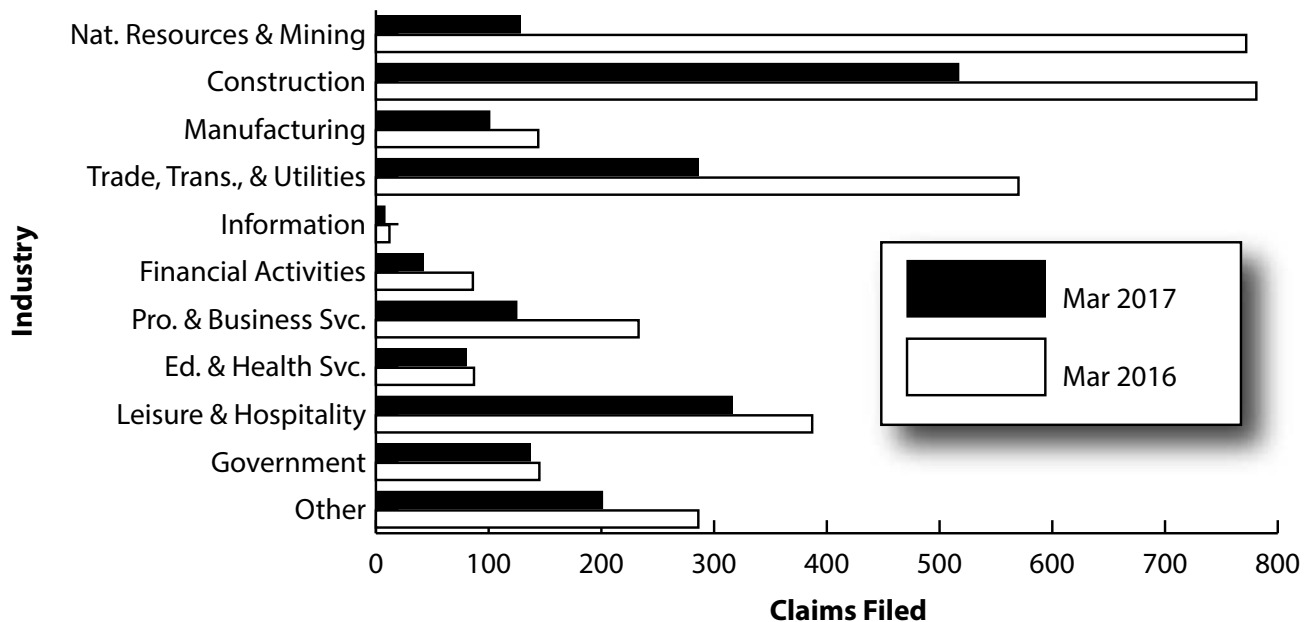


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# Wyoming Unemployment Insurance Claims Information, March 2017: Initial and Continued Claims Decline

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## Initial Claims

Total initial claims decreased by 44.6% (-1,604 claims) from March 2016 to March 2017. Substantial over-the-year decreases were seen in natural resources & mining (-644 claims, or -83.4%), construction (-264, or -33.8%), and wholesale trade (-142, or -79.8%). New initial claims have decreased from prior year levels for seven consecutive months.

At the county level, initial claims decreased over the year in most counties. The most substantial decreases were seen in Campbell (-374 claims, or -69.0%), Natrona (-364, or -54.2%), and Sweetwater (-181, or -58.5%) counties. Out-of-state initial claims decreased 40.4% (-239 claims) from March 2016 to March 2017.

## Continued Claims

From March 2016 to March 2017, the total number of unique claimants decreased by 30.4% (-2,680 individuals) while the number of continued weeks claimed decreased by 30.7% (-11,026 individuals). The number of individuals who exhausted their UI benefits also declined over the year (-11.7%, or -73 individuals).

At the industry level, the greatest decreases in continued weeks claimed were seen in natural resources & mining (-4,824 weeks, or -77.8%) and trade, transportation, & utilities (-1,625, or -33.9%).

Most of the counties that experienced substantial decreases in initial claims also had fewer continued weeks claimed over the year. The largest decreases were seen in Campbell (-2,194 weeks, or -56.4%) and Natrona (-2,082, or -35.5%) counties.

The number of out-of-state weeks claimed decreased by 33.3% (-2,177 weeks).

The over-the-year decreases in the number of unique claimants, continued weeks claimed, and persons exhausting their UI benefits may indicate that claimants may have found work, exhausted their benefits, or left the *labor force*, which is defined as the total number of the civilian non-institutionalized population age 16 or older who are employed or unemployed (jobless, looking for a job, and available for work).

