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## Initial Claims Down, Continued Claims Up from June

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From June to July, initial Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims decreased by 5.2%, while continued weeks claimed (see Definitions, page 9) increased by 2.1%. Over the year, initial claims increased slightly by 0.4%, while continued claims increased by 7.3%. It is worth noting that the summer months in 2022 saw some of the fewest initial and continued UI claims on record.

### Initial Claims

There were 985 initial claims in July 2023, slightly higher than 981 in July 2022 (4, or 0.4%). Over the month, initial claims fell from 1,039 in June (-54, or -5.2%). Initial claims typically decrease

### UI Claims Online

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

during the summer months when employment picks up (see Figure 1).

The industries with the largest numbers of initial claims included construction (191), trade, transportation, & utilities (161), professional & business services (123), education & health services (109), and leisure & hospitality (107; see Table 1, page 5, and Figure 3, page

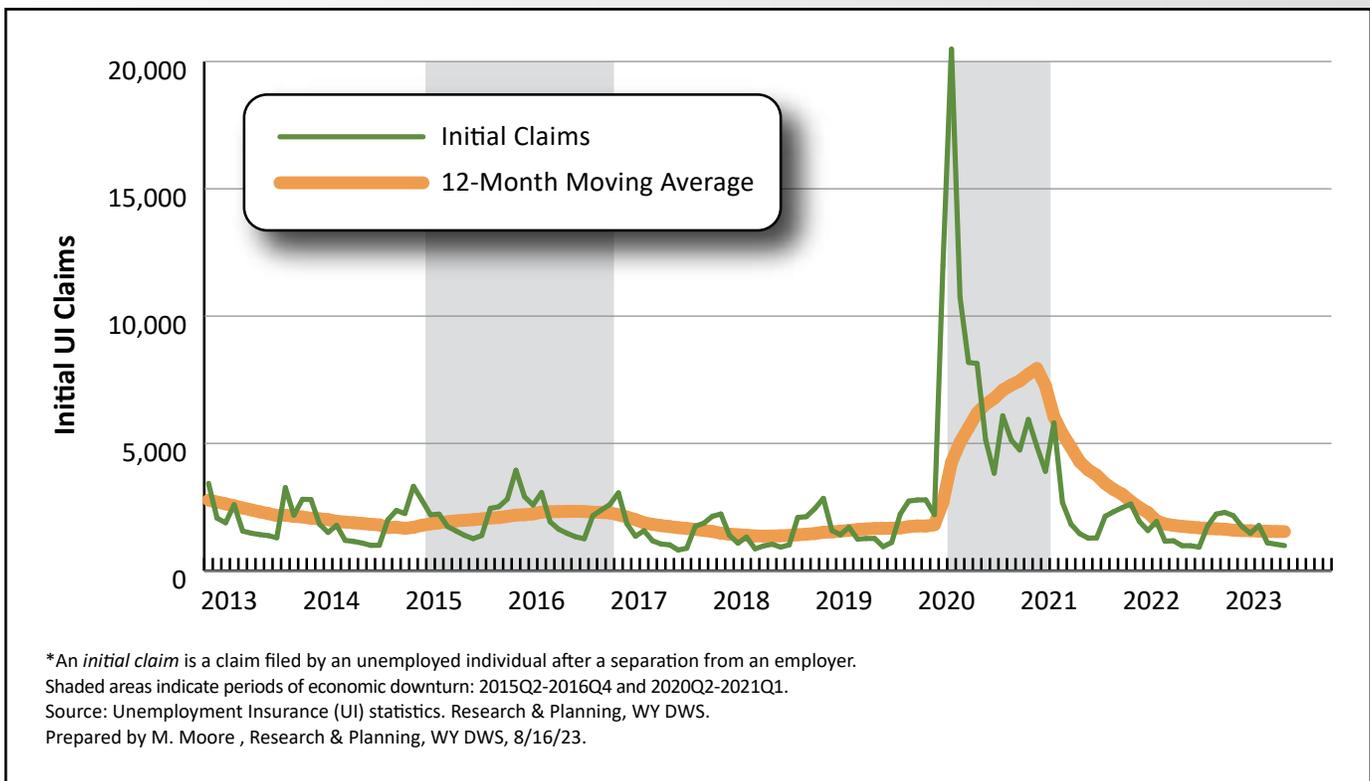


Figure 1: Total Number of Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by Year and Month, January 2013 to July 2023

