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## Initial, Continued Claims Down Over the Year

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Initial Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims increased from March to April by 13.3%, while the total number of continued weeks claimed decreased by 15.2% over the month (see Definitions, page 9). Both initial and continued claims decreased from the prior year.

### Initial Claims

There were 1,624 initial claims in April 2024, 152 (or 8.6%) fewer than April 2023. Aside from a couple months in 2023, initial claims have largely decreased from prior-year levels during each month since March 2021. Over the month, initial claims increased by 191, or 13.3%. Initial claims normally peak in December and then decline each month, with an increase in April due to the ski

### UI Claims Online

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

season ending and more initial claims filed in leisure & hospitality (see Figure 1). Over the month, initial claims in leisure & hospitality increased by 216, or 84.7%.

The industries with the largest numbers of initial claims included leisure & hospitality (471), construction (324), trade, transportation, & utilities (244), and natural resources & mining (113; see Table 1, page 5, and Figure 3, page 6). Leisure & hospitality had the greatest over-the-year

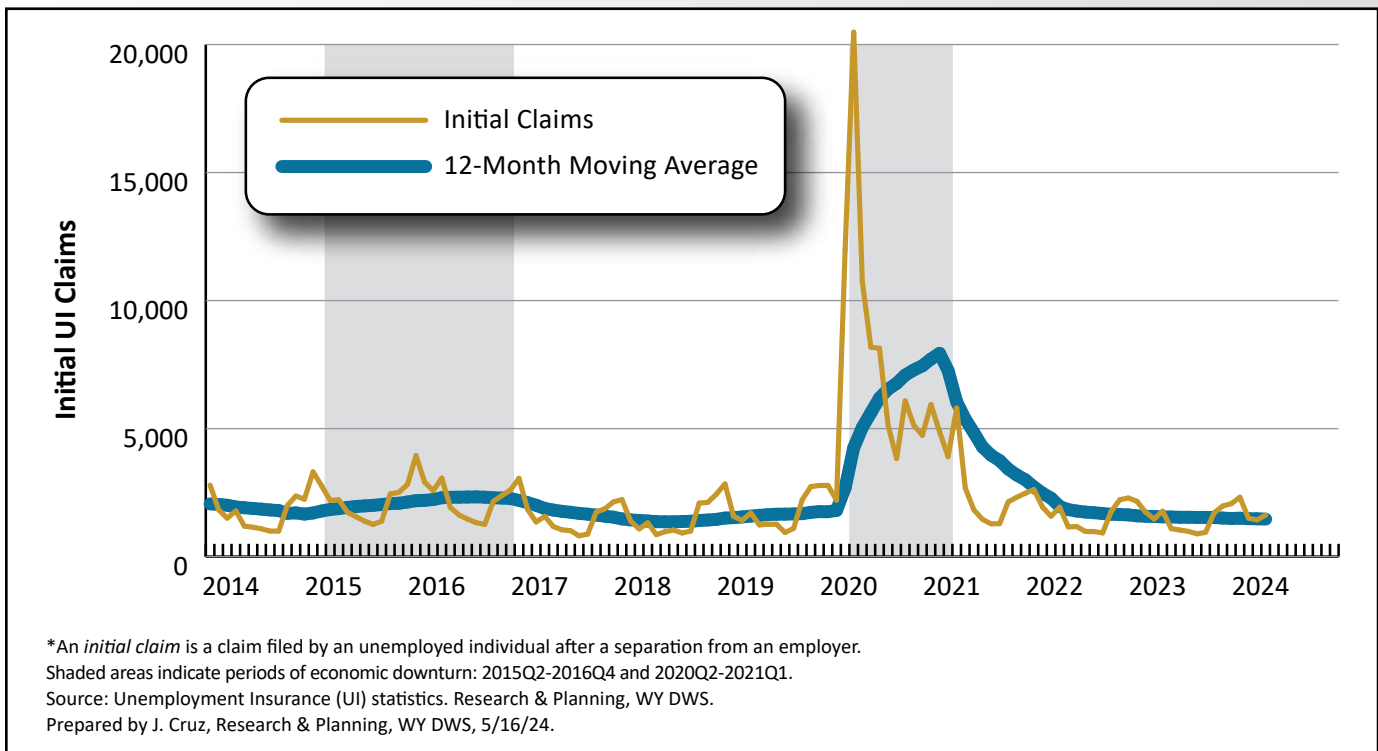


Figure 1: Total Number of Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by Year and Month, January 2014 to April 2024

decrease in initial claims (-96), followed by construction (-51), manufacturing (-32), and professional & business services (-29).

