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Continued Claims were 20.3% Lower Compared to March 2019

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Initial and continued Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims (see Definitions, page 9) in Wyoming continued to decline from prior-year levels in March 2022. The number of initial claims decreased by 60.4% compared to March 2021, and the number of continued claims decreased by 62.5%.

Initial and continued claims decreased from prior-year levels in all industries and counties.

Initial Claims

March 2022 marked another month of continued declines from prior-year levels (see Figure 1). There were 1,544 initial claims in March 2022, down from 3,903

UI Claims Online

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

in March 2021 (-2,359, or -60.4%). This amount is getting closer to pre-pandemic levels of 1,414 initial claims in March 2019. Initial claims peaked in March 2020 at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic and have largely trended downward since.

The industries with the greatest numbers of initial claims included construction (420), leisure & hospitality (194), trade, transportation, & utilities (168), and

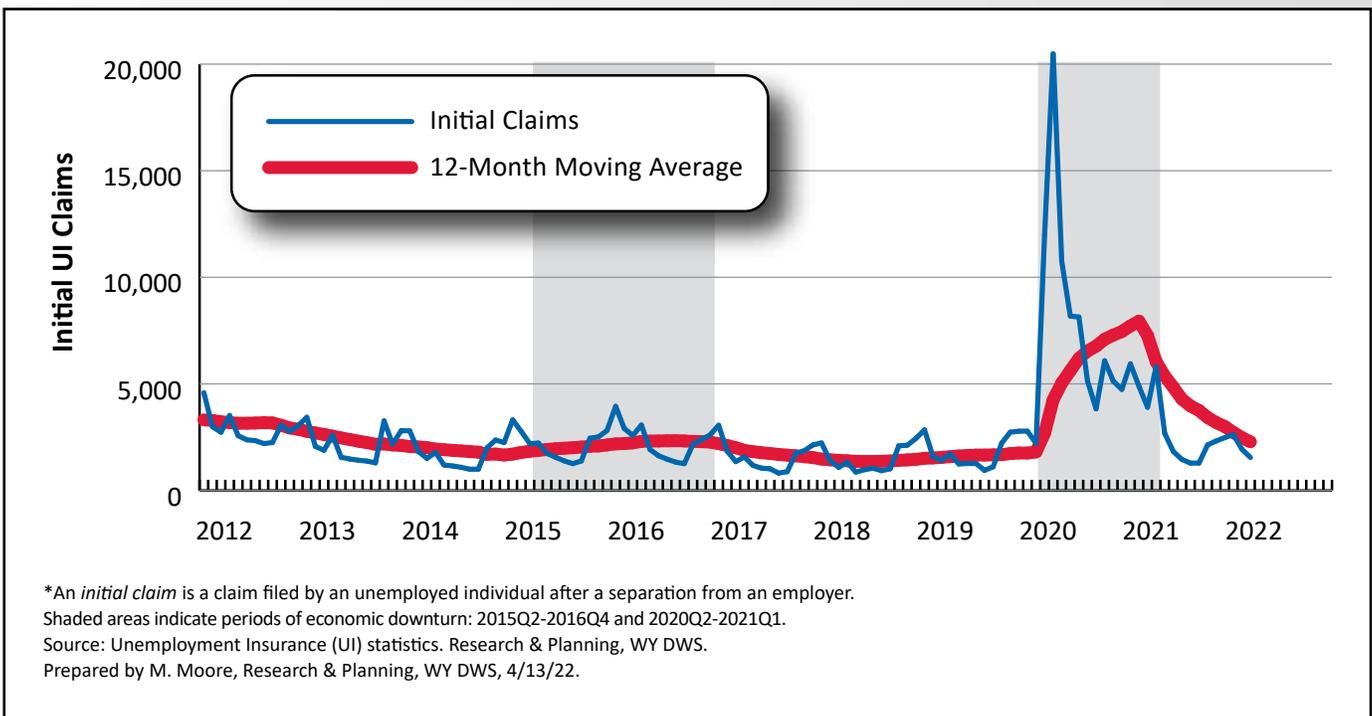


Figure 1: Total Number of Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by Year and Month, January 2012 to March 2022

professional and business services (117; see Table 1, page 5, and Figure 3, page 6).

