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Initial Claims Increase by 13.2% Over the Year

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In February 2025, initial and continued Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims both increased from prior-year levels. Definitions of initial and continued UI claims are available on page 9 of this report.

Initial Claims

There were 1,699 initial claims in February 2025, up 198 (13.2%) from February 2024. There were 546 fewer claims (-24.3%) compared to January 2025. Initial claims tend to peak in January each year (see Figure 1).

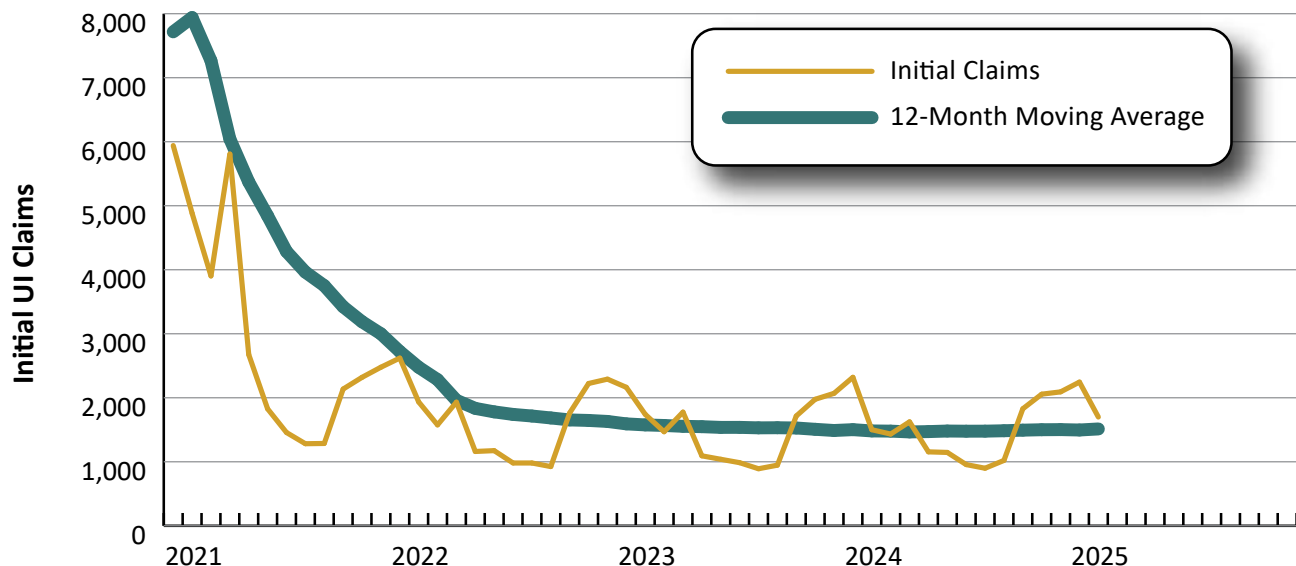
The industries with the largest numbers of initial claims included construction (638); trade, transportation,

& utilities (250); professional & business services (188); and government (132; see Table 1, page 5, and Figure 3, page 6). Construction had the greatest over-the-year increase with 158 claims (32.9%), followed by government with 51 (63.0%).

Laramie County had the greatest number of initial claims with 285, followed by Natrona (229), Campbell (179), and Sheridan (125; see Figure 4, page 6, and Table 3, page 9). In addition, there were 186 out-of-state claimants.

UI Claims Online

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



*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 by Year and Month, January 2021 to February 2025