Teton County had the most claims in April with 306, which is consistent with the increase in claims in leisure & hospitality (see Figure 4, page 6, and Table 3, page 9). Teton County was followed by Laramie (210), Natrona (202), and Campbell (125) counties, along with 237 initial claims by out-of-state claimants.

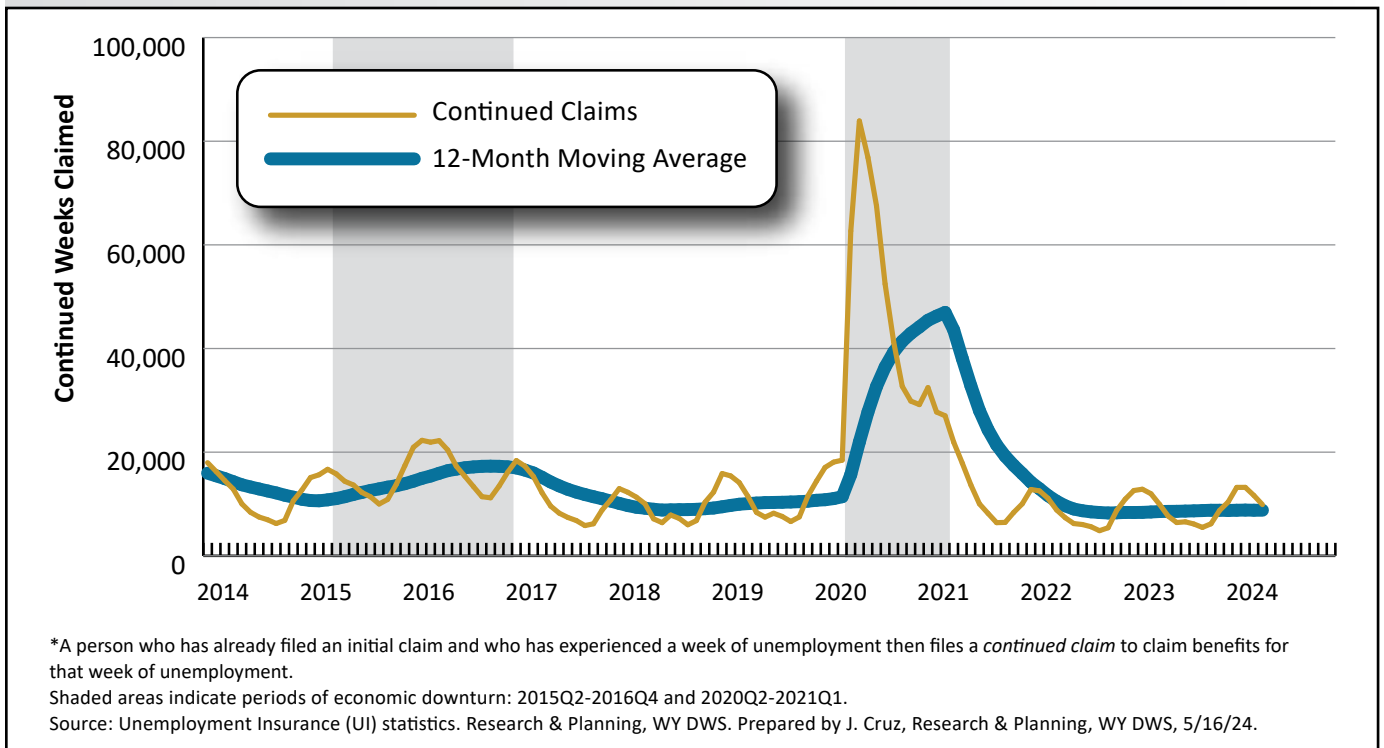
**Continued Claims**

The total number of continued weeks claimed decreased from 9,929 in April 2023 to 9,873 in April 2024 (-56, or -0.6%; see Figure 2 and Table 2, page 7). Continued claims decreased 15.2% over the month. The number of unique claimants decreased from 3,795 to 3,637 (-158, or -4.2%) over the year, and also

declined by 7.9% (311 fewer claimants) over the month.

