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UI Claims Continue to Decline from Pandemic Highs

by: Michael Moore, Editor

The number of Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims in Wyoming continued to decline from prior-year levels in October, as initial claims decreased by 64.9% and continued claims decreased by 80.9% (see Definitions, page 9).

The September 2021 Wyoming UI claims report included an analysis comparing current claims levels to pre-pandemic levels; that report can be found online at https://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/UI/UI_Claims_0921.pdf.

Initial Claims

October 2021 marked the eighth

UI Claims Online

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consecutive month of over-the-year decreases in initial UI claims in Wyoming (see Figure 1). There were 2,136 initial claims in October 2021, down from 6,084 in October 2020 (-3,948 or -64.9%; see Table 1, page 5).

Over the year, all industries and counties showed decreases in initial claims (see Figures 3 and 4, page 6).

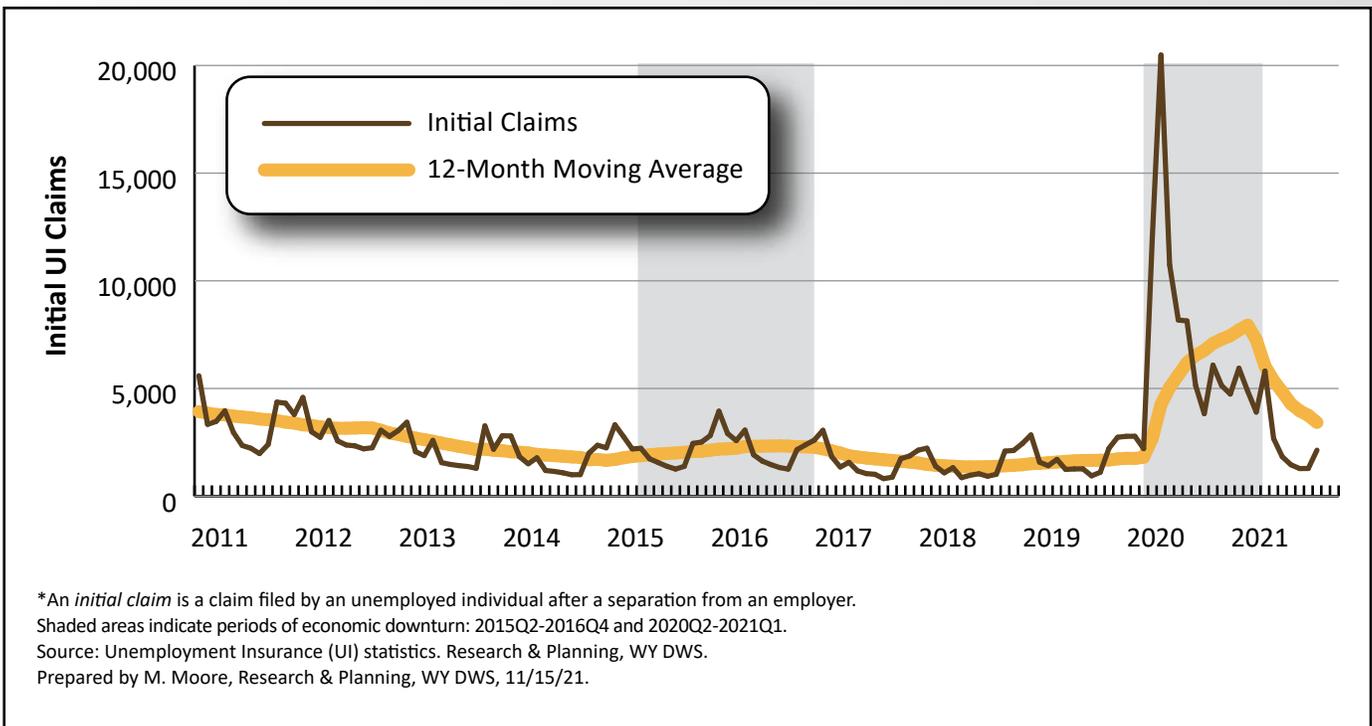


Figure 1: Total Number of Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by Year and Month, January 2011 to October 2021

