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## Claims Continue to Drop During Summer Months

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Initial and continued Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims (see Definitions, page 9) continued to decline from July to August, which is common as summer employment increases.

**UI Claims Online**

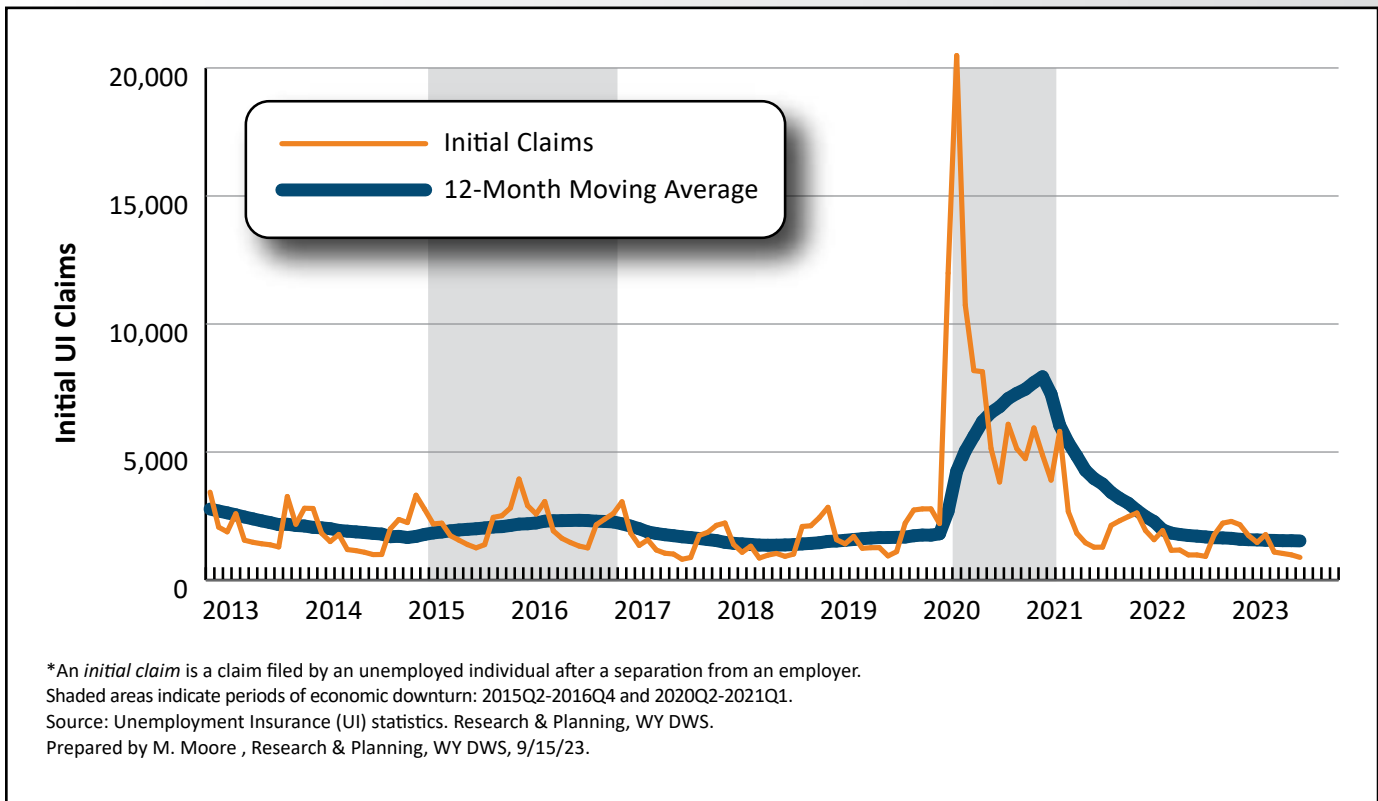
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### Initial Claims

There were 885 initial claims in August 2023, approximately 10% lower than 981 in August 2022 (-96, or -9.8%). Claims also were down approximately 10% (-100) over the month.