The industries with the most continued weeks claimed included construction (2,516), leisure & hospitality (1,642), trade, transportation, & utilities (1,510), and professional & business services (1,046; see Table 2, page 7, and Figure 5, page 8). Substantial over-the-year decreases were seen in manufacturing (-223, or -35.2%), construction (-210, or -7.7%), leisure & hospitality (-120, or -6.8%), government (-102, or -14.0%), and financial activities (-78, or -22.7%).

There were more out-of-state claimants with continued weeks claimed (1,751) than from any one Wyoming county. The counties with the most continued claims were Laramie (1,421), Natrona (1,299), and Campbell (700) counties (see Figure 6, page 8, and Table 4, page 9).



**Figure 2: Total Number of Unemployment Insurance Continued Weeks Claimed for Wyoming by Year and Month, January 2014 to April 2024**

Table 1: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims in Wyoming, April 2024

Industry	Initial Claims Filed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Apr 2024	Mar 2024	Apr 2023	N	%	N	%
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>1,624</b>	<b>1,433</b>	<b>1,776</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>-152</b>	<b>-8.6</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>542</b>	<b>-42</b>	<b>-7.9</b>	<b>-50</b>	<b>-9.2</b>
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	113	100	80	13	13.0	33	41.3
Mining (21)	103	96	68	7	7.3	35	51.5
Construction (23)	324	365	375	-41	-11.2	-51	-13.6
Manufacturing (31-33)	54	68	86	-14	-20.6	-32	-37.2
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>1,017</b>	<b>752</b>	<b>1,133</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>35.2</b>	<b>-116</b>	<b>-10.2</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	244	218	247	26	11.9	-3	-1.2
Wholesale Trade (42)	25	33	31	-8	-24.2	-6	-19.4
Retail Trade (44-45)	105	98	126	7	7.1	-21	-16.7
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	113	86	89	27	31.4	24	27.0
Information (51)	14	16	11	-2	-12.5	3	27.3
Financial Activities (52-53)	64	37	54	27	73.0	10	18.5
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	107	110	136	-3	-2.7	-29	-21.3
Education & Health Services (61-62)	86	85	93	1	1.2	-7	-7.5
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	471	255	567	216	84.7	-96	-16.9
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	28	28	22	0	0.0	6	27.3