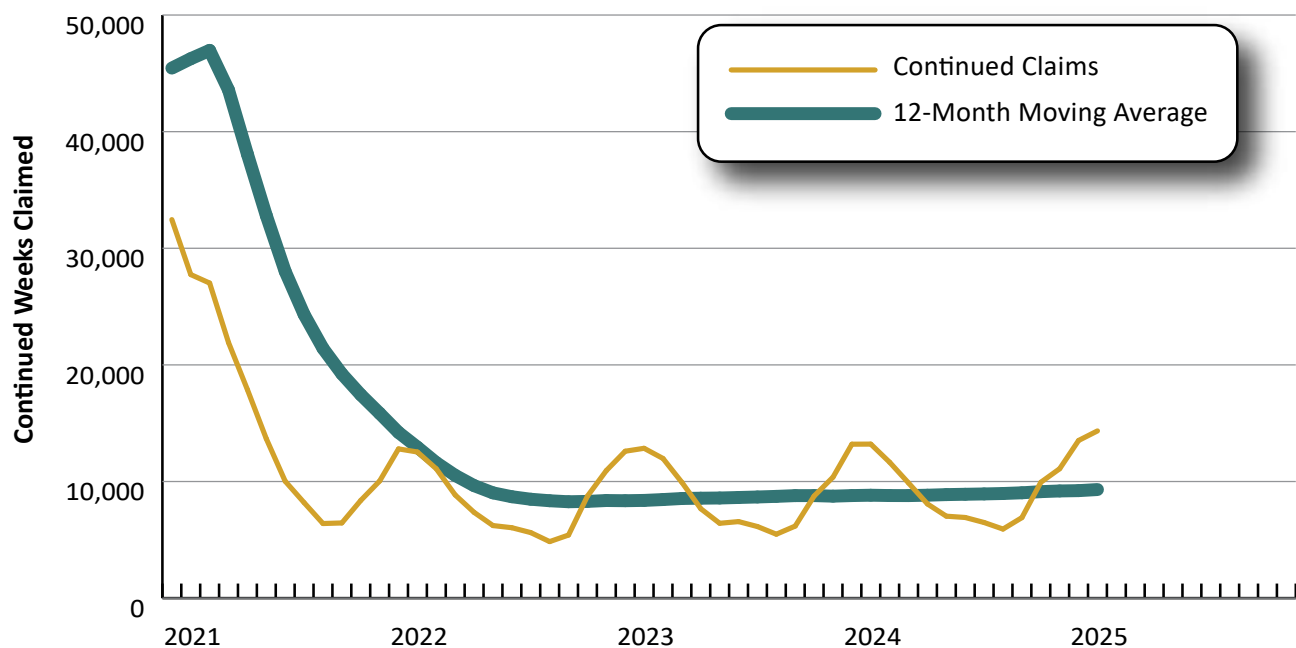
Continued Claims

The total number of continued weeks claimed increased from 13,208 in February 2024 to 14,340 in February 2025 (1,132, or 8.6%; see Table 2, page 7). The total number of continued weeks claimed followed their normal seasonal pattern (see Figure 2), and increased over the month by 822 claims (6.1%). The total number of unique claimants increased by 764 (19.6%) over the month and 380 (8.9%) over the year.

The industries with the most continued weeks claimed included construction (5,306); professional & business services (2,013); trade, transportation, & utilities

(1,608); and leisure & hospitality (1,304). Most industries saw over-the-year increases in continued weeks claimed (see Figure 5, page 8), led by construction (668, or 14.4%). Leisure & hospitality saw the greatest over-the-year decrease (-131, or -9.1%).

Laramie County led the state with the greatest number of continued weeks claimed with 2,110, followed by Natrona (1,866), Campbell (1,172), and Fremont (1,063) counties (see Figure 6, page 8, and Table 4, page 9). There were 2,263 out-of-state continued weeks claimed as well. Campbell County saw a substantial over-the-year increase, from 795 to 1,172 (377, or 47.4%).



*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 by Year and Month, January 2021 to February 2025

Table 1: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims in Wyoming, February 2025

