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Initial, Continued Claims Return to Prior-Year Levels

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The number of initial Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims in Wyoming returned to prior-year levels in August 2019, one month after the state experienced a 20.0% bump in initial claims.

There were 935 new initial claims in August, up 1.0% from August 2018 but down 26.1% from the 1,266 initial claims in July. The substantial over-the-year increase in initial claims in July was due in large part to the closure of two coal mines in Campbell County (Manning and Moore, 2019).

There were 72 initial claims in mining, up from 37 (94.6%) in August 2018 but down from 407 (-81.6%) in July (see Table 1, page 4). Other industries that experienced over-the-year increases in initial claims included unclassified (22, or 19.0%), manufacturing (17, or 85.0%), construction (17, or 9.2%), and leisure & hospitality (five, 7.2%). Industries that showed an over-the-year decrease in initial claims included educational & health services (-27, or -31.4%) and government (-13, or -17.6%).

Initial claims in Campbell County totaled 69, down over the year (-18.4%) and over the month (-83.7%). Park (13, or 49.2%) and Fremont (13, or 21.4%) counties had the greatest over-the-year increase in initial claims, while Campbell, Sheridan (-13, or -29.2%), and Albany (-13, or -32.1%) had the greatest decrease (see Figure 2).

The 7,837 total continued weeks claimed were up 2.9% over the year, but down 7.1% over the month (see Table 2). There were

2,416 total unique claimants, up 23.1% over the year and 9.7% over the month.

Continued claims in mining increased 179.8% over the year, but dropped 3.9% over the month. Three other industries showed an over-the-year increase in continued claims: unclassified (239, or 30.1%), manufacturing (58, or 19.5%), and construction (18, or 1.6%). The greatest over-the-year decreases in continued claims were seen in educational & health services (-297, or -32.4%), government (-154, or -18.4%), and financial activities (-121, or -38.9%).

Continued claims in Campbell County were up 93.8% (582 weeks) over the year but down 7.3% (95 weeks) over the month (see Figure 4). Table 3 shows that continued claims increased in several other counties over the year, including Crook (40, or 104.5%), Goshen (37, or 24.3%), and Sublette (35, or 66.7%). The number of continued weeks claimed for out-of-state claimants increased by 165 claims, or 13.3%. Counties that saw a decrease in continued claims over the year included Laramie (-190, or -16.1%), Albany (-159, or -42.4%), and Sweetwater (-110, or -20.8%).

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	Claims Filed			Percent Change Claims Filed		Difference
	Aug-19	Jul-19	Aug-18	Aug-19 Jul-19	Aug-19 Aug-18	Aug-19 Aug-18
<u>Wyoming Statewide</u>						
Total Claims Filed	935	1,266	926	-26.1	1.0	9
Goods-Producing	315	620	246	-49.2	28.0	69
Natural Resources and Mining (11,21)	75	407	41	-81.6	82.9	34
Mining (21)	72	401	37	-82.0	94.6	35
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	2	1	6	100.0	-66.7	-4
Construction (23)	201	174	184	15.5	9.2	17
Manufacturing (31 - 33)	37	36	20	2.8	85.0	17
Service-Providing	420	407	488	3.2	-13.9	-68
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	130	144	134	-9.7	-3.0	-4
Wholesale Trade (42)	25	30	36	-16.7	-30.6	-11
Retail Trade (44 - 45)	63	69	64	-8.7	-1.6	-1
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (22,48 - 49)	42	45	34	-6.7	23.5	8
Information (51)	8	4	19	100.0	-57.9	-11
Financial Activities (52, 53)	24	21	35	14.3	-31.4	-11
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	104	85	114	22.4	-8.8	-10
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	59	57	86	3.5	-31.4	-27
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	74	73	69	1.4	7.2	5
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	15	15	25	0.0	-40.0	-10
Government	61	94	74	-35.1	-17.6	-13
Federal Government	8	9	7	-11.1	14.3	1
State Government	9	6	14	50.0	-35.7	-5
Local Government	43	78	51	-44.9	-15.7	-8
Local Education	8	13	22	-38.5	-63.6	-14
Unclassified	138	144	116	-4.2	19.0	22
<u>Laramie County (Place of Residence)</u>						
Total Claims Filed	190	120	184	58.3	3.3	6
Goods-Producing	45	29	31	55.2	45.2	14
Construction	37	25	28	48.0	32.1	9
Service-Providing	112	67	123	67.2	-8.9	-11
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	25	20	24	25.0	4.2	1
Financial Activities (52, 53)	4	3	6	33.3	-33.3	-2
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	49	20	48	145.0	2.1	1
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	8	7	19	14.3	-57.9	-11
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	14	8	6	75.0	133.3	8
Government	10	10	15	0.0	-33.3	-5
Unclassified	21	12	13	75.0	61.5	8
<u>Natrona County (Place of Residence)</u>						
Total Claims Filed	139	126	143	10.3	-2.8	-4
Goods-Producing	51	33	38	54.5	34.2	13
Construction	33	17	25	94.1	32.0	8
Service-Providing	71	77	94	-7.8	-24.5	-23
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	25	24	25	4.2	0.0	0
Financial Activities (52, 53)	4	8	7	-50.0	-42.9	-3
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	8	11	12	-27.3	-33.3	-4
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	19	12	21	58.3	-9.5	-2
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	8	11	13	-27.3	-38.5	-5
Government	3	5	4	-40.0	-25.0	-1
Unclassified	12	9	6	33.3	100.0	6