<b>Government</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>-26</b>	<b>-22.4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3.4</b>
Federal Government	17	49	24	-32	-65.3	-7	-29.2
State Government	12	14	11	-2	-14.3	1	9.1
Local Government	60	53	50	7	13.2	10	20.0
Local Education	7	14	9	-7	-50.0	-2	-22.2
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>-6</b>	<b>-20.7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>91.7</b>
<b>Laramie County</b>							
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>-22</b>	<b>-9.5</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>-13</b>	<b>-16.0</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>-5.6</b>
Construction	61	67	54	-6	-9.0	7	13.0
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>17.1</b>	<b>-22</b>	<b>-15.2</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	47	38	63	9	23.7	-16	-25.4
Financial Activities (52, 53)	18	7	11	11	157.1	7	63.6
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	20	23	25	-3	-13.0	-5	-20.0
Educational & Health Services (61-62)	15	15	16	0	0.0	-1	-6.3
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	11	12	17	-1	-8.3	-6	-35.3
<b>Government</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>-33.3</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>-20.0</b>
<b>Natrona County</b>							
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>-10</b>	<b>-4.7</b>	<b>-18</b>	<b>-8.2</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>-1.2</b>	<b>-29</b>	<b>-26.1</b>
Construction	49	53	89	-4	-7.5	-40	-44.9
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>-6</b>	<b>-5.1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7.8</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	36	40	44	-4	-10.0	-8	-18.2
Financial Activities (52, 53)	14	16	7	-2	-12.5	7	100.0
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	17	21	17	-4	-19.0	0	0.0
Educational & Health Services (61-62)	20	20	23	0	0.0	-3	-13.0
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	16	14	6	2	14.3	10	166.7
<b>Government</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>-20.0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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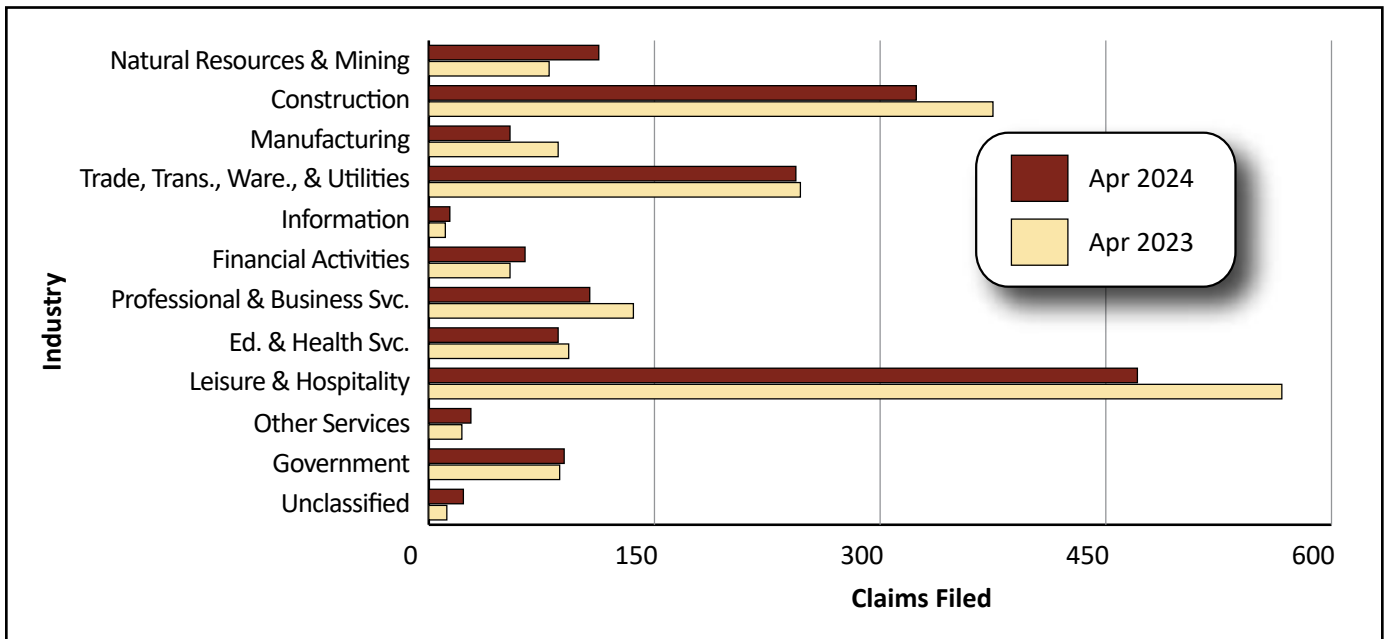


Figure 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, April 2023 and April 2024

