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Continued Claims Drop Substantially in Most Industries

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The number of initial Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims in Wyoming (see Definitions, page 9) have remained largely unchanged over the last few years (see Figure 1). In contrast, continued claims increased throughout 2025 and early 2026, but have decreased in recent months (see Figure 2, page 4). Most industries saw double-digit over-the-year percentage decreases in September 2026.

Initial Claims

There were 972 initial claims in September 2026, down from 1,052 (-80, or -7.6%) in September 2025. Over the month, continued claims increased by

UI Claims Online

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117 (13.7%); this is typical for September in Wyoming, as employment decreases in seasonal industries like construction and leisure & hospitality, and some workers who lost jobs file UI claims.

The industries with the largest numbers of initial claims included construction (206); leisure & hospitality (190); and trade, transportation, & utilities (181; see Table 1, page 5, and Figure 3, page 6). While initial claims were down

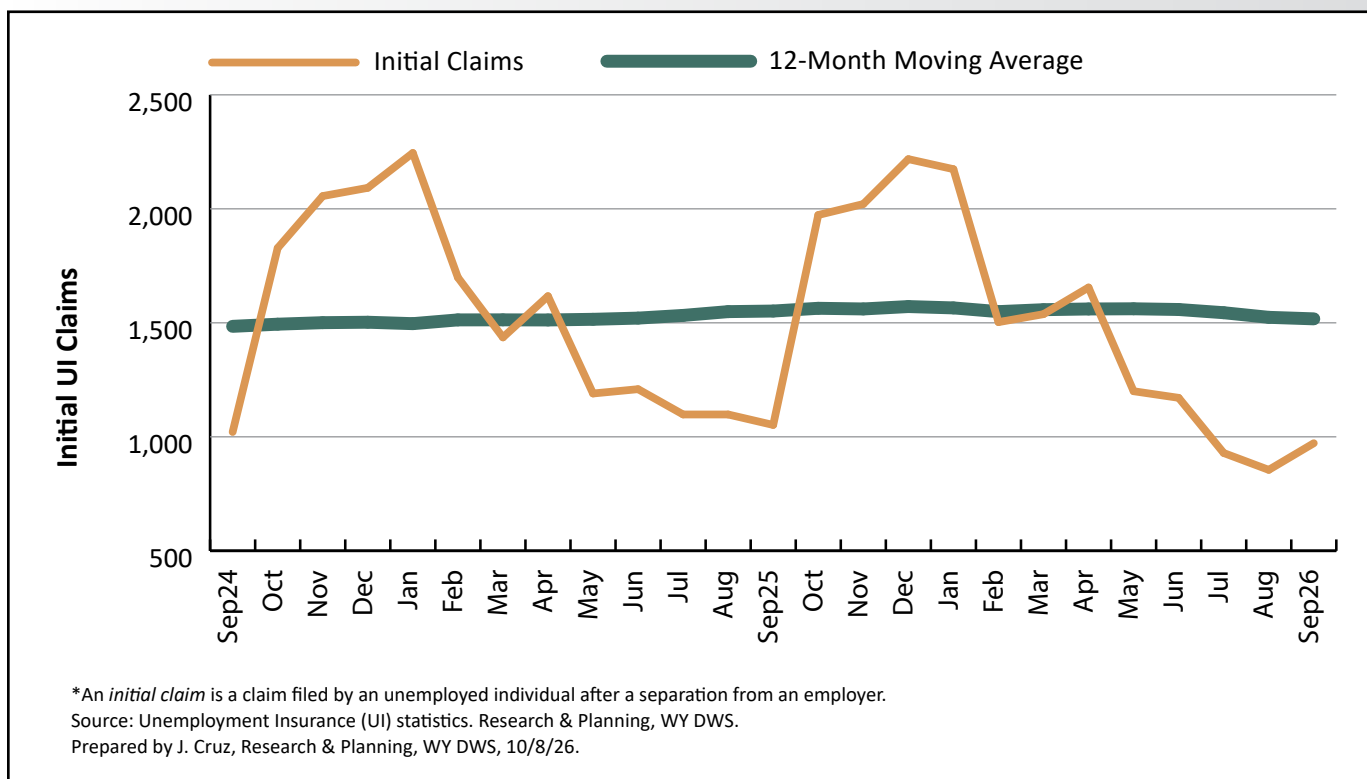


Figure 1: Total Number of Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming, September 2024 to September 2026

over the year for most industries, leisure & hospitality increased by 47 claims (32.9%).