Industry	Initial Claims Filed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Feb 2025	Jan 2025	Feb 2024	N	%	N	%
Total Claims Filed	1,699	2,245	1,501	-546	-24.3	198	13.2
Goods-Producing	824	1,226	678	-402	-32.8	146	21.5
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	103	193	108	-90	-46.6	-5	-4.6
Mining (21)	93	173	90	-80	-46.2	3	3.3
Construction (23)	638	936	480	-298	-31.8	158	32.9
Manufacturing (31-33)	82	96	89	-14	-14.6	-7	-7.9
Service-Providing	718	872	732	-154	-17.7	-14	-1.9
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	250	271	258	-21	-7.7	-8	-3.1
Wholesale Trade (42)	41	39	31	2	5.1	10	32.3
Retail Trade (44-45)	101	129	110	-28	-21.7	-9	-8.2
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	107	103	116	4	3.9	-9	-7.8
Information (51)	10	15	15	-5	-33.3	-5	-33.3
Financial Activities (52-53)	36	35	34	1	2.9	2	5.9
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	188	237	168	-49	-20.7	20	11.9
Education & Health Services (61-62)	80	101	92	-21	-20.8	-12	-13.0
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	124	181	136	-57	-31.5	-12	-8.8
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	28	28	27	0	0.0	1	3.7
Government	132	116	81	16	13.8	51	63.0
Federal Government	82	53	22	29	54.7	60	272.7
State Government	10	12	14	-2	-16.7	-4	-28.6
Local Government	38	51	44	-13	-25.5	-6	-13.6
Local Education	4	11	12	-7	-63.6	-8	-66.7
Unclassified	23	30	8	-7	-23.3	15	187.5
Laramie County							
Total Claims Filed	285	370	266	-85	-23.0	19	7.1
Goods-Producing	114	215	114	-101	-47.0	0	0.0
Construction	99	200	103	-101	-50.5	-4	-3.9
Service-Providing	148	138	138	10	7.2	10	7.2
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	36	41	49	-5	-12.2	-13	-26.5
Financial Activities (52, 53)	7	6	5	1	16.7	2	40.0
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	55	34	45	21	61.8	10	22.2
Educational & Health Services (61-62)	21	26	14	-5	-19.2	7	50.0
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	20	19	16	1	5.3	4	25.0
Government	17	10	11	7	70.0	6	54.5
Natrona County							
Total Claims Filed	229	311	235	-82	-26.4	-6	-2.6
Goods-Producing	111	178	99	-67	-37.6	12	12.1
Construction	87	151	79	-64	-42.4	8	10.1
Service-Providing	111	127	127	-16	-12.6	-16	-12.6
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	36	37	46	-1	-2.7	-10	-21.7
Financial Activities (52, 53)	8	N/D	14	N/D	N/D	-6	-42.9
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	27	41	19	-14	-34.1	8	42.1
Educational & Health Services (61-62)	14	14	23	0	0.0	-9	-39.1
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	16	17	15	-1	-5.9	1	6.7
Government	6	N/D	8	N/D	N/D	-2	-25.0

N/D = Not discloseable due to confidentiality.

Source: Unemployment Insurance claims database.

