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Initial and Continued Claims Decline from Prior Year

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The total number of initial Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims in Wyoming continued to decline in November 2017, down 41.2% (-1,524 claims) from November 2016. The number of initial claims has decreased from prior-year levels every month since September 2016.

The decline in initial UI claims in Wyoming has coincided with a shrinking labor force (all employed and unemployed individuals). As noted by Bullard (2017), Wyoming's labor force decreased significantly from October 2016 to October 2017 (-7,789 people, or -2.6%)¹, the most recent month for which data were available. There are several factors that could influence the continuing declines in the labor force and

UI claims, such as:

- People left the workforce entirely.
- People lost their jobs and quickly found jobs in other states.
- People voluntarily separated from their employers and found work in other states.

Initial Claims (see pages 4-5)

As shown in Figure 1, initial UI claims activity in Wyoming tends to follow a seasonal pattern. Initial UI claims often increase from October from November; however, in 2017, initial claims declined by 241 (-10.0%) from October to November.

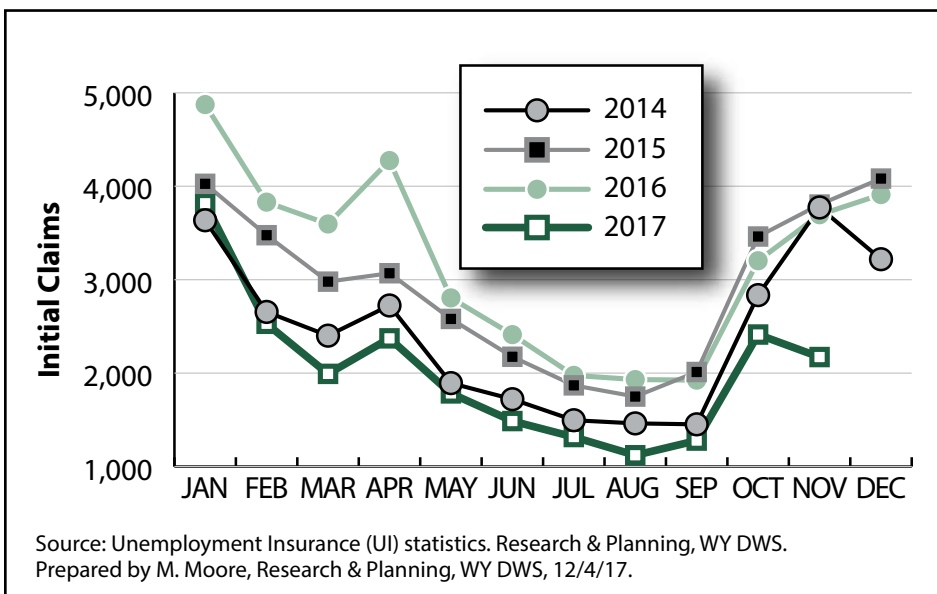
Most industries experienced substantial over-the-year declines in initial claims, with the largest decreases seen in construction (-612, or -53.9%) and trade, transportation, warehousing, & utilities (-149, or -39.6%).

At the county level, the greatest decreases in initial claims were seen in Laramie (-222, or -49.7%), Natrona (-217, or -42.0%), and Campbell (-141, or -59.9%) counties. Initial claims by out-of-state claimants decreased by 352 (-42.4%).

Continued Claims (see pages 6-8)

Over the year, the number of unique claimants with continued claims decreased by 42.3% (-2,311 individuals). Total continued weeks claimed decreased by 51.3% (-10,955 weeks). The over-the-year decrease in continued weeks claimed began in November 2016 and has continued ever since. The number of workers exhausting their UI benefits declined by 66.3% (-346 individuals).

All industries and counties experienced over-the-year decreases in continued weeks claimed.



Source: Unemployment Insurance (UI) statistics. Research & Planning, WY DWS. Prepared by M. Moore, Research & Planning, WY DWS, 12/4/17.

