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Continued Claims Down More than 80% from Prior-Year

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In June 2021, Wyoming continued to experience substantial over-the-year decreases in the number of initial (-77.9%) and continued (-82.6%) Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims (see Definitions, page 9). Despite these decreases, the number of initial and continued claims remained higher than pre-COVID-19 pandemic levels.

Initial Claims

June 2021 marked the fourth consecutive month of over-the-year decreases in initial UI claims in Wyoming. There were 1,811 initial claims in June 2021, down from 8,180 in June 2020 (-6,369 or -77.9%). Initial claims peaked in April 2020 at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic and have largely trended

UI Claims Online

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downward since. See Figure 1.

The number of claims declined from the prior year in all industries. In the private sector, substantial decreases were seen in mining (-886, or -89.1%), leisure & hopitality (-727, or -80.7%), construction (-448, or -57.7%), and education & health services (-361, or -59.3%), among others. The industry labeled unclassified continued to see one of the top decreases of initial claims (-1,554,

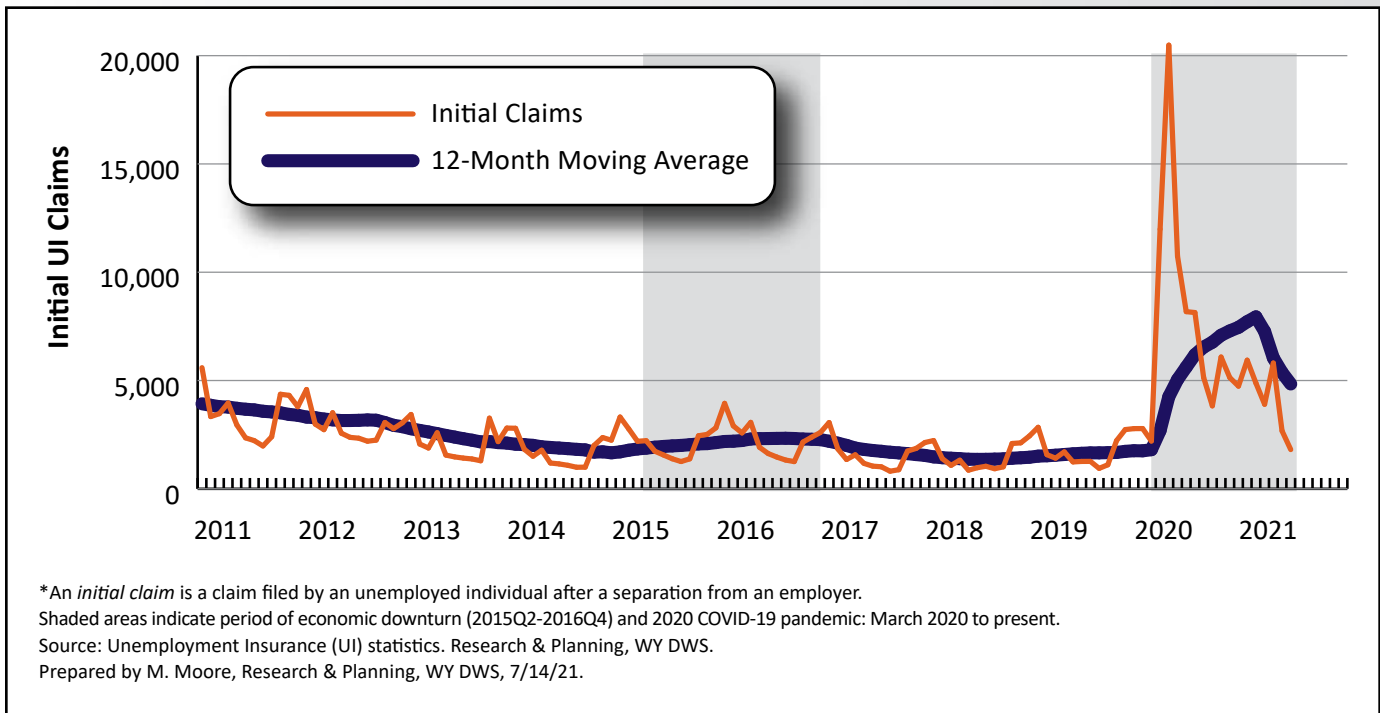


Figure 1: Total Number of Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by Year and Month, January 2011 to June 2021

or -87.7%). Initial claims in government decreased by 76.5% (-536 claims). See Table 1 (page 5) and Figure 3 (page 6).