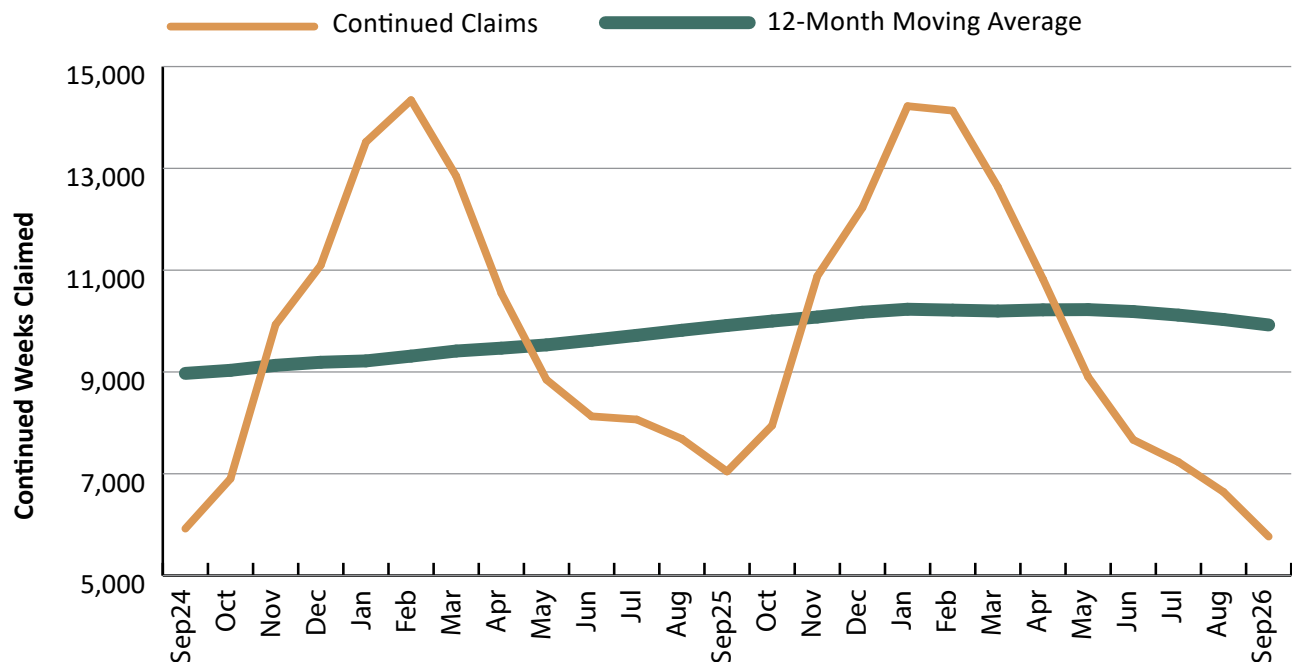
Laramie County had the largest number of initial claims with 196, followed by Natrona (133), Sweetwater (68), and Campbell (53) counties (see Figure 4, page 6, and Table 3, page 9). There were 155 out-of-state claimants.

Continued Claims

The total number of continued weeks claimed decreased from 7,045 in September 2025 to 5,766 in September 2026 (-1,279, or -18.2%). Continued claims also decreased over the month (-876, or -13.2%). There were 1,778 unique claimants, down over the month (-525, or -22.8%) and over the year (-655, or -26.9%).