Laramie (252), Natrona (239), Campbell (108), Sweetwater (101) and Sheridan (84) counties had the largest number of initial claims. In addition, there were 213 initial claims by out-of-state individuals (see Figure 4, page 6, and Table 3, page 9).

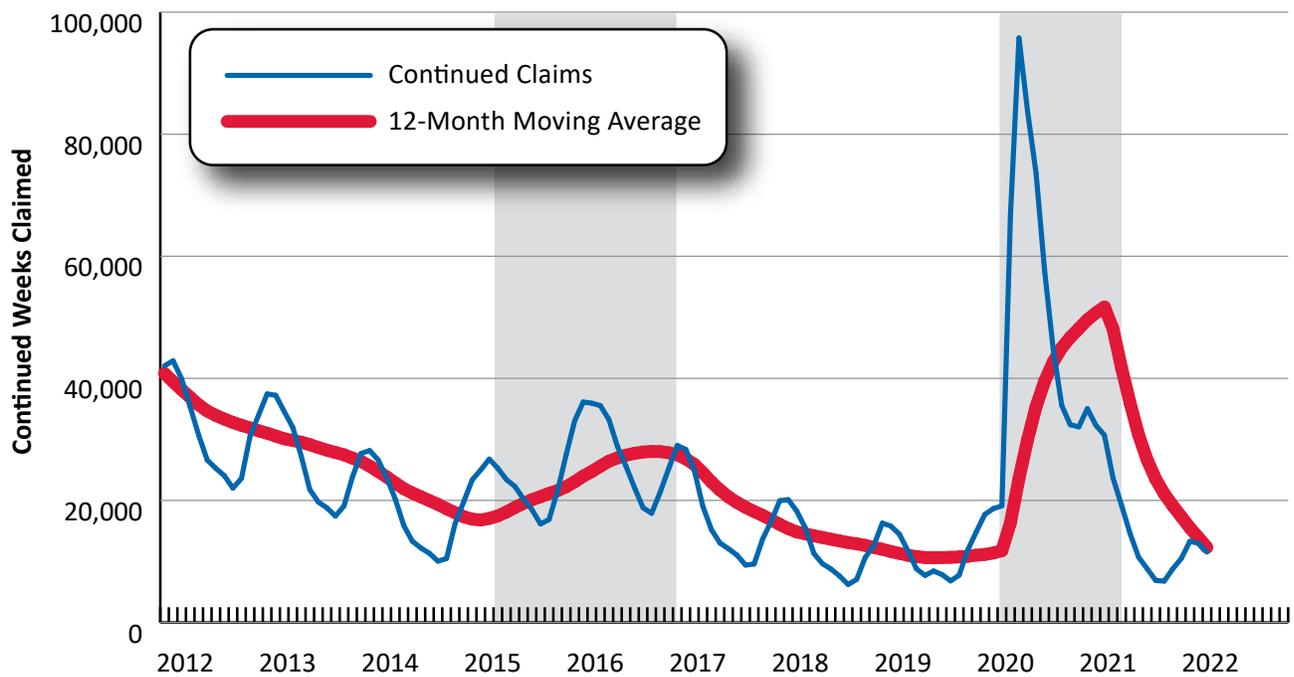
Continued Claims

Total continued weeks claimed decreased from 30,685 in March 2021 to 11,522 in March 2022 (-19,163, or -62.5%). The number of unique claimants decreased from 7,749 to 3,376 (-4,373, or -56.4%; see Figure 2 and Table 2, page 7). The 11,522 total continued weeks claimed in March

2022 were 20.3% lower than the 14,463 in March 2019 just prior to the pandemic.

The industries with the most continued weeks claimed included construction (3,437), unclassified (2,326), professional & business services (1,034), and trade, transportation & utilities (1,010). There were also 1,041 continued weeks claimed in total government (see Table 2, page 7, and Figure 5, page 6).

