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UI Claims Approach 10-Year Low in July 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 July 2022, and both neared decade lows for any given month.

UI Claims Online

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

Initial Claims

There were 981 initial claims in July 2022, down from 1,457 in July 2021 (-476 or -32.7%). This amount is even less than pre-pandemic levels of 1,266 initial claims in July 2019 (-285, or -22.5%). The 981 claims in July were the seventh lowest for any month dating back to January 2012.

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 numbers of initial claims included

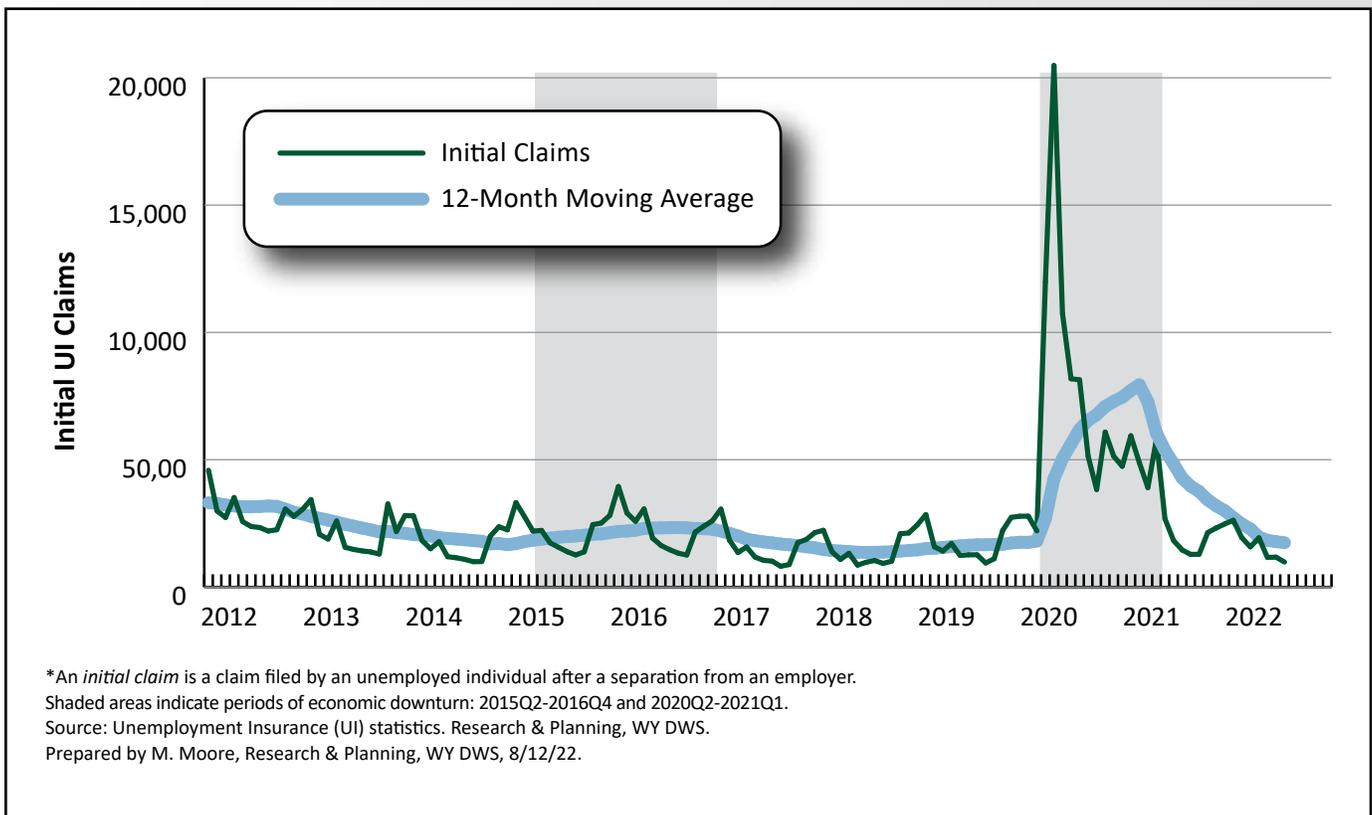


Figure 1: Total Number of Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by Year and Month, January 2012 to April 2022

construction (176), trade, transportation, & utilities (124), government (90) and professional & business services (88; see Table 1, page 5, and Figure 3, page 6).