Initial claims also decreased from prior year levels in nearly all counties, including Natrona (-1,288, or -80.3%), Laramie (-745, or -74.6%), and Campbell (-696, or -82.2%) counties. The number of out-of-state claimants decreased by 748 (-74.5%). See Figure 4 (page 6) and Table 3 (page 9).

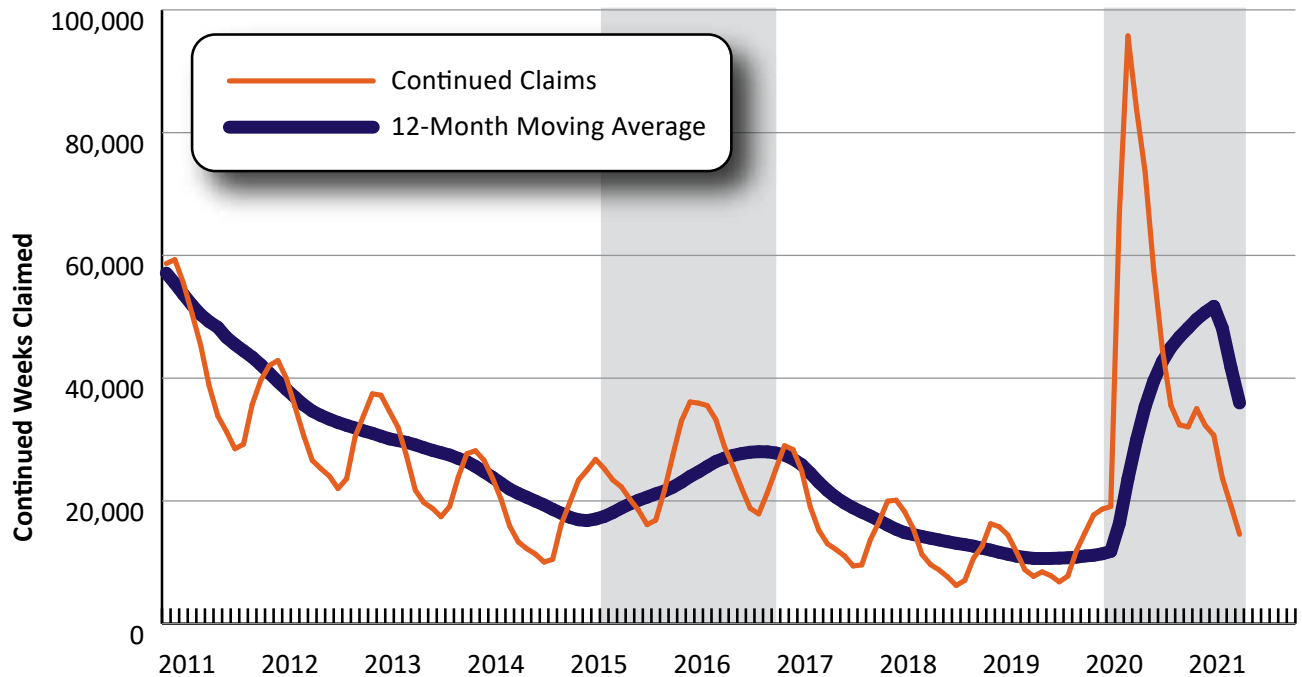
Continued Claims

The total number of continued weeks claimed decreased from 83,807 in June 2020 to 14,561 in June 2021 (-69,246, or -82.6%). The number of unique claimants decreased from 24,591 to 4,692 (-19,899, or

-80.9%). See Figure 2 and Table 2, page 7.

Continued claims declined in all industries over the year, including leisure & hospitality (-14,146, or -90.2%), mining (-12,130, or -91.8%), construction (-5,697, or -70.1%), and professional & business services (-3,789, or -79.2%). Claims in the unclassified industry decreased by 82.6% (-12,165). See Table 2, page 7, and Figure 5, page 8.