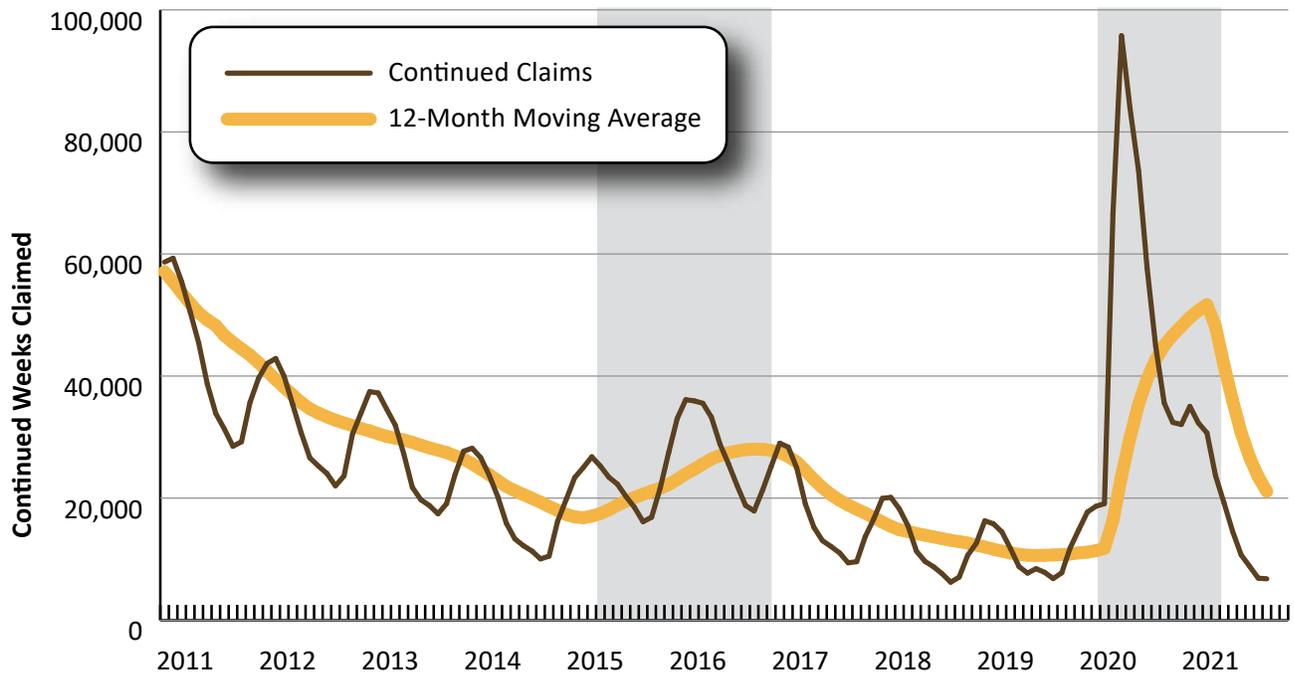
Initial claims followed their normal pattern and increased from September to October as many summer jobs ended and more individuals filed claims for UI benefits (see Table 1). The total number of initial claims increased from 1,286 in September to 2,136 in October (850, or 66.1%). Over the last five years, the number of initial claims increased by an average of 85.9% from September to October.

Over the month, substantial increases were seen in most industries, such as leisure & hospitality (378, or 248.7%), construction (152, or 55.7%), and unclassified (96, or 45.1%). Small decreases in initial claims were seen in retail trade, wholesale trade, and local government (see Table 1).

Continued Claims

Continued claims declined from prior-year levels for the seventh consecutive month in October (see Figure 2). The number of continued weeks claimed decreased from 35,565 in October 2020 to 6,782 in October 2021 (-28,783, or -80.9%; see Table 2, page 7). The number of unique claimants decreased from 11,681 to 2,552 (-9,129, or -78.2%).

