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Claims Drop as Summer Employment Picks Up

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Initial and continued Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims (see Definitions, page 9) declined substantially from April to May. This is a common pattern in Wyoming as employers begin hiring more workers for the summer.

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 1,085 initial claims in May 2023, down from 1,161 in May 2022 (-76, or -6.5%). Initial claims also decreased over the month, down 38.9% compared to April 2023. As mentioned, this is a common seasonal pattern (see Figure 1).

The industries with the largest numbers of initial claims included construction (261),

trade, transportation, & utilities (180), leisure & hospitality (173), and educational & health services (112). Mining showed the greatest over-the-year decrease in initial claims of all industries (-93, or -61.2%; see Table 1, page 5, and Figure 4, page 6).

There were more initial claims made by out-of-state claimants (187) than any Wyoming county. The Wyoming counties

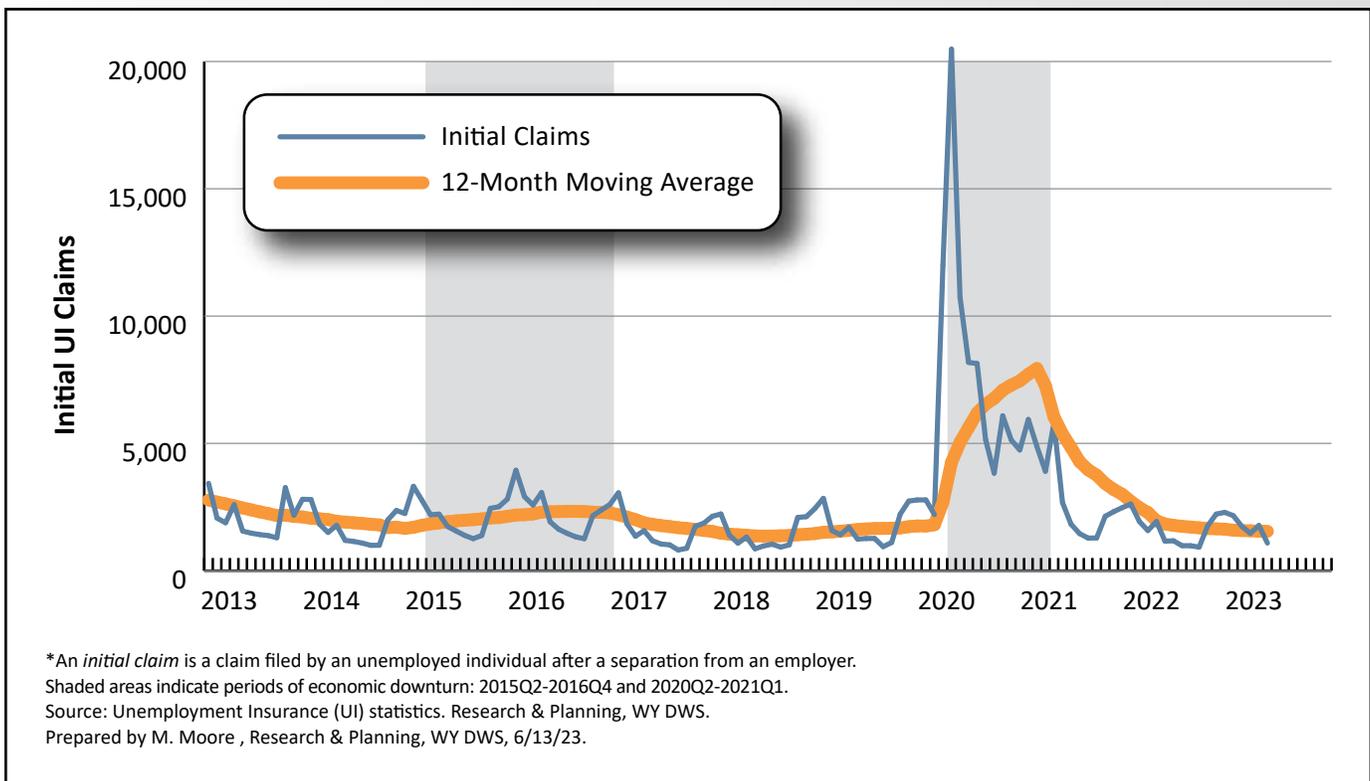


Figure 1: Total Number of Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by Year and Month, January 2013 to May 2023

with the most initial claims were Laramie (157), Natrona (156), Sweetwater (86), and Fremont (75; see Table 3, page 9). Lincoln County saw a substantial over-the-year decrease in initial claims (-74, or -75.5%).

