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Continued Claims Up from 2022 Levels

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Initial and continued Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims followed their normal seasonal patterns and continued to increase from September to October (see Figure 1 and Figure 2, page 3). Initial claims (see Definitions, page 9) nearly doubled as seasonal employment ended in industries such as leisure & hospitality and construction.

Initial Claims

There were 1,715 initial claims in October 2023, slightly lower than 1,763 in October 2022 (-48, or -2.7%). Initial claims were 81.1% higher in October compared to September; this is a common pattern as seasonal summer employment ends in the fall months.

UI Claims Online

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

The industries with the most initial claims included leisure & hospitality (581), construction (289), trade, transportation, & utilities (200), and professional & business services (171; see Table 1, page 5, and Figure 4, page 6). Industries that showed substantial over-the-year decreases in initial claims included construction (-55, or -16%) and government (-38, or -21.0%), while trade, transportation, & utilities had the largest increase over the year (19, or 10.5%).

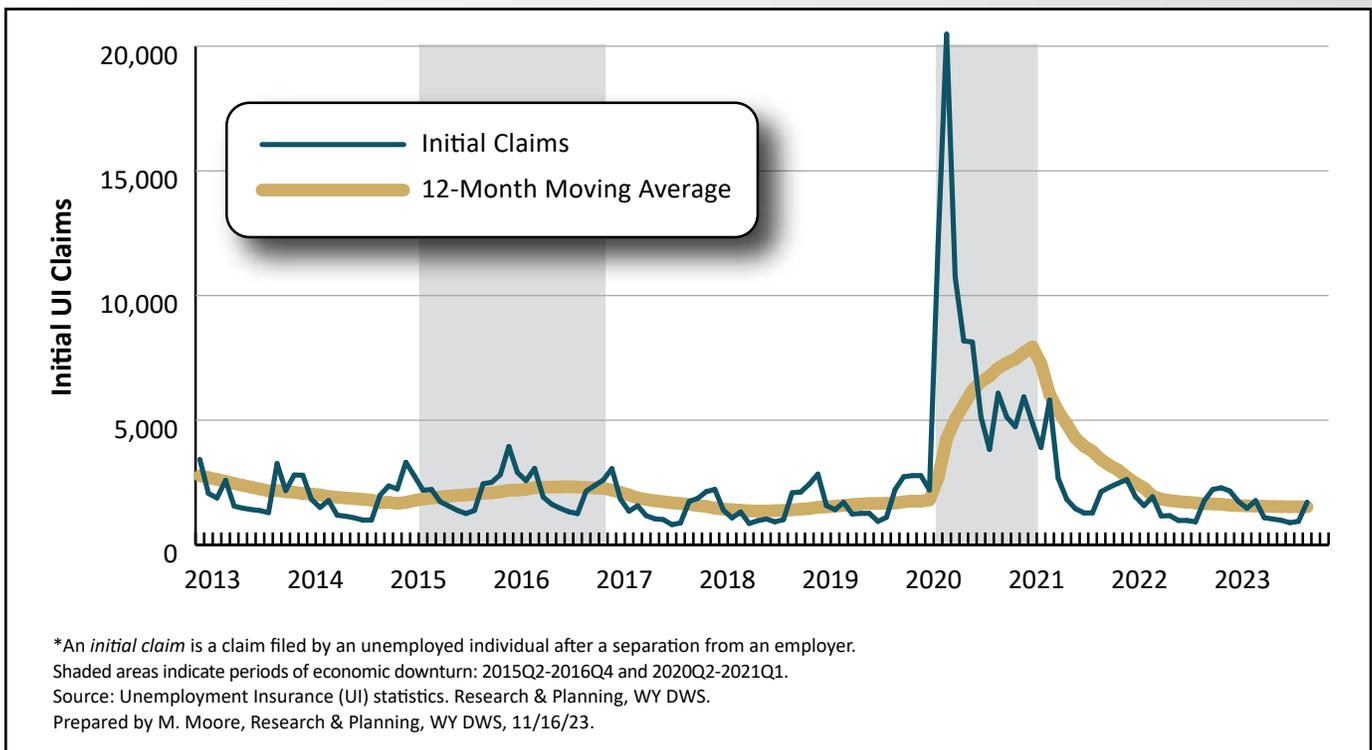


Figure 1: Total Number of Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by Year and Month, January 2013 to October 2023