All industries and counties showed decreases in continued claims over the year (see Figures 5 and 6, page 8). Continued claims decreased in most industries over the month, but substantial increases were seen in leisure & hospitality (312, or 59.3%), construction (55, or 5.6%), and federal government (37, or 54.4%; see Table 2).



*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.

Prepared by M. Moore, Research & Planning, WY DWS, 11/15/21.

Figure 2: Total Number of Unemployment Insurance Continued Weeks Claimed for Wyoming by Year and Month, January 2011 to October 2021

Table 1: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims in Wyoming, October 2021

Industry	Initial Claims Filed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Oct 2021	Sep 2021	Oct 2020	N	%	N	%
Total Claims Filed	2,136	1,286	6,084	850	66.1	-3,948	-64.9
Goods-Producing	558	384	1,431	174	45.3	-873	-61.0
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	68	53	424	15	28.3	-356	-84.0
Mining (21)	56	46	410	10	21.7	-354	-86.3
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	6	6	32	0	0.0	-26	-81.3
Construction (23)	425	273	862	152	55.7	-437	-50.7
Manufacturing (31-33)	64	57	143	7	12.3	-79	-55.2
Service-Providing	1,070	580	2,735	490	84.5	-1,665	-60.9
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	206	198	608	8	4.0	-402	-66.1
Wholesale Trade (42)	21	26	106	-5	-19.2	-85	-80.2
Retail Trade (44-45)	103	118	281	-15	-12.7	-178	-63.3
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	81	52	220	29	55.8	-139	-63.2
Information (51)	9	4	34	5	125.0	-25	-73.5
Financial Activities (52-53)	38	25	75	13	52.0	-37	-49.3
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	145	90	434	55	61.1	-289	-66.6
Education & Health Services (61-62)	99	88	267	11	12.5	-168	-62.9
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	530	152	1,179	378	248.7	-649	-55.0
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	40	20	135	20	100.0	-95	-70.4
Government	198	108	403	90	83.3	-205	-50.9
Federal Government	107	21	184	86	409.5	-77	-41.8
State Government	19	11	32	8	72.7	-13	-40.6
Local Government	71	75	187	-4	-5.3	-116	-62.0
Local Education	15	24	70	-9	-37.5	-55	-78.6
Unclassified	309	213	1,514	96	45.1	-1,205	-79.6
Laramie County							
Total Claims Filed	194	210	687	-16	-7.6	-493	-71.8
Goods-Producing	57	67	195	-10	-14.9	-138	-70.8
Construction	44	57	147	-13	-22.8	-103	-70.1
Service-Providing	99	103	285	-4	-3.9	-186	-65.3
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	29	34	77	-5	-14.7	-48	-62.3
Financial Activities (52, 53)	6	4	9	2	50.0	-3	-33.3
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	24	30	64	-6	-20.0	-40	-62.5
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	9	21	48	-12	-57.1	-39	-81.3
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	23	7	58	16	228.6	-35	-60.3
Government	8	9	29	-1	-11.1	-21	-72.4
Unclassified	29	30	176	-1	-3.3	-147	-83.5
Natrona County							
Total Claims Filed	337	214	998	123	57.5	-661	-66.2
Goods-Producing	116	64	254	52	81.3	-138	-54.3
Construction	101	42	167	59	140.5	-66	-39.5
Service-Providing	147	111	507	36	32.4	-360	-71.0
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	45	43	148	2	4.7	-103	-69.6
Financial Activities (52, 53)	5	6	19	-1	-16.7	-14	-73.7
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	22	9	97	13	144.4	-75	-77.3
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	36	25	67	11	44.0	-31	-46.3
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	25	23	119	2	8.7	-94	-79.0
Government	15	9	36	6	66.7	-21	-58.3
Unclassified	58	29	199	29	100.0	-141	-70.9

N/D = Not discloseable due to confidentiality.

Source: Unemployment Insurance claims database. Prepared by C. McGrath, Research & Planning, WY DWS, 11/15/21.

