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## Initial UI Claims Increase in Mining, Construction

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Initial Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims increased from prior-year levels in Wyoming's natural resources & mining and construction industries in May 2019. This marked the first over-the-year increase in natural resources & mining and just the third month of over-the-year increase in construction since June 2016.

### Initial Claims

Overall there were 1,205 new initial UI claims in May 2019, down from 1,306 in May 2018 (-101, or -7.7%). Most sectors saw a decrease in initial claims, including government (-40, or -31.7%), educational & health services (-36, or -33.3%) and leisure & hospitality (-31, or -18.5%). Three industries showed an increase in initial claims: construction (54, or 17.9%), natural resources & mining (23, or 35.9%), and trade, transportation, warehousing, & utilities (three, or 1.7%).

At the county level, the greatest decreases

were seen in Uinta (-28, or -58.2%), Sweetwater (-25, or -25.9%), and Campbell (-18, or -14.5%) counties. Increases were seen in counties such as Johnson (six, or 77.8%), Sublette (five, or 50.0%), and Fremont (five, or 6.4%). Initial claims for out-of-state claimants increased by 21, or 11.3%.

### Continued Claims

Statewide continued claims decreased by 22.2% (-2,512 continued weeks claimed) over the year for a total of 8,785 weeks. Total unique claimants decreased by 13.0% (391 fewer individuals) for a total of 2,609 claimants.

All industries showed noticeable decreases in continued claims or remained flat, with the greatest decreases seen in trade, transportation, warehousing, & utilities (-513 weeks claimed, or -29.1%) and construction (-465, or -23.5%).

Most counties showed substantial decreases in continued weeks claimed, including Laramie (-420 or -28.8%) and Natrona (-400 or -25.2%).