Figure 1: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry, August 2019

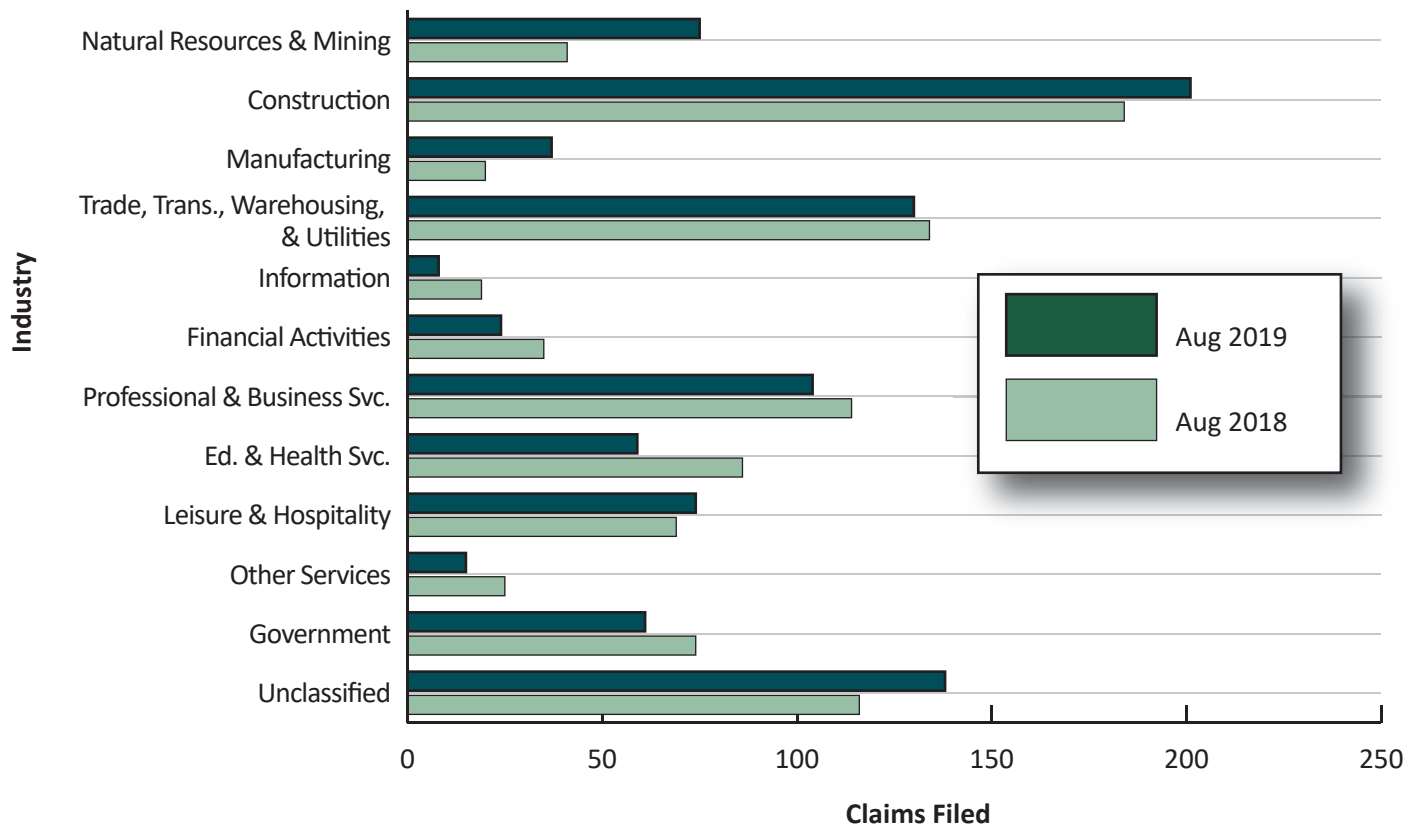
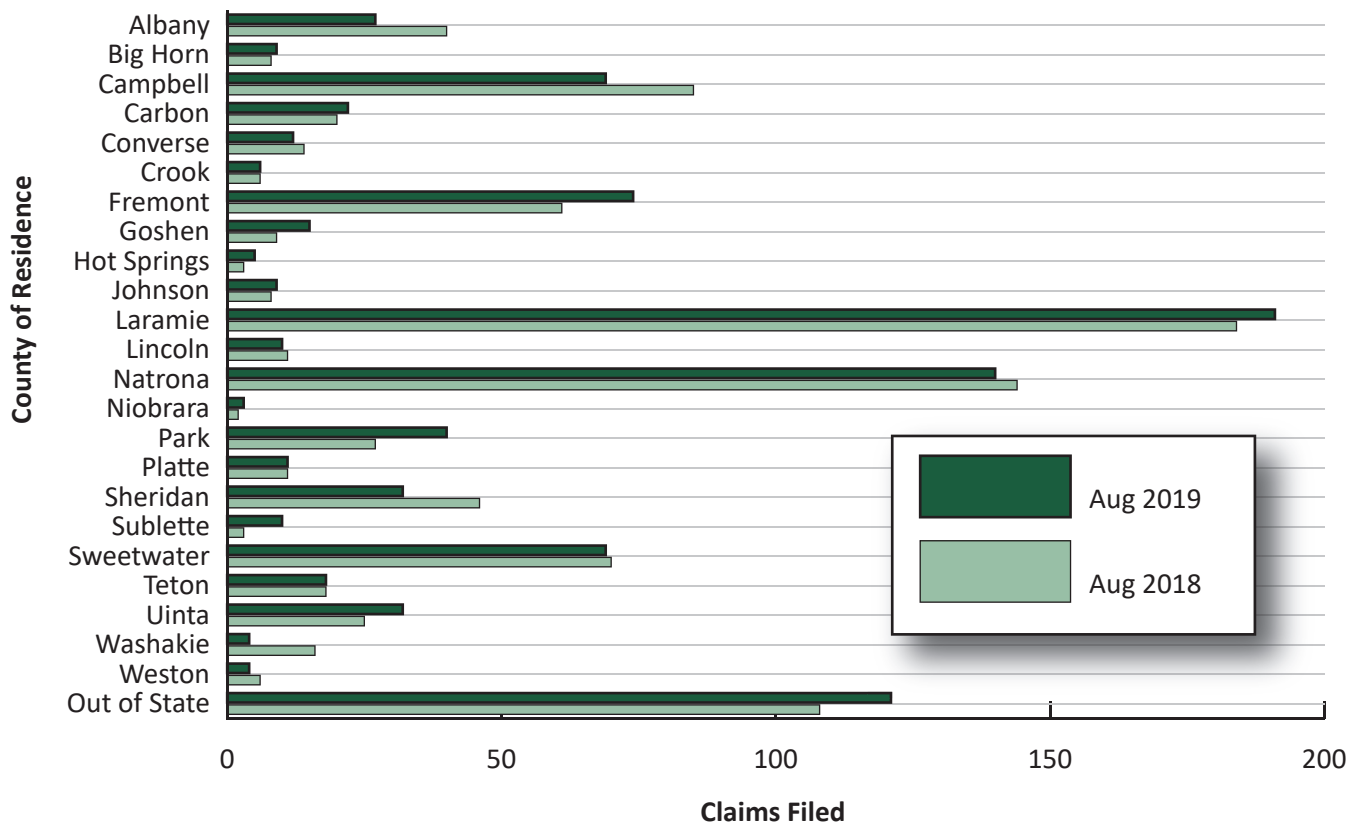


Figure 2: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, August 2019



Source: Research & Planning, Wyoming Department of Workforce Services. Retrieved from <http://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/ui.htm>.

