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Initial, Continued Claims Increase as Summer Ends

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Initial Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims (see Definitions, page 9) increased from August to September, while continued claims decreased. Both initial and continued claims increased over the year.

Initial Claims

There were 1,021 initial claims in September 2024, up from 899 in August (122, or 13.6%). It is normal for initial claims to increase in September as some employers lay off summer staff (see Figure 1). The greatest over-the-month increase was in leisure & hospitality (87, or 75.7%).

The industries with the largest numbers of initial claims included

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construction (202); leisure & hospitality (202); trade, transportation, & utilities (167); and professional & business services (110; see Table 1, page 5, and Figure 3, page 6).

Over the year, initial claims increased by 74, or 7.8%. Leisure & hospitality increased the most with 44 more claims (27.8%) over the year. This was followed by manufacturing (32, or 110.3%) and trade, transportation, & utilities (31, or 22.8%).

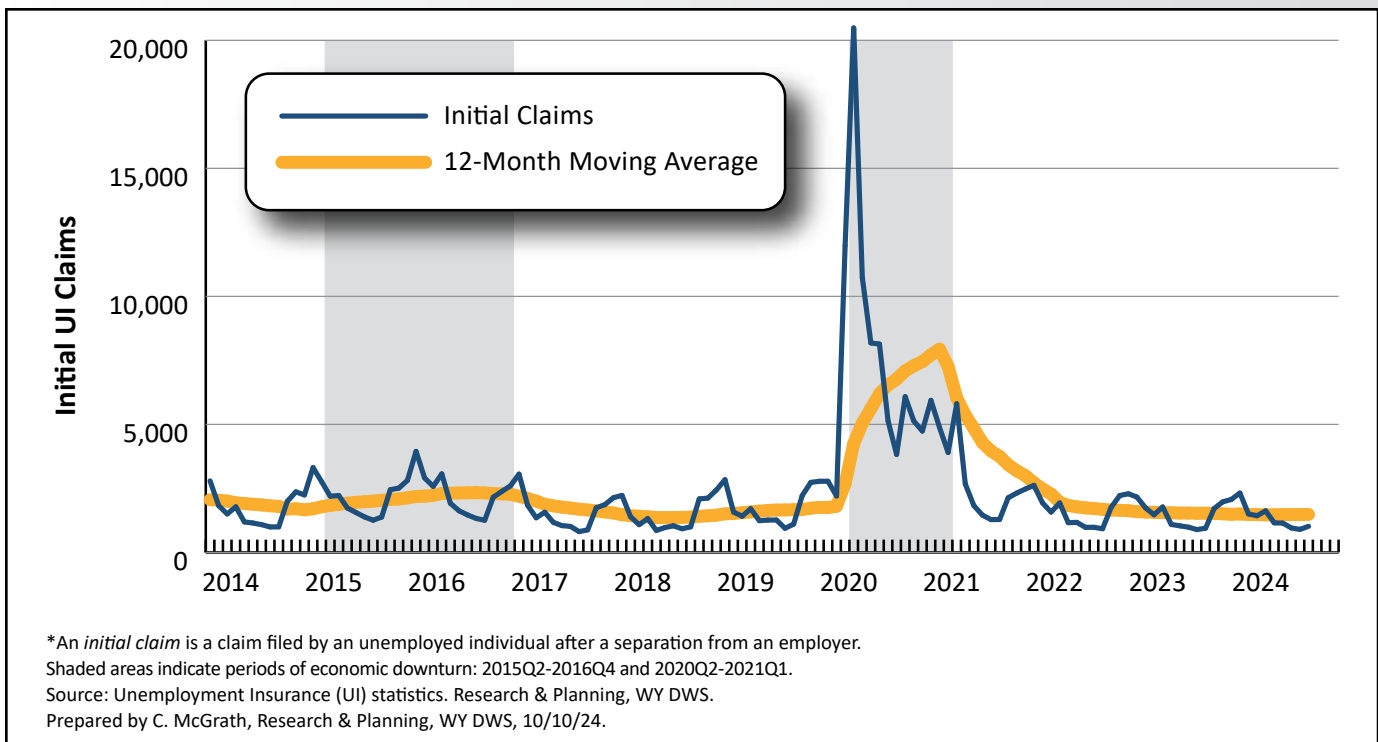


Figure 1: Total Number of Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by Year and Month, January 2014 to September 2024