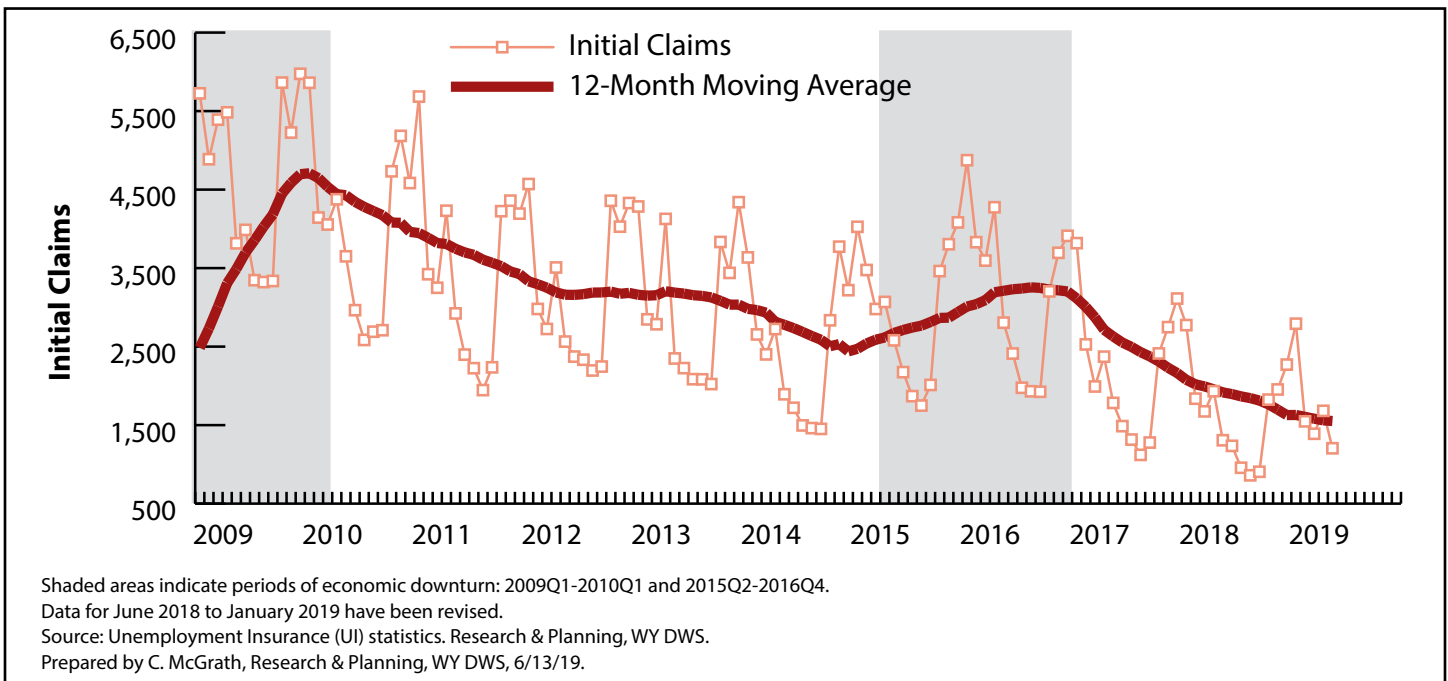
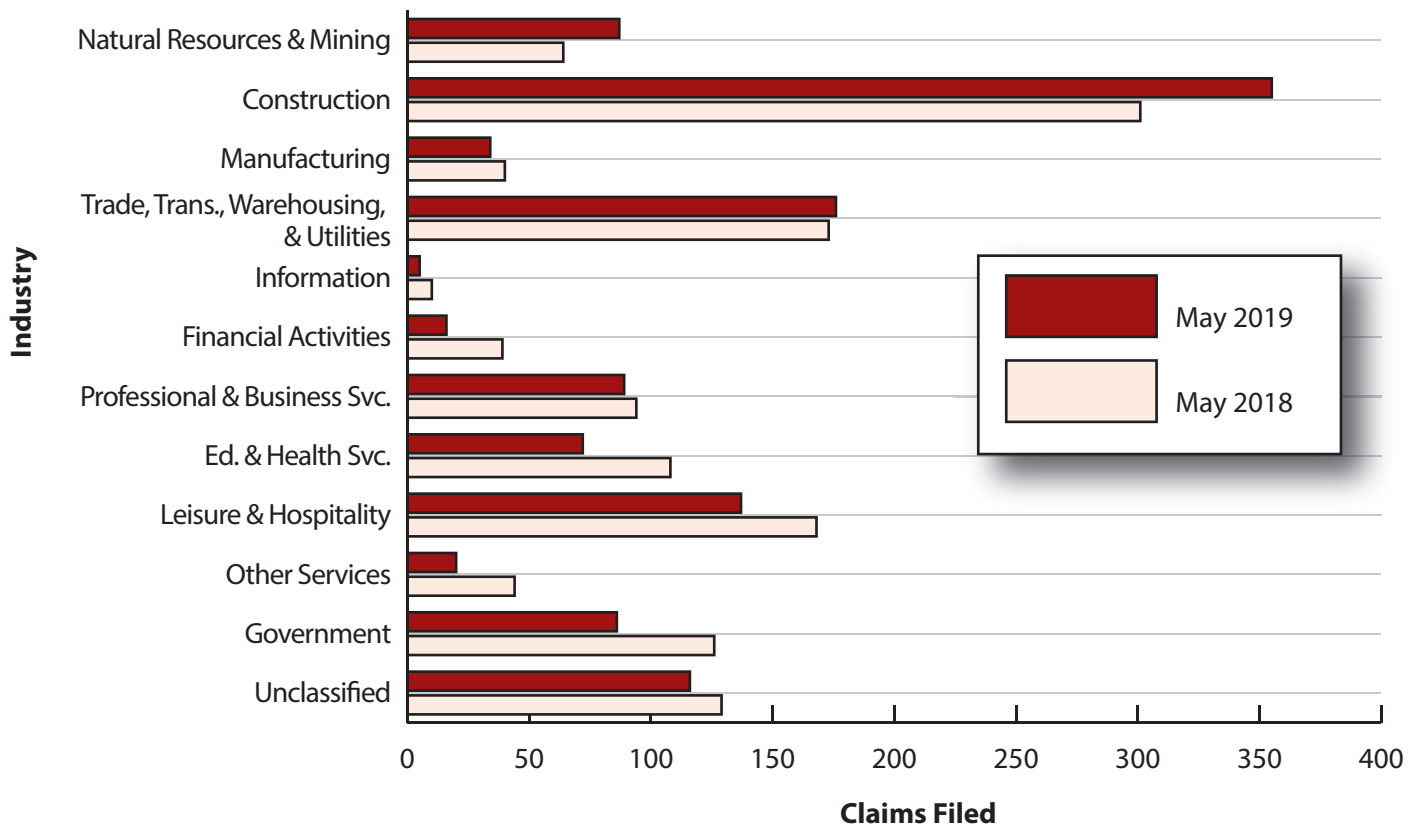


