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## Continued Claims Rise by 5.4% Over the Year

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In July 2024, the total number of Unemployment Insurance (UI) continued weeks claimed (see Definitions, page 9) increased by 5.4% over the year. Initial claims decreased by 4.1%.

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

### Initial Claims

There were 946 initial claims in July 2024, down from 1,146 (-200 claims, or -17.5%) in June. Initial claims are often at their lowest levels during the warm summer months each year (see Figure 1), as employment picks up in industries such as construction and leisure & hospitality. Over the year, initial claims decreased by 4.1%.

The industries with the largest numbers of initial claims included

trade, transportation, & utilities (196); construction (137); professional & business services (118); and leisure & hospitality (102; see Table 1, page 5, and Figure 3, page 6). Construction showed the greatest over-the-year decrease (-52, or -27.5%), while trade, transportation, & utilities showed the greatest increase (37, or 23.5%).

Laramie County had the most initial claims with 164, followed by Natrona (139), Sweetwater (85), and Fremont (70) counties (see Figure 4, page 6, and Table

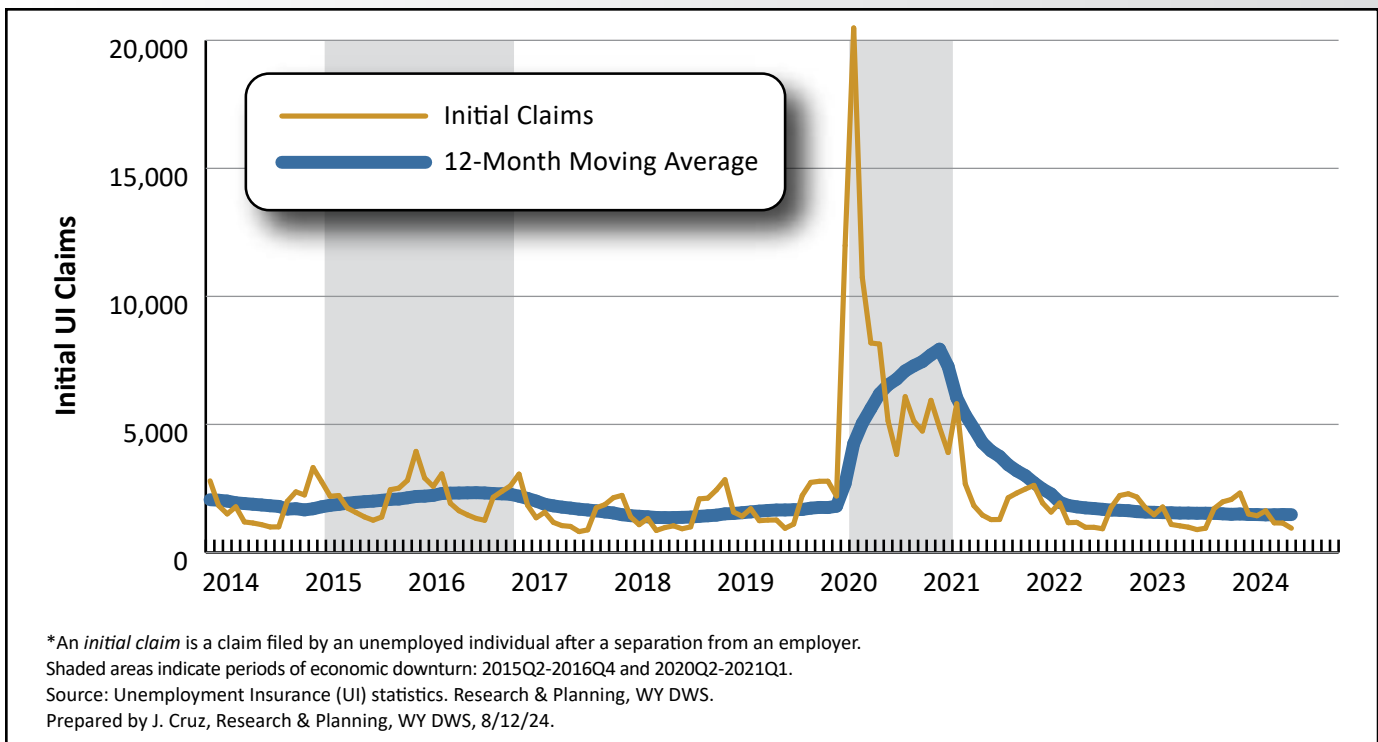


Figure 1: Total Number of Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by Year and Month, January 2014 to July 2024