6). Industries with noticeable over-the-year decreases in initial claims included construction (-44, or -18.7%), retail trade (-18, or -19.4%), and local education (-14, or -56.0%).

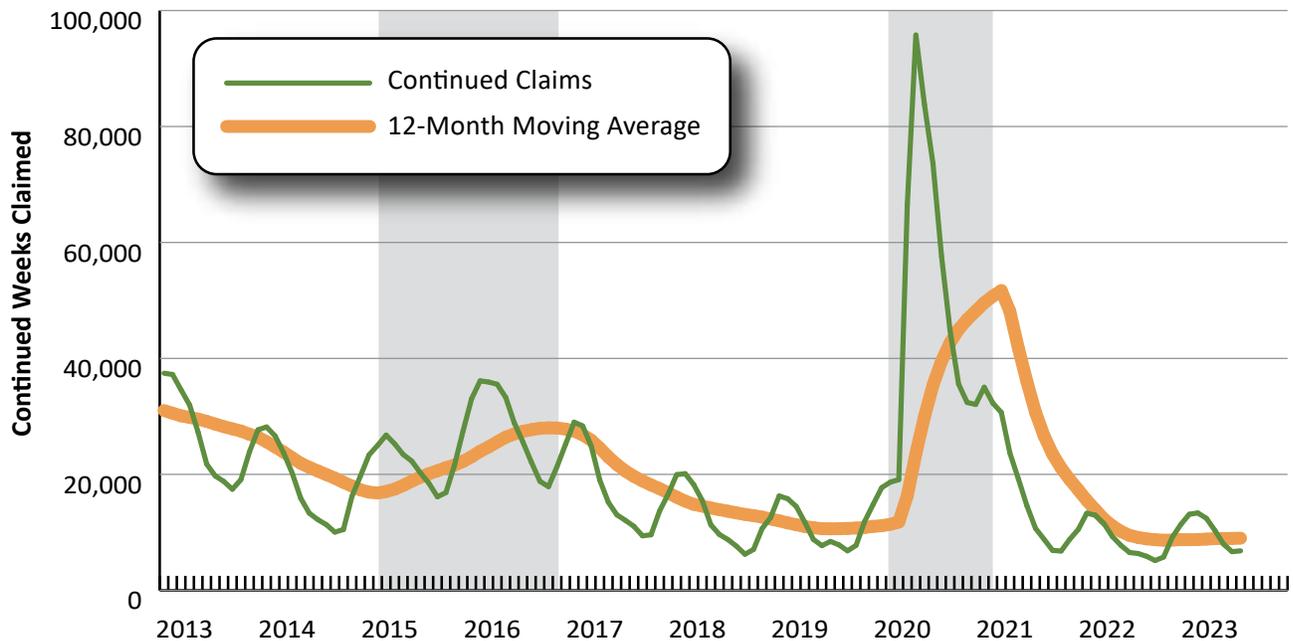
Natrona County had the most initial claims with 173, followed by Laramie (158), Fremont (92), and Campbell (71) counties (see Figure 4, page 6, and Table 3, page 9). There were also 148 out-of-state initial claims.

**Continued Claims**

The total number of continued weeks claimed increased from 6,351 in July 2022 to 6,814 in July 2023 (463, or 7.3%). The number of unique claimants increased from 2,119 to 2,257 (138, or 6.5%) over the year (see Figure 2 and Table 2, page 7).