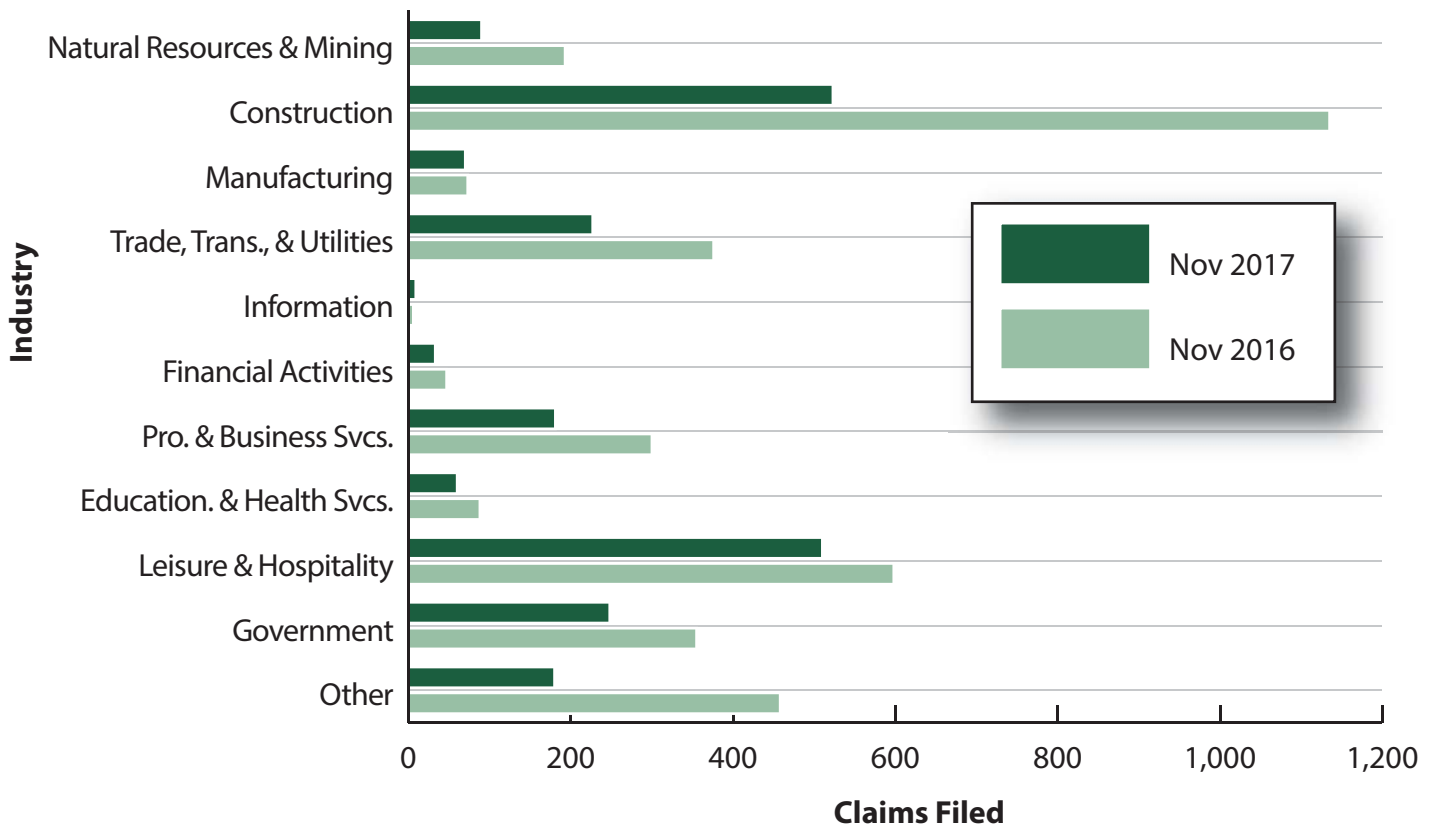
Figure 1: Number of New Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by Year and Month, 2014-2017

¹ Bullard, D. (2017, October). Wyoming unemployment rises to 4.2% in October. Research & Planning, Wyoming DWS. Retrieved December 4, 2017, from <http://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/news.htm>