3, page 9). In addition, there were 129 out-of-state claimants.

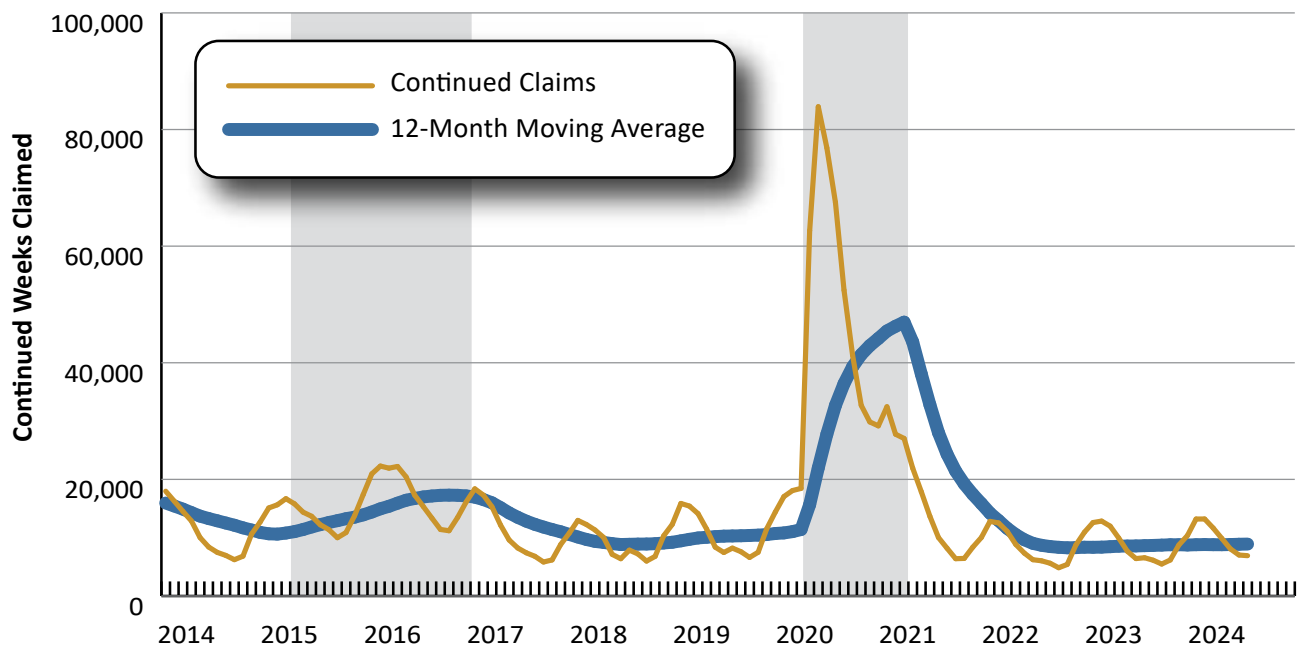
**Continued Claims**

The total number of continued weeks claimed increased from 6,564 in July 2023 to 6,916 in July 2024 (352, or 5.4%; see Table 2, page 7). The total number of unique claimants decreased from 2,257 to 2,007 (-250, or -11.1%) over the year. Over the month, the total number of continued weeks claimed followed a normal seasonal pattern and decreased by 1.6% (see Figure 2), while the number of unique claimants dropped by 19.4%.

