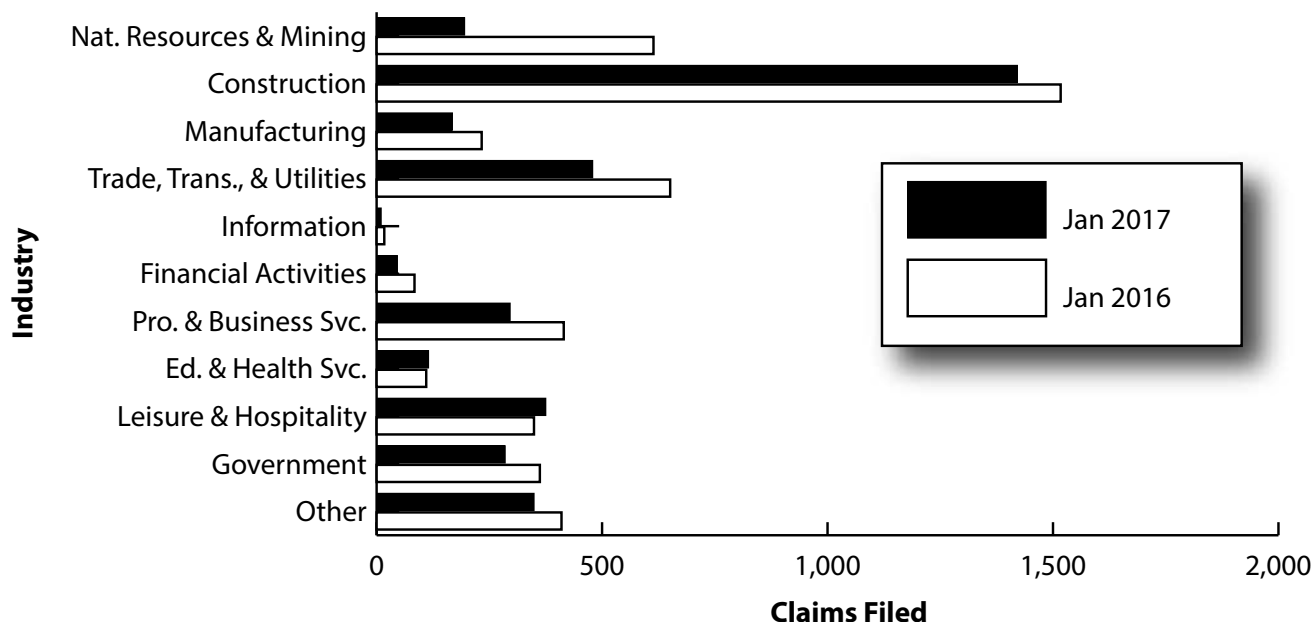


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# Wyoming Unemployment Insurance Claims Information, January 2017: Decline in Continued Weeks Claimed, Unique Claimants

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## Initial Claims

Total initial claims decreased 21.7% (-580 claims) from January 2016 to January 2017. Initial claims in natural resources & mining decreased 68.2% (-419 claims) over the year. Most industries experienced an over-the-year decrease in the number of initial claims, with the exception of leisure & hospitality (7.4%, or 26 claims) and education & health services (4.5%, or five claims).

Most counties experienced a decrease in initial claims compared to January 2016. The most substantial decreases were seen in Natrona (-260 claims, or -32.5%), Campbell (-208, or -41.9%), and Fremont (-115, or -29.6%) counties. The number of initial claims for out-of-state claimants also decreased over the year (-168, or -22.5%). Initial claims increased in Laramie County (22 claims, or 4.3%).

## Continued Claims

Over the year, the total number of unique claimants decreased by 1,191 individuals (-12.1%), while the total number of weeks claimed decreased by 4,056 weeks (-12.3%). These two metrics indicate that the number of individuals with extended unemployment claims has decreased and that those individuals with extended claims are having less difficulty finding employment, or are leaving the labor force.

As noted by Bullard (2016), Wyoming's employment in November 2016 was well below that of November 2015 (-3.735 individuals, or -1.3%) and the state's labor force declined throughout most of 2015 and 2016. The *labor force* is defined as the total number of the civilian non-institutionalized population age 16 or older who are employed or unemployed (jobless, looking for a job, and available for work).