The industries with the largest numbers of initial claims included trade, transportation, & utilities

(175), construction (167), professional & business services (105), leisure & hospitality (103), and education & health services (81). Initial claims in construction fell substantially over the year (-124, or -42.6%), while initial claims in leisure & hospitality increased by 25, or 32.1% (see Table 1, page 5, and Figure 4, page 6).



**Figure 1: Total Number of Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by Year and Month, January 2013 to August 2023**

Laramie County had the highest number of initial claims with 180, followed by Natrona (156) and Campbell (72) counties, in addition to 117 out-of-state claimants (see Table 3, page 9).

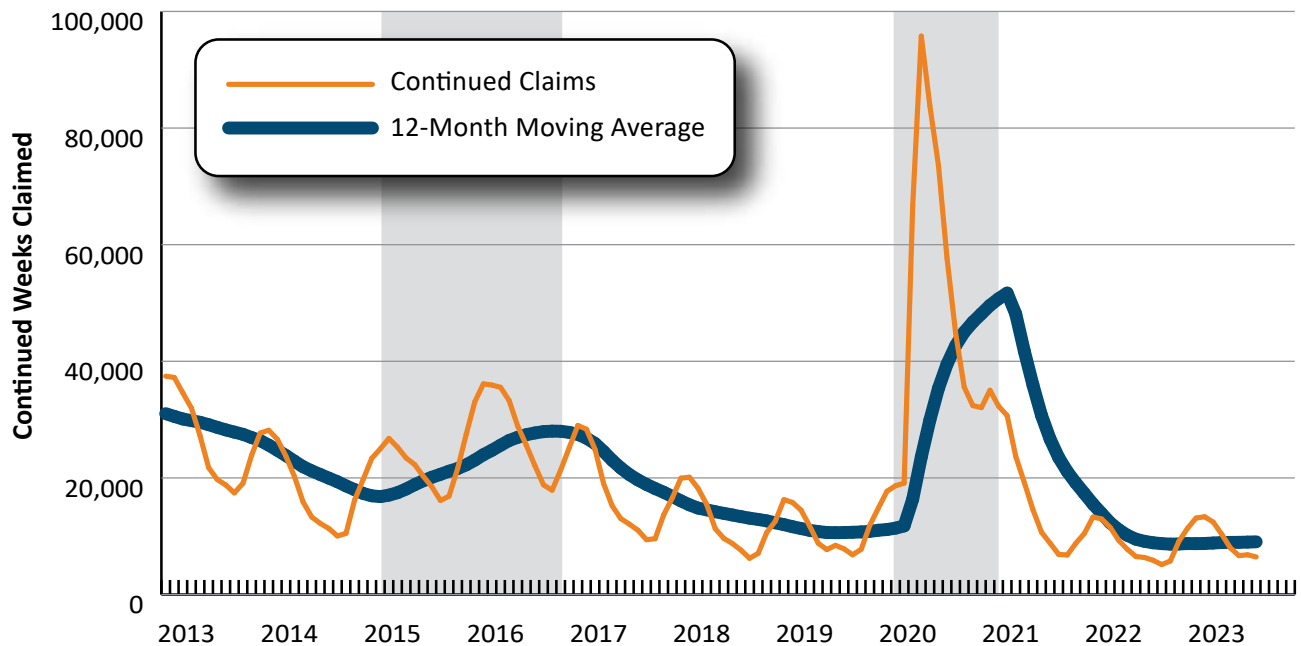
**Continued Claims**

The total number of continued weeks claimed increased from 5,870 in August 2022 to 6,452 in August 2023 (582, or 9.9%). There were 1,842 unique claimants, up 2.0% (37) over the year. From July to August, the total number of continued claims decreased by 362 (-5.3%) while the number of unique claimants fell by 415 (-18.4%; see Figure 2 and Table 2, page 7).