The industries with the most continued weeks claimed included construction (1,241), trade, transportation, & utilities (1,140), education & health services (1,065), and professional & business services (790; see Figure 5, page 8). Industries that showed substantial over-the-year increases in continued claims included trade, transportation, & utilities (250, or 28.1%), professional & business services (237, or 42.9%), and manufacturing (81, or 27.5%).

Wyoming had 1,074 continued weeks claimed by out-of-state claimants, more than any individual county (see Figure 6, page 8, and Table 4, page 9). The counties with the greatest number of claims were Laramie (1,028), Natrona (1,011), and Fremont (555).



\*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 2013 to July 2023**

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

Industry	Initial Claims Filed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Jul 2023	Jun 2023	Jul 2022	N	%	N	%
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>985</b>	<b>1,039</b>	<b>981</b>	<b>-54</b>	<b>-5.2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0.4</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>-46</b>	<b>-12.7</b>
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	51	47	63	4	8.5	-12	-19.0
Mining (21)	48	44	59	4	9.1	-11	-18.6
Construction (23)	191	189	235	2	1.1	-44	-18.7
Manufacturing (31-33)	72	40	62	32	80.0	10	16.1
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>676</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>-94</b>	<b>-13.9</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>14.6</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	161	190	141	-29	-15.3	20	14.2
Wholesale Trade (42)	22	23	21	-1	-4.3	1	4.8
Retail Trade (44-45)	75	116	93	-41	-35.3	-18	-19.4
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	62	49	27	13	26.5	35	129.6
Information (51)	15	16	10	-1	-6.3	5	50.0
Financial Activities (52-53)	38	42	27	-4	-9.5	11	40.7
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	123	106	107	17	16.0	16	15.0
Education & Health Services (61-62)	109	171	99	-62	-36.3	10	10.1
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	107	124	103	-17	-13.7	4	3.9
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	27	25	18	2	8.0	9	50.0
<b>Government</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>-1.4</b>	<b>-22</b>	<b>-24.4</b>
Federal Government	7	6	10	1	16.7	-3	-30.0
State Government	8	4	16	4	100.0	-8	-50.0
Local Government	51	58	63	-7	-12.1	-12	-19.0
Local Education	11	19	25	-8	-42.1	-14	-56.0
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>-5.3</b>
<b>Laramie County</b>							
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>-9</b>	<b>-5.4</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>33.3</b>	<b>-19</b>	<b>-34.5</b>
Construction	28	21	46	7	33.3	-18	-39.1
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>-10</b>	<b>-8.1</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20.2</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	30	41	31	-11	-26.8	-1	-3.2
Financial Activities (52, 53)	5	5	6	0	0.0	-1	-16.7
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	48	34	23	14	41.2	25	108.7
Educational & Health Services (61-62)	15	21	12	-6	-28.6	3	25.0
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	7	11	12	-4	-36.4	-5	-41.7
<b>Government</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>-16.7</b>	<b>-9</b>	<b>-64.3</b>
<b>Natrona County</b>							
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>30.1</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>22.0</b>
Construction	20	10	22	10	100.0	-2	-9.1
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>-0.9</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>36.9</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	37	40	23	-3	-7.5	14	60.9
Financial Activities (52, 53)	12	5	7	7	140.0	5	71.4
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	12	11	14	1	9.1	-2	-14.3
Educational & Health Services (61-62)	17	27	15	-10	-37.0	2	13.3
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	28	23	15	5	21.7	13	86.7
<b>Government</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>66.7</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>-28.6</b>

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Source: Unemployment Insurance claims database.