The number of out-of-state claimants (499) was more than double the number of claimants from any one county. This is due to the large number of non-Wyoming residents laid off from jobs in industries like construction and leisure & hospitality. The counties with the most initial claims were Laramie (210), Teton (202), Natrona (189), Campbell (82), and Sweetwater (82) counties (see Figure 4, page 6, and Table 3, page 9).

Continued Claims

The total number of continued weeks claimed increased from 5,411 in October 2022 to 6,179 in October 2023 (768, or 14.2%; see Table 2, page 7). Over the month, continued claims increased 12.7% and followed their normal seasonal trends. The number of unique claimants increased from 2,146 in October 2022 to 2,331 in October 2023 (185, or 8.6%).

The industries with the most continued weeks claimed included leisure & hospitality (1,099), trade, transportation, & utilities (1,067), construction (1,002), and professional & business services (685; see Figure 6, page 8). Over-the-year decreases in continued claims were seen in government (-76, or -15.6%) and construction (-52, or -4.9%). All other industries showed over-the-year increases in continued claims, led by trade, transportation, & utilities (229, or 27.3%), leisure & hospitality (125, or 12.8%), and private education & health services (105, or 19.3%).

Similarly to initial claims, there were more out-of-state continued claims (1,265) than from any individual Wyoming county (see Figure 6, page 8, and Table 4, page 9). The counties with the most continued weeks claimed were Laramie (1,069), Natrona (963), and Sweetwater (425) counties.

