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Initial and Continued Claims Continue to Decline

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The total number of initial Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims in Wyoming continued to decline in December 2017, down 20.4% (-799 claims) from December 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) that persisted throughout 2017. As noted by Bullard (2017), Wyoming's labor force decreased significantly from November 2016 to November 2017 (-8,196 people, or -2.7%)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

As shown in Figure 1,

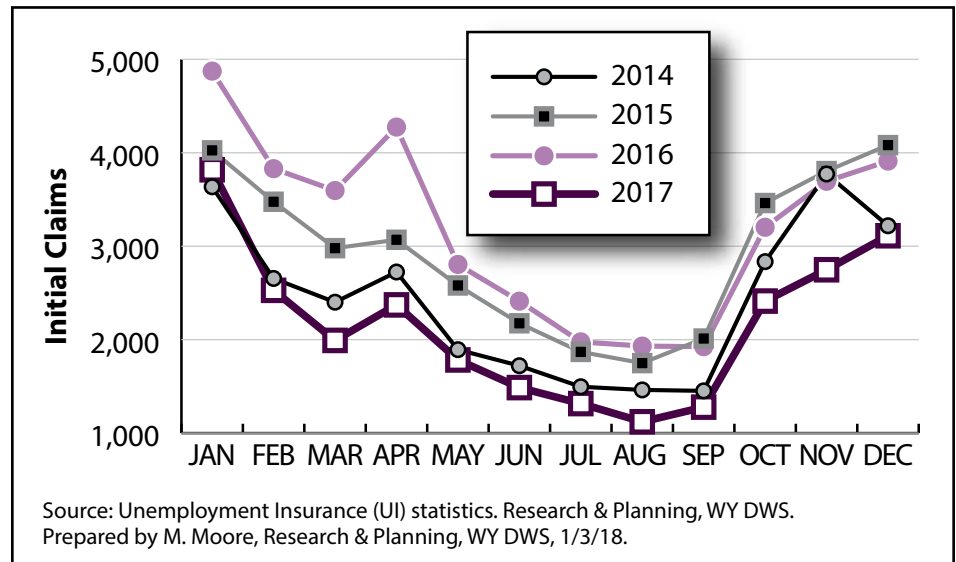


Figure 1: Number of New Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by Year and Month, 2014-2017

initial UI claims activity in Wyoming tends to follow a seasonal pattern, increasing from November to December. However, the number of initial claims was much lower in December 2017 compared to December 2016 and 2015.

Most industries experienced substantial over-the-year declines in initial claims, with the largest decreases seen in construction (-313, or -18.4%) and trade, transportation, warehousing, & utilities (-133, or -34.9%).

At the county level, the greatest decreases in initial claims were seen in Natrona (-188, or -26.5%) and Campbell (-102, or -39.2%) counties. Initial claims by out-of-state claimants decreased by 165 (-26.4%).

Albany County experienced an increase of 38 (40.7%) initial claims.

Continued Claims

Over the year, the number of unique claimants with continued claims decreased by 34.7% (-2,693 individuals). Total continued weeks claimed decreased by 34.2% (-8,628 weeks). The number of workers exhausting their UI benefits declined by 46.8% (-240 individuals).

