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Initial Claims Reach Lowest Level Since Great Recession

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In December 2018, total initial Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims decreased 27.0% (-841 claims) compared to December 2017. Initial claims have declined from prior-year levels each month since September 2016. As shown in Figure 1, initial claims were lower than they had been at any point during the last 10 years, including the national Great Recession and two periods of economic downturn in Wyoming.

Initial Claims

The largest decrease in UI initial claims was seen in construction (-360 claims or -26.0%) followed by leisure & hospitality (-105 claims, or -40.2). Most industries showed an over-the-year decrease in initial claims in December, with the exception of professional & business services (11, or 4.2%) and information (2, or 14.3%).

At the county level, only Washakie County showed an increase in initial claims (10, or 56.3%). Initial claims were unchanged in Carbon, Niobrara, and Sublette counties.

Continued Claims

Total continued weeks claimed decreased by 24.4% (-4,051 weeks) over the year in December. Continued claims have decreased from prior-year levels every month since November 2016.

Most industries showed a double digit percentage decrease compared to December 2017, with the exception of natural resources & mining (-6 weeks, or -0.9%) and information (36, or 36.4%). The largest decreases were seen in construction (-777 weeks, or -19.4%) and wholesale trade, transportation, warehousing, & utilities (-724, or -35.7%).