The industries with the most continued weeks claimed included construction

(1,214), trade, transportation, & utilities (1,180), education & health services (929), and professional & business services (773; see Figure 6, page 8). Over-the-year increases in continued claims were seen in industries such as trade, transportation, & utilities (314, or 36.3%) and professional & business services (159, or 25.9%) while decreases were seen in construction (-115, or -8.7%) and government (-104, or -19.8%).

Laramie County had the greatest number of continued claims (1,165), followed by Natrona (950), Fremont (457), Sweetwater (457), and Campbell (427) counties (see Figure 6, page 8, and Table 4, page 9). In addition, there were 1,077 continued weeks claimed by out-of-state claimants.



\*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 2013 to August 2023**

Table 1: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims in Wyoming, August 2023

Industry	Initial Claims Filed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Aug 2023	Jul 2023	Aug 2022	N	%	N	%
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>885</b>	<b>985</b>	<b>981</b>	<b>-100</b>	<b>-10.2</b>	<b>-96</b>	<b>-9.8</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>-54</b>	<b>-17.1</b>	<b>-128</b>	<b>-32.8</b>
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	45	51	38	-6	-11.8	7	18.4
Mining (21)	42	48	34	-6	-12.5	8	23.5
Construction (23)	167	191	291	-24	-12.6	-124	-42.6
Manufacturing (31-33)	50	72	59	-22	-30.6	-9	-15.3
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>-38</b>	<b>-6.5</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>4.4</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	175	161	173	14	8.7	2	1.2
Wholesale Trade (42)	22	22	22	0	0.0	0	0.0
Retail Trade (44-45)	93	75	105	18	24.0	-12	-11.4
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	59	62	45	-3	-4.8	14	31.1
Information (51)	18	15	10	3	20.0	8	80.0
Financial Activities (52-53)	38	38	27	0	0.0	11	40.7
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	105	123	120	-18	-14.6	-15	-12.5
Education & Health Services (61-62)	81	109	79	-28	-25.7	2	2.5
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	103	107	78	-4	-3.7	25	32.1
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	22	27	31	-5	-18.5	-9	-29.0
<b>Government</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>-10</b>	<b>-14.7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5.5</b>
Federal Government	6	7	7	-1	-14.3	-1	-14.3
State Government	12	8	5	4	50.0	7	140.0
Local Government	39	51	42	-12	-23.5	-3	-7.1
Local Education	6	11	14	-5	-45.5	-8	-57.1
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>46.2</b>
<b>Laramie County</b>							
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>13.9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.6</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>13.9</b>	<b>-32</b>	<b>-43.8</b>
Construction	29	28	65	1	3.6	-36	-55.4
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29.6</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	32	30	25	2	6.7	7	28.0
Financial Activities (52, 53)	7	5	N/D	2	40.0	N/D	N/D
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	40	48	35	-8	-16.7	5	14.3
Educational & Health Services (61-62)	12	15	17	-3	-20.0	-5	-29.4
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	19	7	11	12	171.4	8	72.7
<b>Government</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>N/D</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>N/D</b>	<b>N/D</b>
<b>Natrona County</b>							
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>-17</b>	<b>-9.8</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>-2.5</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>-8.0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2.2</b>
Construction	23	20	27	3	15.0	-4	-14.8
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>-16</b>	<b>-13.9</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>-3.9</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	25	37	36	-12	-32.4	-11	-30.6
Financial Activities (52, 53)	6	12	7	-6	-50.0	-1	-14.3
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	14	12	21	2	16.7	-7	-33.3
Educational & Health Services (61-62)	23	17	16	6	35.3	7	43.8
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	24	28	10	-4	-14.3	14	140.0
<b>Government</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>-25.0</b>

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Source: Unemployment Insurance claims database.