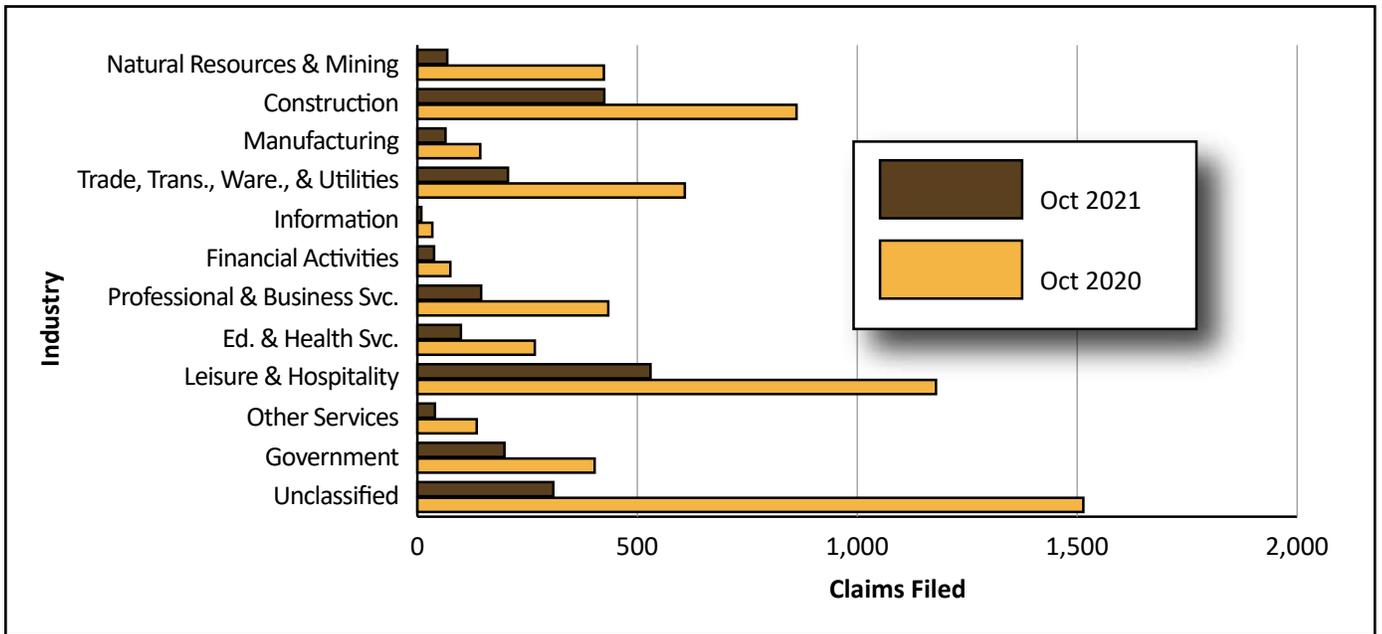


Figure 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, October 2020 and October 2021