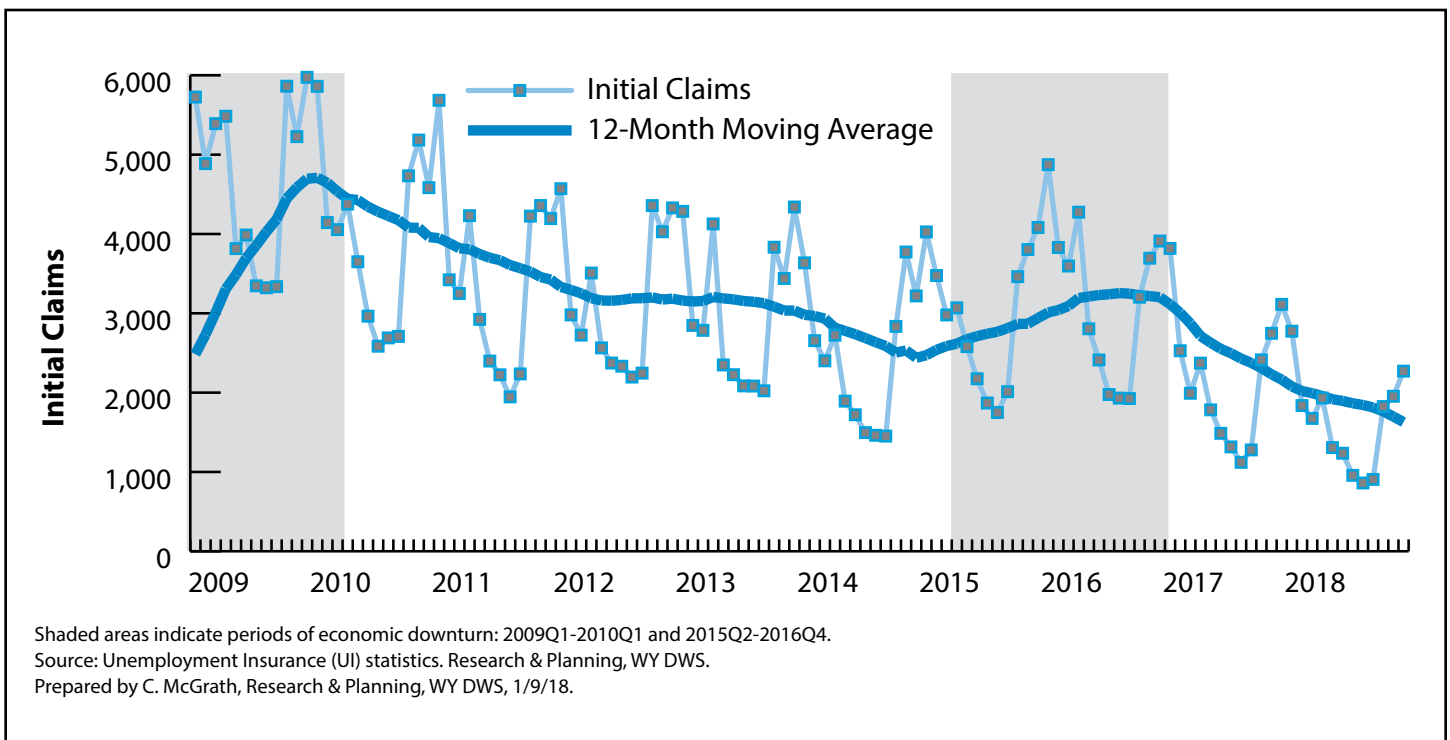
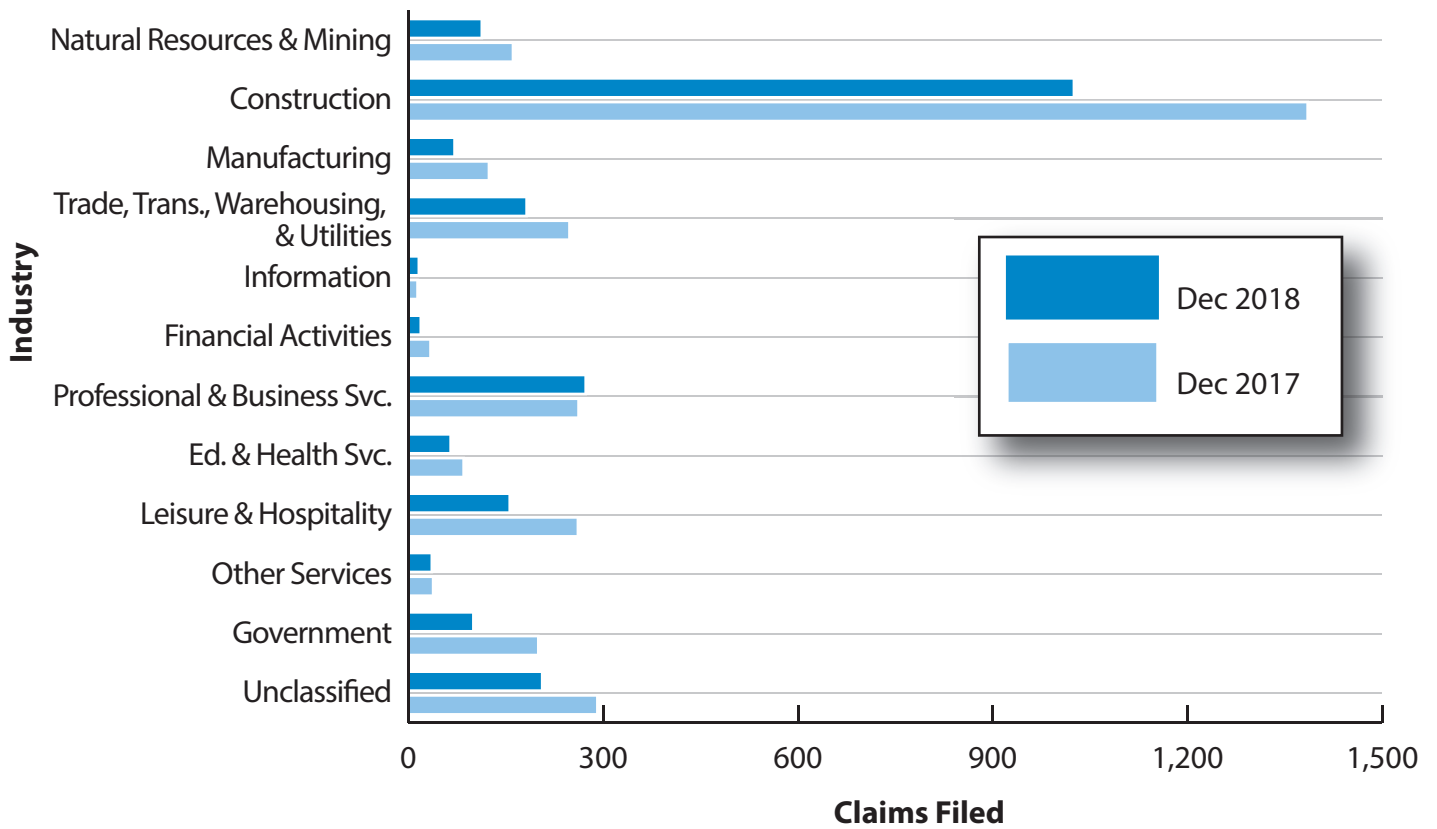


