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## Initial Claims Continue to Decline as Labor Force Shrinks

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The total number of initial Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims in Wyoming continued to decline in September 2017, down 33.6% (-646 claims) from September 2016. The number of initial claims has decreased from prior-year levels every month since September 2016.

However, Wyoming's labor force and monthly employment also have continued to decline. Wyoming's labor force (the number of employed persons plus the number of unemployed persons actively seeking work) declined by 7,526 people (-2.5%) from August 2016 to August 2017, while employment declined by 3,841 people (-1.3%)<sup>1</sup>.

There are several possible explanations for the concurrent decline in persons working and initial UI claims:

- 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

As previously stated, initial UI claims decreased by 33.6% (-646 claims) from September 2016 to September 2017. Most

<sup>1</sup> Bullard, D. (2017, September). Wyoming unemployment rate unchanged at 4.0% in August 2017. Research & Planning, Wyoming DWS. Retrieved October 4, 2017, from <http://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/news.htm>.

industries experienced a decline in the number of initial claims, with the largest decrease seen in construction (-184 claims, or -38.7%).

At the county level, the greatest decreases in initial claims were seen in Natrona (-156, or -44.6%) and Campbell (-104, or -55.2%) counties. Initial claims by out-of-state claimants decreased by 135 (-41.1%). Albany, Laramie, and Lincoln counties experienced slight increases in the number of initial claims.

### Continued Claims

Over the year, the number of unique claimants with continued claims decreased by 50.1% (-2,710 individuals). Total continued weeks claimed decreased by 50.0% (9,398 claims). The over-the-year decrease in continued weeks claimed began in November 2016 and has continued ever since.

All industries experienced a double-digit percentage decrease in the number of continued weeks claimed. The largest decrease was seen in mining (-2,935 weeks, or 85.0%), followed by trade, transportation, & utilities (-1,638, or -51.9%) and construction (-1,480, or -47.1%).