The industries with the most continued weeks claimed included trade, transportation, & utilities (1,138);

construction (1,137); education & health services (1,040); and professional & business services (799; see Figure 5, page 8). Several industries showed over-the-year increases in continued claims, led by natural resources & mining, which increased from 396 to 714 (318 more claims, or 80.3%). While continued claims in natural resources & mining remain unusually low, it is worth noting that this sector has seen a steady over-the-year increase in continued claims over the last 16 months.

Laramie County had the most continued weeks claimed with 1,149, followed by Natrona (1,073), Campbell (583), and Fremont (541) counties (see Figure 6, page 8, and Table 4, page 9). There were 929 out-of-state continued claims as well.



\*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.  
 Shaded areas indicate periods of economic downturn: 2015Q2-2016Q4 and 2020Q2-2021Q1.  
 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 2014 to July 2024**

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

Industry	Initial Claims Filed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Jul 2024	Jun 2024	Jul 2023	N	%	N	%
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>946</b>	<b>1,146</b>	<b>986</b>	<b>-200</b>	<b>-17.5</b>	<b>-40</b>	<b>-4.1</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>-97</b>	<b>-26.5</b>	<b>-46</b>	<b>-14.6</b>
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	82	99	53	-17	-17.2	29	54.7
Mining (21)	77	96	49	-19	-19.8	28	57.1
Construction (23)	137	221	189	-84	-38.0	-52	-27.5
Manufacturing (31-33)	49	45	72	4	8.9	-23	-31.9
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>577</b>	<b>671</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>-94</b>	<b>-14.0</b>	<b>-15</b>	<b>-2.5</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	196	178	159	18	10.1	37	23.3
Wholesale Trade (42)	32	24	22	8	33.3	10	45.5
Retail Trade (44-45)	112	103	76	9	8.7	36	47.4
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	51	49	59	2	4.1	-8	-13.6
Information (51)	12	5	15	7	140.0	-3	-20.0
Financial Activities (52-53)	28	23	37	5	21.7	-9	-24.3
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	118	113	127	5	4.4	-9	-7.1
Education & Health Services (61-62)	94	208	113	-114	-54.8	-19	-16.8
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	102	115	111	-13	-11.3	-9	-8.1
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	25	24	27	1	4.2	-2	-7.4
<b>Government</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>-10</b>	<b>-11.2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>16.2</b>
Federal Government	9	11	7	-2	-18.2	2	28.6
State Government	9	6	8	3	50.0	1	12.5
Local Government	60	71	51	-11	-15.5	9	17.6
Local Education	12	30	11	-18	-60.0	1	9.1
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>90.0</b>
<b>Laramie County</b>							
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>-18</b>	<b>-9.9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3.8</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>-25</b>	<b>-55.6</b>	<b>-15</b>	<b>-42.9</b>
Construction	9	31	27	-22	-71.0	-18	-66.7
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>-0.8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7.9</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	36	35	28	1	2.9	8	28.6
Financial Activities (52, 53)	4	5	5	-1	-20.0	-1	-20.0
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	46	32	48	14	43.8	-2	-4.2
Educational & Health Services (61-62)	16	30	15	-14	-46.7	1	6.7
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	12	16	9	-4	-25.0	3	33.3
<b>Government</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>66.7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>200.0</b>
<b>Natrona County</b>							
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>-29</b>	<b>-17.3</b>	<b>-34</b>	<b>-19.7</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>-22</b>	<b>-39.3</b>	<b>-16</b>	<b>-32.0</b>
Construction	14	27	20	-13	-48.1	-6	-30.0
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>-6</b>	<b>-5.7</b>	<b>-16</b>	<b>-13.9</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	34	31	38	3	9.7	-4	-10.5
Financial Activities (52, 53)	9	4	11	5	125.0	-2	-18.2
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	11	10	11	1	10.0	0	0.0
Educational & Health Services (61-62)	18	44	18	-26	-59.1	0	0.0
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	19	4	28	15	375.0	-9	-32.1
<b>Government</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>-50.0</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>-40.0</b>

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Source: Unemployment Insurance claims database.