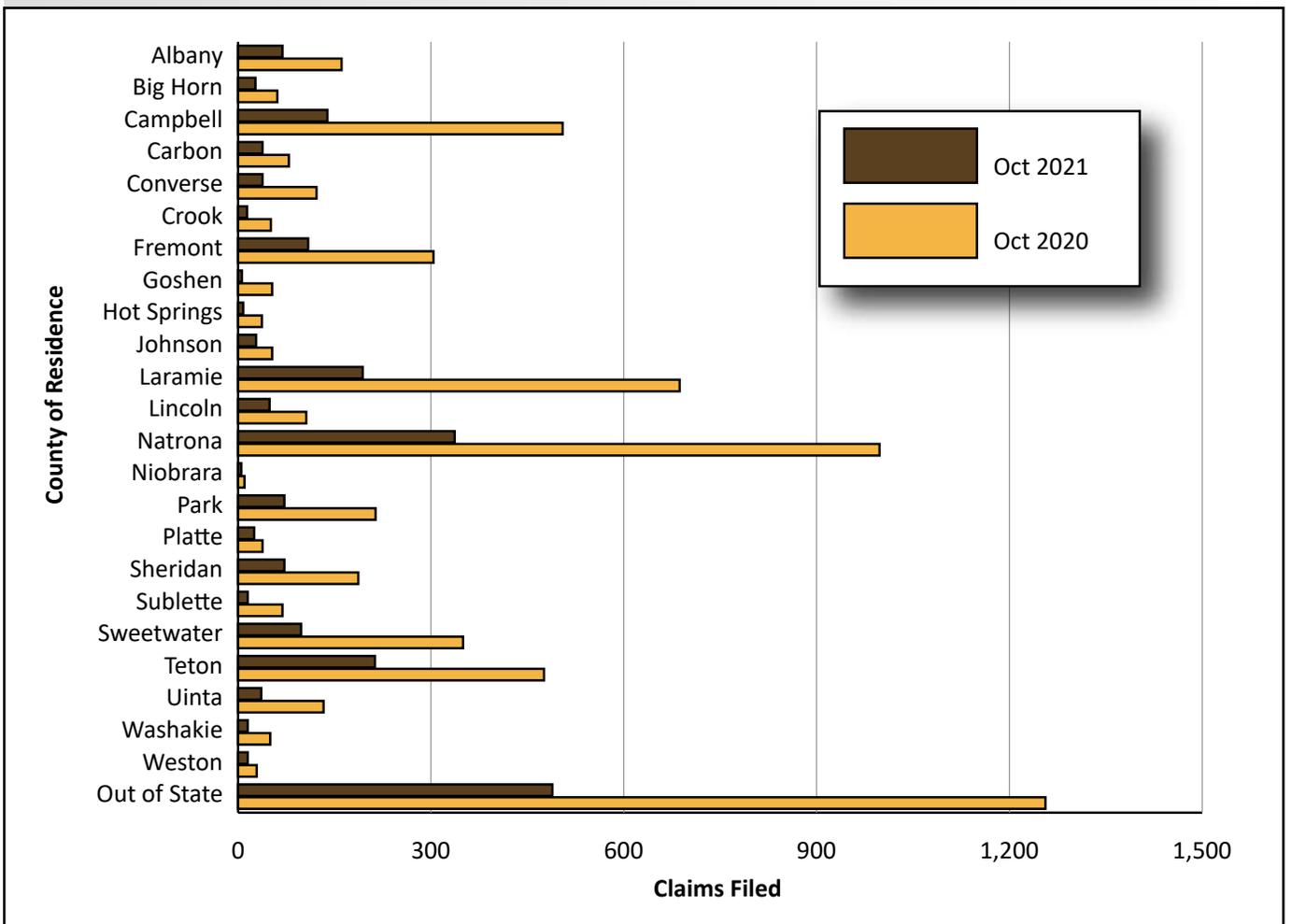


Figure 4: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, October 2020 and October 2021

