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Substantial Increases in Continued Claims, Unique Claimants

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Initial Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims in Wyoming (see Definitions, page 9) decreased over the year (see Figure 1), while the number of continued weeks claimed increased (see Figure 2, page 4). As of January 2026, continued claims have increased from prior-year levels for 21 consecutive months, or nearly two years. In fact, monthly continued claims were higher in 2025 than in any other year since 2019, with the exception of 2020 and 2021 during the pandemic.

Initial Claims

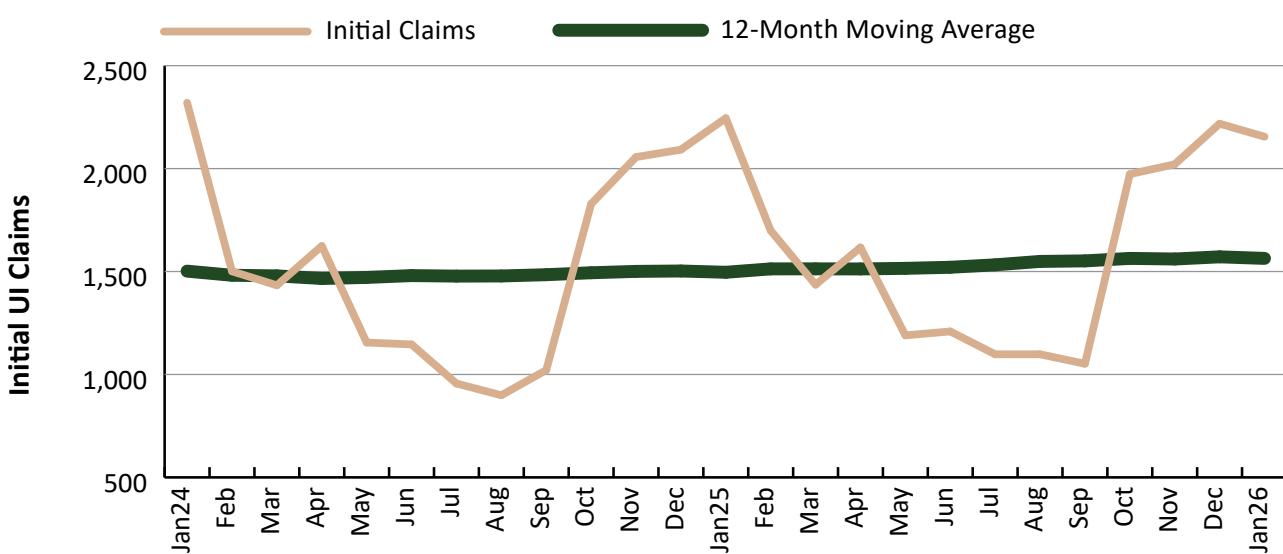
There were 2,174 initial claims filed in Wyoming in January 2026, down 71 (or 3.2%) from January 2025. There were 44 fewer claims compared to December 2025.

UI Claims Online

Weekly, monthly, and annual Unemployment Insurance claims for Wyoming available online at <https://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/UI.htm>.

The industries with the largest numbers of initial claims included construction (859); trade, transportation, & utilities (321); professional & business services (238); and leisure & hospitality (198; see Table 1, page 5, and Figure 3, page 6). Noticeable over-the-year decreases were seen in construction (-83, or -8.8%) and natural resources & mining (-78, or -40.4%).

Natrona County had the largest number of initial claims with 329, followed by Laramie (309), Sweetwater (179), and



*An *initial claim* is a claim filed by an unemployed individual after a separation from an employer.

Source: Unemployment Insurance (UI) statistics. Research & Planning, WY DWS.

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Figure 1: Total Number of Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming, January 2024 to January 2026

Fremont (164) counties (see Figure 4, page 6, and Table 3, page 9). In addition, there were 317 out-of-state claimants, up by 24 (8.2%) over the year.