Laramie (167) and Natrona (133) counties had the largest number of initial claims, followed by Campbell (76), Fremont (75), and Sweetwater (74) counties. In addition, there were 141 initial claims by out-of-state claimants (see Figure 4, page 6, and Table 3, page 9).

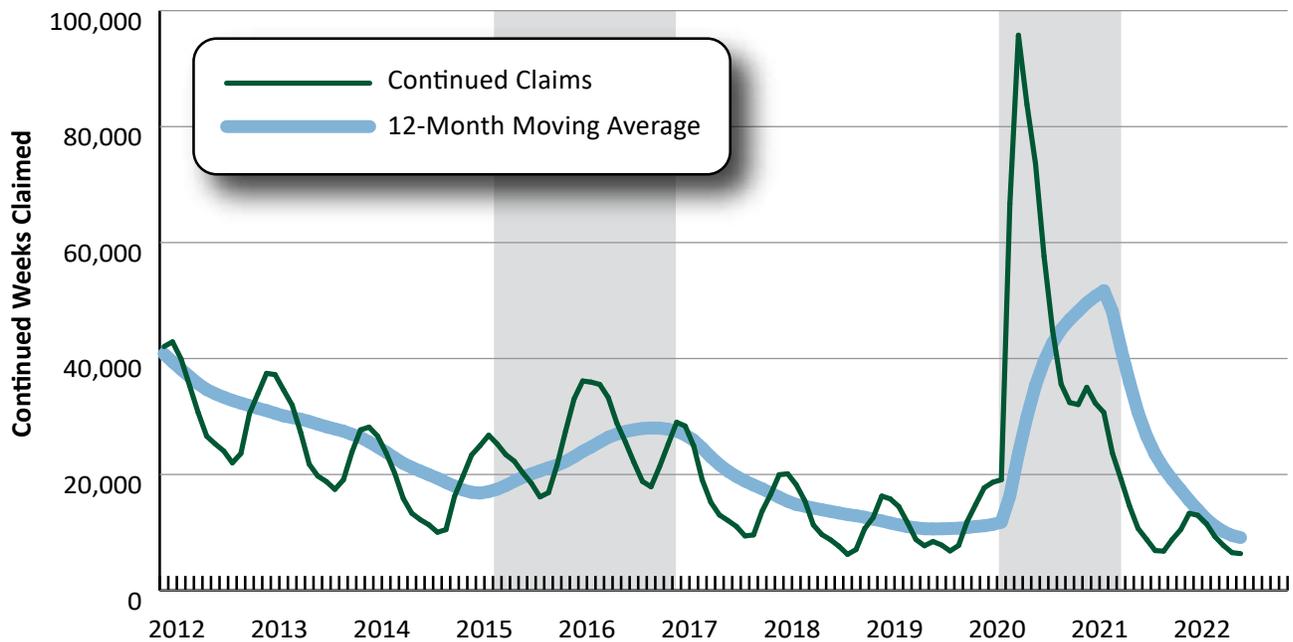
Continued Claims

The total number of continued weeks claimed decreased from 10,691 in July 2021 to 6,351 in July 2022 (-4,340, or -40.6%). The number of unique claimants decreased from 3,506 to 2,119 (-1,387, -39.6%; see Figure 2 and Table 2, page 7).

Continued claims were down 24.7% from the 8,439 in July 2019. The 6,351 claims made July the second lowest month for continued weeks claimed since January 2012, second to only 6,225 in August 2018.

