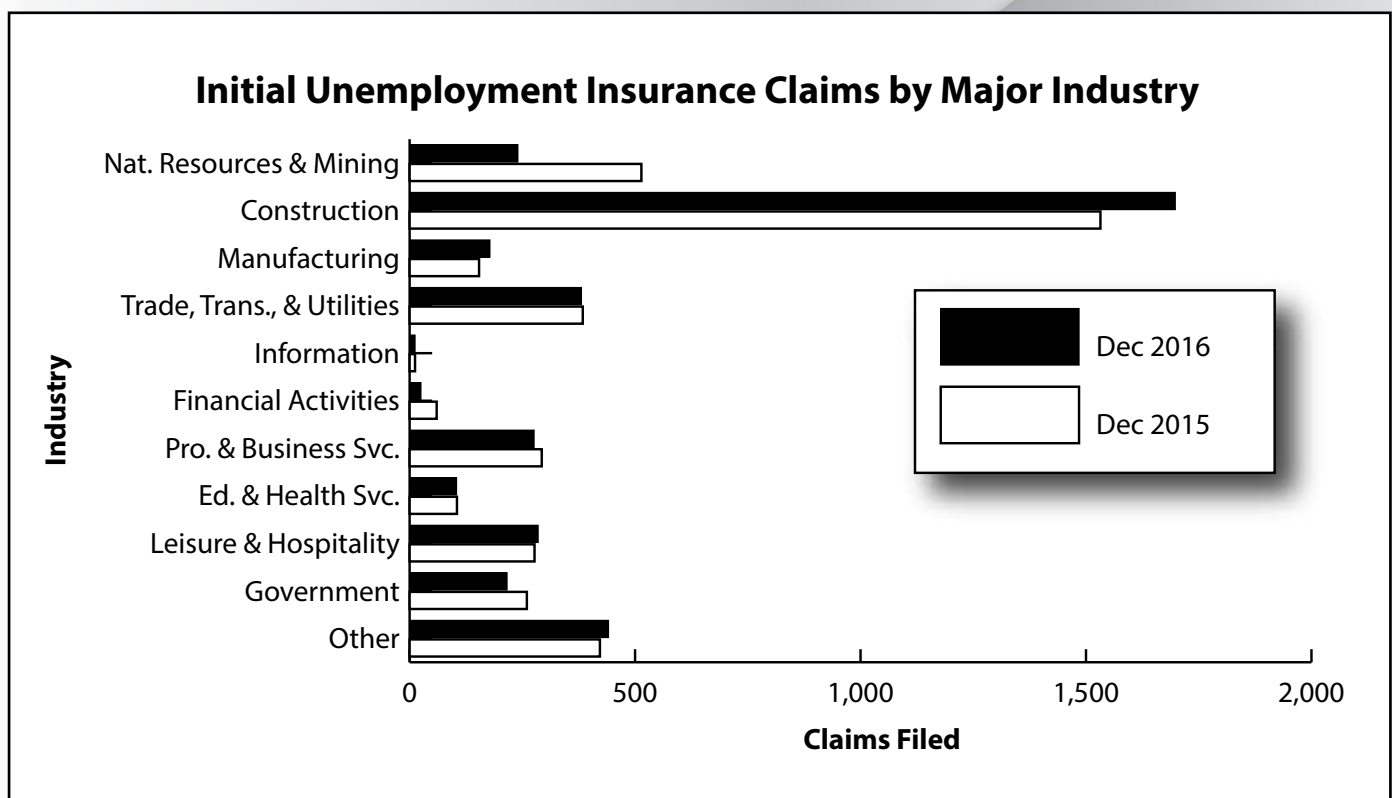


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Wyoming Unemployment Insurance Claims Information, December 2016: More Individuals Claim Benefits for Fewer Weeks

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Initial Claims

The total number of initial Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims decreased from 4,082 in December 2015 to 3,911 in December 2016 (-171 claims, or -4.2%). This marked the fourth consecutive month of over-the-year decline in the number of initial claims.

At the industry level, the number of initial claims in mining decreased from 493 in December 2015 to 213 in December 2016 (-280, or -56.8%). Over-the-year decreases in initial claims were also seen in transportation, warehousing, & utilities (-49, or -25.5%); financial activities (-35, or -58.3%); professional & business services (-17, or -5.8%), and government (-44, or -16.9%). Increases were seen in construction (166 claims, or 10.8%), manufacturing (24, or 15.6%), and retail trade (50, or 33.8%).