It is possible that many UI claimants may have left Wyoming and found employment in another state, making them no longer eligible to receive UI benefits. The number of jobs worked in Wyoming has consistently decreased since the start of the economic downturn that began in 2015Q2, while surrounding states like Colorado, Idaho, Montana, and Utah have experienced job growth (Moore, 2017). In addition, as noted by Bullard (2016), Wyoming's labor force shrank consistently throughout 2015 and 2016. As Wyoming lost jobs during the downturn, dislocated workers may have left the state and successfully found employment in another state.

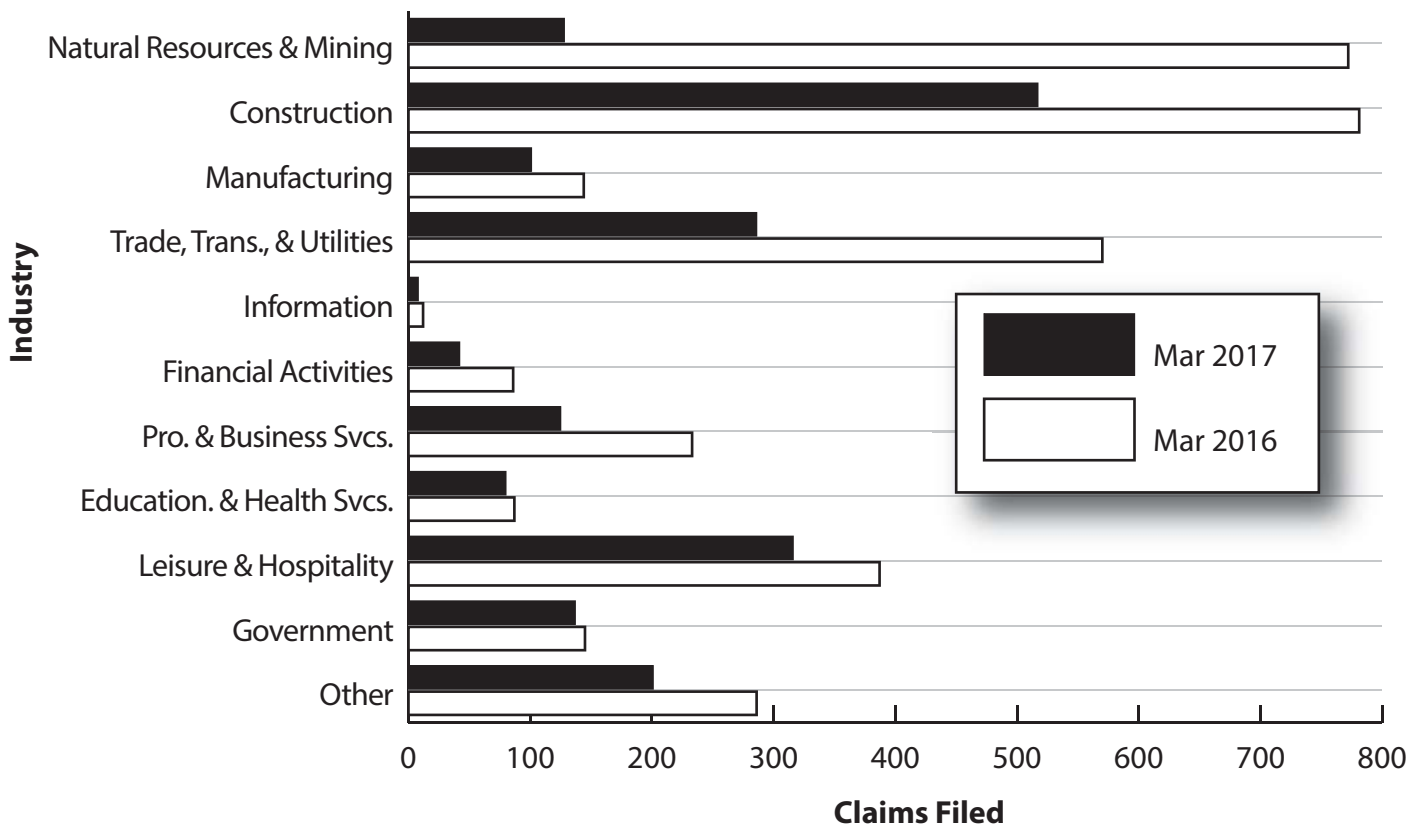
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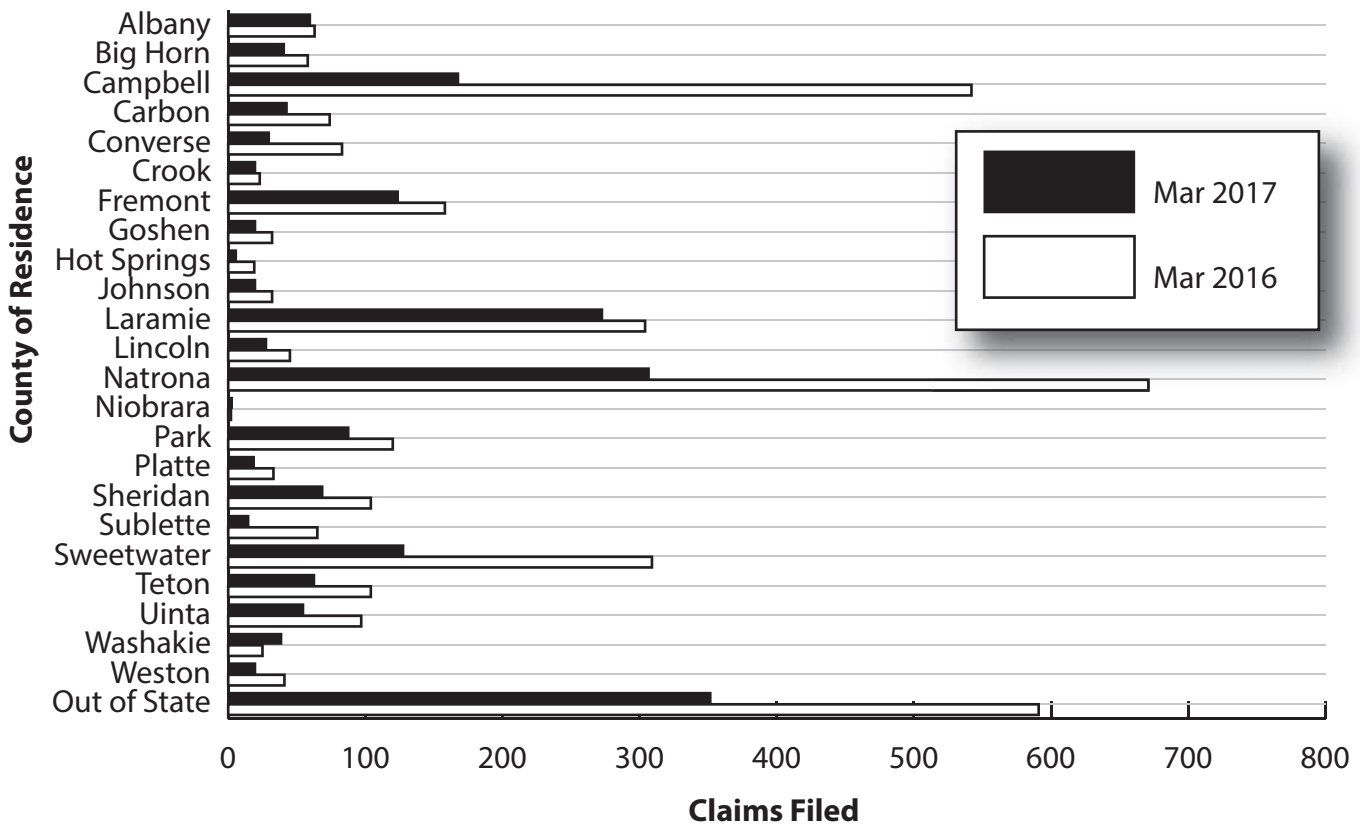
## Initial Claims Tables