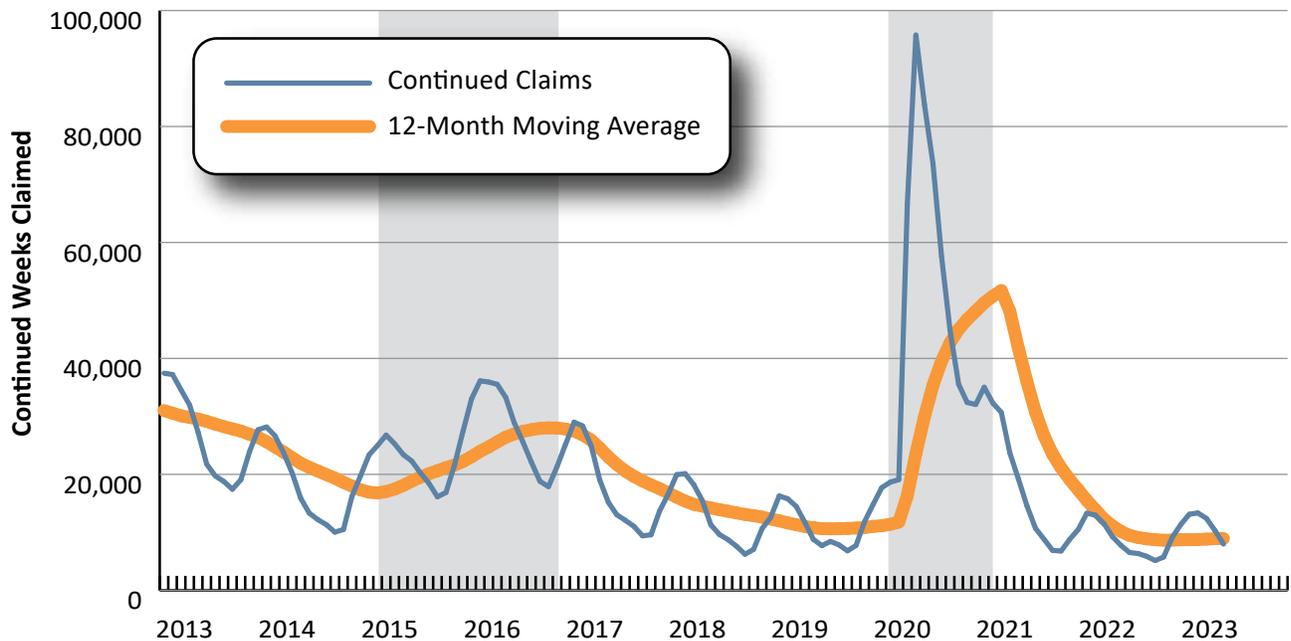
Continued Claims

The total number of continued weeks claimed increased from 7,752 in May 2022 to 7,977 in May 2023 (225, or 2.9%). Continued claims decreased 22.7% over the month, which is a common pattern historically. The number of unique claimants decreased from 2,749 to 2,476 (-273, or -9.9%) over the year, and by 34.8% over the month (see Figure 2 and Table 2, page 7).

The industries with the most continued weeks claimed included leisure &

hospitality (1,679), construction (1,444), trade, transportation, & utilities (1,237), and professional & business services (763; see Figure 6, page 8). Several industries saw substantial over-the-year increases in continued claims, such as professional & business services (163, or 27.2%) and financial activities (156, or 65.3%).

Out-of-state claimants had the greatest number of continued claims with 1,201, followed by Laramie (1,168), Natrona (994), and Teton (824) counties (see Figure 6, page 8, and Table 4, page 9). Laramie County had the greatest over-the-year increase in continued claims (274, or 30.6%) while Teton County had the greatest decrease (-221, or -21.1%). The number of out-of-state claimants dropped by 277, or 18.7%.



