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### Initial Claims Increase by 39.1% Over the Year

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Wyoming had 2,193 initial Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims in Wyoming in February 2020, an over-the-year increase of 616 claims (39.1%). Wyoming has experienced an over-the-year increase in initial claims during eight of the last nine months.

#### Initial Claims

Most industries showed an over-the-year increase in initial claims. The greatest increases were seen in construction (275, or 48.1%), unclassified (130, or 111.1%), and natural resources & mining (83, or 75.5%). February marked the 10th straight month of over-the-year increases in initial claims in both construction and natural resources & mining. See Table 1 (page 4) and Figure 2 (page 5).

At the county level, initial claims increased over the year in 19 of the state's 23 counties. The greatest increases were seen in out-of-state claimants (135 claims, or 71.0%), followed by Laramie (119, or 57.6%), Sweetwater (84, or 87.6%), and Natrona (81, or 32.1%) counties.

The greatest over-the-year percentage increases were seen in Converse (152.6%) and Sublette (122.7%) counties. See Figure 3 (page 5).

#### Continued Claims

Total continued weeks claimed increased by 2,864 weeks, or 18.1%. Total unique claimants increased by 861 (18.6%), while the number of claimants who exhausted their benefits increased by 79 (16.1%). See Table 2 (page 6).

The greatest over-the-year increases occurred in the unclassified industry (1,202 weeks, or 107.2%), followed by natural resources & mining (983, or 119.7%), and construction (921, or 17.1%). The greatest over-the-year decrease was seen in leisure & hospitality (-198, or 13.3%). See Figure 4 (page 7).

At the county level, the greatest increases were seen in out-of-state claimants, followed by Sweetwater (575 weeks, or 51.5%) and Natrona (445, or 21.1%) counties. See Figure 5 (page 7) and Table 3 (page 8).

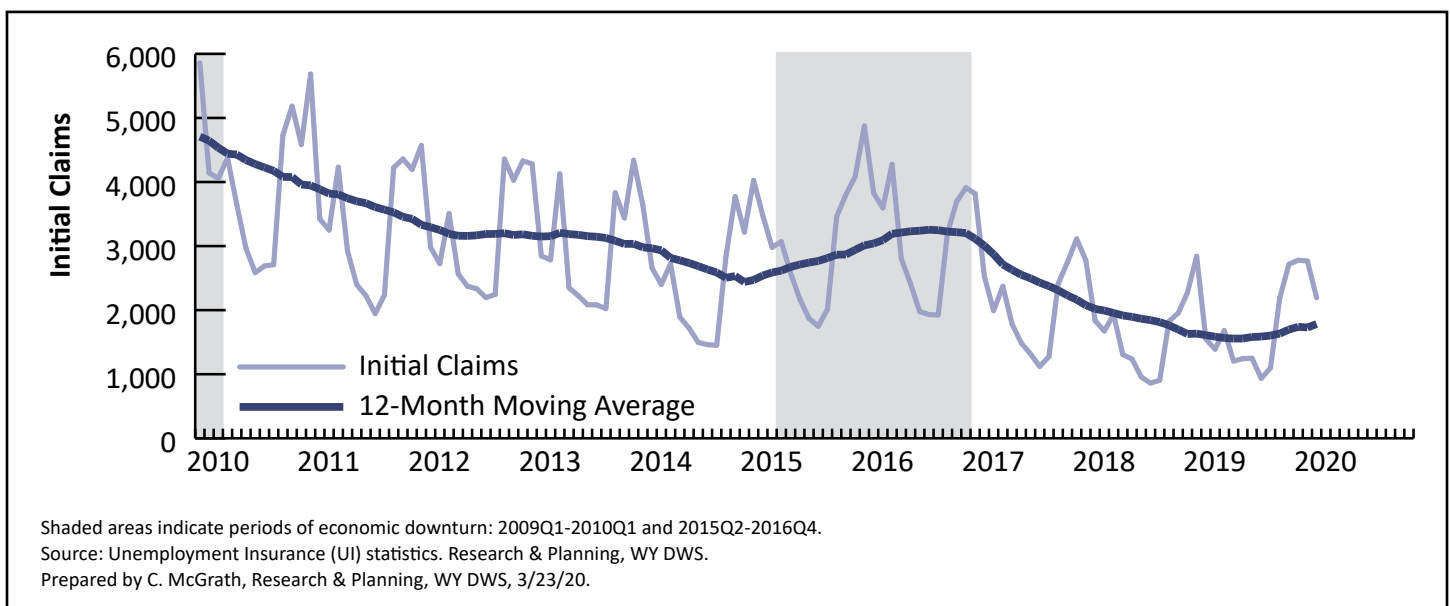


Figure 1: Total Number of Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by Year and Month, January 2010 to February 2020