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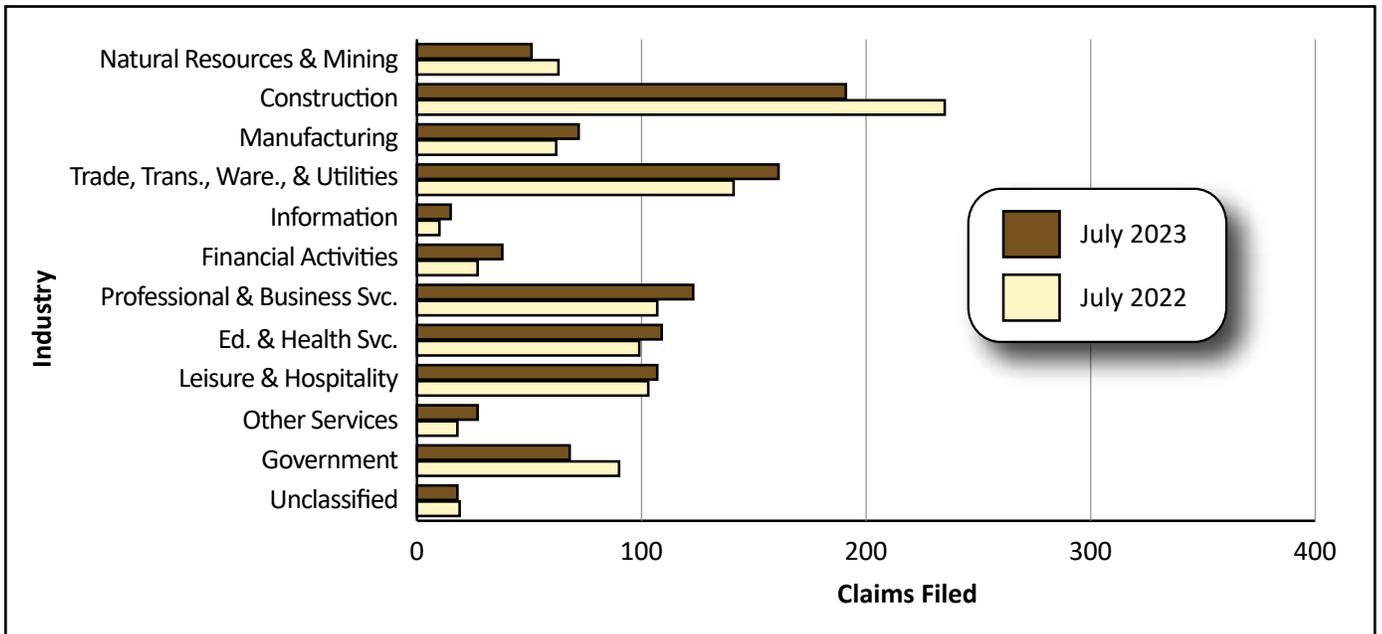


Figure 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, July 2022 and July 2023