*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, 6/13/23.

Figure 2: Total Number of Unemployment Insurance Continued Weeks Claimed for Wyoming by Year and Month, January 2013 to May 2023

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

Industry	Initial Claims Filed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	May 2023	Apr 2023	May 2022	N	%	N	%
Total Claims Filed	1,085	1,776	1,161	-691	-38.9	-76	-6.5
Goods-Producing	368	541	481	-173	-32.0	-113	-23.5
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	63	75	154	-12	-16.0	-91	-59.1
Mining (21)	59	63	152	-4	-6.3	-93	-61.2
Construction (23)	261	379	280	-118	-31.1	-19	-6.8
Manufacturing (31-33)	43	85	46	-42	-49.4	-3	-6.5
Service-Providing	634	1,129	596	-495	-43.8	38	6.4
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	180	251	153	-71	-28.3	27	17.6
Wholesale Trade (42)	29	31	24	-2	-6.5	5	20.8
Retail Trade (44-45)	95	129	77	-34	-26.4	18	23.4
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	56	89	50	-33	-37.1	6	12.0
Information (51)	12	12	6	0	0.0	6	100.0
Financial Activities (52-53)	35	51	47	-16	-31.4	-12	-25.5
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	92	132	90	-40	-30.3	2	2.2
Education & Health Services (61-62)	112	93	99	19	20.4	13	13.1
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	173	566	173	-393	-69.4	0	0.0
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	27	21	24	6	28.6	3	12.5
Government	64	87	73	-23	-26.4	-9	-12.3
Federal Government	6	24	14	-18	-75.0	-8	-57.1
State Government	9	11	3	-2	-18.2	6	200.0
Local Government	47	50	56	-3	-6.0	-9	-16.1
Local Education	20	9	21	11	122.2	-1	-4.8
Unclassified	18	18	9	0	0.0	9	100.0
Laramie County							
Total Claims Filed	157	232	161	-75	-32.3	-4	-2.5
Goods-Producing	53	75	54	-22	-29.3	-1	-1.9
Construction	46	57	53	-11	-19.3	-7	-13.2
Service-Providing	93	138	101	-45	-32.6	-8	-7.9
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	32	60	38	-28	-46.7	-6	-15.8
Financial Activities (52, 53)	8	10	8	-2	-20.0	0	0.0
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	13	24	27	-11	-45.8	-14	-51.9
Educational & Health Services (61-62)	20	16	15	4	25.0	5	33.3
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	12	17	8	-5	-29.4	4	50.0
Government	8	10	4	-2	-20.0	4	100.0
Natrona County							
Total Claims Filed	156	220	165	-64	-29.1	-9	-5.5
Goods-Producing	46	111	51	-65	-58.6	-5	-9.8
Construction	28	92	37	-64	-69.6	-9	-24.3
Service-Providing	104	103	102	1	1.0	2	2.0
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	45	43	19	2	4.7	26	136.8
Financial Activities (52, 53)	7	7	6	0	0.0	1	16.7
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	12	17	23	-5	-29.4	-11	-47.8
Educational & Health Services (61-62)	13	24	23	-11	-45.8	-10	-43.5
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	19	5	22	14	280.0	-3	-13.6
Government	0	4	9	-4	-100.0	-9	-100.0

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Source: Unemployment Insurance claims database.