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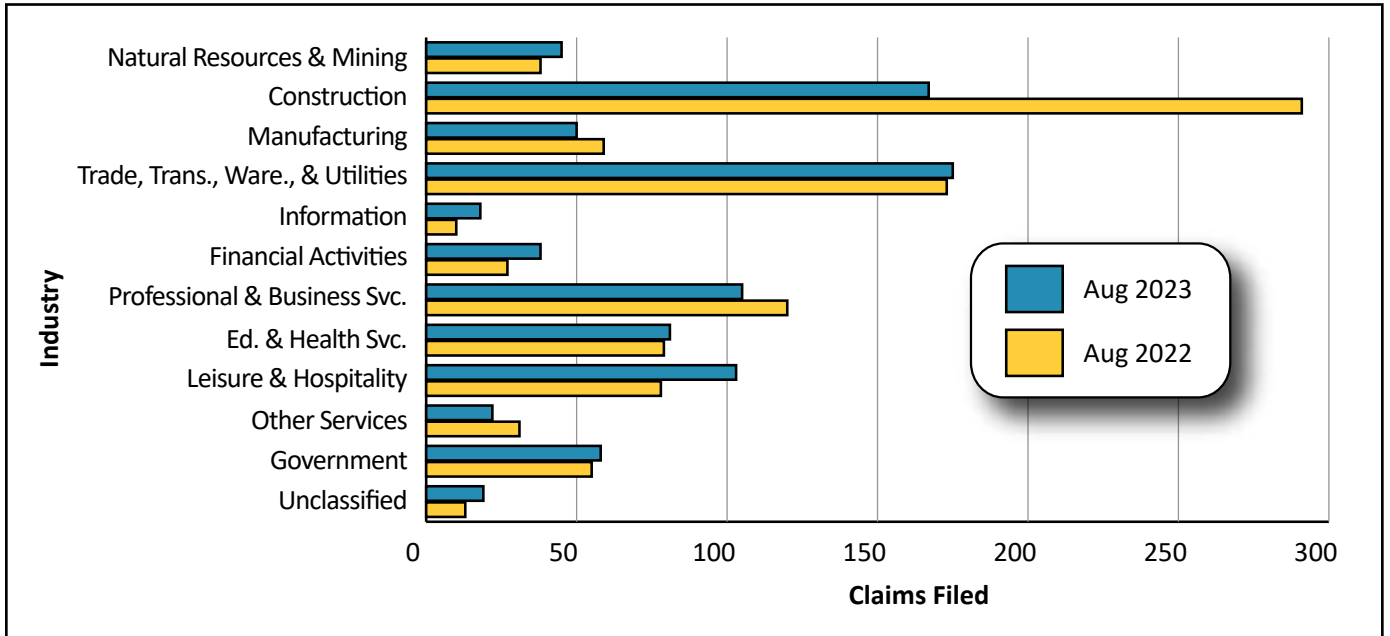


Figure 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, August 2022 and August 2023