Laramie County had the greatest number of initial claims with 166, followed by Natrona (148), Campbell (76), and Sweetwater (71); see Figure 4, page 6, and Table 3, page 9). In addition, there were 180 out-of-state claimants.

Continued Claims

The total number of continued weeks claimed followed their normal seasonal pattern and decreased over the month by 563, or 8.7% (see Figure 2).

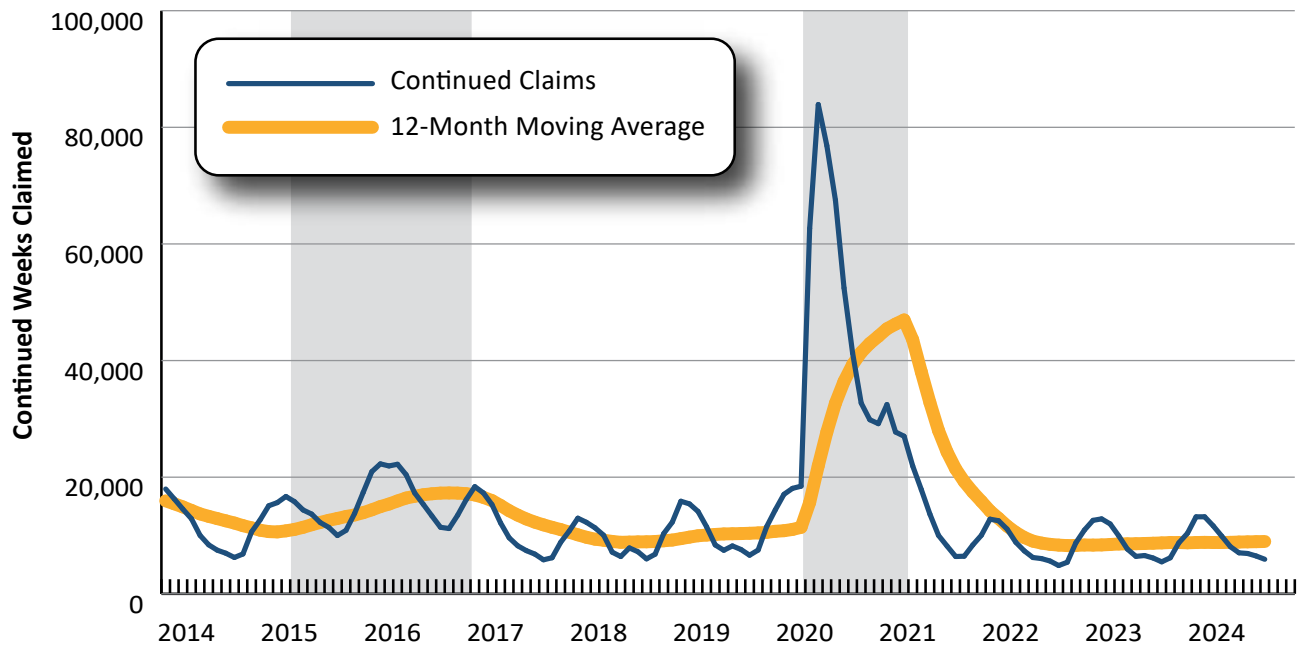
The total number of continued weeks claimed increased from 5,481 in September 2023 to 5,922 in September 2024 (441, or 8.0%; see Table 2, page 7). The total number of unique claimants increased from 1,957 to 2,080 (123, or 6.3%) over the year, and decreased by

8.7% over the month.