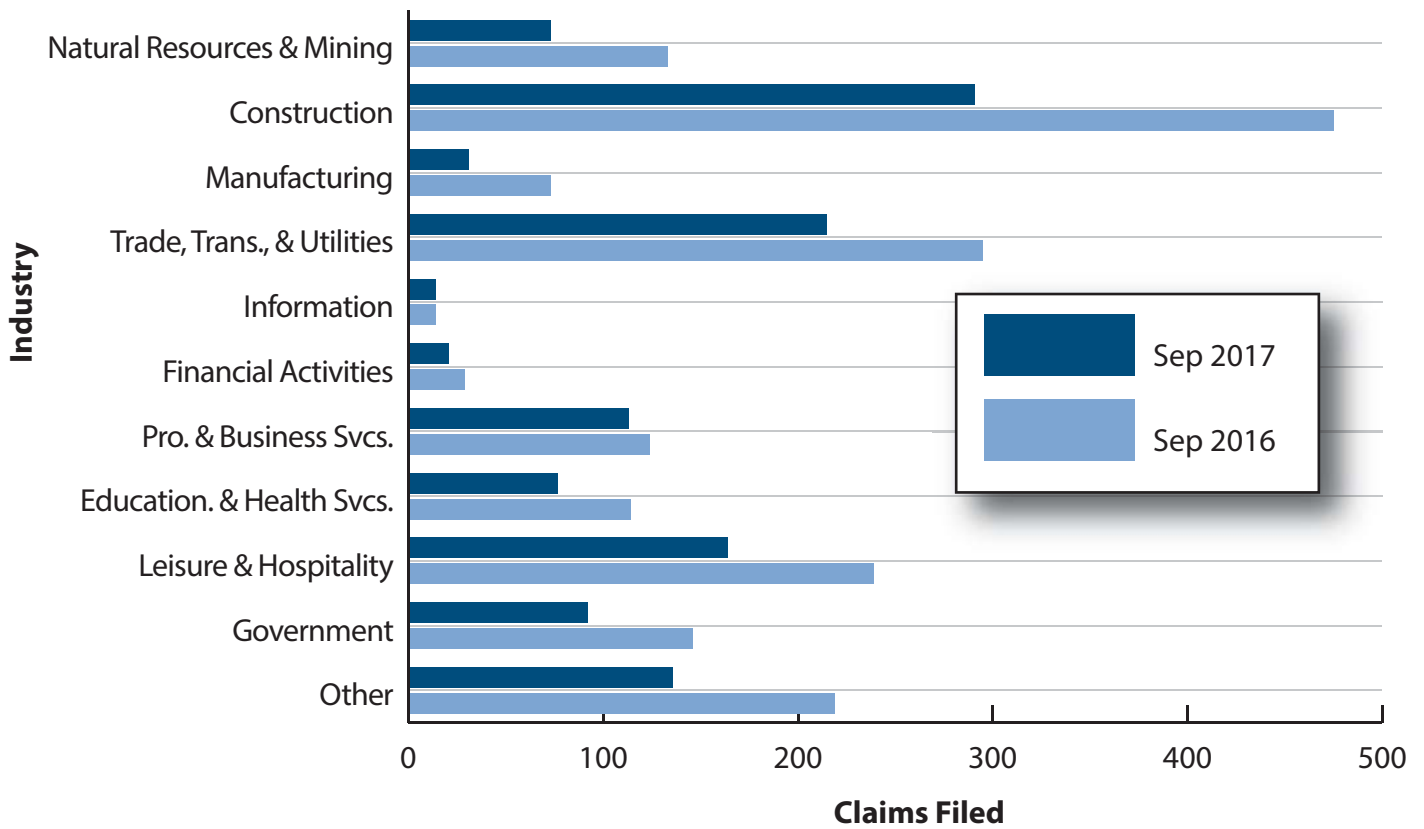
All counties also experienced an over-the-year decrease in the number of continued weeks claimed, with the largest changes seen in Natrona (-2,030 weeks, or -56.9%) and Campbell (-1,718 weeks, or -68.3%) counties. The total number of continued weeks claimed by out-of-state claimants decreased by 1,741 (-50.1%).

Previous Unemployment Insurance claims reports and historical data from 1997 to present are available online at <http://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/ui.htm>