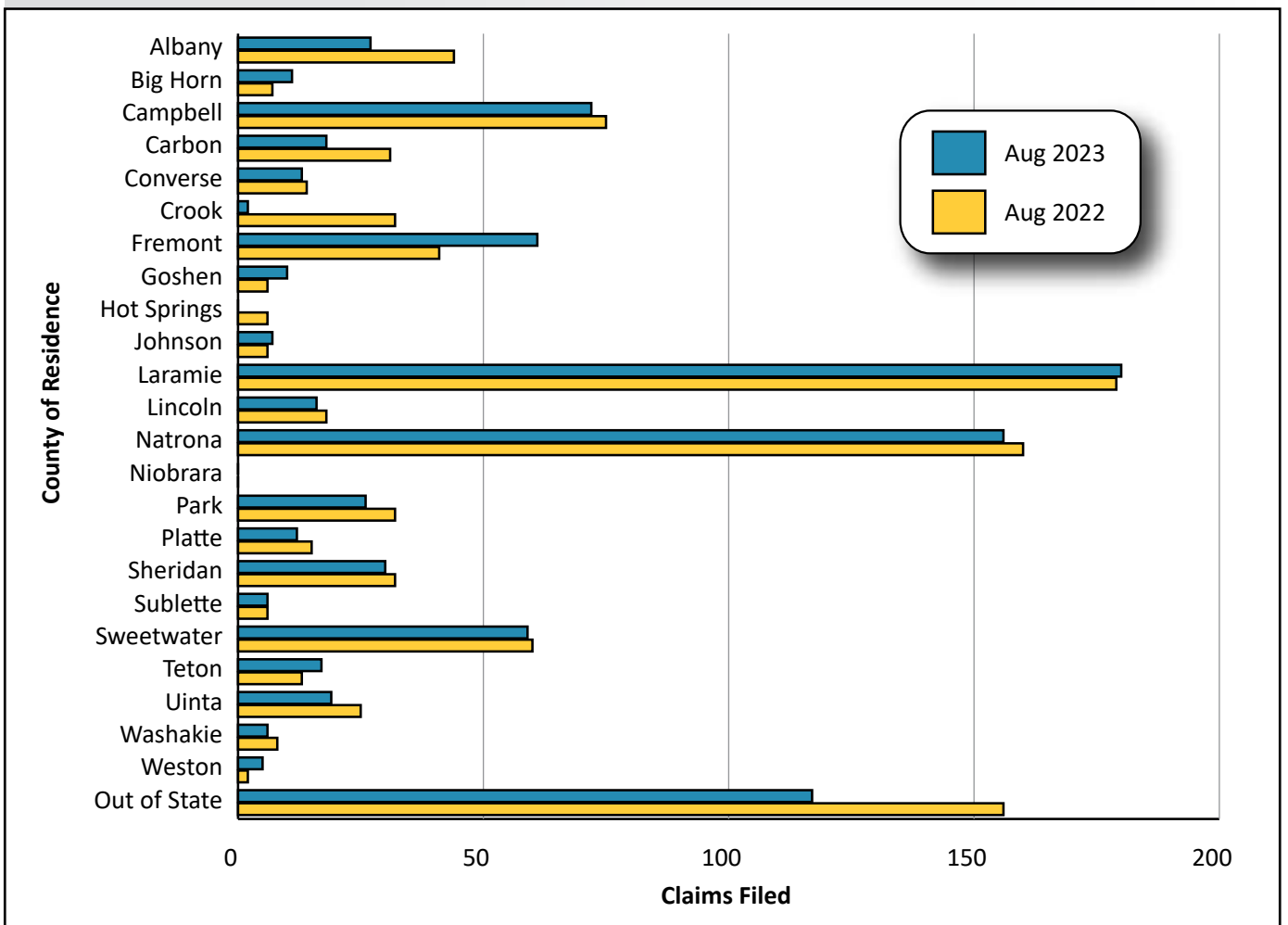


Figure 4: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, August 2022 and August 2023