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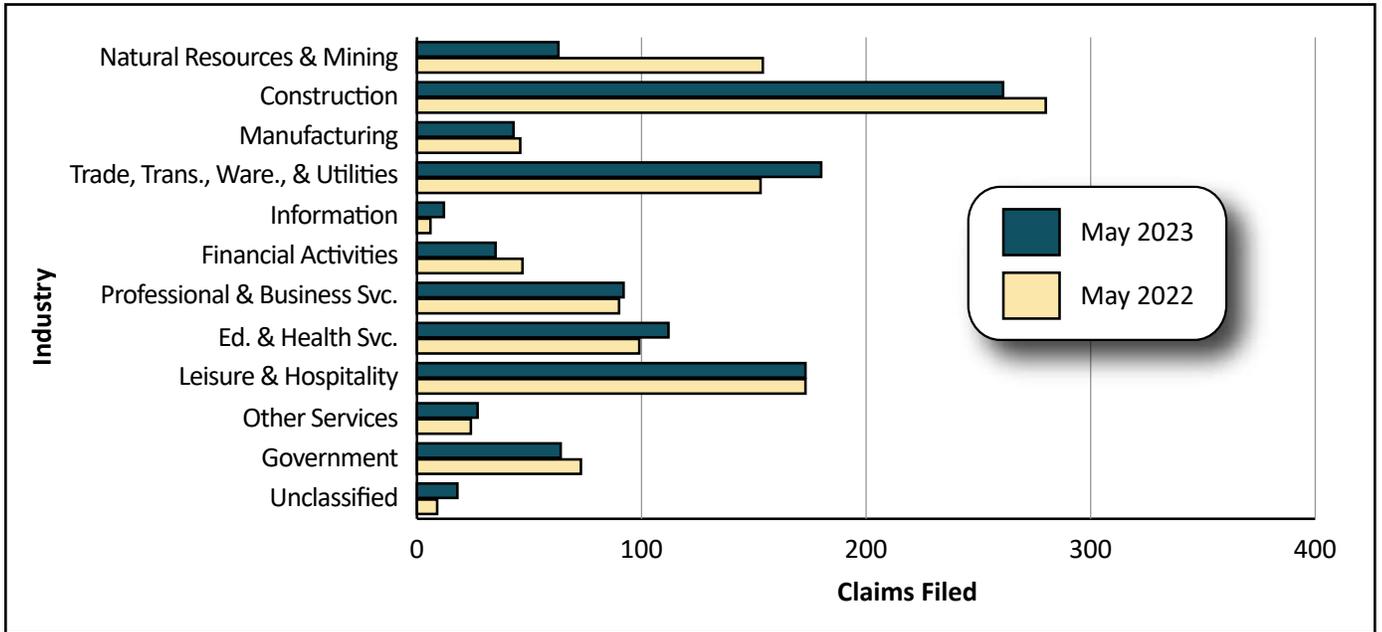


Figure 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, May 2022 and May 2023