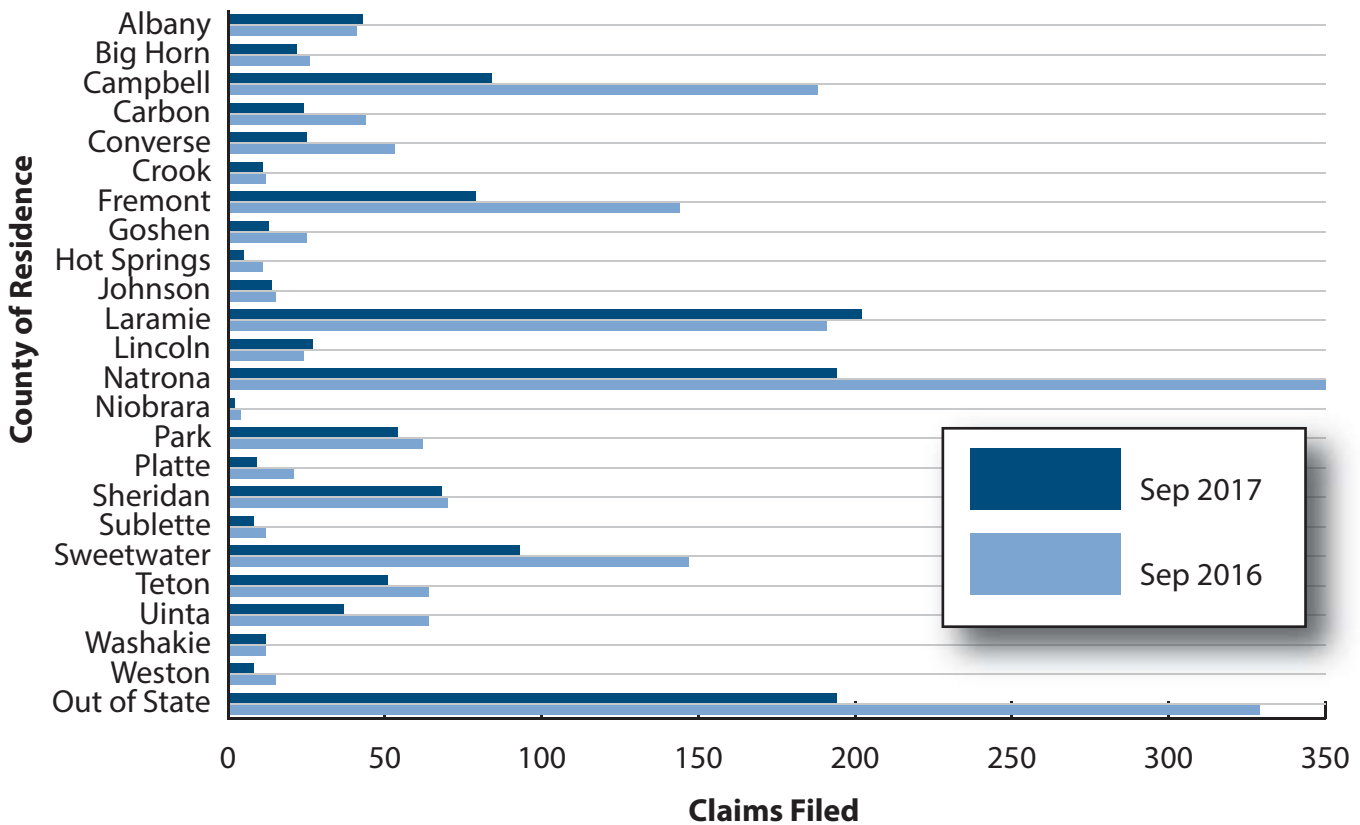
## Initial Claims Tables

	Claims Filed			Percent Change Claims Filed		Difference
	Sep-17	Aug-17	Sep-16	Sep-17 Aug-17	Sep-17 Sep-16	Sep-17 Sep-16
<b><u>Wyoming Statewide</u></b>						
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>1,278</b>	<b>1,120</b>	<b>1,924</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>-33.6</b>	<b>-646</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>683</b>	<b>19.9</b>	<b>-41.9</b>	<b>-286</b>
Natural Resources and Mining (11,21)	73	74	133	-1.4	-45.1	-60
Mining (21)	64	69	126	-7.2	-49.2	-62
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	7	12	8	-41.7	-12.5	-1
Construction (23)	291	221	475	31.7	-38.7	-184
Manufacturing (31 - 33)	31	35	73	-11.4	-57.5	-42
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>652</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>875</b>	<b>23.5</b>	<b>-25.5</b>	<b>-223</b>
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	215	167	295	28.7	-27.1	-80
Wholesale Trade (42)	30	30	45	0.0	-33.3	-15
Retail Trade (44 - 45)	132	111	149	18.9	-11.4	-17
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (22,48 - 49)	53	26	101	103.8	-47.5	-48
Information (51)	14	7	14	100.0	0.0	0
Financial Activities (52, 53)	21	27	29	-22.2	-27.6	-8
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	113	111	124	1.8	-8.9	-11
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	77	78	114	-1.3	-32.5	-37
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	164	108	239	51.9	-31.4	-75
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	41	23	56	78.3	-26.8	-15
<b>Government</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>-37.0</b>	<b>-54</b>
Federal Government	24	14	40	71.4	-40.0	-16
State Government	21	11	15	90.9	40.0	6
Local Government	45	59	90	-23.7	-50.0	-45
Local Education	11	17	22	-35.3	-50.0	-11
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>-21.8</b>	<b>-37.9</b>	<b>-83</b>
<b><u>Laramie County (Place of Residence)</u></b>						
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>22.4</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>78.9</b>	<b>-6.8</b>	<b>-5</b>
Construction	57	30	58	90.0	-1.7	-1
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>18.3</b>	<b>17</b>
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	25	30	31	-16.7	-19.4	-6
Financial Activities (52, 53)	7	6	4	16.7	75.0	3
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	23	39	20	-41.0	15.0	3
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	18	14	11	28.6	63.6	7
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	20	8	17	150.0	17.6	3
<b>Government</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>71.4</b>	<b>-14.3</b>	<b>-2</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>-9.1</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b><u>Natrona County (Place of Residence)</u></b>						
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>-44.7</b>	<b>-156</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>31.4</b>	<b>-50.7</b>	<b>-69</b>
Construction	49	38	83	28.9	-41.0	-34
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>-5.1</b>	<b>-41.1</b>	<b>-78</b>
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	37	35	70	5.7	-47.1	-33
Financial Activities (52, 53)	2	8	3	-75.0	-33.3	-1
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	17	15	31	13.3	-45.2	-14
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	19	24	33	-20.8	-42.4	-14
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	22	25	32	-12.0	-31.3	-10
<b>Government</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>-33.3</b>	<b>-27.3</b>	<b>-3</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>-16.7</b>	<b>-50.0</b>	<b>-5</b>