Continued claims also fell in every county, with the greatest decreases seen in Natrona (-13,492, or -85.0%), Laramie (-7,715 or -80.1%), and Teton (-6,363 or -94.4%) counties. The number of total weeks claimed by out-of-state recipients decreased by 10,186 (-83.2%). See Table 2, page 7, and Figure 5, page 8.



*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 period of economic downturn (2015Q2-2016Q4) and 2020 COVID-19 pandemic: March 2020 to present.
 Source: Unemployment Insurance (UI) statistics. Research & Planning, WY DWS.
 Prepared by M. Moore, Research & Planning, WY DWS, 7/14/21.

Figure 2: Total Number of Unemployment Insurance Continued Weeks Claimed for Wyoming by Year and Month, January 2011 to June 2021

Table 1: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims in Wyoming, June 2021

Industry	Initial Claims Filed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Jun 2021	May 2021	Jun 2020	N	%	N	%
Total Claims Filed	1,811	2,674	8,180	-863	-32.3	-6,369	-77.9
Goods-Producing	506	824	2,094	-318	-38.6	-1,588	-75.8
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	117	247	1,022	-130	-52.6	-905	-88.6
Mining (21)	108	237	994	-129	-54.4	-886	-89.1
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	9	21	45	-12	-57.1	-36	-80.0
Construction (23)	328	474	776	-146	-30.8	-448	-57.7
Manufacturing (31-33)	60	102	295	-42	-41.2	-235	-79.7
Service-Providing	921	1,274	3,612	-353	-27.7	-2,691	-74.5
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	265	402	1,101	-137	-34.1	-836	-75.9
Wholesale Trade (42)	54	87	386	-33	-37.9	-332	-86.0
Retail Trade (44-45)	135	186	401	-51	-27.4	-266	-66.3
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	76	128	313	-52	-40.6	-237	-75.7
Information (51)	8	14	62	-6	-42.9	-54	-87.1
Financial Activities (52-53)	37	49	233	-12	-24.5	-196	-84.1
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	151	210	491	-59	-28.1	-340	-69.2
Education & Health Services (61-62)	248	188	609	60	31.9	-361	-59.3
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	174	358	901	-184	-51.4	-727	-80.7
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	34	50	211	-16	-32.0	-177	-83.9
Government	165	184	701	-19	-10.3	-536	-76.5
Federal Government	20	25	47	-5	-20.0	-27	-57.4
State Government	14	21	110	-7	-33.3	-96	-87.3
Local Government	129	136	543	-7	-5.1	-414	-76.2
Local Education	71	62	302	9	14.5	-231	-76.5
Unclassified	218	391	1,772	-173	-44.2	-1,554	-87.7
Laramie County							
Total Claims Filed	253	400	998	-147	-36.8	-745	-74.6
Goods-Producing	58	136	155	-78	-57.4	-97	-62.6
Construction	44	110	83	-66	-60.0	-39	-47.0
Service-Providing	148	190	507	-42	-22.1	-359	-70.8
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	44	61	156	-17	-27.9	-112	-71.8
Financial Activities (52, 53)	8	9	31	-1	-11.1	-23	-74.2
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	21	43	89	-22	-51.2	-68	-76.4
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	36	28	83	8	28.6	-47	-56.6
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	28	35	99	-7	-20.0	-71	-71.7
Government	19	25	89	-6	-24.0	-70	-78.7
Unclassified	27	47	244	-20	-42.6	-217	-88.9
Natrona County							
Total Claims Filed	315	502	1,603	-187	-37.3	-1,288	-80.3
Goods-Producing	90	132	420	-42	-31.8	-330	-78.6
Construction	53	69	125	-16	-23.2	-72	-57.6
Service-Providing	183	282	885	-99	-35.1	-702	-79.3
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	68	117	316	-49	-41.9	-248	-78.5
Financial Activities (52, 53)	6	12	60	-6	-50.0	-54	-90.0
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	32	41	102	-9	-22.0	-70	-68.6
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	39	37	128	2	5.4	-89	-69.5
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	27	60	161	-33	-55.0	-134	-83.2
Government	13	11	50	2	18.2	-37	-74.0
Unclassified	26	75	246	-49	-65.3	-220	-89.4

N/D = Not discloseable due to confidentiality.