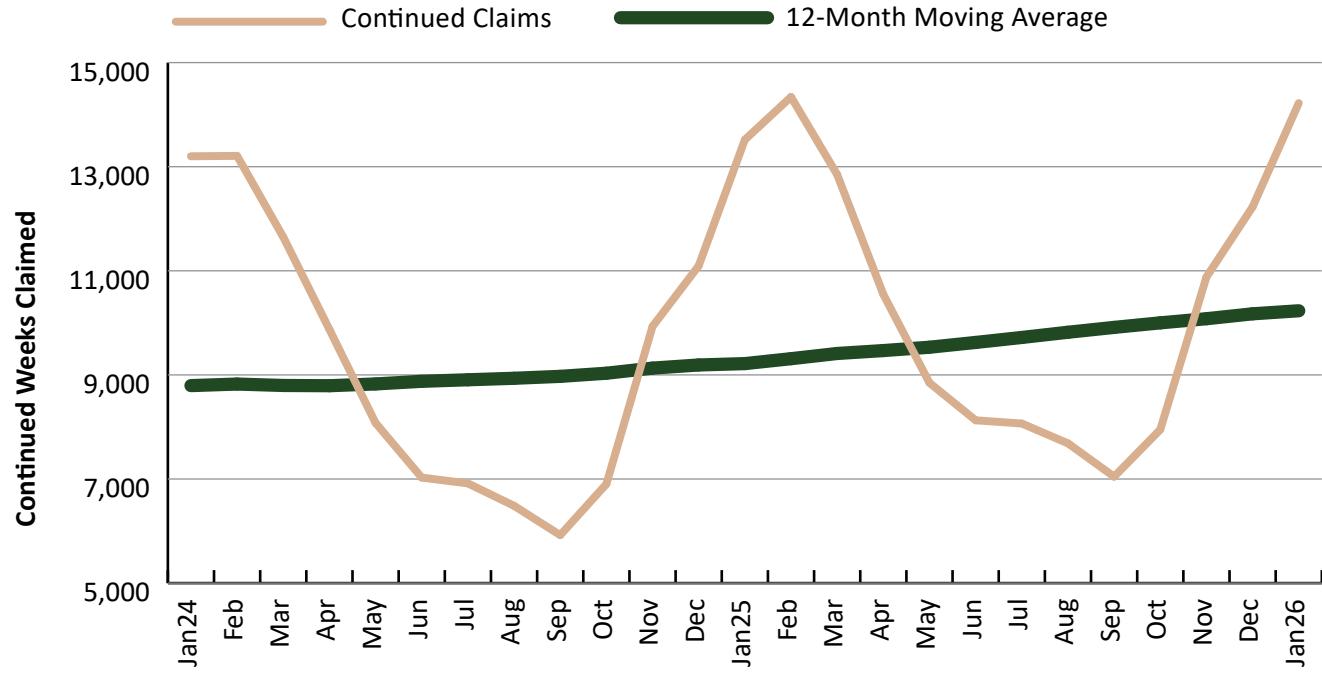
Continued Claims

The total number of continued weeks claimed increased from 13,518 in January 2025 to 14,222 in January 2026 (an increase of 704, or 5.2%). There were 4,731 unique claimants in January 2026, an over-the-year increase of 841, or 21.6%. The total number of unique claimants often peaks in January, and the 4,731 unique claimants in January 2026 were higher than any other January since 2022.

The industries with the most continued

weeks claimed included construction (4,964); professional & business services (1,982); trade, transportation, & utilities (1,722); and leisure & hospitality (1,696). The largest over-the-year increases were seen in construction (335, or 7.2% and leisure & hospitality (242, or 16.6%). Natural resources & mining saw the largest over-the-year decrease in continued claims (-126, or -13.7%).

Substantial over-the-year increases in continued weeks claimed were seen in several counties, led by Natrona (212, or 11.7%) and Sweetwater (136, or 12.3%) counties (see Figure 6, page 8, and Table 4, page 9). There were 2,529 out-of-state continued claims, an increase of 104 (4.3%) over the year.