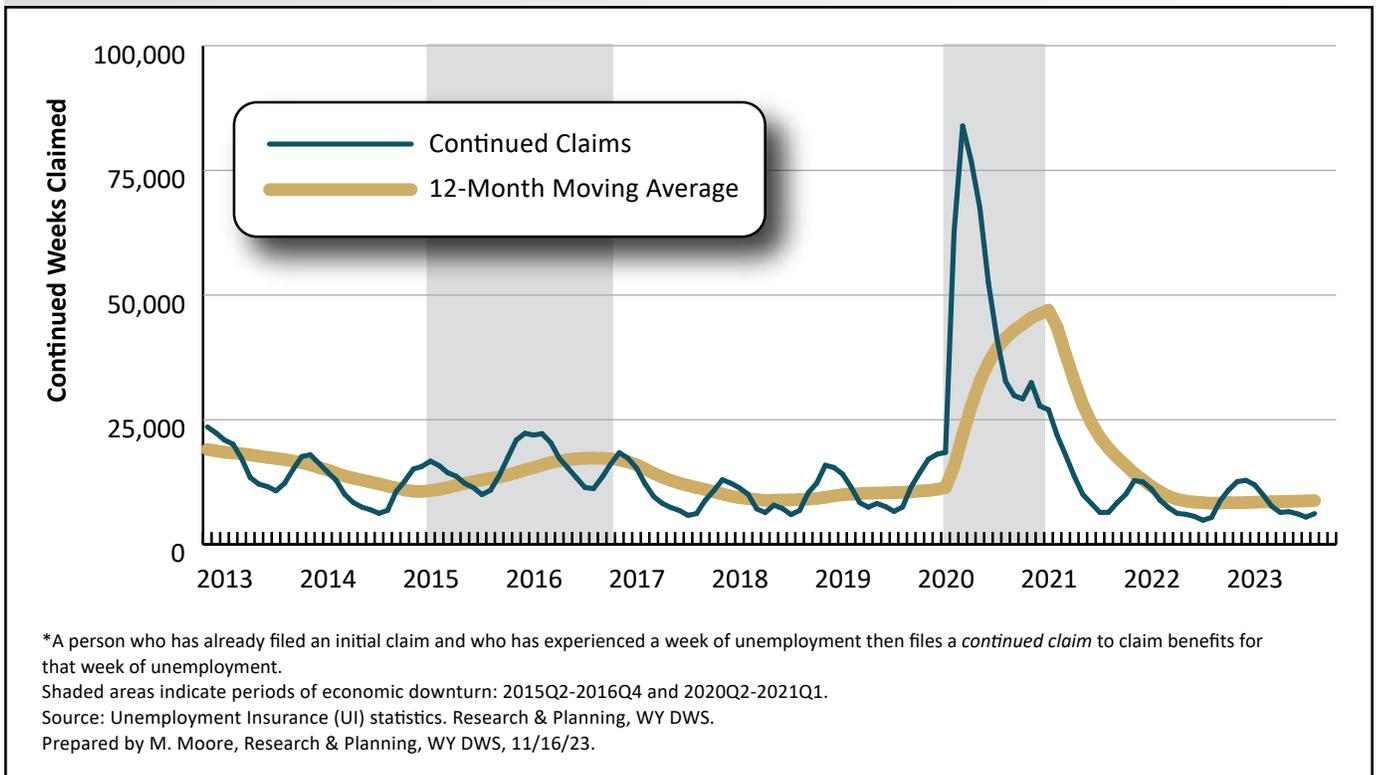


Figure 2: Total Number of Unemployment Insurance Continued Weeks Claimed for Wyoming by Year and Month, January 2013 to October 2023

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

Industry	Initial Claims Filed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Oct 2023	Sep 2023	Oct 2022	N	%	N	%
Total Claims Filed	1,715	947	1,763	768	81.1	-48	-2.7
Goods-Producing	398	311	456	87	28.0	-58	-12.7
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	60	53	50	7	13.2	10	20.0
Mining (21)	49	49	42	0	0.0	7	16.7
Construction (23)	289	228	344	61	26.8	-55	-16.0
Manufacturing (31-33)	48	30	61	18	60.0	-13	-21.3
Service-Providing	1,147	569	1,105	578	101.6	42	3.8
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	200	142	181	58	40.8	19	10.5
Wholesale Trade (42)	24	20	17	4	20.0	7	41.2
Retail Trade (44-45)	119	64	112	55	85.9	7	6.3
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	56	57	51	-1	-1.8	5	9.8
Information (51)	12	9	9	3	33.3	3	33.3
Financial Activities (52-53)	41	28	41	13	46.4	0	0.0
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	171	126	160	45	35.7	11	6.9
Education & Health Services (61-62)	102	81	89	21	25.9	13	14.6
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	581	154	583	427	277.3	-2	-0.3
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	37	25	38	12	48.0	-1	-2.6
Government	143	59	181	84	142.4	-38	-21.0
Federal Government	90	21	105	69	328.6	-15	-14.3
State Government	11	6	15	5	83.3	-4	-26.7
Local Government	41	31	61	10	32.3	-20	-32.8
Local Education	6	7	10	-1	-14.3	-4	-40.0
Unclassified	25	6	19	19	316.7	6	31.6
Laramie County							
Total Claims Filed	210	166	172	44	26.5	38	22.1
Goods-Producing	57	48	62	9	18.8	-5	-8.1
Construction	47	38	59	9	23.7	-12	-20.3
Service-Providing	134	109	101	25	22.9	33	32.7
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	34	29	29	5	17.2	5	17.2
Financial Activities (52, 53)	10	6	10	4	66.7	0	0.0
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	41	37	29	4	10.8	12	41.4
Educational & Health Services (61-62)	19	18	18	1	5.6	1	5.6
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	15	11	7	4	36.4	8	114.3
Government	15	6	6	9	150.0	9	150.0
Natrona County							
Total Claims Filed	189	161	167	28	17.4	22	13.2
Goods-Producing	45	53	61	-8	-15.1	-16	-26.2
Construction	35	34	44	1	2.9	-9	-20.5
Service-Providing	127	102	97	25	24.5	30	30.9
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	32	32	27	0	0.0	5	18.5
Financial Activities (52, 53)	10	5	4	5	100.0	6	150.0
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	24	17	16	7	41.2	8	50.0
Educational & Health Services (61-62)	21	20	21	1	5.0	0	0.0
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	27	17	12	10	58.8	15	125.0
Government	14	4	6	10	250.0	8	133.3

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Source: Unemployment Insurance claims database.