Source: Unemployment Insurance claims database. Reviewed by S. Wen, Research & Planning, WY DWS, 7/14/21.

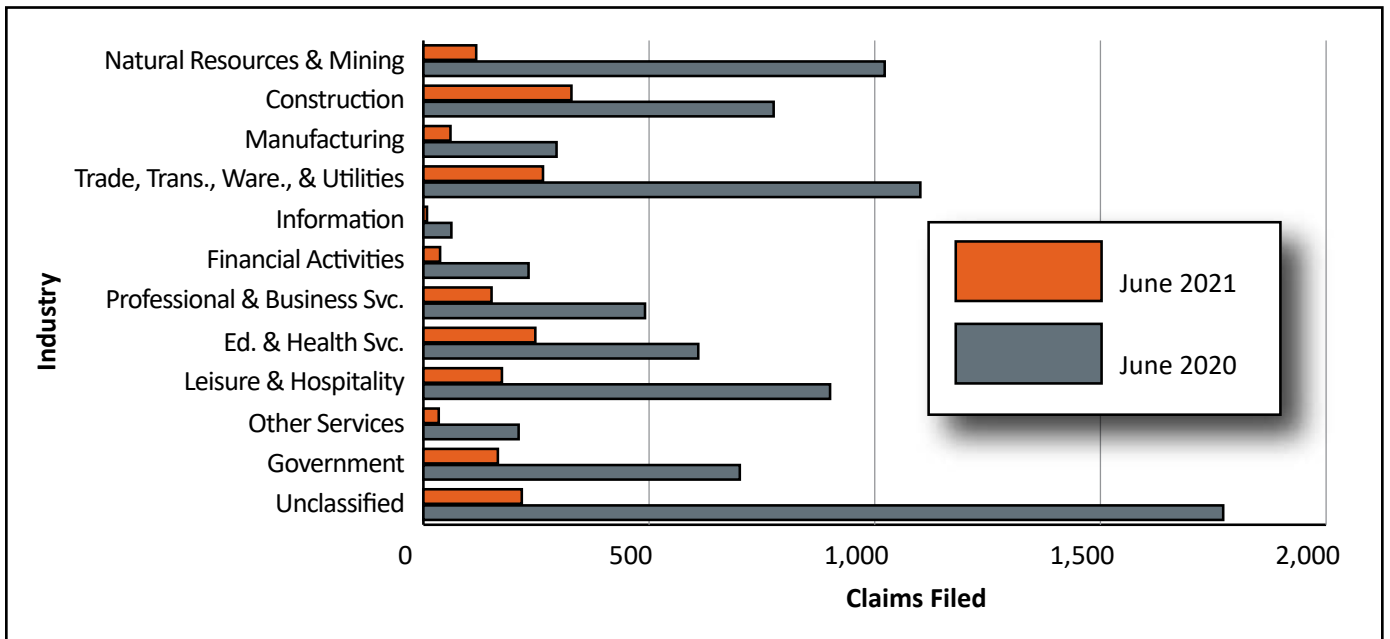


Figure 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, June 2020 and June 2021

