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UI Claims Lower than Pre-Pandemic Levels in June 2022

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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 June 2022.

Initial Claims

There were 1,174 initial claims in June 2022, down from 1,827 in June 2021 (-653 or -35.7%). Initial claims were 7.1% lower than the 1,264 in June 2019 prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. Initial claims peaked in April 2020 at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic and have largely trended downward since (see Figure 1).

The industries with the largest

UI Claims Online

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numbers of initial claims included construction (219), education & health services (152), trade, transportation, & utilities (114), and natural resources & mining (114; see Table 1, page 5, and Figure 3, page 6).

Laramie (181), Natrona (124), Fremont

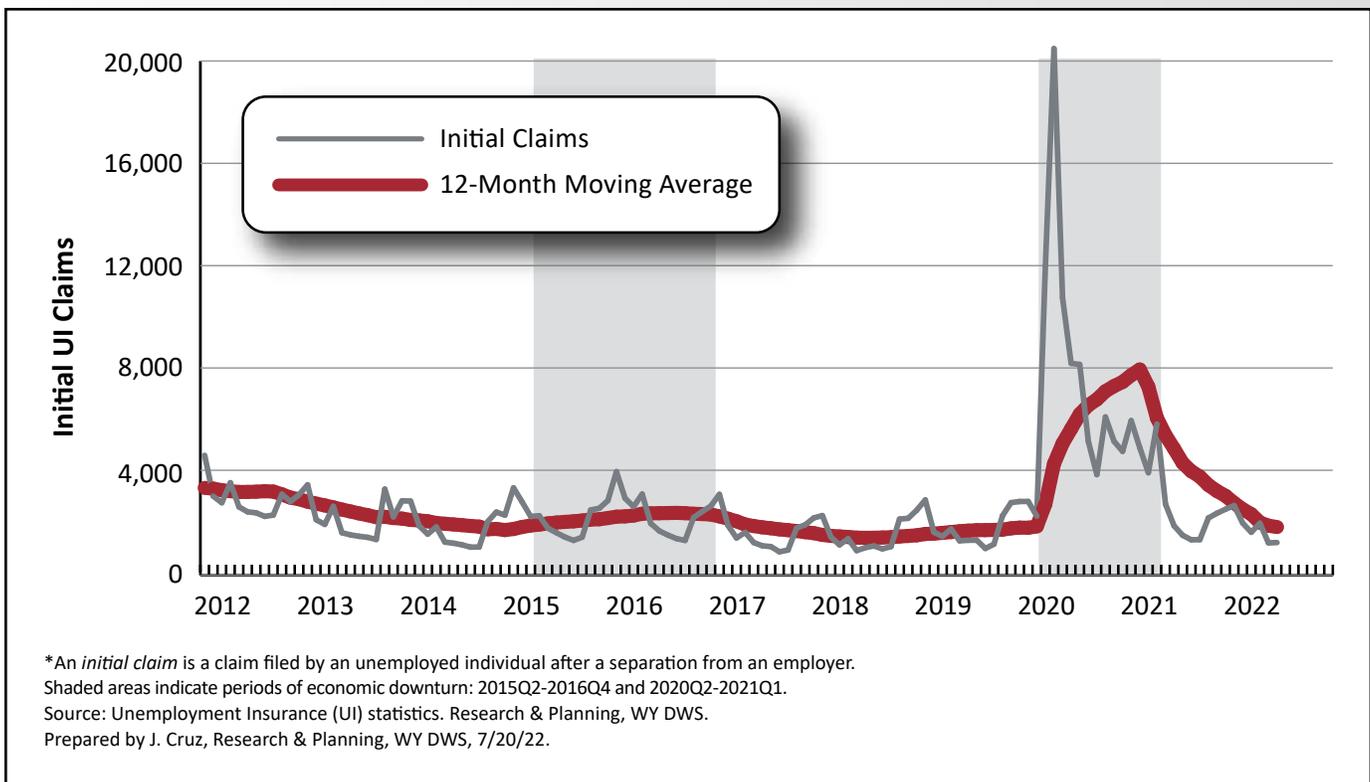


Figure 1: Total Number of Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by Year and Month, January 2012 to April 2022