Figure A: Total Number of New Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by Year and Month, January 2009 to May 2019

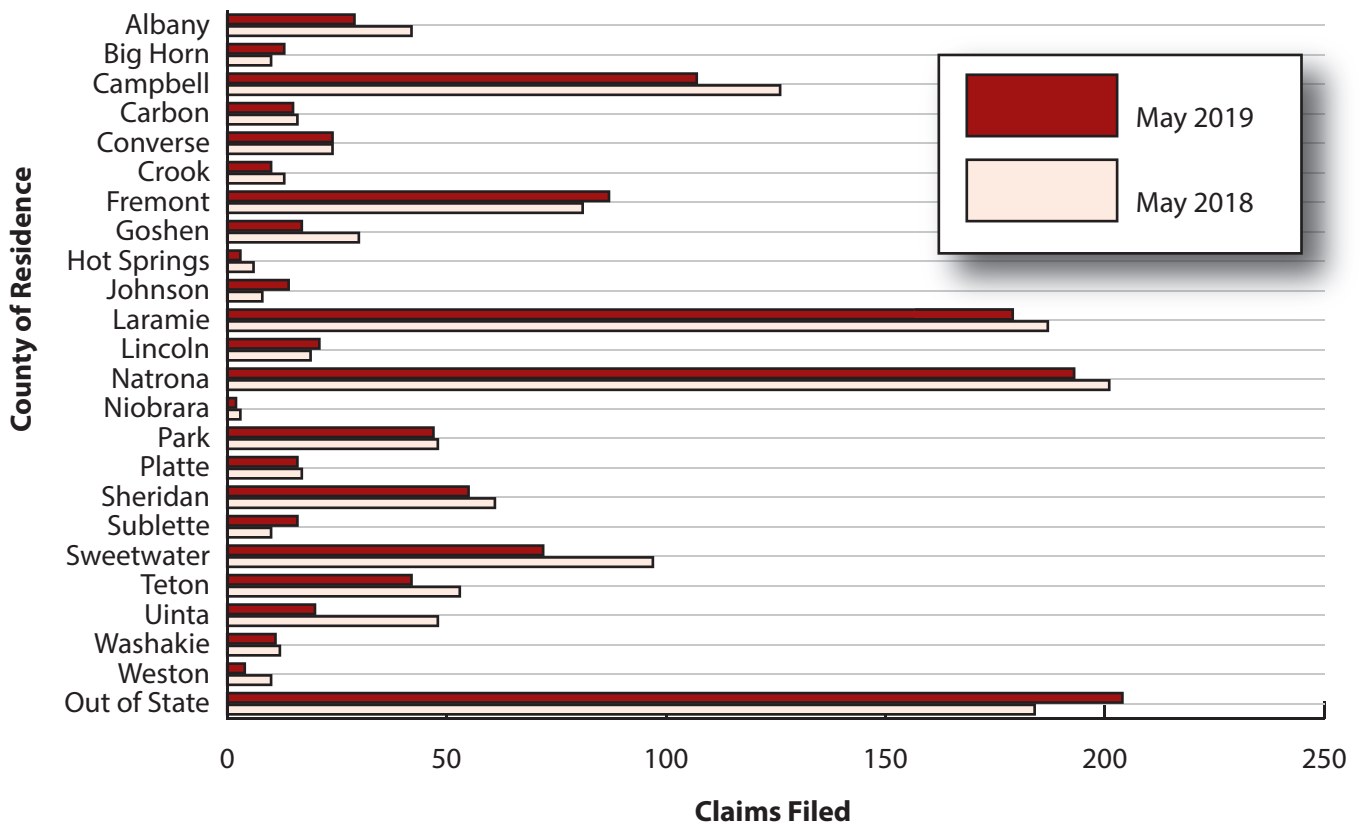
**Table 1: Wyoming Normalized Unemployment Insurance Statistics: Initial Claims**