There were more continued weeks claimed for out-of-state claimants (1,874) than any single county in Wyoming (see Figure 6, page 6, and Table 4, page 9). The counties with the greatest numbers of continued weeks claimed were Natrona (1,685), Laramie (1,596), Fremont (875), and Sweetwater (859).



*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 2012 to March 2022

Table 1: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims in Wyoming, March 2022

Industry	Initial Claims Filed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Mar 2022	Feb 2022	Mar 2021	N	%	N	%
Total Claims Filed	1,544	1,935	3,903	-391	-20.2	-2,359	-60.4
Goods-Producing	551	878	1,272	-327	-37.2	-721	-56.7
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	63	99	283	-36	-36.4	-220	-77.7
Mining (21)	54	90	262	-36	-40.0	-208	-79.4
Construction (23)	420	661	832	-241	-36.5	-412	-49.5
Manufacturing (31-33)	67	117	156	-50	-42.7	-89	-57.1
Service-Providing	623	618	1,816	5	0.8	-1,193	-65.7
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	168	194	545	-26	-13.4	-377	-69.2
Wholesale Trade (42)	23	22	82	1	4.5	-59	-72.0
Retail Trade (44-45)	82	88	280	-6	-6.8	-198	-70.7
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	63	83	182	-20	-24.1	-119	-65.4
Information (51)	4	5	29	-1	-20.0	-25	-86.2
Financial Activities (52-53)	33	29	64	4	13.8	-31	-48.4
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	117	161	284	-44	-27.3	-167	-58.8
Education & Health Services (61-62)	84	75	219	9	12.0	-135	-61.6
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	194	127	588	67	52.8	-394	-67.0
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	19	23	83	-4	-17.4	-64	-77.1
Government	113	103	227	10	9.7	-114	-50.2
Federal Government	51	37	74	14	37.8	-23	-31.1
State Government	6	17	25	-11	-64.7	-19	-76.0
Local Government	54	48	127	6	12.5	-73	-57.5
Local Education	11	7	45	4	57.1	-34	-75.6
Unclassified	256	334	587	-78	-23.4	-331	-56.4
Laramie County							
Total Claims Filed	252	294	548	-42	-14.3	-296	-54.0
Goods-Producing	116	135	200	-19	-14.1	-84	-42.0
Construction	101	117	159	-16	-13.7	-58	-36.5
Service-Providing	90	90	245	0	0.0	-155	-63.3
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	23	29	65	-6	-20.7	-42	-64.6
Financial Activities (52, 53)	11	8	15	3	37.5	-4	-26.7
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	21	22	54	-1	-4.5	-33	-61.1
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	18	8	30	10	125.0	-12	-40.0
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	8	17	63	-9	-52.9	-55	-87.3
Government	9	16	22	-7	-43.8	-13	-59.1
Unclassified	34	51	78	-17	-33.3	-44	-56.4
Natrona County							
Total Claims Filed	239	285	696	-46	-16.1	-457	-65.7
Goods-Producing	96	134	224	-38	-28.4	-128	-57.1
Construction	84	113	161	-29	-25.7	-77	-47.8
Service-Providing	103	100	374	3	3.0	-271	-72.5
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	32	24	143	8	33.3	-111	-77.6
Financial Activities (52, 53)	7	0	11	7	N/D	-4	-36.4
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	27	30	56	-3	-10.0	-29	-51.8
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	12	20	51	-8	-40.0	-39	-76.5
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	19	18	85	1	5.6	-66	-77.6
Government	6	3	20	3	100.0	-14	-70.0
Unclassified	33	47	76	-14	-29.8	-43	-56.6

N/D = Not discloseable due to confidentiality.

Source: Unemployment Insurance claims database. Prepared by C. McGrath, Research & Planning, WY DWS, 4/12/22.