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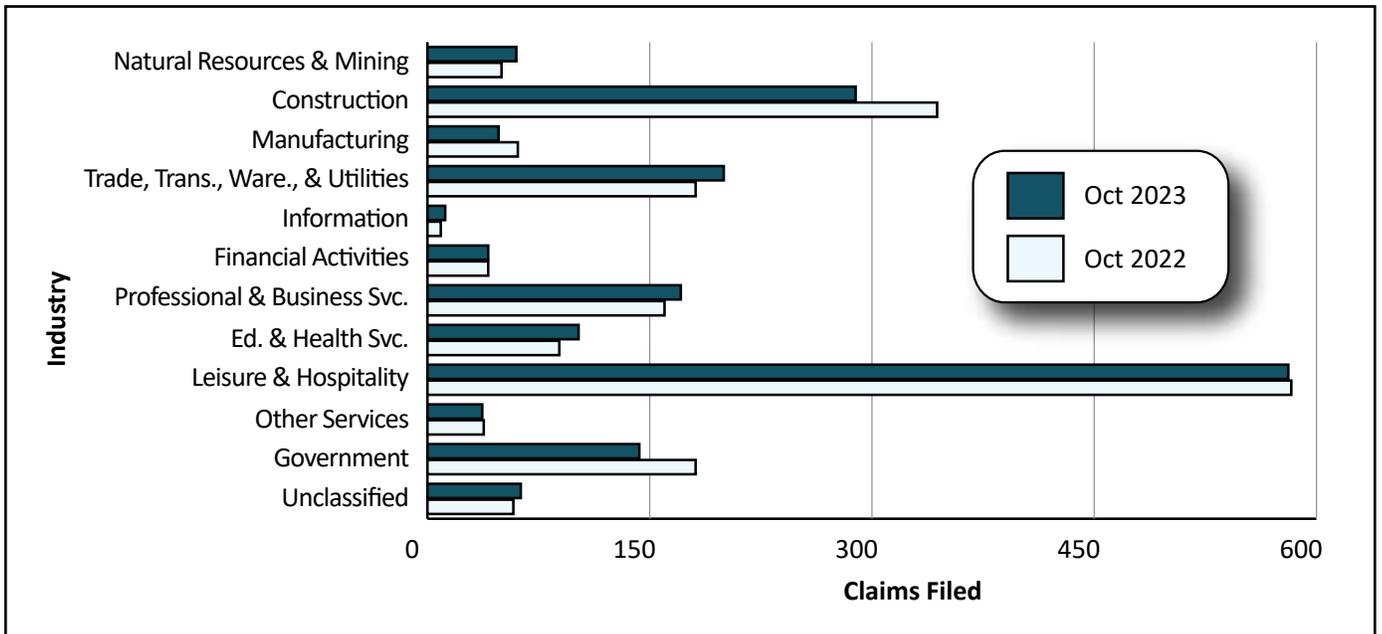


Figure 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, October 2022 and October 2023