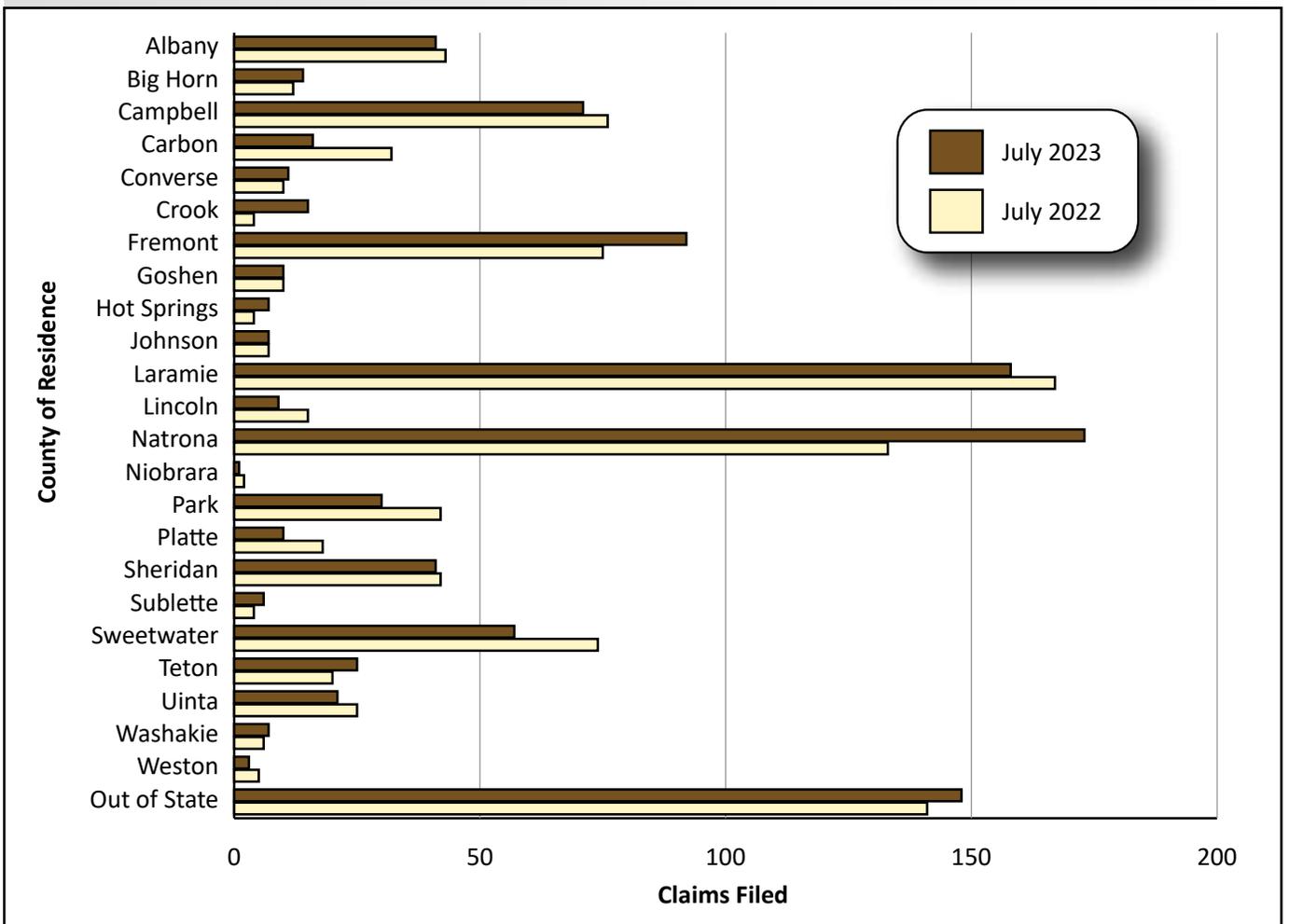


Figure 4: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, July 2022 and July 2023

