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Initial Claims Reach Decade Low

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In August 2018, the number of unique Unemployment Insurance (UI) claimants with continued claims decreased by 720 (-26.9%) over the year.

Initial Claims

Total initial claims decreased 23.2% (-260 claims) compared to August 2017. The number of initial claims has decreased from prior-year levels during each month since September 2016. The 860 initial claims represented a new 12-year low.

The largest over-the-year decrease in initial claims was seen in construction (-60 claims, or -27.1%) followed by leisure & hospitality (-49, or -45.4%) and retail trade (-49, or -44.1%). Some industries experienced an over-the-year increase in initial claims, including information (11, or 157.1%) and transportation, warehousing, & utilities (six, or 23.1%).

At the county level, the greatest decreases were seen in Natrona (-54, or -28.3%) and Campbell (-23, or -21.5%) counties. Albany County had the greatest over-the-year increase in initial claims (10, or 41.4%). Initial claims for out-of-state claimants decreased by 100 claims (-51.1%).

Continued Claims

Continued weeks claimed decreased by 31.7% (-3,499 claims) over the year. The largest decrease was in construction (-787, or -41.5%). All industries saw a decrease in total continued weeks claimed, with the exception of other services (23, or 11.1%). The only counties with over-the-year increases in continued weeks claimed were Albany (29, or 8.3%) and Washakie (11, or 11.3%) counties.

Continued weeks claimed have decreased from prior-year levels each month since November 2016.