Most industries experienced a decrease in the number of total weeks claimed. The most substantial increase was seen in natural resources & mining (-2,264 weeks claimed, or -54.4%). Retail trade experienced an increase of 310 weeks claimed (21.5%), while total weeks claimed in leisure & hospitality increased by 147 weeks (5.4%) over the year.

Most counties also saw a decrease in the number of unique claimants and the total number of weeks claimed. Natrona County had 232 fewer claimants (-14.6%) and 766 fewer weeks claimed (-14.3%), while Laramie County had 47 fewer claimants (-4.5%) and 127 fewer weeks claimed (-3.6%).

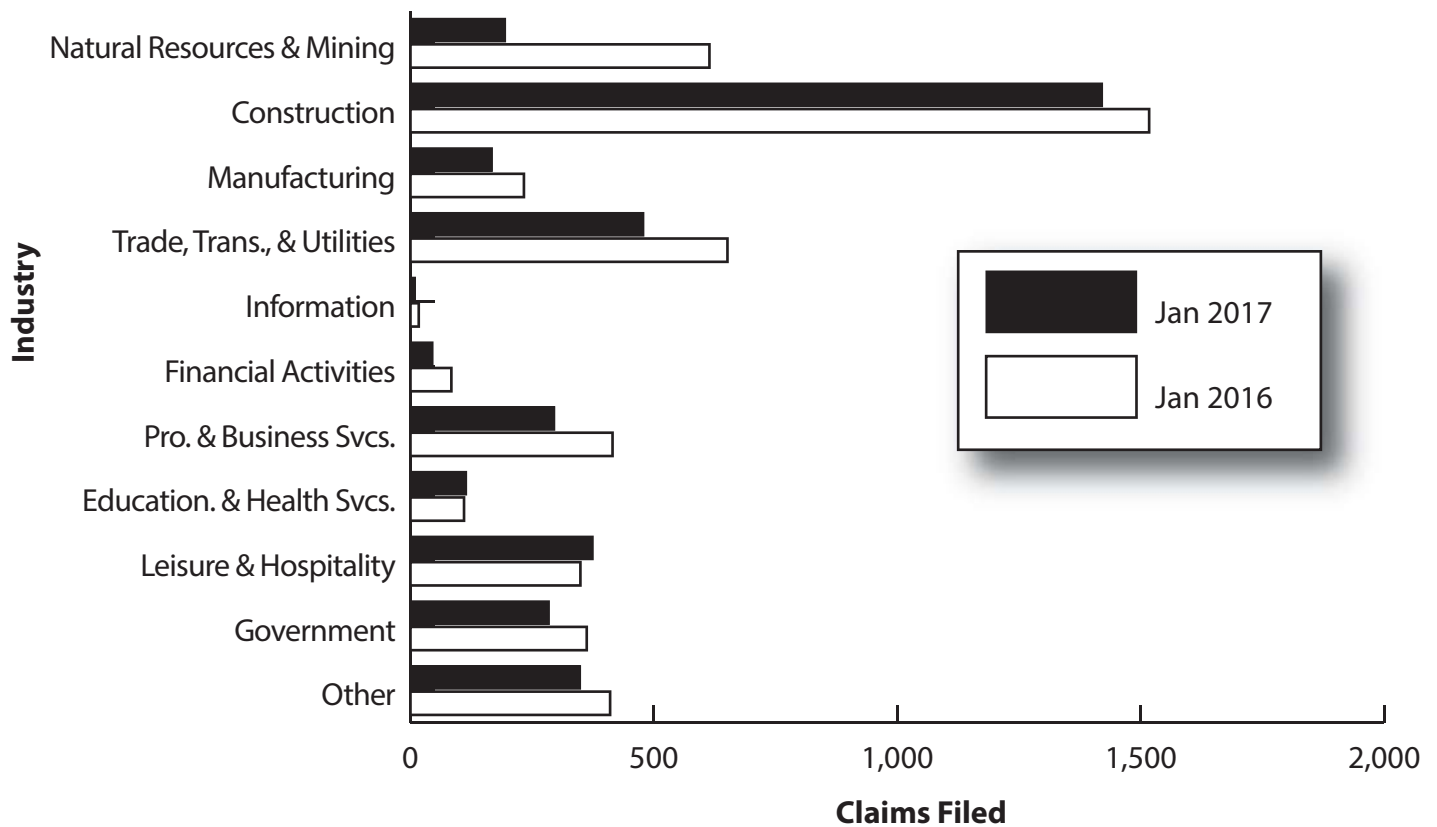
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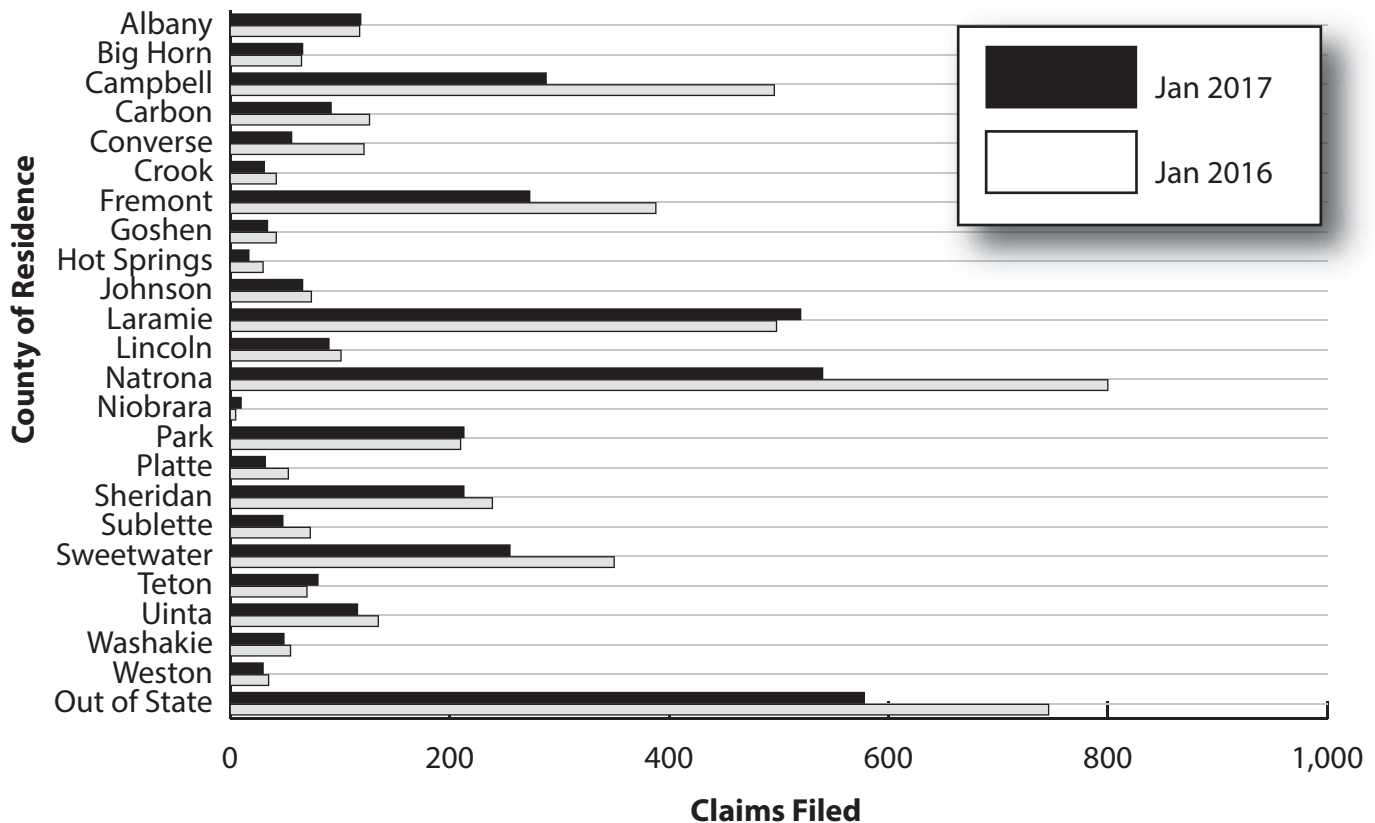
## Initial Claims Tables