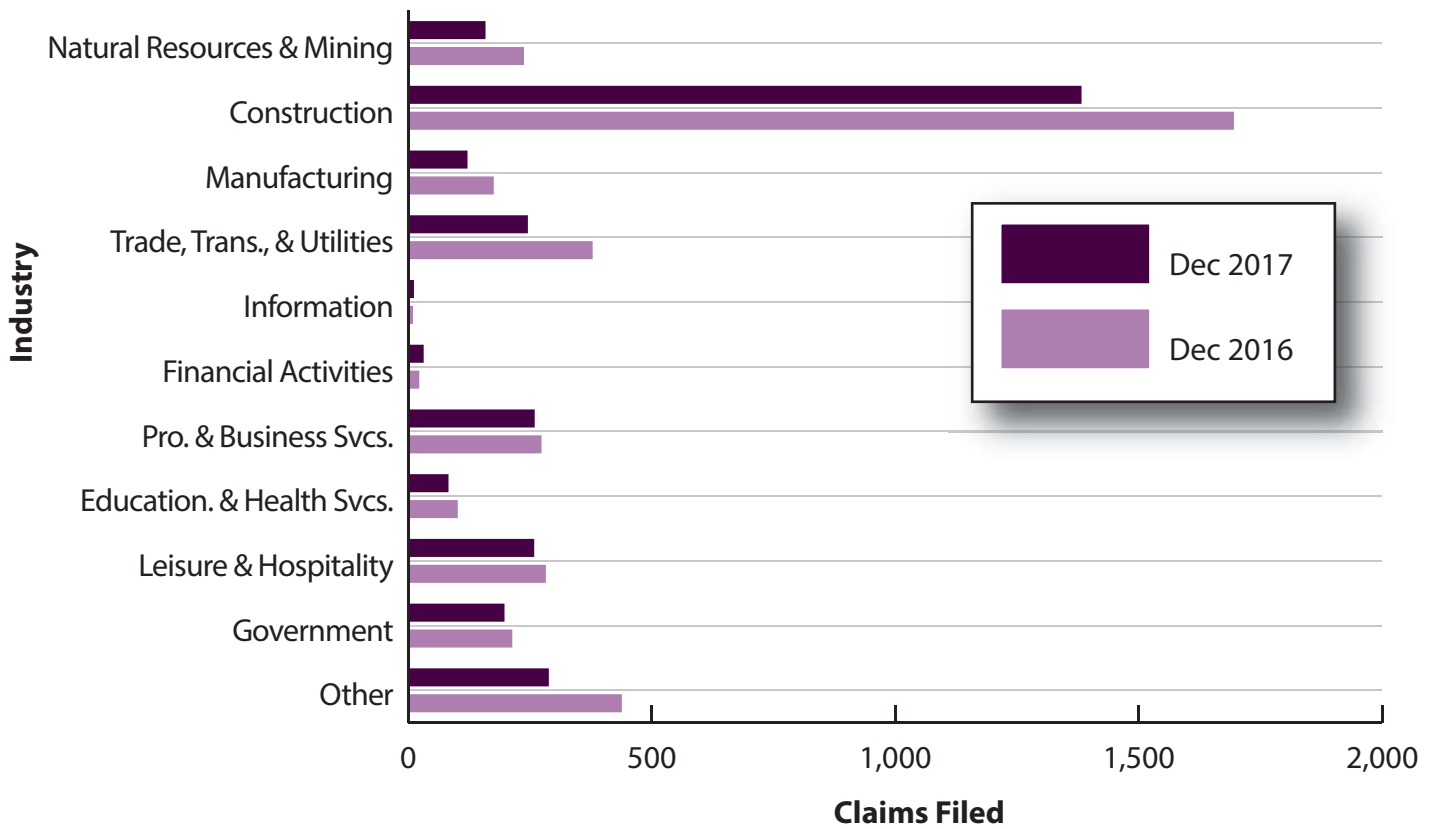
All industries and counties experienced over-the-year decreases in continued weeks claimed.

¹ Bullard, D. (2017, December). Wyoming Unemployment Rises to 4.3% in November. Research & Planning, Wyoming DWS. Retrieved January 5, 2018, from <http://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/news.htm>