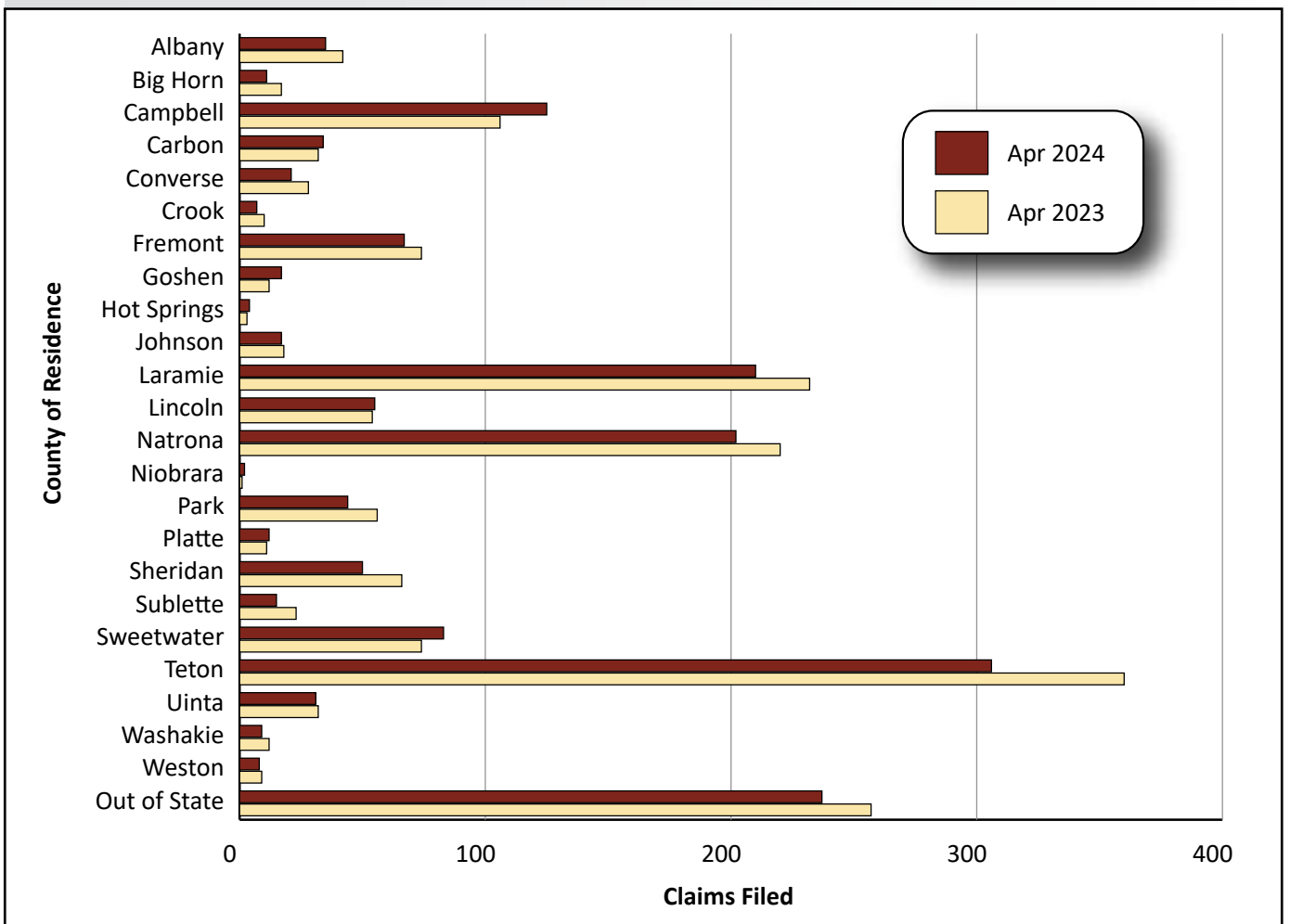


Figure 4: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, April 2023 and April 2024