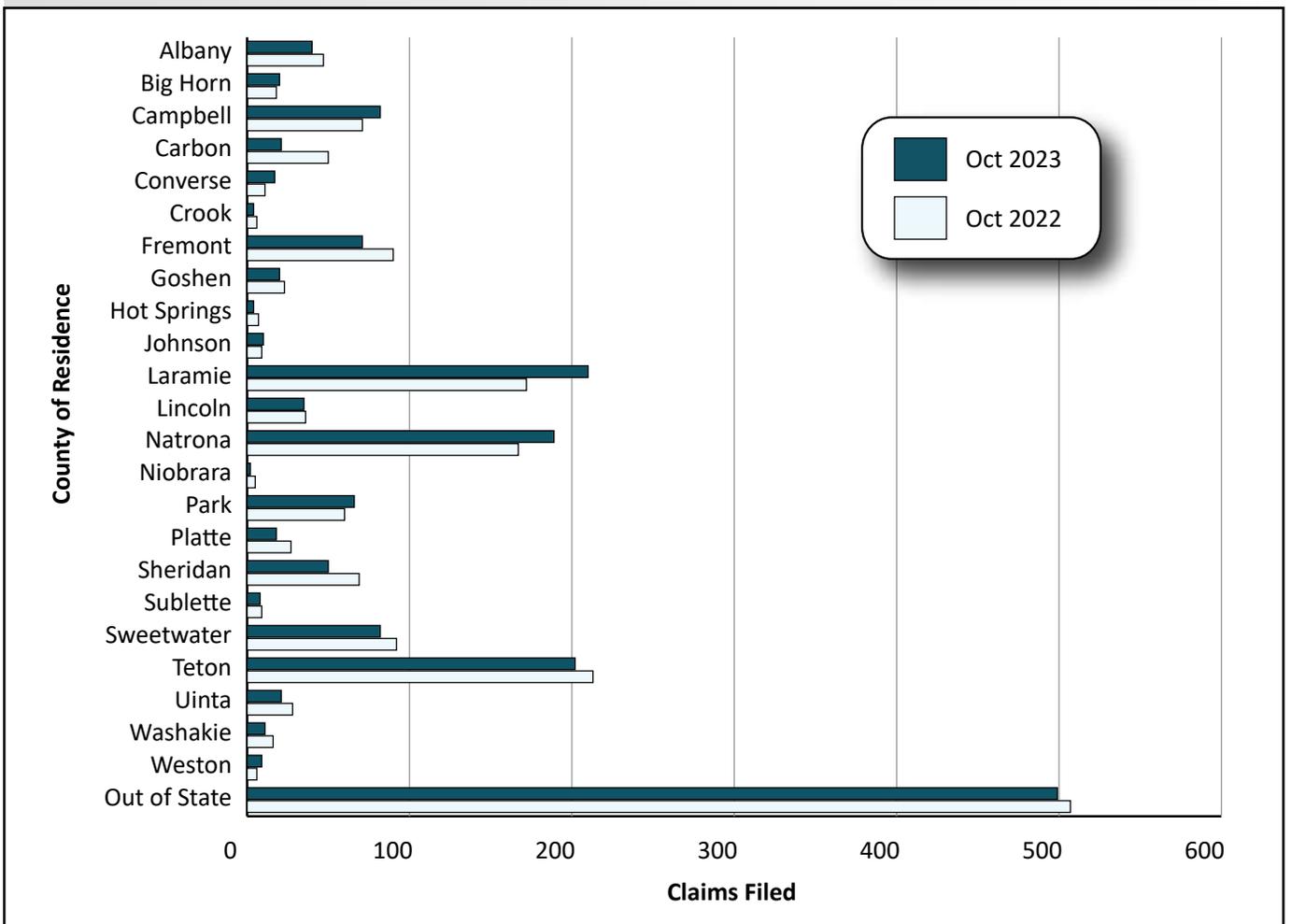


Figure 4: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, October 2022 and October 2023