	Claims Filed			Percent Change Claims Filed		Difference
	<u>May-19</u>	<u>Apr-19</u>	<u>May-18</u>	<u>May-19</u> <u>Apr-19</u>	<u>May-19</u> <u>May-18</u>	<u>May-19</u> <u>May-18</u>
<b><u>Wyoming Statewide</u></b>						
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>1,205</b>	<b>1,706</b>	<b>1,306</b>	<b>-29.4</b>	<b>-7.7</b>	<b>-101</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>17.4</b>	<b>71</b>
Natural Resources and Mining (11,21)	87	110	64	-20.9	35.9	23
Mining (21)	81	102	51	-20.6	58.8	30
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	18	5	3	260.0	500.0	15
Construction (23)	355	277	301	28.2	17.9	54
Manufacturing (31 - 33)	34	68	40	-50.0	-15.0	-6
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>1,002</b>	<b>643</b>	<b>-47.8</b>	<b>-18.7</b>	<b>-120</b>
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	176	208	173	-15.4	1.7	3
Wholesale Trade (42)	25	29	19	-13.8	31.6	6
Retail Trade (44 - 45)	84	93	103	-9.7	-18.4	-19
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (22,48 - 49)	67	86	51	-22.1	31.4	16
Information (51)	5	7	10	-28.6	-50.0	-5
Financial Activities (52, 53)	16	37	39	-56.8	-59.0	-23
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	89	108	94	-17.6	-5.3	-5
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	72	60	108	20.0	-33.3	-36
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	137	542	168	-74.7	-18.5	-31
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	20	34	44	-41.2	-54.5	-24
<b>Government</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>-8.5</b>	<b>-31.7</b>	<b>-40</b>
Federal Government	9	22	19	-59.1	-52.6	-10
State Government	10	11	18	-9.1	-44.4	-8
Local Government	66	59	89	11.9	-25.8	-23
Local Education	22	10	30	120.0	-26.7	-8
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>-23.7</b>	<b>-10.1</b>	<b>-13</b>
<b><u>Laramie County (Place of Residence)</u></b>						
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>-9.1</b>	<b>-4.3</b>	<b>-8</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>68.0</b>	<b>35.5</b>	<b>22</b>
Construction	77	41	56	87.8	37.5	21
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>-42.9</b>	<b>-37.3</b>	<b>-38</b>
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	18	38	33	-52.6	-45.5	-15
Financial Activities (52, 53)	3	8	9	-62.5	-66.7	-6
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	14	35	17	-60.0	-17.6	-3
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	10	9	13	11.1	-23.1	-3
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	10	10	17	0.0	-41.2	-7
<b>Government</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>35.7</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-42.1</b>	<b>120.0</b>	<b>6</b>
<b><u>Natrona County (Place of Residence)</u></b>						
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>-3.5</b>	<b>-7</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>27.4</b>	<b>17</b>
Construction	61	42	45	45.2	35.6	16
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>-22.9</b>	<b>-30</b>
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	35	45	34	-22.2	2.9	1
Financial Activities (52, 53)	2	5	10	-60.0	-80.0	-8
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	20	10	21	100.0	-4.8	-1
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	18	13	27	38.5	-33.3	-9
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	17	11	27	54.5	-37.0	-10
<b>Government</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>200.0</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-27.3</b>	<b>60.0</b>	<b>3</b>