Table 2: Unemployment Insurance Continued Weeks Claimed in Wyoming, May 2023

Industry	Continued Weeks Claimed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Aug 2023	Jul 2023	Aug 2022	N	%	N	%
<b>Total Continued Weeks Claimed</b>	<b>6,452</b>	<b>6,814</b>	<b>5,870</b>	<b>-362</b>	<b>-5.3</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>9.9</b>
Total Unique Claimants	1,842	2,257	1,805	-415	-18.4	37	2.0
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>1,920</b>	<b>2,017</b>	<b>1,959</b>	<b>-97</b>	<b>-4.8</b>	<b>-39</b>	<b>-2.0</b>
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	347	399	317	-52	-13.0	30	9.5
Mining (21)	336	379	284	-43	-11.3	52	18.3
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	20	29	41	-9	-31.0	-21	-51.2
Construction (23)	1,214	1,241	1,329	-27	-2.2	-115	-8.7
Manufacturing (31-33)	358	376	312	-18	-4.8	46	14.7
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>3,981</b>	<b>4,221</b>	<b>3,328</b>	<b>-240</b>	<b>-5.7</b>	<b>653</b>	<b>19.6</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	1,180	1,140	866	40	3.5	314	36.3
Wholesale Trade (42)	203	191	154	12	6.3	49	31.8
Retail Trade (44-45)	604	628	490	-24	-3.8	114	23.3
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	372	320	221	52	16.3	151	68.3
Information (51)	116	113	61	3	2.7	55	90.2
Financial Activities (52-53)	295	317	261	-22	-6.9	34	13.0
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	773	790	614	-17	-2.2	159	25.9
Education & Health Services (61-62)	929	1,065	864	-136	-12.8	65	7.5
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	532	630	550	-98	-15.6	-18	-3.3
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	153	164	109	-11	-6.7	44	40.4
<b>Government</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>-31</b>	<b>-6.9</b>	<b>-104</b>	<b>-19.8</b>
Federal Government	22	22	30	0	0.0	-8	-26.7
State Government	84	58	69	26	44.8	15	21.7
Local Government	314	370	425	-56	-15.1	-111	-26.1
Local Education	80	99	221	-19	-19.2	-141	-63.8
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>126.3</b>
<b>Laramie County</b>							
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>1,165</b>	<b>1,028</b>	<b>943</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>23.5</b>
Total Unique Claimants	316	357	290	-41	-11.5	26	9.0
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>23.3</b>	<b>-54</b>	<b>-21.6</b>
Construction	126	107	204	19	17.8	-78	-38.2
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>879</b>	<b>778</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>43.4</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	252	246	151	6	2.4	101	66.9
Financial Activities (52, 53)	56	55	55	1	1.8	1	1.8
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	269	192	173	77	40.1	96	55.5
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	180	175	128	5	2.9	52	40.6
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	57	51	77	6	11.8	-20	-26.0
<b>Government</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>19.6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>13.0</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>-11</b>	<b>-28.9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8.0</b>
<b>Natrona County</b>							
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>950</b>	<b>1,011</b>	<b>840</b>	<b>-61</b>	<b>-6.0</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>13.1</b>
Total Unique Claimants	279	347	258	-68	-19.6	21	8.1
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>15.2</b>
Construction	121	119	109	2	1.7	12	11.0
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>671</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>602</b>	<b>-79</b>	<b>-10.5</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>11.5</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	228	242	164	-14	-5.8	64	39.0
Financial Activities (52, 53)	71	76	51	-5	-6.6	20	39.2
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	81	99	115	-18	-18.2	-34	-29.6
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	154	179	157	-25	-14.0	-3	-1.9
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	108	113	79	-5	-4.4	29	36.7
<b>Government</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>-10.3</b>	<b>-11</b>	<b>-29.7</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1,100.0</b>