The industries with the most continued weeks claimed included construction (1,014); trade, transportation, & utilities (912); education & health services (832), and professional & business services (794; see Table 2, page 7, and Figure 5, page 8). Nearly all industries decreased considerably over the year, though increases were seen in education & health services (149, or 21.8%) and leisure & hospitality (25, or 4.5%), along with total government (27, or 5.7%).

Laramie County had the greatest number of continued claims with 977, followed by Natrona (862), Sweetwater (562), and Campbell (469) counties (see Figure 6, page 8, and Table 4, page 9). There were 742 continued weeks claimed by out-of-state individuals, down over the month and 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.

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

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

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

Industry	Initial Claims Filed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Sep 2026	Aug 2026	Sep 2025	N	%	N	%
Total Claims Filed	972	855	1,052	117	13.7	-80	-7.6
Goods-Producing	284	293	358	-9	-3.1	-74	-20.7
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	42	54	62	-12	-22.2	-20	-32.3
Mining (21)	37	49	56	-12	-24.5	-19	-33.9
Construction (23)	206	195	259	11	5.6	-53	-20.5
Manufacturing (31-33)	36	43	35	-7	-16.3	1	2.9
Service-Providing	607	500	611	107	21.4	-4	-0.7
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	181	139	202	42	30.2	-21	-10.4
Wholesale Trade (42)	21	23	31	-2	-8.7	-10	-32.3
Retail Trade (44-45)	121	77	95	44	57.1	26	27.4
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	38	37	75	1	2.7	-37	-49.3
Information (51)	8	3	5	5	166.7	3	60.0
Financial Activities (52-53)	26	28	48	-2	-7.1	-22	-45.8
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	87	117	107	-30	-25.6	-20	-18.7
Education & Health Services (61-62)	91	96	82	-5	-5.2	9	11.0
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	190	96	143	94	97.9	47	32.9
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	20	18	21	2	11.1	-1	-4.8
Government	57	48	66	9	18.8	-9	-13.6
Federal Government	8	8	7	0	0.0	1	14.3
State Government	13	5	10	8	160.0	3	30.0
Local Government	34	34	47	0	0.0	-13	-27.7
Local Education	8	10	9	-2	-20.0	-1	-11.1
Unclassified	22	12	16	10	83.3	6	37.5
Laramie County							
Total Claims Filed	196	174	167	22	12.6	29	17.4
Goods-Producing	81	56	55	25	44.6	26	47.3
Construction	74	48	49	26	54.2	25	51.0
Service-Providing	104	105	95	-1	-1.0	9	9.5
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	44	20	31	24	120.0	13	41.9
Financial Activities (52, 53)	6	7	7	-1	-14.3	-1	-14.3
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	23	37	14	-14	-37.8	9	64.3
Educational & Health Services (61-62)	8	19	20	-11	-57.9	-12	-60.0
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	19	14	11	5	35.7	8	72.7
Government	6	10	12	-4	-40.0	-6	-50.0
Natrona County							
Total Claims Filed	133	138	195	-5	-3.6	-62	-31.8
Goods-Producing	42	56	66	-14	-25.0	-24	-36.4
Construction	28	38	43	-10	-26.3	-15	-34.9
Service-Providing	83	77	124	6	7.8	-41	-33.1
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	25	24	45	1	4.2	-20	-44.4
Financial Activities (52, 53)	5	5	10	0	0.0	-5	-50.0
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	9	6	19	3	50.0	-10	-52.6
Educational & Health Services (61-62)	19	20	16	-1	-5.0	3	18.8
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	18	18	21	0	0.0	-3	-14.3
Government	5	3	3	2	66.7	2	66.7

N/D = Not discloseable due to confidentiality.

Source: Unemployment Insurance claims database.

