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Mining Sees Increase in Initial, Continued Claims

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Both initial and continued Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims (see Definitions, page 9) followed their normal seasonal patterns and decreased from April to May. However, initial and continued claims increased compared to May 2023.

Initial Claims

There were 1,155 initial claims in May 2024 (see Figure 1), an increase of 62 claims (5.7%) over the year. Over the month, initial claims decreased by 469 (-28.9%).

The over-the-year increase in initial claims was driven by more claims in mining (40, or 62.5%) and professional &

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business services (39, or 41.5%; see Table 1, page 5, and Figure 3, page 6). Over-the-year decreases were seen in several industries, including education & health services (-19, or -16.7%), financial activities (-13, or -33.3%), and leisure & hospitality (-11, or -6.4%).

The industries with the largest numbers of initial claims included construction (269); trade, transportation, & utilities (183); leisure & hospitality (161); and professional & business services (133).

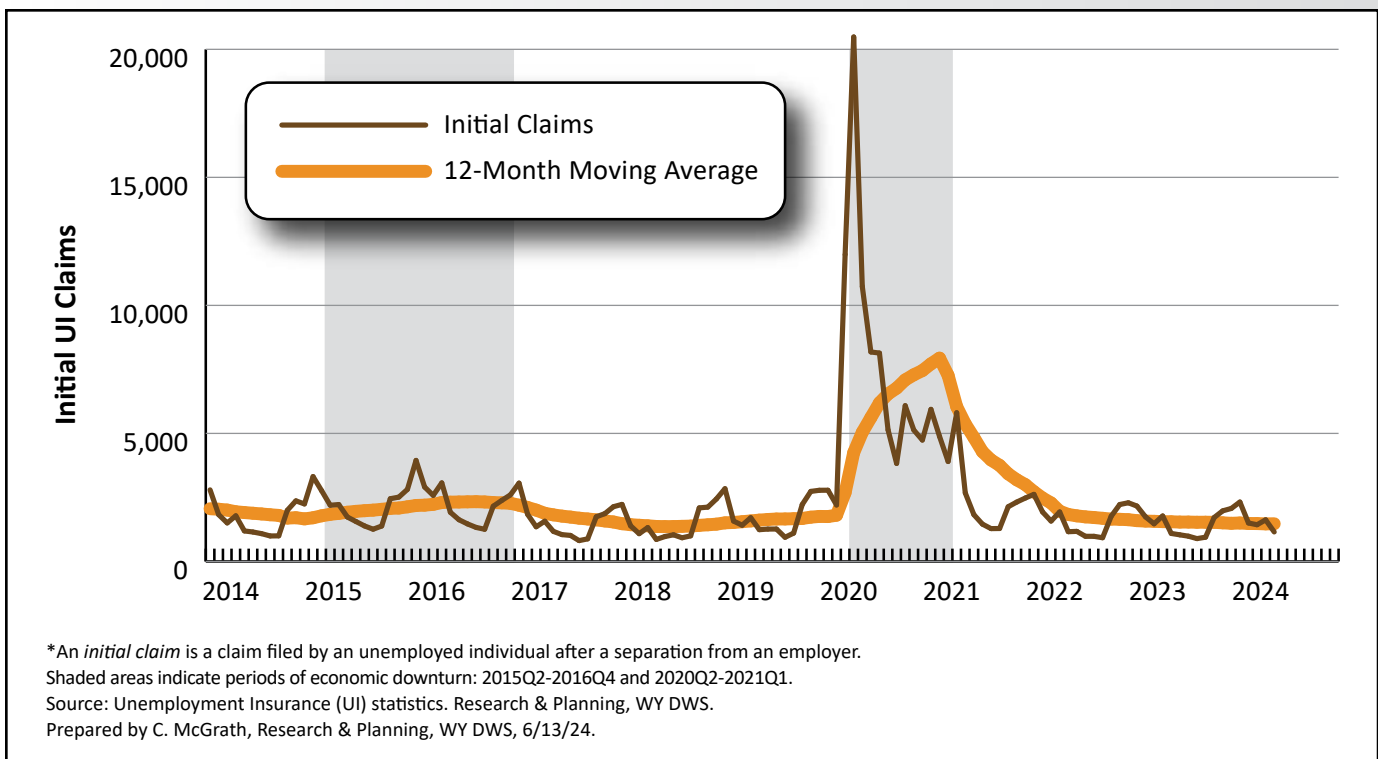


Figure 1: Total Number of Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by Year and Month, January 2014 to May 2024