**Table 1: Wyoming Normalized Unemployment Insurance Statistics: Initial Claims**

	Claims Filed			Percent Change Claims Filed		Difference
	Feb-20	Jan-20	Feb-19	Feb-20 Jan-20	Feb-20 Feb-19	Feb-20 Feb-19
<b><u>Wyoming Statewide</u></b>						
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>2,193</b>	<b>2,781</b>	<b>1,577</b>	<b>-21.1</b>	<b>39.1</b>	<b>616</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>1,146</b>	<b>1,370</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>-16.4</b>	<b>44.2</b>	<b>351</b>
Natural Resources and Mining (11,21)	193	225	110	-14.2	75.5	83
Mining (21)	190	206	96	-7.8	97.9	94
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	14	7	10	100.0	40.0	4
Construction (23)	847	1,030	572	-17.8	48.1	275
Manufacturing (31 - 33)	105	113	112	-7.1	-6.3	-7
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>704</b>	<b>942</b>	<b>569</b>	<b>-25.3</b>	<b>23.7</b>	<b>135</b>
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	251	316	208	-20.6	20.7	43
Wholesale Trade (42)	30	38	31	-21.1	-3.2	-1
Retail Trade (44 - 45)	100	149	110	-32.9	-9.1	-10
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (22,48 - 49)	121	129	67	-6.2	80.6	54
Information (51)	9	8	14	12.5	-35.7	-5
Financial Activities (52, 53)	35	39	31	-10.3	12.9	4
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	180	250	113	-28.0	59.3	67
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	66	87	57	-24.1	15.8	9
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	120	192	111	-37.5	8.1	9
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	36	43	30	-16.3	20.0	6
<b>Government</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>-46.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>
Federal Government	46	86	31	-46.5	48.4	15
State Government	14	17	12	-17.6	16.7	2
Local Government	33	73	49	-54.8	-32.7	-16
Local Education	11	14	16	-21.4	-31.3	-5
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>-14.8</b>	<b>111.1</b>	<b>130</b>
<b><u>Laramie County (Place of Residence)</u></b>						
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>-13.3</b>	<b>57.8</b>	<b>119</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>-13.8</b>	<b>26.9</b>	<b>29</b>
Construction	126	141	101	-10.6	24.8	25
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>-10.3</b>	<b>81.8</b>	<b>63</b>
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	44	45	24	-2.2	83.3	20
Financial Activities (52, 53)	9	7	3	28.6	200.0	6
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	45	55	23	-18.2	95.7	22
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	11	19	12	-42.1	-8.3	-1
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	15	19	6	-21.1	150.0	9
<b>Government</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>-65.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>245.5</b>	<b>27</b>
<b><u>Natrona County (Place of Residence)</u></b>						
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>-15.9</b>	<b>32.0</b>	<b>81</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>-10.8</b>	<b>40.7</b>	<b>55</b>
Construction	139	160	107	-13.1	29.9	32
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>-24.2</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>6</b>
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	34	53	36	-35.8	-5.6	-2
Financial Activities (52, 53)	9	6	7	50.0	28.6	2
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	31	40	15	-22.5	106.7	16
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	17	17	10	0.0	70.0	7
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	11	20	24	-45.0	-54.2	-13
<b>Government</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-20.0</b>	<b>-1</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-16.7</b>	<b>400.0</b>	<b>20</b>