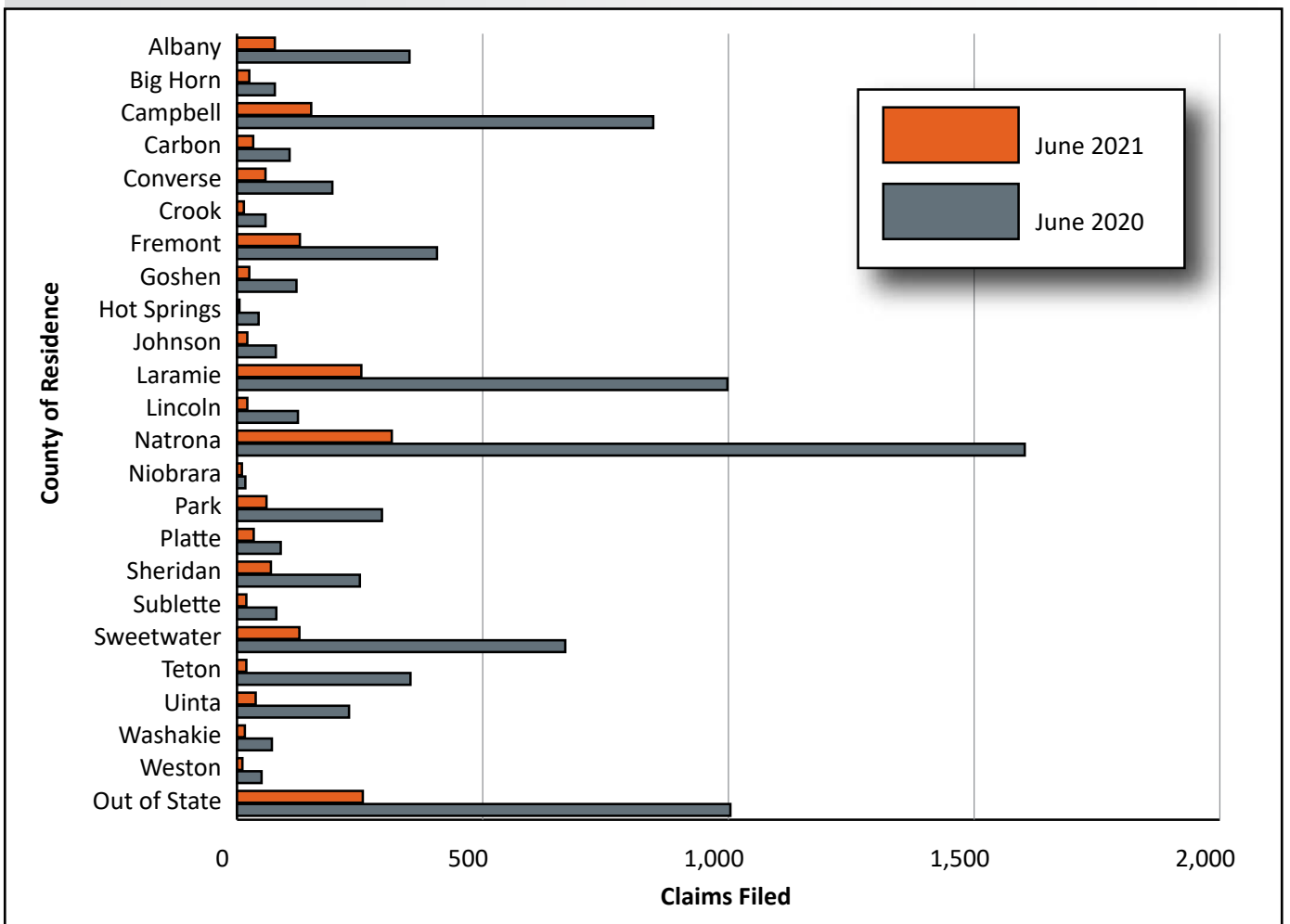


Figure 4: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, May 2020 and May 2021