Table 2: Unemployment Insurance Continued Weeks Claimed in Wyoming, April 2024

Industry	Continued Weeks Claimed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Apr 2024	Mar 2024	Apr 2023	N	%	N	%
<b>Total Continued Weeks Claimed</b>	<b>9,873</b>	<b>11,649</b>	<b>9,929</b>	<b>-1,776</b>	<b>-15.2</b>	<b>-56</b>	<b>-0.6</b>
Total Unique Claimants	3,637	3,948	3,795	-311	-7.9	-158	-4.2
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>3,662</b>	<b>5,116</b>	<b>3,919</b>	<b>-1,454</b>	<b>-28.4</b>	<b>-257</b>	<b>-6.6</b>
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	735	758	559	-23	-3.0	176	31.5
Mining (21)	686	694	468	-8	-1.2	218	46.6
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	62	57	55	5	8.8	7	12.7
Construction (23)	2,516	3,817	2,726	-1,301	-34.1	-210	-7.7
Manufacturing (31-33)	410	540	633	-130	-24.1	-223	-35.2
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>5,437</b>	<b>5,624</b>	<b>5,164</b>	<b>-187</b>	<b>-3.3</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>5.3</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	1,510	1,568	1,276	-58	-3.7	234	18.3
Wholesale Trade (42)	233	244	207	-11	-4.5	26	12.6
Retail Trade (44-45)	697	688	626	9	1.3	71	11.3
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	579	635	441	-56	-8.8	138	31.3
Information (51)	184	190	121	-6	-3.2	63	52.1
Financial Activities (52-53)	265	247	343	18	7.3	-78	-22.7
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	1,046	1,489	995	-443	-29.8	51	5.1
Education & Health Services (61-62)	589	560	525	29	5.2	64	12.2
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	1,642	1,355	1,762	287	21.2	-120	-6.8
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	199	212	140	-13	-6.1	59	42.1
<b>Government</b>	<b>628</b>	<b>752</b>	<b>730</b>	<b>-124</b>	<b>-16.5</b>	<b>-102</b>	<b>-14.0</b>
Federal Government	239	325	306	-86	-26.5	-67	-21.9
State Government	94	102	113	-8	-7.8	-19	-16.8
Local Government	295	323	310	-28	-8.7	-15	-4.8
Local Education	46	55	67	-9	-16.4	-21	-31.3
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>-10</b>	<b>-6.5</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>27.2</b>
<b>Laramie County</b>							
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>1,421</b>	<b>1,753</b>	<b>1,374</b>	<b>-332</b>	<b>-18.9</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>3.4</b>
Total Unique Claimants	509	594	526	-85	-14.3	-17	-3.2
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>768</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>-330</b>	<b>-43.0</b>	<b>-84</b>	<b>-16.1</b>
Construction	377	701	431	-324	-46.2	-54	-12.5
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>887</b>	<b>899</b>	<b>770</b>	<b>-12</b>	<b>-1.3</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>15.2</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	289	303	254	-14	-4.6	35	13.8
Financial Activities (52, 53)	68	53	58	15	28.3	10	17.2
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	200	222	156	-22	-9.9	44	28.2
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	124	119	129	5	4.2	-5	-3.9
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	110	99	122	11	11.1	-12	-9.8
<b>Government</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>-3.4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1.8</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>40.7</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>52.0</b>
<b>Natrona County</b>							
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>1,299</b>	<b>1,569</b>	<b>1,279</b>	<b>-270</b>	<b>-17.2</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1.6</b>
Total Unique Claimants	471	546	504	-75	-13.7	-33	-6.5
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>697</b>	<b>599</b>	<b>-159</b>	<b>-22.8</b>	<b>-61</b>	<b>-10.2</b>
Construction	357	519	423	-162	-31.2	-66	-15.6
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>703</b>	<b>812</b>	<b>633</b>	<b>-109</b>	<b>-13.4</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>11.1</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	242	233	204	9	3.9	38	18.6
Financial Activities (52, 53)	61	70	59	-9	-12.9	2	3.4
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	146	205	120	-59	-28.8	26	21.7
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	135	138	115	-3	-2.2	20	17.4
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	74	106	92	-32	-30.2	-18	-19.6
<b>Government</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>-6.0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>30.6</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