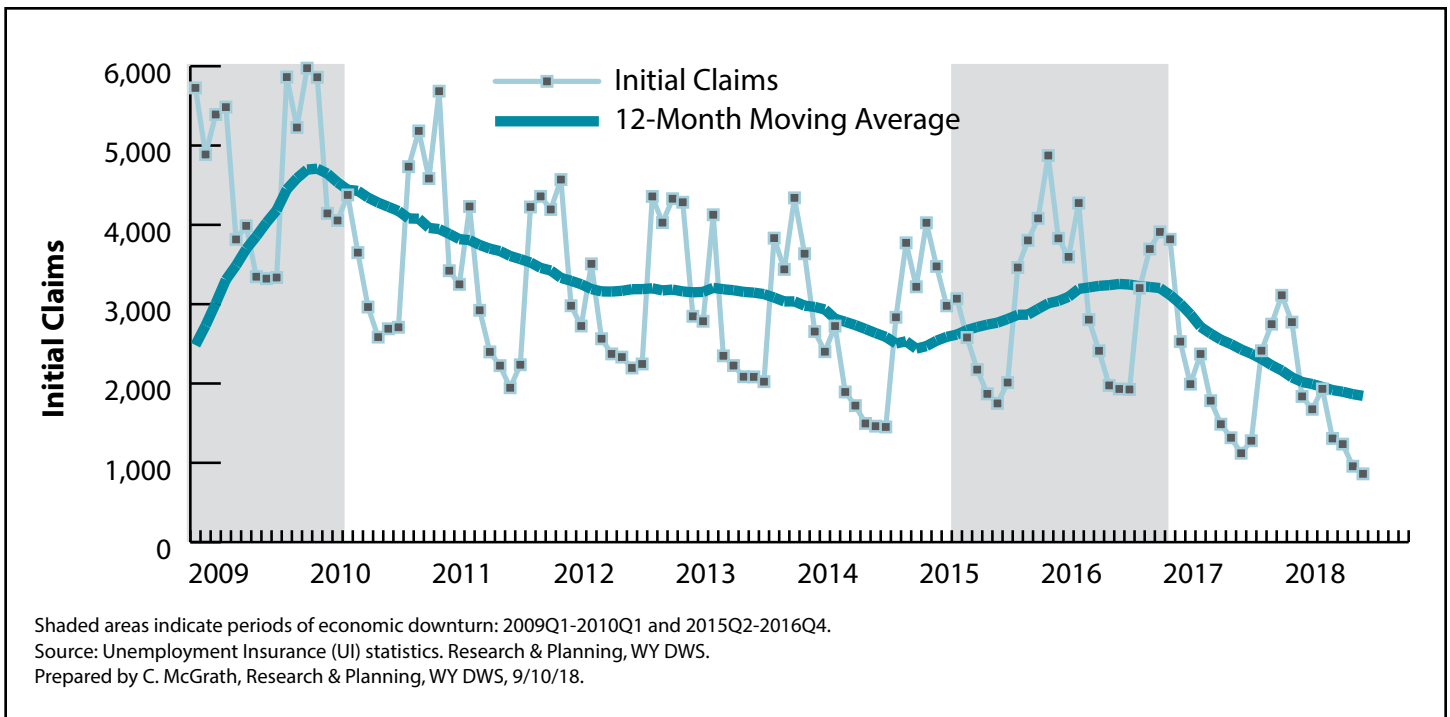
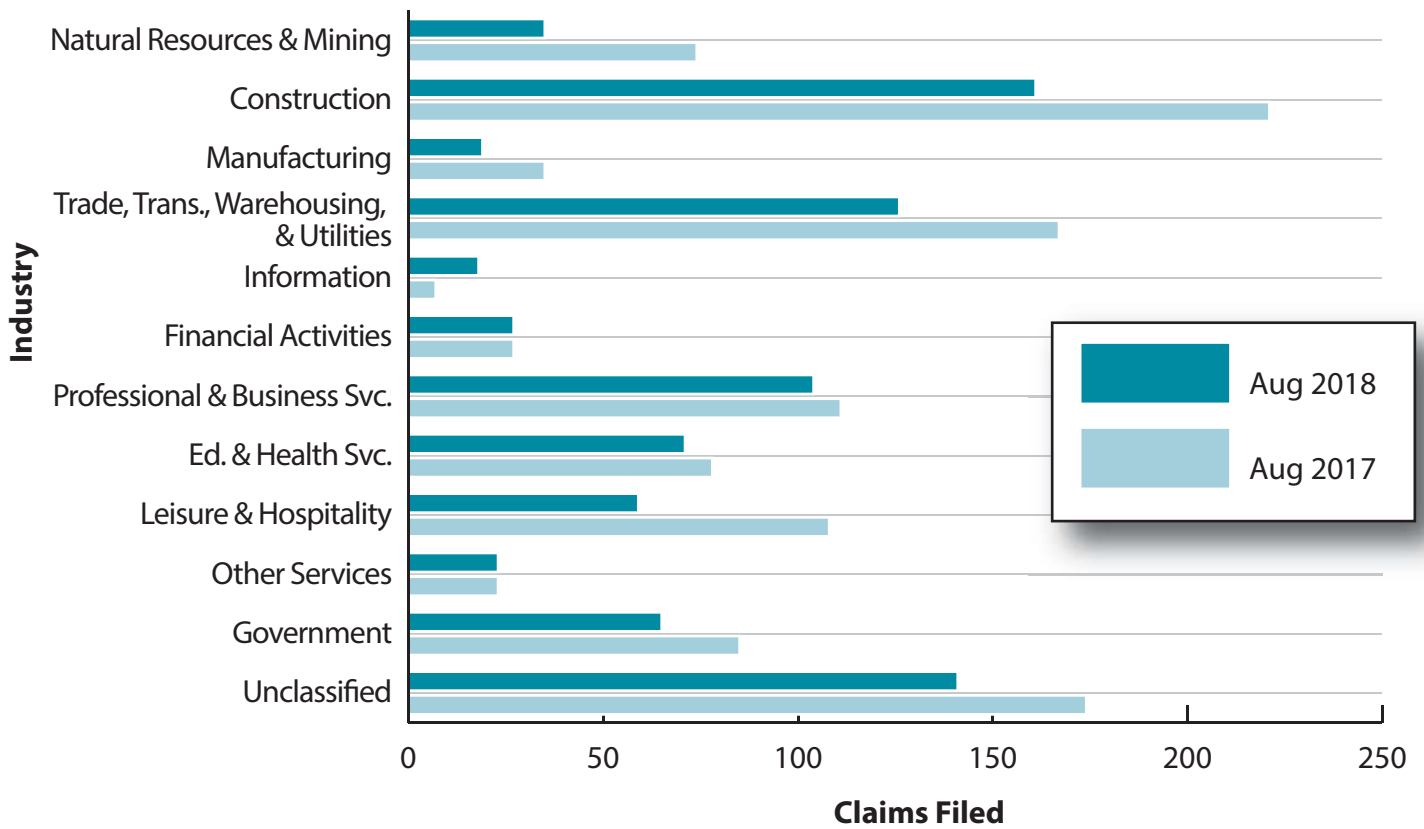