Table 2: Unemployment Insurance Continued Weeks Claimed in Wyoming, October 2021

Industry	Continued Weeks Claimed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Oct 2021	Sep 2021	Oct 2020	N	%	N	%
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	6,782	6,882	35,565	-100	-1.5	-28,783	-80.9
Total Unique Claimants	2,552	2,105	11,681	447	21.2	-9,129	-78.2
Goods-Producing	1,749	1,758	12,483	-9	-0.5	-10,734	-86.0
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	457	495	6,485	-38	-7.7	-6,028	-93.0
Mining (21)	395	447	6,409	-52	-11.6	-6,014	-93.8
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	73	75	229	-2	-2.7	-156	-68.1
Construction (23)	1,040	985	4,721	55	5.6	-3,681	-78.0
Manufacturing (31-33)	251	277	1,276	-26	-9.4	-1,025	-80.3
Service-Providing	3,277	3,283	14,812	-6	-0.2	-11,535	-77.9
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	1,073	1,130	4,877	-57	-5.0	-3,804	-78.0
Wholesale Trade (42)	234	268	1,649	-34	-12.7	-1,415	-85.8
Retail Trade (44-45)	546	571	1,767	-25	-4.4	-1,221	-69.1
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	292	290	1,460	2	0.7	-1,168	-80.0
Information (51)	64	81	219	-17	-21.0	-155	-70.8
Financial Activities (52-53)	189	245	819	-56	-22.9	-630	-76.9
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	469	546	2,819	-77	-14.1	-2,350	-83.4
Education & Health Services (61-62)	506	609	1,687	-103	-16.9	-1,181	-70.0
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	838	526	3,610	312	59.3	-2,772	-76.8
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	134	143	778	-9	-6.3	-644	-82.8
Government	515	555	1,645	-40	-7.2	-1,130	-68.7
Federal Government	105	68	234	37	54.4	-129	-55.1
State Government	56	47	261	9	19.1	-205	-78.5
Local Government	353	439	1,148	-86	-19.6	-795	-69.3