Natrona County had the most initial claims with 202. This was followed by Laramie (200), Campbell (111), and Sweetwater (67) counties, along with 166 out-of-state claimants (see Figure 4, page 6, and Table 3, page 9).

Continued Claims

The total number of continued weeks claimed increased from 7,668 in May 2023 to 8,077 in May 2024 (409, or 5.3%; see Figure 2). The number of unique claimants increased from 2,476 to 2,578 (102, or 4.1%) over the year (see Table 2, page 7). Over the month, continued claims decreased by 1,796 (-18.2%) and unique claimants decreased by 1,059 (-29.1%).

Over-the-year increases in continued claims were led by mining (160, or 36.4%); trade, transportation, & utilities (129, or 11.2%); and construction (109, or 7.8%; see Table 2, page 7, and Figure 5, page 8). Manufacturing showed a considerable over-the-year decrease in continued weeks claimed (-110, or -26.3%). The industries with the most continued weeks claimed included leisure & hospitality (1,694), construction (1,498), and trade, transportation, & utilities (1,279).

There were more out-of-state claimants (1,301) than from any Wyoming county (see Figure 6, page 8, and Table 4, page 9). The counties with the most continued weeks claimed were Laramie (1,227), Natrona (1,085), and Teton (811).

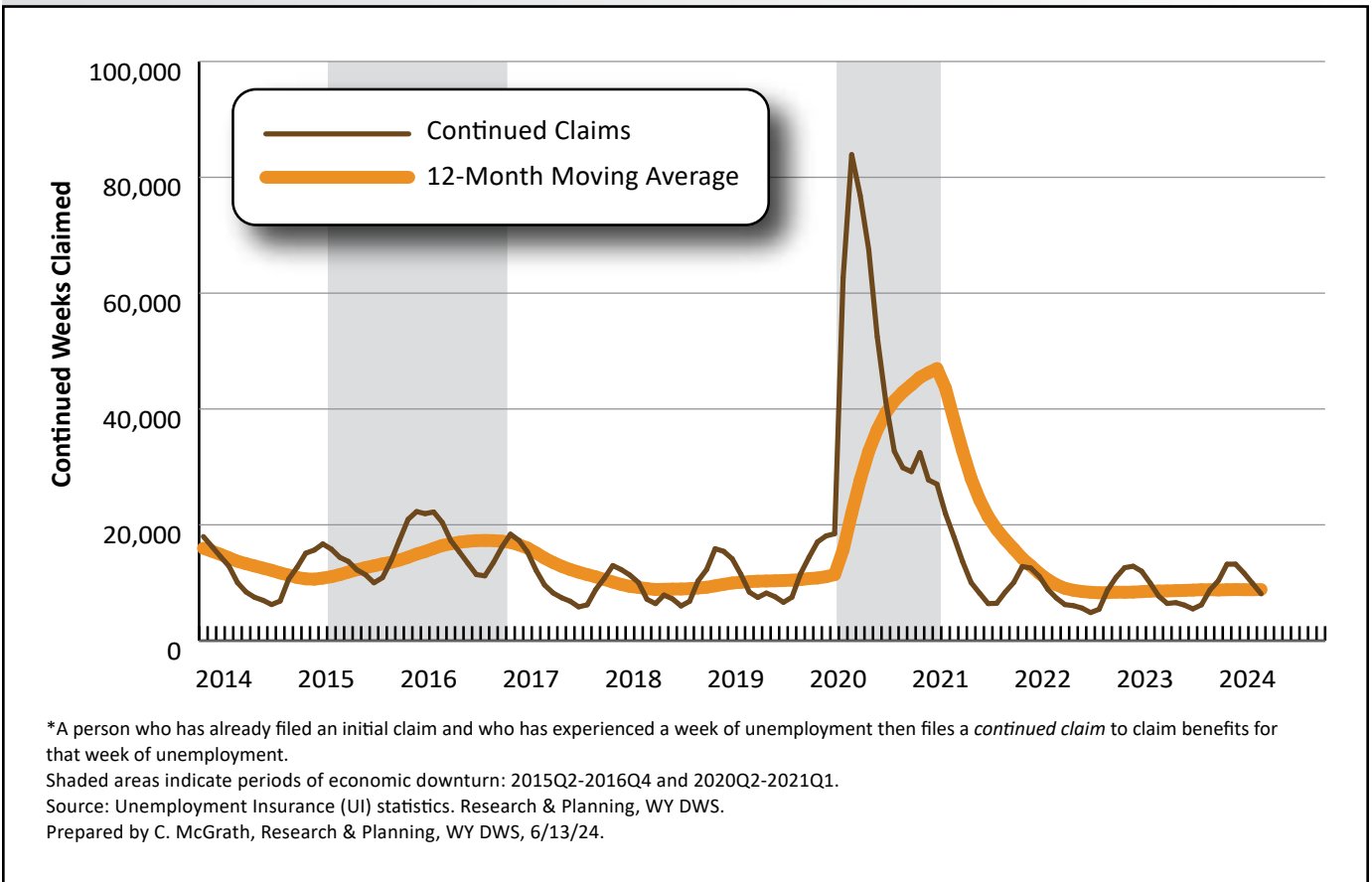


Figure 2: Total Number of Unemployment Insurance Continued Weeks Claimed for Wyoming by Year and Month, January 2014 to May 2024

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

Industry	Initial Claims Filed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	May 2024	Apr 2024	May 2023	N	%	N	%
Total Claims Filed	1,155	1,624	1,093	-469	-28.9	62	5.7
Goods-Producing	427	492	374	-65	-13.2	53	14.2
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	111	112	67	-1	-0.9	44	65.7
Mining (21)	104	102	64	2	2.0	40	62.5
Construction (23)	269	325	262	-56	-17.2	7	2.7
Manufacturing (31-33)	46	54	44	-8	-14.8	2	4.5
Service-Providing	643	1,017	640	-374	-36.8	3	0.5