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



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

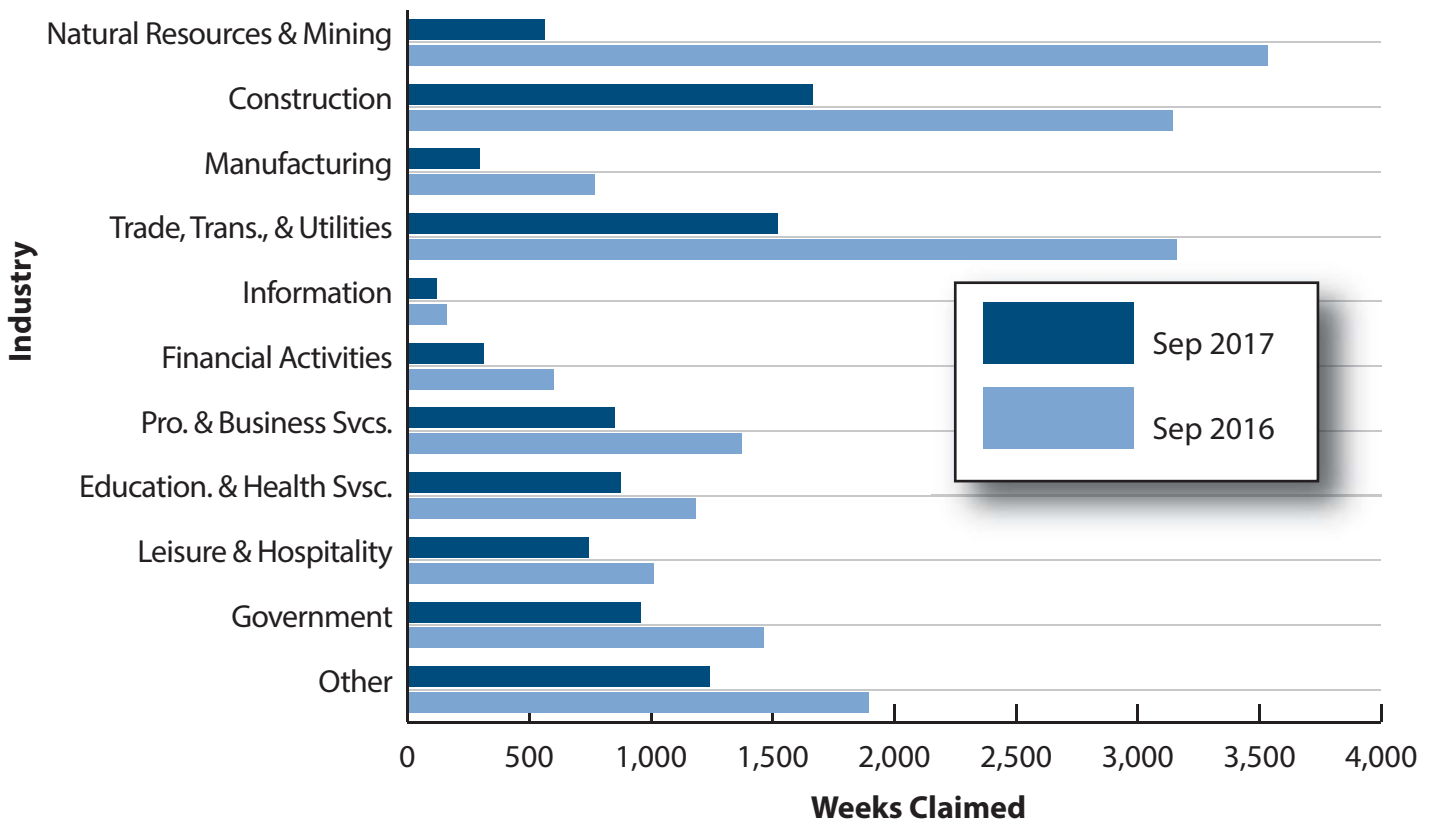