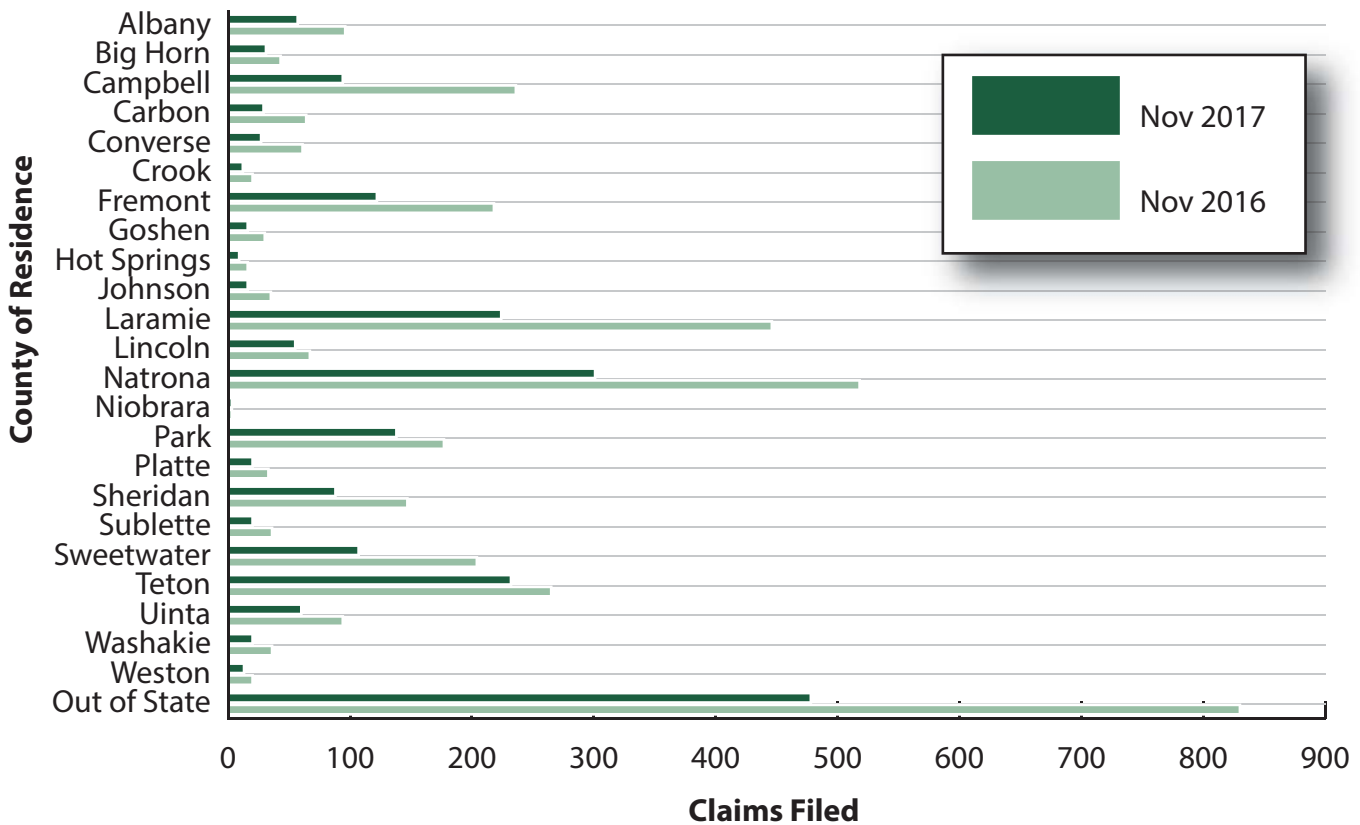
Initial Claims Tables

	Claims Filed			Percent Change Claims Filed		Difference
	Nov-17	Oct-17	Nov-16	Nov-17 Oct-17	Nov-17 Nov-16	Nov-17 Nov-16
<u>Wyoming Statewide</u>						
Total Claims Filed	2,171	2,412	3,695	-10.0	-41.2	-1,524
Goods-Producing	684	471	1,402	45.2	-51.2	-718
Natural Resources and Mining (11,21)	90	72	193	25.0	-53.4	-103
Mining (21)	67	62	167	8.1	-59.9	-100
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	5	4	10	25.0	-50.0	-5
Construction (23)	523	357	1,135	46.5	-53.9	-612
Manufacturing (31 - 33)	70	41	73	70.7	-4.1	-3
Service-Providing	1,059	1,500	1,477	-29.4	-28.3	-418
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	227	299	376	-24.1	-39.6	-149
Wholesale Trade (42)	36	29	57	24.1	-36.8	-21
Retail Trade (44 - 45)	123	177	206	-30.5	-40.3	-83
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (22,48 - 49)	68	93	113	-26.9	-39.8	-45
Information (51)	9	8	6	12.5	50.0	3
Financial Activities (52, 53)	33	37	47	-10.8	-29.8	-14
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	181	177	300	2.3	-39.7	-119
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	60	97	88	-38.1	-31.8	-28
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	510	838	598	-39.1	-14.7	-88
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	31	37	53	-16.2	-41.5	-22
Government	248	272	355	-8.8	-30.1	-107
Federal Government	171	156	239	9.6	-28.5	-68
State Government	11	35	19	-68.6	-42.1	-8