The industries with the most continued weeks claimed included trade, transportation, & utilities (1,123); construction (1,026); leisure & hospitality (670); and education & health services (668).

Most industries showed over-the-year increases in continued weeks claimed, led by leisure & hospitality (184, or 37.9%) and natural resources & mining (136, or 42.5%; see Figure 5, page 8).

Laramie County had the largest number of continued claims with 995, followed by Natrona (963), Sweetwater (500), and Campbell (447) counties (see Figure 6, page 8, and Table 4, page 9). There were 874 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 September 2024

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

Industry	Initial Claims Filed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Sep 2024	Aug 2024	Sep 2023	N	%	N	%
Total Claims Filed	1,021	899	947	122	13.6	74	7.8
Goods-Producing	323	266	310	57	21.4	13	4.2
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	59	48	54	11	22.9	5	9.3
Mining (21)	57	44	50	13	29.5	7	14.0
Construction (23)	202	189	227	13	6.9	-25	-11.0
Manufacturing (31-33)	61	28	29	33	117.9	32	110.3
Service-Providing	614	555	568	59	10.6	46	8.1
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	167	155	136	12	7.7	31	22.8
Wholesale Trade (42)	24	29	20	-5	-17.2	4	20.0
Retail Trade (44-45)	90	87	60	3	3.4	30	50.0
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	51	38	55	13	34.2	-4	-7.3
Information (51)	10	9	9	1	11.1	1	11.1
Financial Activities (52-53)	28	30	27	-2	-6.7	1	3.7
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	110	129	127	-19	-14.7	-17	-13.4
Education & Health Services (61-62)	72	94	82	-22	-23.4	-10	-12.2
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	202	115	158	87	75.7	44	27.8
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	22	19	27	3	15.8	-5	-18.5
Government	70	55	59	15	27.3	11	18.6
Federal Government	10	8	21	2	25.0	-11	-52.4
State Government	9	9	6	0	0.0	3	50.0
Local Government	49	36	31	13	36.1	18	58.1
Local Education	12	10	7	2	20.0	5	71.4
Unclassified	12	22	8	-10	-45.5	4	50.0
Laramie County							
Total Claims Filed	166	177	166	-11	-6.2	0	0.0
Goods-Producing	44	42	48	2	4.8	-4	-8.3
Construction	31	32	38	-1	-3.1	-7	-18.4
Service-Providing	108	122	109	-14	-11.5	-1	-0.9
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	37	29	29	8	27.6	8	27.6
Financial Activities (52, 53)	8	9	6	-1	-11.1	2	33.3
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	27	45	37	-18	-40.0	-10	-27.0
Educational & Health Services (61-62)	12	17	18	-5	-29.4	-6	-33.3
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	14	16	11	-2	-12.5	3	27.3
Government	12	10	6	2	20.0	6	100.0
Natrona County							
Total Claims Filed	148	143	161	5	3.5	-13	-8.1
Goods-Producing	61	41	51	20	48.8	10	19.6
Construction	40	27	34	13	48.1	6	17.6
Service-Providing	85	94	103	-9	-9.6	-18	-17.5
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	30	30	32	0	0.0	-2	-6.3
Financial Activities (52, 53)	N/D	6	5	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	16	18	17	-2	-11.1	-1	-5.9
Educational & Health Services (61-62)	15	15	20	0	0.0	-5	-25.0
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	18	16	17	2	12.5	1	5.9
Government	N/D	5	4	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D

N/D = Not discloseable due to confidentiality.

Source: Unemployment Insurance claims database.