|  | Claims Filed |              |              | Percent Change<br>Claims Filed |                  | Difference       |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
|  | Mar-17       | Feb-17       | Mar-16       | Mar-17<br>Feb-17               | Mar-17<br>Mar-16 | Mar-17<br>Mar-16 |
|  |              |              |              |                                |                  |                  |
| <b><u>Wyoming Statewide</u></b>                          |              |              |              |                                |                  |                  |
| <b>Total Claims Filed</b>                                | <b>1,991</b> | <b>2,527</b> | <b>3,595</b> | <b>-21.2</b>                   | <b>-44.6</b>     | <b>-1,604</b>    |
| <b>Goods-Producing</b>                                   | <b>747</b>   | <b>1,045</b> | <b>1,699</b> | <b>-28.5</b>                   | <b>-56.0</b>     | <b>-952</b>      |
| Natural Resources and Mining (11,21)                     | 128          | 128          | 772          | 0.0                            | -83.4            | -644             |
| Mining (21)  | 115          | 121          | 758          | -5.0                           | -84.8            | -643             |
| Oil & Gas Extraction (211)                               | 11           | 17           | 74           | -35.3                          | -85.1            | -63              |
| Construction (23)  | 517          | 793          | 781          | -34.8                          | -33.8            | -264             |
| Manufacturing (31 - 33)                                  | 101          | 123          | 144          | -17.9                          | -29.9            | -43              |
| <b>Service-Providing</b>                                 | <b>904</b>   | <b>1,070</b> | <b>1,463</b> | <b>-15.5</b>                   | <b>-38.2</b>     | <b>-559</b>      |
| Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49) | 286          | 352          | 570          | -18.8                          | -49.8            | -284             |
| Wholesale Trade (42)                                     | 36           | 34           | 178          | 5.9                            | -79.8            | -142             |
| Retail Trade (44 - 45)                                   | 148          | 199          | 156          | -25.6                          | -5.1             | -8               |
| Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (22,48 - 49)   | 102          | 119          | 236          | -14.3                          | -56.8            | -134             |
| Information (51)   | 8            | 23           | 12           | -65.2                          | -33.3            | -4               |
| Financial Activities (52, 53)                            | 42           | 46           | 86           | -8.7                           | -51.2            | -44              |
| Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)             | 125          | 196          | 233          | -36.2                          | -46.4            | -108             |
| Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)                | 80           | 93           | 87           | -14.0                          | -8.0             | -7               |
| Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)                        | 316          | 310          | 387          | 1.9                            | -18.3            | -71              |
| Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)                | 40           | 42           | 79           | -4.8                           | -49.4            | -39              |
| <b>Government</b>  | <b>137</b>   | <b>145</b>   | <b>145</b>   | <b>-5.5</b>                    | <b>-5.5</b>      | <b>-8</b>        |
| Federal Government                                       | 48           | 57           | 62           | -15.8                          | -22.6            | -14              |
| State Government   | 15           | 10           | 12           | 50.0                           | 25.0             | 3                |
| Local Government   | 73           | 76           | 70           | -3.9                           | 4.3              | 3                |
| Local Education  | 17           | 14           | 20           | 21.4                           | -15.0            | -3               |
| <b>Unclassified</b>                                      | <b>201</b>   | <b>266</b>   | <b>286</b>   | <b>-24.4</b>                   | <b>-29.7</b>     | <b>-85</b>       |
| <b><u>Laramie County (Place of Residence)</u></b>        |              |              |              |                                |                  |                  |
| <b>Total Claims Filed</b>                                | <b>272</b>   | <b>356</b>   | <b>303</b>   | <b>-23.6</b>                   | <b>-10.2</b>     | <b>-31</b>       |
| <b>Goods-Producing</b>                                   | <b>102</b>   | <b>132</b>   | <b>151</b>   | <b>-22.7</b>                   | <b>-32.5</b>     | <b>-49</b>       |
| Construction   | 87           | 99           | 103          | -12.1                          | -15.5            | -16              |
| <b>Service-Providing</b>                                 | <b>139</b>   | <b>191</b>   | <b>124</b>   | <b>-27.2</b>                   | <b>12.1</b>      | <b>15</b>        |
| Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49) | 47           | 64           | 49           | -26.6                          | -4.1             | -2               |
| Financial Activities (52, 53)                            | 17           | 9            | 6            | 88.9                           | 183.3            | 11               |
| Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)             | 29           | 69           | 28           | -58.0                          | 3.6              | 1                |
| Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)                | 20           | 18           | 12           | 11.1                           | 66.7             | 8                |
| Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)                        | 16           | 20           | 14           | -20.0                          | 14.3             | 2                |
| <b>Government</b>  | <b>18</b>    | <b>11</b>    | <b>17</b>    | <b>63.6</b>                    | <b>5.9</b>       | <b>1</b>         |
| <b>Unclassified</b>                                      | <b>12</b>    | <b>20</b>    | <b>10</b>    | <b>-40.0</b>                   | <b>20.0</b>      | <b>2</b>         |
| <b><u>Natrona County (Place of Residence)</u></b>        |              |              |              |                                |                  |                  |
| <b>Total Claims Filed</b>                                | <b>307</b>   | <b>363</b>   | <b>671</b>   | <b>-15.4</b>                   | <b>-54.2</b>     | <b>-364</b>      |
| <b>Goods-Producing</b>                                   | <b>128</b>   | <b>175</b>   | <b>335</b>   | <b>-26.9</b>                   | <b>-61.8</b>     | <b>-207</b>      |
| Construction   | 94           | 130          | 156          | -27.7                          | -39.7            | -62              |
| <b>Service-Providing</b>                                 | <b>160</b>   | <b>165</b>   | <b>312</b>   | <b>-3.0</b>                    | <b>-48.7</b>     | <b>-152</b>      |
| Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49) | 54           | 70           | 157          | -22.9                          | -65.6            | -103             |
| Financial Activities (52, 53)                            | 8            | 7            | 21           | 14.3                           | -61.9            | -13              |
| Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)             | 29           | 28           | 44           | 3.6                            | -34.1            | -15              |
| Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)                | 17           | 16           | 24           | 6.3                            | -29.2            | -7               |
| Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)                        | 30           | 26           | 30           | 15.4                           | 0.0              | 0                |
| <b>Government</b>  | <b>10</b>    | <b>5</b>     | <b>9</b>     | <b>100.0</b>                   | <b>11.1</b>      | <b>1</b>         |
| <b>Unclassified</b>                                      | <b>8</b>     | <b>17</b>    | <b>13</b>    | <b>-52.9</b>                   | <b>-38.5</b>     | <b>-5</b>        |