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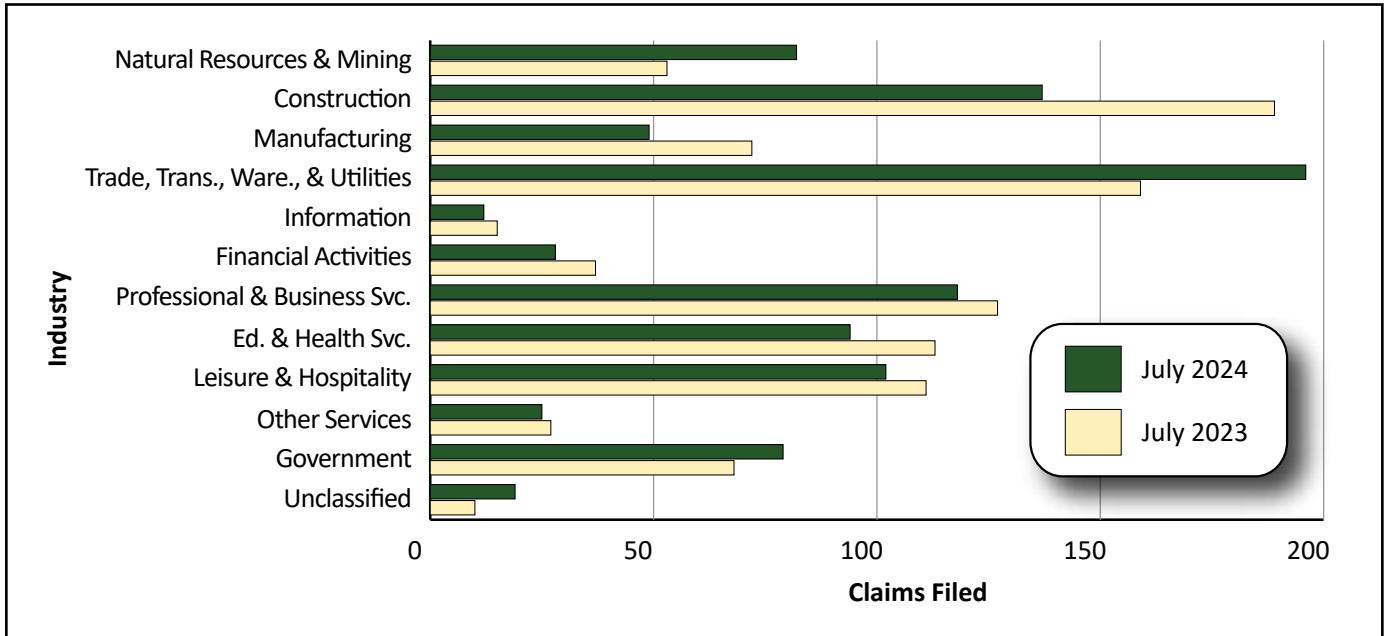


Figure 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, July 2023 and July 2024