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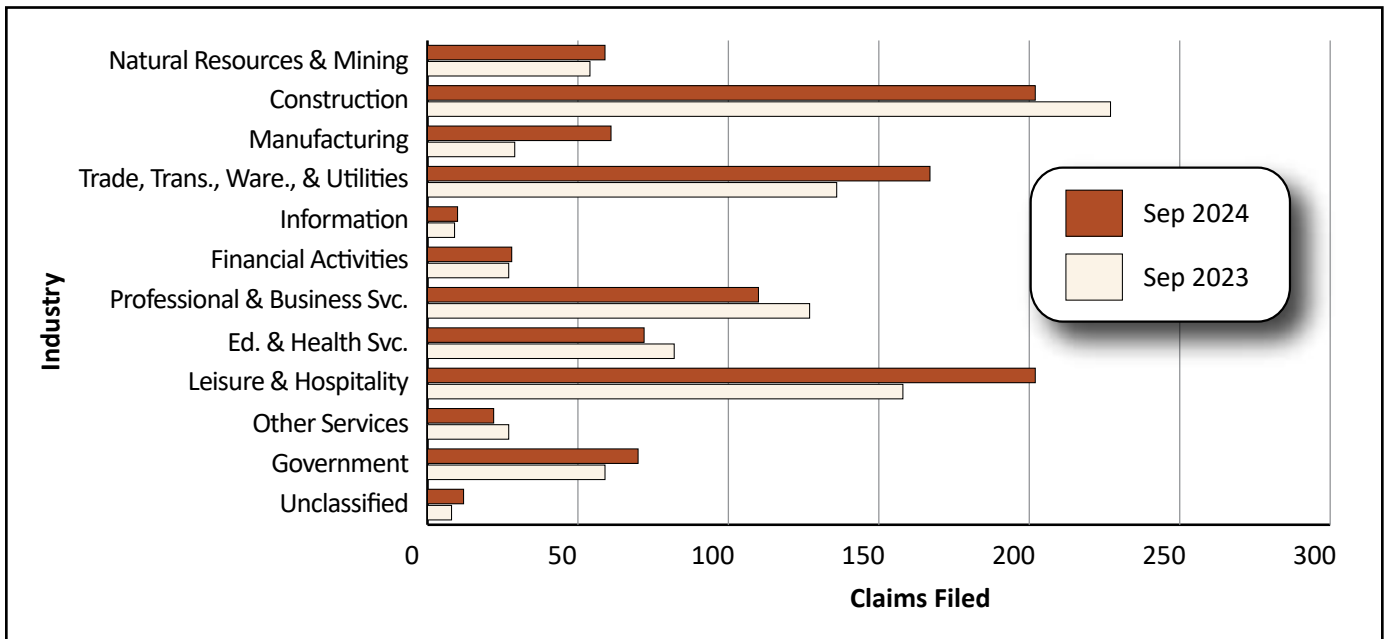


Figure 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, September 2023 and September 2024

