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## Initial Claims Continue to Decline

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In September 2018, initial Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims decreased by 29.1% (-372 claims) compared to September 2017.

### Initial Claims

There were 906 initial claims in September 2018. This was the lowest level for the month of September since 1999.

The largest over-the-year decreases were seen in construction (-112 claims, or -38.5%) and retail trade (-60, or -45.5%). The majority of industries experienced a decline in the number of initial claims except financial activities (7, or 33.3%) and information, which remained unchanged.

The greatest decreases were seen in Laramie (-74 claims, or -36.4%), Sweetwater (-40, or -43.0%), Sheridan (-28, or -41.3%), and Campbell (-25, or -29.5%) counties.

### Continued Claims

In September there were 1,864 unique claimants with continued claims. Over the year, the number of unique claimants with continued claims decreased by 30.9% (833 fewer individuals).

Total continued weeks claimed decreased by 34.9% (3,282 fewer weeks claimed). Continued weeks claimed for the month of September were at the lowest level since 2006, with 6,121 weeks claimed.

All industry sectors experienced a decrease in over-the-year continued weeks claimed except information (36 weeks, or 29.5%). The greatest decreases were in construction (712 weeks, or -42.8%), and trade, transportation, warehousing, & utilities (-476, or 31.3%). Albany, Niobrara, and Washakie counties saw an increase of five or fewer weeks claimed.