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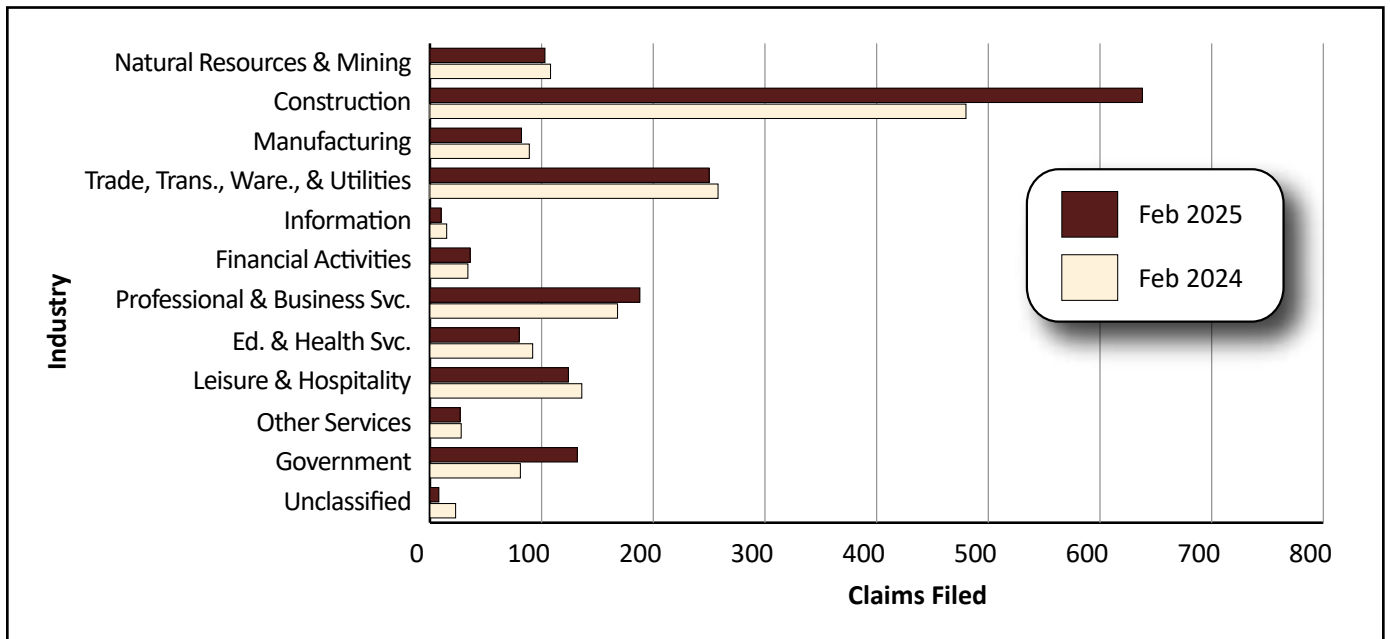


Figure 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, February 2024 and February 2025