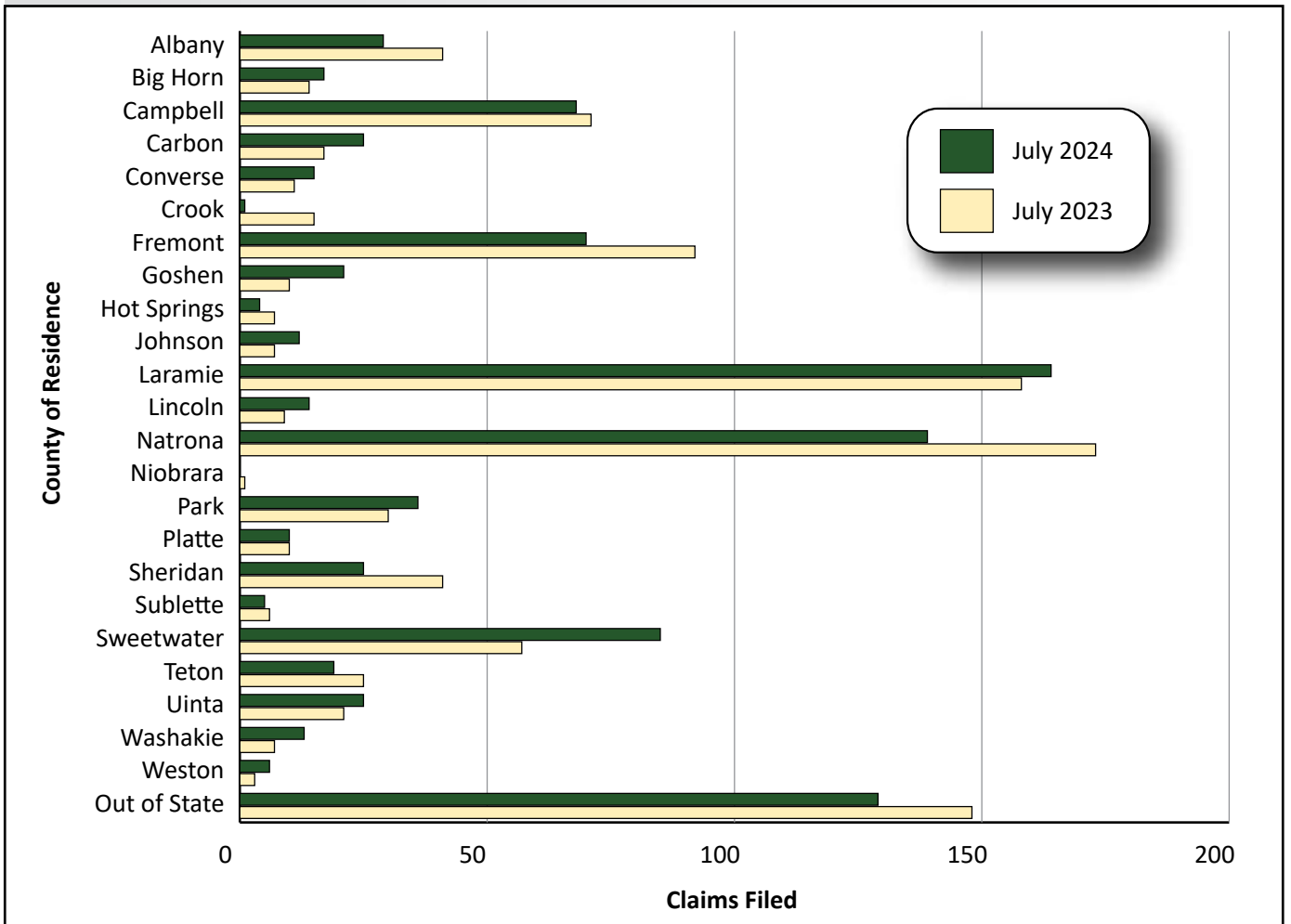


Figure 4: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, July 2023 and July 2024

