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Continued Claims in Natural Resources & Mining Drop 36.7%

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Initial Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims in Wyoming decreased by 16.1% over the month and increased by 133.4% over the year in November 2020. The total number of continued weeks claimed decreased from prior-month levels for the sixth consecutive month, indicating that claimants may have returned to work, exhausted their benefits, or dropped out of the labor force. See *Figure 1 and Figure 2, page 4*.

Initial Claims

Wyoming had 5,107 initial claims (see Definitions, page 9) in November, down from 6,084 in October (-977, or -16.1%). Most industries experienced an over-the-month decrease in initial claims,

Weekly UI Claims

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including leisure & hospitality (-258, or -21.9%), trade, transportation, & utilities (-149, or -24.5%), and natural resources & mining (-130, or -31.0%). Over-the-month increases were seen in construction (191, or 22.3%) and federal government (72, or 39.6%). See *Table 1 (page 5) and Figure 3 (page 6)*.

Most counties saw over-the-month decreases in initial claims, with the

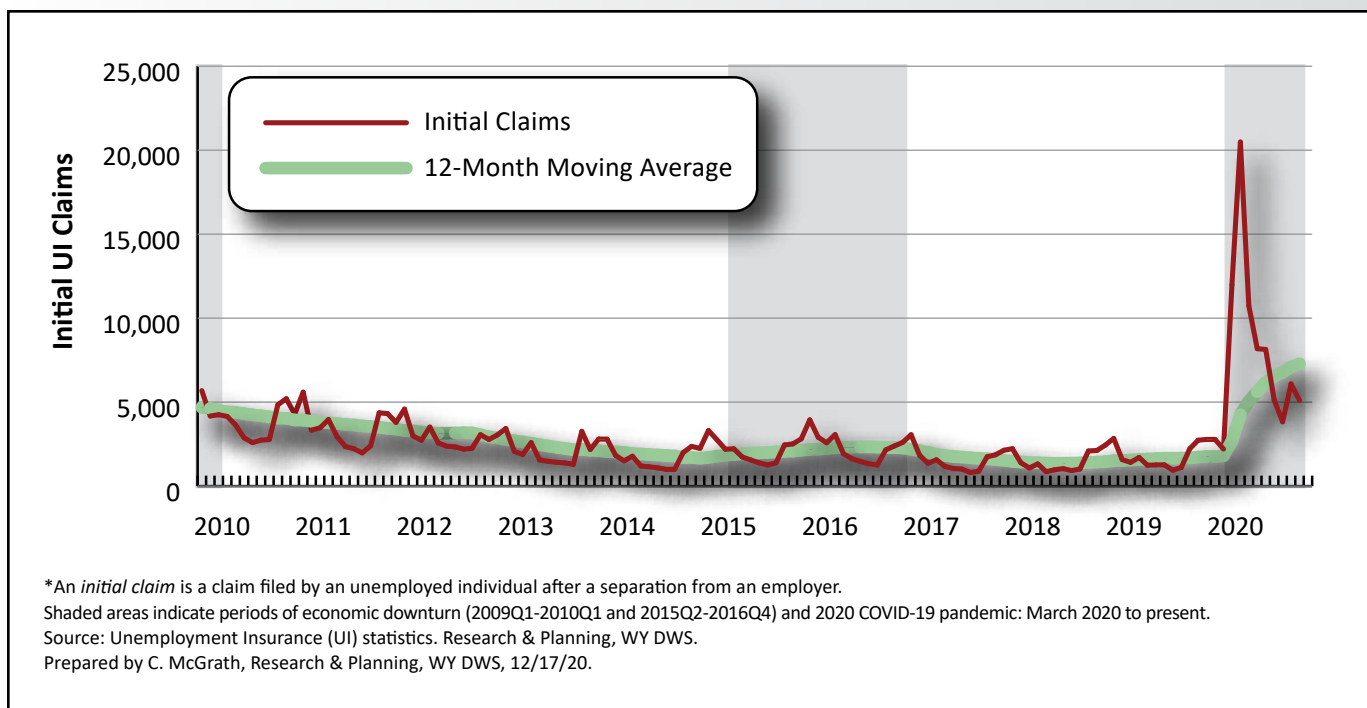


Figure 1: Total Number of Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by Year and Month, January 2010 to November 2020

greatest decreases seen in Campbell (-167, or -33.1%) and Natrona (-105, or -10.5%) counties. The number of out-of-state claimants decreased by 425 (-33.8%). Seven counties saw over-the-month increases in initial claims, led by Carbon (43, or 54.4%) and Sublette (13, or 18.8%) counties. See *Figure 4 (page 6) and Table 3 (page 9)*.