*A person who has already filed an initial claim and who has experienced a week of unemployment then files a *continued claim* to claim benefits for that week of unemployment.

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Figure 2: Total Number of Unemployment Insurance Continued Weeks Claimed for Wyoming, January 2024 to January 2026

Table 1: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims in Wyoming, January 2026

Industry	Initial Claims Filed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Jan 2026	Dec 2025	Jan 2025	N	%	N	%
	Total Claims Filed	2,174	2,218	2,245	-44	-2.0	-71
Goods-Producing	1,081	1,165	1,228	-84	-7.2	-147	-12.0
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	115	139	193	-24	-17.3	-78	-40.4
Mining (21)	106	127	174	-21	-16.5	-68	-39.1
Construction (23)	859	956	942	-97	-10.1	-83	-8.8
Manufacturing (31-33)	106	70	92	36	51.4	14	15.2
Service-Providing	937	880	878	57	6.5	59	6.7
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	321	233	272	88	37.8	49	18.0
Wholesale Trade (42)	44	22	38	22	100.0	6	15.8
Retail Trade (44-45)	148	101	129	47	46.5	19	14.7
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	128	109	105	19	17.4	23	21.9
Information (51)	6	9	15	-3	-33.3	-9	-60.0
Financial Activities (52-53)	36	32	37	4	12.5	-1	-2.7
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	238	265	240	-27	-10.2	-2	-0.8
Education & Health Services (61-62)	95	88	99	7	8.0	-4	-4.0
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	198	219	181	-21	-9.6	17	9.4
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	41	32	30	9	28.1	11	36.7
Government	128	144	116	-16	-11.1	12	10.3
Federal Government	46	70	53	-24	-34.3	-7	-13.2
State Government	11	18	12	-7	-38.9	-1	-8.3
Local Government	70	56	51	14	25.0	19	37.3
Local Education	11	9	11	2	22.2	0	0.0
Unclassified	27	27	21	0	0.0	6	28.6
Laramie County							
Total Claims Filed	309	349	370	-40	-11.5	-61	-16.5
Goods-Producing	164	219	216	-55	-25.1	-52	-24.1
Construction	153	196	203	-43	-21.9	-50	-24.6
Service-Providing	127	116	138	11	9.5	-11	-8.0
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	38	34	40	4	11.8	-2	-5.0
Financial Activities (52, 53)	11	8	7	3	37.5	4	57.1
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	29	33	34	-4	-12.1	-5	-14.7
Educational & Health Services (61-62)	22	11	25	11	100.0	-3	-12.0
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	16	23	19	-7	-30.4	-3	-15.8
Government	12	12	10	0	0.0	2	20.0
Natrona County							
Total Claims Filed	329	360	311	-31	-8.6	18	5.8
Goods-Producing	156	226	178	-70	-31.0	-22	-12.4
Construction	125	193	151	-68	-35.2	-26	-17.2
Service-Providing	162	118	130	44	37.3	32	24.6
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	53	27	38	26	96.3	15	39.5
Financial Activities (52, 53)	4	5	6	-1	-20.0	-2	-33.3
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	47	33	44	14	42.4	3	6.8
Educational & Health Services (61-62)	22	20	13	2	10.0	9	69.2
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	27	18	17	9	50.0	10	58.8
Government	7	12	2	-5	-41.7	5	250.0

Source: Unemployment Insurance claims database.