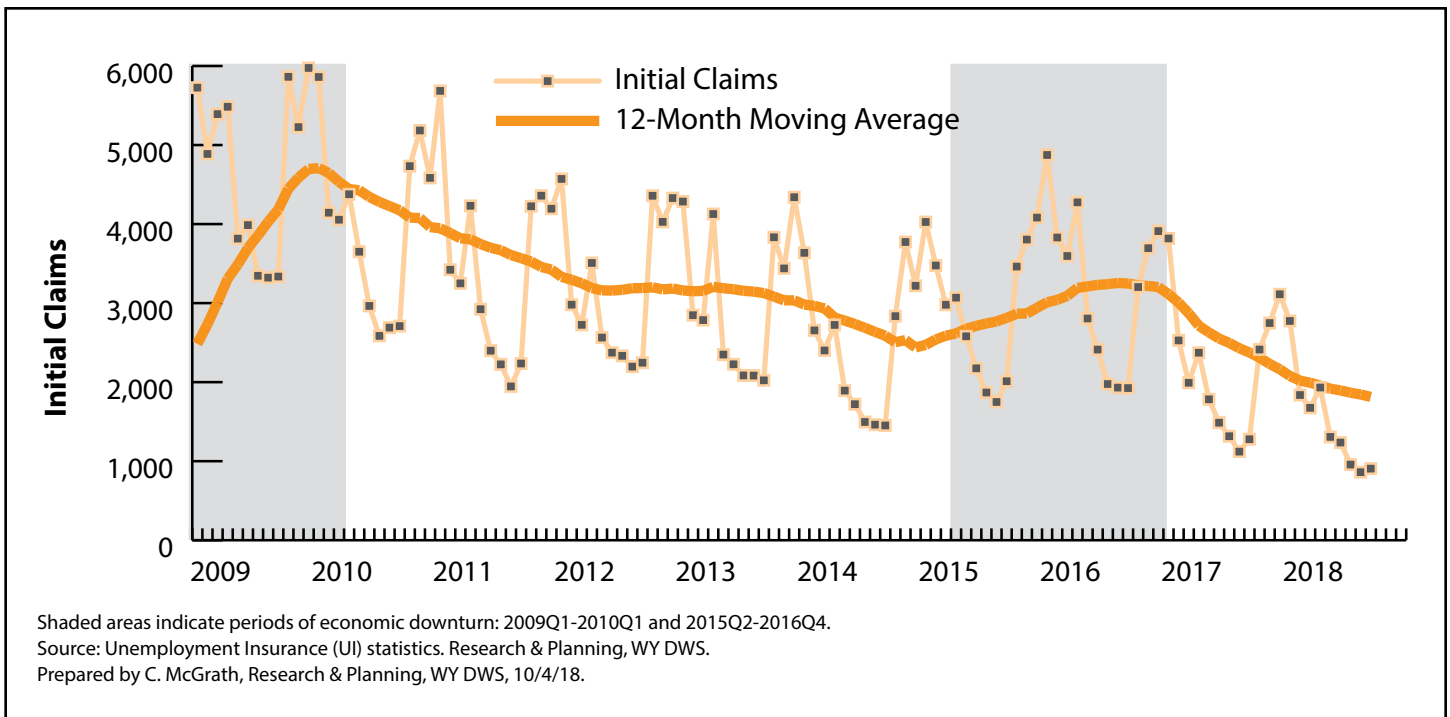