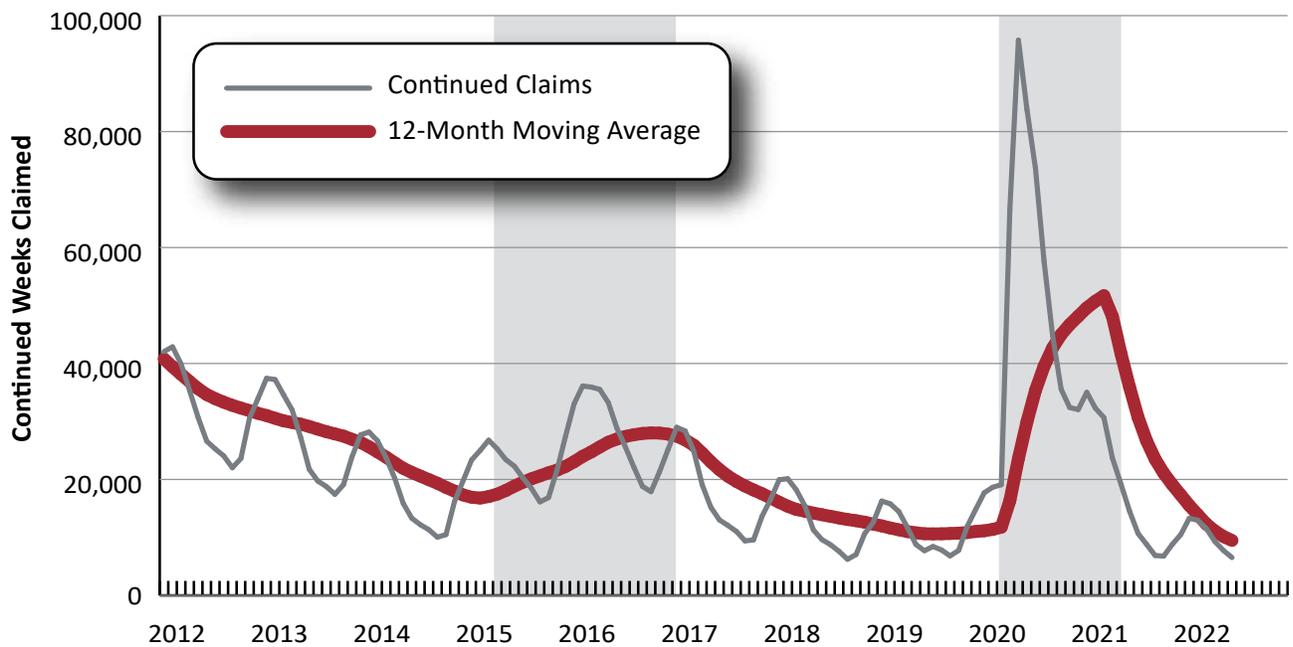
(107), Sweetwater (76), and Campbell (68) counties had the largest number of initial claims. In addition, there were 200 initial claims by out-of-state claimants (see Figure 4, page 6 and Table 3, page 9).

Continued Claims

The total number of continued weeks claimed decreased from 14,561 in June 2021 to 6,524 in June 2022 (-8,037, or -55.2%). The number of unique claimants decreased from 4,692 to 2,022 (-2,670, or -56.9%; see Figure 2 and Table 2, page 7). Continued claims were down 15.4% from the 7,709 in June 2019.

The industries with the most continued weeks claimed included construction (993), trade, transportation and utilities (918), leisure & hospitality (772), and educational & health services (582). There were 481 continued weeks claimed in total government.

There were more continued weeks claimed for out-of-state claimants (1,199) than any single county in Wyoming (see Figure 6, page 8, and Table 4, page 9). The counties with the greatest numbers of continued weeks claimed were Natrona (898), Laramie (853), Fremont (536), and Teton (471).