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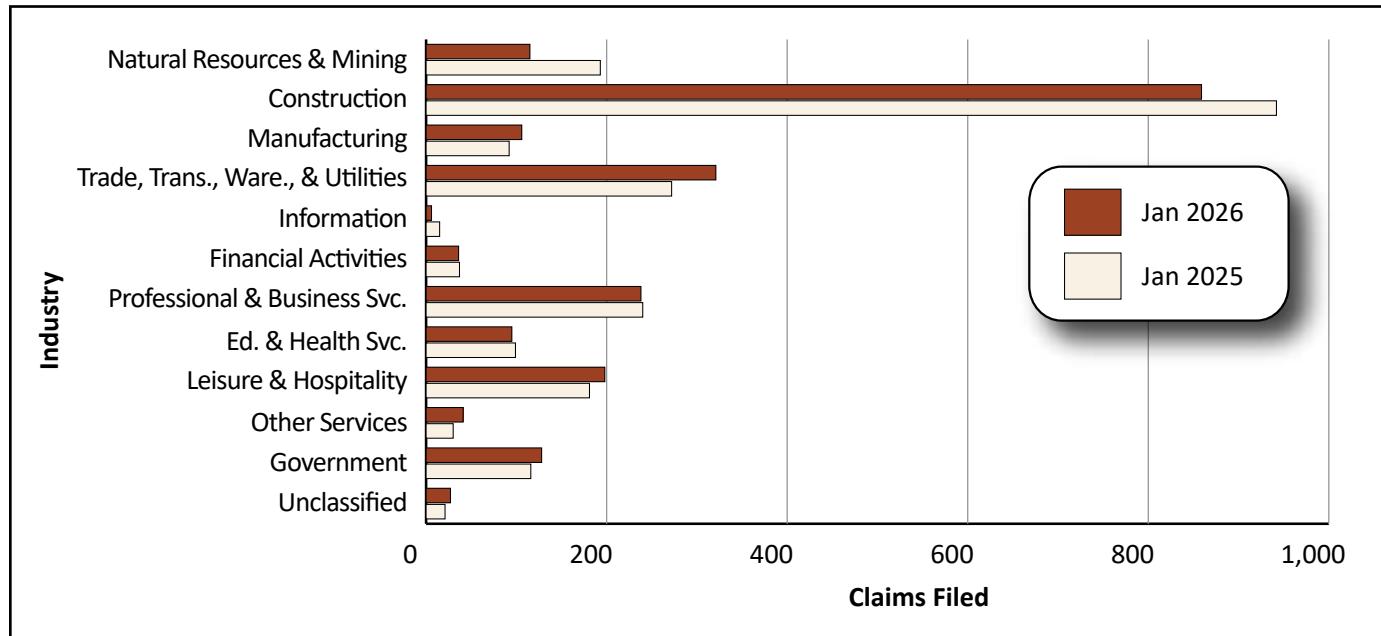


Figure 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, January 2025 and January 2026