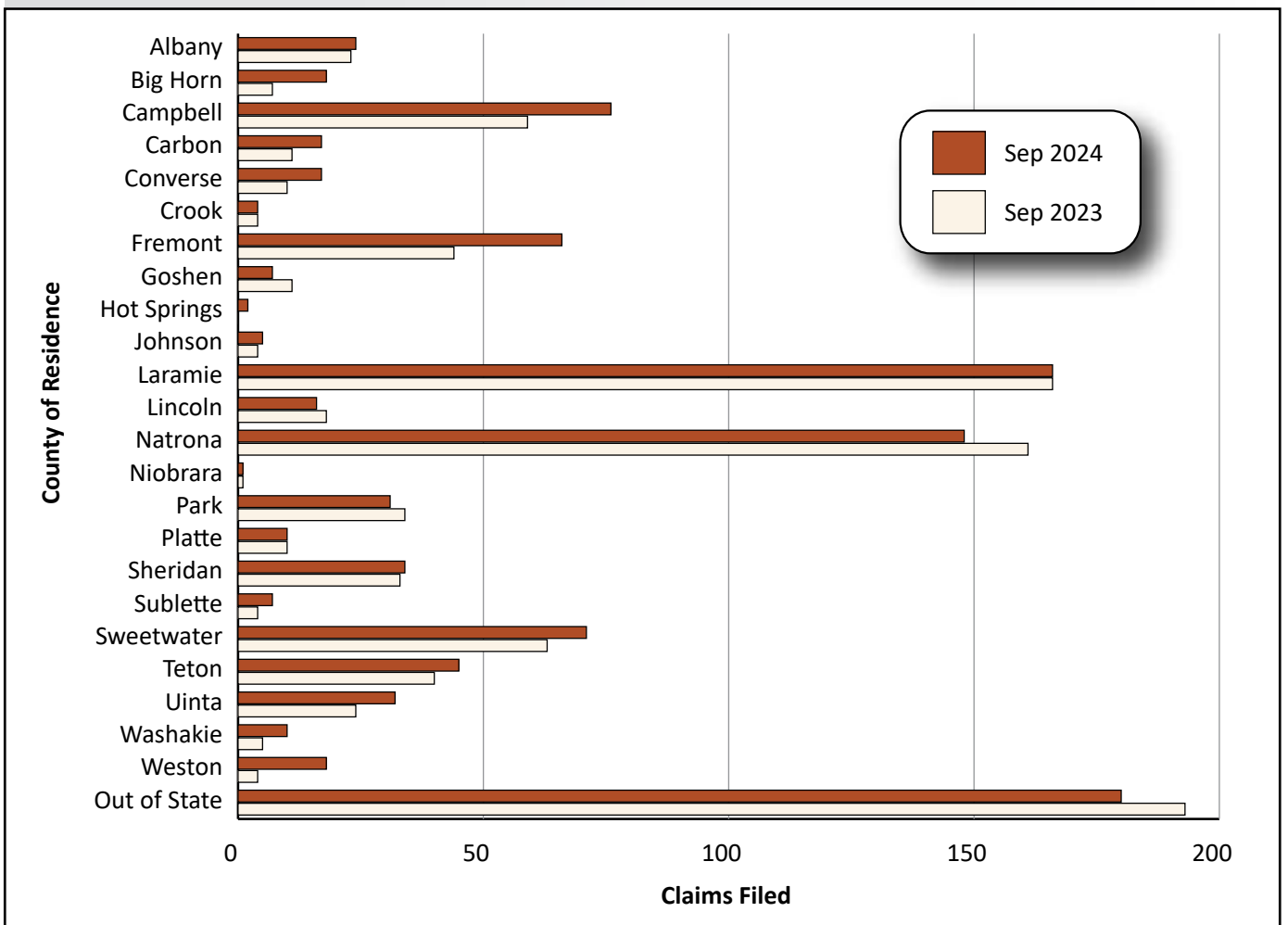


Figure 4: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, September 2023 and September 2024