*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 J. Cruz, Research & Planning, WY DWS, 7/20/22.

Figure 2: Total Number of Unemployment Insurance Continued Weeks Claimed for Wyoming by Year and Month, January 2012 to June 2022

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

Industry	Initial Claims Filed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Jun 2022	May 2022	Jun 2021	N	%	N	%
Total Claims Filed	1,174	1,161	1,827	13	1.1	-653	-35.7
Goods-Producing	372	395	511	-23	-5.8	-139	-27.2
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	114	147	120	-33	-22.4	-6	-5.0
Mining (21)	111	146	110	-35	-24.0	1	0.9
Construction (23)	219	210	329	9	4.3	-110	-33.4
Manufacturing (31-33)	N/D	37	61	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D
Service-Providing	499	505	927	-6	-1.2	-428	-46.2
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	114	129	265	-15	-11.6	-151	-57.0
Wholesale Trade (42)	12	19	54	-7	-36.8	-42	-77.8
Retail Trade (44-45)	74	68	135	6	8.8	-61	-45.2
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	27	42	76	-15	-35.7	-49	-64.5
Information (51)	N/D	5	9	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D
Financial Activities (52-53)	30	40	37	-10	-25.0	-7	-18.9
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	69	76	152	-7	-9.2	-83	-54.6
Education & Health Services (61-62)	152	77	250	75	97.4	-98	-39.2
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	109	153	176	-44	-28.8	-67	-38.1
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	21	21	35	0	0.0	-14	-40.0
Government	110	73	169	37	50.7	-59	-34.9
Federal Government	6	14	20	-8	-57.1	-14	-70.0
State Government	8	3	15	5	166.7	-7	-46.7
Local Government	96	56	133	40	71.4	-37	-27.8
Local Education	70	21	71	49	233.3	-1	-1.4
Unclassified	191	187	218	4	2.1	-27	-12.4
Laramie County							
Total Claims Filed	181	161	255	20	12.4	-74	-29.0
Goods-Producing	43	47	58	-4	-8.5	-15	-25.9
Construction	36	46	44	-10	-21.7	-8	-18.2
Service-Providing	90	85	148	5	5.9	-58	-39.2
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	31	32	44	-1	-3.1	-13	-29.5
Financial Activities (52, 53)	7	8	8	-1	-12.5	-1	-12.5
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	14	20	21	-6	-30.0	-7	-33.3
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	14	12	36	2	16.7	-22	-61.1
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	16	7	28	9	128.6	-12	-42.9
Government	19	4	20	15	375.0	-1	-5.0
Unclassified	29	23	27	6	26.1	2	7.4
Natrona County							
Total Claims Filed	124	165	316	-41	-24.8	-192	-60.8
Goods-Producing	34	43	92	-9	-20.9	-58	-63.0
Construction	21	31	53	-10	-32.3	-32	-60.4
Service-Providing	74	93	185	-19	-20.4	-111	-60.0
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	18	16	68	2	12.5	-50	-73.5
Financial Activities (52, 53)	6	6	6	0	0.0	0	0.0
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	10	22	32	-12	-54.5	-22	-68.8
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	22	18	40	4	22.2	-18	-45.0
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	12	22	28	-10	-45.5	-16	-57.1
Government	4	9	13	-5	-55.6	-9	-69.2
Unclassified	11	19	25	-8	-42.1	-14	-56.0

N/D = Not discloseable due to confidentiality.

Source: Unemployment Insurance claims database. Prepared by C. McGrath, Research & Planning, WY DWS, 7/19/22.