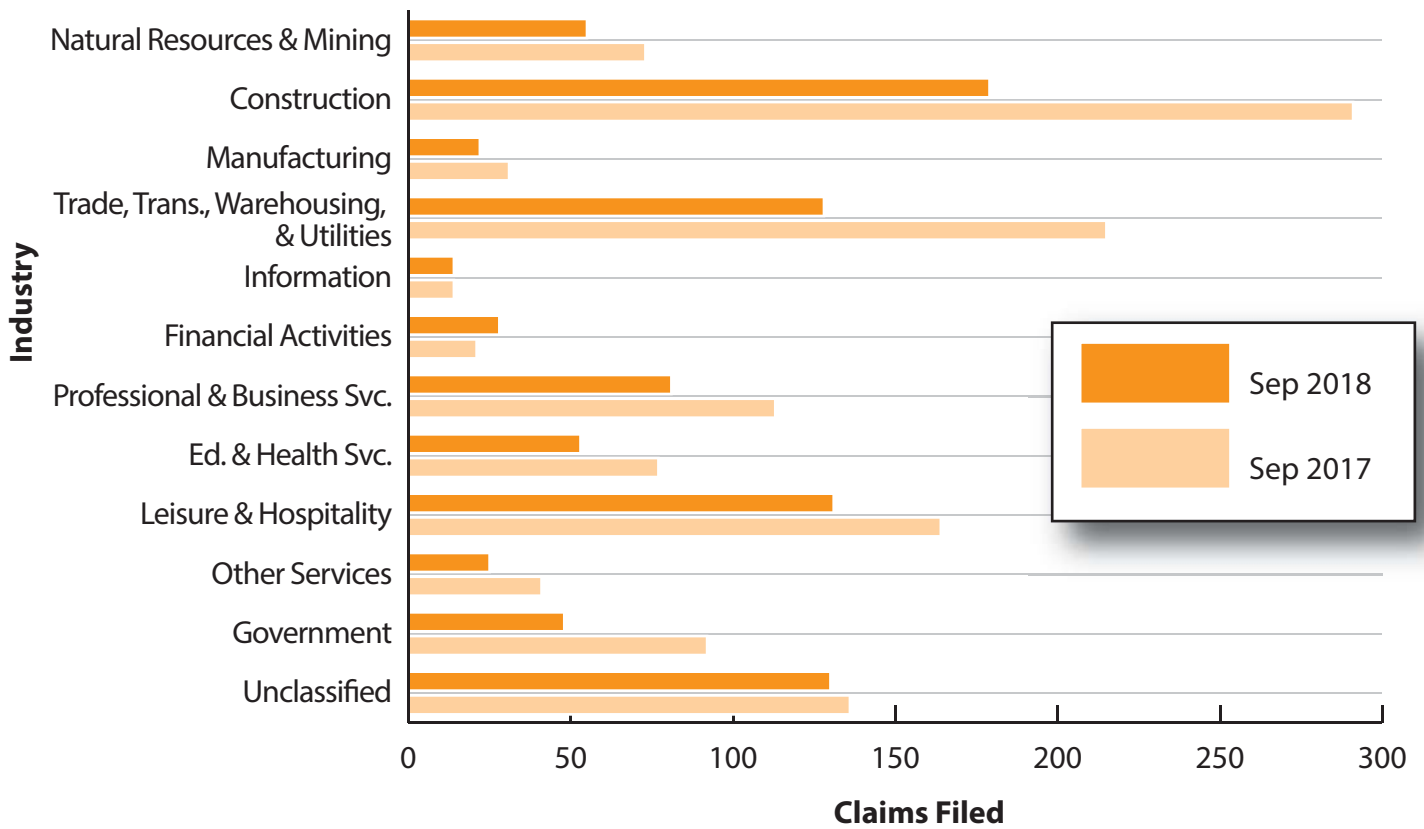


