.7	7
Goods-Producing	188	186	154	1.1	22.1	34
Construction	161	147	122	9.5	32.0	39
Service-Providing	569	539	667	5.6	-14.7	-98
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	162	172	206	-5.8	-21.4	-44
Financial Activities (52, 53)	63	55	41	14.5	53.7	22
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	149	102	175	46.1	-14.9	-26
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	79	90	102	-12.2	-22.5	-23
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	49	58	62	-15.5	-21.0	-13
Government	96	92	72	4.3	33.3	24
Unclassified	107	100	35	7.0	205.7	72
<u>Natrona County (Place of Residence)</u>						
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	1,127	1,043	1,052	8.1	7.1	75
Total Unique Claimants	312	321	302	-2.8	3.3	10
Goods-Producing	422	324	264	30.2	59.8	158
Construction	204	165	177	23.6	15.3	27
Service-Providing	548	578	736	-5.2	-25.5	-188
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	174	200	183	-13.0	-4.9	-9
Financial Activities (52, 53)	21	23	66	-8.7	-68.2	-45
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	124	107	74	15.9	67.6	50
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	108	126	168	-14.3	-35.7	-60
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	60	62	144	-3.2	-58.3	-84
Government	41	42	14	-2.4	192.9	27
Unclassified	115	98	37	17.3	210.8	78