Figure 1: Total Number of New Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by Year and Month, January 2009 to December 2018

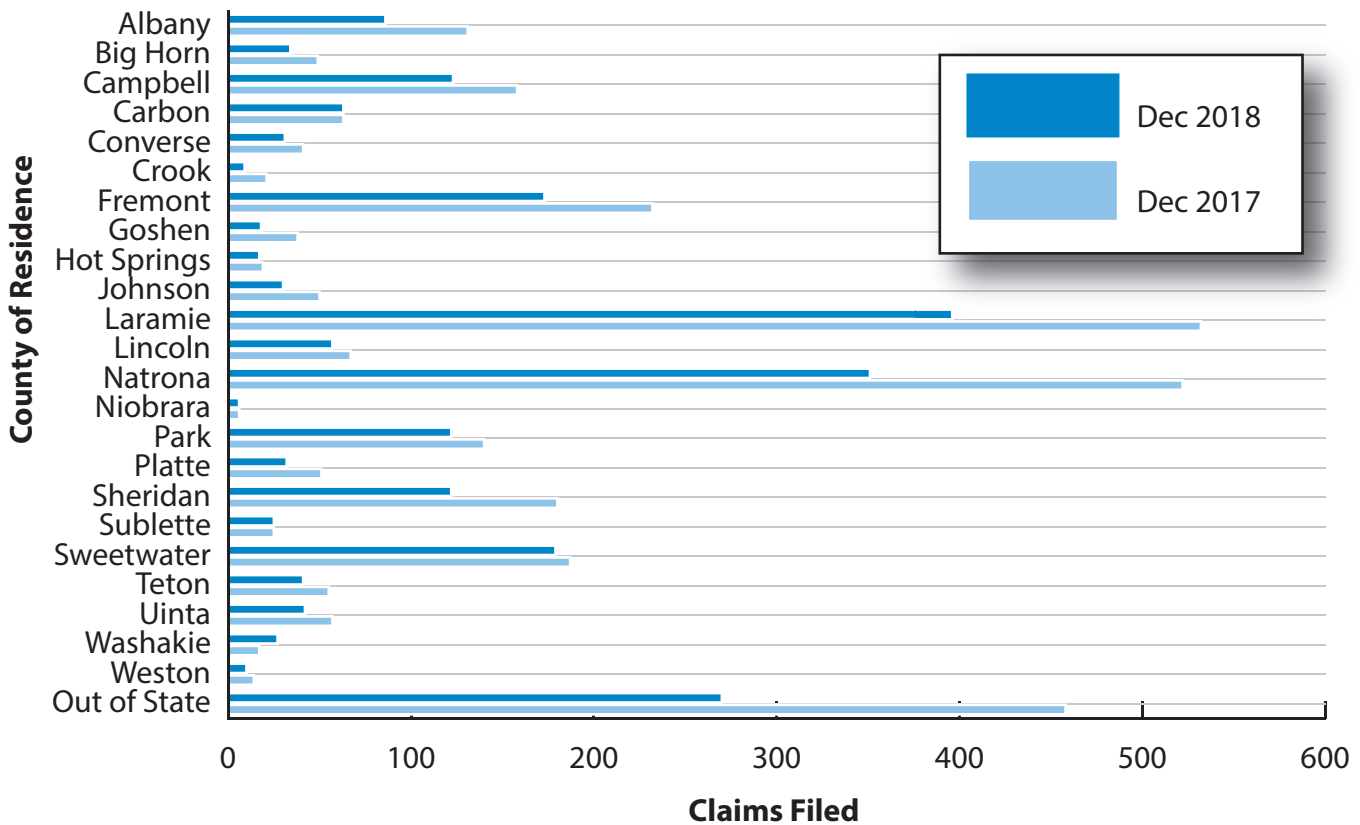
Initial Claims Tables

	Claims Filed			Percent Change Claims Filed		Difference
	Dec-18	Nov-18	Dec-17	Dec-18 Nov-18	Dec-18 Dec-17	Dec-18 Dec-17
<u>Wyoming Statewide</u>						
Total Claims Filed	2,271	1,953	3,112	16.3	-27.0	-841
Goods-Producing	1,210	793	1,672	52.6	-27.6	-462
Natural Resources and Mining (11,21)	113	90	161	25.6	-29.8	-48
Mining (21)	98	60	136	63.3	-27.9	-38
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	6	7	5	-14.3	20.0	1
Construction (23)	1,025	653	1,385	57.0	-26.0	-360
Manufacturing (31 - 33)	71	48	124	47.9	-42.7	-53
Service-Providing	753	841	948	-10.5	-20.6	-195
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	182	174	248	4.6	-26.6	-66
Wholesale Trade (42)	30	20	22	50.0	36.4	8
Retail Trade (44 - 45)	90	95	152	-5.3	-40.8	-62
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (22,48 - 49)	62	59	74	5.1	-16.2	-12
Information (51)	16	6	14	166.7	14.3	2
Financial Activities (52, 53)	19	26	34	-26.9	-44.1	-15
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	273	205	262	33.2	4.2	11
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	65	44	85	47.7	-23.5	-20
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	156	356	261	-56.2	-40.2	-105
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	36	24	38	50.0	-5.3	-2
Government	100	100	200	0.0	-50.0	-100
Federal Government	36	40	111	-10.0	-67.6	-75
State Government	9	5	24	80.0	-62.5	-15
Local Government	54	55	63	-1.8	-14.3	-9
Local Education	8	12	11	-33.3	-27.3	-3
Unclassified	206	218	291	-5.5	-29.2	-85
<u>Laramie County (Place of Residence)</u>						
Total Claims Filed	396	276	531	43.5	-25.4	-135
Goods-Producing	215	149	348	44.3	-38.2	-133
Construction	205	139	319	47.5	-35.7	-114
Service-Providing	119	92	156	29.3	-23.7	-37
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	32	21	45	52.4	-28.9	-13
Financial Activities (52, 53)	2	2	7	0.0	-71.4	-5
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	52	37	54	40.5	-3.7	-2
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	7	9	9	-22.2	-22.2	-2
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	11	14	28	-21.4	-60.7	-17
Government	25	5	11	400.0	127.3	14
Unclassified	35	29	14	20.7	150.0	21
<u>Natrona County (Place of Residence)</u>						
Total Claims Filed	350	254	521	37.8	-32.8	-171
Goods-Producing	198	120	315	65.0	-37.1	-117
Construction	169	103	253	64.1	-33.2	-84
Service-Providing	136	116	188	17.2	-27.7	-52
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	51	37	54	37.8	-5.6	-3
Financial Activities (52, 53)	4	3	4	33.3	0.0	0
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	30	35	42	-14.3	-28.6	-12
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	17	11	32	54.5	-46.9	-15
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	30	26	46	15.4	-34.8	-16
Government	4	5	10	-20.0	-60.0	-6
Unclassified	11	11	7	0.0	57.1	4

Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry, December 2018



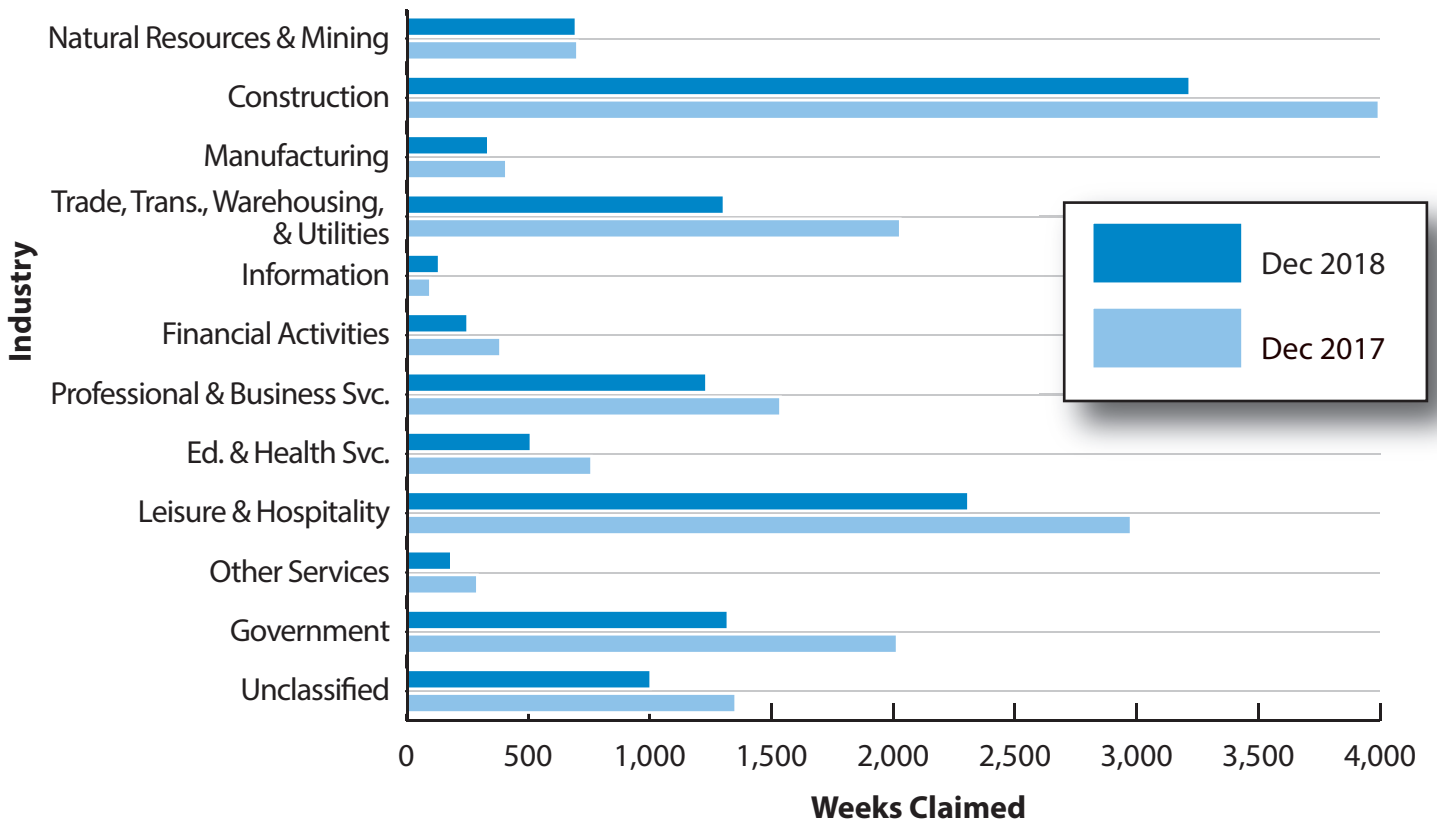