Local Education	114	127	356	-13	-10.2	-242	-68.0
Unclassified	1,240	1,285	6,623	-45	-3.5	-5,383	-81.3
Laramie County							
Total Claims Filed	830	1,014	3,942	-184	-18.1	-3,112	-78.9
Total Unique Claimants	306	326	1,275	-20	-6.1	-969	-76.0
Goods-Producing	207	194	909	13	6.7	-702	-77.2
Construction	151	142	440	9	6.3	-289	-65.7
Service-Providing	439	542	1,923	-103	-19.0	-1,484	-77.2
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	175	191	596	-16	-8.4	-421	-70.6
Financial Activities (52, 53)	36	45	108	-9	-20.0	-72	-66.7
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	93	125	378	-32	-25.6	-285	-75.4
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	68	97	339	-29	-29.9	-271	-79.9
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	36	47	365	-11	-23.4	-329	-90.1
Government	38	52	277	-14	-26.9	-239	-86.3
Unclassified	143	224	832	-81	-36.2	-689	-82.8
Natrona County							
Total Claims Filed	1,058	1,194	7,486	-136	-11.4	-6,428	-85.9
Total Unique Claimants	410	376	2,390	34	9.0	-1,980	-82.8
Goods-Producing	222	250	2,582	-28	-11.2	-2,360	-91.4
Construction	152	131	719	21	16.0	-567	-78.9
Service-Providing	598	714	3,694	-116	-16.2	-3,096	-83.8
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	255	256	1,530	-1	-0.4	-1,275	-83.3
Financial Activities (52, 53)	32	51	286	-19	-37.3	-254	-88.8
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	48	71	606	-23	-32.4	-558	-92.1
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	137	148	343	-11	-7.4	-206	-60.1
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	82	122	575	-40	-32.8	-493	-85.7
Government	57	68	107	-11	-16.2	-50	-46.7
Unclassified	179	161	1,101	18	11.2	-922	-83.7

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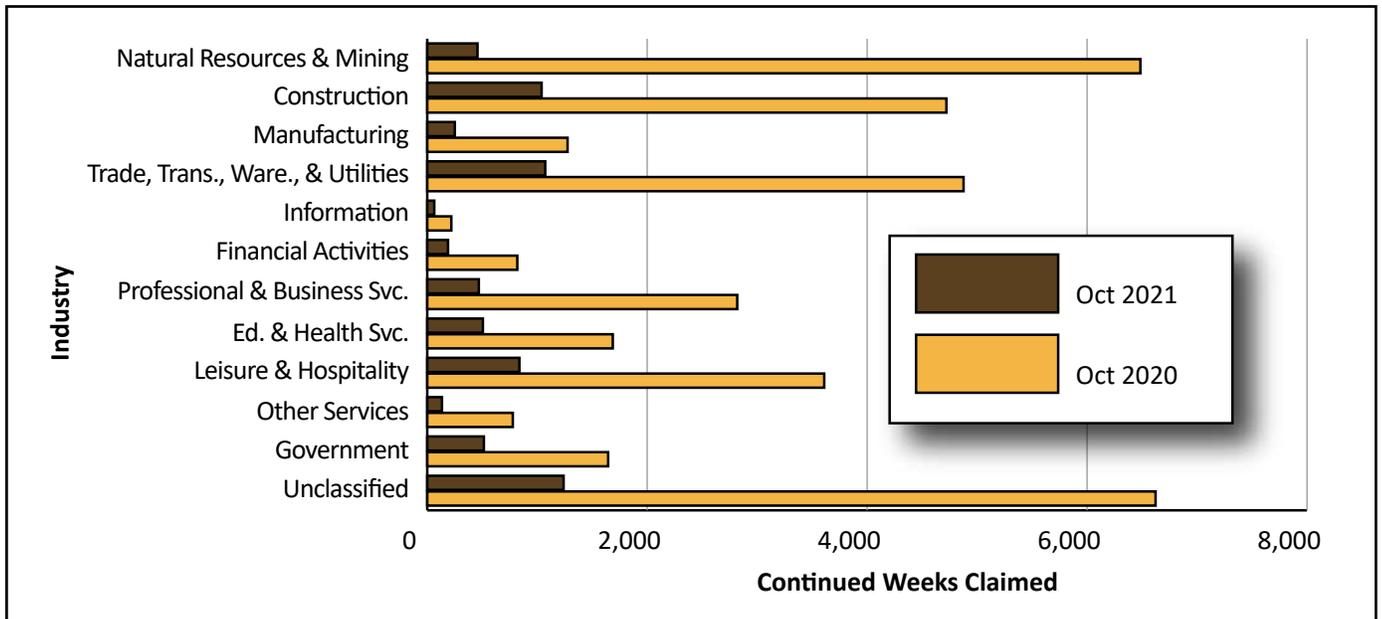