Figure 2: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry, February 2020

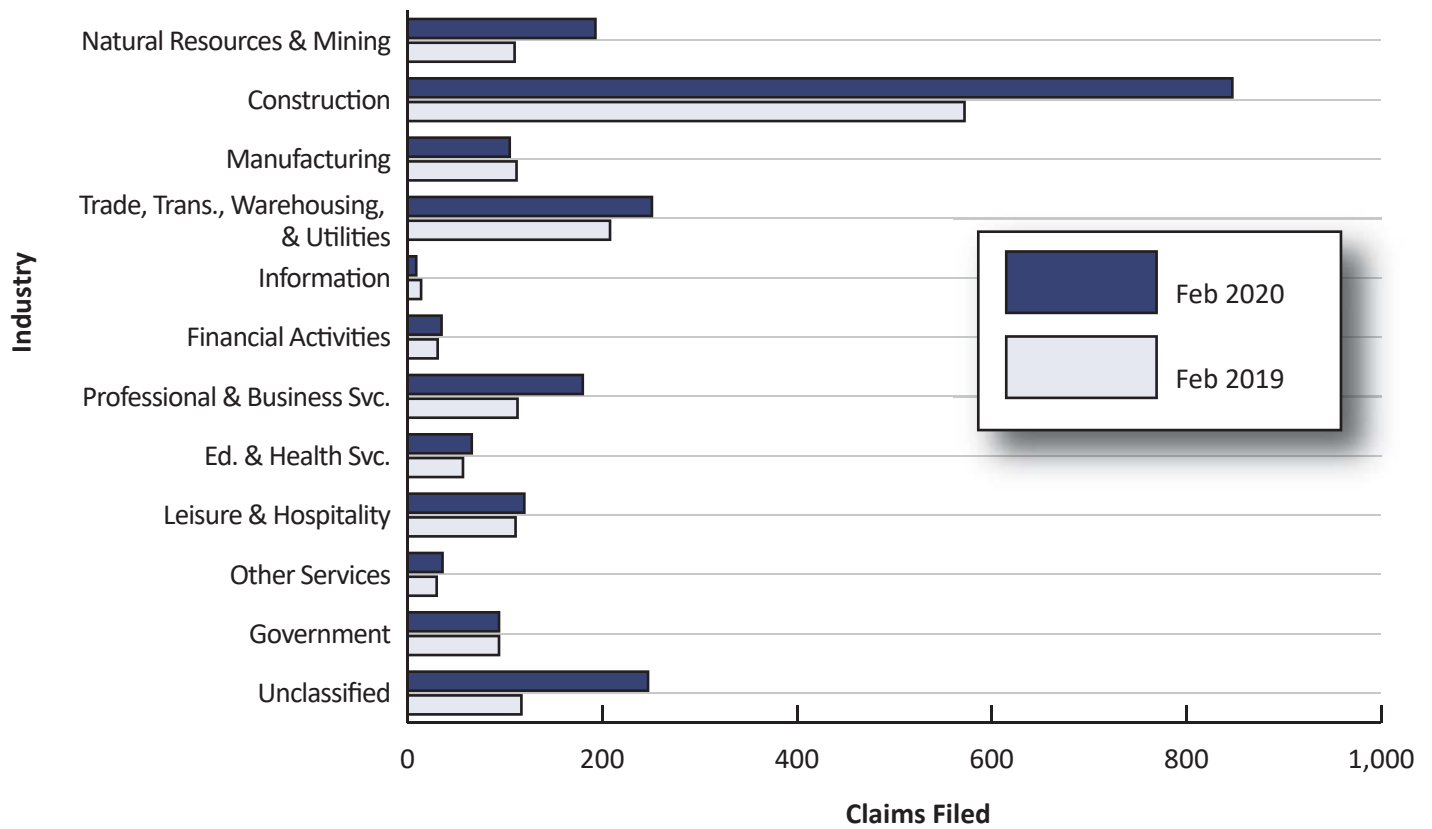
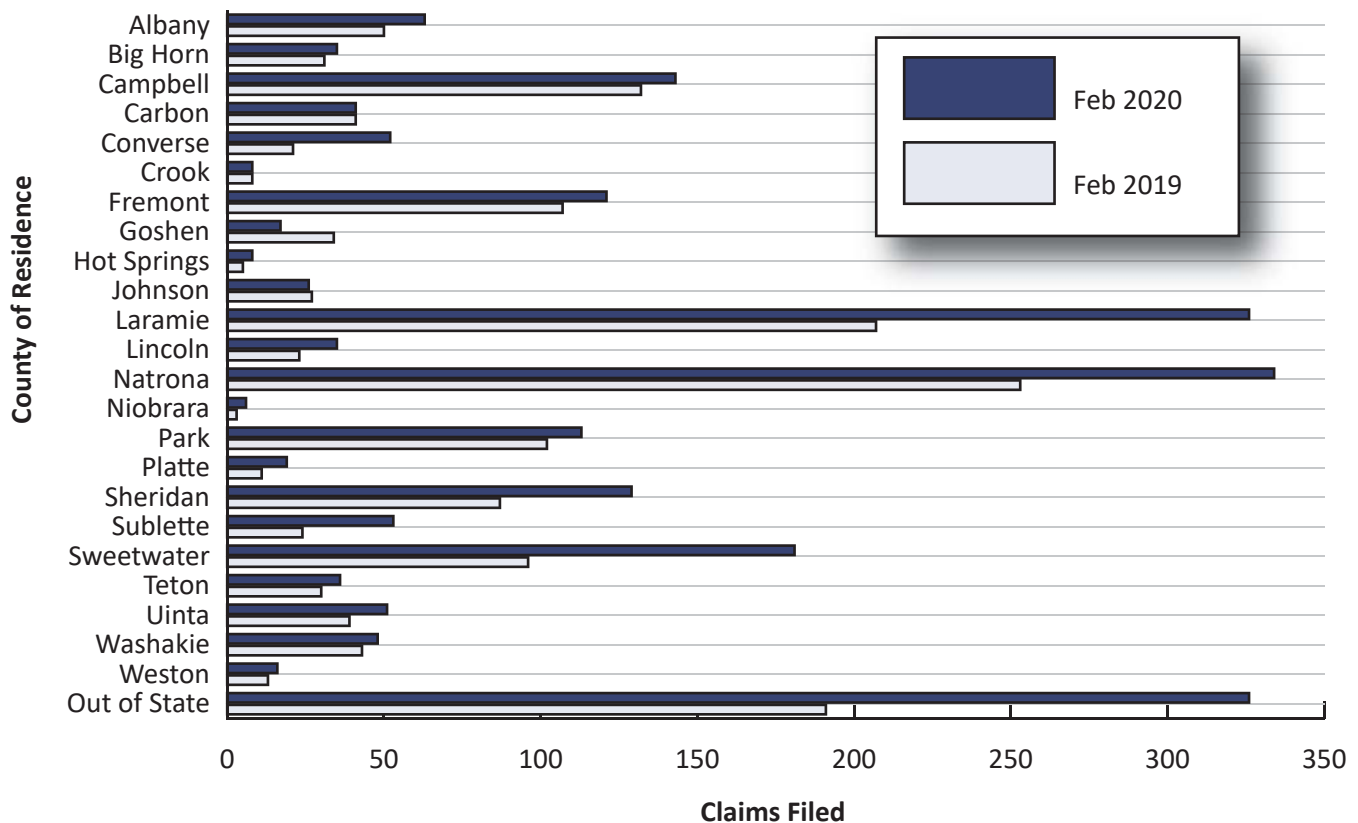