The industries with the most continued weeks claimed included construction (1,044), trade, transportation & utilities (710), education & health services, (688) and government (626; see Table 2, page 7, and Figure 5, page 8).

There were more continued weeks claimed for out-of-state claimants (1,152) 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 Laramie (911), Natrona (867), Fremont (667), and Sweetwater (442).



*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 July 2022

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

Industry	Initial Claims Filed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Jul 2022	Jun 2022	Jul 2021	N	%	N	%
Total Claims Filed	981	1,174	1,457	-193	-16.4	-476	-32.7
Goods-Producing	290	372	377	-82	-22.0	-87	-23.1
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	57	114	74	-57	-50.0	-17	-23.0
Mining (21)	53	111	63	-58	-52.3	-10	-15.9
Construction (23)	176	219	234	-43	-19.6	-58	-24.8
Manufacturing (31-33)	56	38	68	18	47.4	-12	-17.6
Service-Providing	424	499	696	-75	-15.0	-272	-39.1
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	124	N/D	216	N/D	N/D	-92	-42.6
Wholesale Trade (42)	19	12	41	7	58.3	-22	-53.7
Retail Trade (44-45)	83	74	115	9	12.2	-32	-27.8
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	21	27	59	-6	-22.2	-38	-64.4
Information (51)	7	N/D	12	N/D	N/D	-5	-41.7
Financial Activities (52-53)	22	30	33	-8	-26.7	-11	-33.3
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	88	69	122	19	27.5	-34	-27.9
Education & Health Services (61-62)	80	152	128	-72	-47.4	-48	-37.5
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	83	109	153	-26	-23.9	-70	-45.8
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	17	21	28	-4	-19.0	-11	-39.3
Government	90	110	102	-20	-18.2	-12	-11.8
Federal Government	10	6	12	4	66.7	-2	-16.7
State Government	16	8	8	8	100.0	8	100.0
Local Government	63	96	81	-33	-34.4	-18	-22.2
Local Education	25	70	24	-45	-64.3	1	4.2
Unclassified	176	191	280	-15	-7.9	-104	-37.1
Laramie County							
Total Claims Filed	167	181	202	-14	-7.7	-35	-17.3
Goods-Producing	46	43	31	3	7.0	15	48.4
Construction	38	36	24	2	5.6	14	58.3
Service-Providing	83	90	125	-7	-7.8	-42	-33.6
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	30	31	40	-1	-3.2	-10	-25.0
Financial Activities (52, 53)	4	7	9	-3	-42.9	-5	-55.6
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	20	14	25	6	42.9	-5	-20.0
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	11	14	22	-3	-21.4	-11	-50.0
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	11	16	20	-5	-31.3	-9	-45.0
Government	14	19	9	-5	-26.3	5	55.6
Unclassified	23	29	35	-6	-20.7	-12	-34.3
Natrona County							
Total Claims Filed	133	124	243	9	7.3	-110	-45.3
Goods-Producing	37	34	53	3	8.8	-16	-30.2
Construction	19	21	20	-2	-9.5	-1	-5.0
Service-Providing	70	74	130	-4	-5.4	-60	-46.2
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	20	18	54	2	11.1	-34	-63.0
Financial Activities (52, 53)	6	6	6	0	0.0	0	0.0
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	10	10	22	0	0.0	-12	-54.5
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	11	22	24	-11	-50.0	-13	-54.2
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	11	12	18	-1	-8.3	-7	-38.9
Government	7	4	17	3	75.0	-10	-58.8
Unclassified	17	11	42	6	54.5	-25	-59.5

N/D = Not discloseable due to confidentiality.

Source: Unemployment Insurance claims database. Prepared by C. McGrath, Research & Planning, WY DWS, 8/12/22.