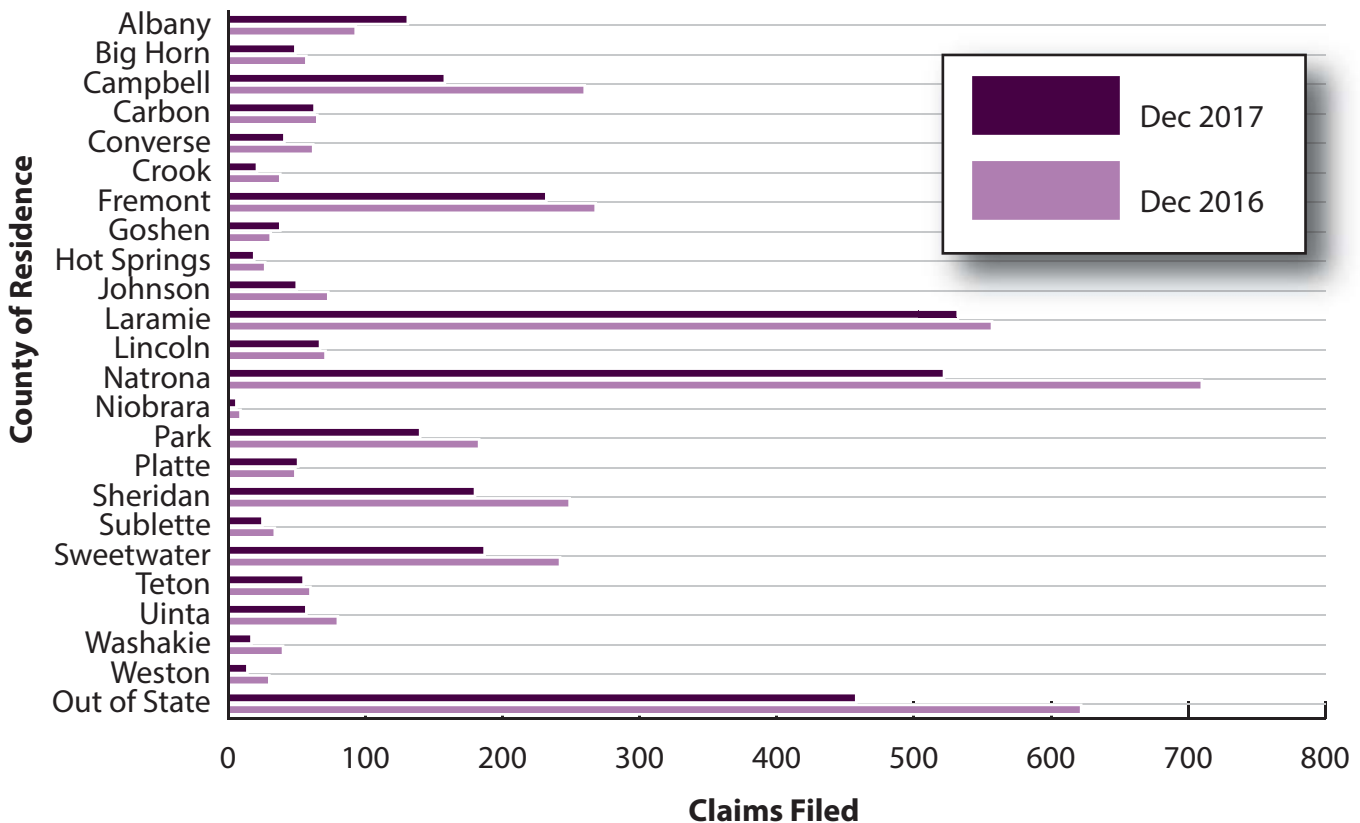
Initial Claims Tables

	Claims Filed			Percent Change Claims Filed		Difference
	Dec-17	Nov-17	Dec-16	Dec-17 Nov-17	Dec-17 Dec-16	Dec-17 Dec-16
<u>Wyoming Statewide</u>						
Total Claims Filed	3,112	2,747	3,911	13.3	-20.4	-799
Goods-Producing	1,672	936	2,117	78.6	-21.0	-445
Natural Resources and Mining (11,21)	161	124	240	29.8	-32.9	-79
Mining (21)	136	88	213	54.5	-36.2	-77
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	5	6	7	-16.7	-28.6	-2
Construction (23)	1,385	730	1,698	89.7	-18.4	-313
Manufacturing (31 - 33)	124	81	178	53.1	-30.3	-54
Service-Providing	948	1,266	1,135	-25.1	-16.5	-187
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	248	288	381	-13.9	-34.9	-133
Wholesale Trade (42)	22	44	40	-50.0	-45.0	-18
Retail Trade (44 - 45)	152	163	198	-6.7	-23.2	-46
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (22,48 - 49)	74	81	143	-8.6	-48.3	-69
Information (51)	14	12	12	16.7	16.7	2
Financial Activities (52, 53)	34	40	25	-15.0	36.0	9
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	262	230	276	13.9	-5.1	-14
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	85	75	104	13.3	-18.3	-19
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	261	572	285	-54.4	-8.4	-24
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	38	42	46	-9.5	-17.4	-8
Government	200	304	216	-34.2	-7.4	-16
Federal Government	111	214	122	-48.1	-9.0	-11
State Government	24	12	17	100.0	41.2	7