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

Industry	Continued Weeks Claimed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Jul 2024	Jun 2024	Jul 2023	N	%	N	%
<b>Total Continued Weeks Claimed</b>	<b>6,916</b>	<b>7,027</b>	<b>6,564</b>	<b>-111</b>	<b>-1.6</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>5.4</b>
Total Unique Claimants	2,007	2,489	2,257	-482	-19.4	-250	-11.1
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>2,151</b>	<b>2,328</b>	<b>1,958</b>	<b>-177</b>	<b>-7.6</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>9.9</b>
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	714	730	396	-16	-2.2	318	80.3
Mining (21)	670	686	376	-16	-2.3	294	78.2
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	57	56	28	1	1.8	29	103.6
Construction (23)	1,137	1,277	1,201	-140	-11.0	-64	-5.3
Manufacturing (31-33)	298	320	360	-22	-6.9	-62	-17.2
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>4,181</b>	<b>4,118</b>	<b>4,078</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>2.5</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	1,138	1,195	1,107	-57	-4.8	31	2.8
Wholesale Trade (42)	193	207	188	-14	-6.8	5	2.7
Retail Trade (44-45)	646	637	610	9	1.4	36	5.9
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	298	349	308	-51	-14.6	-10	-3.2
Information (51)	103	127	110	-24	-18.9	-7	-6.4
Financial Activities (52-53)	236	219	299	17	7.8	-63	-21.1
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	799	689	765	110	16.0	34	4.4
Education & Health Services (61-62)	1,040	900	1,039	140	15.6	1	0.1
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	691	823	601	-132	-16.0	90	15.0
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	172	162	154	10	6.2	18	11.7
<b>Government</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>16.0</b>
Federal Government	51	56	20	-5	-8.9	31	155.0
State Government	70	74	55	-4	-5.4	15	27.3
Local Government	378	347	355	31	8.9	23	6.5
Local Education	90	73	95	17	23.3	-5	-5.3
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>-17</b>	<b>-16.8</b>	<b>-12</b>	<b>-12.5</b>
<b>Laramie County</b>							
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>1,149</b>	<b>1,144</b>	<b>1,002</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>14.7</b>
Total Unique Claimants	328	412	357	-84	-20.4	-29	-8.1
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>-45</b>	<b>-16.6</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>49.7</b>
Construction	156	204	99	-48	-23.5	57	57.6
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>812</b>	<b>772</b>	<b>770</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>5.5</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	231	246	245	-15	-6.1	-14	-5.7
Financial Activities (52, 53)	56	53	55	3	5.7	1	1.8
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	249	171	194	78	45.6	55	28.4
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	125	122	165	3	2.5	-40	-24.2
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	89	106	54	-17	-16.0	35	64.8
<b>Government</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>32.2</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>62.5</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>-8</b>	<b>-20.0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3.2</b>
<b>Natrona County</b>							
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>1,073</b>	<b>1,092</b>	<b>980</b>	<b>-19</b>	<b>-1.7</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>9.5</b>
Total Unique Claimants	313	375	347	-62	-16.5	-34	-9.8
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>-24</b>	<b>-7.2</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>44.4</b>
Construction	95	120	113	-25	-20.8	-18	-15.9
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>705</b>	<b>726</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>-13</b>	<b>-1.8</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	200	212	237	-12	-5.7	-37	-15.6
Financial Activities (52, 53)	64	53	68	11	20.8	-4	-5.9
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	93	107	98	-14	-13.1	-5	-5.1
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	228	205	175	23	11.2	53	30.3
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	77	89	111	-12	-13.5	-34	-30.6
<b>Government</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>85.2</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>-6</b>	<b>-100.0</b>	<b>-12</b>	<b>-100.0</b>