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	183	244	178	-61	-25.0	5	2.8
Wholesale Trade (42)	25	25	29	0	0.0	-4	-13.8
Retail Trade (44-45)	96	105	95	-9	-8.6	1	1.1
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	60	113	53	-53	-46.9	7	13.2
Information (51)	8	14	13	-6	-42.9	-5	-38.5
Financial Activities (52-53)	26	64	39	-38	-59.4	-13	-33.3
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	133	107	94	26	24.3	39	41.5
Education & Health Services (61-62)	95	86	114	9	10.5	-19	-16.7
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	161	471	172	-310	-65.8	-11	-6.4
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	34	28	27	6	21.4	7	25.9
Government	63	90	64	-27	-30.0	-1	-1.6
Federal Government	11	17	6	-6	-35.3	5	83.3
State Government	12	12	9	0	0.0	3	33.3
Local Government	38	60	48	-22	-36.7	-10	-20.8
Local Education	12	7	20	5	71.4	-8	-40.0
Unclassified	20	23	13	-3	-13.0	7	53.8
Laramie County							
Total Claims Filed	200	210	159	-10	-4.8	41	25.8
Goods-Producing	59	68	54	-9	-13.2	5	9.3
Construction	43	61	47	-18	-29.5	-4	-8.5
Service-Providing	129	123	93	6	4.9	36	38.7
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	38	47	31	-9	-19.1	7	22.6
Financial Activities (52, 53)	5	18	10	-13	-72.2	-5	-50.0
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	50	20	12	30	150.0	38	316.7
Educational & Health Services (61-62)	15	15	21	0	0.0	-6	-28.6
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	12	11	12	1	9.1	0	0.0
Government	11	8	8	3	37.5	3	37.5
Natrona County							
Total Claims Filed	202	202	157	0	0.0	45	28.7
Goods-Producing	77	82	45	-5	-6.1	32	71.1
Construction	47	50	27	-3	-6.0	20	74.1
Service-Providing	116	111	106	5	4.5	10	9.4
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	32	36	47	-4	-11.1	-15	-31.9
Financial Activities (52, 53)	8	14	8	-6	-42.9	0	0.0
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	16	17	12	-1	-5.9	4	33.3
Educational & Health Services (61-62)	24	20	14	4	20.0	10	71.4
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	22	16	19	6	37.5	3	15.8
Government	6	8	1	-2	-25.0	5	500.0

