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Initial Claims Continue Upward Trend

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The number of initial Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims in Wyoming in September 2019 increased by 82 claims (8.1%) compared to September 2018. In addition, the number of continued weeks claimed increased by 589 weeks claimed (9.5%).

Initial Claims

Wyoming has experienced over-the-year increases in initial claims during the last three months. However, initial claims remain lower than at any point during the last 10 years (see Figure 1).

The largest over-the-year increases were seen in mining (34, or 66.7%), construction (28, or 13.9%), and professional & business services (28, or 31.1%). The largest decreases were seen in leisure & hospitality (-62, or -36.9%), educational & health services (-13, or -21.0%) and other services (-12, or -44.4%).

At the county level, the greatest increases were seen in Laramie (31, or 22.1%), Sweetwater (19, or 32.7%), and Washakie (16, or 300.0%) counties, while the greatest decreases were seen in Sheridan (-13, or -30.8%) and Johnson (-9, or -66.7%) counties. Initial claims for out-of-state claimants increased by 18 (10.3%).

Continued Claims

All major goods-producing sectors showed a double-digit percentage increase in continued claims, including mining (529, or 147.8%), construction (188, or 19.0%), and manufacturing (140, or 75.3%).

Over-the-year increases were seen in several counties, including Campbell (238, or 45.2%), Goshen (91, or 168.0%), and Fremont (54, or 12.4%). The largest decreases were seen in Albany (-89, or -34.6%), Washakie (-42, or -46.4%), and Sheridan (-35, or -15.0%) counties.