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

Industry	Continued Weeks Claimed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Sep 2024	Aug 2024	Sep 2023	N	%	N	%
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	5,922	6,485	5,481	-563	-8.7	441	8.0
Total Unique Claimants	2,080	2,279	1,957	-199	-8.7	123	6.3
Goods-Producing	1,809	1,931	1,612	-122	-6.3	197	12.2
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	456	553	320	-97	-17.5	136	42.5
Mining (21)	415	509	307	-94	-18.5	108	35.2
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	27	40	22	-13	-32.5	5	22.7
Construction (23)	1,026	1,040	1,017	-14	-1.3	9	0.9
Manufacturing (31-33)	326	337	274	-11	-3.3	52	19.0
Service-Providing	3,614	3,992	3,402	-378	-9.5	212	6.2
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	1,123	1,151	1,079	-28	-2.4	44	4.1
Wholesale Trade (42)	231	205	184	26	12.7	47	25.5
Retail Trade (44-45)	601	649	521	-48	-7.4	80	15.4
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	290	296	373	-6	-2.0	-83	-22.3
Information (51)	89	93	137	-4	-4.3	-48	-35.0
Financial Activities (52-53)	261	254	285	7	2.8	-24	-8.4
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	651	797	626	-146	-18.3	25	4.0
Education & Health Services (61-62)	668	884	633	-216	-24.4	35	5.5
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	670	651	486	19	2.9	184	37.9
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	148	159	153	-11	-6.9	-5	-3.3
Government	391	478	369	-87	-18.2	22	6.0
Federal Government	25	33	18	-8	-24.2	7	38.9
State Government	74	75	90	-1	-1.3	-16	-17.8
Local Government	291	369	259	-78	-21.1	32	12.4
Local Education	70	74	63	-4	-5.4	7	11.1
Unclassified	106	83	97	23	27.7	9	9.3
Laramie County							
Total Claims Filed	995	1,082	1,007	-87	-8.0	-12	-1.2
Total Unique Claimants	358	385	353	-27	-7.0	5	1.4
Goods-Producing	189	179	173	10	5.6	16	9.2
Construction	116	115	130	1	0.9	-14	-10.8
Service-Providing	707	782	745	-75	-9.6	-38	-5.1
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	237	237	245	0	0.0	-8	-3.3
Financial Activities (52, 53)	68	62	62	6	9.7	6	9.7
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	165	231	171	-66	-28.6	-6	-3.5
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	107	127	135	-20	-15.7	-28	-20.7
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	95	82	64	13	15.9	31	48.4
Government	81	95	63	-14	-14.7	18	28.6
Unclassified	17	24	24	-7	-29.2	-7	-29.2
Natrona County							
Total Claims Filed	963	1,007	939	-44	-4.4	24	2.6
Total Unique Claimants	322	349	330	-27	-7.7	-8	-2.4
Goods-Producing	258	271	259	-13	-4.8	-1	-0.4
Construction	112	108	149	4	3.7	-37	-24.8
Service-Providing	651	677	637	-26	-3.8	14	2.2
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	212	193	212	19	9.8	0	0.0
Financial Activities (52, 53)	68	67	61	1	1.5	7	11.5
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	88	98	66	-10	-10.2	22	33.3
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	124	180	132	-56	-31.1	-8	-6.1
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	103	89	108	14	15.7	-5	-4.6
Government	38	51	22	-13	-25.5	16	72.7
Unclassified	14	6	19	8	133.3	-5	-26.3