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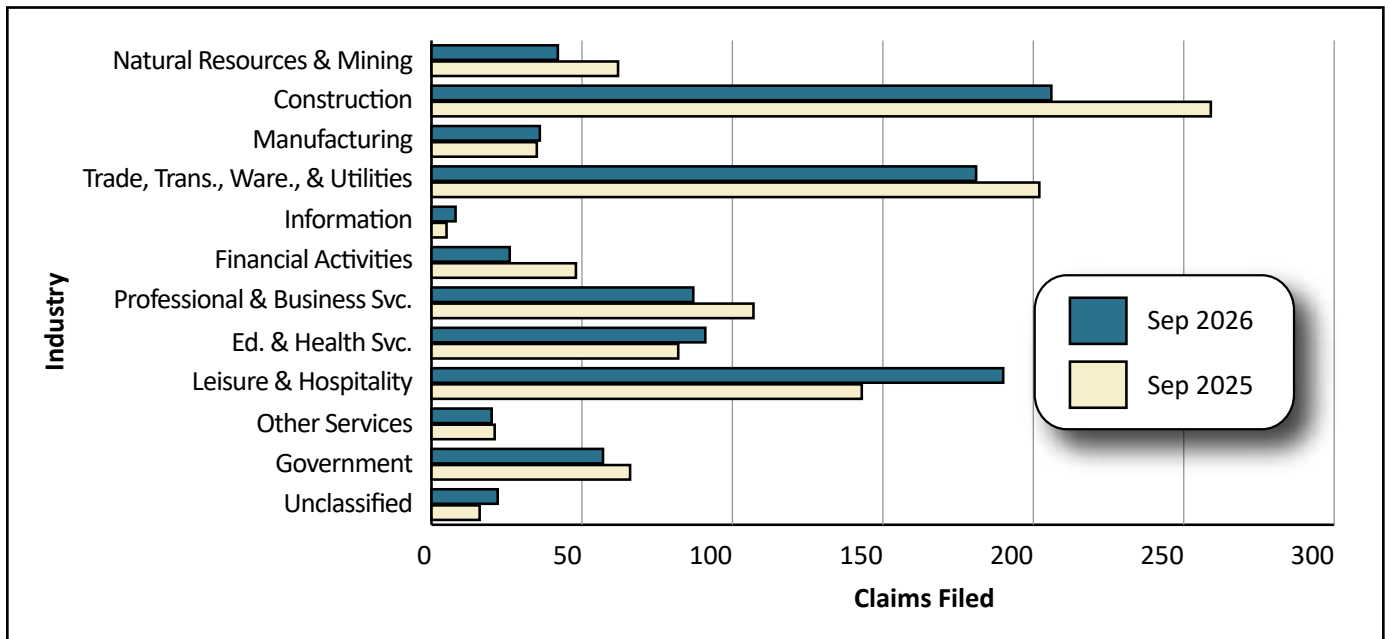


Figure 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, September 2025 and September 2026