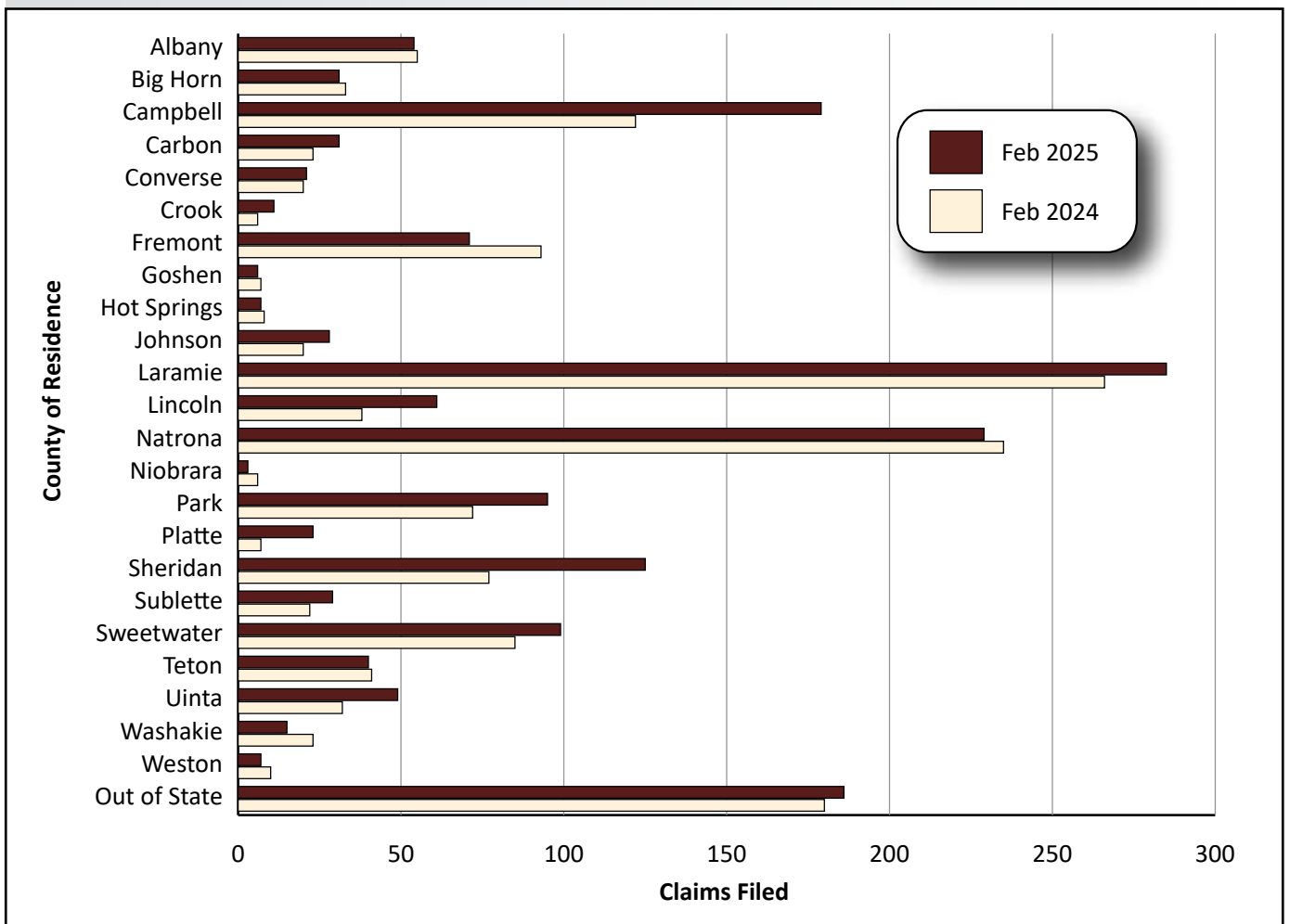


Figure 4: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, February 2024 and February 2025

Table 2: Unemployment Insurance Continued Weeks Claimed in Wyoming, February 2025

Industry	Continued Weeks Claimed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Feb 2025	Jan 2025	Feb 2024	N	%	N	%
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	14,340	13,518	13,208	822	6.1	1,132	8.6
Total Unique Claimants	4,654	3,890	4,274	764	19.6	380	8.9
Goods-Producing	6,963	6,163	6,040	800	13.0	923	15.3
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	1,006	922	847	84	9.1	159	18.8
Mining (21)	874	791	735	83	10.5	139	18.9
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	25	19	54	6	31.6	-29	-53.7
Construction (23)	5,306	4,634	4,638	672	14.5	668	14.4
Manufacturing (31-33)	650	606	554	44	7.3	96	17.3
Service-Providing	6,234	6,184	6,234	50	0.8	0	0.0
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	1,608	1,536	1,638	72	4.7	-30	-1.8
Wholesale Trade (42)	266	254	241	12	4.7	25	10.4
Retail Trade (44-45)	819	821	760	-2	-0.2	59	7.8
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	522	459	636	63	13.7	-114	-17.9
Information (51)	127	96	191	31	32.3	-64	-33.5
Financial Activities (52-53)	302	248	293	54	21.8	9	3.1
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	2,013	1,950	1,869	63	3.2	144	7.7
Education & Health Services (61-62)	673	679	597	-6	-0.9	76	12.7
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	1,304	1,448	1,435	-144	-9.9	-131	-9.1
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	204	223	207	-19	-8.5	-3	-1.4
Government	969	1,009	810	-40	-4.0	159	19.6
Federal Government	543	580	377	-37	-6.4	166	44.0
State Government	112	96	83	16	16.7	29	34.9
Local Government	313	332	349	-19	-5.7	-36	-10.3
Local Education	66	67	55	-1	-1.5	11	20.0
Unclassified	173	161	123	12	7.5	50	40.7
Laramie County							
Total Claims Filed	2,110	1,995	2,142	115	5.8	-32	-1.5
Total Unique Claimants	698	588	694	110	18.7	4	0.6
Goods-Producing	1,043	976	960	67	6.9	83	8.6
Construction	953	876	887	77	8.8	66	7.4
Service-Providing	943	903	1,100	40	4.4	-157	-14.3
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	277	294	339	-17	-5.8	-62	-18.3
Financial Activities (52, 53)	83	55	61	28	50.9	22	36.1
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	260	235	344	25	10.6	-84	-24.4
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	156	135	130	21	15.6	26	20.0
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	95	109	106	-14	-12.8	-11	-10.4
Government	94	90	59	4	4.4	35	59.3
Unclassified	29	24	21	5	20.8	8	38.1
Natrona County							
Total Claims Filed	1,866	1,814	1,756	52	2.9	110	6.3
Total Unique Claimants	609	526	571	83	15.8	38	6.7
Goods-Producing	912	870	767	42	4.8	145	18.9
Construction	730	711	588	19	2.7	142	24.1
Service-Providing	890	875	932	15	1.7	-42	-4.5
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	295	293	232	2	0.7	63	27.2
Financial Activities (52, 53)	59	58	61	1	1.7	-2	-3.3
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	278	248	272	30	12.1	6	2.2
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	84	86	148	-2	-2.3	-64	-43.2
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	110	128	162	-18	-14.1	-52	-32.1
Government	42	52	51	-10	-19.2	-9	-17.6
Unclassified	20	15	5	5	33.3	15	300.0