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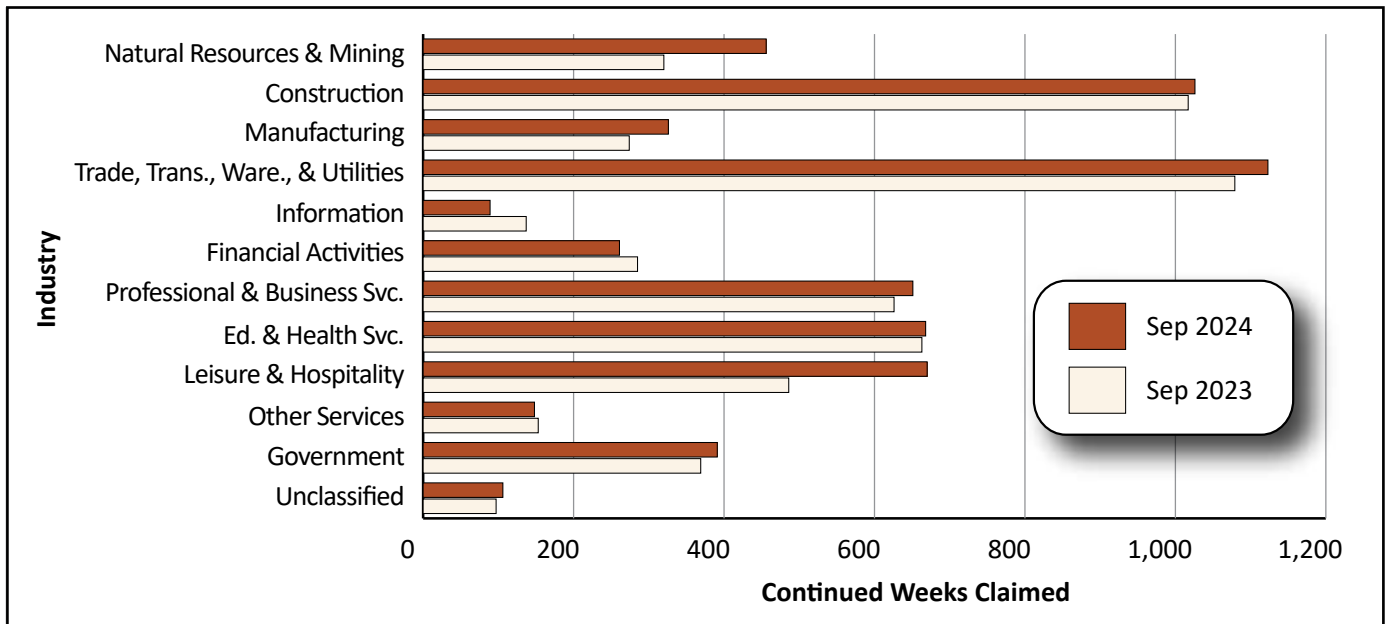


Figure 5: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, September 2023 and September 2024