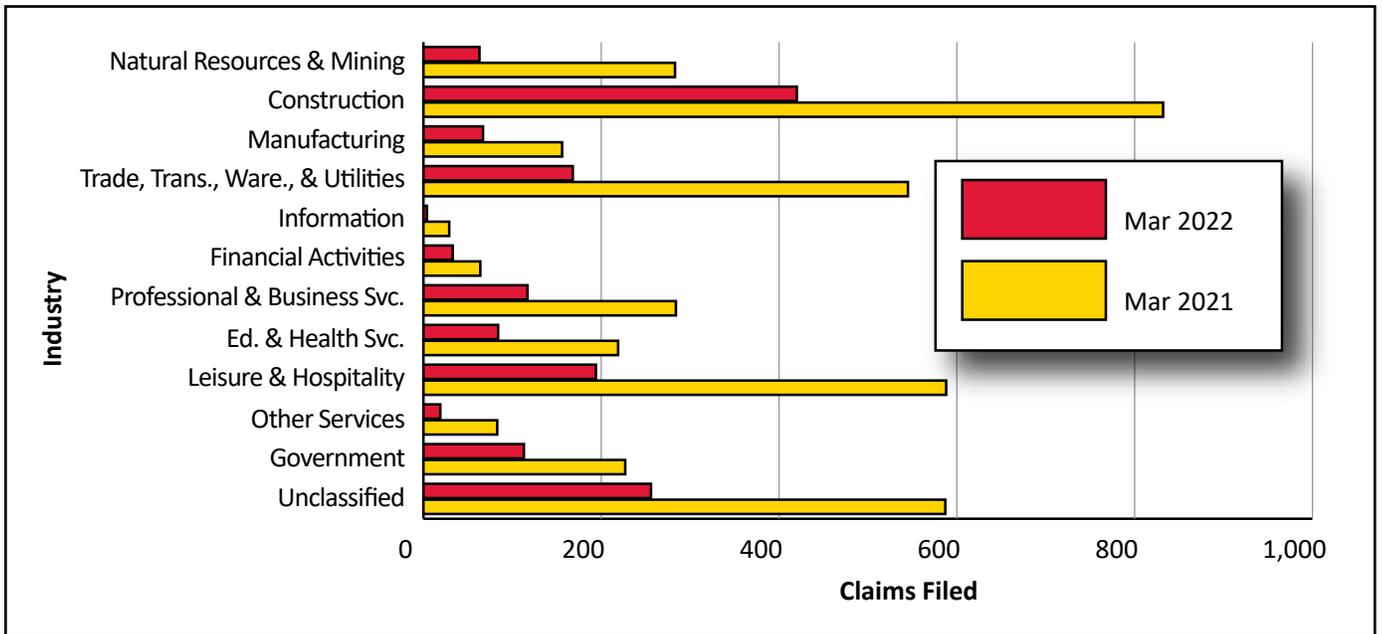


Figure 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, March 2021 and March 2022