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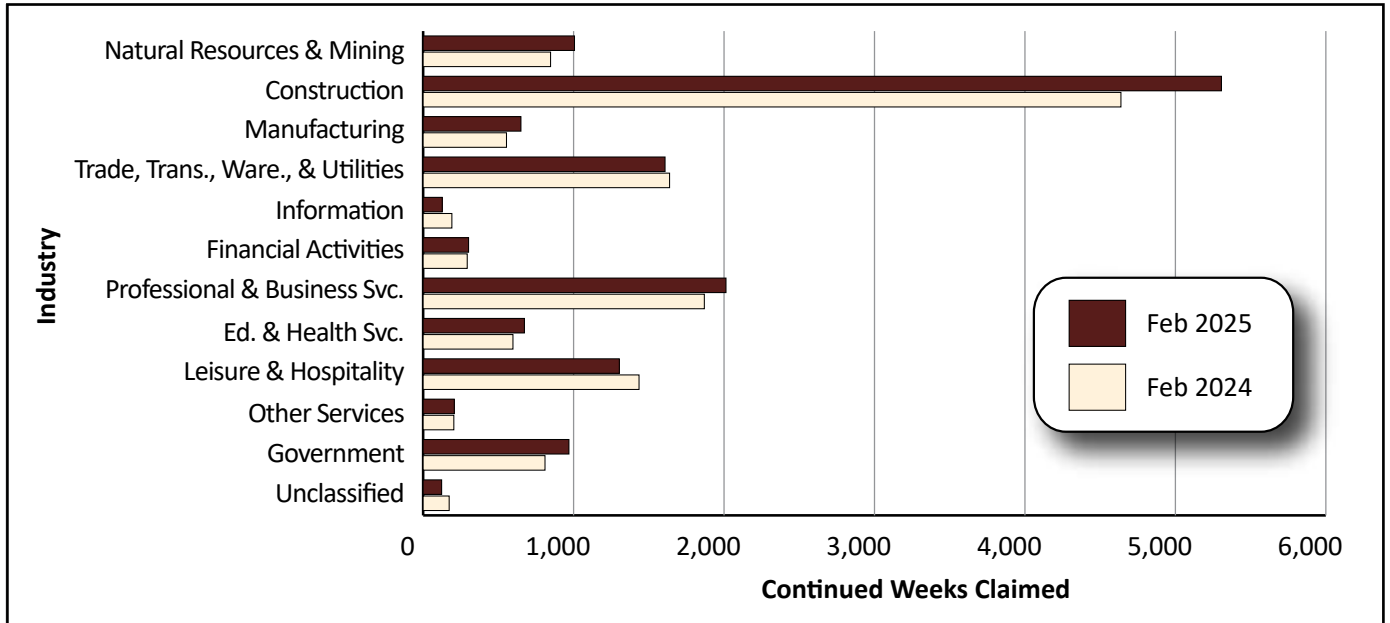


Figure 5: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, February 2024 and February 2025