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Source: Unemployment Insurance claims database.

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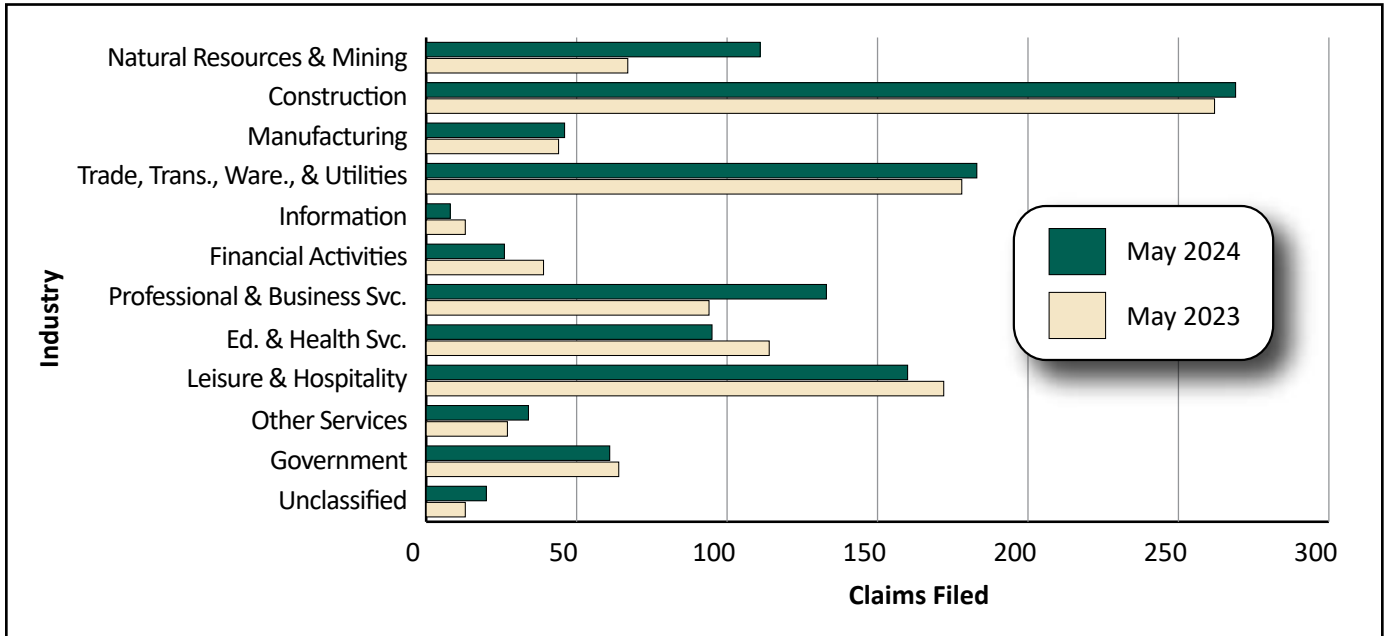


Figure 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, May 2023 and May 2024