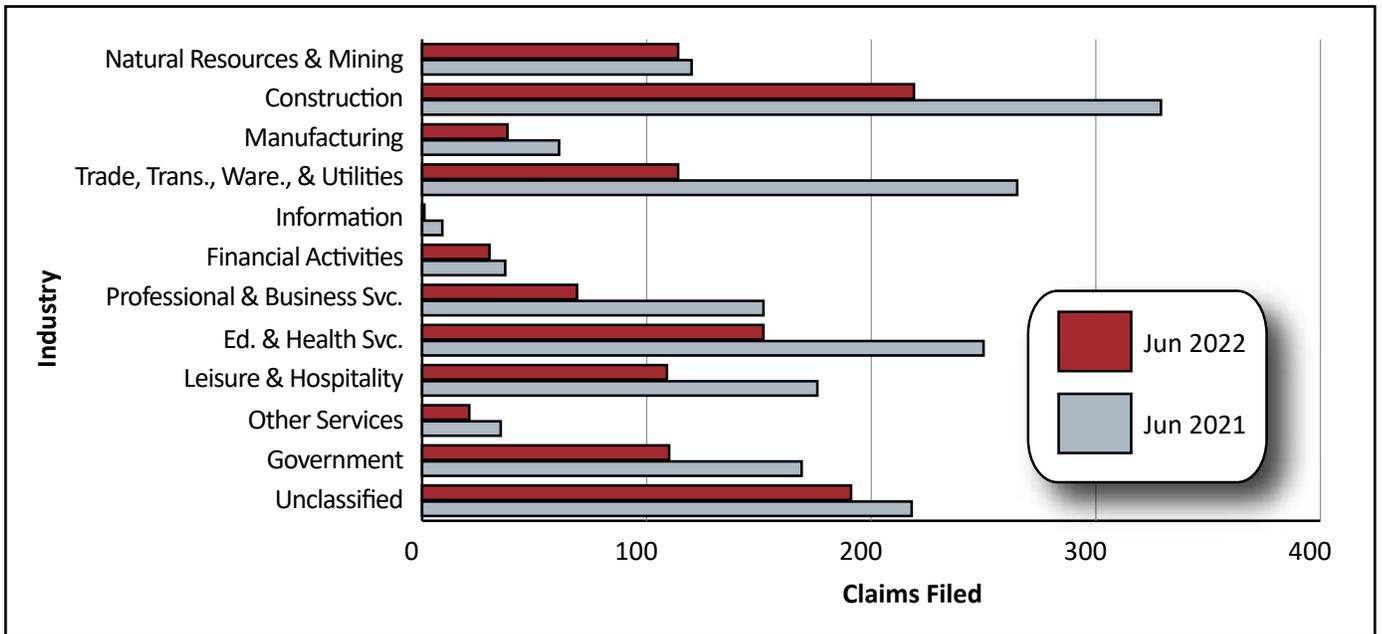


Figure 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, June 2021 and June 2022