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



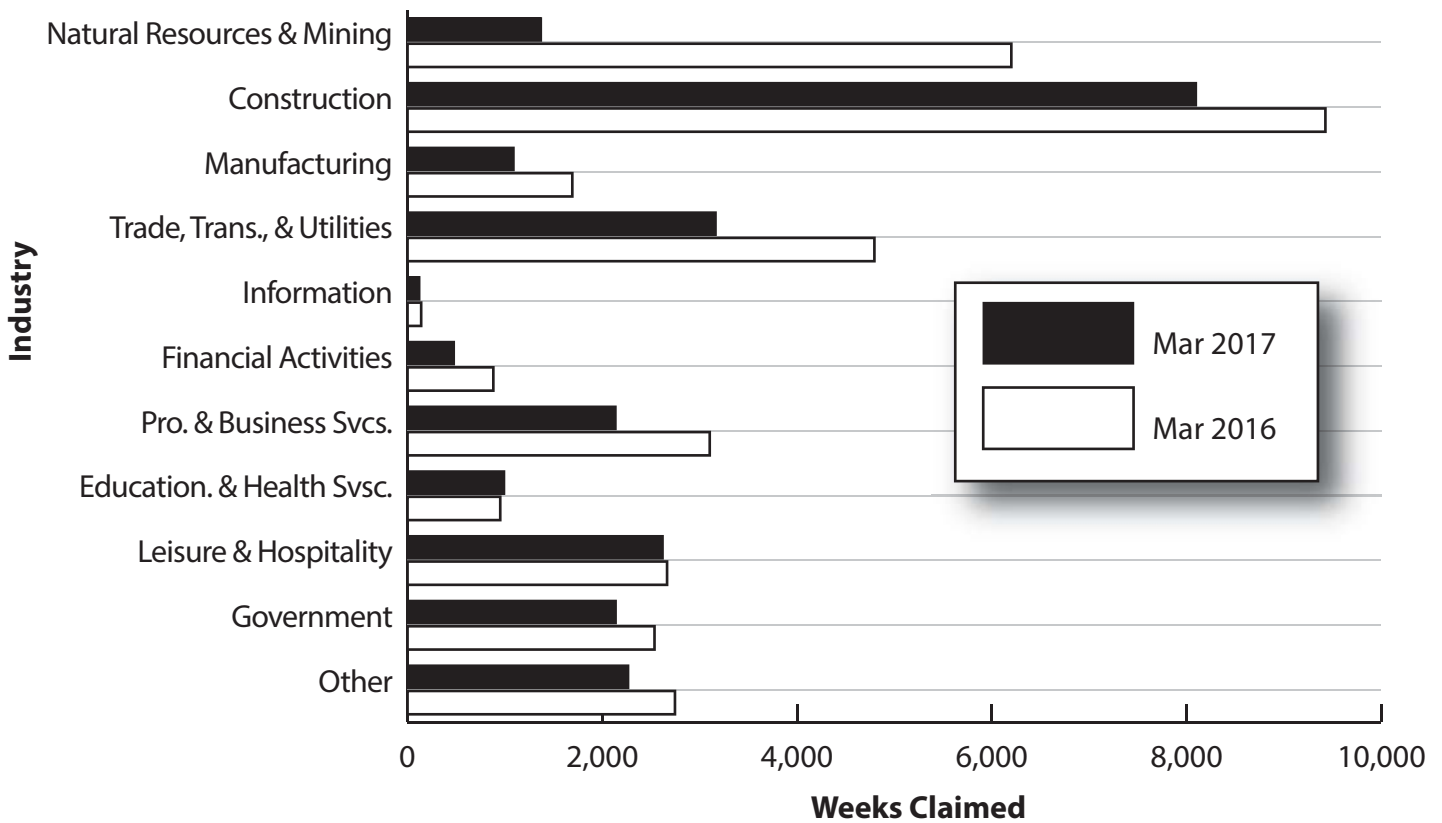
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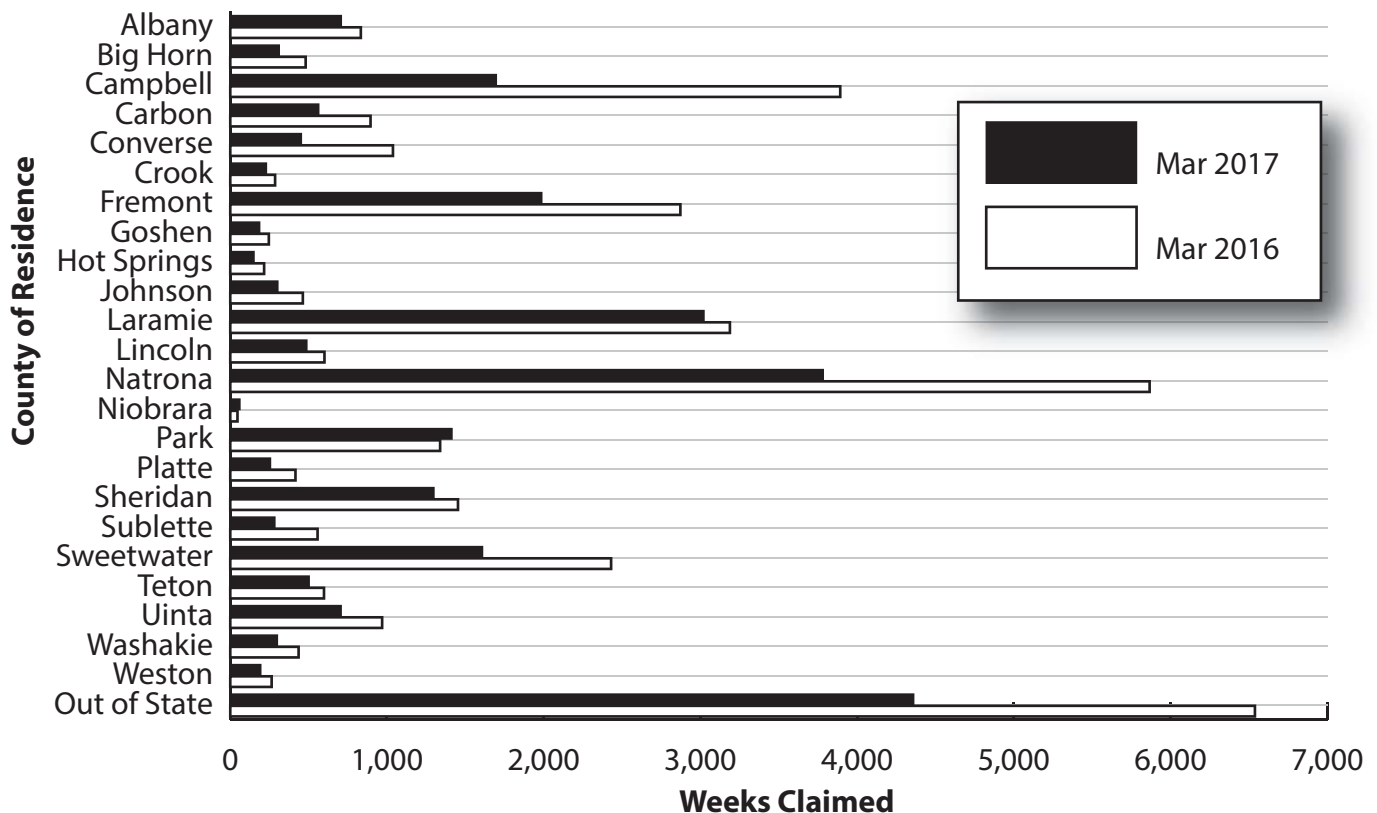
## Continued Weeks Claimed Tables