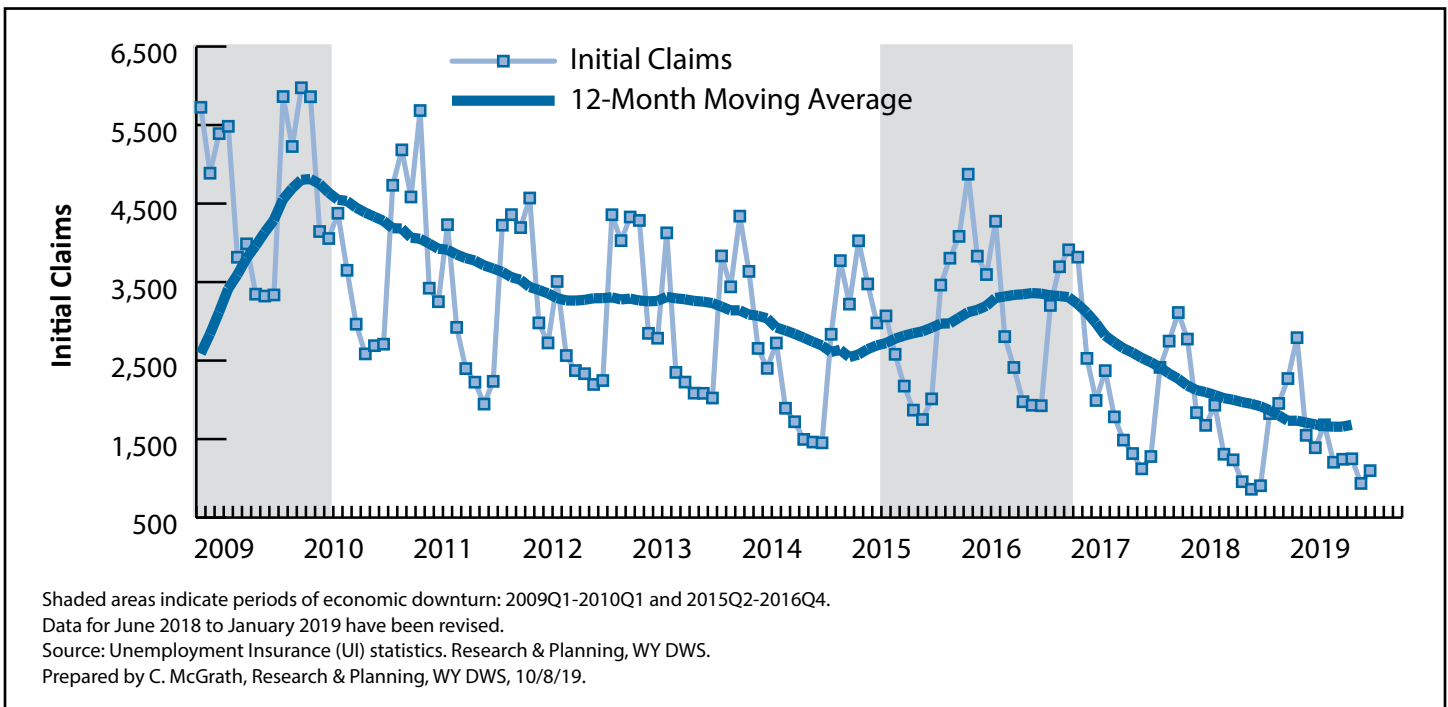


Figure A: Total Number of Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by Year and Month, January 2009 to September 2019

Table 1: Wyoming Normalized Unemployment Insurance Statistics: Initial Claims

	Claims Filed			Percent Change Claims Filed		Difference
	Sep-19	Aug-19	Sep-18	Sep-19 Aug-19	Sep-19 Sep-18	Sep-19 Sep-18
<u>Wyoming Statewide</u>						
Total Claims Filed	1,097	943	1,015	16.3	8.1	82
Goods-Producing	378	315	293	20.0	29.0	85
Natural Resources and Mining (11,21)	94	75	60	25.3	56.7	34
Mining (21)	85	72	51	18.1	66.7	34
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	2	2	9	0.0	-77.8	-7
Construction (23)	230	201	202	14.4	13.9	28
Manufacturing (31 - 33)	53	37	29	43.2	82.8	24
Service-Providing	487	427	543	14.1	-10.3	-56
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	161	133	144	21.1	11.8	17
Wholesale Trade (42)	30	27	23	11.1	30.4	7
Retail Trade (44 - 45)	80	64	79	25.0	1.3	1
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (22,48 - 49)	51	42	42	21.4	21.4	9
Information (51)	9	9	15	0.0	-40.0	-6
Financial Activities (52, 53)	22	25	33	-12.0	-33.3	-11
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	118	104	90	13.5	31.1	28
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	49	60	62	-18.3	-21.0	-13
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	106	76	168	39.5	-36.9	-62
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	15	15	27	0.0	-44.4	-12
Government	90	61	69	47.5	30.4	21
Federal Government	20	8	17	150.0	17.6	3
State Government	9	9	11	0.0	-18.2	-2
Local Government	60	43	40	39.5	50.0	20
Local Education	11	8	10	37.5	10.0	1
Unclassified	140	139	109	0.7	28.4	31
<u>Laramie County (Place of Residence)</u>						
Total Claims Filed	173	191	141	-9.4	22.7	32
Goods-Producing	44	45	38	-2.2	15.8	6
Construction	37	37	36	0.0	2.8	1
Service-Providing	92	114	81	-19.3	13.6	11
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	17	26	28	-34.6	-39.3	-11
Financial Activities (52, 53)	5	4	1	25.0	400.0	4
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	40	49	20	-18.4	100.0	20
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	7	8	9	-12.5	-22.2	-2
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	8	14	9	-42.9	-11.1	-1
Government	12	10	6	20.0	100.0	6
Unclassified	23	20	15	15.0	53.3	8
<u>Natrona County (Place of Residence)</u>						
Total Claims Filed	188	140	181	34.3	3.9	7
Goods-Producing	83	51	66	62.7	25.8	17
Construction	48	33	47	45.5	2.1	1
Service-Providing	85	72	103	18.1	-17.5	-18
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	28	25	23	12.0	21.7	5
Financial Activities (52, 53)	4	4	8	0.0	-50.0	-4
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	19	8	16	137.5	18.8	3
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	10	20	20	-50.0	-50.0	-10
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	10	8	18	25.0	-44.4	-8
Government	5	3	2	66.7	150.0	3
Unclassified	14	12	9	16.7	55.6	5