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

Industry	Continued Weeks Claimed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Oct 2023	Sep 2023	Oct 2022	N	%	N	%
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	6,179	5,481	5,411	698	12.7	768	14.2
Total Unique Claimants	2,331	1,957	2,146	374	19.1	185	8.6
Goods-Producing	1,586	1,622	1,445	-36	-2.2	141	9.8
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	307	315	202	-8	-2.5	105	52.0
Mining (21)	283	302	181	-19	-6.3	102	56.4
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	29	22	31	7	31.8	-2	-6.5
Construction (23)	1,002	1,032	1,054	-30	-2.9	-52	-4.9
Manufacturing (31-33)	277	274	188	3	1.1	89	47.3
Service-Providing	4,088	3,380	3,397	708	20.9	691	20.3
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	1,067	1,083	838	-16	-1.5	229	27.3
Wholesale Trade (42)	178	180	146	-2	-1.1	32	21.9
Retail Trade (44-45)	531	520	481	11	2.1	50	10.4
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	357	382	211	-25	-6.5	146	69.2
Information (51)	159	137	73	22	16.1	86	117.8
Financial Activities (52-53)	265	284	246	-19	-6.7	19	7.7
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	685	621	588	64	10.3	97	16.5
Education & Health Services (61-62)	650	627	545	23	3.7	105	19.3
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	1,099	486	974	613	126.1	125	12.8
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	161	139	129	22	15.8	32	24.8
Government	410	369	486	41	11.1	-76	-15.6
Federal Government	94	18	102	76	422.2	-8	-7.8
State Government	93	90	71	3	3.3	22	31.0
Local Government	222	259	311	-37	-14.3	-89	-28.6
Local Education	58	63	116	-5	-7.9	-58	-50.0
Unclassified	94	109	82	-15	-13.8	12	14.6
Laramie County							
Total Claims Filed	1,069	1,007	855	62	6.2	214	25.0
Total Unique Claimants	386	353	316	33	9.3	70	22.2
Goods-Producing	220	177	234	43	24.3	-14	-6.0
Construction	162	135	203	27	20.0	-41	-20.2
Service-Providing	759	741	547	18	2.4	212	38.8
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	226	242	173	-16	-6.6	53	30.6
Financial Activities (52, 53)	49	58	41	-9	-15.5	8	19.5
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	217	175	139	42	24.0	78	56.1
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	136	135	109	1	0.7	27	24.8
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	67	63	50	4	6.3	17	34.0
Government	68	63	42	5	7.9	26	61.9
Unclassified	20	24	30	-4	-16.7	-10	-33.3
Natrona County							
Total Claims Filed	963	939	696	24	2.6	267	38.4
Total Unique Claimants	343	330	274	13	3.9	69	25.2
Goods-Producing	252	259	143	-7	-2.7	109	76.2
Construction	143	149	83	-6	-4.0	60	72.3
Service-Providing	654	633	519	21	3.3	135	26.0
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	207	214	154	-7	-3.3	53	34.4
Financial Activities (52, 53)	61	61	36	0	0.0	25	69.4
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	71	66	108	5	7.6	-37	-34.3
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	132	129	111	3	2.3	21	18.9
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	113	112	53	1	0.9	60	113.2
Government	33	22	32	11	50.0	1	3.1
Unclassified	22	23	0	-1	-4.3	22	2,200.0