|  | Claims Filed  |               |               | Percent Change Claims |                  | Difference       |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|
|  | Mar-17        | Feb-17        | Mar-16        | Mar-17<br>Feb-17      | Mar-17<br>Mar-16 | Mar-17<br>Mar-16 |
|  |               |               |               |                       |                  |                  |
| <b><u>Wyoming Statewide</u></b>                          |               |               |               |                       |                  |                  |
| <b>Total Continued Weeks Claimed</b>                     | <b>24,904</b> | <b>28,356</b> | <b>35,930</b> | <b>-12.2</b>          | <b>-30.7</b>     | <b>-11,026</b>   |
| <b>Total Unique Claimants</b>                            | <b>6,132</b>  | <b>8,068</b>  | <b>8,812</b>  | <b>-24.0</b>          | <b>-30.4</b>     | <b>-2,680</b>    |
| <b>Benefit Exhaustions</b>                               | <b>549</b>    | <b>508</b>    | <b>622</b>    | <b>8.1</b>            | <b>-11.7</b>     | <b>-73</b>       |
| <b>Benefit Exhaustion Rates</b>                          | <b>9.0%</b>   | <b>6.3%</b>   | <b>7.1%</b>   | <b>2.7%</b>           | <b>1.9%</b>      |                  |
| <b>Goods-Producing</b>                                   | <b>10,572</b> | <b>12,388</b> | <b>17,319</b> | <b>-14.7</b>          | <b>-39.0</b>     | <b>-6,747</b>    |
| Natural Resources and Mining (11,21)                     | 1,375         | 1,566         | 6,200         | -12.2                 | -77.8            | -4,825           |
| Mining (21)  | 1,174         | 1,326         | 6,004         | -11.5                 | -80.4            | -4,830           |
| Oil & Gas Extraction (211)                               | 199           | 194           | 527           | 2.6                   | -62.2            | -328             |
| Construction (23)  | 8,101         | 9,661         | 9,425         | -16.1                 | -14.0            | -1,324           |
| Manufacturing (31 - 33)                                  | 1,094         | 1,160         | 1,692         | -5.7                  | -35.3            | -598             |
| <b>Service-Providing</b>                                 | <b>9,917</b>  | <b>10,665</b> | <b>13,328</b> | <b>-7.0</b>           | <b>-25.6</b>     | <b>-3,411</b>    |
| Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49) | 3,169         | 3,376         | 4,794         | -6.1                  | -33.9            | -1,625           |
| Wholesale Trade (42)                                     | 489           | 561           | 1,300         | -12.8                 | -62.4            | -811             |
| Retail Trade (44 - 45)                                   | 1,755         | 1,824         | 1,621         | -3.8                  | 8.3              | 134              |
| Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (22,48 - 49)   | 925           | 991           | 1,873         | -6.7                  | -50.6            | -948             |
| Information (51)   | 126           | 108           | 140           | 16.7                  | -10.0            | -14              |
| Financial Activities (52, 53)                            | 481           | 449           | 881           | 7.1                   | -45.4            | -400             |
| Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)             | 2,141         | 2,472         | 3,103         | -13.4                 | -31.0            | -962             |
| Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)                | 997           | 996           | 952           | 0.1                   | 4.7              | 45               |
| Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)                        | 2,625         | 2,838         | 2,665         | -7.5                  | -1.5             | -40              |
| Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)                | 370           | 420           | 787           | -11.9                 | -53.0            | -417             |
| <b>Government</b>  | <b>2,143</b>  | <b>2,486</b>  | <b>2,536</b>  | <b>-13.8</b>          | <b>-15.5</b>     | <b>-393</b>      |
| Federal Government                                       | 983           | 1,181         | 892           | -16.8                 | 10.2             | 91               |
| State Government   | 217           | 226           | 285           | -4.0                  | -23.9            | -68              |
| Local Government   | 942           | 1,079         | 1,357         | -12.7                 | -30.6            | -415             |