At the county level, the largest over-the-year increases in initial claims were seen in Natrona (68, or 10.7%), Sheridan (53, or 27.2%), and Park (29, or 18.7%) counties. The most substantial decreases were seen in Sweetwater (-54, or -18.1%), Campbell (-51, or -16.4%), and Laramie (-46, or -7.6%) counties. The number of initial claims for out-of-state claimants decreased from 696 in December 2015 to 622 in December 2016 (-74, or -10.6%).

Continued Claims

The total number of continued weeks claimed decreased from 27,479 in December 2015 to 25,198 in December 2016 (-2,281 weeks, or -8.3%). However, the number of persons claiming UI increased from 7,017 to 7,765 (748, or 10.7%). This indicates that more people claimed benefits for fewer weeks

in December 2016 (3.2 weeks per claimant, on average) compared to December 2015 (3.9 weeks per claimant).

The most substantial over-the-year decrease in total weeks claimed was seen in mining (-1,941 weeks, or -55.9%), followed by transportation, warehousing, & utilities (-450, or 33.2%) and financial activities (-286, or -41.8%). Over-the-year increases were seen in construction (489 weeks, or 7.6%), retail trade (449, or 38.5%), and government (131, or 5.5%).

Five counties (by place of residence) experienced an over-the-year increase in the total number of weeks claimed: Campbell (85 weeks, or 4.8%), Park (56, or 4.8%), Weston (34, or 23.5%), Crook (14, or 7.9%), and Niobrara (3, or 7.1%). The largest over the year decreases in total weeks claimed were seen in Sweetwater (-317 weeks, or -17.9%), Natrona (-265, or -6.4%), Teton (-215, or -17.0%), Laramie (-143, or -5.1%), and Fremont (-123, or -6.5%). Continued weeks claimed by out-of-state claimants decreased from 6,513 in December 2015 to 5,719 in December 2016 (-794, or -12.2%).