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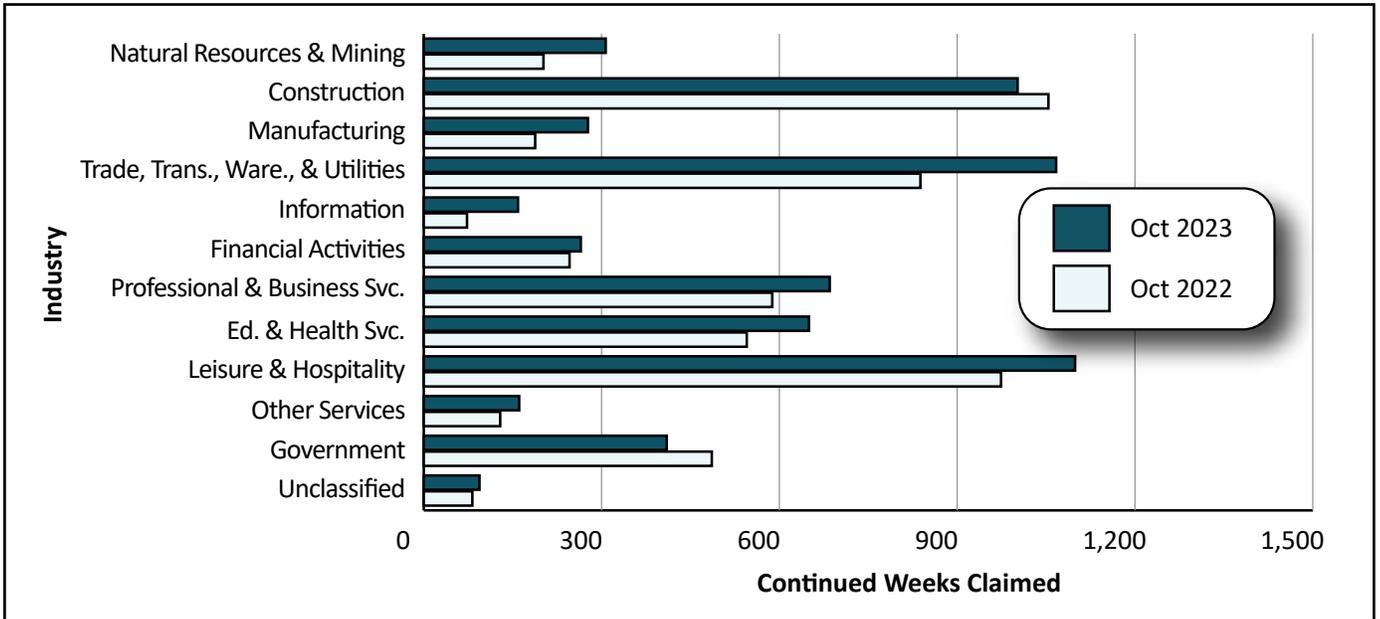


Figure 5: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, October 2022 and October 2023