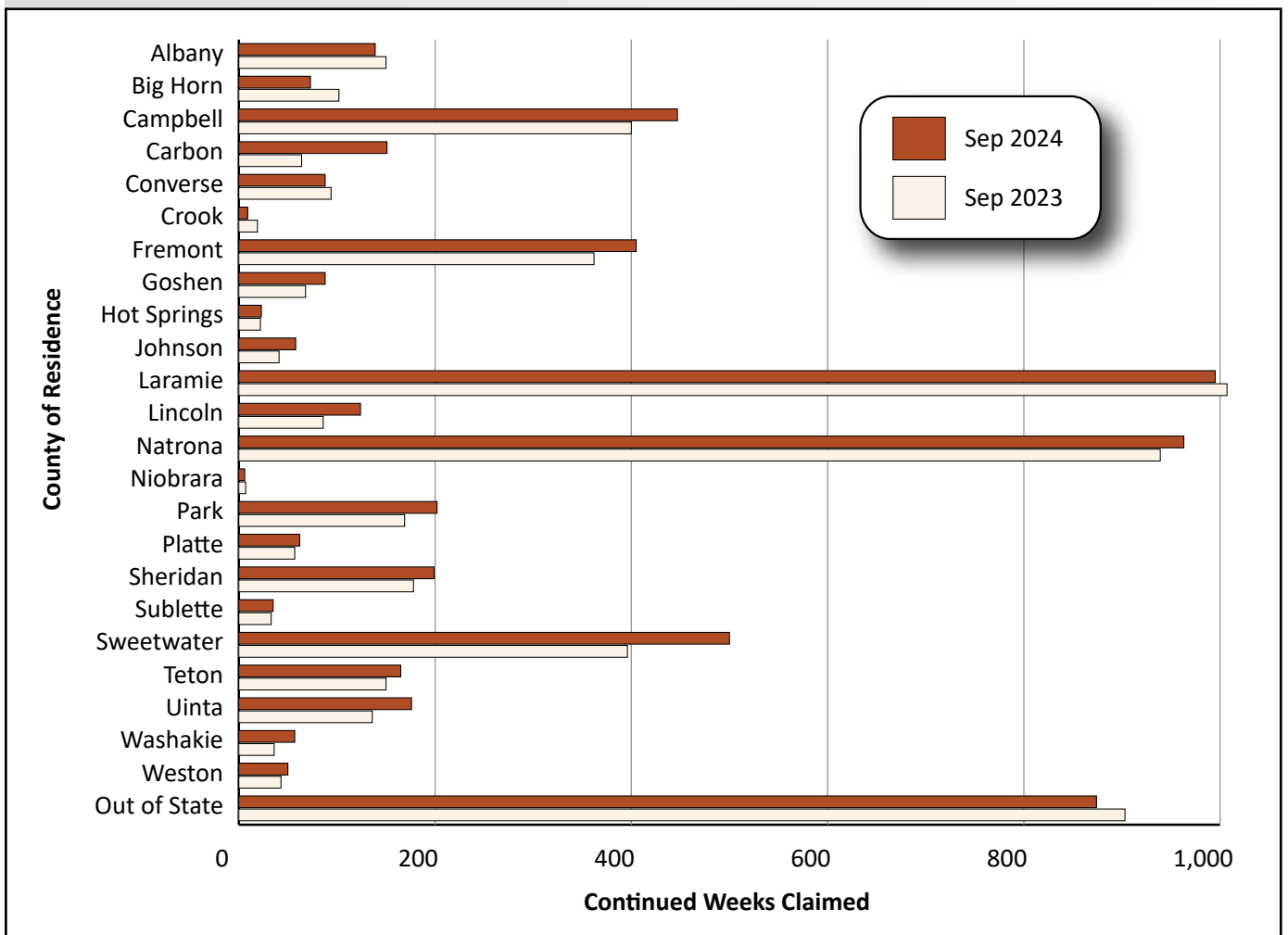


Figure 6: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence in Wyoming, September 2023 and September 2024

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

County	Sep 2024	Sep 2023	Change	
			N	%
Albany	24	23	1	4.3
Big Horn	18	7	11	157.1
Campbell	76	59	17	28.8
Carbon	17	11	6	54.5
Converse	17	10	7	70.0
Crook	4	4	0	0.0
Fremont	66	44	22	50.0
Goshen	7	11	-4	-36.4
Hot Springs	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D
Johnson	5	4	1	25.0
Laramie	166	166	0	0.0
Lincoln	16	18	-2	-11.1
Natrona	148	161	-13	-8.1
Niobrara	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D
Park	31	34	-3	-8.8
Platte	10	10	0	0.0
Sheridan	34	33	1	3.0
Sublette	7	4	3	75.0
Sweetwater	71	63	8	12.7
Teton	45	40	5	12.5
Uinta	32	24	8	33.3
Washakie	10	5	5	100.0
Weston	18	4	14	350.0
Unknown	5	5	0	0.0
Out of State	180	193	-13	-6.7
Total	1,021	947	74	7.8

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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, September 2023 and September 2024

County	Sep 2024	Sep 2023	Change	
			N	%
Albany	139	150	-11	-7.3
Big Horn	73	102	-29	-28.4
Campbell	447	400	47	11.8
Carbon	151	64	87	135.9
Converse	88	94	-6	-6.4
Crook	9	19	-10	-52.6
Fremont	405	362	43	11.9
Goshen	88	68	20	29.4
Hot Springs	23	22	1	4.5
Johnson	58	41	17	41.5
Laramie	995	1,007	-12	-1.2
Lincoln	124	86	38	44.2
Natrona	963	939	24	2.6
Niobrara	6	7	-1	-14.3
Park	202	169	33	19.5
Platte	62	57	5	8.8
Sheridan	199	178	21	11.8
Sublette	35	33	2	6.1
Sweetwater	500	396	104	26.3
Teton	165	150	15	10.0
Uinta	176	136	40	29.4
Washakie	57	36	21	58.3
Weston	50	43	7	16.3
Unknown	19	6	13	216.7
Out of State	874	903	-29	-3.2
Normalized Total^a	5,922	5,481	441	8.0

^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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