| Local Education  | 194           | 200           | 152           | -3.0                  | 27.6             | 42               |
| <b>Unclassified</b>                                      | <b>2,271</b>  | <b>2,815</b>  | <b>2,746</b>  | <b>-19.3</b>          | <b>-17.3</b>     | <b>-475</b>      |
| <b><u>Laramie County (Place of Residence)</u></b>        |               |               |               |                       |                  |                  |
| Construction   |               |               |               |                       |                  |                  |
| <b>Total Continued Weeks Claimed</b>                     | <b>3,023</b>  | <b>3,331</b>  | <b>3,187</b>  | <b>-9.2</b>           | <b>-5.1</b>      | <b>-164</b>      |
| <b>Total Unique Claimants</b>                            | <b>768</b>    | <b>971</b>    | <b>834</b>    | <b>-20.9</b>          | <b>-7.9</b>      | <b>-66</b>       |
| <b>Goods-Producing</b>                                   | <b>1,339</b>  | <b>1,668</b>  | <b>1,563</b>  | <b>-19.7</b>          | <b>-14.3</b>     | <b>-224</b>      |
| Construction   | 1,203         | 1,519         | 1,229         | -20.8                 | -2.1             | -26              |
| <b>Service-Providing</b>                                 | <b>1,414</b>  | <b>1,392</b>  | <b>1,247</b>  | <b>1.6</b>            | <b>13.4</b>      | <b>167</b>       |
| Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49) | 571           | 515           | 483           | 10.9                  | 18.2             | 88               |
| Financial Activities (52, 53)                            | 102           | 68            | 107           | 50.0                  | -4.7             | -5               |
| Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)             | 378           | 438           | 311           | -13.7                 | 21.5             | 67               |
| Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)                | 182           | 158           | 163           | 15.2                  | 11.7             | 19               |
| Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)                        | 135           | 152           | 94            | -11.2                 | 43.6             | 41               |
| <b>Government</b>  | <b>142</b>    | <b>142</b>    | <b>255</b>    | <b>0.0</b>            | <b>-44.3</b>     | <b>-113</b>      |
| <b>Unclassified</b>                                      | <b>127</b>    | <b>128</b>    | <b>120</b>    | <b>-0.8</b>           | <b>5.8</b>       | <b>7</b>         |
| <b><u>Natrona County (Place of Residence)</u></b>        |               |               |               |                       |                  |                  |
| <b>Total Continued Weeks Claimed</b>                     | <b>3,784</b>  | <b>4,390</b>  | <b>5,866</b>  | <b>-13.8</b>          | <b>-35.5</b>     | <b>-2,082</b>    |
| <b>Total Unique Claimants</b>                            | <b>930</b>    | <b>1,236</b>  | <b>1,478</b>  | <b>-24.8</b>          | <b>-37.1</b>     | <b>-548</b>      |
| <b>Goods-Producing</b>                                   | <b>1,822</b>  | <b>2,153</b>  | <b>3,025</b>  | <b>-15.4</b>          | <b>-39.8</b>     | <b>-1,203</b>    |
| Construction   | 1,397         | 1,684         | 1,337         | -17.0                 | 4.5              | 60               |
| <b>Service-Providing</b>                                 | <b>1,736</b>  | <b>1,985</b>  | <b>2,621</b>  | <b>-12.5</b>          | <b>-33.8</b>     | <b>-885</b>      |
| Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49) | 600           | 675           | 1,110         | -11.1                 | -45.9            | -510             |
| Financial Activities (52, 53)                            | 81            | 78            | 208           | 3.8                   | -61.1            | -127             |
| Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)             | 379           | 462           | 502           | -18.0                 | -24.5            | -123             |
| Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)                | 227           | 245           | 208           | -7.3                  | 9.1              | 19               |
| Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)                        | 345           | 394           | 322           | -12.4                 | 7.1              | 23               |
| <b>Government</b>  | <b>115</b>    | <b>126</b>    | <b>90</b>     | <b>-8.7</b>           | <b>27.8</b>      | <b>25</b>        |
| <b>Unclassified</b>                                      | <b>110</b>    | <b>125</b>    | <b>129</b>    | <b>-12.0</b>          | <b>-14.7</b>     | <b>-19</b>       |