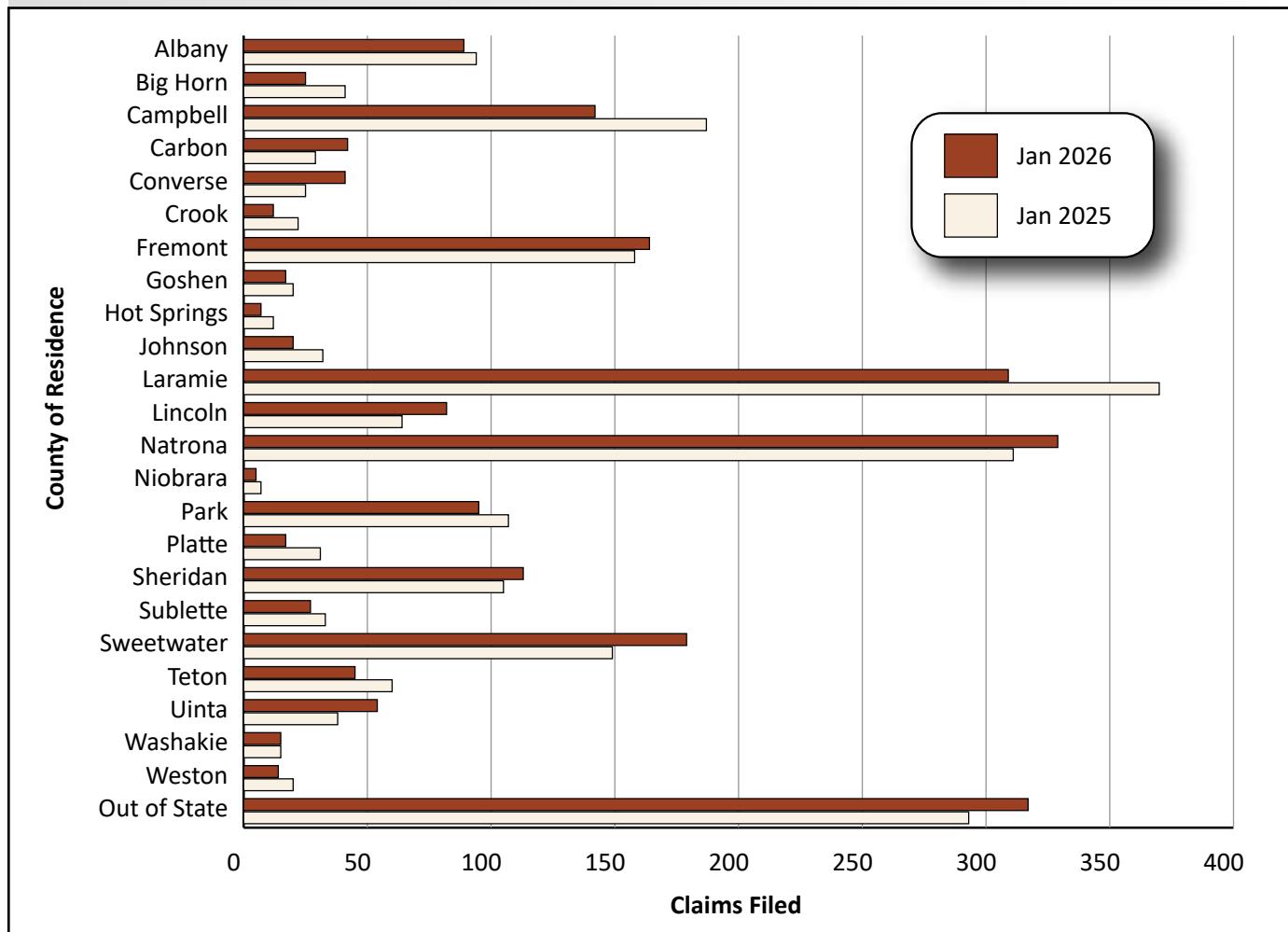


Figure 4: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, January 2025 and January 2026