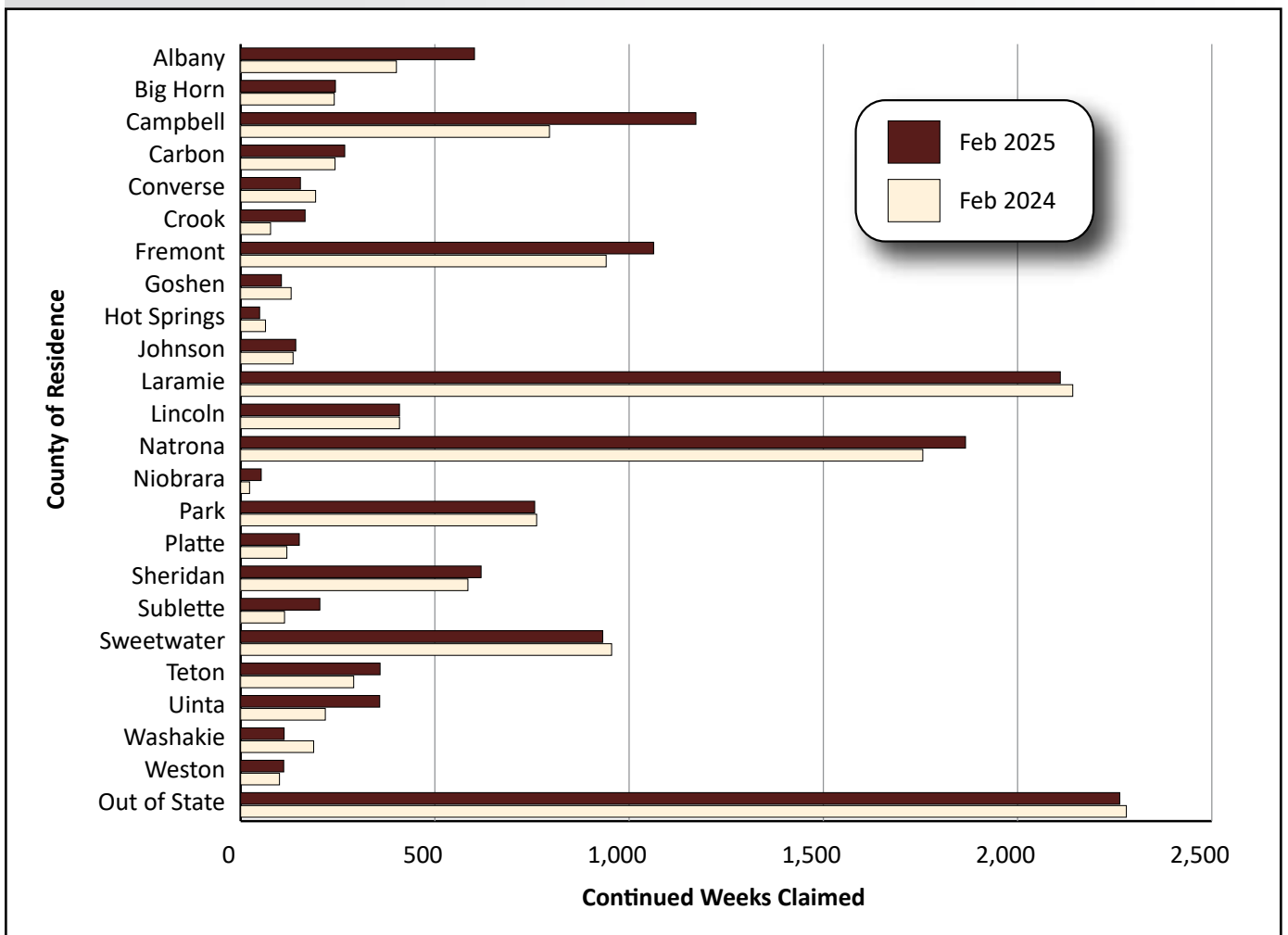


Figure 6: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence in Wyoming, February 2024 and February 2025

Table 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by County of Residence, February 2024 and February 2025