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

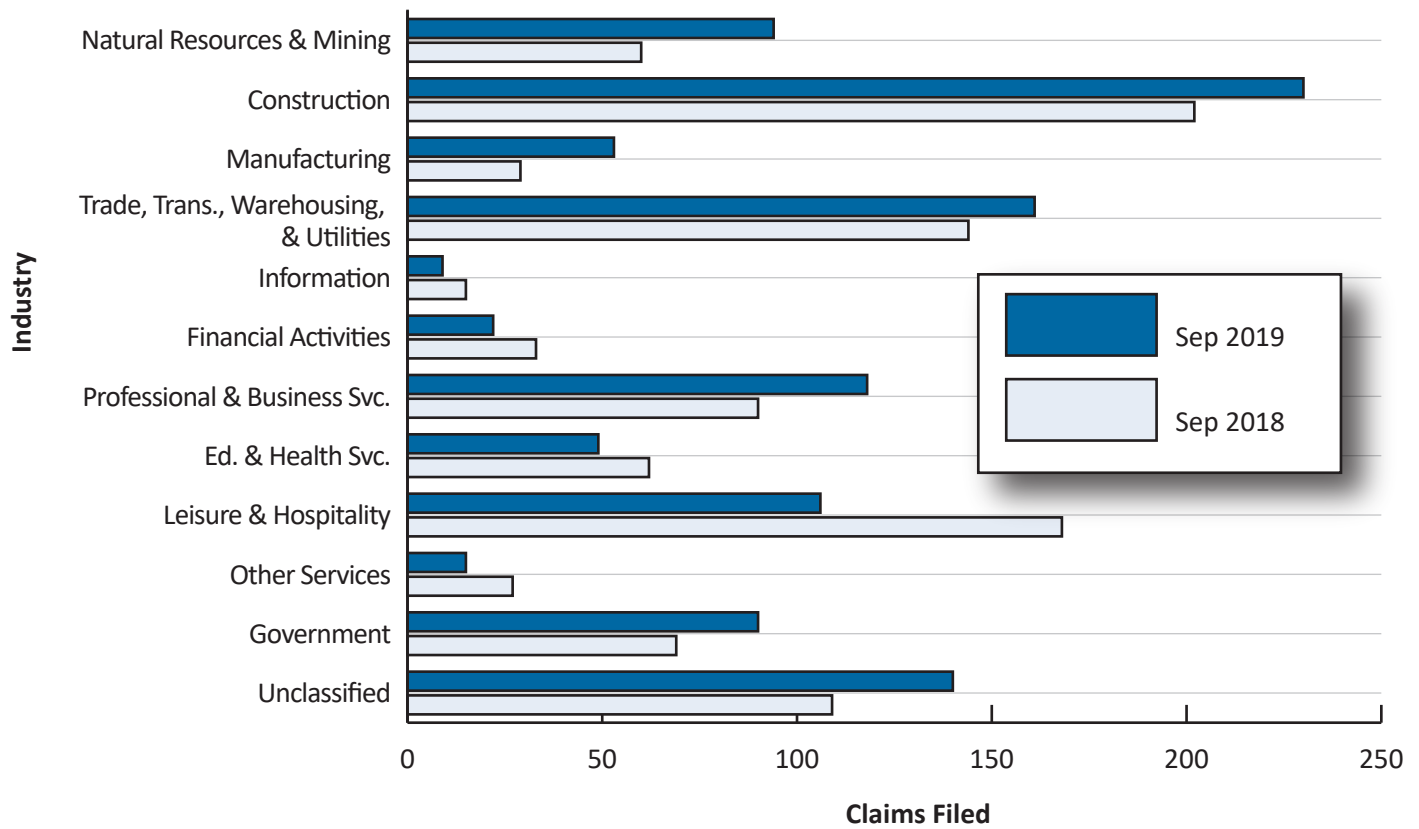
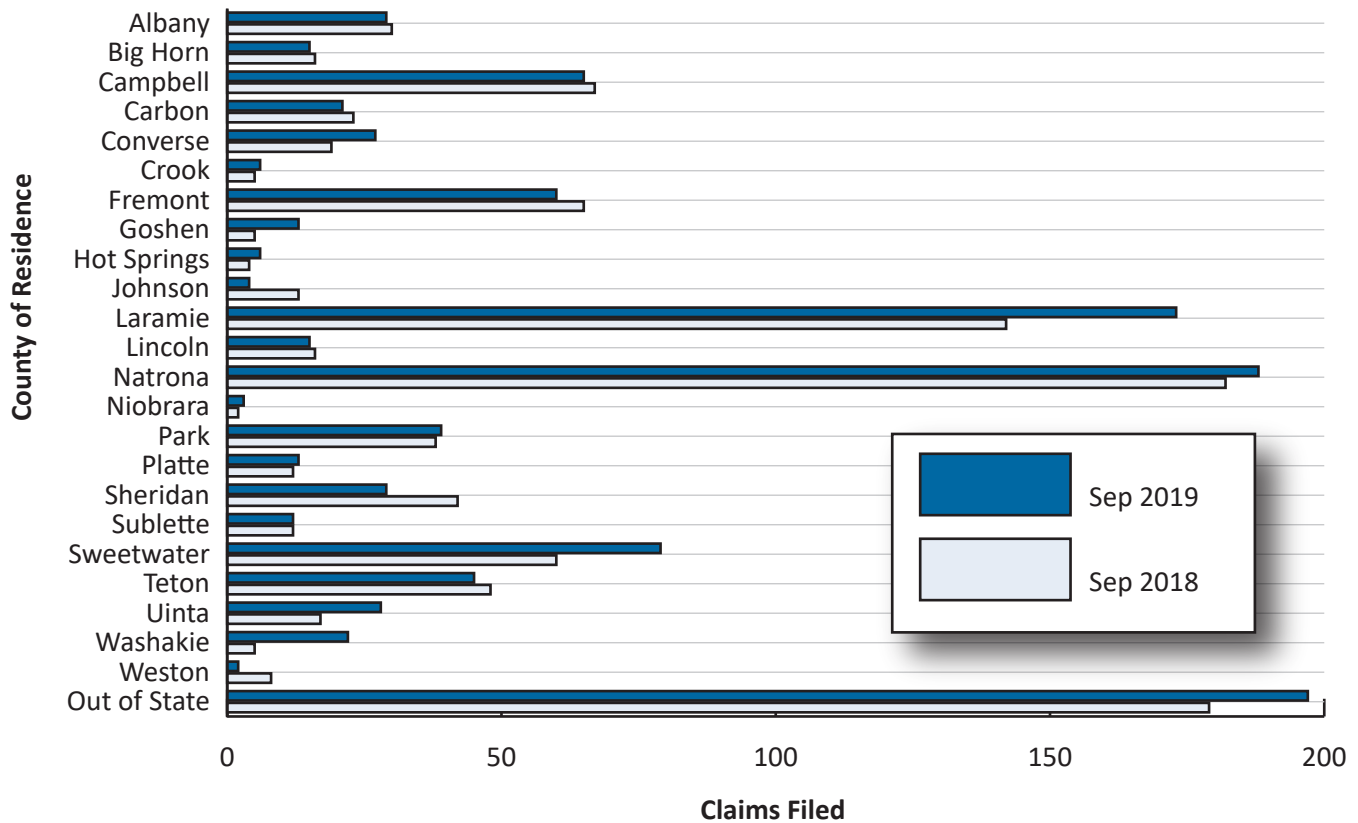