	Claims Filed			Percent Change Claims Filed		Difference
	Jan-17	Dec-16	Jan-16	Jan-17 Dec-16	Jan-17 Jan-16	Jan-17 Jan-16
<b><u>Wyoming Statewide</u></b>						
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>3,817</b>	<b>3,911</b>	<b>4,874</b>	<b>-2.4</b>	<b>-21.7</b>	<b>-1,057</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>1,786</b>	<b>2,117</b>	<b>2,366</b>	<b>-15.6</b>	<b>-24.5</b>	<b>-580</b>
Natural Resources and Mining (11,21)	195	240	614	-18.8	-68.2	-419
Mining (21)	177	213	592	-16.9	-70.1	-415
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	20	7	31	185.7	-35.5	-11
Construction (23)	1,421	1,698	1,517	-16.3	-6.3	-96
Manufacturing (31 - 33)	168	178	233	-5.6	-27.9	-65
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>1,396</b>	<b>1,135</b>	<b>1,735</b>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>-19.5</b>	<b>-339</b>
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	479	381	651	25.7	-26.4	-172
Wholesale Trade (42)	58	40	138	45.0	-58.0	-80
Retail Trade (44 - 45)	257	198	282	29.8	-8.9	-25
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (22,48 - 49)	164	143	231	14.7	-29.0	-67
Information (51)	10	12	17	-16.7	-41.2	-7
Financial Activities (52, 53)	46	25	84	84.0	-45.2	-38
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	296	276	415	7.2	-28.7	-119
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	115	104	110	10.6	4.5	5
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	375	285	349	31.6	7.4	26
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	67	46	102	45.7	-34.3	-35
<b>Government</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>31.9</b>	<b>-21.3</b>	<b>-77</b>
Federal Government	123	122	125	0.8	-1.6	-2
State Government	28	17	32	64.7	-12.5	-4
Local Government	134	76	204	76.3	-34.3	-70
Local Education	22	15	21	46.7	4.8	1
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>-20.9</b>	<b>-14.9</b>	<b>-61</b>
<b><u>Laramie County (Place of Residence)</u></b>						
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>-6.8</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>-25.2</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>6</b>
Construction	244	318	210	-23.3	16.2	34
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>20.2</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>5</b>
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	70	64	76	9.4	-7.9	-6
Financial Activities (52, 53)	9	8	14	12.5	-35.7	-5
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	54	52	44	3.8	22.7	10
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	23	17	23	35.3	0.0	0
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	27	21	22	28.6	22.7	5
<b>Government</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>66.7</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>43.8</b>	<b>27.8</b>	<b>5</b>
<b><u>Natrona County (Place of Residence)</u></b>						
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>799</b>	<b>-23.9</b>	<b>-32.4</b>	<b>-259</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>-37.4</b>	<b>-37.6</b>	<b>-163</b>
Construction	212	340	279	-37.6	-24.0	-67
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>-27.9</b>	<b>-92</b>
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	91	74	144	23.0	-36.8	-53
Financial Activities (52, 53)	6	3	12	100.0	-50.0	-6
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	49	56	70	-12.5	-30.0	-21
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	22	32	17	-31.3	29.4	5
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	50	48	52	4.2	-3.8	-2
<b>Government</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>-37.5</b>	<b>-28.6</b>	<b>-4</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>-17.4</b>	<b>-9.5</b>	<b>-2</b>

## Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry, January 2017



## Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, January 2017

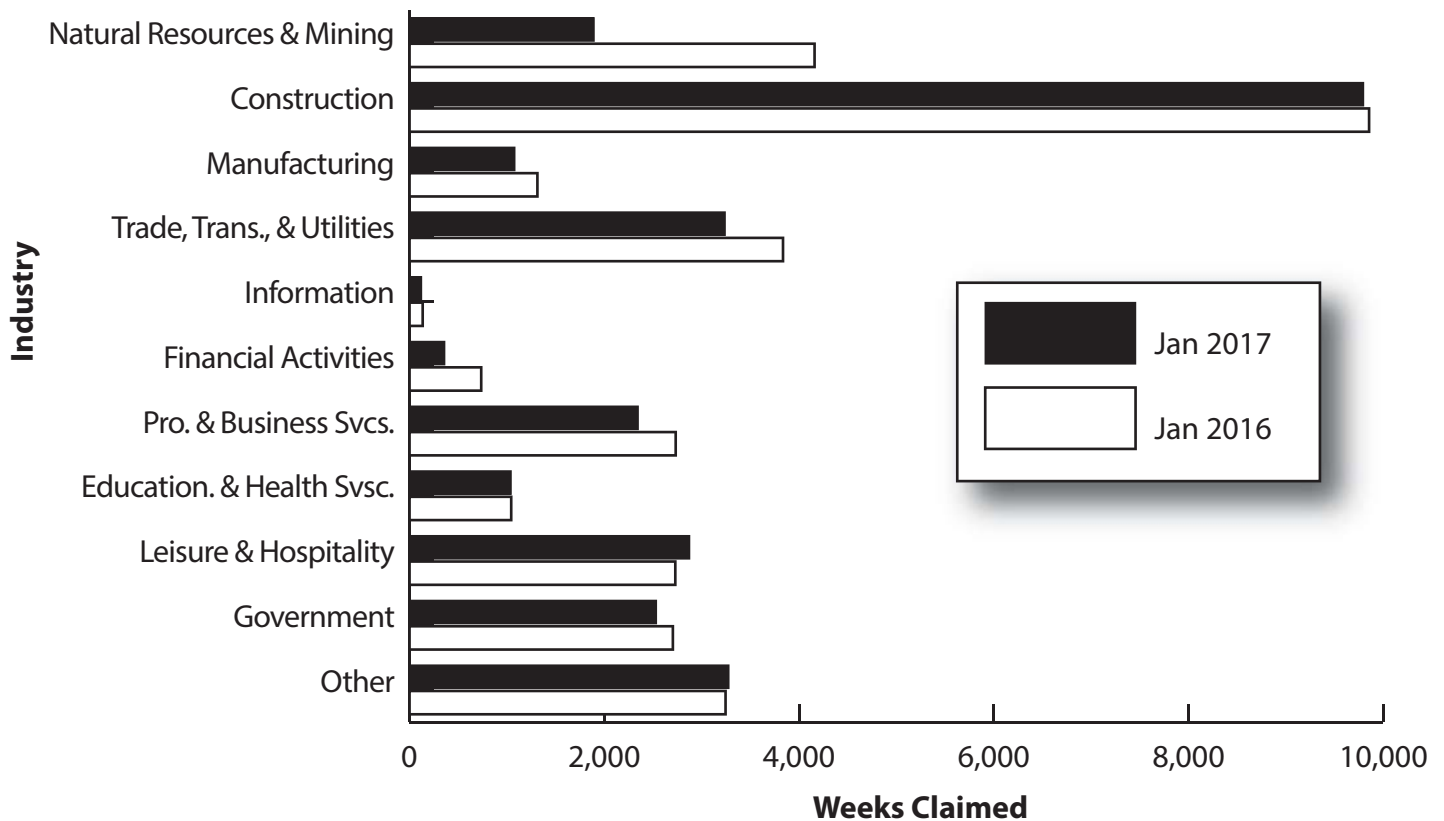


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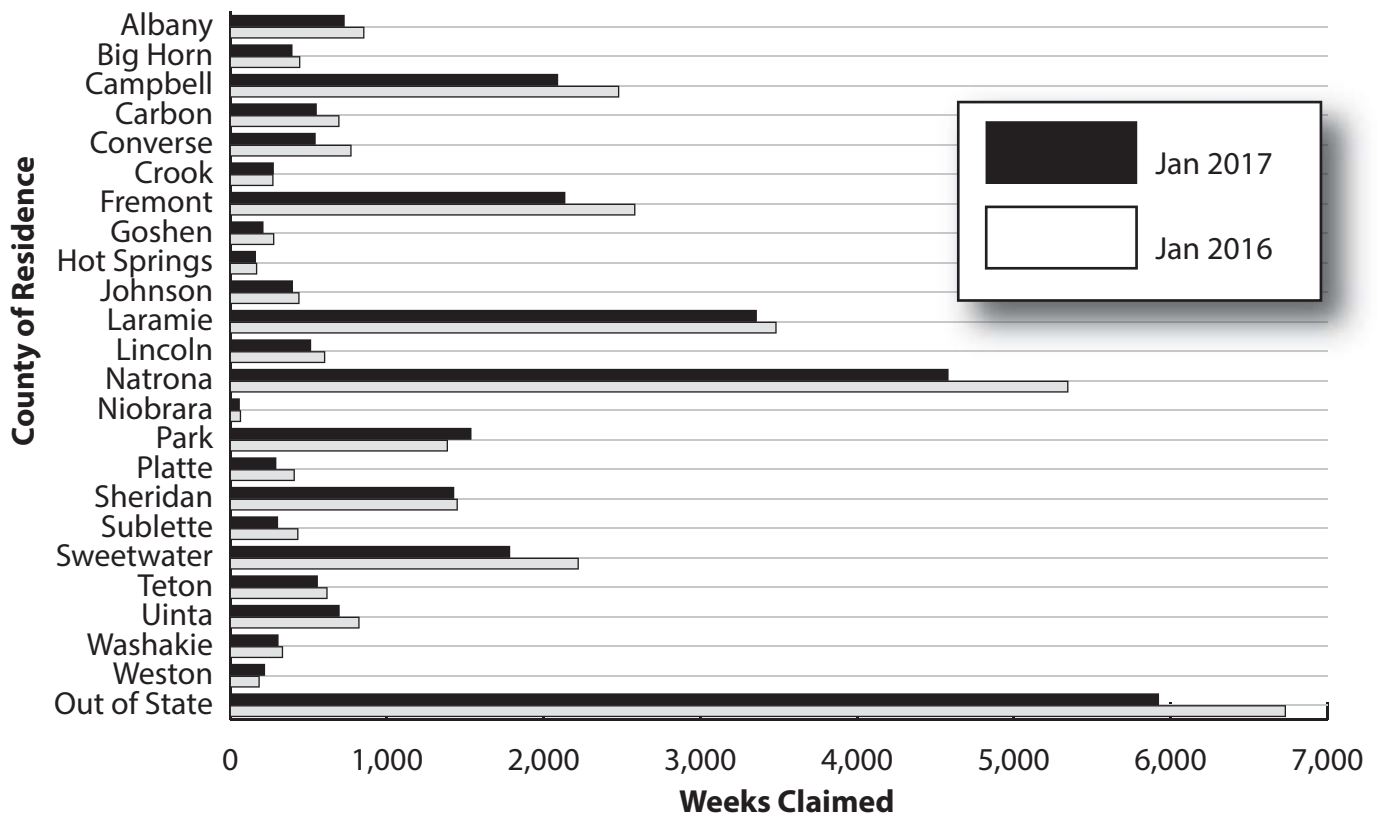
## Continued Weeks Claimed Tables