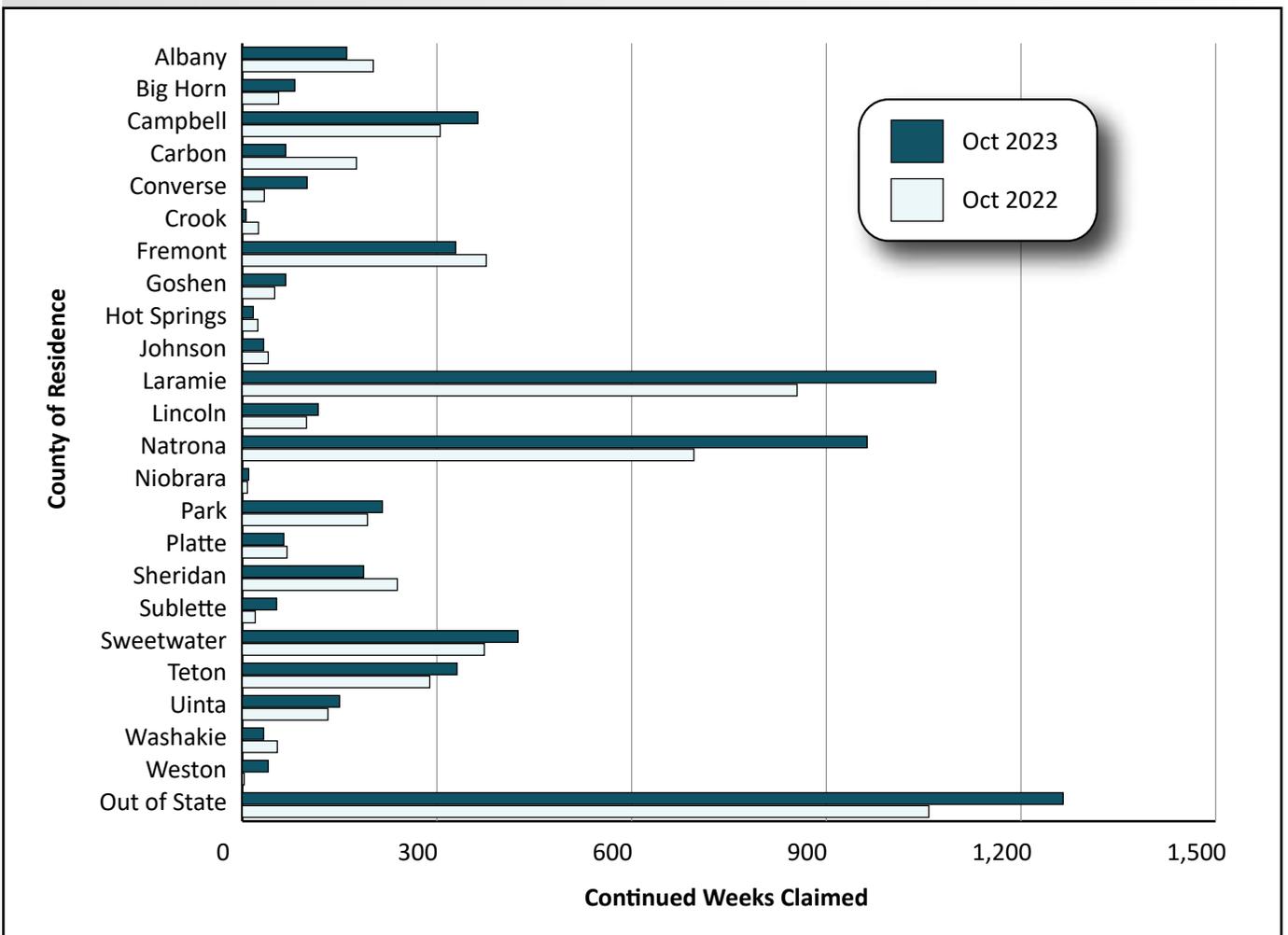


Figure 6: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence in Wyoming, October 2022 and October 2023

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

County	Oct 2023	Oct 2022	Change	
			N	%
Albany	40	47	-7	-14.9
Big Horn	20	18	2	11.1
Campbell	82	71	11	15.5
Carbon	21	50	-29	-58.0
Converse	17	11	6	54.5
Crook	4	6	-2	-33.3
Fremont	71	90	-19	-21.1
Goshen	20	23	-3	-13.0
Hot Springs	N/D	7	N/D	N/D
Johnson	10	9	1	11.1
Laramie	210	172	38	22.1
Lincoln	35	36	-1	-2.8
Natrona	189	167	22	13.2
Niobrara	N/D	5	N/D	N/D
Park	66	60	6	10.0
Platte	18	27	-9	-33.3
Sheridan	50	69	-19	-27.5
Sublette	8	9	-1	-11.1
Sweetwater	82	92	-10	-10.9
Teton	202	213	-11	-5.2
Uinta	21	28	-7	-25.0
Washakie	11	16	-5	-31.3
Weston	9	6	3	50.0
Unknown	14	11	3	27.3
Out of State	499	507	-8	-1.6
Total	1,715	1,763	-48	-2.7

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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, Oct 2022 and Oct 2023

County	Oct 2023	Oct 2022	Change	
			N	%
Albany	161	202	-41	-20.3
Big Horn	81	56	25	44.6
Campbell	363	305	58	19.0
Carbon	67	176	-109	-61.9
Converse	100	34	66	194.1
Crook	6	25	-19	-76.0
Fremont	329	376	-47	-12.5
Goshen	67	50	17	34.0
Hot Springs	17	24	-7	-29.2
Johnson	33	40	-7	-17.5
Laramie	1,069	855	214	25.0
Lincoln	117	99	18	18.2
Natrona	963	696	267	38.4
Niobrara	10	8	2	25.0
Park	216	193	23	11.9
Platte	64	69	-5	-7.2
Sheridan	187	239	-52	-21.8
Sublette	53	20	33	165.0
Sweetwater	425	373	52	13.9
Teton	331	289	42	14.5
Uinta	150	132	18	13.6
Washakie	33	54	-21	-38.9
Weston	40	3	37	1,233.3
Unknown	22	24	-2	-8.3
Out of State	1,265	1,058	207	19.6
Normalized Total^a	6,179	5,411	768	14.2

^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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