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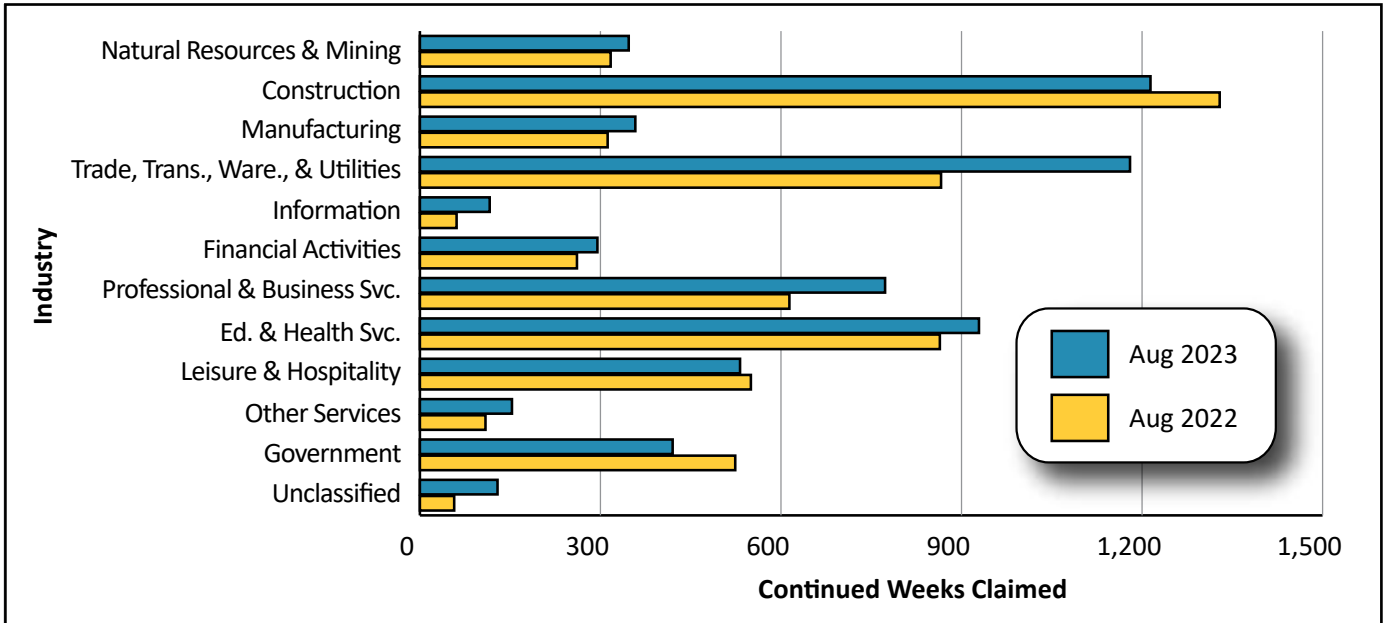


Figure 5: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, August 2022 and August 2023