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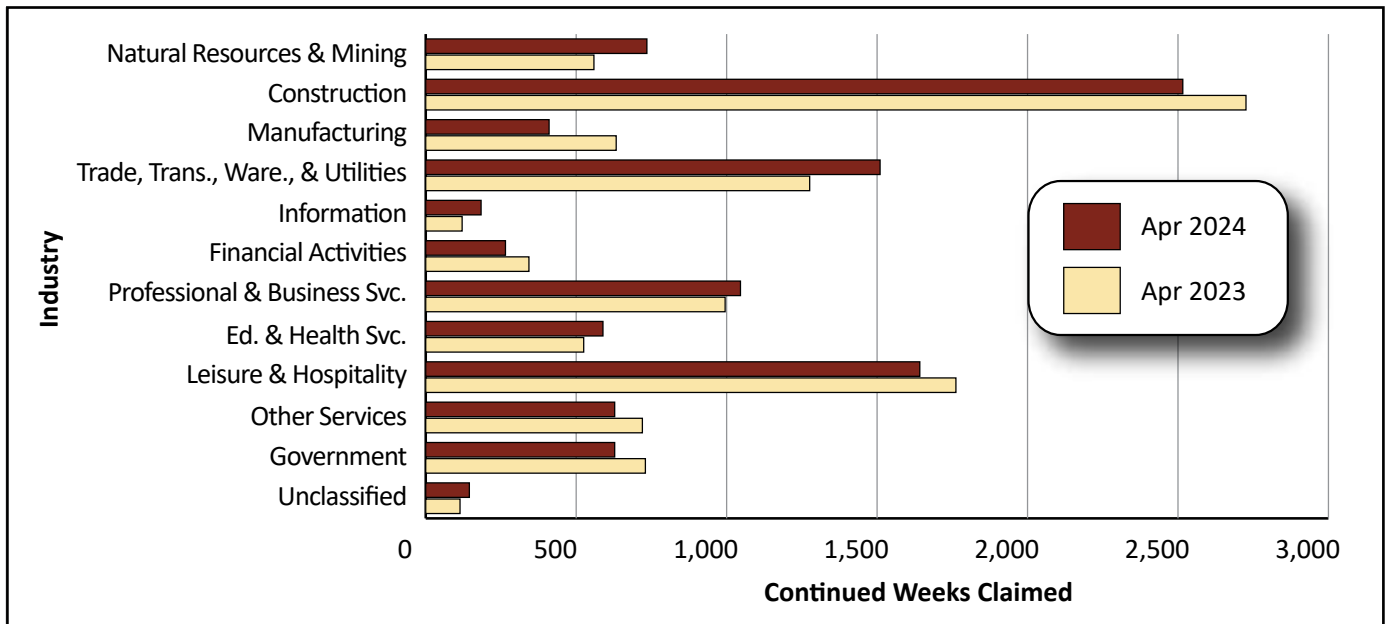


Figure 5: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, April 2023 and April 2024