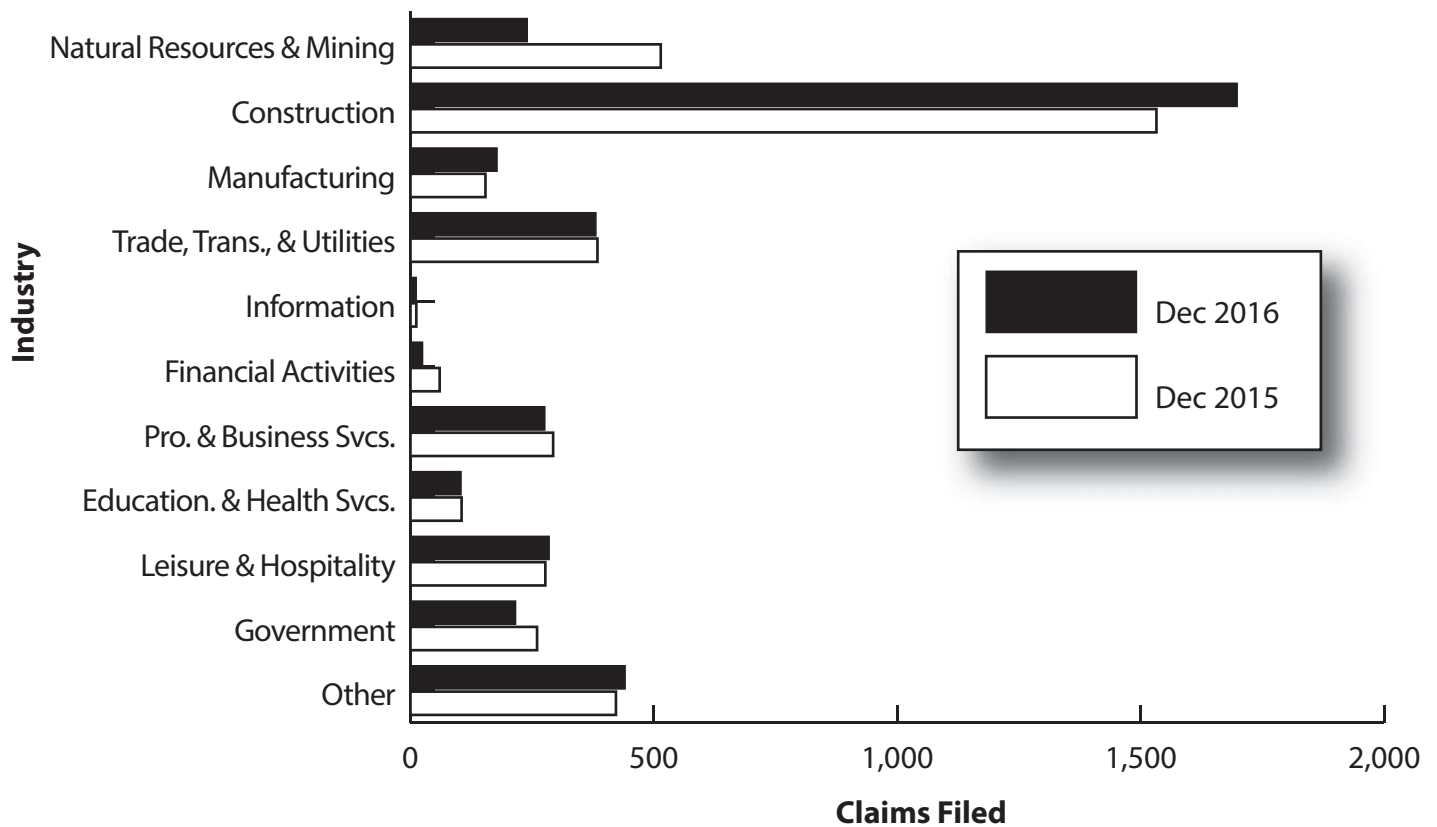
Benefit Exhaustions

In Wyoming, UI claimants can receive full benefits for no longer than 26 weeks during the claimant's benefit year, which ends one year from the effective date of the claim. The number of claimants who exhausted their benefits increased from 464 in December 2015 to 513 in December 2016 (49 claimants, or 10.6%). However, the benefit exhaustion rate remained unchanged over the year at 6.6%. In other words, a similar proportion of claimants exhausted their benefits in December 2016 as in December 2015.