Table 2: Unemployment Insurance Continued Weeks Claimed in Wyoming, January 2026

Industry	Continued Weeks Claimed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Jan 2026	Dec 2025	Jan 2025	N	%	N	%
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	14,222	12,228	13,518	1,994	16.3	704	5.2
Total Unique Claimants	4,731	3,749	3,890	982	26.2	841	21.6
Goods-Producing	6,279	4,682	6,143	1,597	34.1	136	2.2
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	794	711	920	83	11.7	-126	-13.7
Mining (21)	694	634	797	60	9.5	-103	-12.9
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	57	57	23	0	0.0	34	147.8
Construction (23)	4,964	3,513	4,629	1,451	41.3	335	7.2
Manufacturing (31-33)	520	457	593	63	13.8	-73	-12.3
Service-Providing	6,866	6,497	6,200	369	5.7	666	10.7
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	1,722	1,415	1,555	307	21.7	167	10.7
Wholesale Trade (42)	336	292	261	44	15.1	75	28.7
Retail Trade (44-45)	795	737	824	58	7.9	-29	-3.5
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	589	385	469	204	53.0	120	25.6
Information (51)	125	127	96	-2	-1.6	29	30.2
Financial Activities (52-53)	345	276	242	69	25.0	103	42.6
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	1,982	1,611	1,958	371	23.0	24	1.2
Education & Health Services (61-62)	739	739	667	0	0.0	72	10.8
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	1,696	2,109	1,454	-413	-19.6	242	16.6
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	255	217	225	38	17.5	30	13.3
Government	935	905	1,009	30	3.3	-74	-7.3
Federal Government	430	418	580	12	2.9	-150	-25.9
State Government	110	101	96	9	8.9	14	14.6
Local Government	394	386	332	8	2.1	62	18.7
Local Education	70	76	67	-6	-7.9	3	4.5
Unclassified	141	142	164	-1	-0.7	-23	-14.0
Laramie County							
Total Claims Filed	2,023	1,736	1,995	287	16.5	28	1.4
Total Unique Claimants	661	520	588	141	27.1	73	12.4
Goods-Producing	1,009	743	973	266	35.8	36	3.7
Construction	935	674	884	261	38.7	51	5.8
Service-Providing	896	868	903	28	3.2	-7	-0.8
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	255	242	302	13	5.4	-47	-15.6
Financial Activities (52, 53)	82	59	57	23	39.0	25	43.9
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	240	238	225	2	0.8	15	6.7
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	140	150	131	-10	-6.7	9	6.9
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	121	111	113	10	9.0	8	7.1
Government	83	87	90	-4	-4.6	-7	-7.8
Unclassified	33	36	27	-3	-8.3	6	22.2
Natrona County							
Total Claims Filed	2,026	1,642	1,814	384	23.4	212	11.7
Total Unique Claimants	698	502	526	196	39.0	172	32.7
Goods-Producing	1,019	799	874	220	27.5	145	16.6
Construction	736	537	710	199	37.1	26	3.7
Service-Providing	936	792	872	144	18.2	64	7.3
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	257	246	295	11	4.5	-38	-12.9
Financial Activities (52, 53)	58	56	57	2	3.6	1	1.8
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	234	166	247	68	41.0	-13	-5.3
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	164	149	84	15	10.1	80	95.2
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	141	109	128	32	29.4	13	10.2
Government	49	36	52	13	36.1	-3	-5.8
Unclassified	20	14	13	6	42.9	7	53.8

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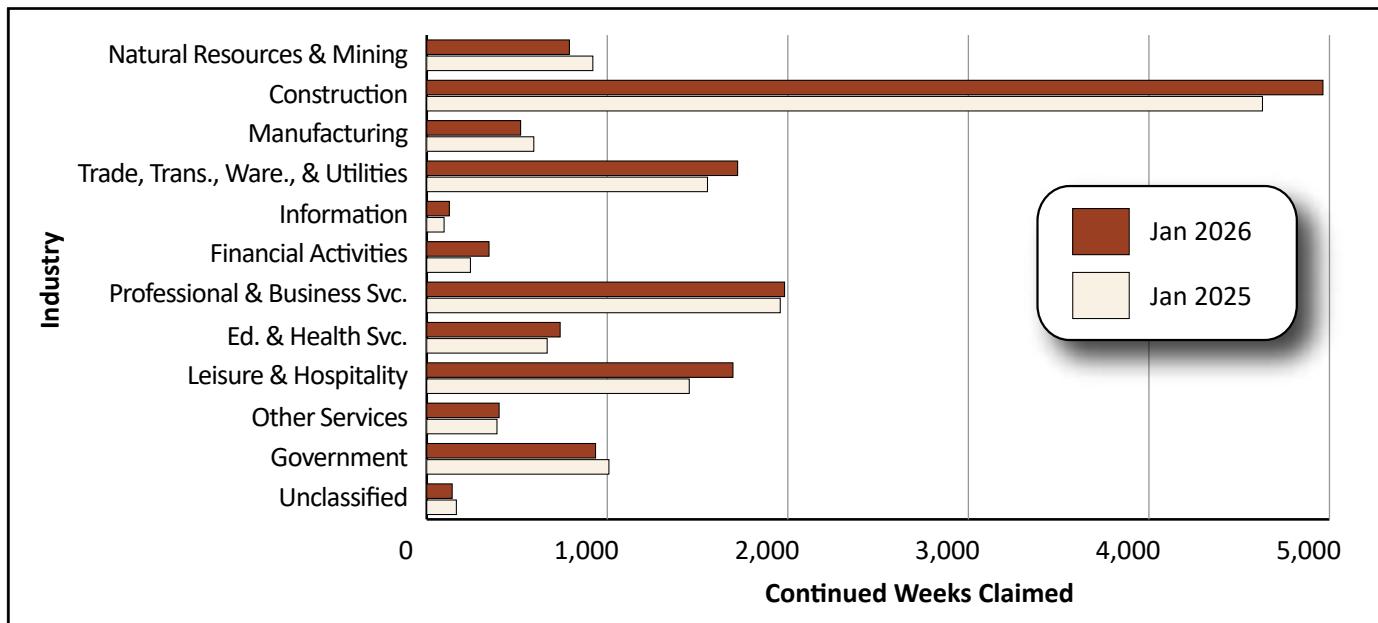