Figure 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, February 2020



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**Table 2: Wyoming Normalized Unemployment Insurance Statistics: Continued Claims**

	Claims Filed			Percent Change Claims		Difference
	Feb-20	Jan-20	Feb-19	Feb-20 Jan-20	Feb-20 Feb-19	Feb-20 Feb-19
<b><u>Wyoming Statewide</u></b>						
<b>Total Continued Weeks Claimed</b>	<b>18,659</b>	<b>17,707</b>	<b>15,795</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>18.1</b>	<b>2,864</b>
<b>Total Unique Claimants</b>	<b>5,488</b>	<b>4,564</b>	<b>4,627</b>	<b>20.2</b>	<b>18.6</b>	<b>861</b>
<b>Benefit Exhaustions</b>	<b>571</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>18.0</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>79</b>
<b>Benefit Exhaustion Rates</b>	<b>10.4%</b>	<b>10.6%</b>	<b>10.6%</b>	<b>-0.2%</b>	<b>-0.2%</b>	
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>8,851</b>	<b>8,204</b>	<b>6,917</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>28.0</b>	<b>1,934</b>
Natural Resources and Mining (11,21)	1,804	1,785	821	1.1	119.7	983
Mining (21)	1,646	1,609	658	2.3	150.2	988
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	59	79	79	-25.3	-25.3	-20
Construction (23)	6,316	5,771	5,395	9.4	17.1	921
Manufacturing (31 - 33)	730	646	700	13.0	4.3	30
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>5,973</b>	<b>5,667</b>	<b>6,177</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>-3.3</b>	<b>-204</b>
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	1,745	1,521	1,697	14.7	2.8	48
Wholesale Trade (42)	263	241	233	9.1	12.9	30
Retail Trade (44 - 45)	765	704	891	8.7	-14.1	-126
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities (22,48 - 49)	717	576	573	24.5	25.1	144
Information (51)	101	90	166	12.2	-39.2	-65
Financial Activities (52, 53)	300	277	219	8.3	37.0	81
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	1,776	1,612	1,817	10.2	-2.3	-41
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	520	545	535	-4.6	-2.8	-15
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	1,294	1,386	1,492	-6.6	-13.3	-198
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	232	230	241	0.9	-3.7	-9
<b>Government</b>	<b>1,511</b>	<b>1,562</b>	<b>1,579</b>	<b>-3.3</b>	<b>-4.3</b>	<b>-68</b>
Federal Government	785	845	832	-7.1	-5.6	-47
State Government	145	122	124	18.9	16.9	21
Local Government	580	594	622	-2.4	-6.8	-42
Local Education	74	103	88	-28.2	-15.9	-14
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>2,323</b>	<b>2,272</b>	<b>1,121</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>107.2</b>	<b>1,202</b>
<b><u>Laramie County (Place of Residence)</u></b>						
<b>Total Continued Weeks Claimed</b>	<b>2,347</b>	<b>2,206</b>	<b>1,958</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>19.9</b>	<b>389</b>
<b>Total Unique Claimants</b>	<b>694</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>21.3</b>	<b>19.0</b>	<b>111</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>1,045</b>	<b>1,145</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>-8.7</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>104</b>
Construction	954	1,025	904	-6.9	5.5	50
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>889</b>	<b>666</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>33.5</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>91</b>
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	243	202	238	20.3	2.1	5
Financial Activities (52, 53)	52	47	28	10.6	85.7	24
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	341	182	276	87.4	23.6	65
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	96	77	102	24.7	-5.9	-6
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	76	80	61	-5.0	24.6	15
<b>Government</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>-1.6</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>191.0</b>	<b>191</b>
<b><u>Natrona County (Place of Residence)</u></b>						
<b>Total Continued Weeks Claimed</b>	<b>2,557</b>	<b>2,497</b>	<b>2,113</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>21.0</b>	<b>444</b>
<b>Total Unique Claimants</b>	<b>762</b>	<b>657</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>16.0</b>	<b>18.1</b>	<b>117</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>1,336</b>	<b>1,264</b>	<b>885</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>51.0</b>	<b>451</b>
Construction	939	892	725	5.3	29.5	214
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>949</b>	<b>1,092</b>	<b>-5.2</b>	<b>-17.6</b>	<b>-192</b>
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	322	301	308	7.0	4.5	14
Financial Activities (52, 53)	56	50	65	12.0	-13.8	-9
Professional and Business Services (54 - 56)	230	271	321	-15.1	-28.3	-91
Educational and Health Services (61 - 62)	111	110	127	0.9	-12.6	-16
Leisure and Hospitality (71 - 72)	121	142	166	-14.8	-27.1	-45
<b>Government</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>-11.1</b>	<b>30.6</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>20.9</b>	<b>200.0</b>	<b>170</b>