Figure 5: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, October 2020 and October 2021

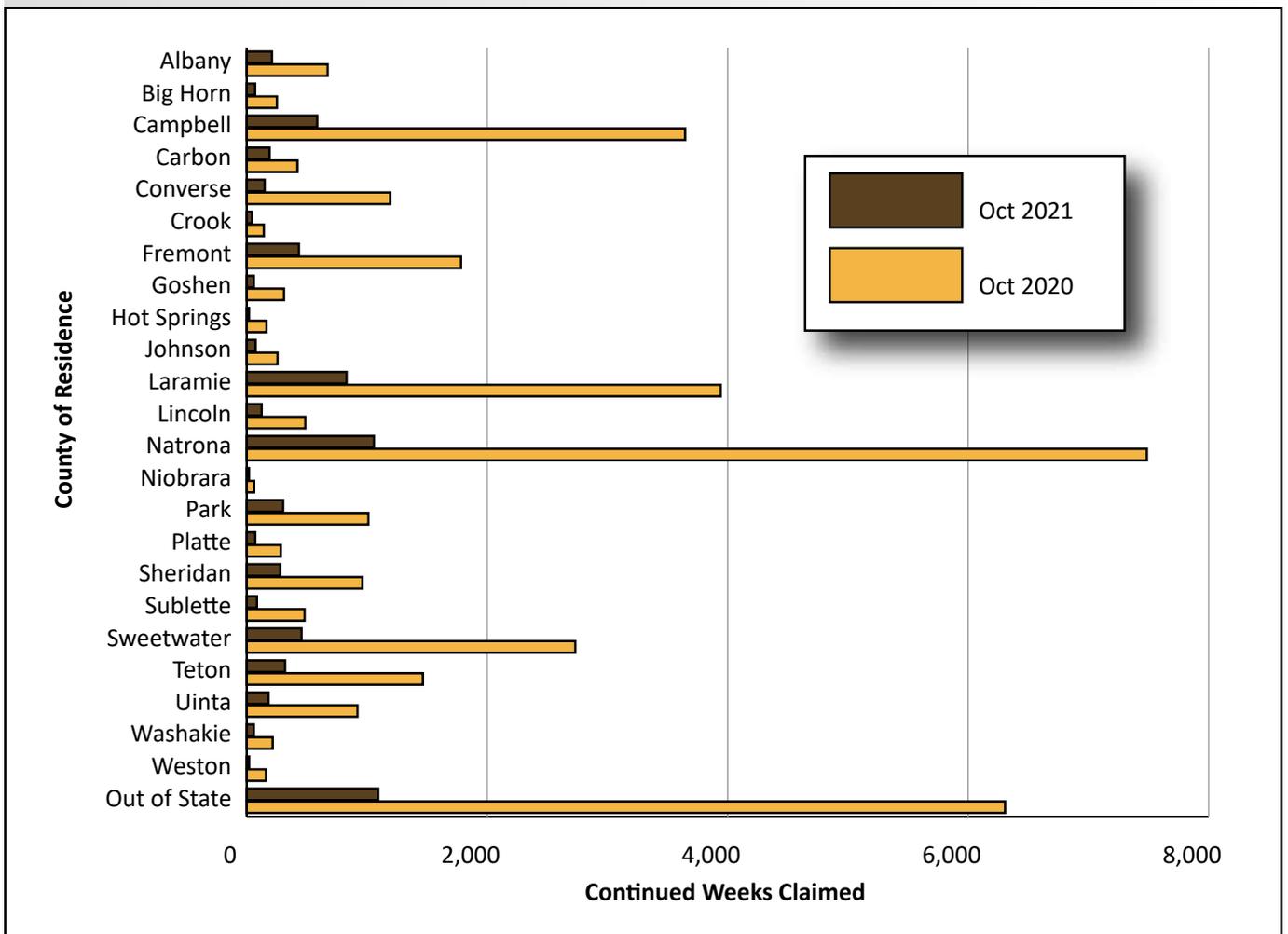


Figure 6: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence in Wyoming, October 2020 and October 2021

Table 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by County of Residence, October 2020 and October 2021

County	Oct 2021	Oct 2020	Change	
			N	%
Albany	69	161	-92	-57.1
Big Horn	27	61	-34	-55.7
Campbell	139	505	-366	-72.5
Carbon	38	79	-41	-51.9
Converse	38	122	-84	-68.9
Crook	14	51	-37	-72.5
Fremont	109	304	-195	-64.1
Goshen	6	53	-47	-88.7
Hot Springs	8	37	-29	-78.4
Johnson	28	53	-25	-47.2
Laramie	194	687	-493	-71.8
Lincoln	49	106	-57	-53.8
Natrona	337	998	-661	-66.2
Niobrara	5	10	-5	-50.0
Park	72	214	-142	-66.4
Platte	25	38	-13	-34.2
Sheridan	72	187	-115	-61.5
Sublette	15	69	-54	-78.3
Sweetwater	98	350	-252	-72.0
Teton	213	476	-263	-55.3
Uinta	36	133	-97	-72.9
Washakie	15	50	-35	-70.0
Weston	15	29	-14	-48.3
Unknown	14	45	-31	-68.9
Out of State	489	1,256	-767	-61.1
Total	2,136	6,084	-3,948	-64.9

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, October 2020 and October 2021

County	Oct 2021	Oct 2020	Change	
			N	%
Albany	210	673	-463	-68.8
Big Horn	70	251	-181	-72.1
Campbell	586	3,646	-3,060	-83.9
Carbon	190	422	-232	-55.0
Converse	149	1,193	-1,044	-87.5
Crook	45	142	-97	-68.3
Fremont	434	1,782	-1,348	-75.6
Goshen	59	310	-251	-81.0
Hot Springs	19	164	-145	-88.4
Johnson	74	256	-182	-71.1
Laramie	830	3,942	-3,112	-78.9
Lincoln	124	487	-363	-74.5
Natrona	1,058	7,486	-6,428	-85.9
Niobrara	19	62	-43	-69.4
Park	303	1,012	-709	-70.1
Platte	71	283	-212	-74.9
Sheridan	279	962	-683	-71.0
Sublette	85	481	-396	-82.3
Sweetwater	456	2,733	-2,277	-83.3
Teton	319	1,465	-1,146	-78.2
Uinta	181	921	-740	-80.3
Washakie	59	216	-157	-72.7
Weston	20	160	-140	-87.5
Unknown	38	197	-159	-80.7
Out of State	1,093	6,307	-5,214	-82.7
Normalized Total^a	6,782	35,565	-28,783	-80.9

^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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