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



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

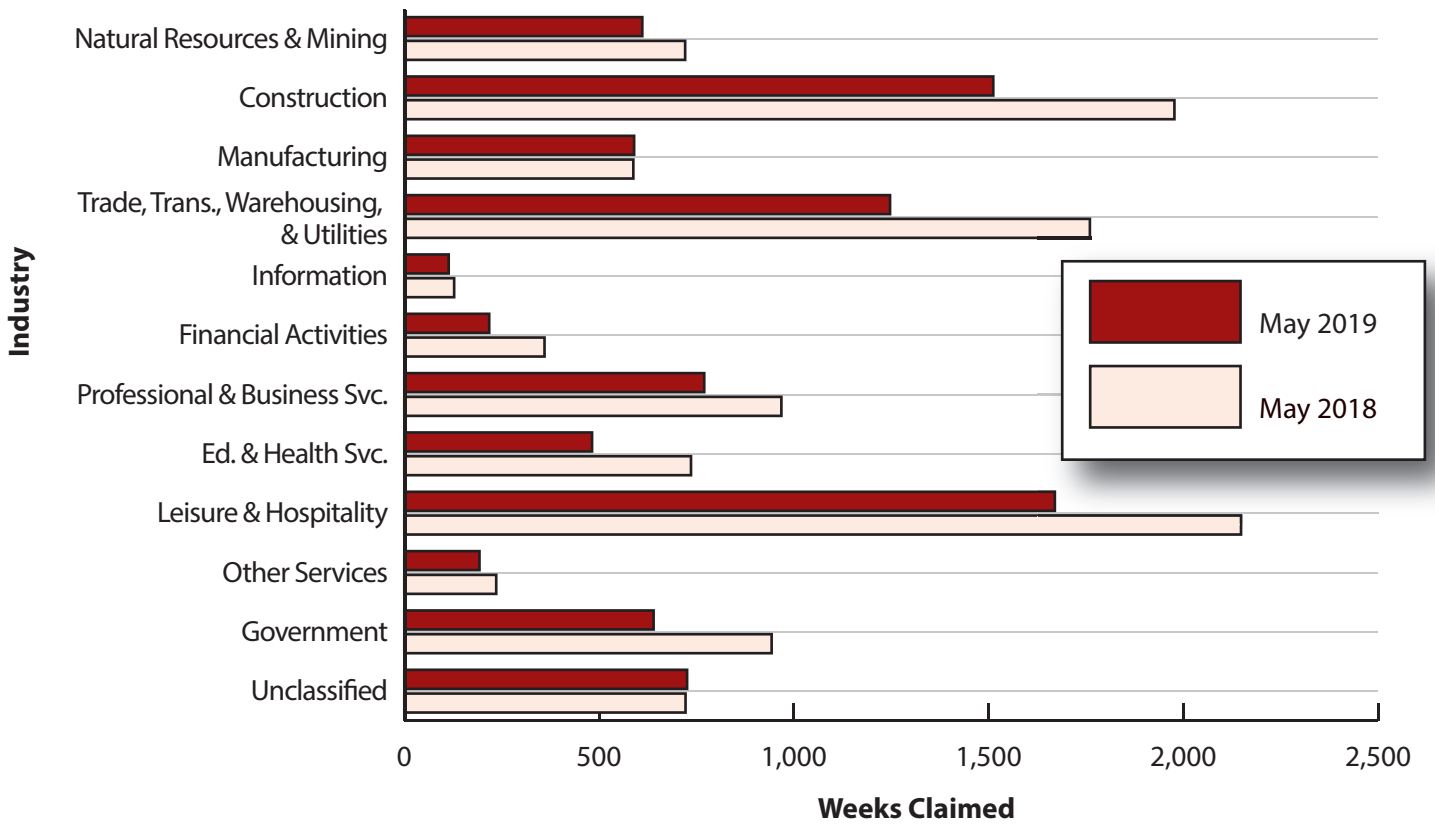