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

Industry	Continued Weeks Claimed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Jul 2023	Jun 2023	Jul 2022	N	%	N	%
<b>Total Continued Weeks Claimed</b>	<b>6,814</b>	<b>6,673</b>	<b>6,351</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>7.3</b>
Total Unique Claimants	2,257	2,250	2,119	7	0.3	138	6.5
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>2,017</b>	<b>1,963</b>	<b>2,127</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>-110</b>	<b>-5.2</b>
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	399	437	343	-38	-8.7	56	16.3
Mining (21)	379	403	305	-24	-6.0	74	24.3
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	29	30	37	-1	-3.3	-8	-21.6
Construction (23)	1,241	1,173	1,488	68	5.8	-247	-16.6
Manufacturing (31-33)	376	352	295	24	6.8	81	27.5
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>4,221</b>	<b>4,174</b>	<b>3,526</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>695</b>	<b>19.7</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	1,140	1,138	890	2	0.2	250	28.1
Wholesale Trade (42)	191	195	158	-4	-2.1	33	20.9
Retail Trade (44-45)	630	613	487	17	2.8	143	29.4
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	319	329	245	-10	-3.0	74	30.2
Information (51)	113	103	53	10	9.7	60	113.2
Financial Activities (52-53)	317	334	253	-17	-5.1	64	25.3
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	790	732	553	58	7.9	237	42.9
Education & Health Services (61-62)	1,065	919	1,013	146	15.9	52	5.1
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	630	778	612	-148	-19.0	18	2.9
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	164	166	150	-2	-1.2	14	9.3
<b>Government</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>626</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>-175</b>	<b>-28.0</b>
Federal Government	22	35	32	-13	-37.1	-10	-31.3
State Government	58	57	54	1	1.8	4	7.4
Local Government	370	337	540	33	9.8	-170	-31.5
Local Education	99	80	317	19	23.8	-218	-68.8
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>17.1</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>75.7</b>
<b>Laramie County</b>							
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>1,028</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>911</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>12.8</b>
Total Unique Claimants	357	327	320	30	9.2	37	11.6
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>-28</b>	<b>-15.0</b>	<b>-63</b>	<b>-28.4</b>
Construction	107	142	177	-35	-24.6	-70	-39.5
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>778</b>	<b>719</b>	<b>591</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>31.6</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	246	226	176	20	8.8	70	39.8
Financial Activities (52, 53)	55	61	67	-6	-9.8	-12	-17.9
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	192	154	123	38	24.7	69	56.1
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	175	147	116	28	19.0	59	50.9
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	51	69	76	-18	-26.1	-25	-32.9
<b>Government</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>-18</b>	<b>-26.1</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>35.7</b>
<b>Natrona County</b>							
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>1,011</b>	<b>987</b>	<b>867</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>16.6</b>
Total Unique Claimants	347	330	286	17	5.2	61	21.3
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>-1.4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3.3</b>
Construction	119	116	123	3	2.6	-4	-3.3
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>729</b>	<b>622</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>20.6</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	242	264	156	-22	-8.3	86	55.1
Financial Activities (52, 53)	76	57	59	19	33.3	17	28.8
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	99	95	103	4	4.2	-4	-3.9
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	179	181	163	-2	-1.1	16	9.8
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	113	95	89	18	18.9	24	27.0
<b>Government</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>61.1</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>-3.3</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>-29.4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>300</b>

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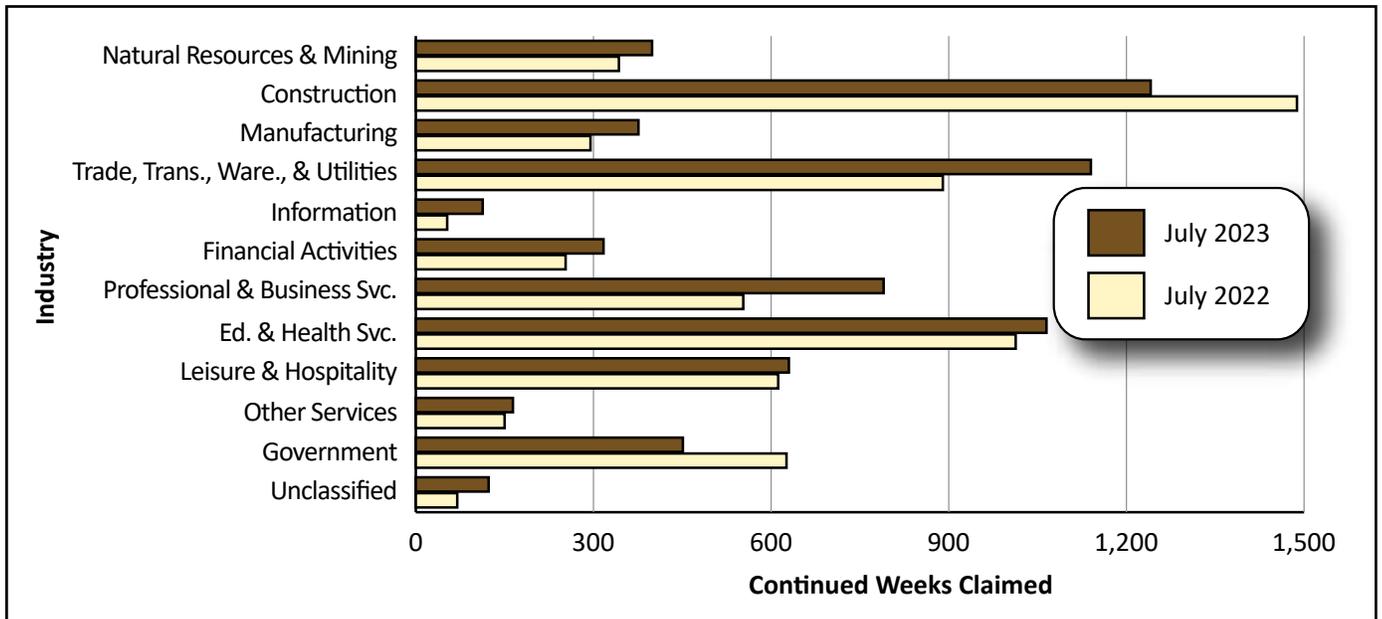