Local Government	63	77	76	-18.2	-17.1	-13
Local Education	11	13	15	-15.4	-26.7	-4
Unclassified	291	240	441	21.3	-34.0	-150
<u>Laramie County (Place of Residence)</u>						
Total Claims Filed	531	290	557	83.1	-4.7	-26
Goods-Producing	348	122	357	185.2	-2.5	-9
Construction	319	115	318	177.4	0.3	1
Service-Providing	156	139	168	12.2	-7.1	-12
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	45	52	64	-13.5	-29.7	-19
Financial Activities (52, 53)	7	9	8	-22.2	-12.5	-1
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	57	34	62	67.6	-8.1	-5
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	9	15	17	-40.0	-47.1	-8
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	28	19	21	47.4	33.3	7
Government	11	15	15	-26.7	-26.7	-4
Unclassified	14	12	16	16.7	-12.5	-2
<u>Natrona County (Place of Residence)</u>						
Total Claims Filed	521	394	710	32.2	-26.6	-189
Goods-Producing	315	204	433	54.4	-27.3	-118
Construction	253	155	340	63.2	-25.6	-87
Service-Providing	188	172	237	9.3	-20.7	-49
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	45	43	74	4.7	-39.2	-29
Financial Activities (52, 53)	4	6	3	-33.3	33.3	1
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	42	49	56	-14.3	-25.0	-14
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	32	15	32	113.3	0.0	0
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	46	40	48	15.0	-4.2	-2
Government	10	6	16	66.7	-37.5	-6
Unclassified	7	11	23	-36.4	-69.6	-16

Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry, December 2017



Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, December 2017

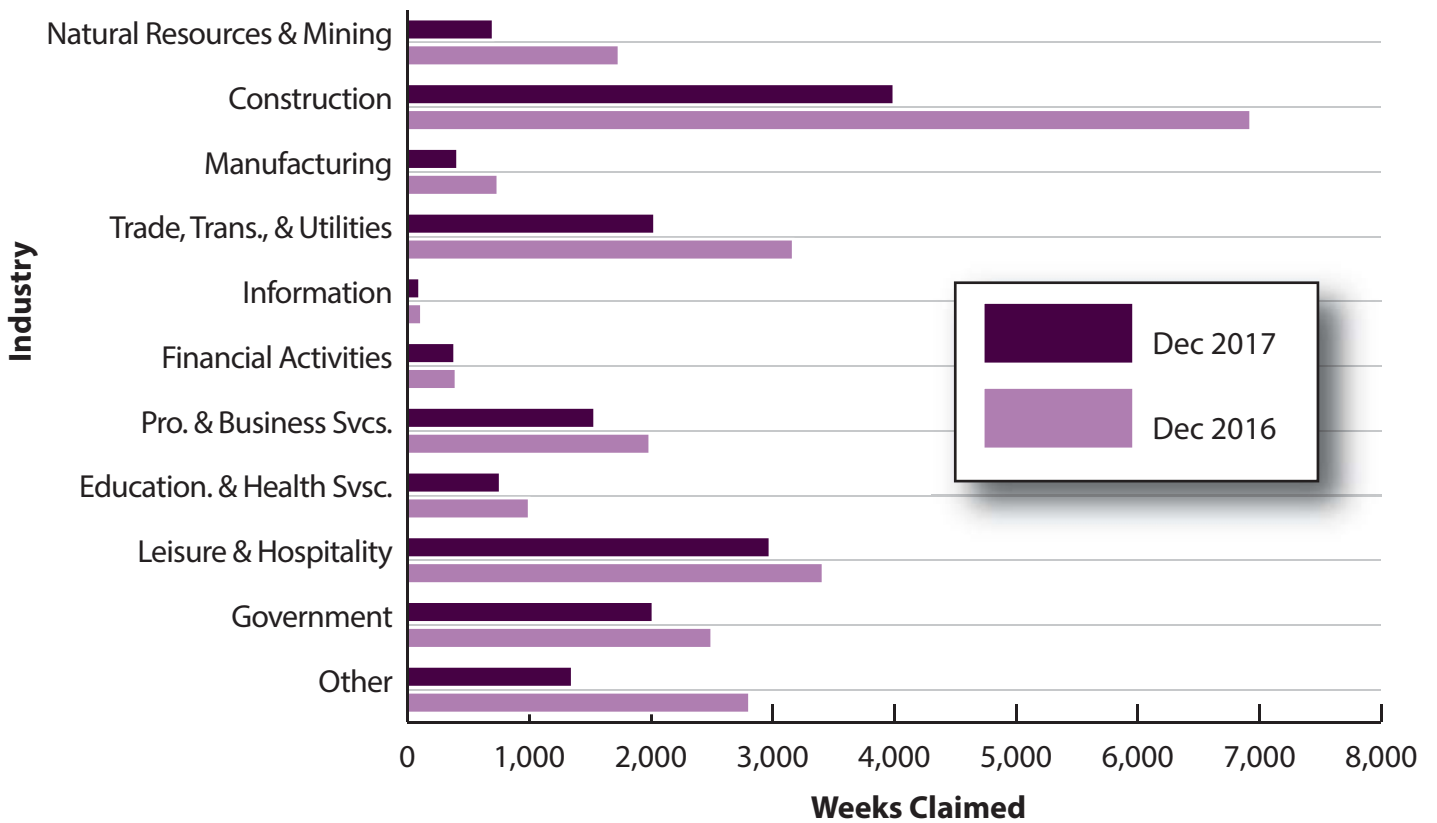


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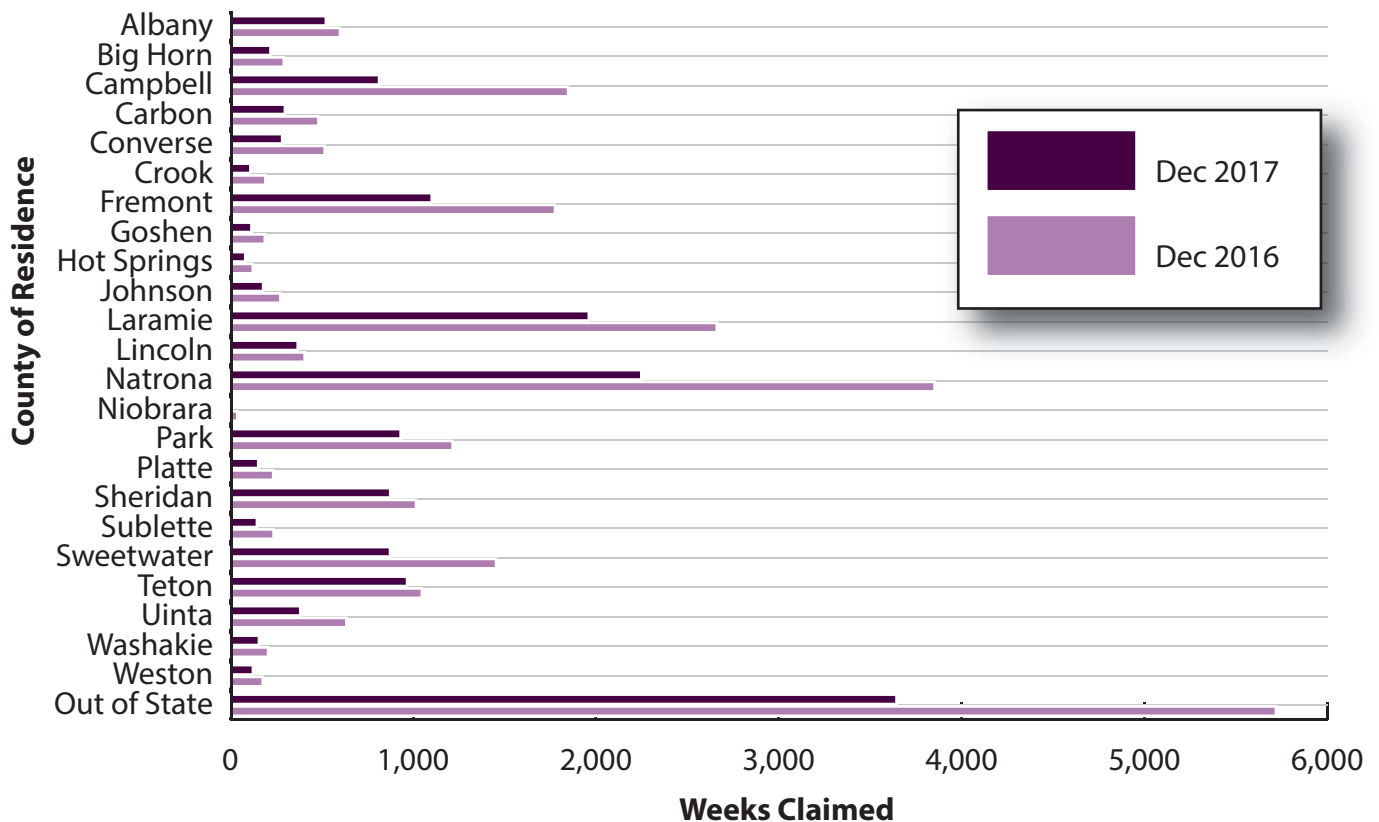
Continued Weeks Claimed Tables