Figure 1: Total Number of New Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by Year and Month, January 2009 to August 2018

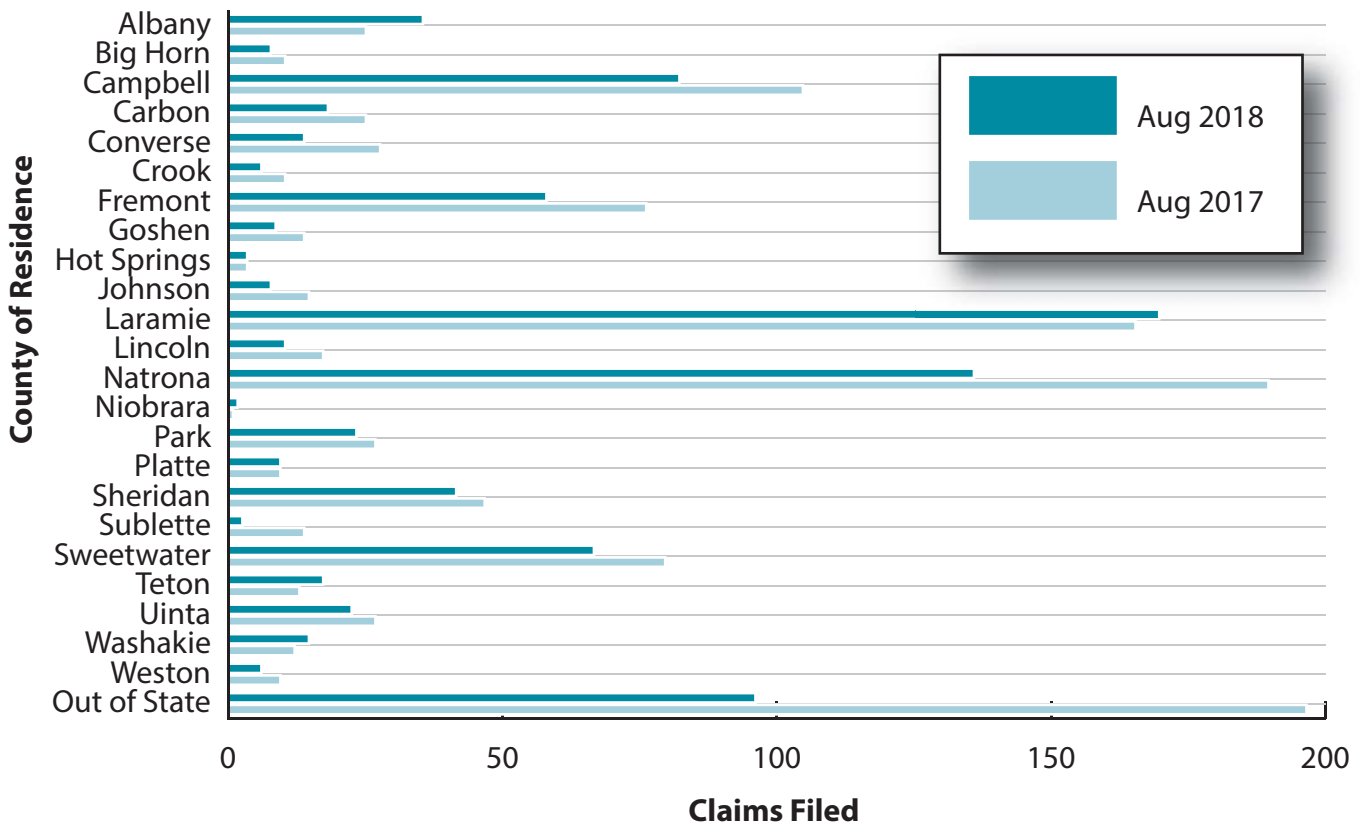
Initial Claims Tables

	Claims Filed			Percent Change Claims Filed		Difference
	Aug-18	Jul-18	Aug-17	Aug-18 Jul-18	Aug-18 Aug-17	Aug-18 Aug-17
<u>Wyoming Statewide</u>						
Total Claims Filed	860	956	1,120	-10.0	-23.2	-260
Goods-Producing	218	220	331	-0.9	-34.1	-113
Natural Resources and Mining (11,21)	35	66	74	-47.0	-52.7	-39
Mining (21)	32	63	69	-49.2	-53.6	-37
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	5	4	12	25.0	-58.3	-7
Construction (23)	161	130	221	23.8	-27.1	-60
Manufacturing (31 - 33)	19	22	35	-13.6	-45.7	-16
Service-Providing	435	394	528	10.4	-17.6	-93
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	126	114	167	10.5	-24.6	-41
Wholesale Trade (42)	32	11	30	190.9	6.7	2
Retail Trade (44 - 45)	62	68	111	-8.8	-44.1	-49
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (22,48 - 49)	32	35	26	-8.6	23.1	6
Information (51)	18	10	7	80.0	157.1	11
Financial Activities (52, 53)	27	21	27	28.6	0.0	0
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	104	75	111	38.7	-6.3	-7
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	71	82	78	-13.4	-9.0	-7
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	59	68	108	-13.2	-45.4	-49
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	23	16	23	43.8	0.0	0
Government	65	94	85	-30.9	-23.5	-20
Federal Government	2	0	14	--	-85.7	-12
State Government	12	11	11	9.1	9.1	1
Local Government	50	82	59	-39.0	-15.3	-9
Local Education	21	22	17	-4.5	23.5	4
Unclassified	141	247	174	-42.9	-19.0	-33
<u>Laramie County (Place of Residence)</u>						
Total Claims Filed	169	156	165	8.3	2.4	4
Goods-Producing	27	31	38	-12.9	-28.9	-11
Construction	25	20	30	25.0	-16.7	-5
Service-Providing	111	74	107	50.0	3.7	4
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	20	20	30	0.0	-33.3	-10
Financial Activities (52, 53)	4	5	6	-20.0	-33.3	-2
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	81	22	67	268.2	20.9	14
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	18	12	14	50.0	28.6	4
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	6	11	8	-45.5	-25.0	-2
Government	11	11	7	0.0	57.1	4
Unclassified	19	38	11	-50.0	72.7	8
<u>Natrona County (Place of Residence)</u>						
Total Claims Filed	135	124	189	8.9	-28.6	-54
Goods-Producing	36	24	51	50.0	-29.4	-15
Construction	25	9	38	177.8	-34.2	-13
Service-Providing	85	76	118	11.8	-28.0	-33
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	25	22	39	13.6	-35.9	-14
Financial Activities (52, 53)	7	4	8	75.0	-12.5	-1
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	12	13	15	-7.7	-20.0	-3
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	19	16	24	18.8	-20.8	-5
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	9	19	25	-52.6	-64.0	-16
Government	3	2	12	50.0	-75.0	-9
Unclassified	10	20	6	-50.0	66.7	4

Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry, August 2018



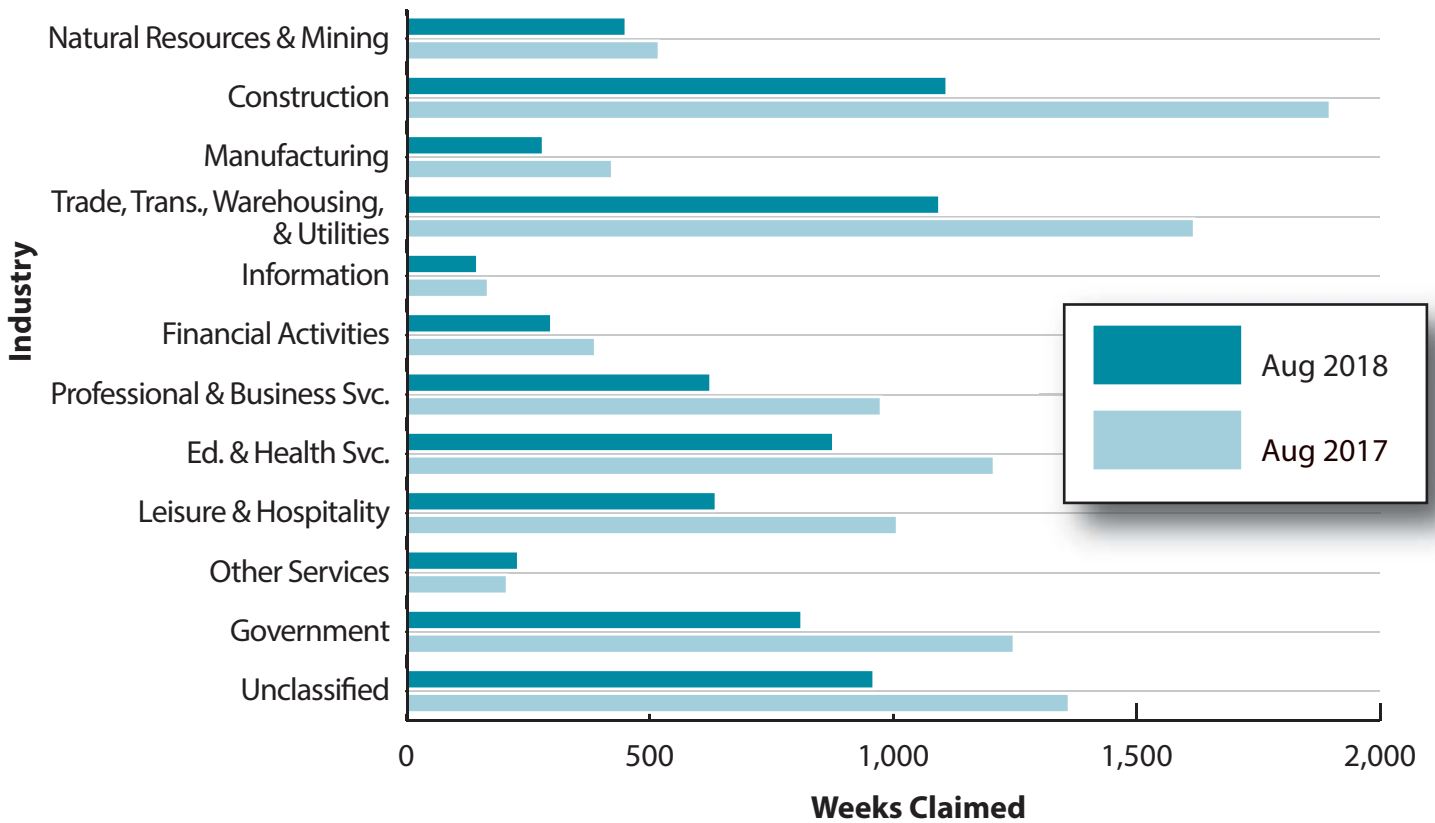