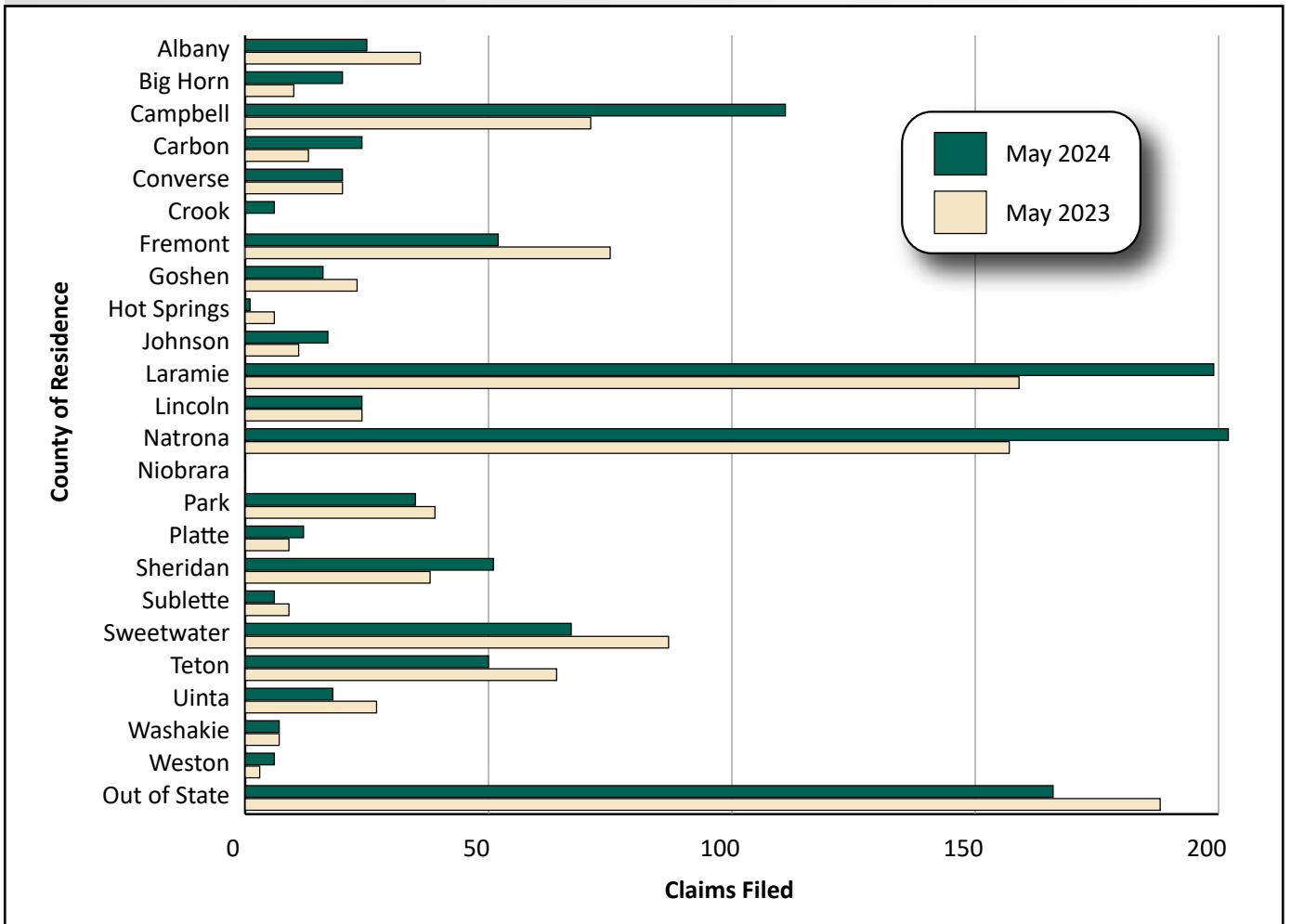


Figure 4: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, May 2023 and May 2024