Figure 5: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, January 2025 and January 2026

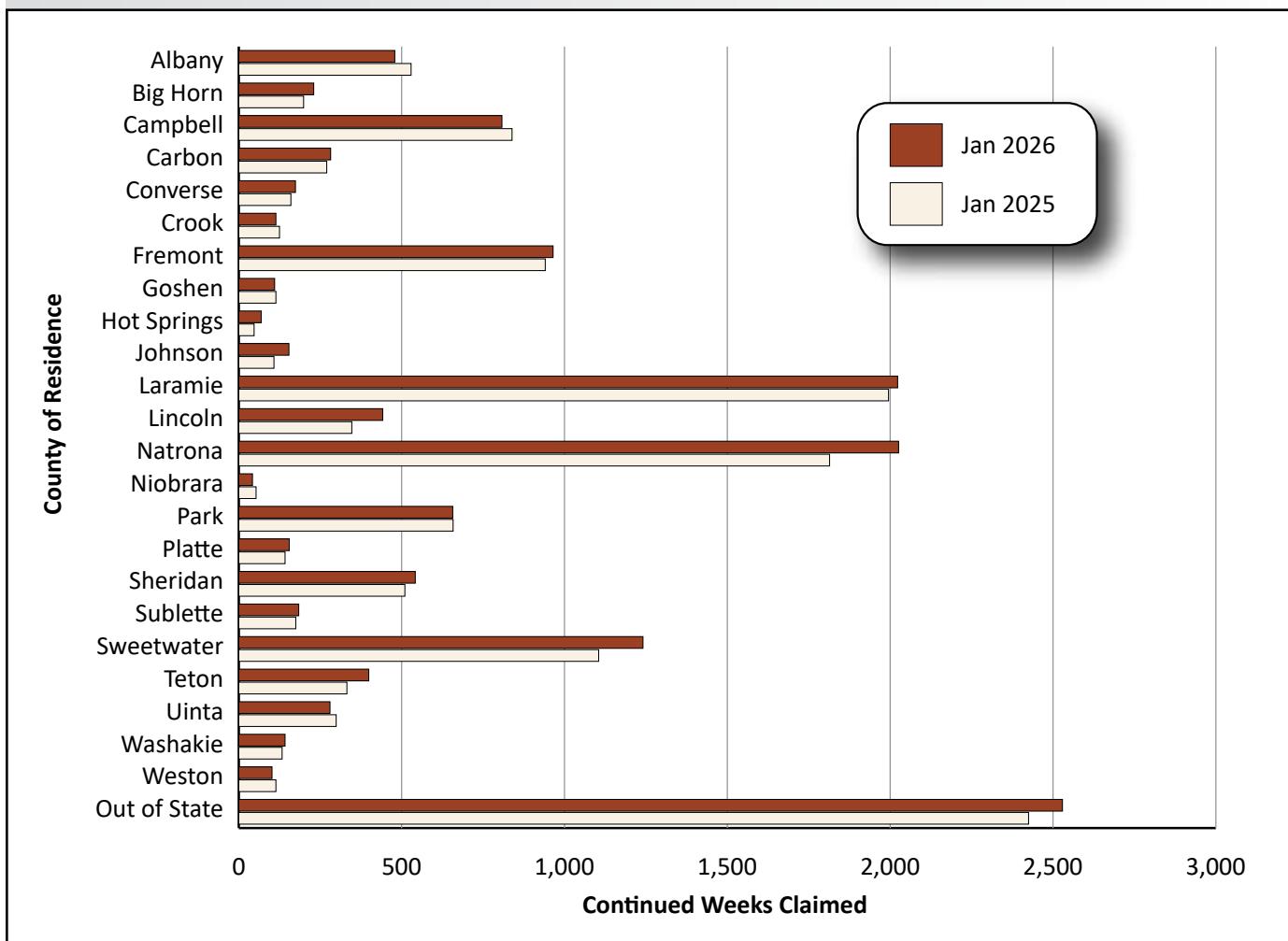


Figure 6: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence in Wyoming, January 2025 and January 2026

Table 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by County of Residence, Jan 2025 and Jan 2026

County	Change			
	Jan 2026	Jan 2025	N	%
Albany	89	94	-5	-5.3
Big Horn	25	41	-16	-39.0
Campbell	142	187	-45	-24.1
Carbon	42	29	13	44.8
Converse	41	25	16	64.0
Crook	12	22	-10	-45.5
Fremont	164	158	6	3.8
Goshen	17	20	-3	-15.0
Hot Springs	7	12	-5	-41.7
Johnson	20	32	-12	-37.5
Laramie	309	370	-61	-16.5
Lincoln	82	64	18	28.1
Natrona	329	311	18	5.8
Niobrara	5	7	-2	-28.6
Park	95	107	-12	-11.2
Platte	17	31	-14	-45.2
Sheridan	113	105	8	7.6
Sublette	27	33	-6	-18.2
Sweetwater	179	149	30	20.1
Teton	45	60	-15	-25.0
Uinta	54	38	16	42.1
Washakie	15	15	0	0.0
Weston	14	20	-6	-30.0
Unknown	4	10	-6	-60.0
Out of State	317	293	24	8.2
Total	2,174	2,245	-71	-3.2

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Table 4: Wyoming Normalized^a Unemployment Statistics: Continued Claims by County of Residence, Jan 2025 and Jan 2026

County	Change			
	Jan 2026	Jan 2025	N	%
Albany	479	529	-50	-9.5
Big Horn	230	199	31	15.6
Campbell	808	839	-31	-3.7
Carbon	282	270	12	4.4