County	Feb 2025	Feb 2024	Change	
			N	%
Albany	54	55	-1	-1.8
Big Horn	31	33	-2	-6.1
Campbell	179	122	57	46.7
Carbon	31	23	8	34.8
Converse	21	20	1	5.0
Crook	11	6	5	83.3
Fremont	71	93	-22	-23.7
Goshen	6	7	-1	-14.3
Hot Springs	7	8	-1	-12.5
Johnson	28	20	8	40.0
Laramie	285	266	19	7.1
Lincoln	61	38	23	60.5
Natrona	229	235	-6	-2.6
Niobrara	3	6	-3	-50.0
Park	95	72	23	31.9
Platte	23	7	16	228.6
Sheridan	125	77	48	62.3
Sublette	29	22	7	31.8
Sweetwater	99	85	14	16.5
Teton	40	41	-1	-2.4
Uinta	49	32	17	53.1
Washakie	15	23	-8	-34.8
Weston	7	10	-3	-30.0
Unknown	3	6	-3	-50.0
Out of State	186	180	6	3.3
Total	1,699	1,501	198	13.2

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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, February 2024 and February 2025

County	Feb 2025	Feb 2024	Change	
			N	%
Albany	602	401	201	50.1
Big Horn	244	241	3	1.2
Campbell	1,172	795	377	47.4
Carbon	268	243	25	10.3
Converse	154	193	-39	-20.2
Crook	166	77	89	115.6
Fremont	1,063	941	122	13.0
Goshen	105	130	-25	-19.2
Hot Springs	49	64	-15	-23.4
Johnson	142	135	7	5.2
Laramie	2,110	2,142	-32	-1.5
Lincoln	409	409	0	0.0
Natrona	1,866	1,756	110	6.3
Niobrara	53	23	30	130.4
Park	757	762	-5	-0.7
Platte	151	119	32	26.9
Sheridan	619	585	34	5.8
Sublette	204	113	91	80.5
Sweetwater	932	955	-23	-2.4
Teton	359	291	68	23.4
Uinta	358	218	140	64.2
Washakie	112	188	-76	-40.4
Weston	111	100	11	11.0
Unknown	60	33	27	81.8
Out of State	2,263	2,280	-17	-0.7
Normalized Total^a	14,340	13,208	1,132	8.6

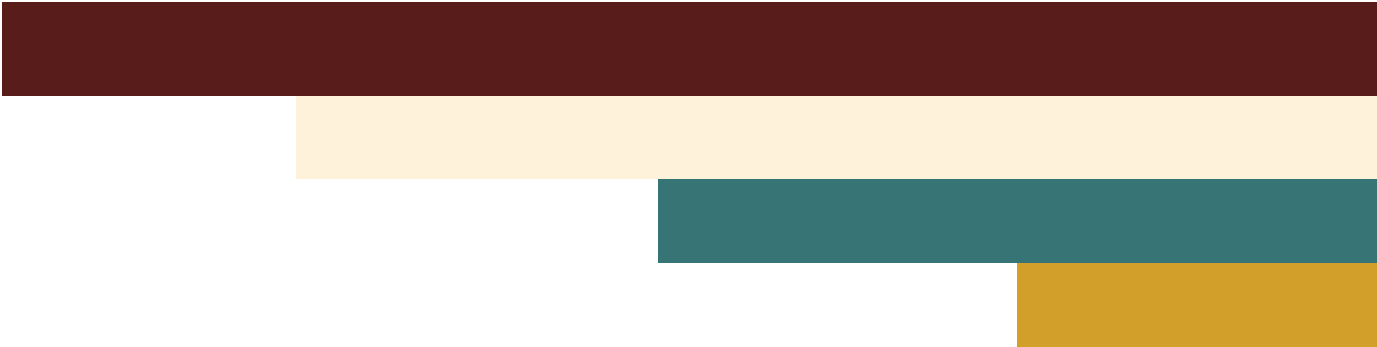
^aAn average month is considered 4.33 weeks. If a month has four weeks, the normalization factor is 1.0825. If the month has five weeks, the normalization factor is 0.866. The number of raw claims is multiplied by the normalization factor to achieve the normalized claims counts.

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

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