	Claims Filed			Percent Change Claims		Difference
	Dec-17	Nov-17	Dec-16	Dec-17 Nov-17	Dec-17 Dec-16	Dec-17 Dec-16
<u>Wyoming Statewide</u>						
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	16,570	13,675	25,198	21.2	-34.2	-8,628
Total Unique Claimants	5,072	3,528	7,765	43.8	-34.7	-2,693
Benefit Exhaustions	273	219	513	24.7	-46.8	-240
Benefit Exhaustion Rates	5.4%	6.2%	6.6%	-0.8%	-1.2%	
Goods-Producing	5,110	2,799	9,408	82.6	-45.7	-4,298
Natural Resources and Mining (11,21)	703	540	1,737	30.2	-59.5	-1,034
Mining (21)	491	432	1,533	13.7	-68.0	-1,042
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	61	69	194	-11.6	-68.6	-133
Construction (23)	3,995	1,943	6,926	105.6	-42.3	-2,931
Manufacturing (31 - 33)	411	316	742	30.1	-44.6	-331
Service-Providing	8,090	8,226	10,481	-1.7	-22.8	-2,391
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	2,029	1,955	3,168	3.8	-36.0	-1,139
Wholesale Trade (42)	335	268	648	25.0	-48.3	-313
Retail Trade (44 - 45)	1,217	1,182	1,615	3.0	-24.6	-398
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (22,48 - 49)	477	505	905	-5.5	-47.3	-428
Information (51)	99	92	114	7.6	-13.2	-15
Financial Activities (52, 53)	387	392	398	-1.3	-2.8	-11
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	1,537	1,093	1,990	40.6	-22.8	-453
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	761	837	999	-9.1	-23.8	-238
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	2,977	3,589	3,413	-17.1	-12.8	-436
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	292	262	392	11.5	-25.5	-100
Government	2,016	1,609	2,499	25.3	-19.3	-483
Federal Government	1,086	723	1,261	50.2	-13.9	-175
State Government	194	195	201	-0.5	-3.5	-7
Local Government	735	690	1,037	6.5	-29.1	-302
Local Education	194	198	238	-2.0	-18.5	-44
Unclassified	1,353	1,039	2,809	30.2	-51.8	-1,456
<u>Laramie County (Place of Residence)</u>						
Construction						
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	1,961	1,496	2,660	31.1	-26.3	-699
Total Unique Claimants	624	381	858	63.8	-27.3	-234
Goods-Producing	763	372	1,256	105.1	-39.3	-493
Construction	701	309	1,129	126.9	-37.9	-428
Service-Providing	968	911	1,130	6.3	-14.3	-162
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	302	262	454	15.3	-33.5	-152
Financial Activities (52, 53)	87	99	32	-12.1	171.9	55
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	287	299	446	-4.0	-35.7	-159
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	139	164	126	-15.2	10.3	13
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	111	99	125	12.1	-11.2	-14
Government	153	161	135	-5.0	13.3	18
Unclassified	75	51	138	47.1	-45.7	-63
<u>Natrona County (Place of Residence)</u>						
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	2,248	1,778	3,851	26.4	-41.6	-1,603
Total Unique Claimants	699	483	1,199	44.7	-41.7	-500
Goods-Producing	888	520	1,739	70.8	-48.9	-851
Construction	760	381	1,216	99.5	-37.5	-456
Service-Providing	1,214	1,105	1,914	9.9	-36.6	-700
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	366	364	692	0.5	-47.1	-326
Financial Activities (52, 53)	70	68	99	2.9	-29.3	-29
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	283	174	454	62.6	-37.7	-171
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	177	209	251	-15.3	-29.5	-74
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	235	208	304	13.0	-22.7	-69
Government	100	100	108	0.0	-7.4	-8
Unclassified	44	51	88	-13.7	-50.0	-44

Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry, December 2017



Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, December 2017



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

County	Dec 2017	Dec 2016	Over-the-Year Change	
			N	%
Albany	523	600	-77	-12.8
Big Horn	220	293	-74	-25.1
Campbell	814	1,848	-1,034	-55.9
Carbon	299	482	-183	-38.0
Converse	284	516	-233	-45.1
Crook	110	192	-81	-42.4
Fremont	1,102	1,776	-674	-38.0
Goshen	116	189	-74	-38.9
Hot Springs	82	123	-41	-33.3
Johnson	180	274	-94	-34.4
Laramie	1,961	2,661	-699	-26.3
Lincoln	369	407	-38	-9.3
Natrona	2,248	3,852	-1,603	-41.6
Niobrara	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D
Park	932	1,216	-284	-23.3
Platte	153	235	-82	-35.0
Sheridan	875	1,016	-142	-14.0
Sublette	146	237	-91	-38.4
Sweetwater	874	1,454	-580	-39.9
Teton	967	1,048	-81	-7.7
Uinta	383	635	-252	-39.7
Washakie	157	207	-50	-24.1
Weston	124	178	-53	-29.9
Unknown	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D
Out of State	3,644	5,719	-2,075	-36.3
Normalized Total^a	16,571	25,198	-8,627	-34.2
Real Total^b	15,308	23,278	-7,970	-34.2

^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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