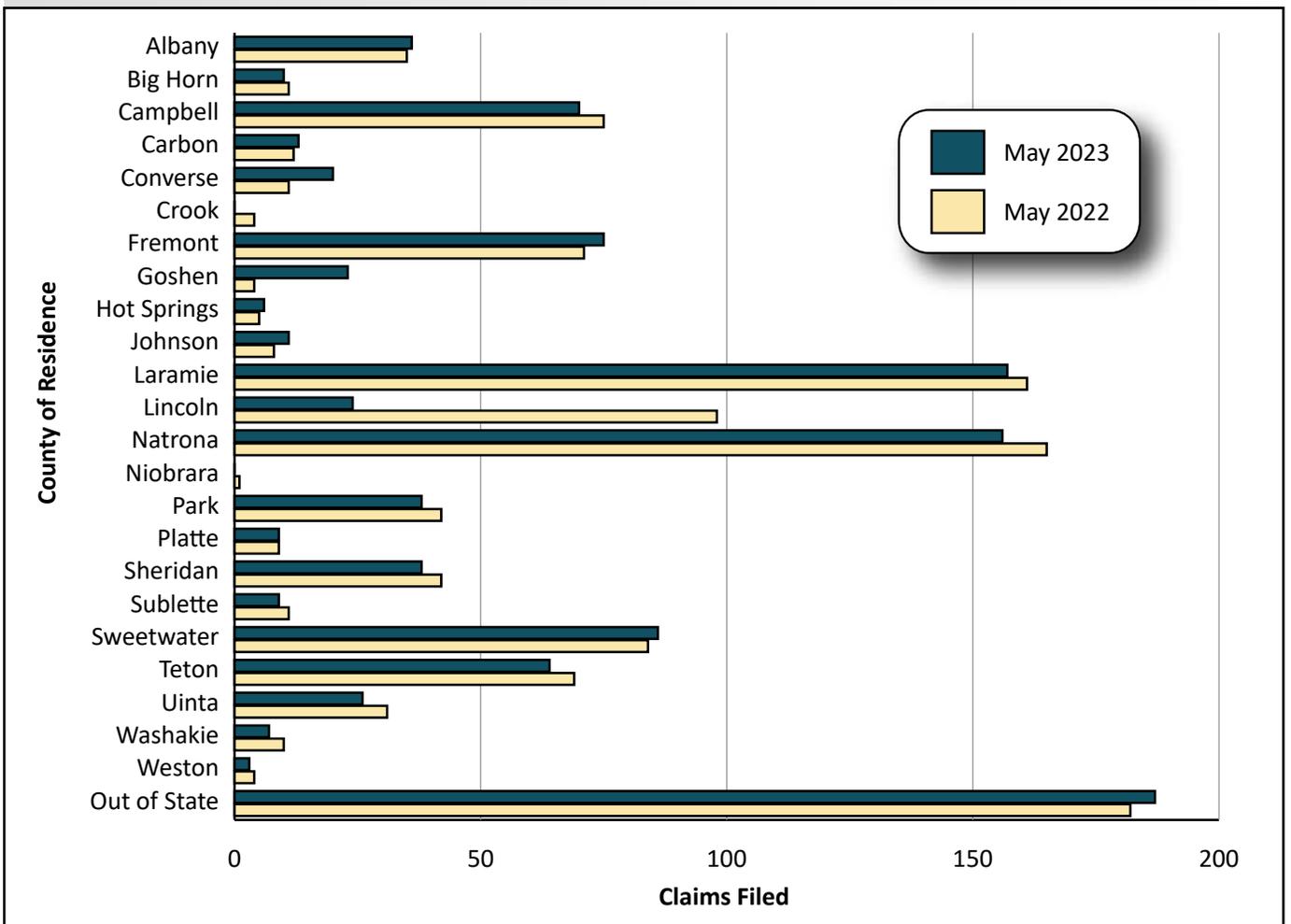


Figure 4: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, May 2022 and May 2023

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

Industry	Continued Weeks Claimed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	May 2023	Apr 2023	May 2022	N	%	N	%
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	7,977	10,317	7,752	-2,340	-22.7	225	2.9
Total Unique Claimants	2,476	3,795	2,749	-1,319	-34.8	-273	-9.9
Goods-Producing	2,383	4,030	2,475	-1,647	-40.9	-92	-3.7
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	500	574	496	-74	-12.9	4	0.8
Mining (21)	452	490	426	-38	-7.8	26	6.1
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	57	55	32	2	3.6	25	78.1
Construction (23)	1,444	2,787	1,620	-1,343	-48.2	-176	-10.9
Manufacturing (31-33)	438	667	358	-229	-34.3	80	22.3
Service-Providing	4,973	5,359	4,646	-386	-7.2	327	7.0
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	1,237	1,342	1,307	-105	-7.8	-70	-5.4
Wholesale Trade (42)	182	214	184	-32	-15.0	-2	-1.1
Retail Trade (44-45)	662	659	553	3	0.5	109	19.7
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	392	468	570	-76	-16.2	-178	-31.2
Information (51)	111	127	66	-16	-12.6	45	68.2
Financial Activities (52-53)	395	349	239	46	13.2	156	65.3
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	763	1,013	600	-250	-24.7	163	27.2
Education & Health Services (61-62)	652	552	528	100	18.1	124	23.5
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	1,679	1,828	1,725	-149	-8.2	-46	-2.7
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	133	146	178	-13	-8.9	-45	-25.3
Government	506	783	521	-277	-35.4	-15	-2.9
Federal Government	89	329	132	-240	-72.9	-43	-32.6
State Government	82	119	57	-37	-31.1	25	43.9
Local Government	335	335	332	0	0.0	3	0.9
Local Education	73	70	84	3	4.3	-11	-13.1
Unclassified	114	143	109	-29	-20.3	5	4.6
Laramie County							
Total Claims Filed	1,168	1,425	894	-257	-18.0	274	30.6
Total Unique Claimants	353	526	312	-173	-32.9	41	13.1
Goods-Producing	273	539	266	-266	-49.4	7	2.6
Construction	207	438	218	-231	-52.7	-11	-5.0
Service-Providing	791	792	550	-1	-0.1	241	43.8
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	264	260	190	4	1.5	74	38.9
Financial Activities (52, 53)	76	57	44	19	33.3	32	72.7
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	150	168	120	-18	-10.7	30	25.0
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	144	133	108	11	8.3	36	33.3
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	96	126	54	-30	-23.8	42	77.8
Government	60	60	49	0	0.0	11	22.4
Unclassified	42	33	27	9	27.3	15	55.6
Natrona County							
Total Claims Filed	994	1,335	1,013	-341	-25.5	-19	-1.9
Total Unique Claimants	308	504	345	-196	-38.9	-37	-10.7
Goods-Producing	317	621	303	-304	-49.0	14	4.6
Construction	199	441	199	-242	-54.9	0	0.0
Service-Providing	642	662	645	-20	-3.0	-3	-0.5
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	202	217	220	-15	-6.9	-18	-8.2
Financial Activities (52, 53)	64	56	60	8	14.3	4	6.7
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	102	122	114	-20	-16.4	-12	-10.5
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	164	126	102	38	30.2	62	60.8
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	84	98	99	-14	-14.3	-15	-15.2
Government	23	37	55	-14	-37.8	-32	-58.2
Unclassified	10	14	9	-4	-28.6	1	11.1