	Claims Filed			Percent Change Claims		Difference
	Aug-19	Jul-19	Aug-18	Aug-19	Aug-19	Aug-19
				Jul-19	Aug-18	Aug-18
<u>Wyoming Statewide</u>						
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	7,837	8,439	7,613	-7.1	2.9	224
Total Unique Claimants	2,416	2,203	1,963	9.7	23.1	453
Benefit Exhaustions	296	287	270	3.1	9.6	26
Benefit Exhaustion Rates	12.3%	13.0%	13.8%	-0.8%	-1.5%	
Goods-Producing	2,790	2,956	1,915	-5.6	45.7	875
Natural Resources and Mining (11,21)	1,256	1,321	457	-4.9	174.8	799
Mining (21)	1,192	1,240	426	-3.9	179.8	766
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	55	89	22	-38.2	150.0	33
Construction (23)	1,177	1,234	1,159	-4.6	1.6	18
Manufacturing (31 - 33)	355	400	297	-11.3	19.5	58
Service-Providing	3,330	3,715	4,067	-10.4	-18.1	-737
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	1,040	1,046	1,129	-0.6	-7.9	-89
Wholesale Trade (42)	241	219	166	10.0	45.2	75
Retail Trade (44 - 45)	567	592	673	-4.2	-15.8	-106
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (22,48 - 49)	232	235	290	-1.3	-20.0	-58
Information (51)	84	94	149	-10.6	-43.6	-65
Financial Activities (52, 53)	190	223	311	-14.8	-38.9	-121
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	638	614	655	3.9	-2.6	-17
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	620	864	917	-28.2	-32.4	-297
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	578	693	663	-16.6	-12.8	-85
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	175	174	236	0.6	-25.8	-61
Government	681	742	835	-8.2	-18.4	-154
Federal Government	53	42	75	26.2	-29.3	-22
State Government	79	82	109	-3.7	-27.5	-30
Local Government	549	617	650	-11.0	-15.5	-101
Local Education	139	159	185	-12.6	-24.9	-46
Unclassified	1,033	1,025	794	0.8	30.1	239
<u>Laramie County (Place of Residence)</u>						
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	986	946	1,176	4.2	-16.2	-190
Total Unique Claimants	315	221	312	42.5	1.0	3
Goods-Producing	145	137	209	5.8	-30.6	-64
Construction	126	111	164	13.5	-23.2	-38
Service-Providing	634	621	809	2.1	-21.6	-175
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	179	163	252	9.8	-29.0	-73
Financial Activities (52, 53)	48	51	71	-5.9	-32.4	-23
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	165	112	175	47.3	-5.7	-10
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	113	162	139	-30.2	-18.7	-26
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	68	72	100	-5.6	-32.0	-32
Government	106	96	96	10.4	10.4	10
Unclassified	100	90	60	11.1	66.7	40
<u>Natrona County (Place of Residence)</u>						
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	1,070	1,054	1,085	1.5	-1.4	-15
Total Unique Claimants	320	268	279	19.4	14.7	41
Goods-Producing	264	226	236	16.8	11.9	28
Construction	136	107	124	27.1	9.7	12
Service-Providing	692	717	796	-3.5	-13.1	-104
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	236	245	180	-3.7	31.1	56
Financial Activities (52, 53)	43	51	53	-15.7	-18.9	-10
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	110	121	71	-9.1	54.9	39
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	163	165	272	-1.2	-40.1	-109
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	87	82	148	6.1	-41.2	-61
Government	34	30	24	13.3	41.7	10
Unclassified	79	79	28	0.0	182.1	51