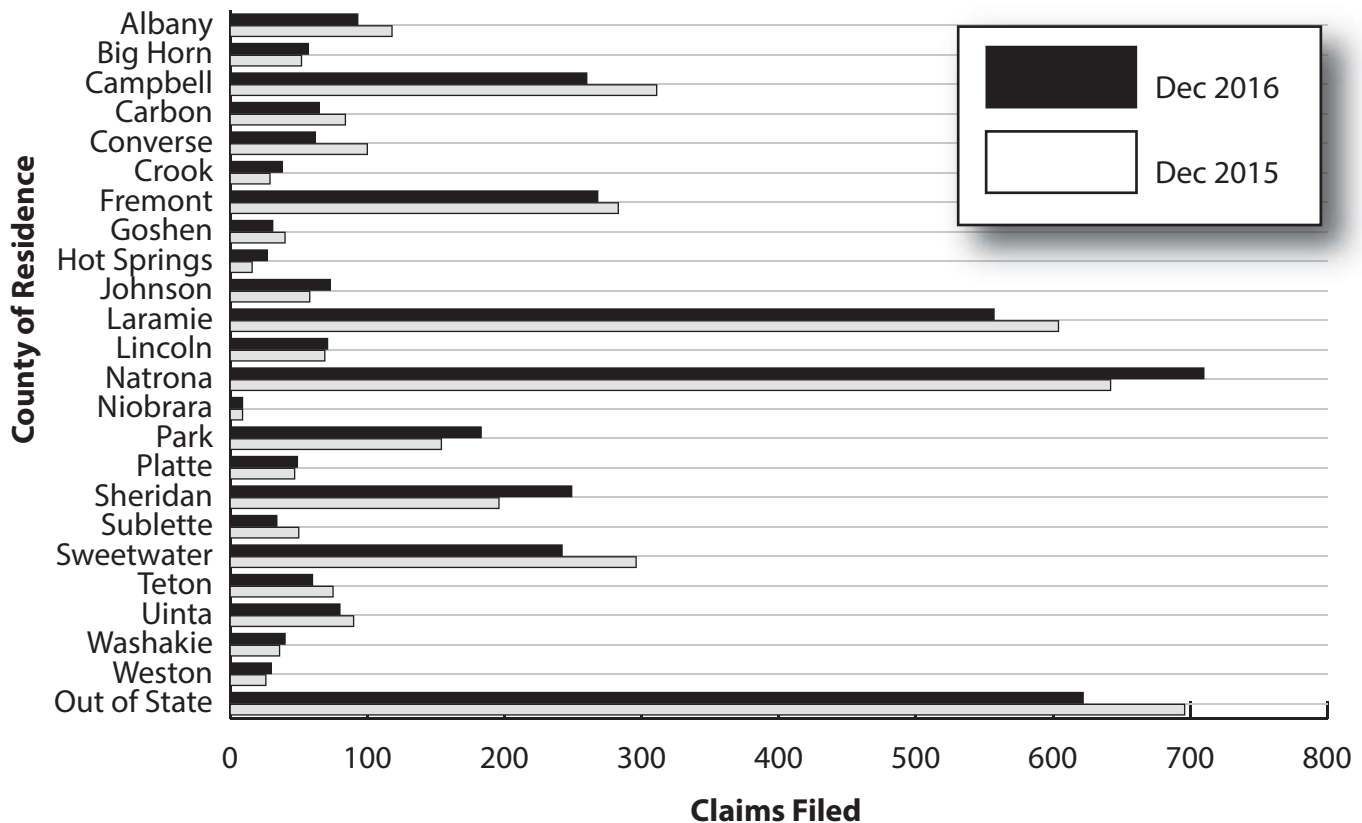
Initial Claims Tables

	Claims Filed			Percent Change Claims Filed		Difference
	Dec-16	Nov-16	Dec-15	Dec-16 Nov-16	Dec-16 Dec-15	Dec-16 Dec-15
<u>Wyoming Statewide</u>						
Total Claims Filed	3,911	3,695	4,082	5.8	-4.2	-171
Goods-Producing	2,117	1,402	2,202	51.0	-3.9	-85
Natural Resources and Mining (11,21)	240	193	514	24.4	-53.3	-274
Mining (21)	213	167	493	27.5	-56.8	-280
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	7	10	37	-30.0	-81.1	-30
Construction (23)	1,698	1,135	1,532	49.6	10.8	166
Manufacturing (31 - 33)	178	73	154	143.8	15.6	24
Service-Providing	1,135	1,477	1,196	-23.2	-5.1	-61
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	381	376	384	1.3	-0.8	-3
Wholesale Trade (42)	40	57	44	-29.8	-9.1	-4
Retail Trade (44 - 45)	198	206	148	-3.9	33.8	50
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (22,48 - 49)	143	113	192	26.5	-25.5	-49
Information (51)	12	6	12	100.0	0.0	0
Financial Activities (52, 53)	25	47	60	-46.8	-58.3	-35
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	276	300	293	-8.0	-5.8	-17
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	104	88	105	18.2	-1.0	-1
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	285	598	277	-52.3	2.9	8
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	46	53	58	-13.2	-20.7	-12
Government	216	355	260	-39.2	-16.9	-44
Federal Government	122	239	138	-49.0	-11.6	-16
State Government	17	19	20	-10.5	-15.0	-3
Local Government	76	97	101	-21.6	-24.8	-25
Local Education	15	23	18	-34.8	-16.7	-3
Unclassified	441	458	422	-3.7	4.5	19
<u>Laramie County (Place of Residence)</u>						
Total Claims Filed	557	445	603	25.2	-7.6	-46
Goods-Producing	357	243	405	46.9	-11.9	-48
Construction	318	228	316	39.5	0.6	2
Service-Providing	168	167	150	0.6	12.0	18
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	64	68	72	-5.9	-11.1	-8
Financial Activities (52, 53)	8	4	5	100.0	60.0	3
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	52	49	35	6.1	48.6	17
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	17	14	10	21.4	70.0	7
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	21	22	16	-4.5	31.3	5
Government	15	14	20	7.1	-25.0	-5
Unclassified	16	20	26	-20.0	-38.5	-10
<u>Natrona County (Place of Residence)</u>						
Total Claims Filed	710	517	641	37.3	10.8	69
Goods-Producing	433	250	372	73.2	16.4	61
Construction	340	194	265	75.3	28.3	75
Service-Providing	237	242	245	-2.1	-3.3	-8
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	74	82	89	-9.8	-16.9	-15
Financial Activities (52, 53)	3	14	19	-78.6	-84.2	-16
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	56	67	46	-16.4	21.7	10
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	32	19	22	68.4	45.5	10
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	48	39	49	23.1	-2.0	-1
Government	16	13	12	23.1	33.3	4
Unclassified	23	11	11	109.1	109.1	12

Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry, December 2016



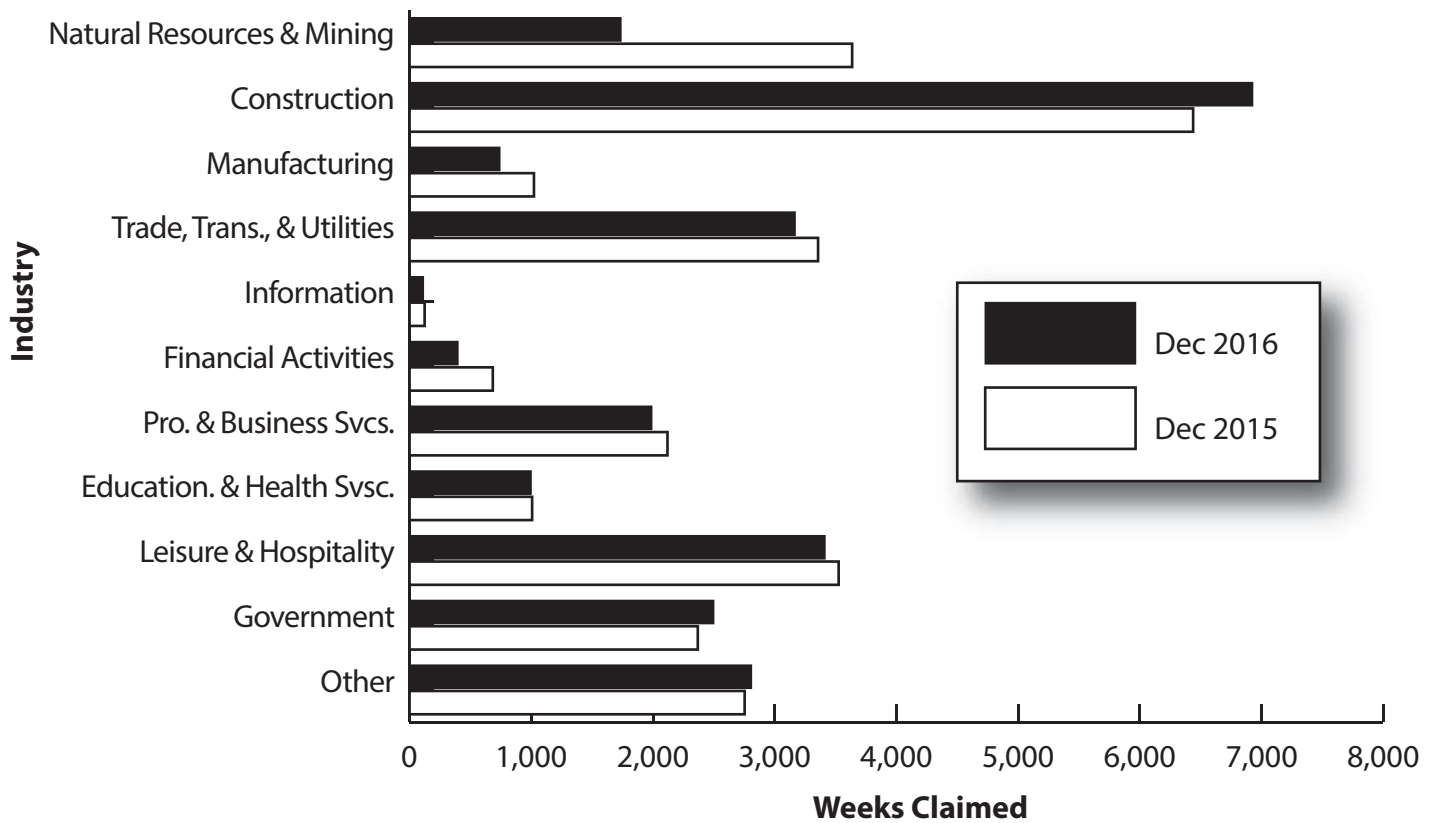
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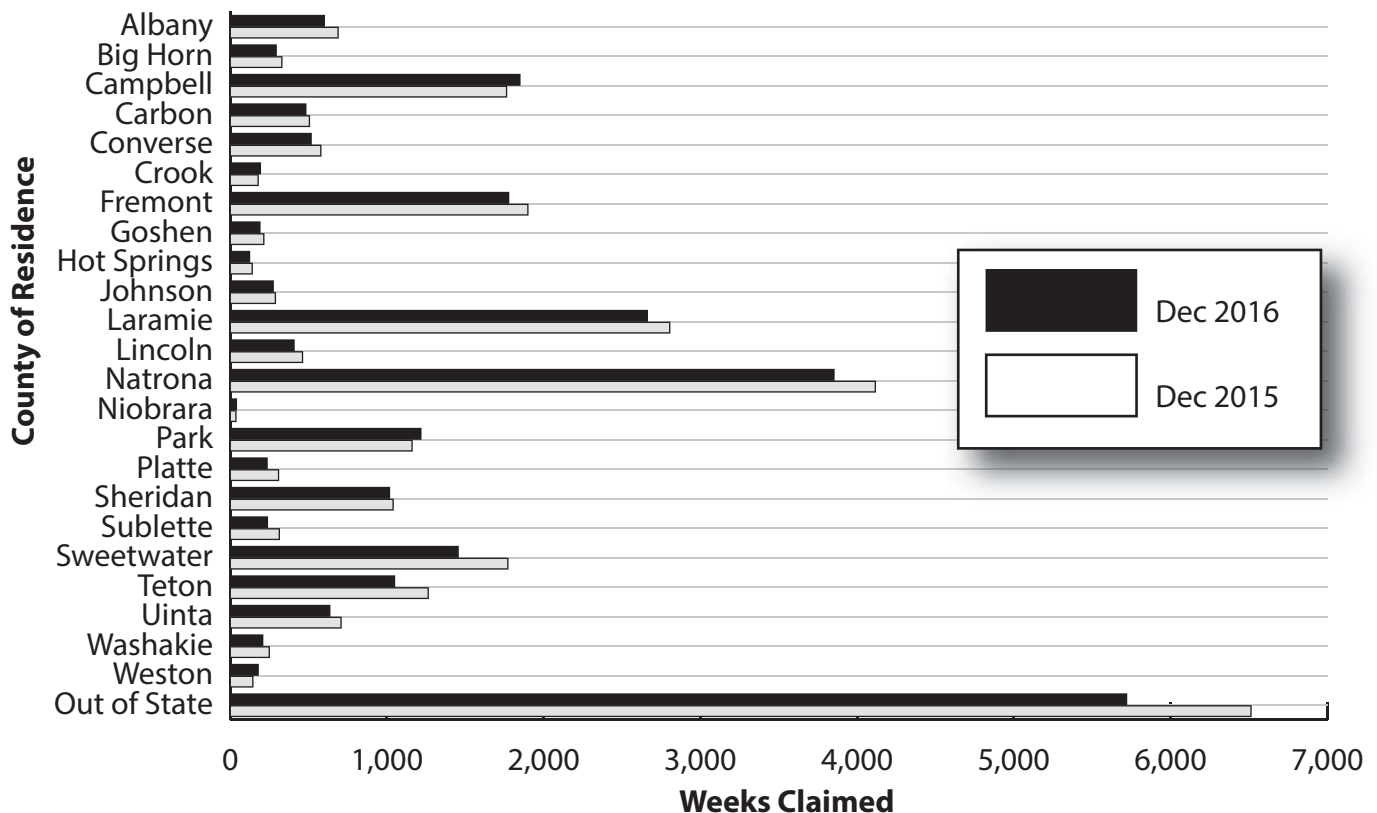
Continued Weeks Claimed Tables