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

Industry	Continued Weeks Claimed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	May 2024	April 2024	May 2023	N	%	N	%
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	8,077	9,873	7,668	-1,796	-18.2	409	5.3
Total Unique Claimants	2,578	3,637	2,476	-1,059	-29.1	102	4.1
Goods-Producing	2,446	3,662	2,298	-1,216	-33.2	148	6.4
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	639	733	489	-94	-12.8	150	30.7
Mining (21)	600	685	440	-85	-12.4	160	36.4
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	60	62	52	-2	-3.2	8	15.4
Construction (23)	1,498	2,517	1,389	-1,019	-40.5	109	7.8
Manufacturing (31-33)	309	410	419	-101	-24.6	-110	-26.3
Service-Providing	5,067	5,438	4,773	-371	-6.8	294	6.2
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	1,279	1,505	1,150	-226	-15.0	129	11.2
Wholesale Trade (42)	206	238	172	-32	-13.4	34	19.8
Retail Trade (44-45)	609	697	605	-88	-12.6	4	0.7
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	464	570	372	-106	-18.6	92	24.7
Information (51)	170	184	114	-14	-7.6	56	49.1
Financial Activities (52-53)	284	265	381	19	7.2	-97	-25.5
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	828	1,051	756	-223	-21.2	72	9.5
Education & Health Services (61-62)	621	589	630	32	5.4	-9	-1.4
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	1,694	1,643	1,614	51	3.1	80	5.0
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	187	199	126	-12	-6.0	61	48.4
Government	449	628	491	-179	-28.5	-42	-8.6
Federal Government	90	239	84	-149	-62.3	6	7.1
State Government	71	94	81	-23	-24.5	-10	-12.3
Local Government	286	295	325	-9	-3.1	-39	-12.0
Local Education	38	46	68	-8	-17.4	-30	-44.1
Unclassified	113	143	104	-30	-21.0	9	8.7
Laramie County							
Total Claims Filed	1,227	1,421	1,127	-194	-13.7	100	8.9
Total Unique Claimants	372	509	353	-137	-26.9	19	5.4
Goods-Producing	264	438	255	-174	-39.7	9	3.5
Construction	219	377	193	-158	-41.9	26	13.5
Service-Providing	863	887	775	-24	-2.7	88	11.4
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	245	289	255	-44	-15.2	-10	-3.9
Financial Activities (52, 53)	76	68	77	8	11.8	-1	-1.3
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	217	200	147	17	8.5	70	47.6
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	116	124	138	-8	-6.5	-22	-15.9
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	107	110	93	-3	-2.7	14	15.1
Government	50	56	58	-6	-10.7	-8	-13.8
Unclassified	49	38	38	11	28.9	11	28.9
Natrona County							
Total Claims Filed	1,085	1,299	962	-214	-16.5	123	12.8
Total Unique Claimants	353	471	308	-118	-25.1	45	14.6
Goods-Producing	372	538	309	-166	-30.9	63	20.4
Construction	199	358	188	-159	-44.4	11	5.9
Service-Providing	665	703	621	-38	-5.4	44	7.1
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	217	238	196	-21	-8.8	21	10.7
Financial Activities (52, 53)	61	61	64	0	0.0	-3	-4.7
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	124	150	99	-26	-17.3	25	25.3
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	143	135	158	8	5.9	-15	-9.5
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	76	74	81	2	2.7	-5	-6.2
Government	41	47	22	-6	-12.8	19	86.4
Unclassified	6	9	9	-3	-33.3	-3	-33.3