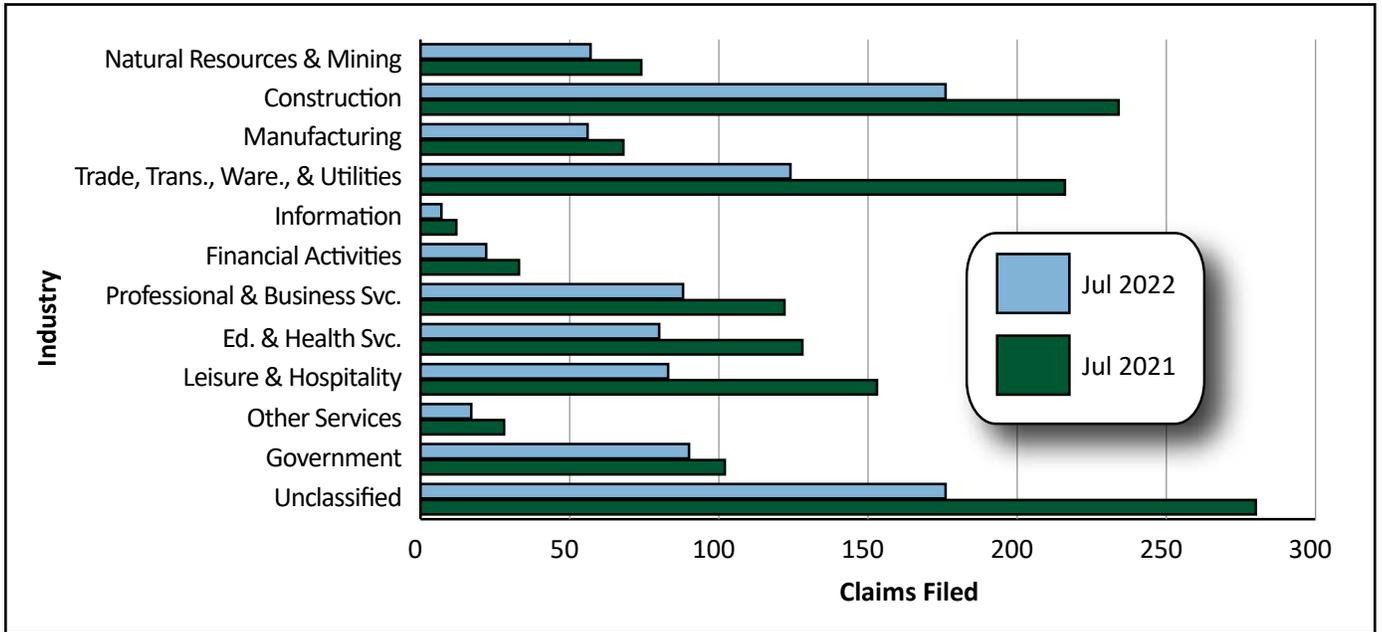


Figure 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, July 2021 and July 2022