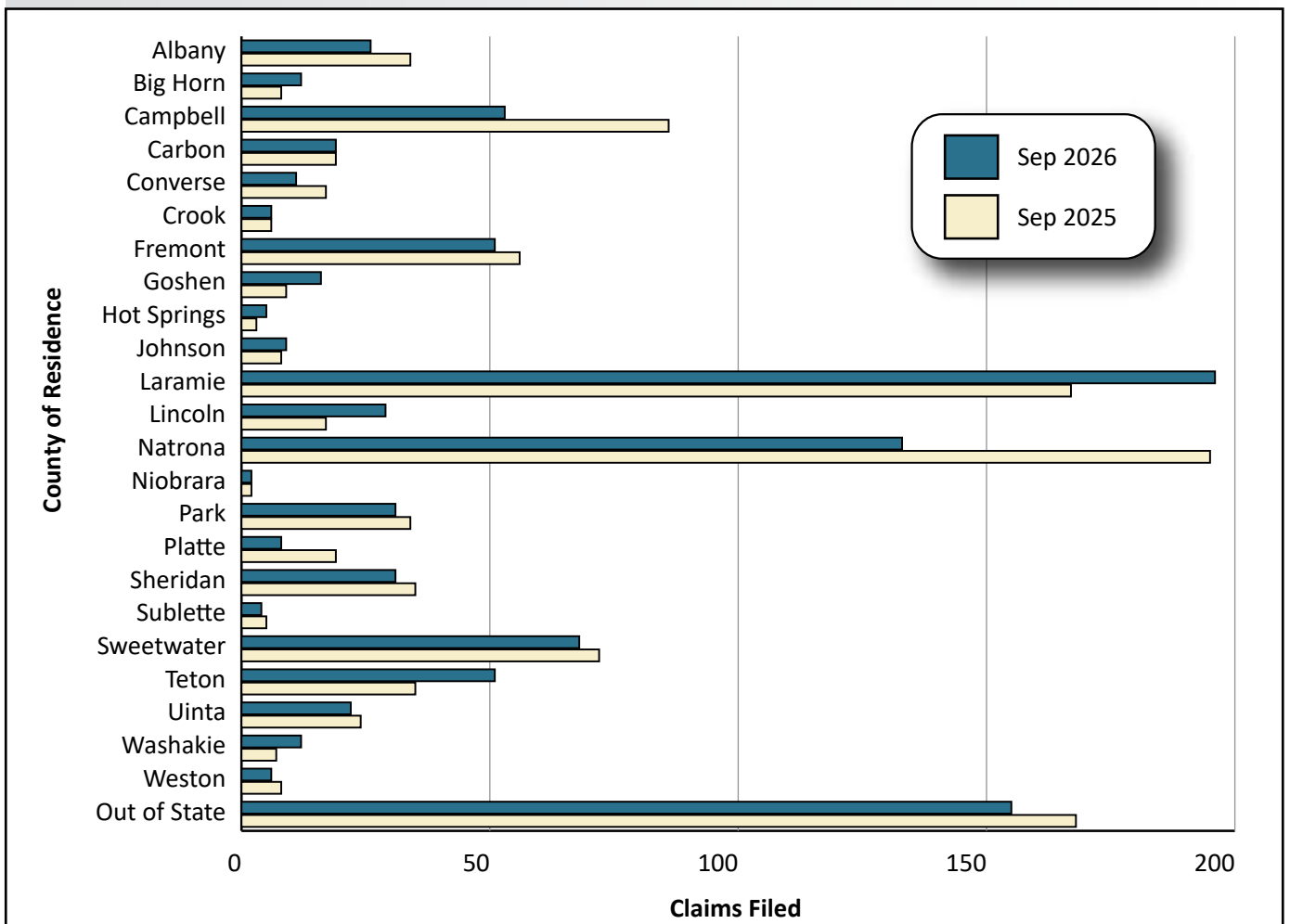


Figure 4: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, September 2025 and September 2026