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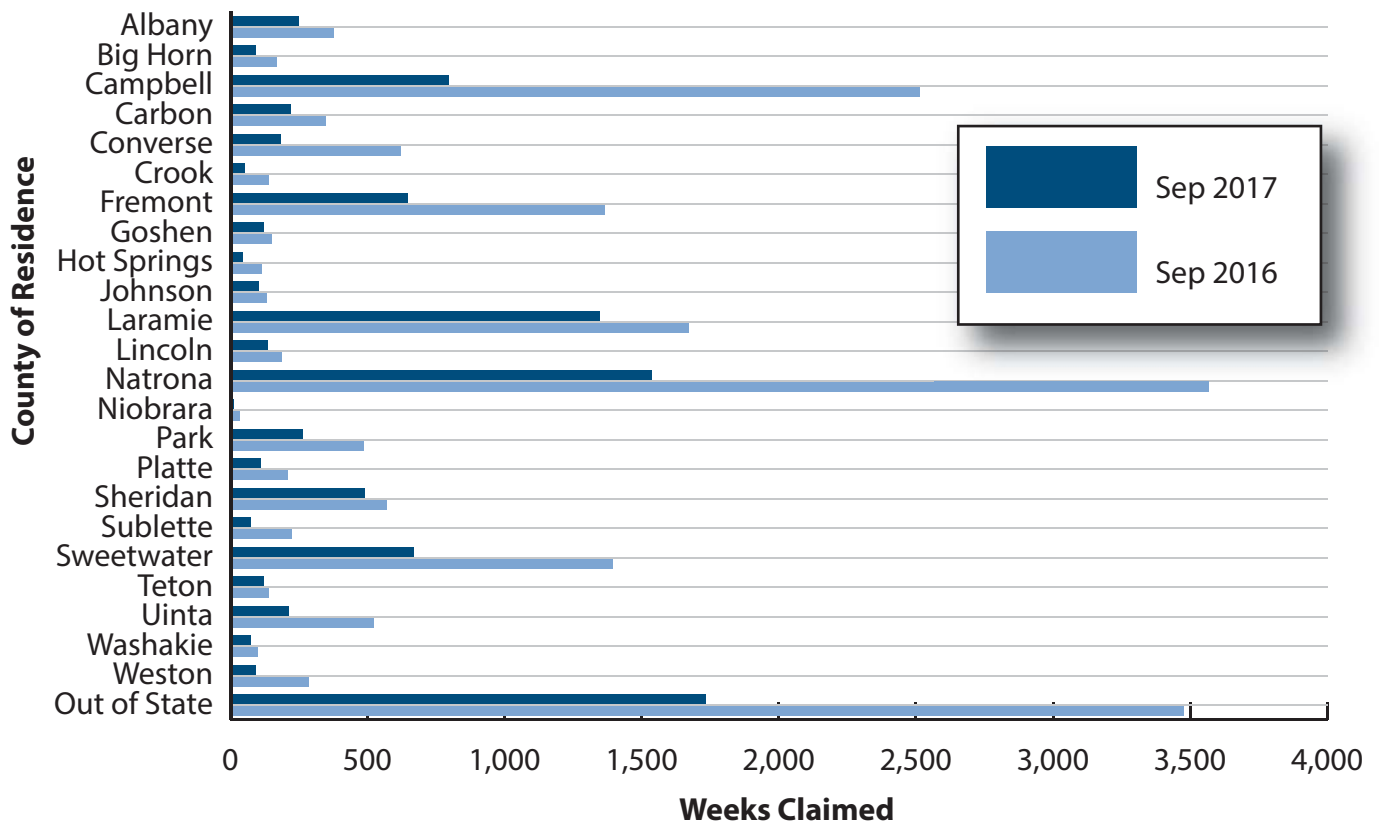
## Continued Weeks Claimed Tables