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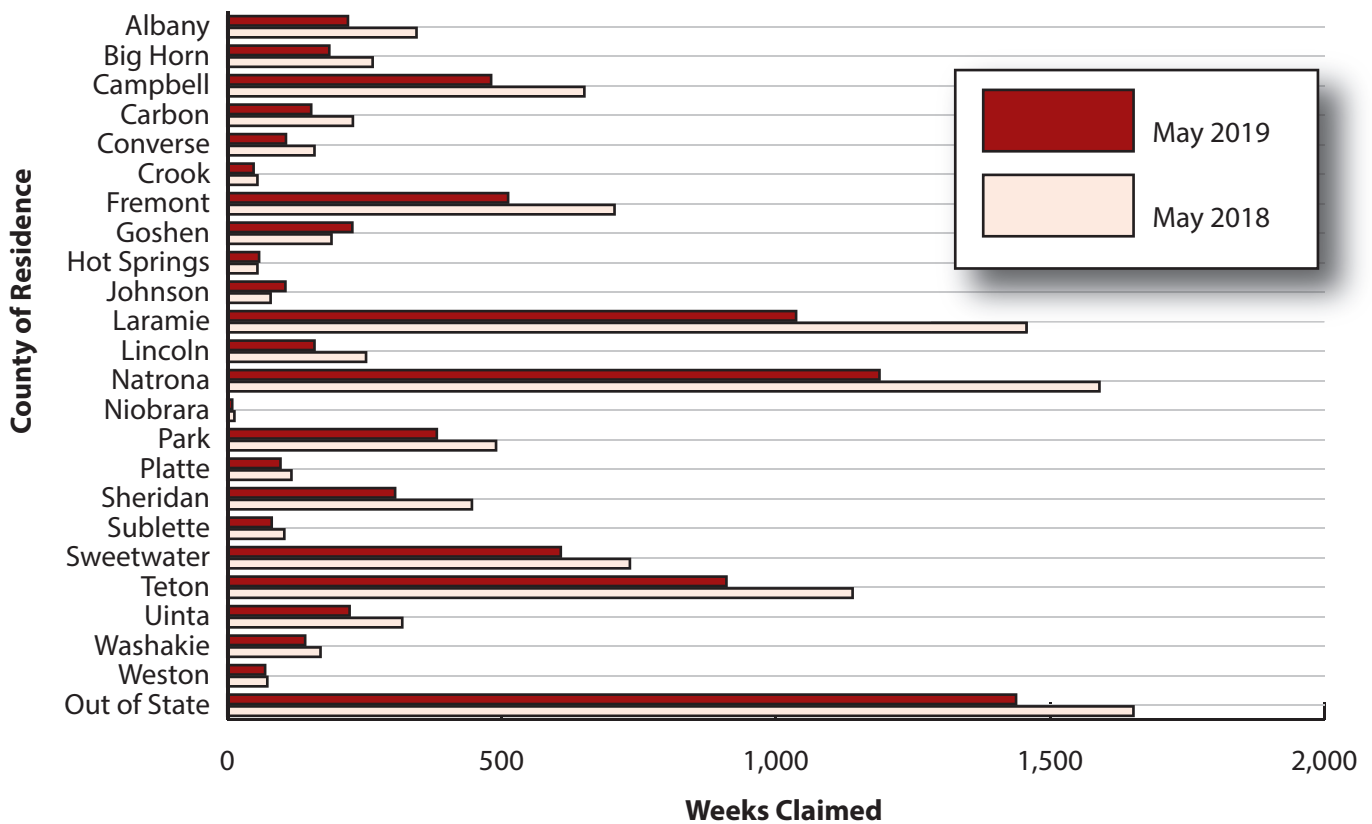
**Table 2: Wyoming Normalized Unemployment Insurance Statistics: Continued Claims**