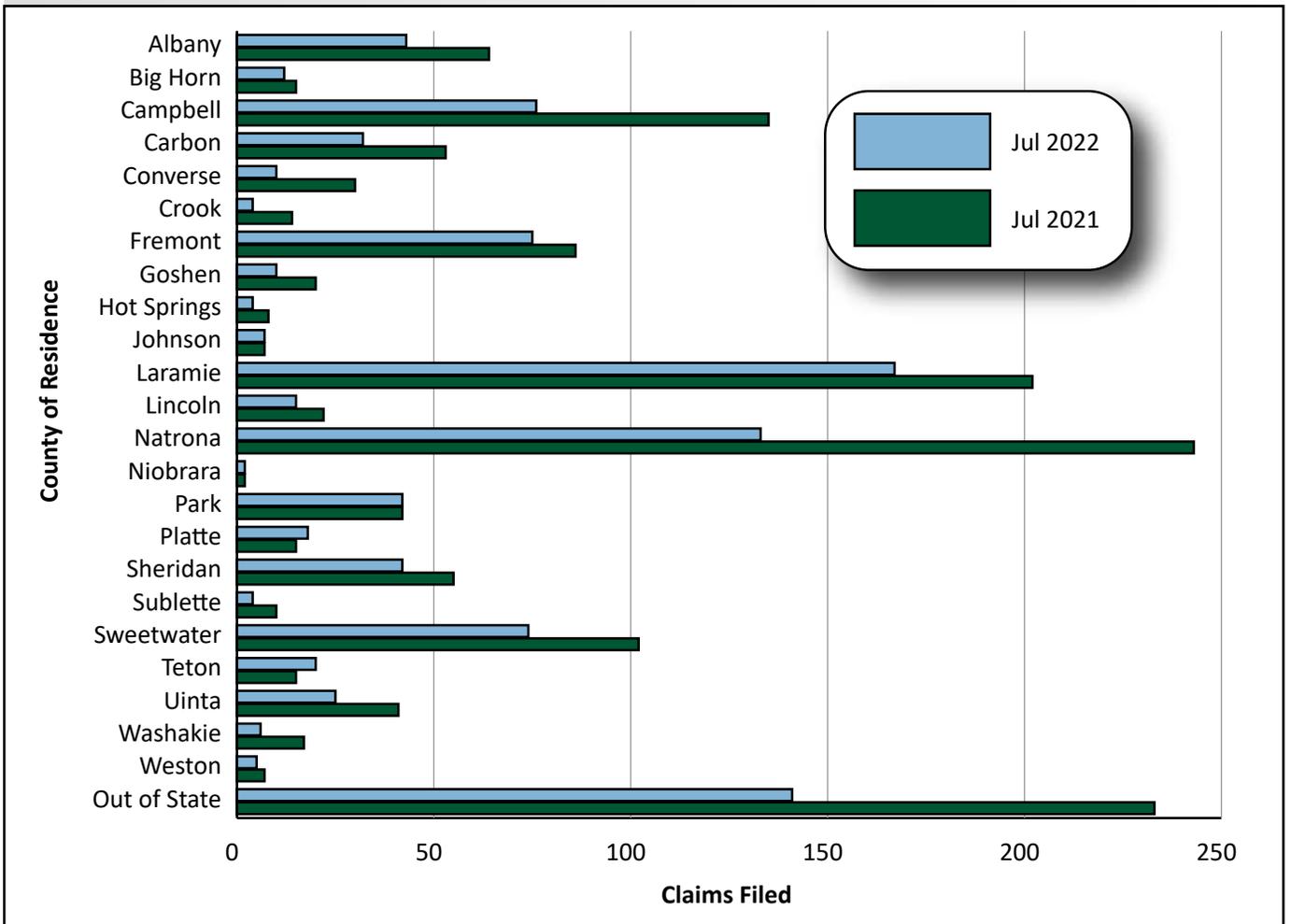


Figure 4: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, July 2021 and July 2022