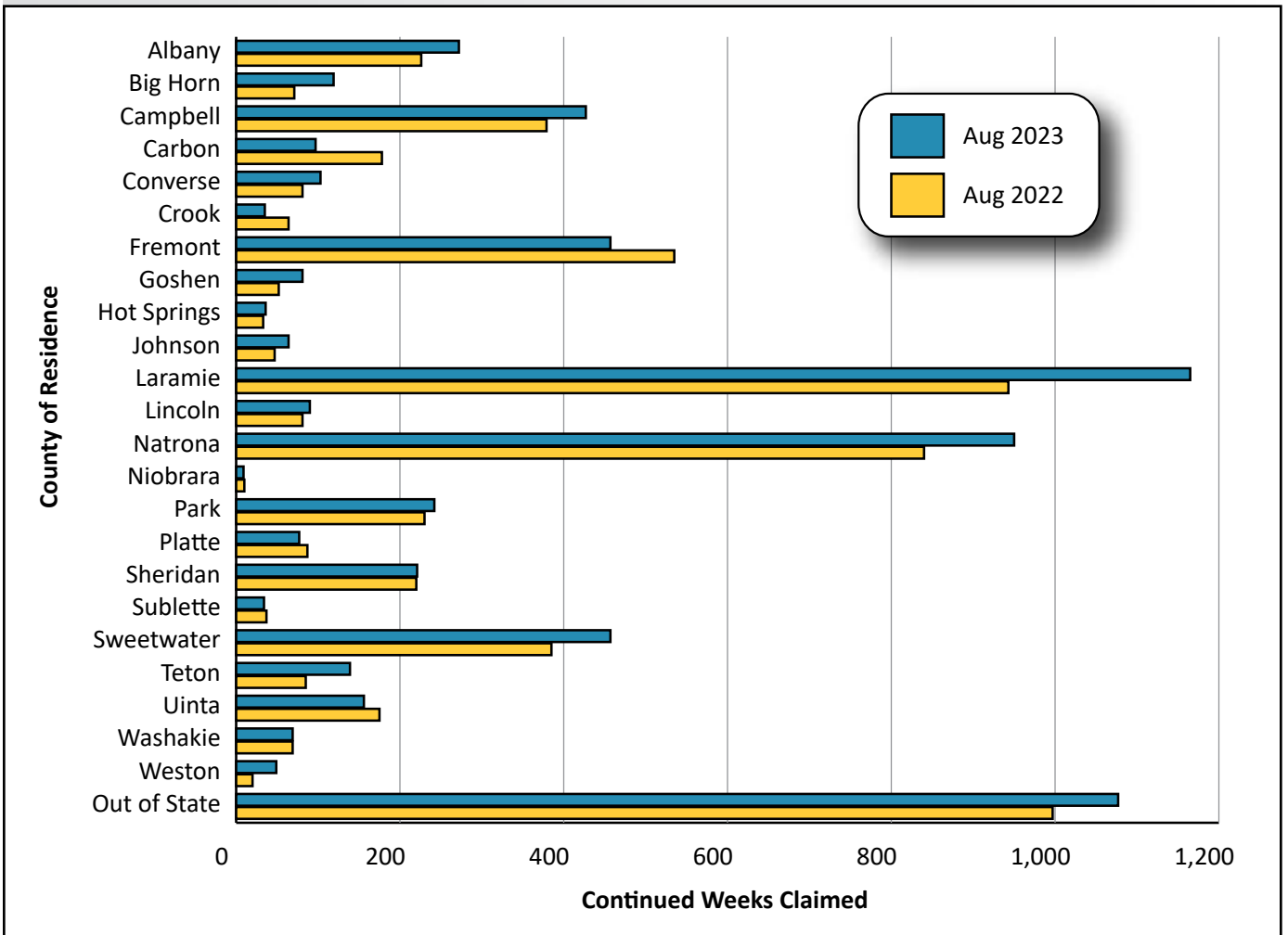


Figure 6: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence in Wyoming, August 2022 and August 2023



**Table 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by County of Residence, August 2022 and August 2023**

County	Aug 2023	Aug 2022	Change	
			N	%
Albany	27	44	-17	-38.6
Big Horn	11	7	4	57.1
Campbell	72	75	-3	-4.0
Carbon	18	31	-13	-41.9
Converse	13	14	-1	-7.1
Crook	N/D	32	N/D	N/D
Fremont	61	41	20	48.8
Goshen	10	6	4	66.7
Hot Springs	0	6	-6	-100.0
Johnson	7	6	1	16.7
Laramie	180	179	1	0.6
Lincoln	16	18	-2	-11.1
Natrona	156	160	-4	-2.5
Niobrara	0	0	0	0.0
Park	26	32	-6	-18.8
Platte	12	15	-3	-20.0
Sheridan	30	32	-2	-6.3
Sublette	6	6	0	0.0
Sweetwater	59	60	-1	-1.7
Teton	17	13	4	30.8
Uinta	19	25	-6	-24.0
Washakie	6	8	-2	-25.0
Weston	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D
Unknown	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D
Out of State	117	156	-39	-25.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>885</b>	<b>981</b>	<b>-96</b>	<b>-9.8</b>

N/D = not discloseable due to confidentiality.

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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, August 2022 and August 2023**

County	Aug 2023	Aug 2022	Change	
			N	%
Albany	272	226	46	20.4
Big Horn	119	71	48	67.6
Campbell	427	379	48	12.7
Carbon	97	178	-81	-45.5
Converse	103	81	22	27.2
Crook	35	64	-29	-45.3
Fremont	457	535	-78	-14.6
Goshen	81	52	29	55.8
Hot Springs	36	33	3	9.1
Johnson	64	47	17	36.2
Laramie	1,165	943	222	23.5
Lincoln	90	81	9	11.1
Natrona	950	840	110	13.1
Niobrara	9	10	-1	-10.0
Park	242	230	12	5.2
Platte	77	87	-10	-11.5
Sheridan	221	220	1	0.5
Sublette	34	37	-3	-8.1
Sweetwater	457	385	72	18.7
Teton	139	85	54	63.5
Uinta	156	175	-19	-10.9
Washakie	69	69	0	0.0
Weston	49	20	29	145.0
Unknown	14	14	0	0.0
Out of State	1,077	997	80	8.0
<b>Normalized Total<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>6,452</b>	<b>5,870</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>9.9</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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