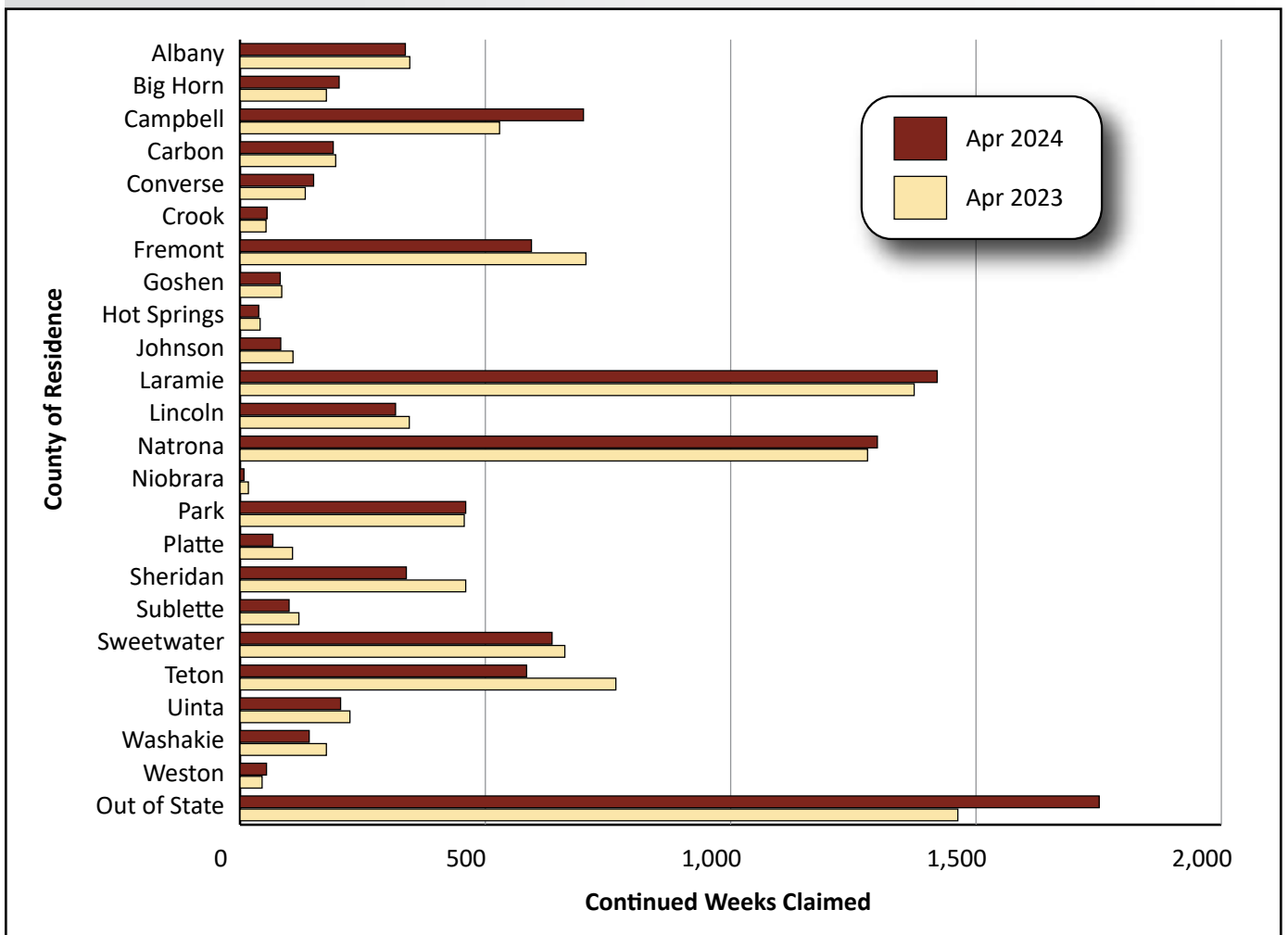


Figure 6: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence in Wyoming, April 2023 and April 2024



**Table 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by County of Residence, April 2023 and April 2024**

County	April 2024	Apr 2023	Change	
			N	%
Albany	35	42	-7	-16.7
Big Horn	11	17	-6	-35.3
Campbell	125	106	19	17.9
Carbon	34	32	2	6.3
Converse	21	28	-7	-25.0
Crook	7	10	-3	-30.0
Fremont	67	74	-7	-9.5
Goshen	17	12	5	41.7
Hot Springs	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D
Johnson	17	18	-1	-5.6
Laramie	210	232	-22	-9.5
Lincoln	55	54	1	1.9
Natrona	202	220	-18	-8.2
Niobrara	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D
Park	44	56	-12	-21.4
Platte	12	11	1	9.1
Sheridan	50	66	-16	-24.2
Sublette	15	23	-8	-34.8
Sweetwater	83	74	9	12.2
Teton	306	360	-54	-15.0
Uinta	31	32	-1	-3.1
Washakie	9	12	-3	-25.0
Weston	8	9	-1	-11.1
Unknown	11	15	-4	-26.7
Out of State	237	257	-20	-7.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,624</b>	<b>1,776</b>	<b>-152</b>	<b>-8.6</b>

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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<sup>a</sup> Unemployment Statistics: Continued Claims by County of Residence, April 2023 and April 2024**

County	Apr 2024	Apr 2023	Change	
			N	%
Albany	337	346	-9	-2.6
Big Horn	202	176	26	14.8
Campbell	700	529	171	32.3
Carbon	190	195	-5	-2.6
Converse	150	133	17	12.8
Crook	55	53	2	3.8
Fremont	594	705	-111	-15.7
Goshen	82	85	-3	-3.5
Hot Springs	38	41	-3	-7.3
Johnson	83	108	-25	-23.1
Laramie	1,421	1,374	47	3.4
Lincoln	317	345	-28	-8.1
Natrona	1,299	1,279	20	1.6
Niobrara	8	17	-9	-52.9
Park	460	457	3	0.7
Platte	67	107	-40	-37.4
Sheridan	339	460	-121	-26.3
Sublette	100	120	-20	-16.7
Sweetwater	636	662	-26	-3.9
Teton	584	766	-182	-23.8
Uinta	205	224	-19	-8.5
Washakie	141	176	-35	-19.9
Weston	54	45	9	20.0
Unknown	49	54	-5	-9.3
Out of State	1,751	1,463	288	19.7
<b>Normalized Total<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>9,873</b>	<b>9,929</b>	<b>-56</b>	<b>-0.6</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.

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