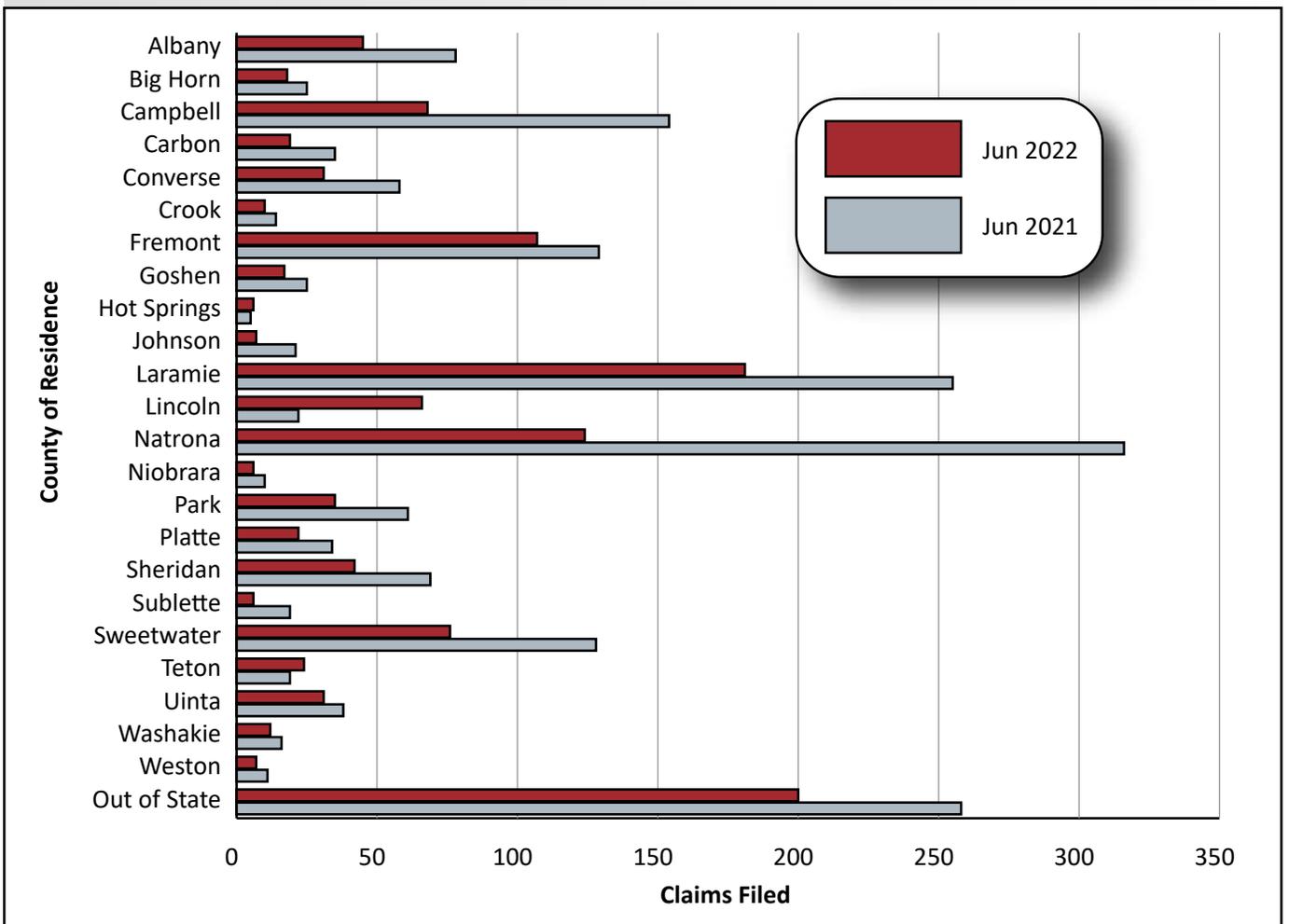


Figure 4: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, June 2021 and June 2022