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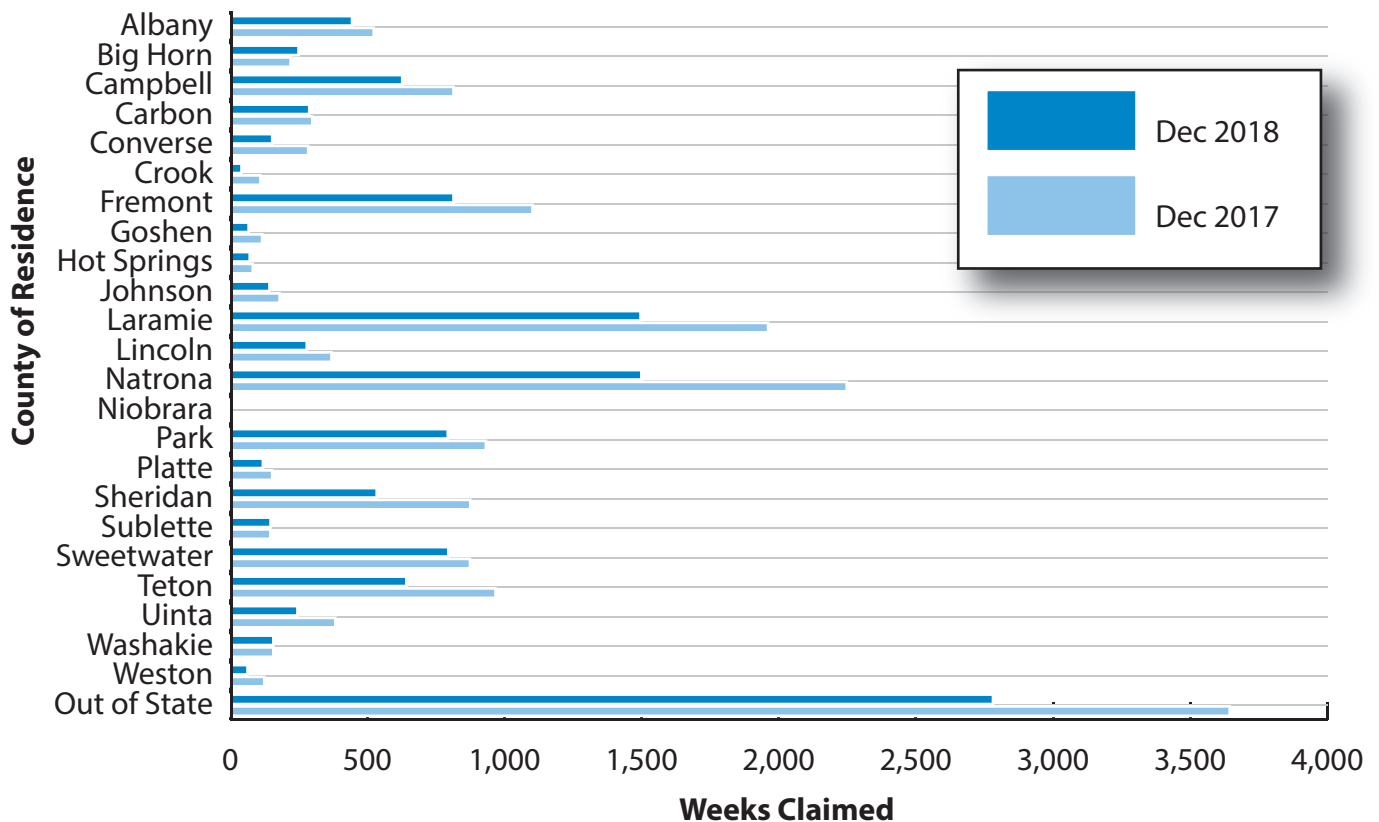
Continued Weeks Claimed Tables