Figure 1: Total Number of New Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by Year and Month, January 2009 to September 2018

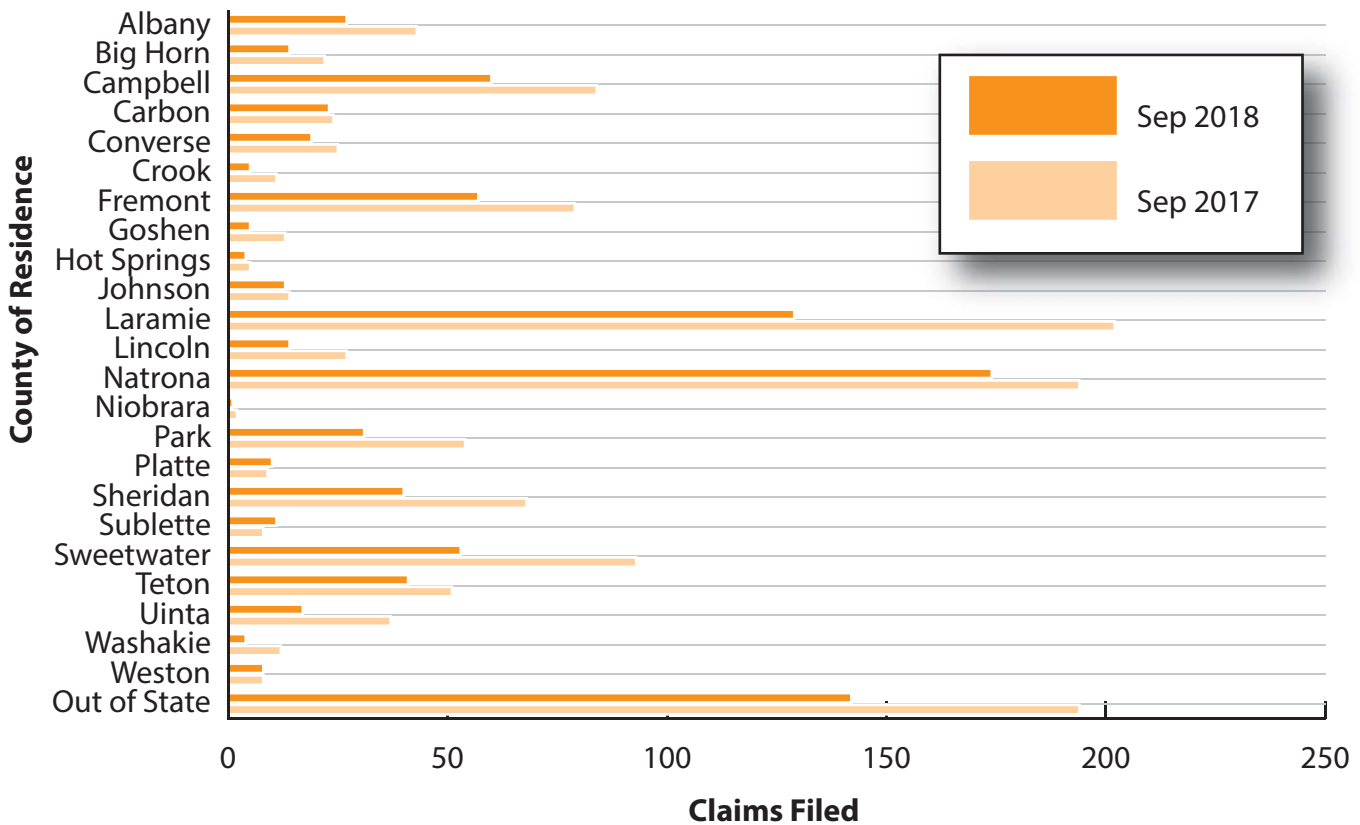
## Initial Claims Tables

	Claims Filed			Percent Change Claims Filed		Difference
	Sep-18	Aug-18	Sep-17	Sep-18 Aug-18	Sep-18 Sep-17	Sep-18 Sep-17
<b><u>Wyoming Statewide</u></b>						
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>906</b>	<b>860</b>	<b>1,278</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>-29.1</b>	<b>-372</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>18.3</b>	<b>-35.0</b>	<b>-139</b>
Natural Resources and Mining (11,21)	55	35	73	57.1	-24.7	-18
Mining (21)	47	32	64	46.9	-26.6	-17
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	8	5	7	60.0	14.3	1
Construction (23)	179	161	291	11.2	-38.5	-112
Manufacturing (31 - 33)	22	19	31	15.8	-29.0	-9
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>652</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>-28.4</b>	<b>-185</b>
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	128	126	215	1.6	-40.5	-87
Wholesale Trade (42)	21	32	30	-34.4	-30.0	-9
Retail Trade (44 - 45)	72	62	132	16.1	-45.5	-60
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (22,48 - 49)	35	32	53	9.4	-34.0	-18
Information (51)	14	18	14	-22.2	0.0	0
Financial Activities (52, 53)	28	27	21	3.7	33.3	7
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	81	104	113	-22.1	-28.3	-32
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	53	71	77	-25.4	-31.2	-24
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	131	59	164	122.0	-20.1	-33
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	25	23	41	8.7	-39.0	-16
<b>Government</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>-26.2</b>	<b>-47.8</b>	<b>-44</b>
Federal Government	4	2	24	100.0	-83.3	-20
State Government	11	12	21	-8.3	-47.6	-10
Local Government	32	50	45	-36.0	-28.9	-13
Local Education	8	21	11	-61.9	-27.3	-3
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>-7.8</b>	<b>-4.4</b>	<b>-6</b>
<b><u>Laramie County (Place of Residence)</u></b>						
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>-24.3</b>	<b>-36.6</b>	<b>-74</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>37.0</b>	<b>-45.6</b>	<b>-31</b>
Construction	35	25	57	40.0	-38.6	-22
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>-36.9</b>	<b>-36.4</b>	<b>-40</b>
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	23	20	25	15.0	-8.0	-2
Financial Activities (52, 53)	1	4	7	-75.0	-85.7	-6
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	18	44	23	-59.1	-21.7	-5
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	8	18	18	-55.6	-55.6	-10
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	8	6	20	33.3	-60.0	-12
<b>Government</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>-63.6</b>	<b>-66.7</b>	<b>-8</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>-15.8</b>	<b>60.0</b>	<b>6</b>
<b><u>Natrona County (Place of Residence)</u></b>						
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>28.9</b>	<b>-9.8</b>	<b>-19</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>75.0</b>	<b>-6.0</b>	<b>-4</b>
Construction	47	25	49	88.0	-4.1	-2
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>-16.1</b>	<b>-18</b>
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	25	25	44	0.0	-43.2	-19
Financial Activities (52, 53)	6	7	2	-14.3	200.0	4
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	14	12	17	16.7	-17.6	-3
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	19	19	19	0.0	0.0	0
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	16	9	22	77.8	-27.3	-6
<b>Government</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>-33.3</b>	<b>-75.0</b>	<b>-6</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>40.0</b>	<b>180.0</b>	<b>9</b>

## Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry, September 2018



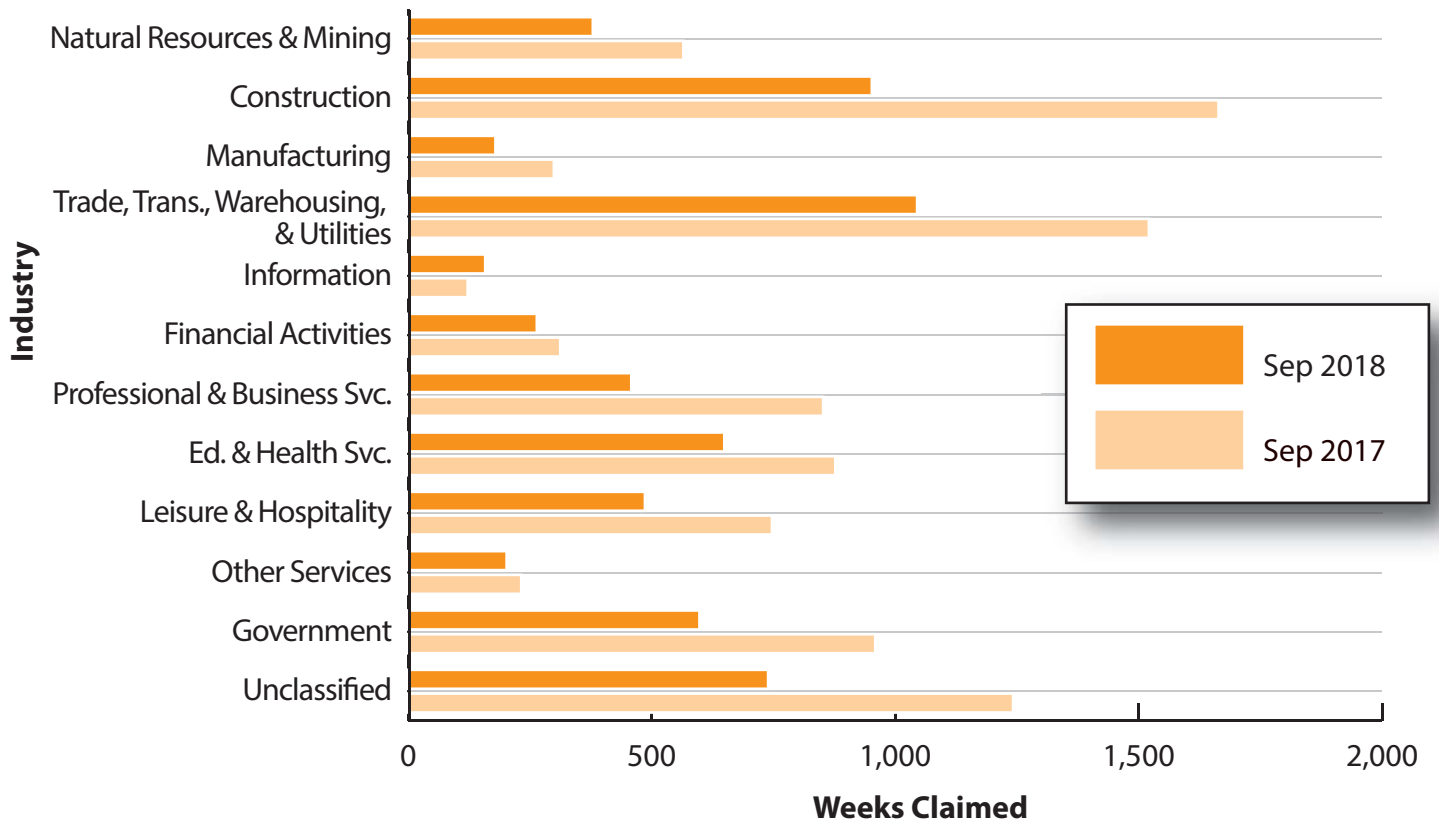
## Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, September 2018