Figure 3: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry, August 2019

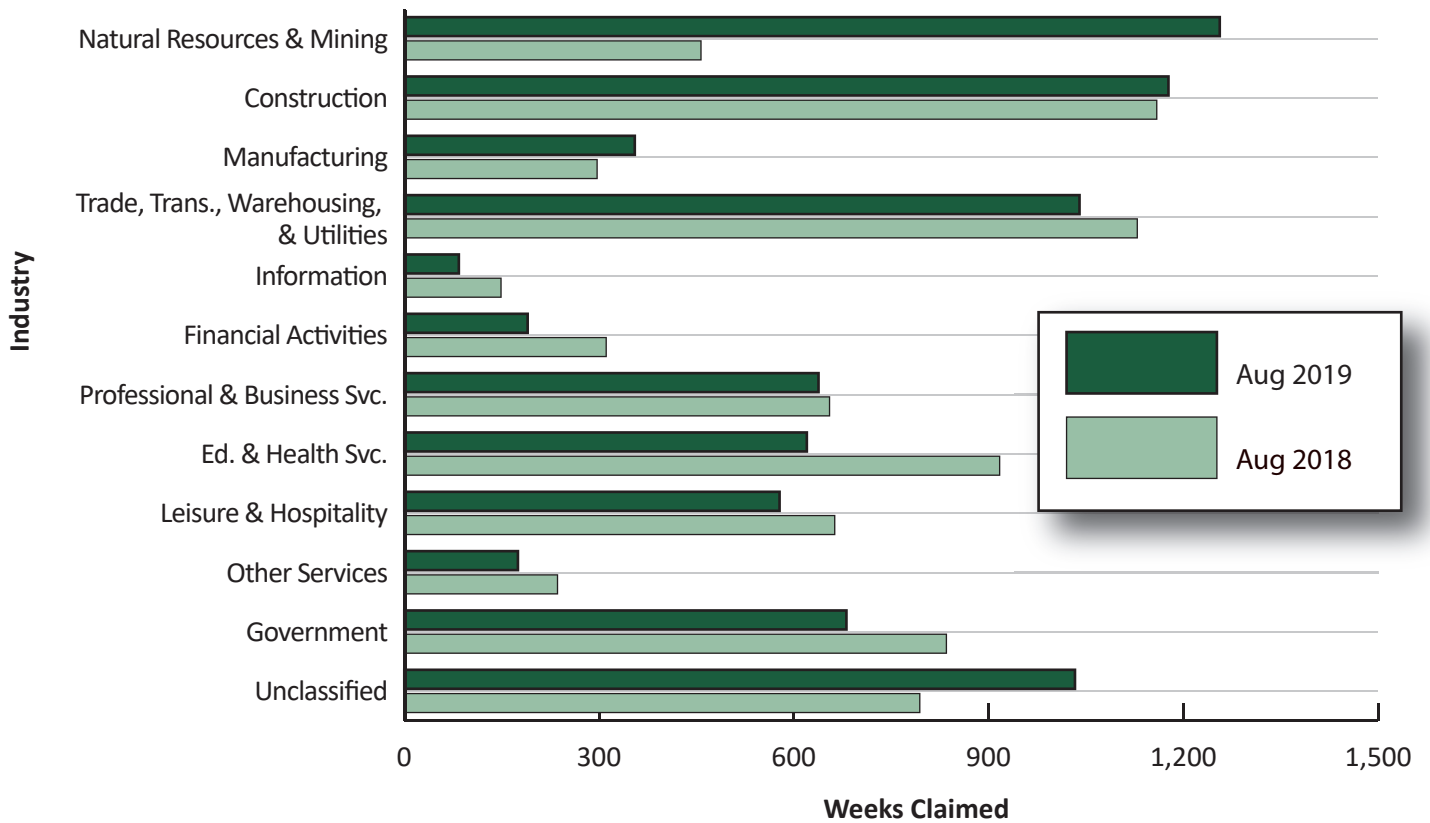
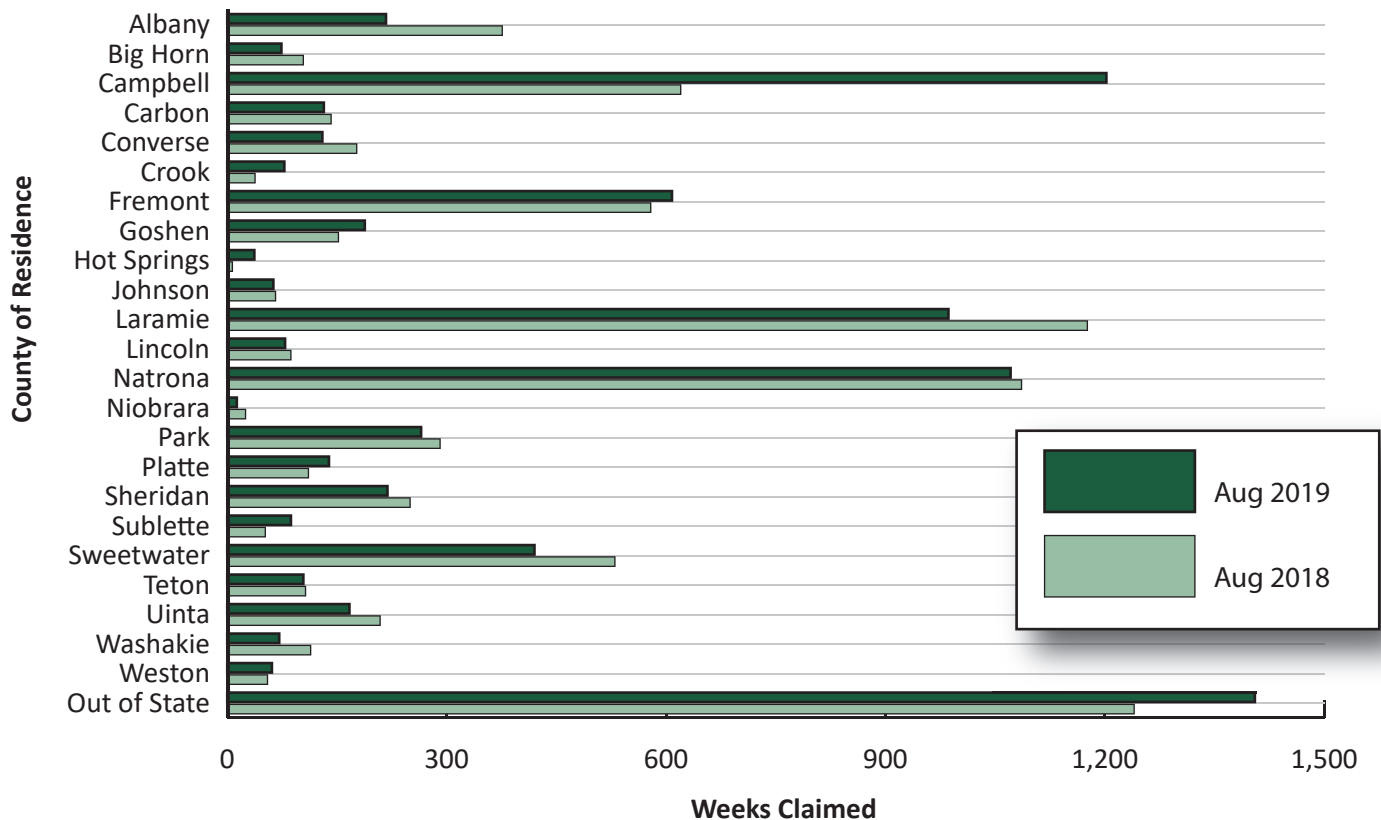