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

Industry	Continued Weeks Claimed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Sep 2026	Aug 2026	Sep 2025	N	%	N	%
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	5,766	6,642	7,045	-876	-13.2	-1,279	-18.2
Total Unique Claimants	1,778	2,303	2,433	-525	-22.8	-655	-26.9
Goods-Producing	1,590	1,681	2,393	-91	-5.4	-803	-33.6
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	300	334	578	-34	-10.2	-278	-48.1
Mining (21)	277	316	565	-39	-12.3	-288	-51.0
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	12	15	45	-3	-20.0	-33	-73.3
Construction (23)	1,014	1,017	1,383	-3	-0.3	-369	-26.7
Manufacturing (31-33)	275	329	431	-54	-16.4	-156	-36.2
Service-Providing	3,603	4,278	4,088	-675	-15.8	-485	-11.9
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	912	925	1,317	-13	-1.4	-405	-30.8
Wholesale Trade (42)	198	198	264	0	0.0	-66	-25.0
Retail Trade (44-45)	477	494	591	-17	-3.4	-114	-19.3
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	237	232	462	5	2.2	-225	-48.7
Information (51)	105	115	112	-10	-8.7	-7	-6.3
Financial Activities (52-53)	224	284	272	-60	-21.1	-48	-17.6
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	794	969	941	-175	-18.1	-147	-15.6
Education & Health Services (61-62)	832	1,142	683	-310	-27.1	149	21.8
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	577	654	552	-77	-11.8	25	4.5
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	155	185	208	-30	-16.2	-53	-25.5
Government	500	604	473	-104	-17.2	27	5.7
Federal Government	26	18	57	8	44.4	-31	-54.4
State Government	65	67	48	-2	-3.0	17	35.4
Local Government	407	518	366	-111	-21.4	41	11.2
Local Education	144	178	81	-34	-19.1	63	77.8
Unclassified	71	79	90	-8	-10.1	-19	-21.1
Laramie County							
Total Claims Filed	977	1,078	1,116	-101	-9.4	-139	-12.5
Total Unique Claimants	306	382	395	-76	-19.9	-89	-22.5
Goods-Producing	278	233	215	45	19.3	63	29.3
Construction	254	207	171	47	22.7	83	48.5
Service-Providing	571	709	814	-138	-19.5	-243	-29.9
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	142	149	247	-7	-4.7	-105	-42.5
Financial Activities (52, 53)	45	68	71	-23	-33.8	-26	-36.6
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	166	228	254	-62	-27.2	-88	-34.6
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	122	147	123	-25	-17.0	-1	-0.8
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	63	66	67	-3	-4.5	-4	-6.0
Government	108	107	67	1	0.9	41	61.2
Unclassified	19	28	19	-9	-32.1	0	0.0
Natrona County							
Total Claims Filed	862	975	1,086	-113	-11.6	-224	-20.6
Total Unique Claimants	264	334	383	-70	-21.0	-119	-31.1
Goods-Producing	215	232	335	-17	-7.3	-120	-35.8
Construction	110	90	151	20	22.2	-41	-27.2
Service-Providing	610	706	719	-96	-13.6	-109	-15.2
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	170	176	246	-6	-3.4	-76	-30.9
Financial Activities (52, 53)	38	36	43	2	5.6	-5	-11.6
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	118	146	136	-28	-19.2	-18	-13.2
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	164	208	98	-44	-21.2	66	67.3
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	83	97	106	-14	-14.4	-23	-21.7
Government	29	31	22	-2	-6.5	7	31.8
Unclassified	6	4	8	2	50.0	-2	-25.0