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

Industry	Continued Weeks Claimed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Jul 2022	Jun 2022	Jul 2021	N	%	N	%
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	6,351	6,524	10,691	-173	-2.7	-4,340	-40.6
Total Unique Claimants	2,119	2,022	3,506	97	4.8	-1,387	-39.6
Goods-Producing	1,562	1,609	2,883	-47	-2.9	-1,321	-45.8
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	287	354	835	-67	-18.9	-548	-65.6
Mining (21)	263	329	811	-66	-20.1	-548	-67.6
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	32	26	103	6	23.1	-71	-68.9
Construction (23)	1,044	993	1,650	51	5.1	-606	-36.7
Manufacturing (31-33)	229	262	397	-33	-12.6	-168	-42.3
Service-Providing	2,703	3,061	5,243	-358	-11.7	-2,540	-48.4
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	710	918	1,605	-208	-22.7	-895	-55.8
Wholesale Trade (42)	107	125	401	-18	-14.4	-294	-73.3
Retail Trade (44-45)	409	413	773	-4	-1.0	-364	-47.1
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	193	379	429	-186	-49.1	-236	-55.0
Information (51)	23	32	84	-9	-28.1	-61	-72.6
Financial Activities (52-53)	226	199	312	27	13.6	-86	-27.6
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	445	429	750	16	3.7	-305	-40.7
Education & Health Services (61-62)	668	582	1,290	86	14.8	-622	-48.2
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	507	772	1,007	-265	-34.3	-500	-49.7
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	120	126	192	-6	-4.8	-72	-37.5
Government	626	481	864	145	30.1	-238	-27.5
Federal Government	32	36	76	-4	-11.1	-44	-57.9
State Government	54	37	116	17	45.9	-62	-53.4
Local Government	540	407	671	133	32.7	-131	-19.5