Table 2: Unemployment Insurance Continued Weeks Claimed in Wyoming, June 2021

Industry	Continued Weeks Claimed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Jun 2021	May 2021	Jun 2020	N	%	N	%
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	14,561	19,205	83,807	-4,644	-24.2	-69,246	-82.6
Total Unique Claimants	4,692	6,383	24,591	-1,691	-26.5	-19,899	-80.9
Goods-Producing	4,182	5,462	24,125	-1,280	-23.4	-19,943	-82.7
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	1,167	1,342	13,394	-175	-13.0	-12,227	-91.3
Mining (21)	1,089	1,241	13,219	-152	-12.2	-12,130	-91.8
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	158	155	391	3	1.9	-233	-59.6
Construction (23)	2,429	3,421	8,126	-992	-29.0	-5,697	-70.1
Manufacturing (31-33)	585	698	2,604	-113	-16.2	-2,019	-77.5
Service-Providing	6,755	8,721	40,354	-1,966	-22.5	-33,599	-83.3
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	2,059	2,452	10,940	-393	-16.0	-8,881	-81.2
Wholesale Trade (42)	413	409	2,878	4	1.0	-2,465	-85.6
Retail Trade (44-45)	1,034	1,282	4,552	-248	-19.3	-3,518	-77.3
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	611	760	3,509	-149	-19.6	-2,898	-82.6
Information (51)	99	135	645	-36	-26.7	-546	-84.7
Financial Activities (52-53)	342	433	1,825	-91	-21.0	-1,483	-81.3
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	995	1,266	4,784	-271	-21.4	-3,789	-79.2
Education & Health Services (61-62)	1,421	1,179	4,304	242	20.5	-2,883	-67.0
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	1,540	2,905	15,686	-1,365	-47.0	-14,146	-90.2
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	295	348	2,168	-53	-15.2	-1,873	-86.4
Government	1,053	1,213	4,591	-160	-13.2	-3,538	-77.1
Federal Government	143	270	350	-127	-47.0	-207	-59.1
State Government	116	171	342	-55	-32.2	-226	-66.1
Local Government	794	771	3,899	23	3.0	-3,105	-79.6
Local Education	285	202	2,106	83	41.1	-1,821	-86.5
Unclassified	2,569	3,808	14,734	-1,239	-32.5	-12,165	-82.6
Laramie County							
Total Claims Filed	1,922	2,456	9,637	-534	-21.7	-7,715	-80.1
Total Unique Claimants	602	797	2,844	-195	-24.5	-2,242	-78.8
Goods-Producing	428	651	1,918	-223	-34.3	-1,490	-77.7
Construction	290	458	824	-168	-36.7	-534	-64.8
Service-Providing	1,033	1,182	5,460	-149	-12.6	-4,427	-81.1
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	339	401	1,844	-62	-15.5	-1,505	-81.6
Financial Activities (52, 53)	64	82	219	-18	-22.0	-155	-70.8
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	206	264	632	-58	-22.0	-426	-67.4
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	188	165	611	23	13.9	-423	-69.2
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	174	193	1,726	-19	-9.8	-1,552	-89.9
Government	143	173	544	-30	-17.3	-401	-73.7
Unclassified	316	449	1,714	-133	-29.6	-1,398	-81.6
Natrona County							
Total Claims Filed	2,380	3,080	15,872	-700	-22.7	-13,492	-85.0
Total Unique Claimants	812	1,028	4,633	-216	-21.0	-3,821	-82.5
Goods-Producing	564	877	4,597	-313	-35.7	-4,033	-87.7
Construction	323	563	1,208	-240	-42.6	-885	-73.3
Service-Providing	1,339	1,524	8,600	-185	-12.1	-7,261	-84.4
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	538	594	2,937	-56	-9.4	-2,399	-81.7
Financial Activities (52, 53)	60	76	509	-16	-21.1	-449	-88.2
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	176	218	1,026	-42	-19.3	-850	-82.8
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	245	220	815	25	11.4	-570	-69.9
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	226	289	2,392	-63	-21.8	-2,166	-90.6
Government	87	123	382	-36	-29.3	-295	-77.2
Unclassified	388	555	2,292	-167	-30.1	-1,904	-83.1