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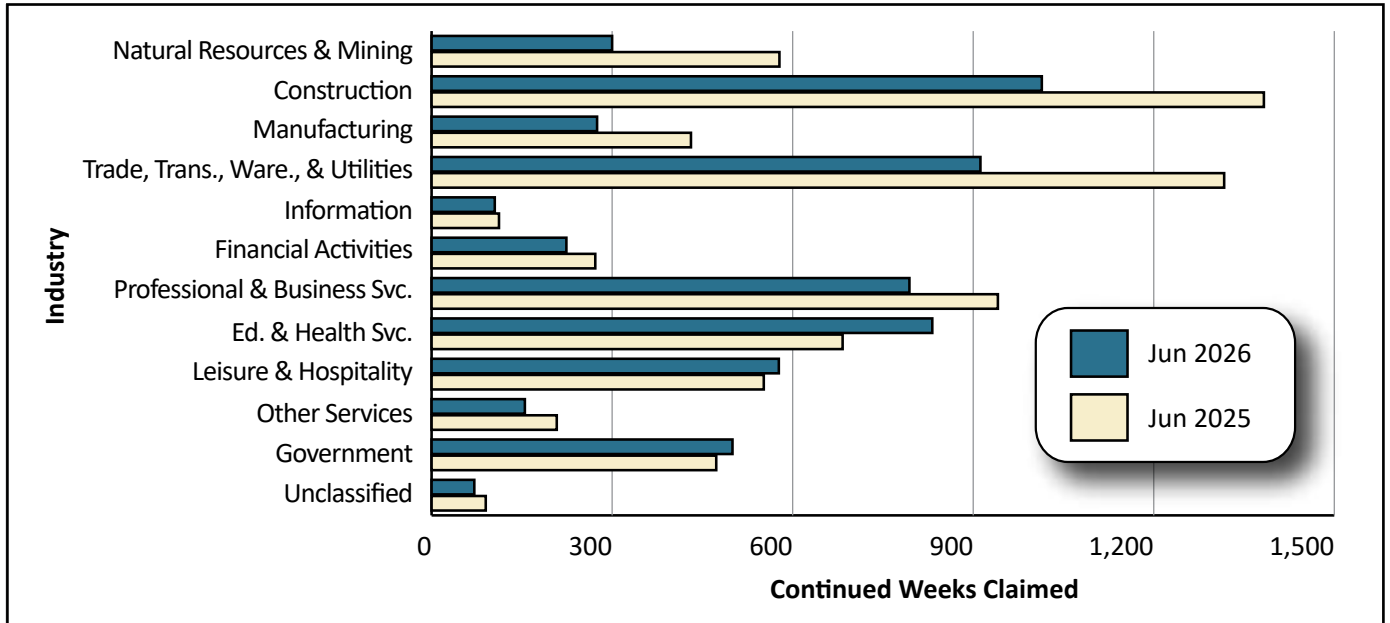


Figure 5: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, September 2025 and September 2026