Local Education	317	186	246	131	70.4	71	28.9
Unclassified	1,459	1,371	1,699	88	6.4	-240	-14.1
Laramie County							
Total Claims Filed	911	853	1,392	58	6.8	-481	-34.6
Total Unique Claimants	320	263	453	57	21.7	-133	-29.4
Goods-Producing	169	148	241	21	14.2	-72	-29.9
Construction	129	107	155	22	20.6	-26	-16.8
Service-Providing	500	517	809	-17	-3.3	-309	-38.2
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	159	180	260	-21	-11.7	-101	-38.8
Financial Activities (52, 53)	66	46	53	20	43.5	13	24.5
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	108	101	126	7	6.9	-18	-14.3
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	75	93	184	-18	-19.4	-109	-59.2
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	70	69	128	1	1.4	-58	-45.3
Government	69	55	107	14	25.5	-38	-35.5
Unclassified	172	132	233	40	30.3	-61	-26.2
Natrona County							
Total Claims Filed	867	898	1,801	-31	-3.5	-934	-51.9
Total Unique Claimants	286	256	599	30	11.7	-313	-52.3
Goods-Producing	169	180	410	-11	-6.1	-241	-58.8
Construction	94	108	210	-14	-13.0	-116	-55.2
Service-Providing	501	545	1,078	-44	-8.1	-577	-53.5
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	110	143	402	-33	-23.1	-292	-72.6
Financial Activities (52, 53)	54	54	58	0	0.0	-4	-6.9
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	85	96	138	-11	-11.5	-53	-38.4
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	133	128	233	5	3.9	-100	-42.9
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	79	83	185	-4	-4.8	-106	-57.3
Government	30	35	97	-5	-14.3	-67	-69.1
Unclassified	165	137	215	28	20.4	-50	-23.3

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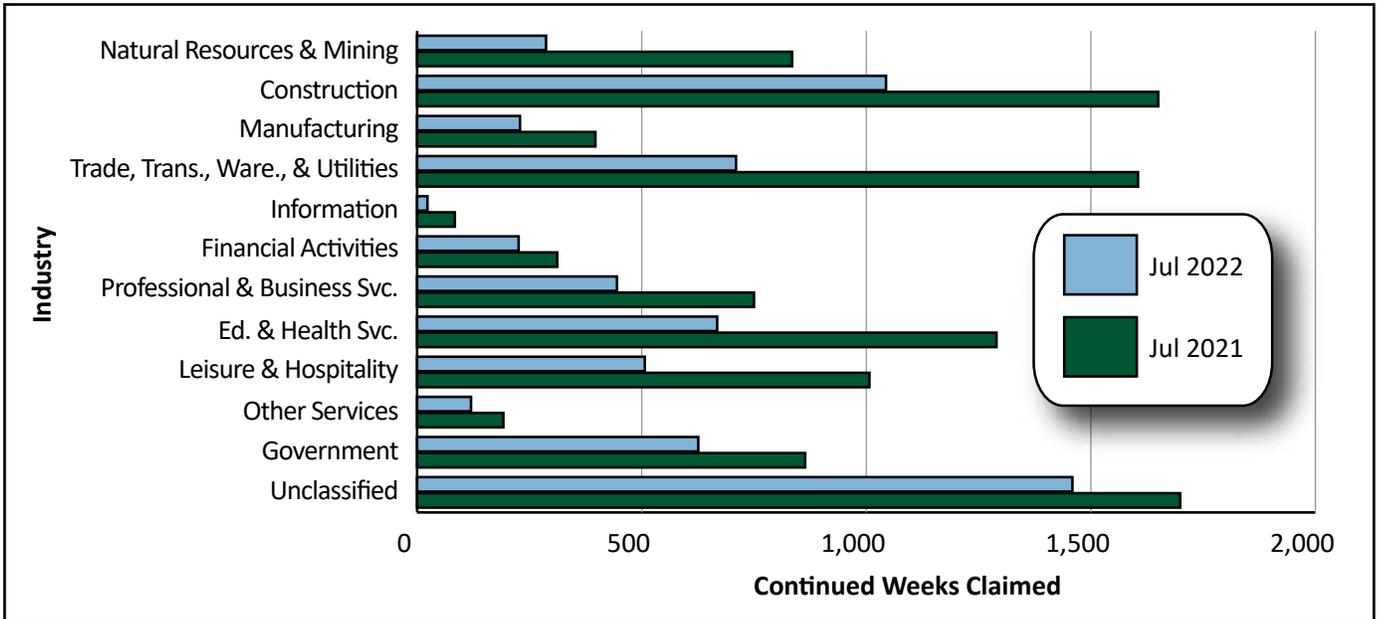