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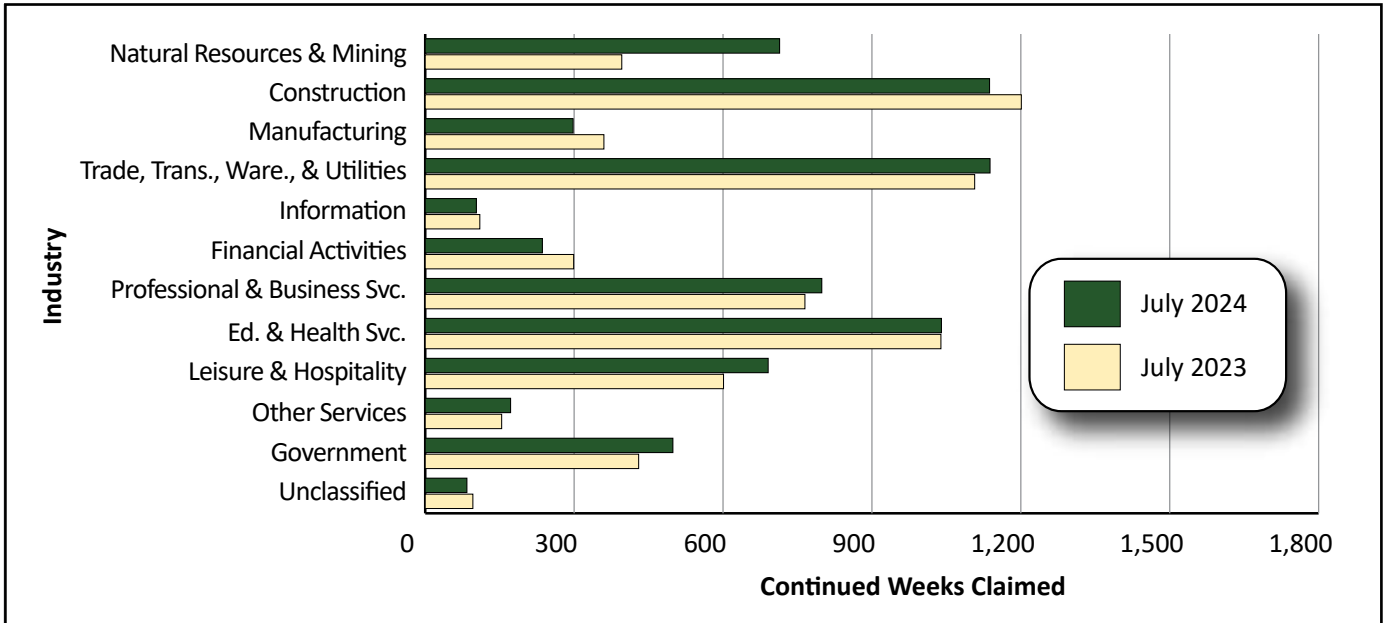


Figure 5: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, July 2023 and July 2024