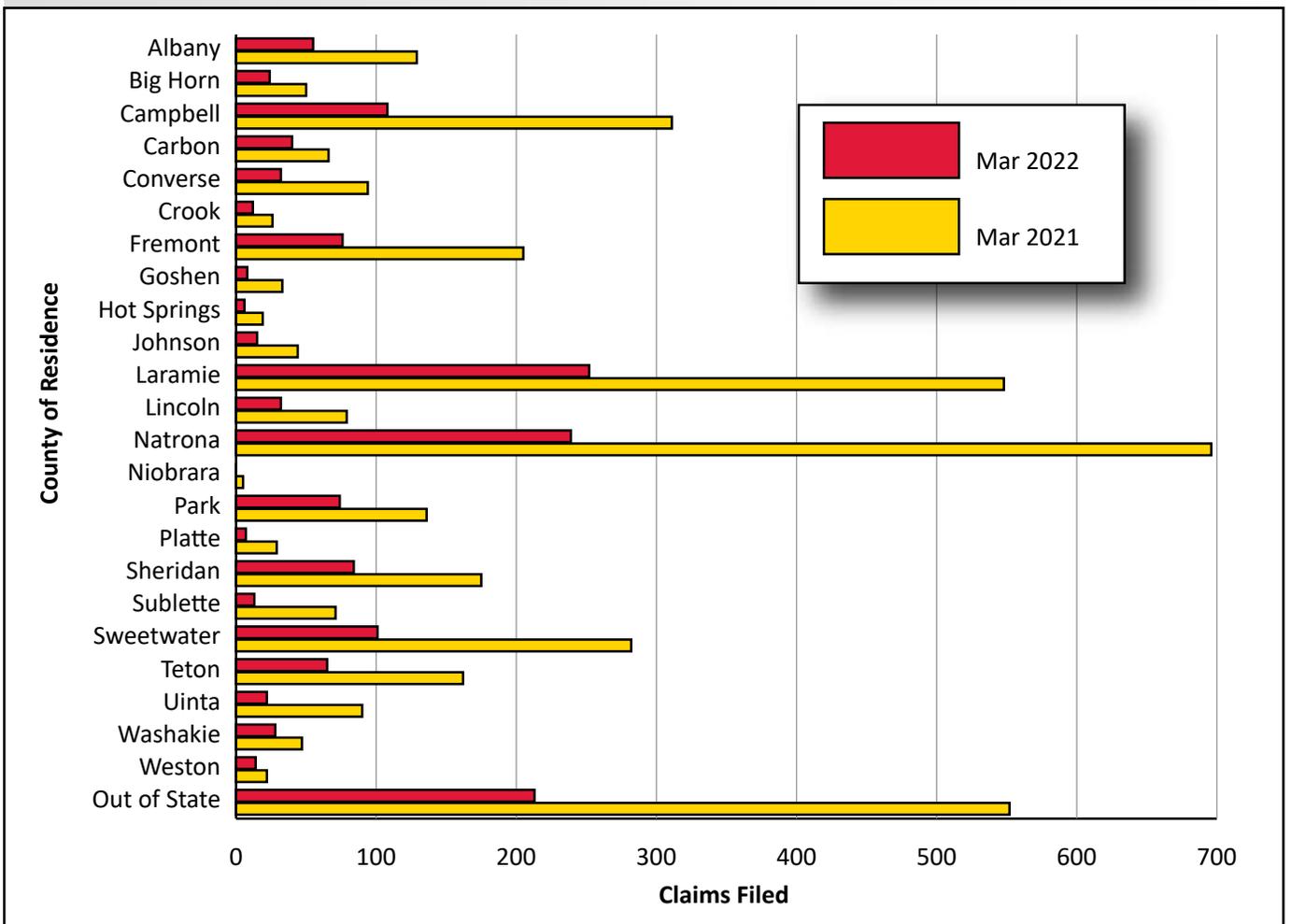


Figure 4: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, March 2021 and March 2022