Figure 3: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry, October 2019

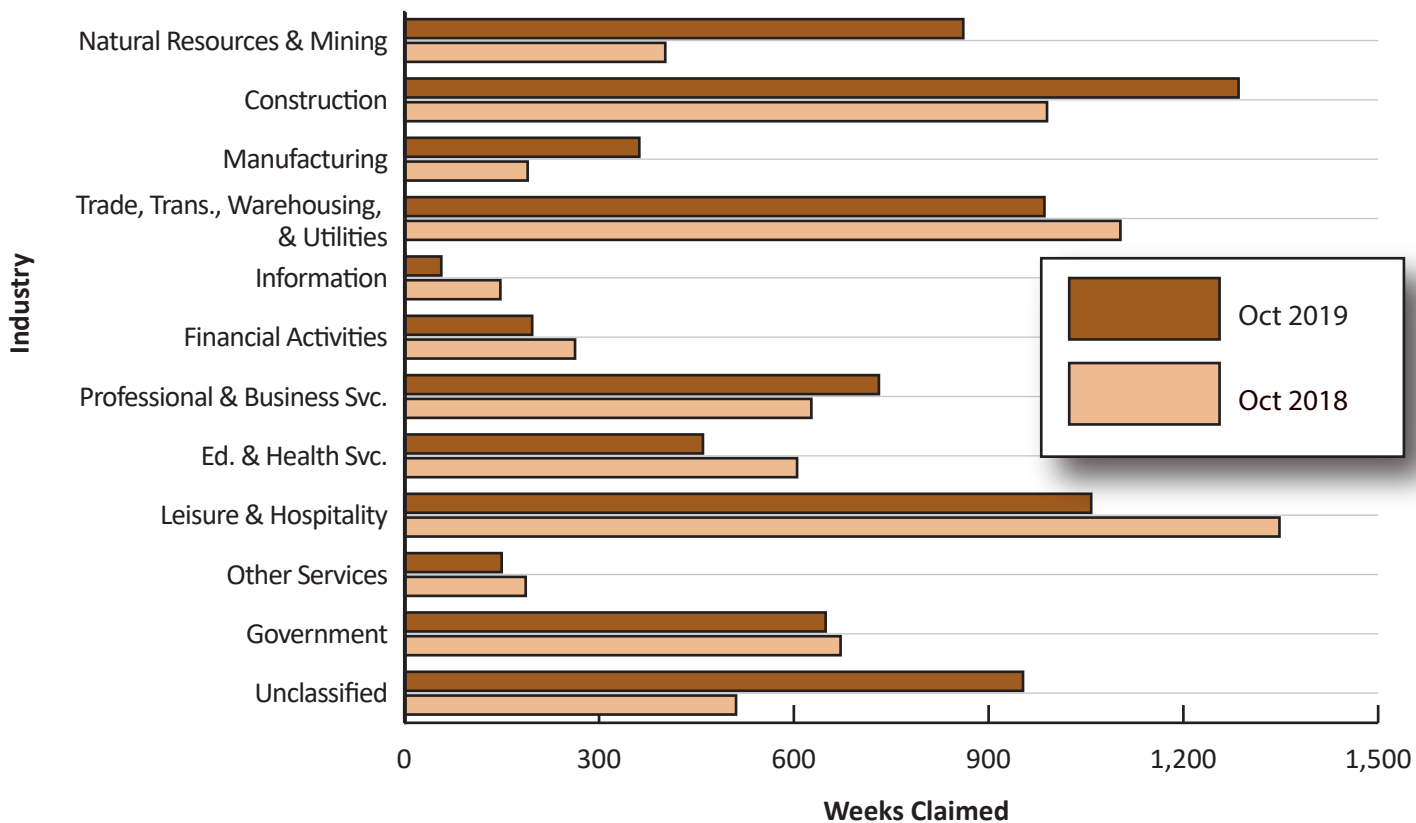
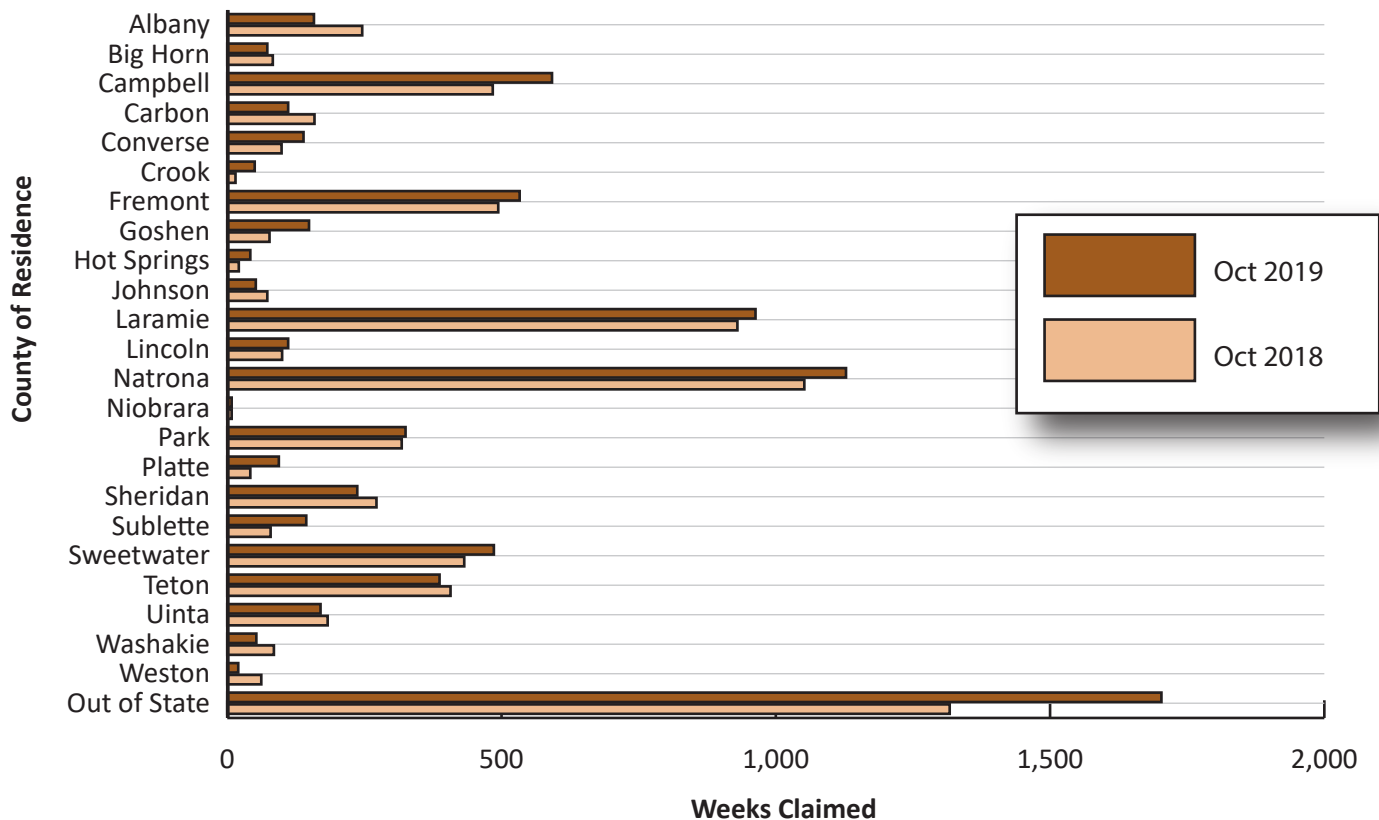


Figure 4: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, October 2019



**Table 3: Wyoming Normalized^a Unemployment Statistics:
Continued Claims by County of Residence, October 2019**

County	Sep 19	Sep 18	Over-the-Year Change	
			N	%
Albany	158	246	-88	-35.8
Big Horn	73	83	-10	-12.0
Campbell	592	484	108	22.3
Carbon	111	159	-48	-30.2
Converse	139	99	40	40.4
Crook	50	15	35	233.3
Fremont	533	494	39	7.9
Goshen	149	77	72	93.5
Hot Springs	42	21	21	100.0
Johnson	52	73	-21	-28.8
Laramie	963	930	33	3.5
Lincoln	111	100	11	11.0
Natrona	1,128	1,052	76	7.2
Niobrara	8	8	0	0.0
Park	325	318	7	2.2
Platte	94	42	52	123.8
Sheridan	237	272	-35	-12.9
Sublette	144	79	65	82.3
Sweetwater	486	432	54	12.5
Teton	387	407	-20	-4.9
Uinta	170	183	-13	-7.1
Washakie	53	85	-32	-37.6
Weston	20	62	-42	-67.7
Unknown	31	19	12	63.2
Out of State	1,703	1,317	386	29.3
Normalized Total^a	7,758	7,057	701	9.9
Real Total^b	8,959	8,149	810	9.9

^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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