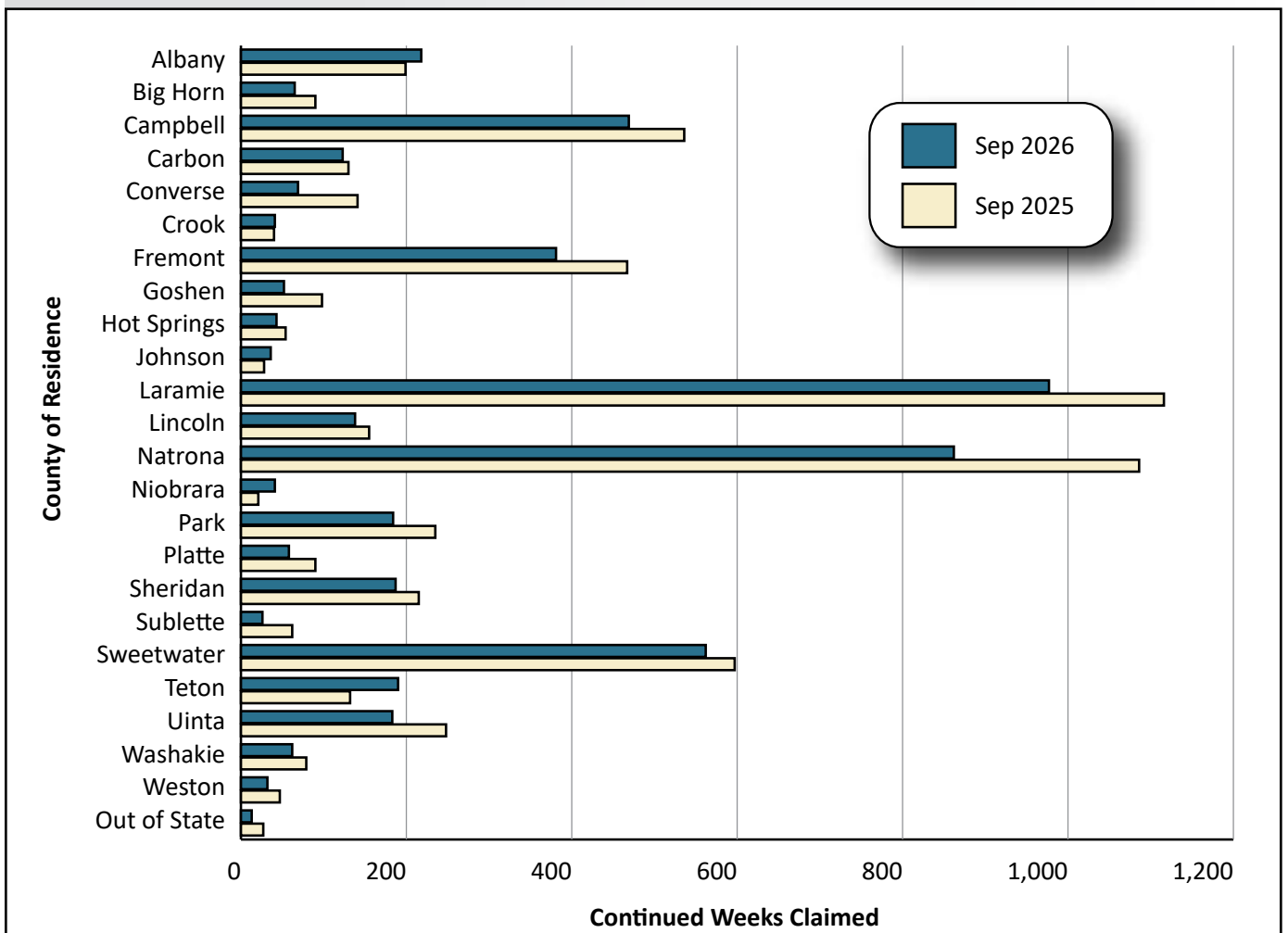


Figure 6: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence in Wyoming, September 2025 and September 2026

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

County	Sep 2026	Sep 2025	Change	
			N	%
Albany	26	34	-8	-23.5
Big Horn	12	8	4	50.0
Campbell	53	86	-33	-38.4
Carbon	19	19	0	0.0
Converse	11	17	-6	-35.3
Crook	6	6	0	0.0
Fremont	51	56	-5	-8.9
Goshen	16	9	7	77.8
Hot Springs	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D
Johnson	9	8	1	12.5
Laramie	196	167	29	17.4
Lincoln	29	17	12	70.6
Natrona	133	195	-62	-31.8
Niobrara	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D
Park	31	34	-3	-8.8
Platte	8	19	-11	-57.9
Sheridan	31	35	-4	-11.4
Sublette	4	5	-1	-20.0
Sweetwater	68	72	-4	-5.6
Teton	51	35	16	45.7
Uinta	22	24	-2	-8.3
Washakie	12	7	5	71.4
Weston	6	8	-2	-25.0
Unknown	5	4	1	25.0
Out of State	155	168	-13	-7.7
Total	972	1,052	-80	-7.6

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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.

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

County	Sep 2026	Sep 2025	Change	
			N	%
Albany	218	199	19	9.5
Big Horn	65	90	-25	-27.8
Campbell	469	536	-67	-12.5
Carbon	123	130	-7	-5.4
Converse	69	141	-72	-51.1
Crook	41	40	1	2.5
Fremont	381	467	-86	-18.4
Goshen	52	98	-46	-46.9
Hot Springs	43	54	-11	-20.4
Johnson	36	28	8	28.6
Laramie	977	1,116	-139	-12.5
Lincoln	138	155	-17	-11.0
Natrona	862	1,086	-224	-20.6
Niobrara	41	21	20	95.2
Park	184	235	-51	-21.7
Platte	58	90	-32	-35.6
Sheridan	187	215	-28	-13.0
Sublette	26	62	-36	-58.1
Sweetwater	562	597	-35	-5.9
Teton	190	132	58	43.9
Uinta	183	248	-65	-26.2
Washakie	62	79	-17	-21.5
Weston	32	47	-15	-31.9
Unknown	13	27	-14	-51.9
Out of State	742	1,139	-397	-34.9
Normalized Total^a	5,766	7,045	-1,279	-18.2

^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.

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

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