Figure 5: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, July 2021 and July 2022

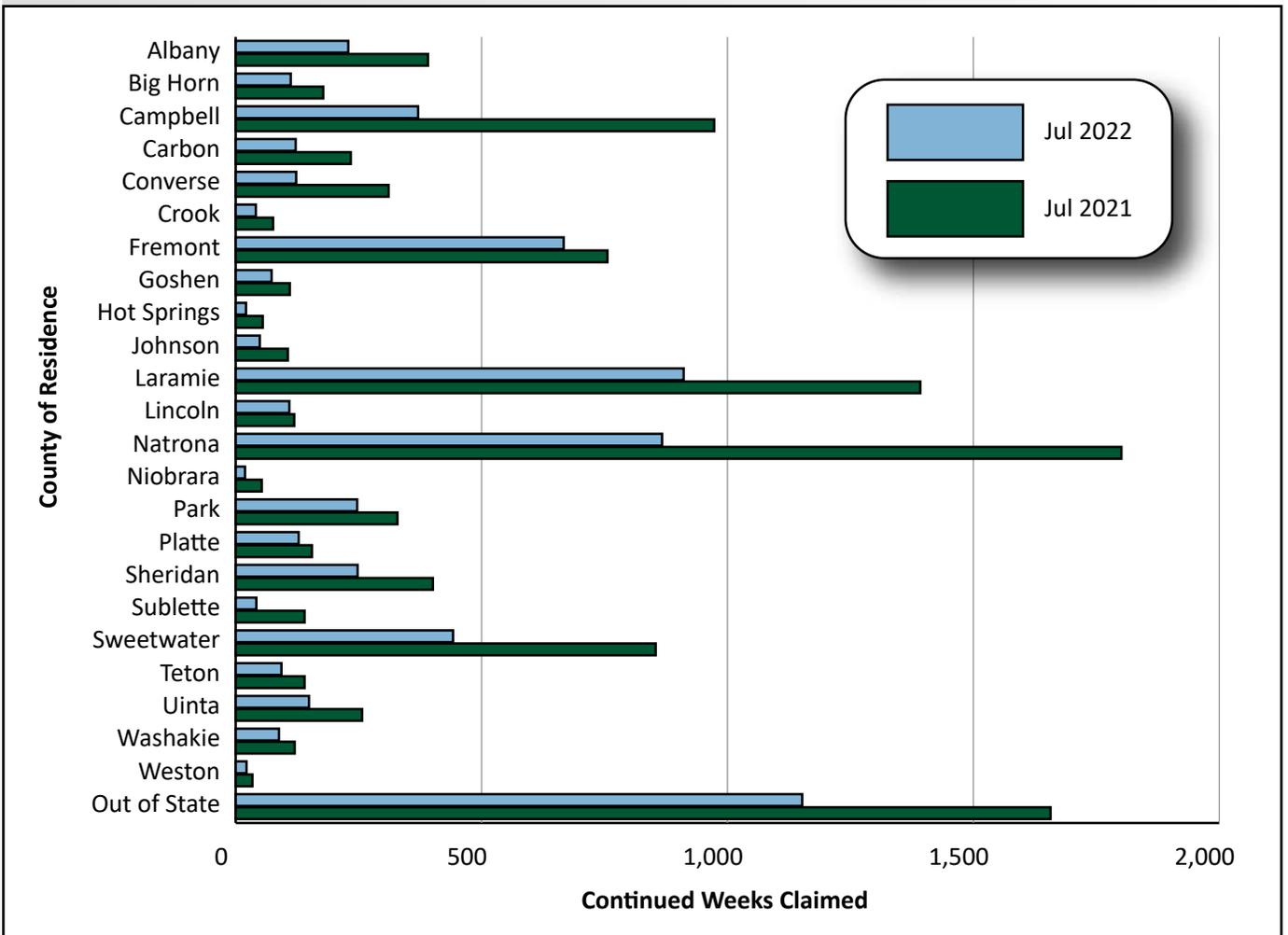


Figure 6: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence in Wyoming, July 2021 and July 2022

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

County	Jul 2022	Jul 2021	Change	
			N	%
Albany	43	64	-21	-32.8
Big Horn	12	15	-3	-20.0
Campbell	76	135	-59	-43.7
Carbon	32	53	-21	-39.6
Converse	10	30	-20	-66.7
Crook	4	14	-10	-71.4
Fremont	75	86	-11	-12.8
Goshen	10	20	-10	-50.0
Hot Springs	4	8	-4	-50.0
Johnson	7	7	0	0.0
Laramie	167	202	-35	-17.3
Lincoln	15	22	-7	-31.8
Natrona	133	243	-110	-45.3
Niobrara	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D
Park	42	42	0	0.0
Platte	18	15	3	20.0
Sheridan	42	55	-13	-23.6
Sublette	4	10	-6	-60.0
Sweetwater	74	102	-28	-27.5
Teton	20	15	5	33.3
Uinta	25	41	-16	-39.0
Washakie	6	17	-11	-64.7
Weston	5	7	-2	-28.6
Unknown	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D
Out of State	141	233	-92	-39.5
Total	981	1,457	-476	-32.7

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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, July 2021 and July 2022

County	Jul 2022	Jul 2021	Change	
			N	%
Albany	229	391	-162	-41.4
Big Horn	112	178	-66	-37.1
Campbell	371	973	-602	-61.9
Carbon	122	234	-112	-47.9
Converse	123	311	-188	-60.5
Crook	41	76	-35	-46.1
Fremont	667	756	-89	-11.8
Goshen	73	110	-37	-33.6
Hot Springs	21	55	-34	-61.8
Johnson	49	106	-57	-53.8
Laramie	911	1,392	-481	-34.6
Lincoln	109	119	-10	-8.4
Natrona	867	1,801	-934	-51.9
Niobrara	19	53	-34	-64.2
Park	247	329	-82	-24.9
Platte	128	155	-27	-17.4
Sheridan	248	401	-153	-38.2
Sublette	42	140	-98	-70.0
Sweetwater	442	854	-412	-48.2
Teton	93	140	-47	-33.6
Uinta	149	257	-108	-42.0
Washakie	88	120	-32	-26.7
Weston	22	34	-12	-35.3
Unknown	12	38	-26	-68.4
Out of State	1,152	1,657	-505	-30.5
Normalized Total^a	6,351	10,691	-4,340	-40.6

^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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