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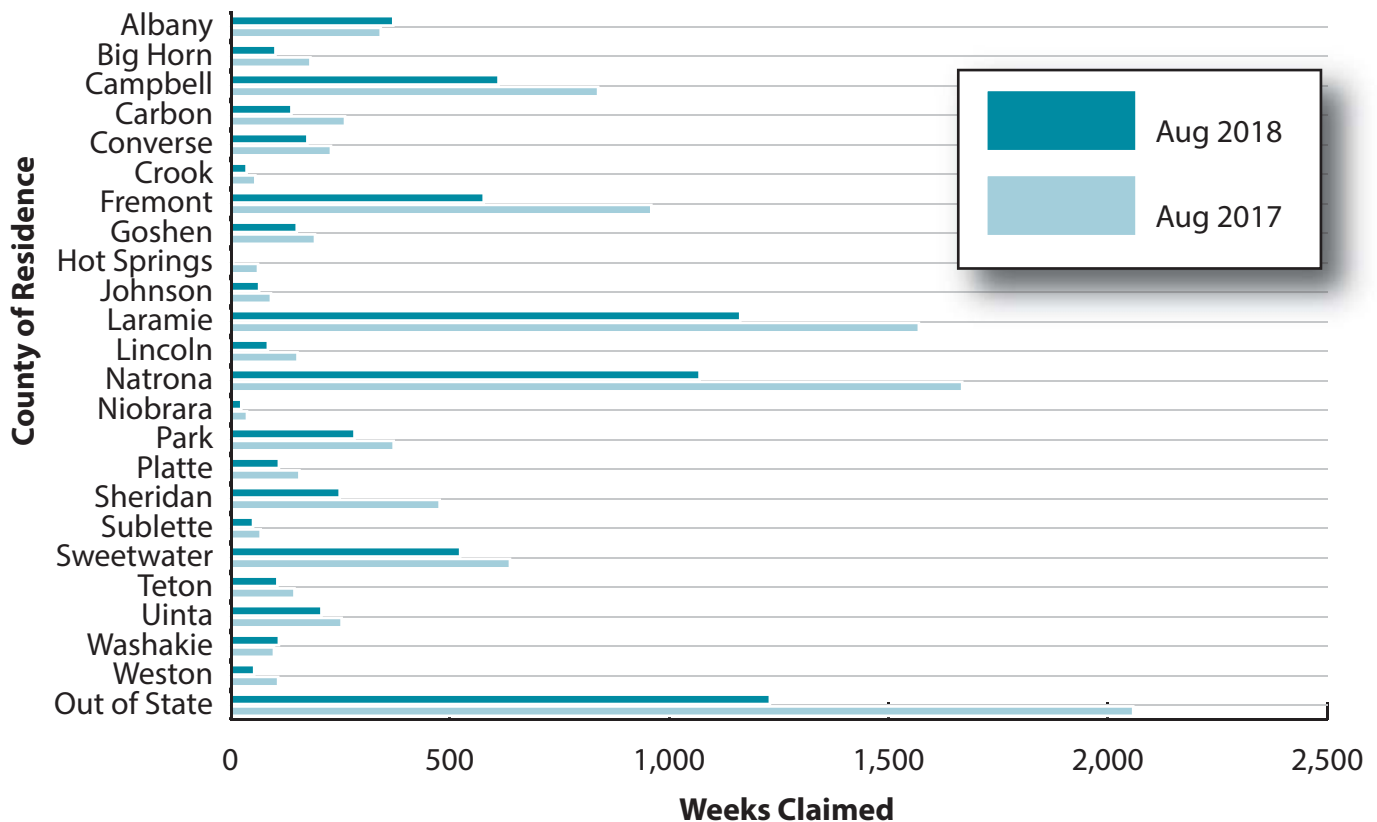
Continued Weeks Claimed Tables