Figure 2: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, September 2019



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

Table 2: Wyoming Normalized Unemployment Insurance Statistics: Continued Claims

	Claims Filed			Percent Change Claims		Difference
	Sep-19	Aug-19	Sep-18	Sep-19 Aug-19	Sep-19 Sep-18	Sep-19 Sep-18
<u>Wyoming Statewide</u>						
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	6,814	7,837	6,225	-13.1	9.5	589
Total Unique Claimants*	2,107	2,416	1,877	-12.8	12.3	230
Benefit Exhaustions	251	296	221	-15.2	13.6	30
Benefit Exhaustion Rates	11.9%	12.3%	11.8%	-0.3%	0.1%	
Goods-Producing	2,441	2,792	1,571	-12.6	55.4	870
Natural Resources and Mining (11,21)	936	1,256	396	-25.5	136.4	540
Mining (21)	887	1,192	358	-25.6	147.8	529
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	35	55	32	-36.4	9.4	3
Construction (23)	1,176	1,179	988	-0.3	19.0	188
Manufacturing (31 - 33)	326	355	186	-8.2	75.3	140
Service-Providing	2,913	3,330	3,406	-12.5	-14.5	-493
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	969	1,040	1,083	-6.8	-10.5	-114
Wholesale Trade (42)	205	241	191	-14.9	7.3	14
Retail Trade (44 - 45)	473	567	604	-16.6	-21.7	-131
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (22,48 - 49)	291	232	288	25.4	1.0	3
Information (51)	83	84	164	-1.2	-49.4	-81
Financial Activities (52, 53)	198	190	275	4.2	-28.0	-77
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	605	638	486	-5.2	24.5	119
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	449	620	675	-27.6	-33.5	-226
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	452	578	502	-21.8	-10.0	-50
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	150	175	213	-14.3	-29.6	-63
Government	541	681	626	-20.6	-13.6	-85
Federal Government	47	53	64	-11.3	-26.6	-17
State Government	87	79	114	10.1	-23.7	-27
Local Government	405	549	447	-26.2	-9.4	-42
Local Education	110	139	182	-20.9	-39.6	-72
Unclassified	919	1,031	620	-10.9	48.2	299
<u>Laramie County (Place of Residence)</u>						
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	917	986	946	-7.0	-3.1	-29
Total Unique Claimants	289	315	278	-8.3	4.0	11
Goods-Producing	186	145	153	28.3	21.6	33
Construction	147	126	119	16.7	23.5	28
Service-Providing	539	634	646	-15.0	-16.6	-107
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	172	179	224	-3.9	-23.2	-52
Financial Activities (52, 53)	55	48	60	14.6	-8.3	-5
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	102	165	103	-38.2	-1.0	-1
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	90	113	105	-20.4	-14.3	-15
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	58	68	59	-14.7	-1.7	-1
Government	92	106	102	-13.2	-9.8	-10
Unclassified	100	100	43	0.0	132.6	57
<u>Natrona County (Place of Residence)</u>						
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	1,043	1,070	1,015	-2.5	2.8	28
Total Unique Claimants	321	320	289	0.3	11.1	32
Goods-Producing	324	264	219	22.7	47.9	105
Construction	165	136	126	21.3	31.0	39
Service-Providing	578	692	736	-16.5	-21.5	-158
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	200	236	206	-15.3	-2.9	-6
Financial Activities (52, 53)	23	43	48	-46.5	-52.1	-25
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	107	110	59	-2.7	81.4	48
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	126	163	206	-22.7	-38.8	-80
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	62	87	129	-28.7	-51.9	-67
Government	42	34	22	23.5	90.9	20
Unclassified	98	79	36	24.1	172.2	62