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

Industry	Continued Weeks Claimed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Jun 2022	May 2022	Jun 2021	N	%	N	%
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	6,524	7,752	14,561	-1,228	-15.8	-8,037	-55.2
Total Unique Claimants	2,022	2,749	4,692	-727	-26.4	-2,670	-56.9
Goods-Producing	1,609	1,956	4,182	-347	-17.7	-2,573	-61.5
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	354	429	1,167	-75	-17.5	-813	-69.7
Mining (21)	329	372	1,089	-43	-11.6	-760	-69.8
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	26	32	158	-6	-18.8	-132	-83.5
Construction (23)	993	1,249	2,429	-256	-20.5	-1,436	-59.1
Manufacturing (31-33)	262	277	585	-15	-5.4	-323	-55.2
Service-Providing	3,061	3,685	6,759	-624	-16.9	-3,698	-54.7
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	918	1,035	2,059	-117	-11.3	-1,141	-55.4
Wholesale Trade (42)	125	143	413	-18	-12.6	-288	-69.7
Retail Trade (44-45)	413	453	1,034	-40	-8.8	-621	-60.1
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	379	438	611	-59	-13.5	-232	-38.0
Information (51)	32	33	99	-1	-3.0	-67	-67.7
Financial Activities (52-53)	199	187	342	12	6.4	-143	-41.8
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	429	488	995	-59	-12.1	-566	-56.9
Education & Health Services (61-62)	582	394	1,425	188	47.7	-843	-59.2
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	772	1,392	1,540	-620	-44.5	-768	-49.9
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	126	154	295	-28	-18.2	-169	-57.3
Government	481	521	1,053	-40	-7.7	-572	-54.3
Federal Government	36	132	143	-96	-72.7	-107	-74.8
State Government	37	57	116	-20	-35.1	-79	-68.1
Local Government	407	332	794	75	22.6	-387	-48.7