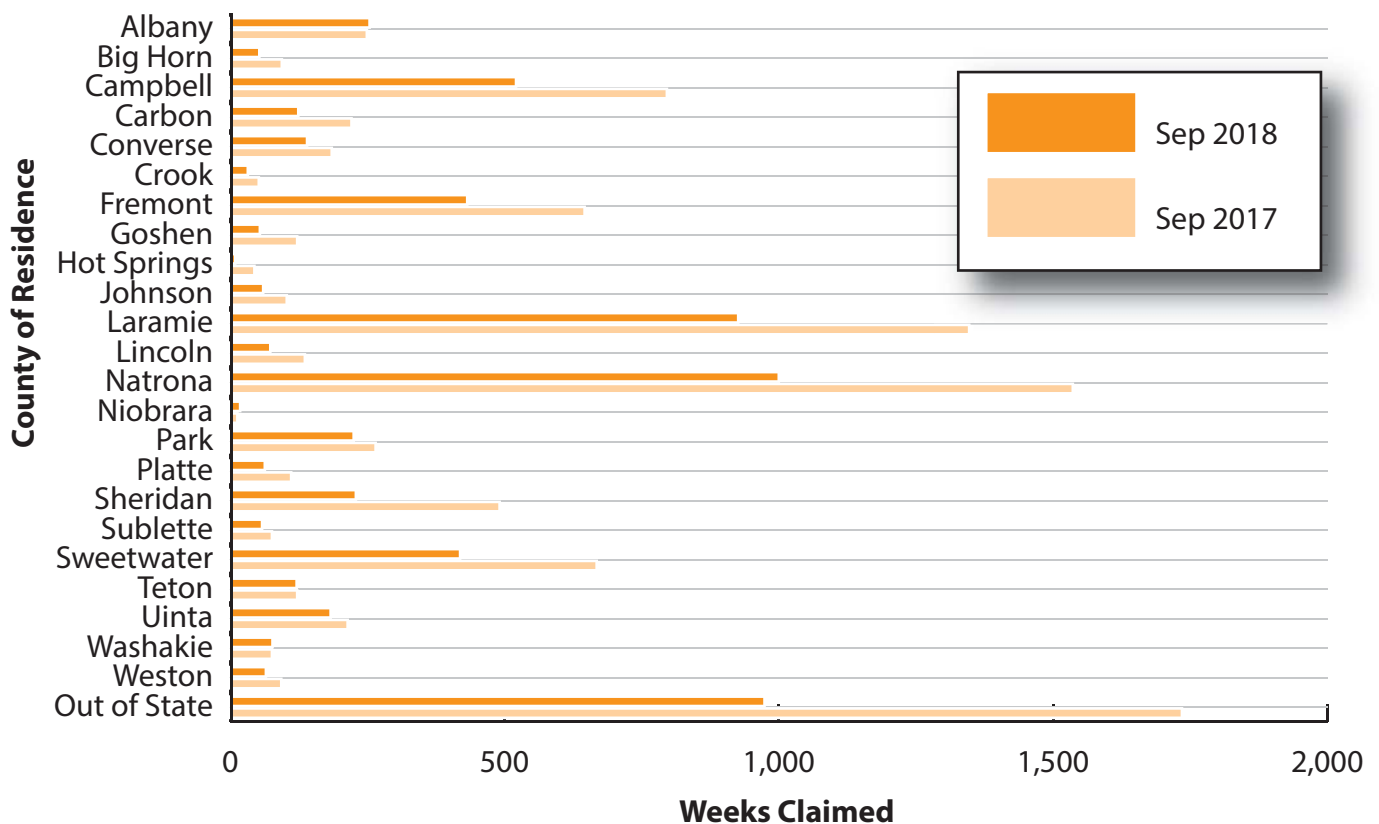
## Continued Weeks Claimed Tables

	Claims Filed			Percent Change Claims		Difference
	Sep-18	Aug-18	Sep-17	Sep-18 Aug-18	Sep-18 Sep-17	Sep-18 Sep-17
<b><u>Wyoming Statewide</u></b>						
<b>Total Continued Weeks Claimed</b>	<b>6,121</b>	<b>7,531</b>	<b>9,403</b>	<b>-18.7</b>	<b>-34.9</b>	<b>-3,282</b>
<b>Total Unique Claimants</b>	<b>1,864</b>	<b>1,955</b>	<b>2,697</b>	<b>-4.7</b>	<b>-30.9</b>	<b>-833</b>
<b>Benefit Exhaustions</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>-18.1</b>	<b>-12.4</b>	<b>-27</b>
<b>Benefit Exhaustion Rates</b>	<b>10.2%</b>	<b>11.9%</b>	<b>8.0%</b>	<b>-1.7%</b>	<b>2.1%</b>	
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>1,512</b>	<b>1,842</b>	<b>2,530</b>	<b>-17.9</b>	<b>-40.2</b>	<b>-1,018</b>
Natural Resources and Mining (11,21)	379	451	565	-16.0	-32.9	-186
Mining (21)	342	420	518	-18.6	-34.0	-176
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	31	22	94	40.9	-67.0	-63
Construction (23)	952	1,110	1,664	-14.2	-42.8	-712
Manufacturing (31 - 33)	179	281	299	-36.3	-40.1	-120
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>3,271</b>	<b>3,916</b>	<b>4,670</b>	<b>-16.5</b>	<b>-30.0</b>	<b>-1,399</b>
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	1,045	1,095	1,521	-4.6	-31.3	-476
Wholesale Trade (42)	180	155	261	16.1	-31.0	-81
Retail Trade (44 - 45)	582	653	903	-10.9	-35.5	-321
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (22,48 - 49)	283	287	357	-1.4	-20.7	-74
Information (51)	158	146	122	8.2	29.5	36
Financial Activities (52, 53)	264	298	312	-11.4	-15.4	-48
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	458	625	852	-26.7	-46.2	-394
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	649	877	877	-26.0	-26.0	-228
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	486	636	747	-23.6	-34.9	-261
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	202	230	232	-12.2	-12.9	-30
<b>Government</b>	<b>598</b>	<b>812</b>	<b>959</b>	<b>-26.4</b>	<b>-37.6</b>	<b>-361</b>
Federal Government	55	73	140	-24.7	-60.7	-85
State Government	114	109	111	4.6	2.7	3
Local Government	428	628	706	-31.8	-39.4	-278
Local Education	176	178	246	-1.1	-28.5	-70
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>739</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>1,242</b>	<b>-23.0</b>	<b>-40.5</b>	<b>-503</b>
<b><u>Laramie County (Place of Residence)</u></b>						
<b>Total Continued Weeks Claimed</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>1,162</b>	<b>1,346</b>	<b>-20.4</b>	<b>-31.3</b>	<b>-421</b>
<b>Total Unique Claimants</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>-12.0</b>	<b>-31.5</b>	<b>-125</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>-25.4</b>	<b>-43.2</b>	<b>-114</b>
Construction	115	157	206	-26.8	-44.2	-91
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>775</b>	<b>932</b>	<b>-20.3</b>	<b>-33.7</b>	<b>-314</b>