Local Government	65	80	97	-18.8	-33.0	-32
Local Education	12	15	23	-20.0	-47.8	-11
Unclassified	180	167	458	7.8	-60.7	-278
<u>Laramie County (Place of Residence)</u>						
Total Claims Filed	224	253	445	-11.5	-49.7	-221
Goods-Producing	90	82	243	9.8	-63.0	-153
Construction	82	72	228	13.9	-64.0	-146
Service-Providing	111	139	167	-20.1	-33.5	-56
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	35	36	68	-2.8	-48.5	-33
Financial Activities (52, 53)	9	8	4	12.5	125.0	5
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	26	49	49	-46.9	-46.9	-23
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	13	16	14	-18.8	-7.1	-1
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	17	22	22	-22.7	-22.7	-5
Government	13	24	14	-45.8	-7.1	-1
Unclassified	8	6	20	33.3	-60.0	-12
<u>Natrona County (Place of Residence)</u>						
Total Claims Filed	300	284	517	5.6	-42.0	-217
Goods-Producing	159	90	250	76.7	-36.4	-91
Construction	118	71	194	66.2	-39.2	-76
Service-Providing	125	167	242	-25.1	-48.3	-117
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	34	53	82	-35.8	-58.5	-48
Financial Activities (52, 53)	4	10	14	-60.0	-71.4	-10
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	33	27	67	22.2	-50.7	-34
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	11	18	19	-38.9	-42.1	-8
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	28	39	39	-28.2	-28.2	-11
Government	6	10	13	-40.0	-53.8	-7
Unclassified	9	15	11	-40.0	-18.2	-2

Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry, November 2017



Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, November 2017

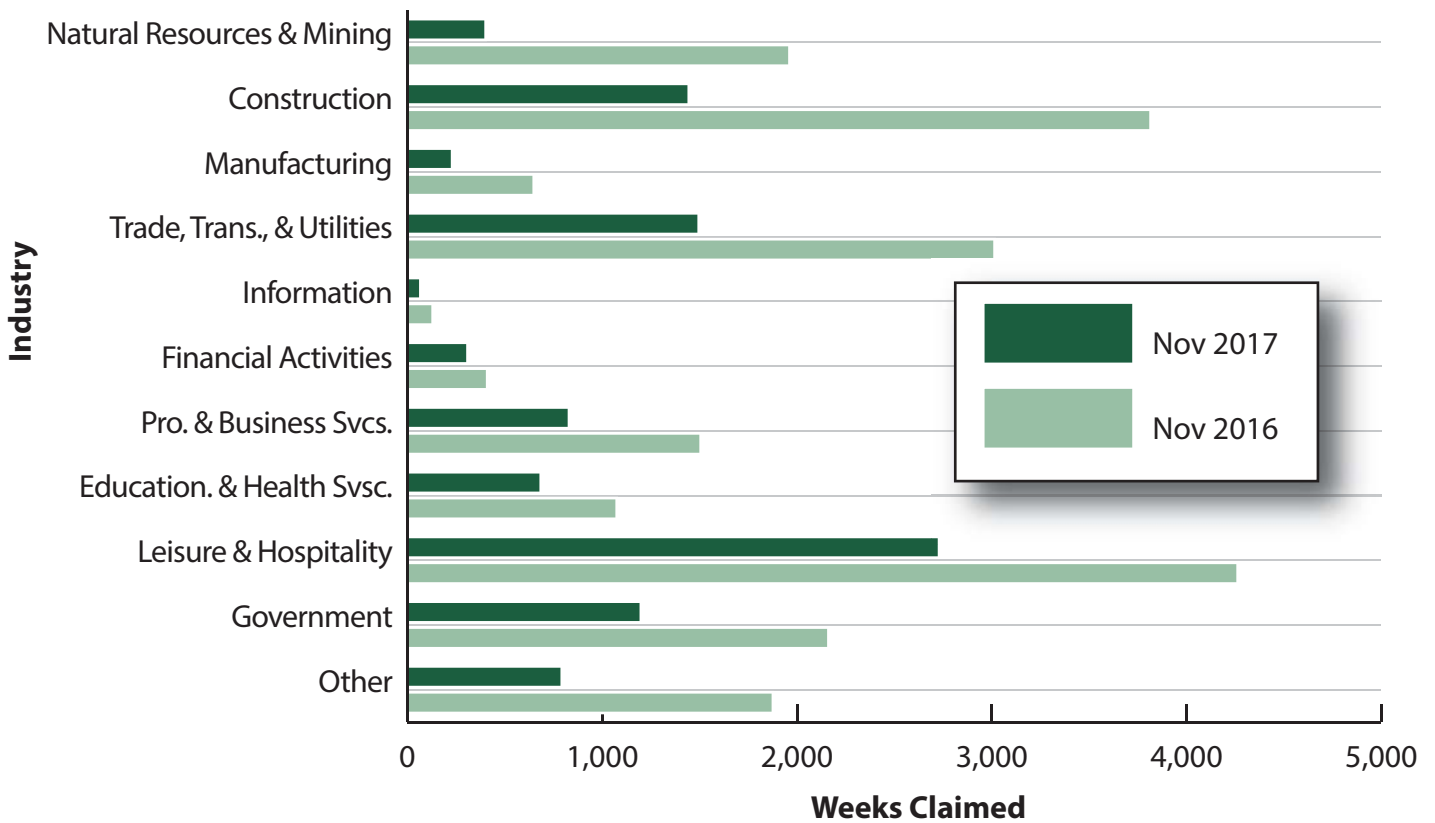


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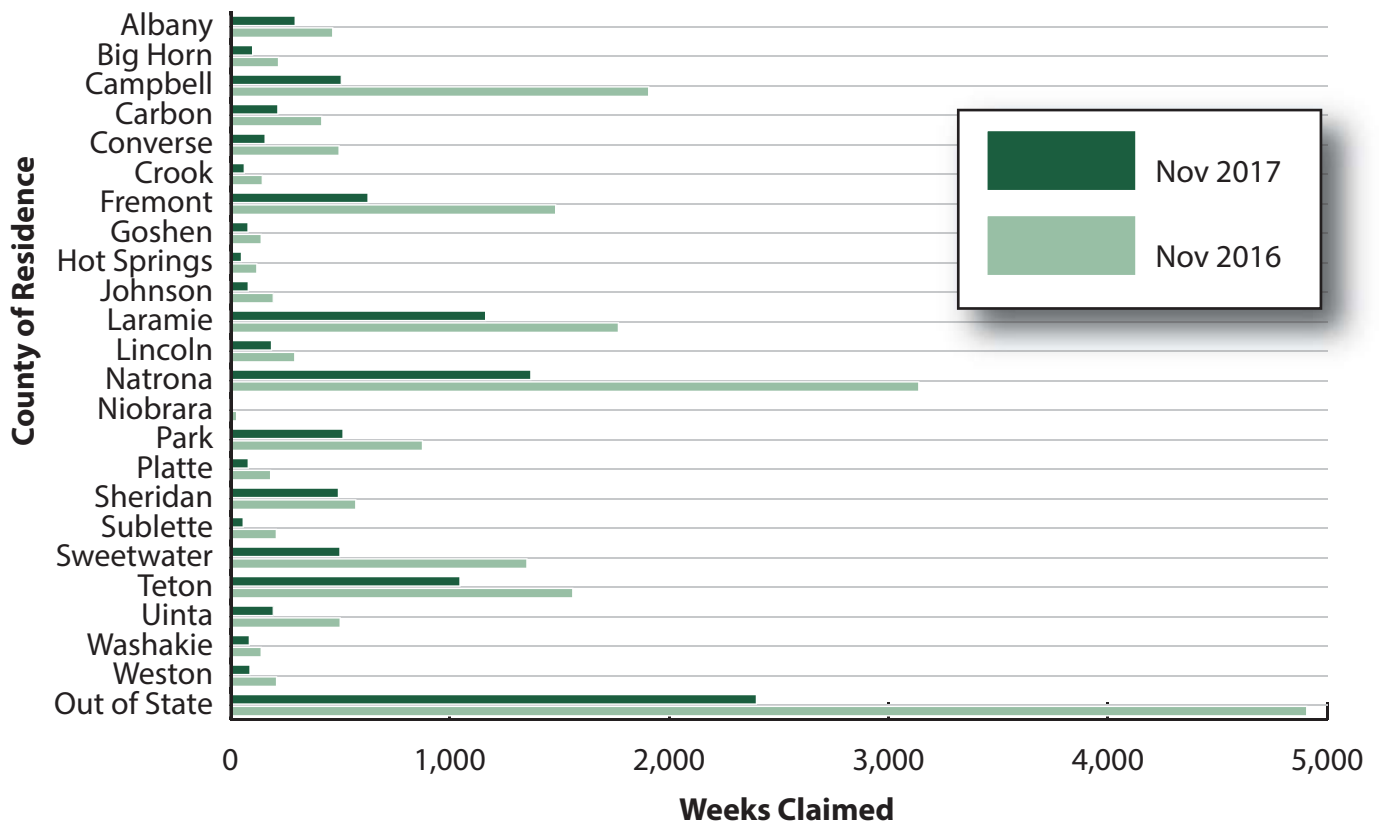
Continued Weeks Claimed Tables