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



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



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

| County                              | March 2017    | March 2016    | Over-the-Year Change |               |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|
|                                     |               |               | N                    | %             |
| Albany                              | 709           | 833           | -124                 | -14.9%        |
| Big Horn                            | 313           | 481           | -168                 | -34.9%        |
| Campbell                            | 1,698         | 3,892         | -2,194               | -56.4%        |
| Carbon                              | 565           | 895           | -330                 | -36.9%        |
| Converse                            | 454           | 1,038         | -585                 | -56.3%        |
| Crook                               | 231           | 286           | -55                  | -19.1%        |
| Fremont                             | 1,988         | 2,872         | -883                 | -30.8%        |
| Goshen                              | 188           | 246           | -58                  | -23.6%        |
| Hot Springs                         | 152           | 216           | -63                  | -29.3%        |
| Johnson                             | 304           | 463           | -159                 | -34.4%        |
| Laramie                             | 3,023         | 3,188         | -165                 | -5.2%         |
| Lincoln                             | 489           | 601           | -112                 | -18.6%        |
| Natrona                             | 3,784         | 5,866         | -2,082               | -35.5%        |
| Niobrara                            | 62            | 46            | 16                   | 35.8%         |
| Park                                | 1,415         | 1,339         | 76                   | 5.7%          |
| Platte                              | 257           | 416           | -158                 | -38.1%        |
| Sheridan                            | 1,300         | 1,453         | -153                 | -10.5%        |
| Sublette                            | 285           | 557           | -272                 | -48.8%        |
| Sweetwater                          | 1,610         | 2,430         | -820                 | -33.7%        |
| Teton                               | 504           | 598           | -94                  | -15.8%        |
| Uinta                               | 708           | 969           | -261                 | -26.9%        |
| Washakie                            | 301           | 436           | -135                 | -31.0%        |
| Weston                              | 195           | 264           | -69                  | -26.2%        |
| Out of State                        | 4,361         | 6,538         | -2,177               | -33.3%        |
| <b>Normalized Total<sup>a</sup></b> | <b>24,904</b> | <b>35,930</b> | <b>-11,026</b>       | <b>-30.7%</b> |
| <b>Real Total<sup>b</sup></b>       | <b>28,758</b> | <b>41,490</b> | <b>-12,732</b>       | <b>-30.7%</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.

The table above conforms to Wyoming Employment Security Law - Wyoming Statute 27-3-603 regarding confidentiality.

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