	Claims Filed			Percent Change Claims		Difference
	May-19	Apr-19	May-18	May-19 Apr-19	May-19 May-18	May-19 May-18
<b><u>Wyoming Statewide</u></b>						
<b>Total Continued Weeks Claimed</b>	<b>8,785</b>	<b>11,738</b>	<b>11,297</b>	<b>-25.2</b>	<b>-22.2</b>	<b>-2,512</b>
<b>Total Unique Claimants</b>	<b>2,609</b>	<b>4,038</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>-35.4</b>	<b>-13.0</b>	<b>-391</b>
<b>Benefit Exhaustions</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>-22.0</b>	<b>71.8</b>	<b>173</b>
<b>Benefit Exhaustion Rates</b>	<b>15.9%</b>	<b>13.2%</b>	<b>8.0%</b>	<b>2.7%</b>	<b>7.8%</b>	
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>2,715</b>	<b>4,227</b>	<b>3,288</b>	<b>-35.8</b>	<b>-17.4</b>	<b>-573</b>
Natural Resources and Mining (11,21)	611	722	721	-15.4	-15.3	-110
Mining (21)	539	621	592	-13.2	-9.0	-53
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	96	92	36	4.3	166.7	60
Construction (23)	1,512	2,801	1,977	-46.0	-23.5	-465
Manufacturing (31 - 33)	590	702	588	-16.0	0.3	2
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>4,702</b>	<b>5,683</b>	<b>6,343</b>	<b>-17.3</b>	<b>-25.9</b>	<b>-1,641</b>
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	1,247	1,499	1,760	-16.8	-29.1	-513
Wholesale Trade (42)	180	251	242	-28.3	-25.6	-62
Retail Trade (44 - 45)	672	805	932	-16.5	-27.9	-260
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (22,48 - 49)	395	443	586	-10.8	-32.6	-191
Information (51)	114	172	128	-33.7	-10.9	-14
Financial Activities (52, 53)	218	208	360	4.8	-39.4	-142
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	770	1,142	968	-32.6	-20.5	-198
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	482	555	736	-13.2	-34.5	-254
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	1,670	1,906	2,148	-12.4	-22.3	-478
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	193	195	236	-1.0	-18.2	-43
<b>Government</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>1,011</b>	<b>943</b>	<b>-36.7</b>	<b>-32.1</b>	<b>-303</b>
Federal Government	191	522	304	-63.4	-37.2	-113
State Government	79	80	136	-1.3	-41.9	-57
Local Government	369	408	502	-9.6	-26.5	-133
Local Education	71	77	121	-7.8	-41.3	-50
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>726</b>	<b>817</b>	<b>722</b>	<b>-11.1</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>4</b>
<b><u>Laramie County (Place of Residence)</u></b>						
<b>Total Continued Weeks Claimed</b>	<b>1,037</b>	<b>1,366</b>	<b>1,457</b>	<b>-24.1</b>	<b>-28.8</b>	<b>-420</b>
<b>Total Unique Claimants</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>-36.2</b>	<b>-15.8</b>	<b>-58</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>-42.4</b>	<b>-30.0</b>	<b>-119</b>
Construction	260	458	301	-43.2	-13.6	-41
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>904</b>	<b>-16.2</b>	<b>-36.9</b>	<b>-334</b>
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	150	163	361	-8.0	-58.4	-211
Financial Activities (52, 53)	50	34	80	47.1	-37.5	-30
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	140	220	166	-36.4	-15.7	-26
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	121	121	132	0.0	-8.3	-11
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	51	58	117	-12.1	-56.4	-66
<b>Government</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>-2.2</b>	<b>-12.6</b>	<b>-13</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>-11.9</b>	<b>88.2</b>	<b>45</b>
<b><u>Natrona County (Place of Residence)</u></b>						
<b>Total Continued Weeks Claimed</b>	<b>1,189</b>	<b>1,493</b>	<b>1,589</b>	<b>-20.4</b>	<b>-25.2</b>	<b>-400</b>
<b>Total Unique Claimants</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>-29.7</b>	<b>-17.2</b>	<b>-72</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>513</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>-34.5</b>	<b>-25.0</b>	<b>-112</b>
Construction	174	371	299	-53.1	-41.8	-125
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>759</b>	<b>893</b>	<b>1,040</b>	<b>-15.0</b>	<b>-27.0</b>	<b>-281</b>
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	309	322	326	-4.0	-5.2	-17
Financial Activities (52, 53)	44	38	82	15.8	-46.3	-38
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	116	174	192	-33.3	-39.6	-76
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	101	141	184	-28.4	-45.1	-83
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	129	147	165	-12.2	-21.8	-36
<b>Government</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>-10.4</b>	<b>-39.4</b>	<b>-28</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>28.9</b>	<b>69.0</b>	<b>20</b>

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



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



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**Table 3: Wyoming Normalized<sup>a</sup> Unemployment Statistics:  
Continued Claims by County of Residence, May 2019**

County	May 19	May 18	Over-the-Year Change	
			N	%
Albany	220	345	-125	-36.2
Big Horn	186	265	-79	-29.8
Campbell	481	651	-170	-26.1
Carbon	153	229	-76	-33.2
Converse	107	159	-52	-32.7
Crook	48	55	-7	-12.7
Fremont	512	706	-194	-27.5
Goshen	228	190	38	20.0
Hot Springs	58	55	3	5.5
Johnson	106	79	27	34.2
Laramie	1,037	1,457	-420	-28.8
Lincoln	159	253	-94	-37.2
Natrona	1,189	1,590	-401	-25.2
Niobrara	9	13	-4	-30.8
Park	382	490	-108	-22.0
Platte	97	117	-20	-17.1
Sheridan	306	446	-140	-31.4
Sublette	81	104	-23	-22.1
Sweetwater	608	734	-126	-17.2
Teton	910	1,140	-230	-20.2
Uinta	223	319	-96	-30.1
Washakie	142	170	-28	-16.5
Weston	69	73	-4	-5.5
Unknown	36	6	30	500.0
Out of State	1,438	1,652	-214	-13.0
<b>Normalized Total<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>8,786</b>	<b>11,298</b>	<b>-2,512</b>	<b>-22.2</b>
<b>Real Total<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>10,145</b>	<b>13,046</b>	<b>-2,901</b>	<b>-22.2</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.  
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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