Table 2: Unemployment Insurance Continued Weeks Claimed in Wyoming, March 2022

Industry	Continued Weeks Claimed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Mar 2022	Feb 2022	Mar 2021	N	%	N	%
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	11,522	12,965	30,685	-1,443	-11.1	-19,163	-62.5
Total Unique Claimants	3,376	4,202	7,749	-826	-19.7	-4,373	-56.4
Goods-Producing	4,446	5,082	10,757	-636	-12.5	-6,311	-58.7
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	587	655	2,067	-68	-10.4	-1,480	-71.6
Mining (21)	474	503	1,907	-29	-5.8	-1,433	-75.1
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	46	45	213	1	2.2	-167	-78.4
Construction (23)	3,437	4,022	7,550	-585	-14.5	-4,113	-54.5
Manufacturing (31-33)	422	403	1,139	19	4.7	-717	-62.9
Service-Providing	3,707	4,145	11,029	-438	-10.6	-7,322	-66.4
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	1,010	1,090	3,365	-80	-7.3	-2,355	-70.0
Wholesale Trade (42)	170	185	613	-15	-8.1	-443	-72.3
Retail Trade (44-45)	419	481	1,555	-62	-12.9	-1,136	-73.1
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	420	423	1,195	-3	-0.7	-775	-64.9
Information (51)	40	43	159	-3	-7.0	-119	-74.8
Financial Activities (52-53)	194	232	526	-38	-16.4	-332	-63.1
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	1,034	1,268	2,342	-234	-18.5	-1,308	-55.8
Education & Health Services (61-62)	376	378	1,298	-2	-0.5	-922	-71.0
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	929	980	2,837	-51	-5.2	-1,908	-67.3
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	120	151	499	-31	-20.5	-379	-76.0
Government	1,041	1,120	2,048	-79	-7.1	-1,007	-49.2
Federal Government	578	657	855	-79	-12.0	-277	-32.4
State Government	78	92	270	-14	-15.2	-192	-71.1
Local Government	384	371	922	13	3.5	-538	-58.4
Local Education	82	76	245	6	7.9	-163	-66.5