Figure 4: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, August 2019



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**Table 3: Wyoming Normalized^a Unemployment Statistics:
Continued Claims by County of Residence, August 2019**

County	Aug 19	Aug 18	Over-the-Year Change	
			N	%
Albany	217	376	-159	-42.4
Big Horn	74	104	-30	-29.2
Campbell	1,202	620	582	93.8
Carbon	132	142	-10	-7.0
Converse	130	177	-47	-26.5
Crook	78	38	40	104.5
Fremont	608	579	29	5.0
Goshen	188	152	37	24.3
Hot Springs	37	7	30	431.3
Johnson	63	66	-3	-4.6
Laramie	986	1,176	-190	-16.1
Lincoln	79	87	-8	-9.7
Natrona	1,071	1,086	-15	-1.4
Niobrara	13	25	-12	-48.3
Park	265	291	-26	-8.9
Platte	139	111	28	25.0
Sheridan	219	250	-32	-12.6
Sublette	87	52	35	66.7
Sweetwater	420	530	-110	-20.8
Teton	104	107	-3	-3.2
Uinta	167	209	-42	-20.1
Washakie	71	114	-43	-37.5
Weston	61	55	5	9.4
Unknown	24	19	5	25.0
Out of State	1,405	1,240	165	13.3
Normalized Total^a	7,837	7,614	223	2.9
Real Total^b	7,240	8,792	-1,552	-17.7

^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.

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

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