	Claims Filed			Percent Change Claims		Difference
	Jan-17	Dec-16	Jan-16	Jan-17 Dec-16	Jan-17 Jan-16	Jan-17 Jan-16
<b><u>Wyoming Statewide</u></b>						
<b>Total Continued Weeks Claimed</b>	<b>29,000</b>	<b>25,198</b>	<b>33,056</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>-12.3</b>	<b>-4,056</b>
<b>Total Unique Claimants</b>	<b>8,565</b>	<b>7,765</b>	<b>9,756</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>-12.2</b>	<b>-1,191</b>
<b>Benefit Exhaustions</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>513</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>-4.5</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Benefit Exhaustion Rates</b>	<b>5.7%</b>	<b>6.6%</b>	<b>4.9%</b>	<b>-0.9%</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>12,773</b>	<b>9,408</b>	<b>15,327</b>	<b>35.8</b>	<b>-16.7</b>	<b>-2,554</b>
Natural Resources and Mining (11,21)	1,895	1,737	4,159	9.1	-54.4	-2,264
Mining (21)	1,668	1,533	3,957	8.8	-57.8	-2,289
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	190	194	464	-2.1	-59.1	-274
Construction (23)	9,796	6,926	9,853	41.4	-0.6	-57
Manufacturing (31 - 33)	1,081	742	1,313	45.7	-17.7	-232
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>10,411</b>	<b>10,481</b>	<b>11,779</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>-11.6</b>	<b>-1,368</b>
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	3,241	3,168	3,835	2.3	-15.5	-594
Wholesale Trade (42)	572	648	840	-11.7	-31.9	-268
Retail Trade (44 - 45)	1,755	1,615	1,445	8.7	21.5	310
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (22,48 - 49)	914	905	1,550	1.0	-41.0	-636
Information (51)	123	114	135	7.9	-8.9	-12
Financial Activities (52, 53)	361	398	736	-9.3	-51.0	-375
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	2,348	1,990	2,733	18.0	-14.1	-385
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	1,043	999	1,044	4.4	-0.1	-1
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	2,876	3,413	2,729	-15.7	5.4	147
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	412	392	560	5.1	-26.4	-148
<b>Government</b>	<b>2,535</b>	<b>2,499</b>	<b>2,704</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>-6.3</b>	<b>-169</b>
Federal Government	1,236	1,261	1,202	-2.0	2.8	34
State Government	210	201	253	4.5	-17.0	-43
Local Government	1,088	1,037	1,248	4.9	-12.8	-160
Local Education	213	238	187	-10.5	13.9	26
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>3,279</b>	<b>2,809</b>	<b>3,245</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>34</b>
<b><u>Laramie County (Place of Residence)</u></b>						
Construction						
<b>Total Continued Weeks Claimed</b>	<b>3,355</b>	<b>2,660</b>	<b>3,482</b>	<b>26.1</b>	<b>-3.6</b>	<b>-127</b>
<b>Total Unique Claimants</b>	<b>1,001</b>	<b>858</b>	<b>1,048</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>-4.5</b>	<b>-47</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>1,794</b>	<b>1,256</b>	<b>1,920</b>	<b>42.8</b>	<b>-6.6</b>	<b>-126</b>
Construction	1,634	1,129	1,589	44.7	2.8	45
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>1,247</b>	<b>1,130</b>	<b>1,150</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>97</b>
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	450	454	456	-0.9	-1.3	-6
Financial Activities (52, 53)	42	32	105	31.3	-60.0	-63
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	393	330	262	19.1	50.0	131
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	163	126	140	29.4	16.4	23
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	149	125	120	19.2	24.2	29
<b>Government</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>15.6</b>	<b>-40.9</b>	<b>-108</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>9</b>
<b><u>Natrona County (Place of Residence)</u></b>						
<b>Total Continued Weeks Claimed</b>	<b>4,578</b>	<b>3,851</b>	<b>5,344</b>	<b>18.9</b>	<b>-14.3</b>	<b>-766</b>
<b>Total Unique Claimants</b>	<b>1,352</b>	<b>1,199</b>	<b>1,584</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>-14.6</b>	<b>-232</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>2,267</b>	<b>1,739</b>	<b>2,736</b>	<b>30.4</b>	<b>-17.1</b>	<b>-469</b>
Construction	1,680	1,216	1,530	38.2	9.8	150
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>2,067</b>	<b>1,914</b>	<b>2,366</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>-12.6</b>	<b>-299</b>
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	695	692	920	0.4	-24.5	-225
Financial Activities (52, 53)	71	99	209	-28.3	-66.0	-138
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	501	454	469	10.4	6.8	32
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	278	251	192	10.8	44.8	86
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	378	304	397	24.3	-4.8	-19
<b>Government</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>13.9</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>36.4</b>	<b>-9.1</b>	<b>-12</b>

## Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry, January 2017



## Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, January 2017



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**Wyoming Normalized<sup>a</sup> Unemployment Statistics: Continued Claims by County of Residence, January 2017**

County	January 2017	January 2016	Over-the-Year Change	
			N	%
Albany	726	852	-126	-14.7%
Big Horn	393	443	-50	-11.2%
Campbell	2,088	2,478	-390	-15.7%
Carbon	548	693	-145	-20.9%
Converse	541	770	-228	-29.7%
Crook	274	272	2	0.8%
Fremont	2,134	2,581	-447	-17.3%
Goshen	208	277	-69	-25.0%
Hot Springs	160	168	-8	-4.5%
Johnson	396	438	-42	-9.6%
Laramie	3,356	3,482	-127	-3.6%
Lincoln	512	602	-90	-14.9%
Natrona	4,579	5,344	-765	-14.3%
Niobrara	57	65	-8	-11.7%
Park	1,535	1,385	150	10.9%
Platte	290	408	-118	-28.9%
Sheridan	1,425	1,448	-24	-1.6%
Sublette	301	431	-130	-30.2%
Sweetwater	1,782	2,220	-438	-19.7%
Teton	555	617	-62	-10.0%
Uinta	694	821	-127	-15.4%
Washakie	304	333	-29	-8.8%
Weston	218	184	34	18.2%
Out of State	5,922	6,732	-810	-12.0%
<b>Normalized Total<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>29,000</b>	<b>33,056</b>	<b>-4,056</b>	<b>-12.3%</b>
<b>Real Total<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>26,790</b>	<b>30,537</b>	<b>-3,747</b>	<b>-12.3%</b>

<sup>a</sup>An 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.

<sup>b</sup>Raw claims data that have not been multiplied by the normalization factor.

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

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