Continued Claims

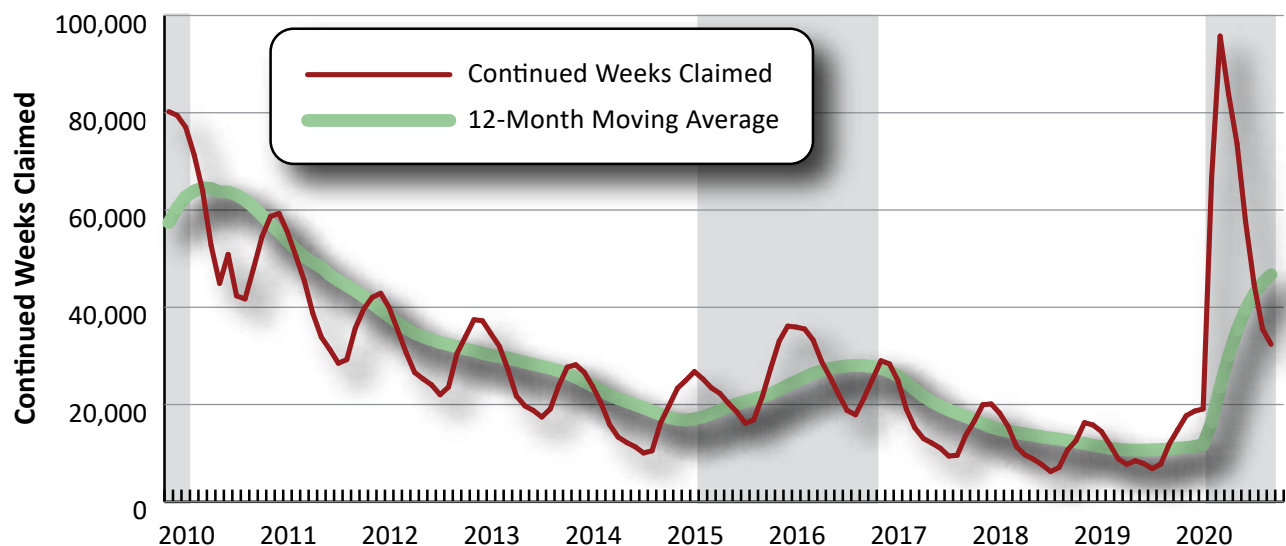
The total number of continued weeks claimed decreased from 35,565 in October to 32,402 in November (-3,163, or -8.9%), while the total number of unique claimants decreased from 11,681 to 10,558 (-1,123, or -9.6%). See *Figure 2 and Table 2, page 7*.

Continued claims decreased in most private sector industries; in particular,

continued claims in natural resources & mining decreased by more than one-third (-2,365, or -36.7%). Substantial decreases also were seen in industries such as trade, transportation, & utilities (-755, or -15.6%), professional & business services (-313, or -11.2%), and financial activities (-238, or -29.3%).

Over-the-month increases in continued weeks claimed were seen in leisure & hospitality (942, or 26.1%) and construction (222, or 4.7%). See *Table 2, page 7, and Figure 5, page 8*.

Continued claims increased in eight counties, most notably Teton County (596, or 40.7%). Decreases were seen in 15 counties, including Natrona (-1,266, or -16.9%), Campbell (-823, or -22.6%), and Sweetwater (-449, or -16.4%) counties. See *Figure 6, page 8, and Table 4, page 9*.



*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 (2009Q1-2010Q1 and 2015Q2-2016Q4) and 2020 COVID-19 pandemic: March 2020 to present.

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 2010 to November 2020

Table 1: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims in Wyoming, November 2020