	Claims Filed			Percent Change Claims		Difference
	Sep-17	Aug-17	Sep-16	Sep-17 Aug-17	Sep-17 Sep-16	Sep-17 Sep-16
<b><u>Wyoming Statewide</u></b>						
<b>Total Continued Weeks Claimed</b>	<b>9,403</b>	<b>11,030</b>	<b>18,801</b>	<b>-14.8</b>	<b>-50.0</b>	<b>-9,398</b>
<b>Total Unique Claimants</b>	<b>2,697</b>	<b>2,675</b>	<b>5,407</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>-50.1</b>	<b>-2,710</b>
<b>Benefit Exhaustions</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>574</b>	<b>-23.0</b>	<b>-62.2</b>	<b>-357</b>
<b>Benefit Exhaustion Rates</b>	<b>8.0%</b>	<b>10.5%</b>	<b>10.6%</b>	<b>-2.5%</b>	<b>-2.6%</b>	
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>2,530</b>	<b>2,841</b>	<b>7,448</b>	<b>-10.9</b>	<b>-66.0</b>	<b>-4,918</b>
Natural Resources and Mining (11,21)	565	519	3,533	8.9	-84.0	-2,968
Mining (21)	518	478	3,453	8.4	-85.0	-2,935
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	94	95	422	-1.1	-77.7	-328
Construction (23)	1,664	1,897	3,144	-12.3	-47.1	-1,480
Manufacturing (31 - 33)	299	423	770	-29.3	-61.2	-471
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>4,670</b>	<b>5,578</b>	<b>7,989</b>	<b>-16.3</b>	<b>-41.5</b>	<b>-3,319</b>
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	1,521	1,618	3,159	-6.0	-51.9	-1,638
Wholesale Trade (42)	261	291	1,118	-10.3	-76.7	-857
Retail Trade (44 - 45)	903	921	1,149	-2.0	-21.4	-246
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (22,48 - 49)	357	406	892	-12.1	-60.0	-535
Information (51)	122	168	162	-27.4	-24.7	-40
Financial Activities (52, 53)	312	388	601	-19.6	-48.1	-289
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	852	975	1,373	-12.6	-37.9	-521
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	877	1,207	1,184	-27.3	-25.9	-307
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	747	1,008	1,011	-25.9	-26.1	-264
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	232	207	492	12.1	-52.8	-260
<b>Government</b>	<b>959</b>	<b>1,248</b>	<b>1,465</b>	<b>-23.2</b>	<b>-34.5</b>	<b>-506</b>
Federal Government	140	160	243	-12.5	-42.4	-103
State Government	111	131	150	-15.3	-26.0	-39
Local Government	706	956	1,071	-26.2	-34.1	-365
Local Education	246	297	333	-17.2	-26.1	-87
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>1,242</b>	<b>1,361</b>	<b>1,897</b>	<b>-8.7</b>	<b>-34.5</b>	<b>-655</b>
<b><u>Laramie County (Place of Residence)</u></b>						
Construction						
<b>Total Continued Weeks Claimed</b>	<b>1,346</b>	<b>1,569</b>	<b>1,671</b>	<b>-14.2</b>	<b>-19.4</b>	<b>-325</b>
<b>Total Unique Claimants</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>-14.6</b>	<b>-68</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>-8.3</b>	<b>-36.5</b>	<b>-152</b>
Construction	206	232	246	-11.2	-16.3	-40
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>932</b>	<b>1,059</b>	<b>985</b>	<b>-12.0</b>	<b>-5.4</b>	<b>-53</b>
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	300	310	386	-3.2	-22.3	-86
Financial Activities (52, 53)	90	97	59	-7.2	52.5	31
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	225	274	199	-17.9	13.1	26
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	152	198	163	-23.2	-6.7	-11
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	76	103	75	-26.2	1.3	1
<b>Government</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>-41.9</b>	<b>-47.7</b>	<b>-82</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>-10.6</b>	<b>-39.2</b>	<b>-38</b>
<b><u>Natrona County (Place of Residence)</u></b>						
<b>Total Continued Weeks Claimed</b>	<b>1,536</b>	<b>1,667</b>	<b>3,565</b>	<b>-7.9</b>	<b>-56.9</b>	<b>-2,029</b>
<b>Total Unique Claimants</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>1,039</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>-58.0</b>	<b>-603</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>1,439</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>-71.7</b>	<b>-1,032</b>
Construction	271	252	523	7.5	-48.2	-252
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>985</b>	<b>1,150</b>	<b>1,924</b>	<b>-14.3</b>	<b>-48.8</b>	<b>-939</b>
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	309	311	872	-0.6	-64.6	-563
Financial Activities (52, 53)	56	89	97	-37.1	-42.3	-41
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	123	160	223	-23.1	-44.8	-100
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	253	281	368	-10.0	-31.3	-115
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	157	205	212	-23.4	-25.9	-55
<b>Government</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>23.4</b>	<b>-21.5</b>	<b>-26</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>-17.2</b>	<b>-40.0</b>	<b>-32</b>