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	221	245	300	-9.8	-26.3	-79
Financial Activities (52, 53)	58	71	90	-18.3	-35.6	-32
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	90	162	225	-44.4	-60.0	-135
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	103	133	152	-22.6	-32.2	-49
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	58	95	76	-38.9	-23.7	-18
<b>Government</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>-31.1</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>3</b>
<b><u>Natrona County (Place of Residence)</u></b>						
<b>Total Continued Weeks Claimed</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,069</b>	<b>1,536</b>	<b>-6.5</b>	<b>-34.9</b>	<b>-536</b>
<b>Total Unique Claimants</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>-34.2</b>	<b>-149</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>-2.7</b>	<b>-47.4</b>	<b>-193</b>
Construction	126	119	271	5.9	-53.5	-145
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>765</b>	<b>985</b>	<b>-8.5</b>	<b>-28.9</b>	<b>-285</b>
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	226	198	372	14.1	-39.2	-146
Financial Activities (52, 53)	41	46	56	-10.9	-26.8	-15
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	58	70	123	-17.1	-52.8	-65
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	197	262	253	-24.8	-22.1	-56
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	119	140	157	-15.0	-24.2	-38
<b>Government</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>-20.8</b>	<b>-80.0</b>	<b>-76</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>37.5</b>	<b>18</b>

## Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry, September 2018



## Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, September 2018



**Wyoming Normalized<sup>a</sup> Unemployment Statistics: Continued Claims by County of Residence, September 2018**

County	Sep 18	Sep 17	Over-the-Year Change	
			N	%
Albany	254	249	5	2.0
Big Horn	53	94	-41	-43.6
Campbell	521	796	-275	-34.5
Carbon	124	221	-97	-43.9
Converse	140	185	-45	-24.3
Crook	32	52	-20	-38.5
Fremont	432	646	-214	-33.1
Goshen	54	122	-68	-55.7
Hot Springs	9	44	-35	-79.5
Johnson	60	103	-43	-41.7
Laramie	926	1,347	-421	-31.3
Lincoln	73	136	-63	-46.3
Natrona	1,000	1,536	-536	-34.9
Niobrara	18	13	5	38.5
Park	225	265	-40	-15.1
Platte	63	111	-48	-43.2
Sheridan	229	491	-262	-53.4
Sublette	58	76	-18	-23.7
Sweetwater	419	668	-249	-37.3
Teton	121	122	-1	-0.8
Uinta	183	214	-31	-14.5
Washakie	77	76	1	1.3
Weston	65	93	-28	-30.1
Unknown	11	6	5	83.3
Out of State	974	1,735	-761	-43.9
<b>Normalized Total<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>6,122</b>	<b>9,404</b>	<b>-3,282</b>	<b>-34.9</b>
<b>Real Total<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>5,655</b>	<b>8,687</b>	<b>-3,032</b>	<b>-34.9</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.

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

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