	Claims Filed			Percent Change Claims		Difference
	Nov-17	Oct-17	Nov-16	Nov-17 Oct-17	Nov-17 Nov-16	Nov-17 Nov-16
<u>Wyoming Statewide</u>						
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	10,385	9,580	21,340	8.4	-51.3	-10,955
Total Unique Claimants	3,158	2,970	5,469	6.3	-42.3	-2,311
Benefit Exhaustions	176	224	522	-21.4	-66.3	-346
Benefit Exhaustion Rates	5.6%	7.5%	9.5%	-2.0%	-4.0%	
Goods-Producing	2,075	2,383	6,426	-12.9	-67.7	-4,351
Natural Resources and Mining (11,21)	401	507	1,961	-20.9	-79.6	-1,560
Mining (21)	326	437	1,838	-25.4	-82.3	-1,512
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	51	79	276	-35.4	-81.5	-225
Construction (23)	1,444	1,648	3,815	-12.4	-62.1	-2,371
Manufacturing (31 - 33)	229	227	648	0.9	-64.7	-419
Service-Providing	6,319	5,262	10,876	20.1	-41.9	-4,557
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	1,495	1,600	3,014	-6.6	-50.4	-1,519
Wholesale Trade (42)	206	252	719	-18.3	-71.3	-513
Retail Trade (44 - 45)	898	959	1,476	-6.4	-39.2	-578
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (22,48 - 49)	391	389	819	0.5	-52.3	-428
Information (51)	66	110	129	-40.0	-48.8	-63
Financial Activities (52, 53)	308	340	409	-9.4	-24.7	-101
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	829	922	1,505	-10.1	-44.9	-676
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	684	840	1,074	-18.6	-36.3	-390
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	2,729	1,214	4,262	124.8	-36.0	-1,533
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	201	230	475	-12.6	-57.7	-274
Government	1,198	1,041	2,161	15.1	-44.6	-963
Federal Government	519	214	895	142.5	-42.0	-376
State Government	158	172	200	-8.1	-21.0	-42
Local Government	520	654	1,065	-20.5	-51.2	-545
Local Education	152	226	250	-32.7	-39.2	-98
Unclassified	792	893	1,876	-11.3	-57.8	-1,084
<u>Laramie County (Place of Residence)</u>						
Construction						
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	1,163	1,380	1,769	-15.7	-34.3	-606
Total Unique Claimants	348	417	465	-16.5	-25.2	-117
Goods-Producing	290	339	488	-14.5	-40.6	-198
Construction	242	268	348	-9.7	-30.5	-106
Service-Providing	711	910	1,021	-21.9	-30.4	-310
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	198	219	398	-9.6	-50.3	-200
Financial Activities (52, 53)	77	90	36	-14.4	113.9	41
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	179	283	242	-36.7	-26.0	-63
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	130	157	120	-17.2	8.3	10
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	74	63	131	17.5	-43.5	-57
Government	122	88	149	38.6	-18.1	-27
Unclassified	38	41	109	-7.3	-65.1	-71
<u>Natrona County (Place of Residence)</u>						
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	1,370	1,554	3,138	-11.8	-56.3	-1,768
Total Unique Claimants	418	469	822	-10.9	-49.1	-404
Goods-Producing	379	379	1,177	0.0	-67.8	-798
Construction	284	278	582	2.2	-51.2	-298
Service-Providing	873	1,024	1,756	-14.7	-50.3	-883
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	285	338	656	-15.7	-56.6	-371
Financial Activities (52, 53)	58	74	58	-21.6	0.0	0
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	132	139	312	-5.0	-57.7	-180
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	173	241	283	-28.2	-38.9	-110
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	162	161	303	0.6	-46.5	-141
Government	77	99	145	-22.2	-46.9	-68
Unclassified	39	50	58	-22.0	-32.8	-19

Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry, November 2017



Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, November 2017



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Wyoming Normalized^a Unemployment Statistics: Continued Claims by County of Residence, November 2017

County	Nov 2017	Nov 2016	Over-the-Year Change	
			N	%
Albany	296	467	-171	-36.5
Big Horn	102	220	-118	-53.5
Campbell	506	1,907	-1,401	-73.5
Carbon	217	417	-199	-47.8
Converse	159	496	-337	-67.9
Crook	64	146	-82	-56.2
Fremont	628	1,483	-855	-57.7
Goshen	81	141	-61	-42.9
Hot Springs	51	121	-70	-57.9
Johnson	82	196	-113	-58.0
Laramie	1,164	1,769	-605	-34.2
Lincoln	188	294	-106	-36.0
Natrona	1,370	3,138	-1,768	-56.3
Niobrara	8	29	-22	-73.5
Park	514	876	-362	-41.3
Platte	82	184	-102	-55.4
Sheridan	493	572	-79	-13.8
Sublette	59	210	-152	-72.0
Sweetwater	500	1,352	-852	-63.0
Teton	1,047	1,561	-514	-32.9
Uinta	196	501	-306	-61.0
Washakie	87	141	-54	-38.0
Weston	90	211	-121	-57.4
Out of State	2,398	4,906	-2,508	-51.1
Normalized Total^a	10,386	21,341	-10,955	-51.3
Real Total^b	11,993	24,643	-12,650	-51.3

^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.

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

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