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



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



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

County	Sep 2017	Sep 2016	Over-the-Year Change	
			N	%
Albany	249	378	-129	-34.1
Big Horn	94	171	-77	-44.9
Campbell	796	2,514	-1,718	-68.3
Carbon	221	350	-129	-36.8
Converse	185	622	-437	-70.3
Crook	52	141	-89	-63.1
Fremont	646	1,364	-718	-52.6
Goshen	122	150	-28	-18.7
Hot Springs	44	114	-69	-61.0
Johnson	103	132	-29	-22.1
Laramie	1,347	1,671	-325	-19.4
Lincoln	136	189	-53	-28.0
Natrona	1,536	3,566	-2,030	-56.9
Niobrara	13	36	-23	-63.6
Park	265	485	-220	-45.3
Platte	111	211	-100	-47.2
Sheridan	491	569	-78	-13.7
Sublette	76	224	-148	-66.2
Sweetwater	668	1,393	-725	-52.1
Teton	122	141	-18	-13.1
Uinta	214	522	-307	-58.9
Washakie	76	99	-23	-23.1
Weston	93	285	-192	-67.3
Out of State	1,735	3,476	-1,741	-50.1
<b>Normalized Total<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>9,404</b>	<b>18,802</b>	<b>-9,398</b>	<b>-50.0</b>
<b>Real Total<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>8,687</b>	<b>17,369</b>	<b>-8,682</b>	<b>-50.0</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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