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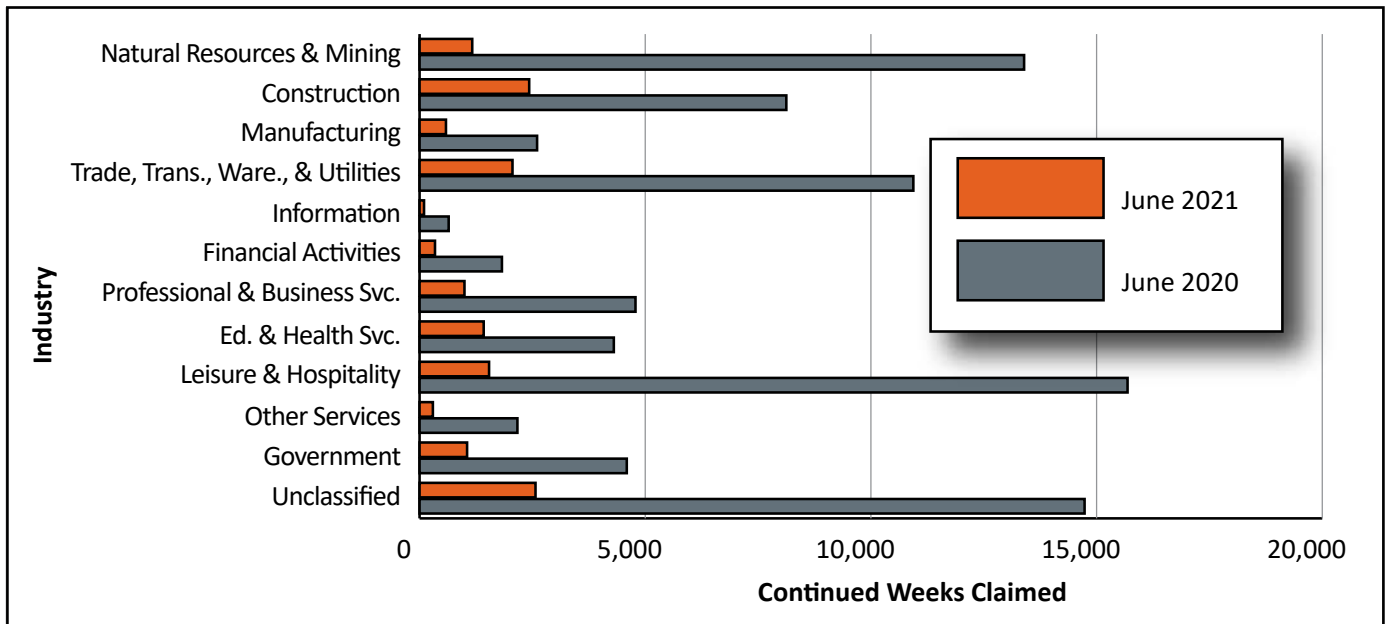


Figure 5: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, June 2020 and June 2021