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	Dec-16	Nov-16	Dec-15	Dec-16 Nov-16	Dec-16 Dec-15	Dec-16 Dec-15
<u>Wyoming Statewide</u>						
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	25,198	21,340	27,479	18.1	-8.3	-2,281
Total Unique Claimants	7,765	5,469	7,017	42.0	10.7	748
Benefit Exhaustions	513	522	464	-1.7	10.6	49
Benefit Exhaustion Rates	6.6%	9.5%	6.6%	-2.9%	0.0%	
Goods-Producing	9,408	6,426	11,097	46.4	-15.2	-1,689
Natural Resources and Mining (11,21)	1,737	1,961	3,636	-11.4	-52.2	-1,899
Mining (21)	1,533	1,838	3,474	-16.6	-55.9	-1,941
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	194	276	492	-29.7	-60.6	-298
Construction (23)	6,926	3,815	6,437	81.5	7.6	489
Manufacturing (31 - 33)	742	648	1,022	14.5	-27.4	-280
Service-Providing	10,481	10,876	11,259	-3.6	-6.9	-778
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	3,168	3,014	3,356	5.1	-5.6	-188
Wholesale Trade (42)	648	719	835	-9.9	-22.4	-187
Retail Trade (44 - 45)	1,615	1,476	1,166	9.4	38.5	449
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (22,48 - 49)	905	819	1,355	10.5	-33.2	-450
Information (51)	114	129	124	-11.6	-8.1	-10
Financial Activities (52, 53)	398	409	684	-2.7	-41.8	-286
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	1,990	1,505	2,119	32.2	-6.1	-129
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	999	1,074	1,007	-7.0	-0.8	-8
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	3,413	4,262	3,525	-19.9	-3.2	-112
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	392	475	436	-17.5	-10.1	-44
Government	2,499	2,161	2,368	15.6	5.5	131
Federal Government	1,261	895	1,206	40.9	4.6	55
State Government	201	200	229	0.5	-12.2	-28
Local Government	1,037	1,065	932	-2.6	11.3	105
Local Education	238	250	174	-4.8	36.8	64
Unclassified	2,809	1,876	2,753	49.7	2.0	56
<u>Laramie County (Place of Residence)</u>						
Construction						
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	2,660	1,769	2,804	50.4	-5.1	-144
Total Unique Claimants	858	465	753	84.5	13.9	105
Goods-Producing	1,256	488	1,376	157.4	-8.7	-120
Construction	1,129	348	1,116	224.4	1.2	13
Service-Providing	1,130	1,021	1,080	10.7	4.6	50
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	454	398	426	14.1	6.6	28
Financial Activities (52, 53)	32	36	112	-11.1	-71.4	-80
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	330	242	222	36.4	48.6	108
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	126	120	163	5.0	-22.7	-37
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	125	131	102	-4.6	22.5	23
Government	135	149	222	-9.4	-39.2	-87
Unclassified	138	109	123	26.6	12.2	15
<u>Natrona County (Place of Residence)</u>						
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	3,851	3,138	4,116	22.7	-6.4	-265
Total Unique Claimants	1,199	822	1,050	45.9	14.2	149
Goods-Producing	1,739	1,177	1,938	47.7	-10.3	-199
Construction	1,216	582	901	108.9	35.0	315
Service-Providing	1,914	1,756	1,977	9.0	-3.2	-63
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	692	656	777	5.5	-10.9	-85
Financial Activities (52, 53)	99	58	169	70.7	-41.4	-70
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	454	312	370	45.5	22.7	84
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	251	283	176	-11.3	42.6	75
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	304	303	317	0.3	-4.1	-13
Government	108	145	98	-25.5	10.2	10
Unclassified	88	58	100	51.7	-12.0	-12

Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry, December 2016



Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, December 2016



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Wyoming Normalized^a Unemployment Statistics: Continued Claims by County of Residence, December 2016

County	December 2016	December 2015	Over-the-Year Change	
			N	%
Albany	600	688	-88	-12.8%
Big Horn	293	329	-36	-10.9%
Campbell	1,848	1,763	85	4.8%
Carbon	482	505	-23	-4.6%
Converse	516	578	-61	-10.6%
Crook	192	178	14	7.9%
Fremont	1,776	1,899	-123	-6.5%
Goshen	189	214	-24	-11.4%
Hot Springs	123	140	-17	-12.0%
Johnson	274	288	-14	-4.7%
Laramie	2,661	2,804	-143	-5.1%
Lincoln	407	461	-54	-11.7%
Natrona	3,852	4,116	-265	-6.4%
Niobrara	39	36	3	7.1%
Park	1,216	1,160	56	4.8%
Platte	235	308	-73	-23.8%
Sheridan	1,016	1,039	-23	-2.2%
Sublette	237	313	-76	-24.4%
Sweetwater	1,454	1,771	-317	-17.9%
Teton	1,048	1,263	-215	-17.0%
Uinta	635	707	-71	-10.1%
Washakie	207	249	-43	-17.1%
Weston	178	144	34	23.5%
Out of State	5,719	6,513	-794	-12.2%
Normalized Total^a	25,198	27,479	-2,281	-8.3%
Real Total^b	23,278	31,731	-8,453	-26.6%

^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.

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