Unclassified	2,326	2,616	6,850	-290	-11.1	-4,524	-66.0
Laramie County							
Total Claims Filed	1,596	1,824	3,961	-228	-12.5	-2,365	-59.7
Total Unique Claimants	488	601	1,017	-113	-18.8	-529	-52.0
Goods-Producing	733	833	1,380	-100	-12.0	-647	-46.9
Construction	667	769	1,079	-102	-13.3	-412	-38.2
Service-Providing	478	546	1,493	-68	-12.5	-1,015	-68.0
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	147	156	452	-9	-5.8	-305	-67.5
Financial Activities (52, 53)	26	28	92	-2	-7.1	-66	-71.7
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	144	190	393	-46	-24.2	-249	-63.4
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	58	72	212	-14	-19.4	-154	-72.6
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	71	64	277	7	10.9	-206	-74.4
Government	58	62	209	-4	-6.5	-151	-72.2
Unclassified	327	381	878	-54	-14.2	-551	-62.8
Natrona County							
Total Claims Filed	1,685	1,927	5,474	-242	-12.6	-3,789	-69.2
Total Unique Claimants	491	621	1,359	-130	-20.9	-868	-63.9
Goods-Producing	559	676	1,872	-117	-17.3	-1,313	-70.1
Construction	459	558	1,324	-99	-17.7	-865	-65.3
Service-Providing	666	745	2,370	-79	-10.6	-1,704	-71.9
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	210	219	814	-9	-4.1	-604	-74.2
Financial Activities (52, 53)	47	66	121	-19	-28.8	-74	-61.2
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	187	218	458	-31	-14.2	-271	-59.2
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	80	67	288	13	19.4	-208	-72.2
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	105	128	471	-23	-18.0	-366	-77.7
Government	49	54	177	-5	-9.3	-128	-72.3
Unclassified	409	451	1,054	-42	-9.3	-645	-61.2

Source: Unemployment Insurance claims database.

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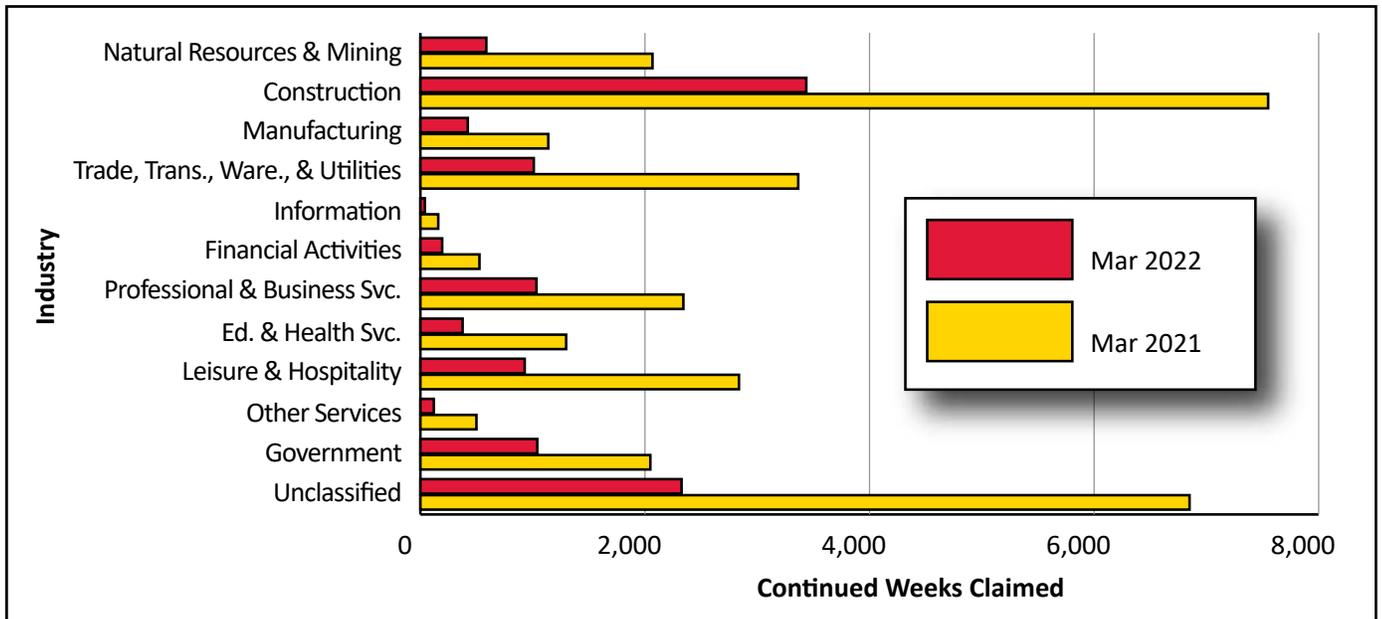