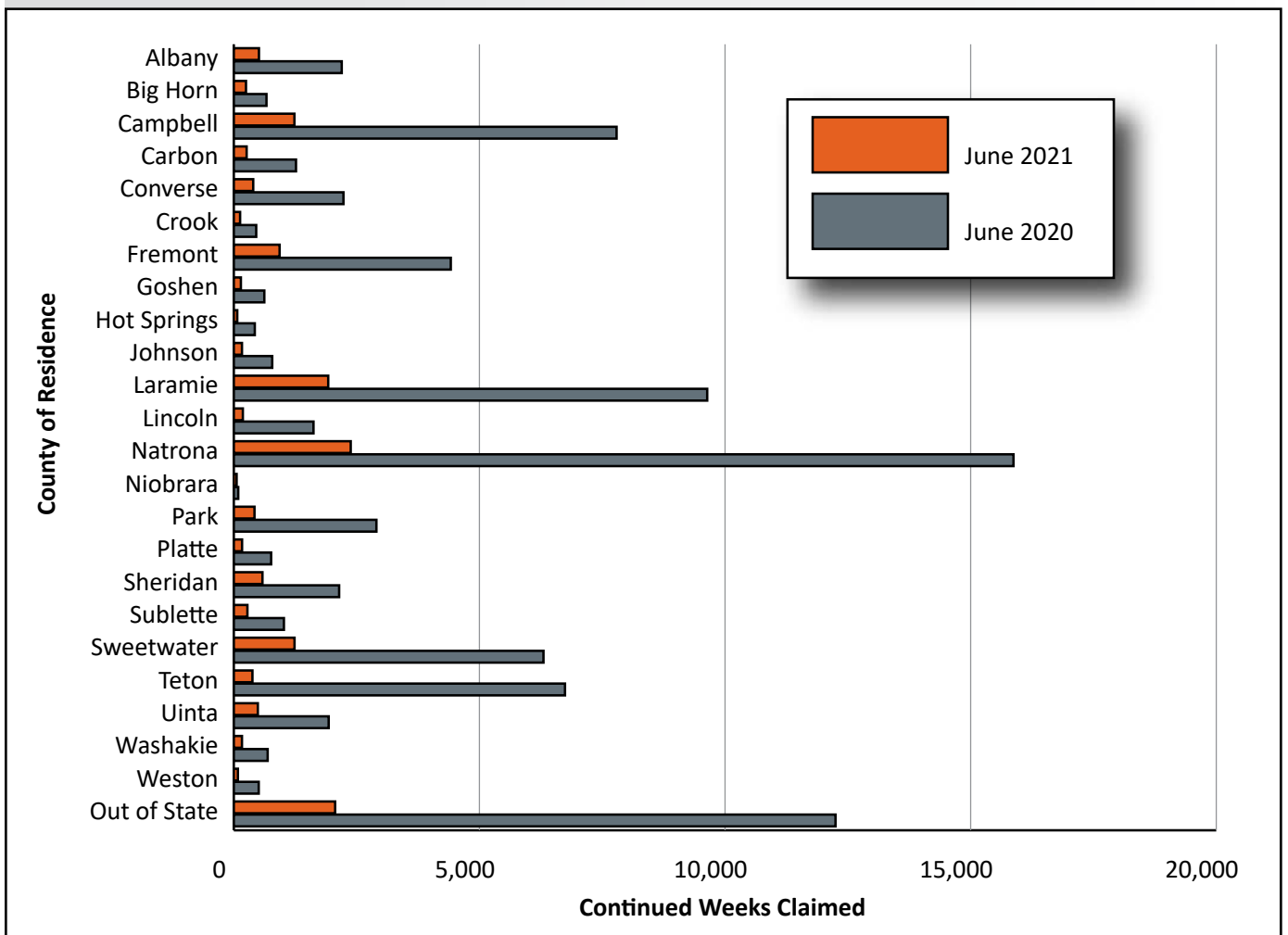


Figure 6: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence in Wyoming, June 2020 and June 2021

Table 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by County of Residence, June 2020 and June 2021

County	Jun 2021	Jun 2020	Change	
			N	%
Albany	77	351	-274	-78.1
Big Horn	25	77	-52	-67.5
Campbell	151	847	-696	-82.2
Carbon	33	107	-74	-69.2
Converse	58	194	-136	-70.1
Crook	14	58	-44	-75.9
Fremont	128	407	-279	-68.6
Goshen	25	121	-96	-79.3
Hot Springs	5	44	-39	-88.6
Johnson	21	79	-58	-73.4
Laramie	253	998	-745	-74.6
Lincoln	21	124	-103	-83.1
Natrona	315	1,603	-1,288	-80.3
Niobrara	10	17	-7	-41.2
Park	60	295	-235	-79.7
Platte	34	89	-55	-61.8
Sheridan	69	250	-181	-72.4
Sublette	19	80	-61	-76.3
Sweetwater	127	668	-541	-81.0
Teton	19	353	-334	-94.6
Uinta	38	228	-190	-83.3
Washakie	16	71	-55	-77.5
Weston	11	50	-39	-78.0
Unknown	12	54	-42	-77.8
Out of State	256	1,004	-748	-74.5
Total	1,811	8,180	-6,369	-77.9

Source: Unemployment Insurance claims database.

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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, Jun 2020 and Jun 2021

County	Jun 2021	Jun 2020	Change	
			N	%
Albany	512	2,197	-1,685	-62.7
Big Horn	248	665	-417	-78.9
Campbell	1,234	7,792	-6,558	-83.6
Carbon	261	1,266	-1,005	-85.5
Converse	395	2,232	-1,837	-75.9
Crook	128	456	-328	-84.2
Fremont	932	4,417	-3,485	-71.9
Goshen	144	621	-477	-78.8
Hot Springs	70	427	-357	-72.8
Johnson	166	782	-616	-83.6
Laramie	1,922	9,637	-7,715	-88.7
Lincoln	184	1,622	-1,438	-72.8
Natrona	2,380	15,872	-13,492	-80.4
Niobrara	57	90	-33	-94.4
Park	421	2,903	-2,482	-74.7
Platte	168	760	-592	-76.7
Sheridan	583	2,144	-1,561	-76.8
Sublette	277	1,020	-743	-80.1
Sweetwater	1,236	6,304	-5,068	-36.7
Teton	379	6,742	-6,363	-77.9
Uinta	489	1,931	-1,442	-79.4
Washakie	166	689	-523	-82.3
Weston	83	507	-424	-85.0
Unknown	51	467	-416	-89.1
Out of State	2,063	12,249	-10,186	-83.2
Normalized Total^a	14,561	83,807	-69,246	-82.6

^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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