Figure 5: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, July 2022 and July 2023

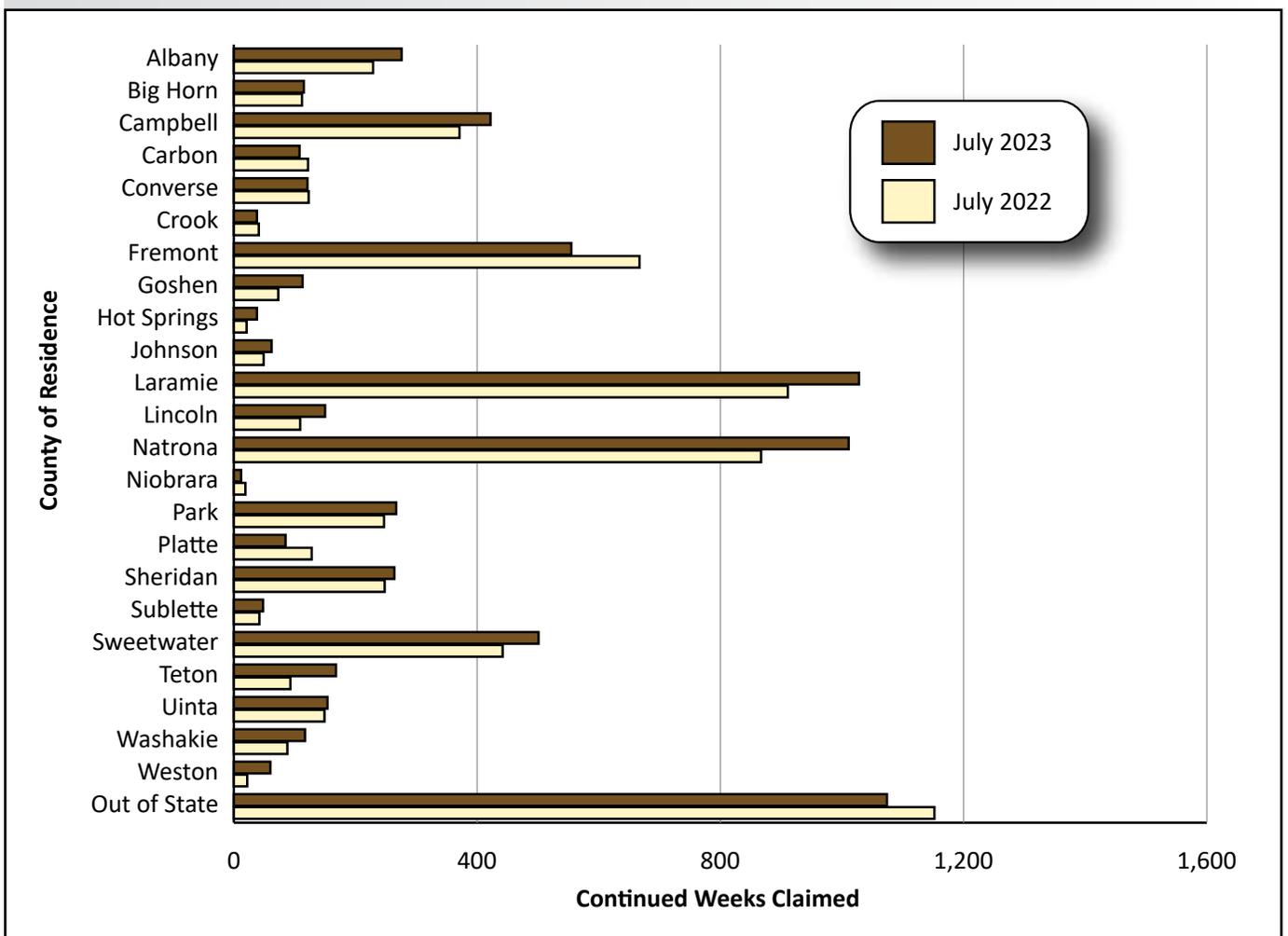


Figure 6: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence in Wyoming, July 2022 and July 2023

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

County	Jul 2023	Jul 2022	Change	
			N	%
Albany	41	43	-2	-4.7
Big Horn	14	12	2	16.7
Campbell	71	76	-5	-6.6
Carbon	16	32	-16	-50.0
Converse	11	10	1	10.0
Crook	15	4	11	275.0
Fremont	92	75	17	22.7
Goshen	10	10	0	0.0
Hot Springs	7	4	3	75.0
Johnson	7	7	0	0.0
Laramie	158	167	-9	-5.4
Lincoln	9	15	-6	-40.0
Natrona	173	133	40	30.1
Niobrara	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D
Park	30	42	-12	-28.6
Platte	10	18	-8	-44.4
Sheridan	41	42	-1	-2.4
Sublette	6	4	2	50.0
Sweetwater	57	74	-17	-23.0
Teton	25	20	5	25.0
Uinta	21	25	-4	-16.0
Washakie	7	6	1	16.7
Weston	3	5	-2	-40.0
Unknown	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D
Out of State	148	141	7	5.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>985</b>	<b>981</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0.4</b>