Figure 4: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry, February 2020

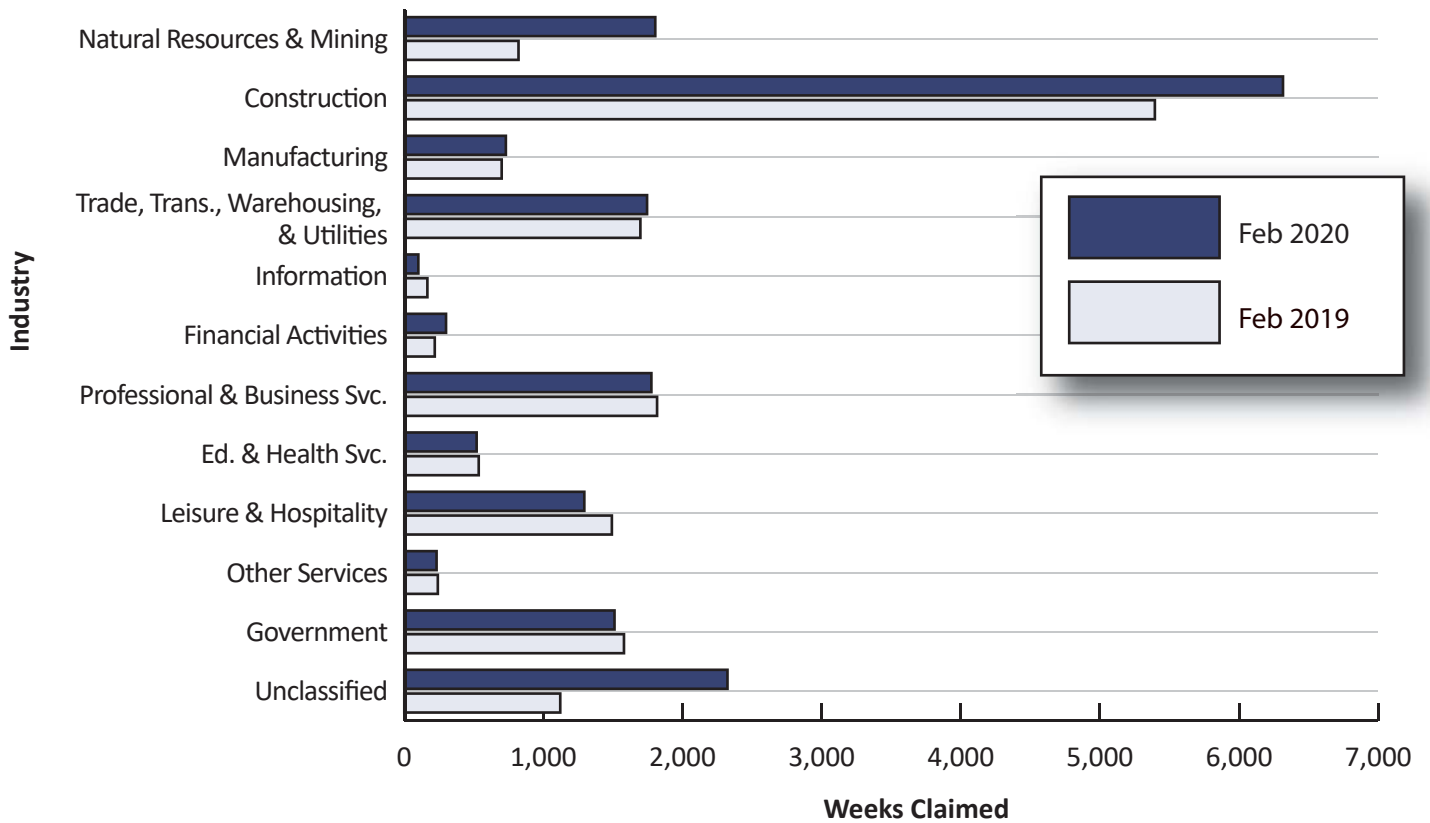
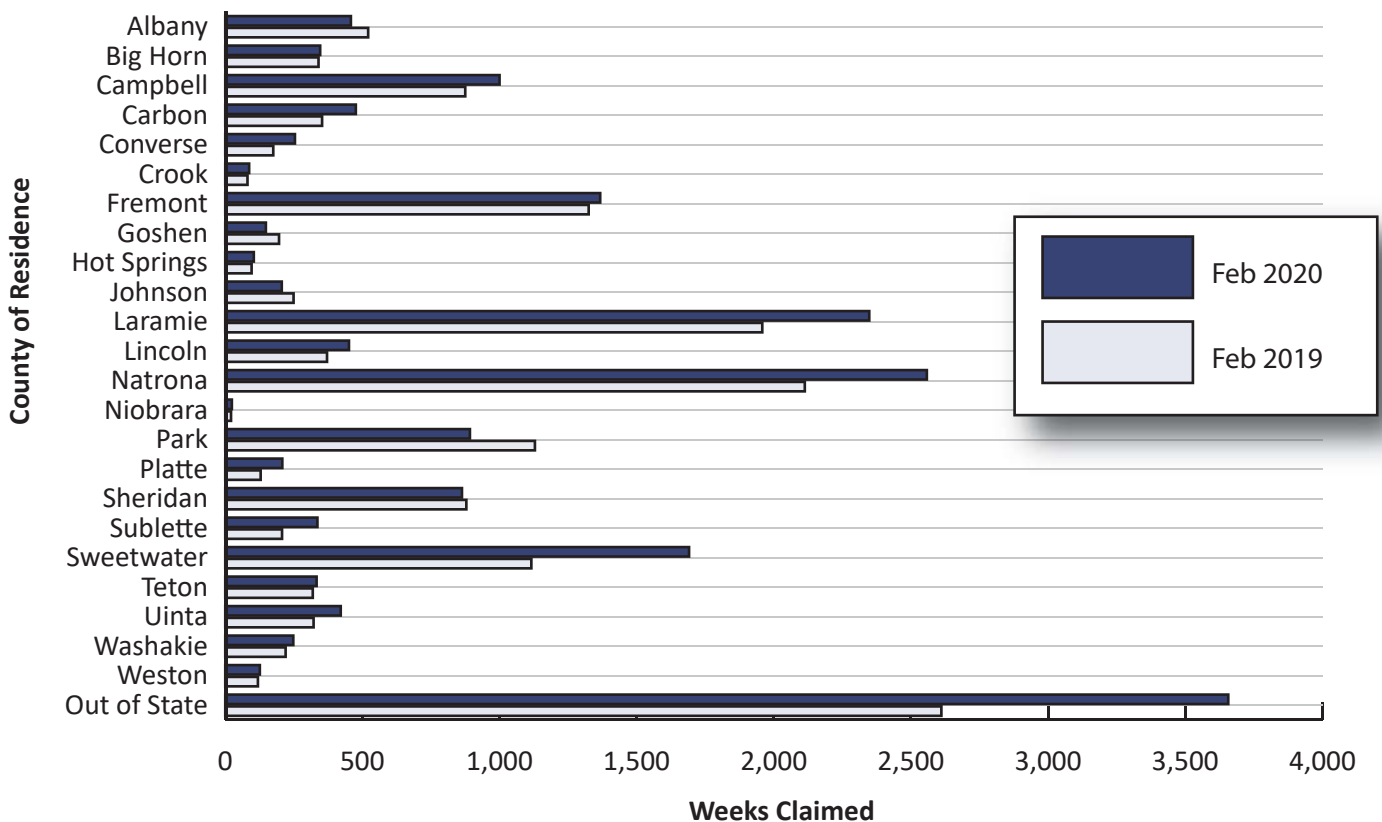