Local Education	186	84	285	102	121.4	-99	-34.7
Unclassified	1,371	1,589	2,565	-218	-13.7	-1,194	-46.5
Laramie County							
Total Claims Filed	853	894	1,922	-41	-4.6	-1,069	-55.6
Total Unique Claimants	263	312	602	-49	-15.7	-339	-56.3
Goods-Producing	148	213	428	-65	-30.5	-280	-65.4
Construction	107	165	290	-58	-35.2	-183	-63.1
Service-Providing	517	469	1,033	48	10.2	-516	-50.0
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	180	161	339	19	11.8	-159	-46.9
Financial Activities (52, 53)	46	34	64	12	35.3	-18	-28.1
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	101	99	206	2	2.0	-105	-51.0
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	93	86	188	7	8.1	-95	-50.5
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	69	54	174	15	27.8	-105	-60.3
Government	55	49	143	6	12.2	-88	-61.5
Unclassified	132	161	316	-29	-18.0	-184	-58.2
Natrona County							
Total Claims Filed	898	1,013	2,380	-115	-11.4	-1,482	-62.3
Total Unique Claimants	256	345	812	-89	-25.8	-556	-68.5
Goods-Producing	180	250	564	-70	-28.0	-384	-68.1
Construction	108	167	323	-59	-35.3	-215	-66.6
Service-Providing	545	520	1,339	25	4.8	-794	-59.3
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	143	174	538	-31	-17.8	-395	-73.4
Financial Activities (52, 53)	54	48	60	6	12.5	-6	-10.0
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	96	95	176	1	1.1	-80	-45.5
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	128	89	245	39	43.8	-117	-47.8
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	83	84	226	-1	-1.2	-143	-63.3
Government	35	55	87	-20	-36.4	-52	-59.8
Unclassified	137	187	388	-50	-26.7	-251	-64.7

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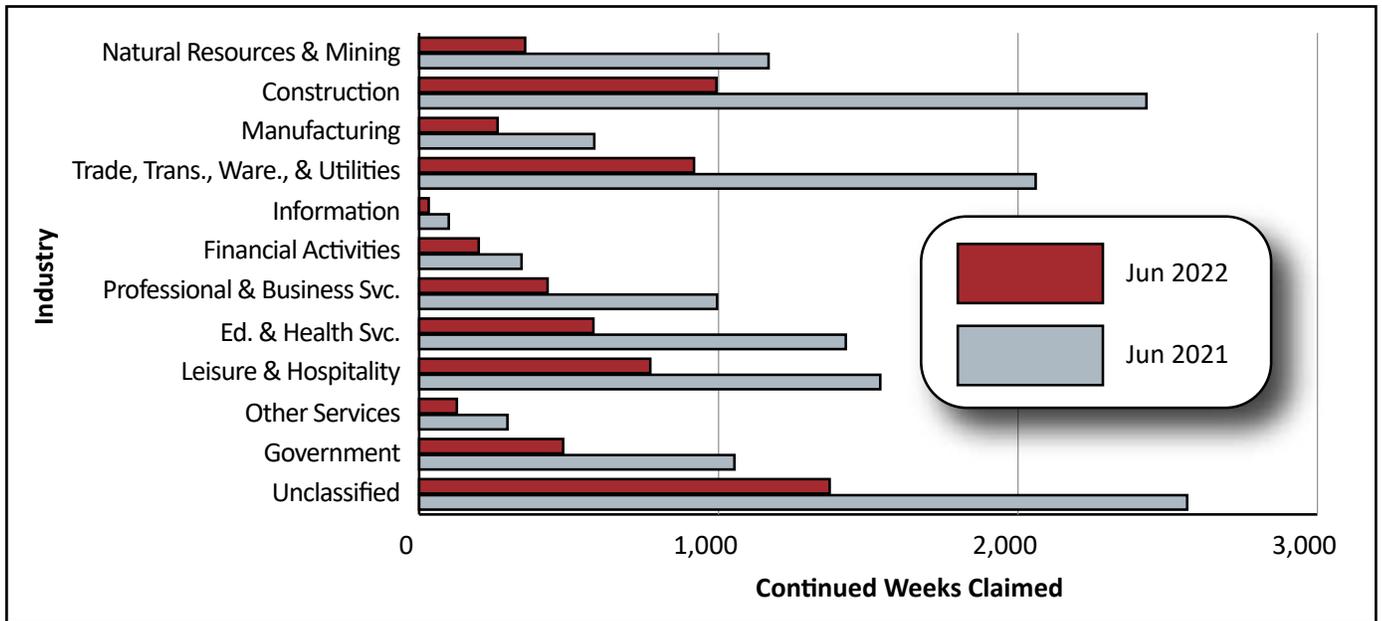