	Claims Filed			Percent Change Claims		Difference
	Dec-18	Nov-18	Dec-17	Dec-18 Nov-18	Dec-18 Dec-17	Dec-18 Dec-17
<u>Wyoming Statewide</u>						
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	12,519	10,599	16,570	18.1	-24.4	-4,051
Total Unique Claimants	4,044	3,343	5,072	21.0	-20.3	-1,028
Benefit Exhaustions	350	377	273	-7.2	28.2	77
Benefit Exhaustion Rates	8.7%	11.3%	5.4%	-2.6%	3.3%	
Goods-Producing	4,254	2,313	5,110	83.9	-16.8	-856
Natural Resources and Mining (11,21)	697	508	703	37.2	-0.9	-6
Mining (21)	544	401	491	35.7	10.8	53
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	76	59	61	28.8	24.6	15
Construction (23)	3,218	1,550	3,995	107.6	-19.4	-777
Manufacturing (31 - 33)	337	254	411	32.7	-18.0	-74
Service-Providing	5,938	6,542	8,090	-9.2	-26.6	-2,152
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	1,305	1,238	2,029	5.4	-35.7	-724
Wholesale Trade (42)	232	197	335	17.8	-30.7	-103
Retail Trade (44 - 45)	651	612	1,217	6.4	-46.5	-566
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (22,48 - 49)	422	429	477	-1.6	-11.5	-55
Information (51)	135	141	99	-4.3	36.4	36
Financial Activities (52, 53)	252	256	387	-1.6	-34.9	-135
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	1,233	854	1,537	44.4	-19.8	-304
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	512	554	761	-7.6	-32.7	-249
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	2,309	3,333	2,977	-30.7	-22.4	-668
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	185	160	292	15.6	-36.6	-107
Government	1,321	1,014	2,016	30.3	-34.5	-695
Federal Government	709	450	1,086	57.6	-34.7	-377
State Government	87	88	194	-1.1	-55.2	-107
Local Government	525	475	735	10.5	-28.6	-210
Local Education	133	158	194	-15.8	-31.4	-61
Unclassified	1,004	729	1,353	37.7	-25.8	-349
<u>Laramie County (Place of Residence)</u>						
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	1,496	1,112	1,961	34.5	-23.7	-465
Total Unique Claimants	493	371	624	32.9	-21.0	-131
Goods-Producing	700	331	763	111.5	-8.3	-63
Construction	659	286	701	130.4	-6.0	-42
Service-Providing	633	665	968	-4.8	-34.6	-335
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	166	175	302	-5.1	-45.0	-136
Financial Activities (52, 53)	47	58	87	-19.0	-46.0	-40
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	188	181	247	3.9	-23.9	-59
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	77	87	139	-11.5	-44.6	-62
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	78	84	111	-7.1	-29.7	-33
Government	81	61	153	32.8	-47.1	-72
Unclassified	81	54	75	50.0	8.0	6
<u>Natrona County (Place of Residence)</u>						
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	1,499	1,159	2,248	29.3	-33.3	-749
Total Unique Claimants	479	382	699	25.4	-31.5	-220
Goods-Producing	521	312	888	67.0	-41.3	-367
Construction	399	220	760	81.4	-47.5	-361
Service-Providing	907	778	1,214	16.6	-25.3	-307
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	255	234	426	9.0	-40.1	-171
Financial Activities (52, 53)	55	63	70	-12.7	-21.4	-15
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	200	100	283	100.0	-29.3	-83
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	138	137	177	0.7	-22.0	-39
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	217	219	235	-0.9	-7.7	-18
Government	35	21	100	66.7	-65.0	-65
Unclassified	34	46	44	-26.1	-22.7	-10

Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry, December 2018



Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, December 2018



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Wyoming Normalized^a Unemployment Statistics: Continued Claims by County of Residence, December 2018

County	Dec 18	Dec 17	Over-the-Year Change	
			N	%
Albany	444	523	-79	-15.1
Big Horn	249	220	29	13.2
Campbell	627	814	-187	-23.0
Carbon	288	299	-11	-3.7
Converse	153	284	-131	-46.1
Crook	41	110	-69	-62.7
Fremont	814	1,102	-288	-26.1
Goshen	67	116	-49	-42.2
Hot Springs	71	82	-11	-13.4
Johnson	143	180	-37	-20.6
Laramie	1,496	1,961	-465	-23.7
Lincoln	279	369	-90	-24.4
Natrona	1,499	2,248	-749	-33.3
Niobrara	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D
Park	793	932	-139	-14.9
Platte	119	153	-34	-22.2
Sheridan	534	875	-341	-39.0
Sublette	147	146	1	0.7
Sweetwater	795	874	-79	-9.0
Teton	642	967	-325	-33.6
Uinta	245	383	-138	-36.0
Washakie	157	157	0	0.0
Weston	63	124	-61	-49.2
Unknown	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D
Out of State	2,781	3,644	-863	-23.7
Normalized Total^a	12,519	16,571	-4,052	-24.5
Real Total^b	11,565	15,308	-3,743	-24.5

^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.

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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