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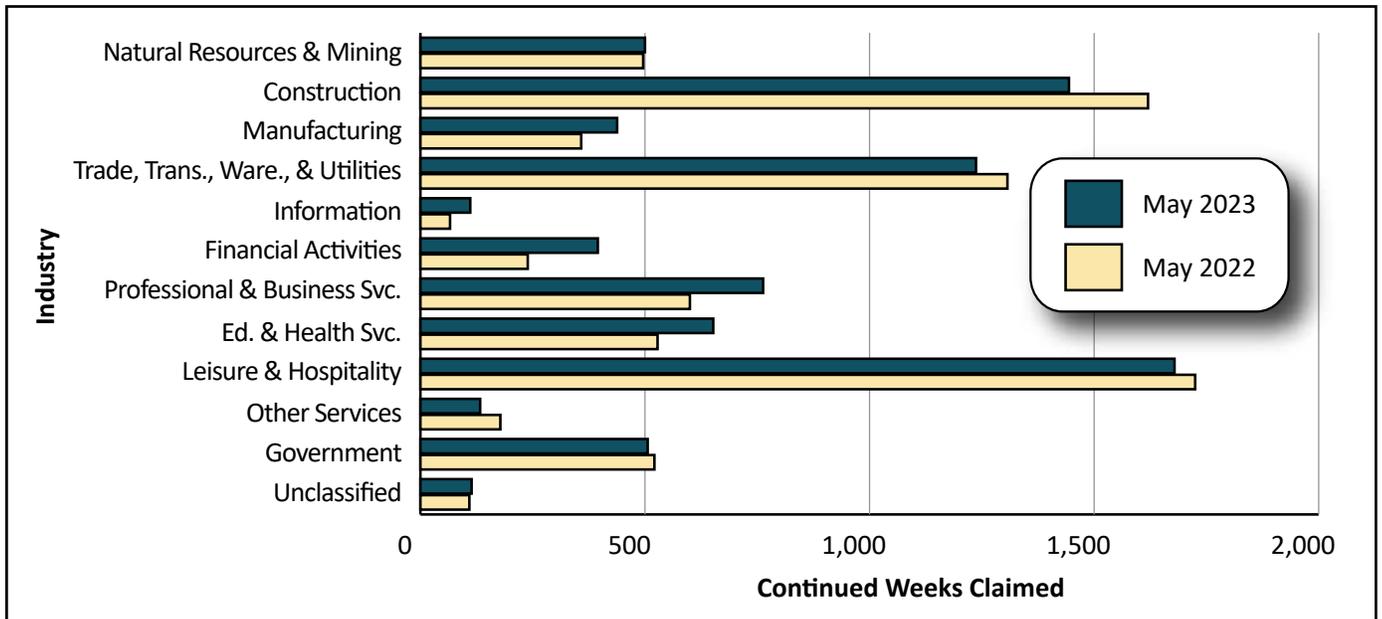