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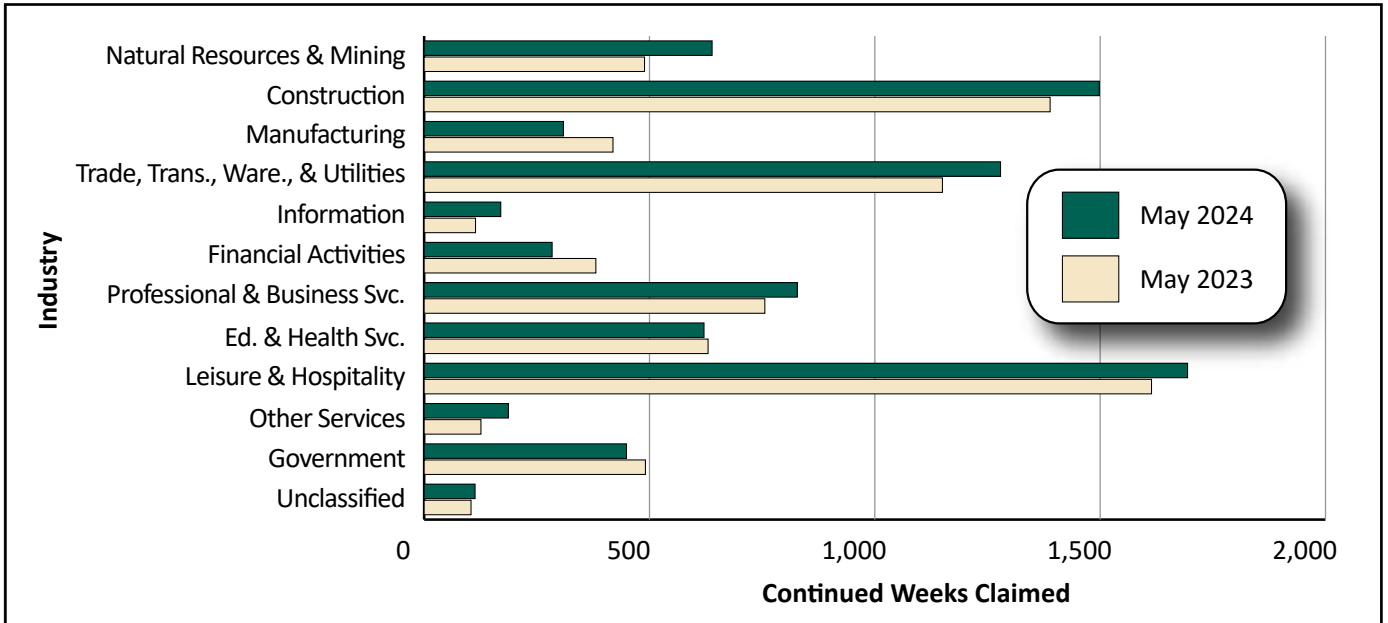


Figure 5: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, May 2023 and May 2024