Figure 5: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, February 2020



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Table 3: Wyoming Normalized<sup>a</sup> Unemployment Statistics:  
Continued Claims by County of Residence, February 2020

County	Feb 20	Feb 19	Over-the-Year Change	
			N	%
Albany	458	521	-63	-12.1
Big Horn	346	340	6	1.8
Campbell	1,000	875	125	14.3
Carbon	476	353	123	34.8
Converse	254	175	79	45.1
Crook	87	81	6	7.4
Fremont	1,367	1,325	42	3.2
Goshen	148	196	-48	-24.5
Hot Springs	104	96	8	8.3
Johnson	206	249	-43	-17.3
Laramie	2,348	1,958	390	19.9
Lincoln	451	371	80	21.6
Natrona	2,558	2,113	445	21.1
Niobrara	24	21	3	14.3
Park	892	1,129	-237	-21.0
Platte	208	129	79	61.2
Sheridan	863	879	-16	-1.8
Sublette	336	207	129	62.3
Sweetwater	1,691	1,116	575	51.5
Teton	333	319	14	4.4
Uinta	421	322	99	30.7
Washakie	248	220	28	12.7
Weston	126	119	7	5.9
Unknown	57	71	-14	-19.7
Out of State	3,657	2,611	1,046	40.1
<b>Normalized Total<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>18,659</b>	<b>15,796</b>	<b>2,863</b>	<b>18.1</b>
<b>Real Total<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>17,237</b>	<b>14,592</b>	<b>2,645</b>	<b>18.1</b>

<sup>a</sup>An 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.

<sup>b</sup>Raw 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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