	Claims Filed			Percent Change Claims		Difference
	Aug-18	Jul-18	Aug-17	Aug-18 Jul-18	Aug-18 Aug-17	Aug-18 Aug-17
<u>Wyoming Statewide</u>						
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	7,531	8,711	11,030	-13.5	-31.7	-3,499
Total Unique Claimants	1,955	2,422	2,675	-19.3	-26.9	-720
Benefit Exhaustions	232	337	282	-31.2	-17.7	-50
Benefit Exhaustion Rates	11.9%	13.9%	10.5%	-2.0%	1.3%	
Goods-Producing	1,842	2,247	2,841	-18.0	-35.2	-999
Natural Resources and Mining (11,21)	451	495	519	-8.9	-13.1	-68
Mining (21)	420	420	478	0.0	-12.1	-58
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	22	27	95	-18.5	-76.8	-73
Construction (23)	1,110	1,331	1,897	-16.6	-41.5	-787
Manufacturing (31 - 33)	281	420	423	-33.1	-33.6	-142
Service-Providing	3,916	4,556	5,578	-14.0	-29.8	-1,662
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	1,095	1,187	1,618	-7.8	-32.3	-523
Wholesale Trade (42)	155	161	291	-3.7	-46.7	-136
Retail Trade (44 - 45)	653	679	921	-3.8	-29.1	-268
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (22,48 - 49)	287	347	406	-17.3	-29.3	-119
Information (51)	146	133	168	9.8	-13.1	-22
Financial Activities (52, 53)	298	285	388	4.6	-23.2	-90
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	625	647	975	-3.4	-35.9	-350
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	877	1,183	1,207	-25.9	-27.3	-330
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	636	860	1,008	-26.0	-36.9	-372
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	230	256	207	-10.2	11.1	23
Government	812	841	1,248	-3.4	-34.9	-436
Federal Government	73	62	160	17.7	-54.4	-87
State Government	109	111	131	-1.8	-16.8	-22
Local Government	628	666	956	-5.7	-34.3	-328
Local Education	178	172	297	3.5	-40.1	-119
Unclassified	960	1,067	1,361	-10.0	-29.5	-401
<u>Laramie County (Place of Residence)</u>						
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	1,162	1,278	1,569	-9.1	-25.9	-407
Total Unique Claimants	309	351	378	-12.0	-18.3	-69
Goods-Producing	201	273	288	-26.4	-30.2	-87
Construction	157	207	232	-24.2	-32.3	-75
Service-Providing	775	818	1,059	-5.3	-26.8	-284
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	245	264	310	-7.2	-21.0	-65
Financial Activities (52, 53)	71	62	97	14.5	-26.8	-26
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	272	205	382	32.7	-28.8	-110
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	133	175	198	-24.0	-32.8	-65
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	95	126	103	-24.6	-7.8	-8
Government	94	86	155	9.3	-39.4	-61
Unclassified	90	99	66	-9.1	36.4	24
<u>Natrona County (Place of Residence)</u>						
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	1,069	1,228	1,667	-12.9	-35.9	-598
Total Unique Claimants	279	338	401	-17.5	-30.4	-122
Goods-Producing	220	242	381	-9.1	-42.3	-161
Construction	119	126	252	-5.6	-52.8	-133
Service-Providing	765	907	1,150	-15.7	-33.5	-385
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	198	239	395	-17.2	-49.9	-197
Financial Activities (52, 53)	46	59	89	-22.0	-48.3	-43
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	70	90	160	-22.2	-56.3	-90
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	262	312	281	-16.0	-6.8	-19
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	140	167	205	-16.2	-31.7	-65
Government	24	24	77	0.0	-68.8	-53
Unclassified	58	54	58	7.4	0.0	0

Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry, August 2018



Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, August 2018



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

County	August 18	August 17	Over-the-Year Change	
			N	%
Albany	372	343	29	8.5
Big Horn	103	183	-80	-43.7
Campbell	611	838	-227	-27.1
Carbon	139	262	-123	-46.9
Converse	176	229	-53	-23.1
Crook	37	57	-20	-35.1
Fremont	578	960	-382	-39.8
Goshen	152	193	-41	-21.2
Hot Springs	7	63	-56	-88.9
Johnson	66	93	-27	-29.0
Laramie	1,162	1,569	-407	-25.9
Lincoln	86	153	-67	-43.8
Natrona	1,070	1,668	-598	-35.9
Niobrara	25	38	-13	-34.2
Park	283	372	-89	-23.9
Platte	111	158	-47	-29.7
Sheridan	249	477	-228	-47.8
Sublette	52	69	-17	-24.6
Sweetwater	524	637	-113	-17.7
Teton	107	146	-39	-26.7
Uinta	208	254	-46	-18.1
Washakie	111	100	11	11.0
Weston	55	109	-54	-49.5
Unknown	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D
Out of State	1,230	2,058	-828	-40.2
Normalized Total^a	7,532	11,030	-3,498	-31.7
Real Total^b	8,697	12,737	-4,040	-31.7

^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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