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

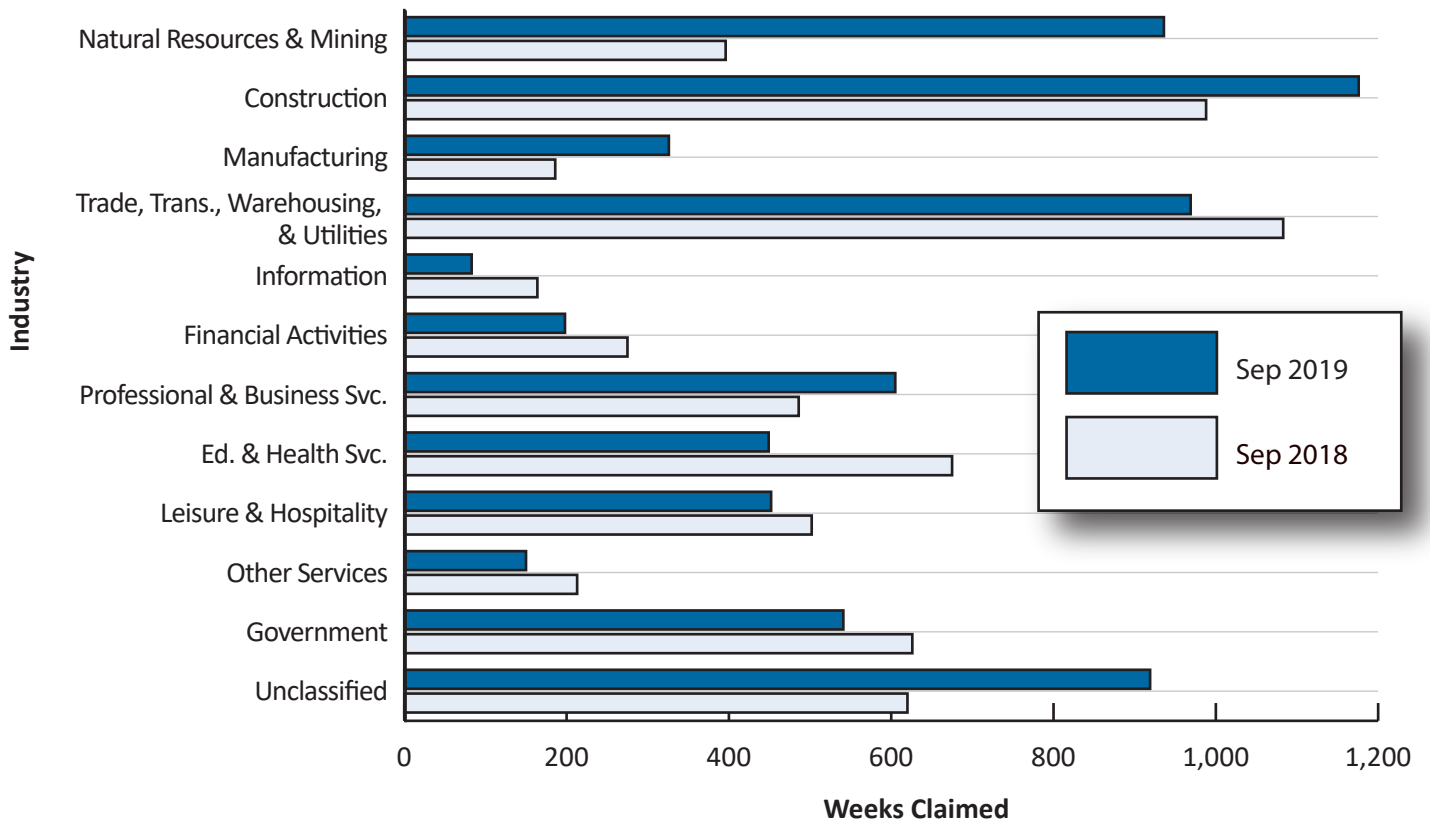
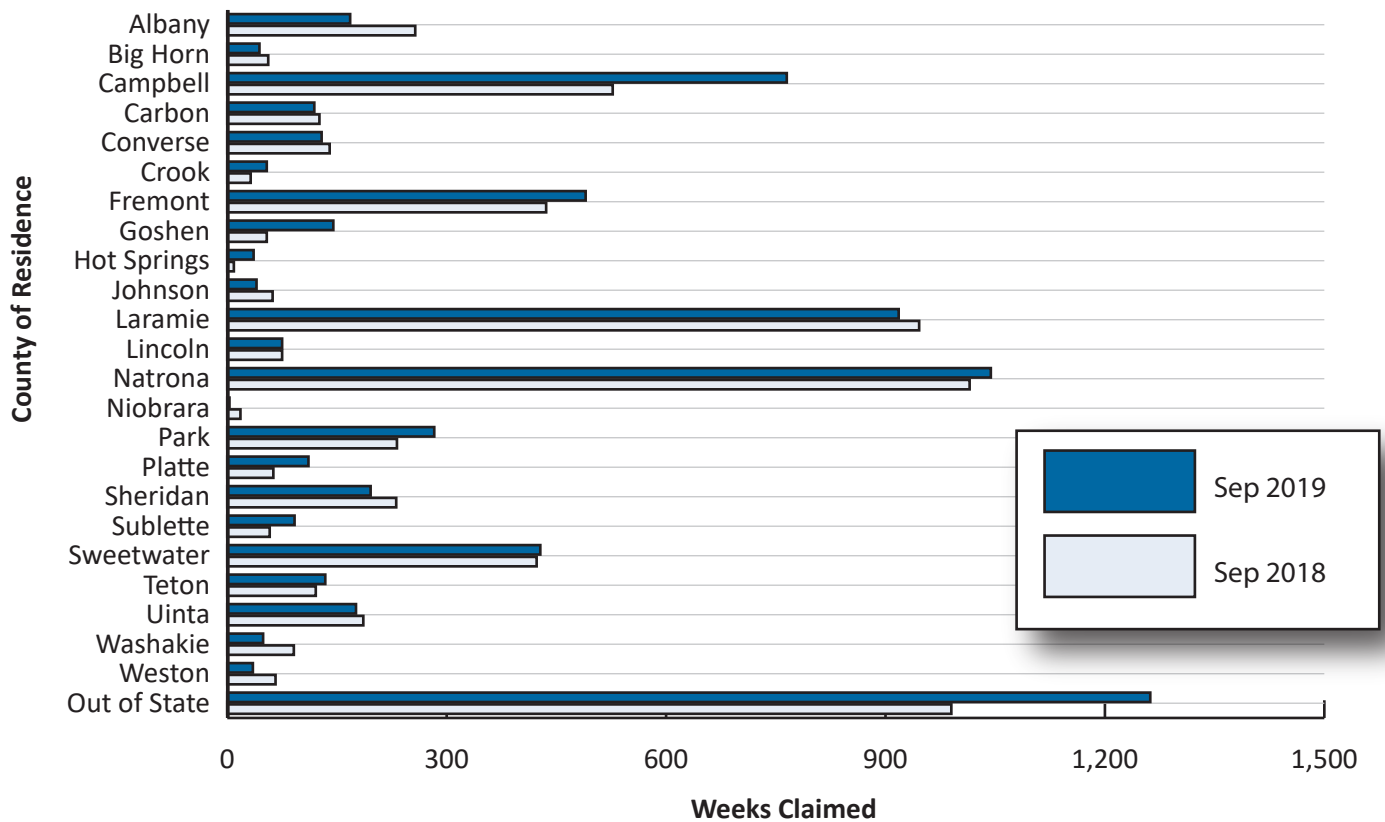


Figure 4: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, September 2019



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

County	Sep 19	Sep 18	Over-the-Year Change	
			N	%
Albany	168	257	-89	-34.6
Big Horn	44	56	-12	-21.4
Campbell	765	527	238	45.2
Carbon	119	126	-7	-5.6
Converse	129	140	-11	-7.9
Crook	54	32	22	68.8
Fremont	490	436	54	12.4
Goshen	145	54	91	168.5
Hot Springs	36	9	27	300.0
Johnson	40	62	-22	-35.5
Laramie	918	946	-28	-3.0
Lincoln	75	75	0	0.0
Natrona	1,044	1,015	29	2.9
Niobrara	3	18	-15	-83.3
Park	283	232	51	22.0
Platte	111	63	48	76.2
Sheridan	196	231	-35	-15.2
Sublette	92	58	34	58.6
Sweetwater	428	423	5	1.2
Teton	134	121	13	10.7
Uinta	176	186	-10	-5.4
Washakie	49	91	-42	-46.2
Weston	35	66	-31	-47.0
Unknown	18	11	7	63.6
Out of State	1,262	990	272	27.5
Normalized Total^a	6,814	6,225	589	9.5
Real Total^b	6,295	5,751	544	9.5

^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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