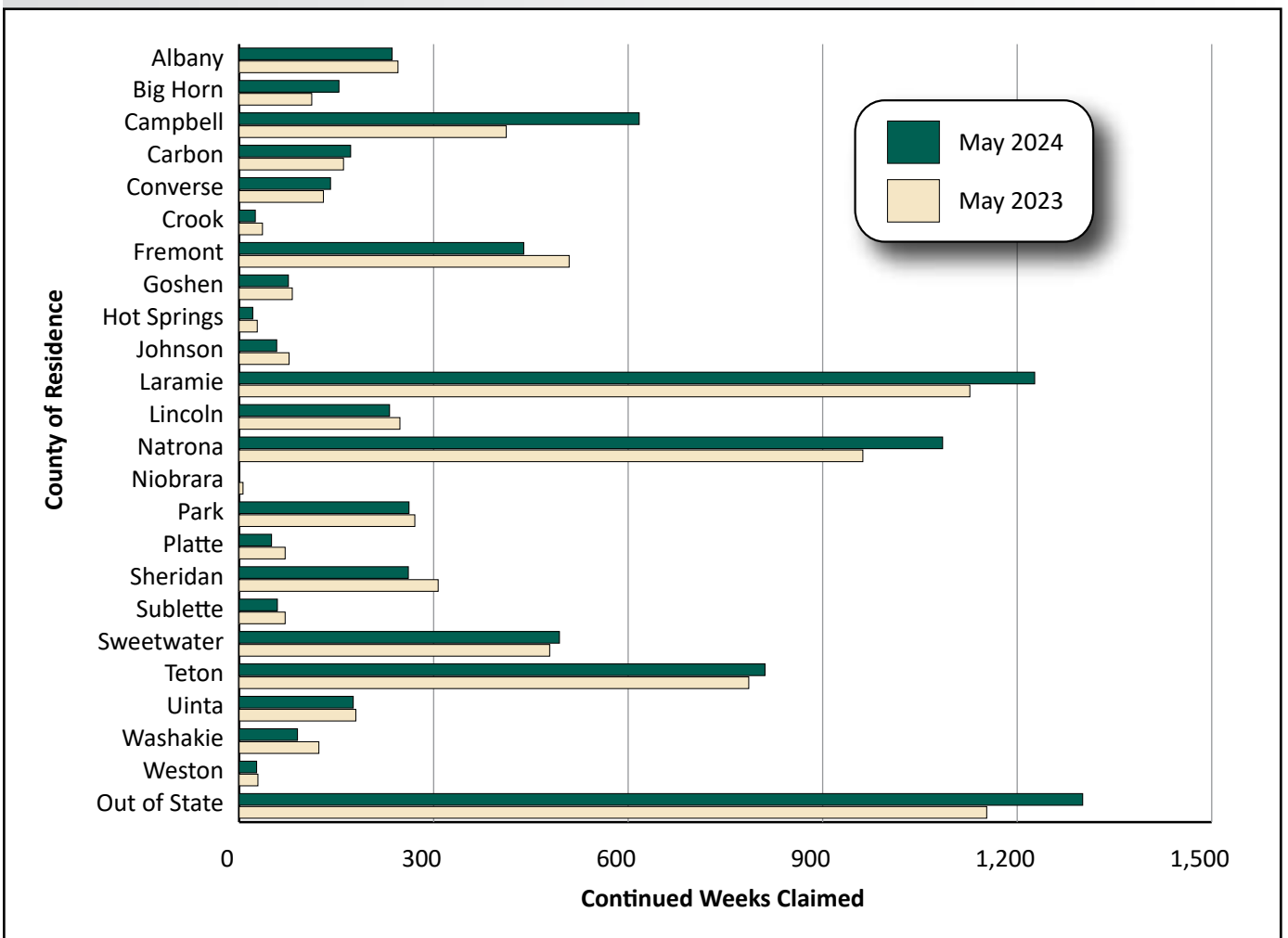


Figure 6: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence in Wyoming, May 2023 and May 2024

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

County	May 2024	May 2023	Change	
			N	%
Albany	25	36	-11	-30.6
Big Horn	21	10	11	110.0
Campbell	111	71	40	56.3
Carbon	24	13	11	84.6
Converse	20	20	0	0.0
Crook	N/D	0	N/D	N/D
Fremont	52	75	-23	-30.7
Goshen	16	23	-7	-30.4
Hot Springs	N/D	6	N/D	N/D
Johnson	17	11	6	54.5
Laramie	200	159	41	25.8
Lincoln	24	24	0	0.0
Natrona	202	157	45	28.7
Niobrara	0	0	0	0.0
Park	35	39	-4	-10.3
Platte	13	9	4	44.4
Sheridan	51	38	13	34.2
Sublette	6	9	-3	-33.3
Sweetwater	67	87	-20	-23.0
Teton	50	64	-14	-21.9
Uinta	18	27	-9	-33.3
Washakie	7	7	0	0.0
Weston	6	3	3	100.0
Unknown	6	6	0	0.0
Out of State	166	188	-22	-11.7
Total	1,155	1,093	62	5.7

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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, May 2023 and May 2024

County	May 2024	May 2023	Change	
			N	%
Albany	236	245	-9	-3.7
Big Horn	154	112	42	37.5
Campbell	617	412	205	49.8
Carbon	172	161	11	6.8
Converse	141	130	11	8.5
Crook	25	36	-11	-30.6
Fremont	439	509	-70	-13.8
Goshen	76	82	-6	-7.3
Hot Springs	21	28	-7	-25.0
Johnson	58	77	-19	-24.7
Laramie	1,227	1,127	100	8.9
Lincoln	232	248	-16	-6.5
Natrona	1,085	962	123	12.8
Niobrara	0	6	-6	-100.0
Park	262	271	-9	-3.3
Platte	50	71	-21	-29.6
Sheridan	261	307	-46	-15.0
Sublette	59	71	-12	-16.9
Sweetwater	494	479	15	3.1
Teton	811	786	25	3.2
Uinta	176	180	-4	-2.2
Washakie	90	123	-33	-26.8
Weston	27	29	-2	-6.9
Unknown	50	49	1	2.0
Out of State	1,301	1,153	148	12.8
Normalized Total^a	8,077	7,668	409	5.3

^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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