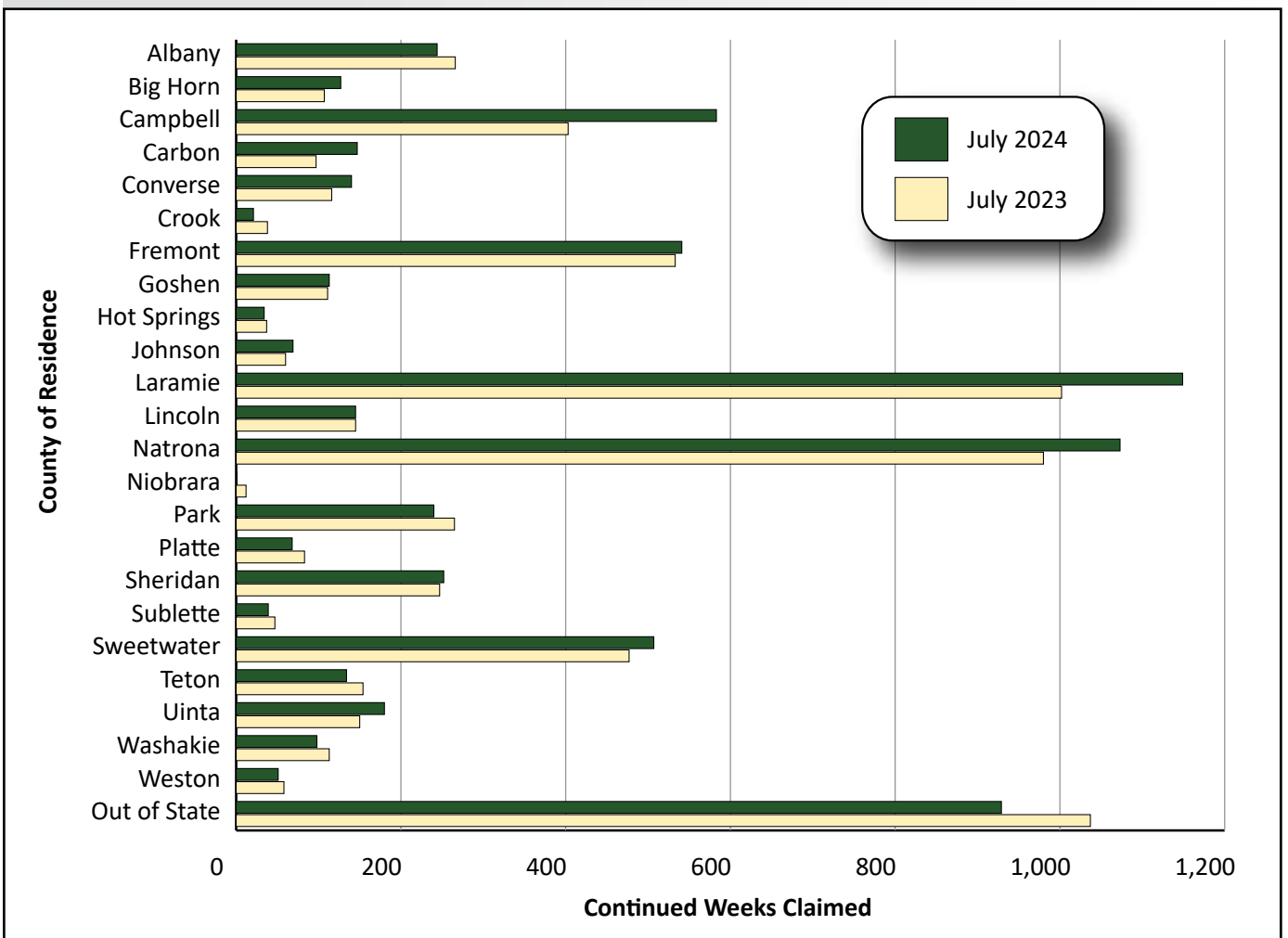


Figure 6: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence in Wyoming, July 2023 and July 2024



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

County	Jul 2024	Jul 2023	Change	
			N	%
Albany	29	41	-12	-29.3
Big Horn	17	14	3	21.4
Campbell	68	71	-3	-4.2
Carbon	25	17	8	47.1
Converse	15	11	4	36.4
Crook	N/D	15	N/D	N/D
Fremont	70	92	-22	-23.9
Goshen	21	10	11	110.0
Hot Springs	4	7	-3	-42.9
Johnson	12	7	5	71.4
Laramie	164	158	6	3.8
Lincoln	14	9	5	55.6
Natrona	139	173	-34	-19.7
Niobrara	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D
Park	36	30	6	20.0
Platte	10	10	0	0.0
Sheridan	25	41	-16	-39.0
Sublette	5	6	-1	-16.7
Sweetwater	85	57	28	49.1
Teton	19	25	-6	-24.0
Uinta	25	21	4	19.0
Washakie	13	7	6	85.7
Weston	6	3	3	100.0
Unknown	3	N/D	N/D	N/D
Out of State	129	148	-19	-12.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>946</b>	<b>986</b>	<b>-40</b>	<b>-4.1</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, July 2023 and July 2024**

County	Jul 2024	Jul 2023	Change	
			N	%
Albany	244	266	-22	-8.3
Big Horn	127	107	20	18.7
Campbell	583	403	180	44.7
Carbon	147	97	50	51.5
Converse	140	116	24	20.7
Crook	21	38	-17	-44.7
Fremont	541	533	8	1.5
Goshen	113	111	2	1.8
Hot Springs	34	37	-3	-8.1
Johnson	69	60	9	15.0
Laramie	1,149	1,002	147	14.7
Lincoln	145	145	0	0.0
Natrona	1,073	980	93	9.5
Niobrara	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D
Park	240	265	-25	-9.4
Platte	68	83	-15	-18.1
Sheridan	252	247	5	2.0
Sublette	39	47	-8	-17.0
Sweetwater	507	477	30	6.3
Teton	134	154	-20	-13.0
Uinta	180	150	30	20.0
Washakie	98	113	-15	-13.3
Weston	51	58	-7	-12.1
Unknown	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D
Out of State	929	1,037	-108	-10.4
<b>Normalized Total<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>6,916</b>	<b>6,564</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>5.4</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.

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

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