Figure 5: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, May 2022 and May 2023

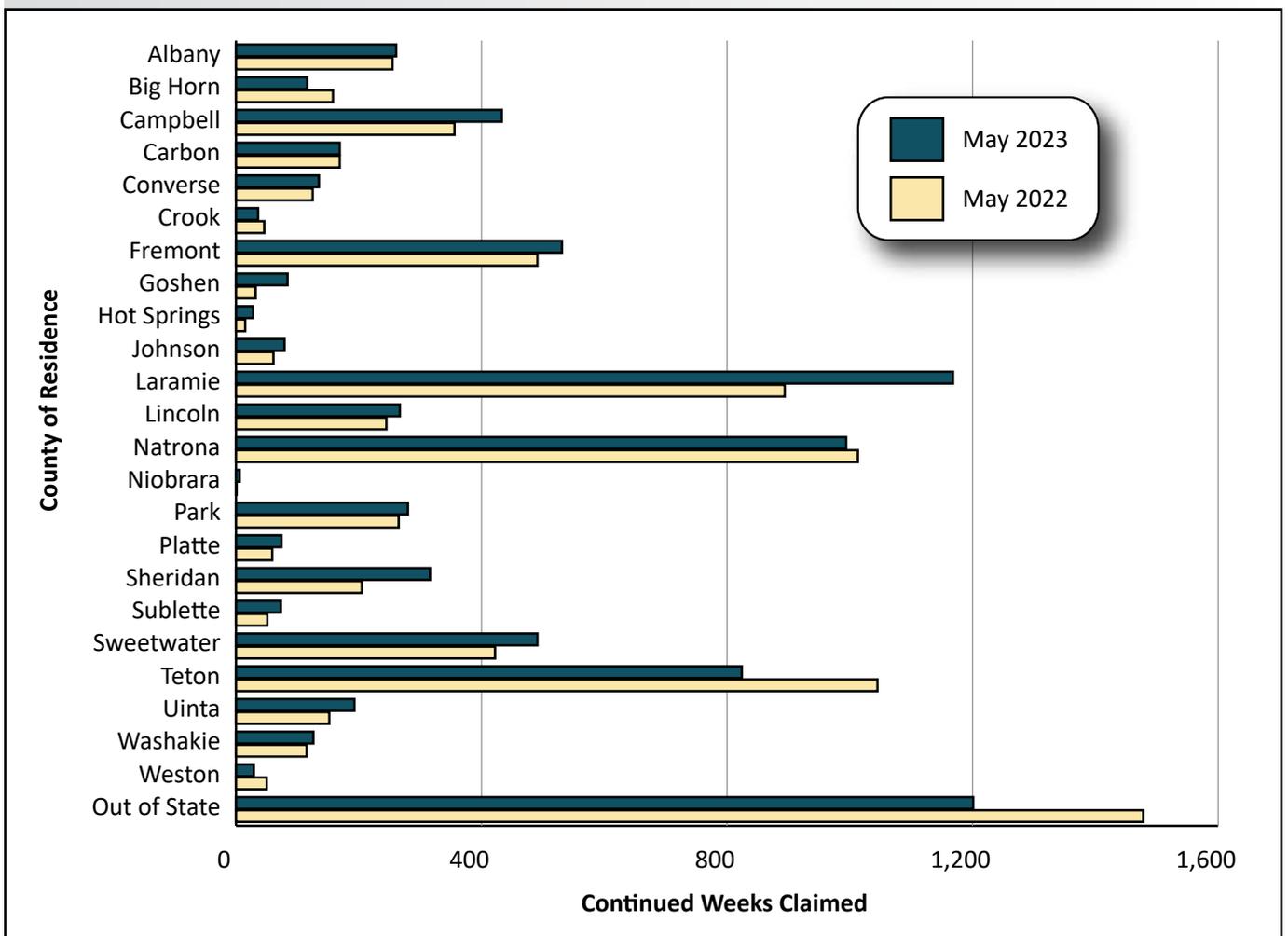


Figure 6: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence in Wyoming, May 2022 and May 2023