Converse	174	160	14	8.8
Crook	114	125	-11	-8.8
Fremont	965	941	24	2.6
Goshen	110	114	-4	-3.5
Hot Springs	69	47	22	46.8
Johnson	154	108	46	42.6
Laramie	2,023	1,995	28	1.4
Lincoln	442	347	95	27.4
Natrona	2,026	1,814	212	11.7
Niobrara	42	53	-11	-20.8
Park	657	658	-1	-0.2
Platte	155	142	13	9.2
Sheridan	542	510	32	6.3
Sublette	184	175	9	5.1
Sweetwater	1,241	1,105	136	12.3
Teton	399	332	67	20.2
Uinta	280	299	-19	-6.4
Washakie	142	133	9	6.8
Weston	102	114	-12	-10.5
Unknown	61	75	-14	-18.7
Out of State	2,529	2,425	104	4.3
Normalized	14,222	13,518	704	5.2
Total^a				

^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.

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

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Box: Definitions

Initial Claim: An initial claim is filed by an unemployed individual after a separation from an employer. The claim requests a determination of basic eligibility for the Unemployment Insurance benefits.

Continued Weeks Claimed: The number of weeks of UI benefits claimed during the reference period. An unemployed individual who has already filed an initial claim and who has experienced a week of unemployment and then filed a continued claim to claim benefits for that week of unemployment.



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