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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<sup>a</sup> Unemployment Statistics: Continued Claims by County of Residence, July 2022 and July 2023**

County	Jul 2023	Jul 2022	Change	
			N	%
Albany	276	229	47	20.5
Big Horn	115	112	3	2.7
Campbell	422	371	51	13.7
Carbon	108	122	-14	-11.5
Converse	121	123	-2	-1.6
Crook	38	41	-3	-7.3
Fremont	555	667	-112	-16.8
Goshen	113	73	40	54.8
Hot Springs	38	21	17	81.0
Johnson	62	49	13	26.5
Laramie	1,028	911	117	12.8
Lincoln	150	109	41	37.6
Natrona	1,011	867	144	16.6
Niobrara	12	19	-7	-36.8
Park	267	247	20	8.1
Platte	85	128	-43	-33.6
Sheridan	264	248	16	6.5
Sublette	48	42	6	14.3
Sweetwater	501	442	59	13.3
Teton	168	93	75	80.6
Uinta	154	149	5	3.4
Washakie	117	88	29	33.0
Weston	60	22	38	172.7
Unknown	14	12	2	16.7
Out of State	1,074	1,152	-78	-6.8
<b>Normalized Total<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>6,814</b>	<b>6,351</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>7.3</b>

<sup>a</sup>An 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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