Figure 5: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, March 2021 and March 2022

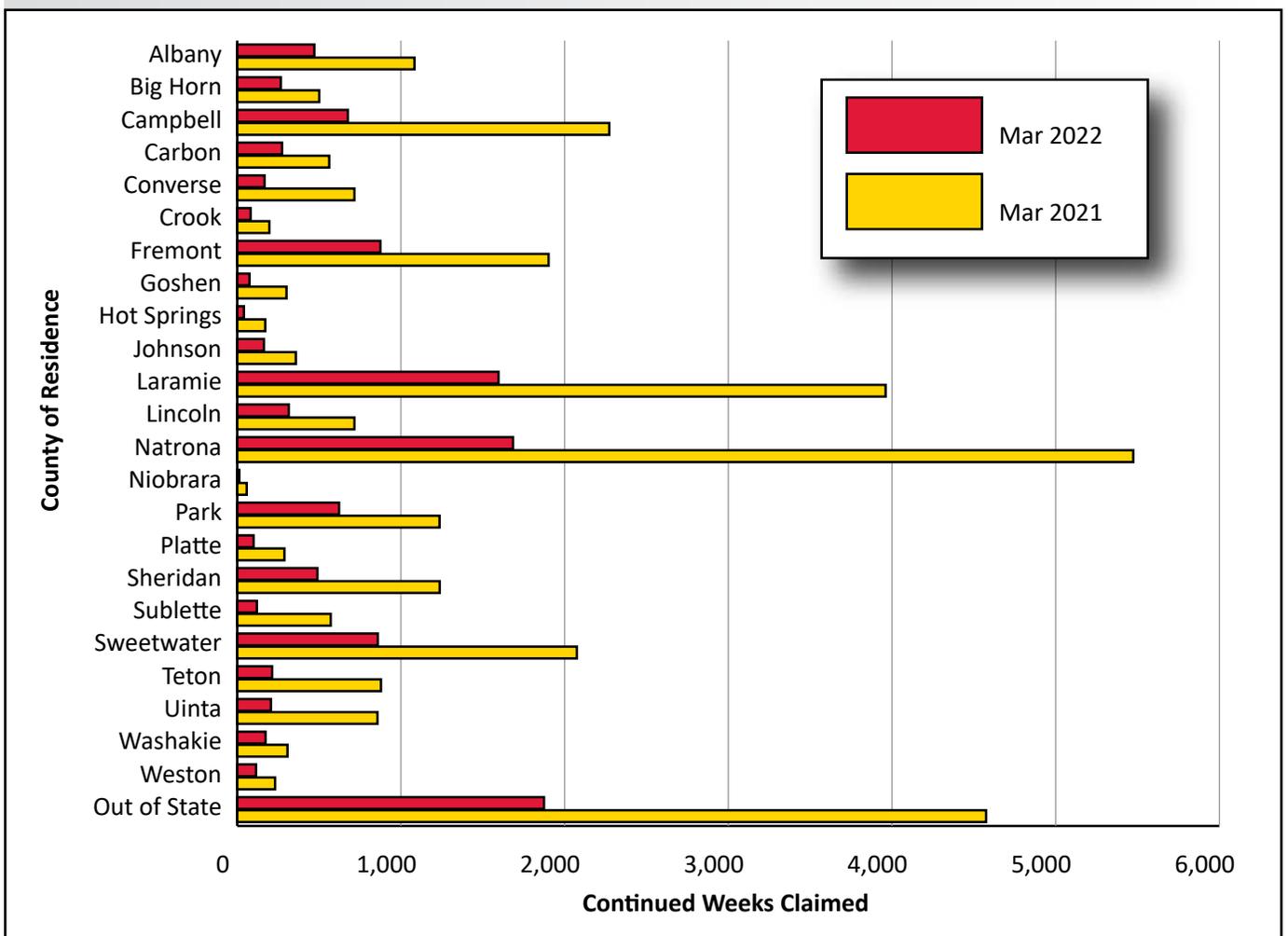


Figure 6: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence in Wyoming, March 2021 and March 2022

Table 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by County of Residence, March 2021 and March 2022

County	Mar 2022	Mar 2021	Change	
			N	%
Albany	55	129	-74	-57.4
Big Horn	24	50	-26	-52.0
Campbell	108	311	-203	-65.3
Carbon	40	66	-26	-39.4
Converse	32	94	-62	-66.0
Crook	12	26	-14	-53.8
Fremont	76	205	-129	-62.9
Goshen	8	33	-25	-75.8
Hot Springs	6	19	-13	-68.4
Johnson	15	44	-29	-65.9
Laramie	252	548	-296	-54.0
Lincoln	32	79	-47	-59.5
Natrona	239	696	-457	-65.7
Niobrara	0	5	-5	-100.0
Park	74	136	-62	-45.6
Platte	7	29	-22	-75.9
Sheridan	84	175	-91	-52.0
Sublette	13	71	-58	-81.7
Sweetwater	101	282	-181	-64.2
Teton	65	162	-97	-59.9
Uinta	22	90	-68	-75.6
Washakie	28	47	-19	-40.4
Weston	14	22	-8	-36.4
Unknown	11	20	-9	-45.0
Out of State	213	552	-339	-61.4
Total	1,544	3,903	-2,359	-60.4

Source: Unemployment Insurance claims database.

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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, March 2021 and March 2022

County	Mar 2022	Mar 2021	Change	
			N	%
Albany	471	1,083	-612	-56.5
Big Horn	266	501	-235	-46.9
Campbell	676	2,273	-1,597	-70.3
Carbon	274	562	-288	-51.2
Converse	167	716	-549	-76.7
Crook	82	196	-114	-58.2
Fremont	875	1,902	-1,027	-54.0
Goshen	75	301	-226	-75.1
Hot Springs	41	171	-130	-76.0
Johnson	163	358	-195	-54.5
Laramie	1,596	3,961	-2,365	-59.7
Lincoln	315	716	-401	-56.0
Natrona	1,685	5,474	-3,789	-69.2
Niobrara	13	58	-45	-77.6
Park	622	1,236	-614	-49.7
Platte	100	288	-188	-65.3
Sheridan	490	1,237	-747	-60.4
Sublette	120	571	-451	-79.0
Sweetwater	859	2,075	-1,216	-58.6
Teton	213	878	-665	-75.7
Uinta	206	857	-651	-76.0
Washakie	173	307	-134	-43.6
Weston	115	231	-116	-50.2
Unknown	42	146	-104	-71.2
Out of State	1,874	4,575	-2,701	-59.0
Normalized Total^a	11,522	30,685	-19,163	-62.5

^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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