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

County	May 2023	May 2022	Change	
			N	%
Albany	36	35	1	2.9
Big Horn	10	11	-1	-9.1
Campbell	70	75	-5	-6.7
Carbon	13	12	1	8.3
Converse	20	11	9	81.8
Crook	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Fremont	75	71	4	5.6
Goshen	23	4	19	475.0
Hot Springs	6	5	1	20.0
Johnson	11	8	3	37.5
Laramie	157	161	-4	-2.5
Lincoln	24	98	-74	-75.5
Natrona	156	165	-9	-5.5
Niobrara	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Park	38	42	-4	-9.5
Platte	9	9	0	0.0
Sheridan	38	42	-4	-9.5
Sublette	9	11	-2	-18.2
Sweetwater	86	84	2	2.4
Teton	64	69	-5	-7.2
Uinta	26	31	-5	-16.1
Washakie	7	10	-3	-30.0
Weston	3	4	-1	-25.0
Unknown	6	3	3	100.0
Out of State	187	182	5	2.7
Total	1,085	1,161	-76	-6.5

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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, May 2022 and May 2023

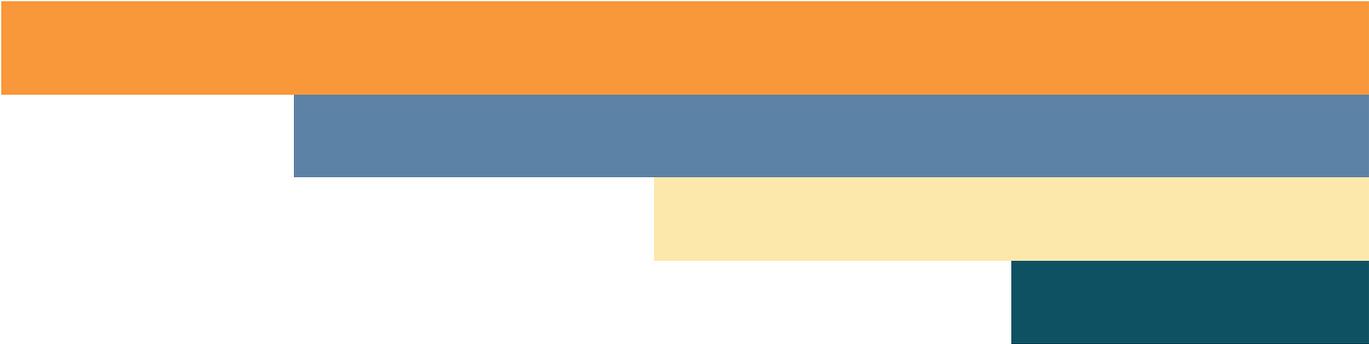
County	May 2023	May 2022	Change	
			N	%
Albany	261	255	6	2.4
Big Horn	116	158	-42	-26.6
Campbell	433	356	77	21.6
Carbon	169	169	0	0.0
Converse	135	125	10	8.0
Crook	36	46	-10	-21.7
Fremont	531	491	40	8.1
Goshen	84	32	52	162.5
Hot Springs	28	N/A	N/A	N/A
Johnson	79	61	18	29.5
Laramie	1,168	894	274	30.6
Lincoln	267	245	22	9.0
Natrona	994	1,013	-19	-1.9
Niobrara	6	N/A	N/A	N/A
Park	280	265	15	5.7
Platte	74	59	15	25.4
Sheridan	316	205	111	54.1
Sublette	73	51	22	43.1
Sweetwater	491	422	69	16.4
Teton	824	1,045	-221	-21.1
Uinta	193	152	41	27.0
Washakie	126	115	11	9.6
Weston	29	50	-21	-42.0
Unknown	51	37	14	37.8
Out of State	1,201	1,478	-277	-18.7
Normalized Total^a	7,977	7,752	225	2.9

^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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