Figure 5: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, June 2021 and June 2022

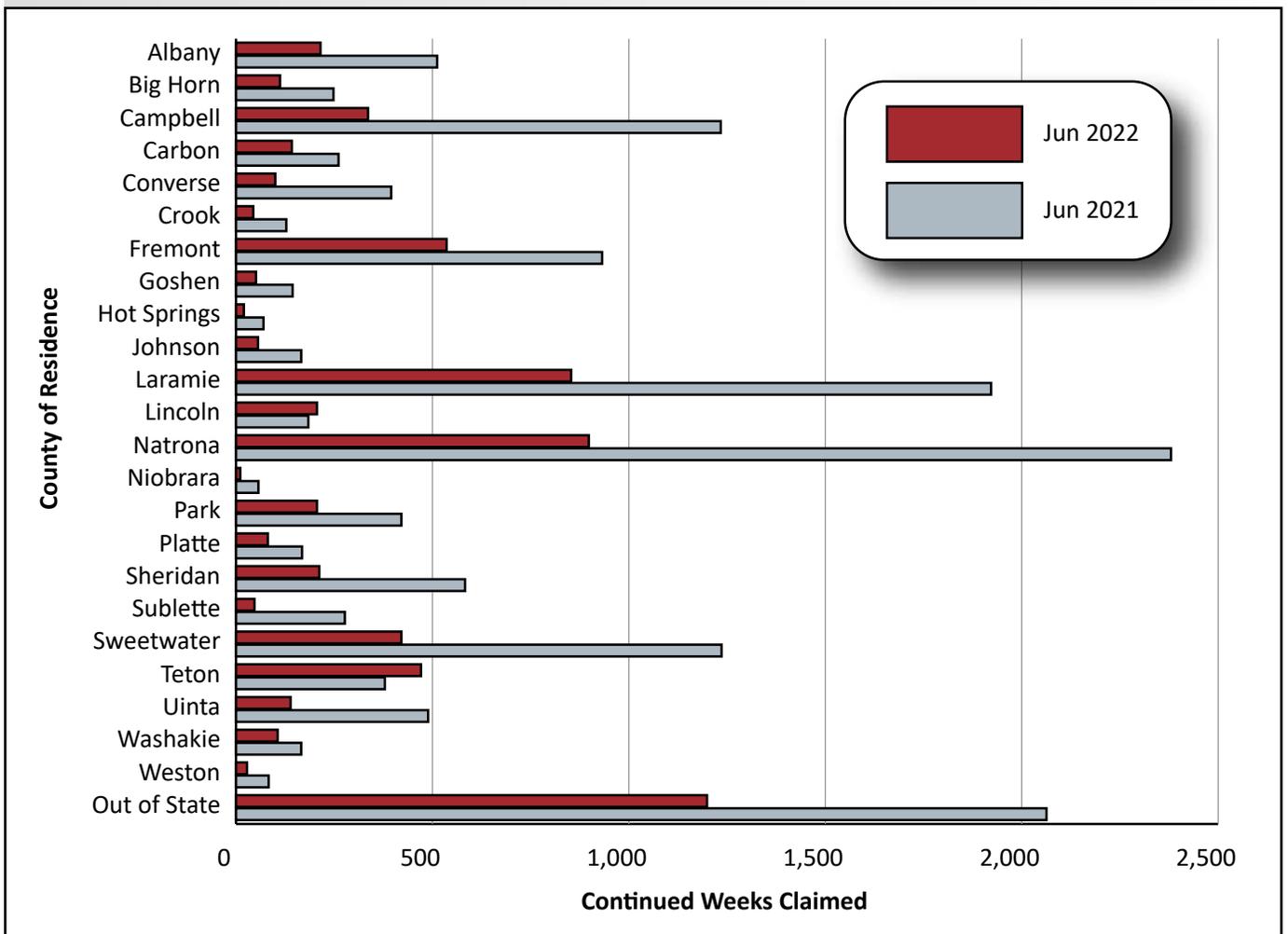


Figure 6: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence in Wyoming, June 2021 and June 2022

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

County	Jun 2022	Jun 2021	Change	
			N	%
Albany	45	78	-33	-42.3
Big Horn	18	25	-7	-28.0
Campbell	68	154	-86	-55.8
Carbon	19	35	-16	-45.7
Converse	31	58	-27	-46.6
Crook	10	14	-4	-28.6
Fremont	107	129	-22	-17.1
Goshen	17	25	-8	-32.0
Hot Springs	6	5	1	20.0
Johnson	7	21	-14	-66.7
Laramie	181	255	-74	-29.0
Lincoln	66	22	44	200.0
Natrona	124	316	-192	-60.8
Niobrara	6	10	-4	-40.0
Park	35	61	-26	-42.6
Platte	22	34	-12	-35.3
Sheridan	42	69	-27	-39.1
Sublette	6	19	-13	-68.4
Sweetwater	76	128	-52	-40.6
Teton	24	19	5	26.3
Uinta	31	38	-7	-18.4
Washakie	12	16	-4	-25.0
Weston	7	11	-4	-36.4
Unknown	3	12	-9	-75.0
Out of State	200	258	-58	-22.5
Total	1,174	1,827	-653	-35.7

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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, June 2021 and June 2022

County	Jun 2022	Jun 2021	Change	
			N	%
Albany	215	512	-297	-58.0
Big Horn	112	248	-136	-54.8
Campbell	336	1,234	-898	-72.8
Carbon	142	261	-119	-45.6
Converse	100	395	-295	-74.7
Crook	44	128	-84	-65.6
Fremont	536	932	-396	-42.5
Goshen	51	144	-93	-64.6
Hot Springs	20	70	-50	-71.4
Johnson	56	166	-110	-66.3
Laramie	853	1,922	-1,069	-55.6
Lincoln	206	184	22	12.0
Natrona	898	2,380	-1,482	-62.3
Niobrara	11	57	-46	-80.7
Park	206	421	-215	-51.1
Platte	81	168	-87	-51.8
Sheridan	212	583	-371	-63.6
Sublette	47	277	-230	-83.0
Sweetwater	421	1,236	-815	-65.9
Teton	471	379	92	24.3
Uinta	139	489	-350	-71.6
Washakie	106	166	-60	-36.1
Weston	28	83	-55	-66.3
Unknown	23	51	-28	-54.9
Out of State	1,199	2,063	-864	-41.9
Normalized Total^a	6,524	14,561	-8,037	-55.2

^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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