Industry	Initial Claims Filed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Nov 2020	Oct 2020	Nov 2019	N	%	N	%
Total Claims Filed	5,107	6,084	2,188	-977	-16.1	2,919	133.4
Goods-Producing	1,428	1,419	891	9	0.6	537	60.3
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	290	420	174	-130	-31.0	116	66.7
Mining (21)	253	407	157	-154	-37.8	96	61.1
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	16	32	13	-16	-50.0	3	23.1
Construction (23)	1,048	857	661	191	22.3	387	58.5
Manufacturing (31-33)	89	141	54	-52	-36.9	35	64.8
Service-Providing	2,160	2,723	878	-563	-20.7	1,282	146.0
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	458	607	203	-149	-24.5	255	125.6
Wholesale Trade (42)	59	106	29	-47	-44.3	30	103.4
Retail Trade (44-45)	244	281	82	-37	-13.2	162	197.6
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	154	219	91	-65	-29.7	63	69.2
Information (51)	17	34	7	-17	-50.0	10	142.9
Financial Activities (52-53)	62	75	24	-13	-17.3	38	158.3
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	404	429	217	-25	-5.8	187	86.2
Education & Health Services (61-62)	224	264	53	-40	-15.2	171	322.6
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	919	1,177	348	-258	-21.9	571	164.1
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	73	134	23	-61	-45.5	50	217.4
Government	425	401	208	24	6.0	217	104.3
Federal Government	254	182	135	72	39.6	119	88.1
State Government	30	32	12	-2	-6.3	18	150.0
Local Government	140	186	61	-46	-24.7	79	129.5
Local Education	42	70	11	-28	-40.0	31	281.8
Unclassified	1,092	1,540	209	-448	-29.1	883	422.5
Laramie County							
Total Claims Filed	665	687	324	-22	-3.2	341	105.2
Goods-Producing	215	194	153	21	10.8	62	40.5
Construction	186	147	138	39	26.5	48	34.8
Service-Providing	273	283	129	-10	-3.5	144	111.6
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	74	77	41	-3	-3.9	33	80.5
Financial Activities (52, 53)	5	9	4	-4	-44.4	1	25.0
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	79	62	51	17	27.4	28	54.9
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	37	48	12	-11	-22.9	25	208.3
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	64	58	9	6	10.3	55	611.1
Government	28	29	14	-1	-3.4	14	100.0
Unclassified	148	179	27	-31	-17.3	121	448.1
Natrona County							
Total Claims Filed	893	998	275	-105	-10.5	618	224.7
Goods-Producing	267	253	147	14	5.5	120	81.6
Construction	208	167	109	41	24.6	99	90.8
Service-Providing	392	505	104	-113	-22.4	288	276.9
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	102	147	38	-45	-30.6	64	168.4
Financial Activities (52, 53)	15	19	1	-4	-21.1	14	1,400.0
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	71	97	37	-26	-26.8	34	91.9
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	56	67	8	-11	-16.4	48	600.0
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	117	119	14	-2	-1.7	103	735.7
Government	31	36	7	-5	-13.9	24	342.9
Unclassified	201	202	15	-1	-0.5	186	1,240.0

N/D = Not discloseable due to confidentiality.

Source: Unemployment Insurance claims database. Reviewed by S. Wen, Research & Planning, WY DWS, 12/17/20.

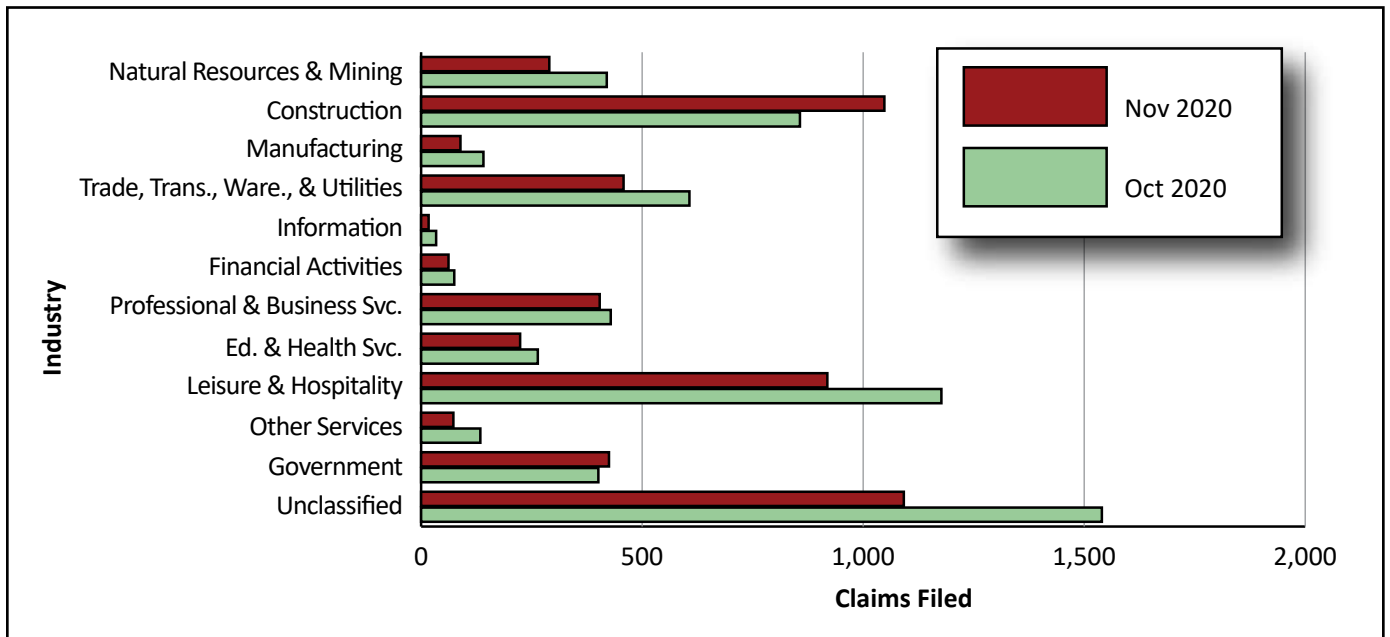


Figure 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, October and November 2020

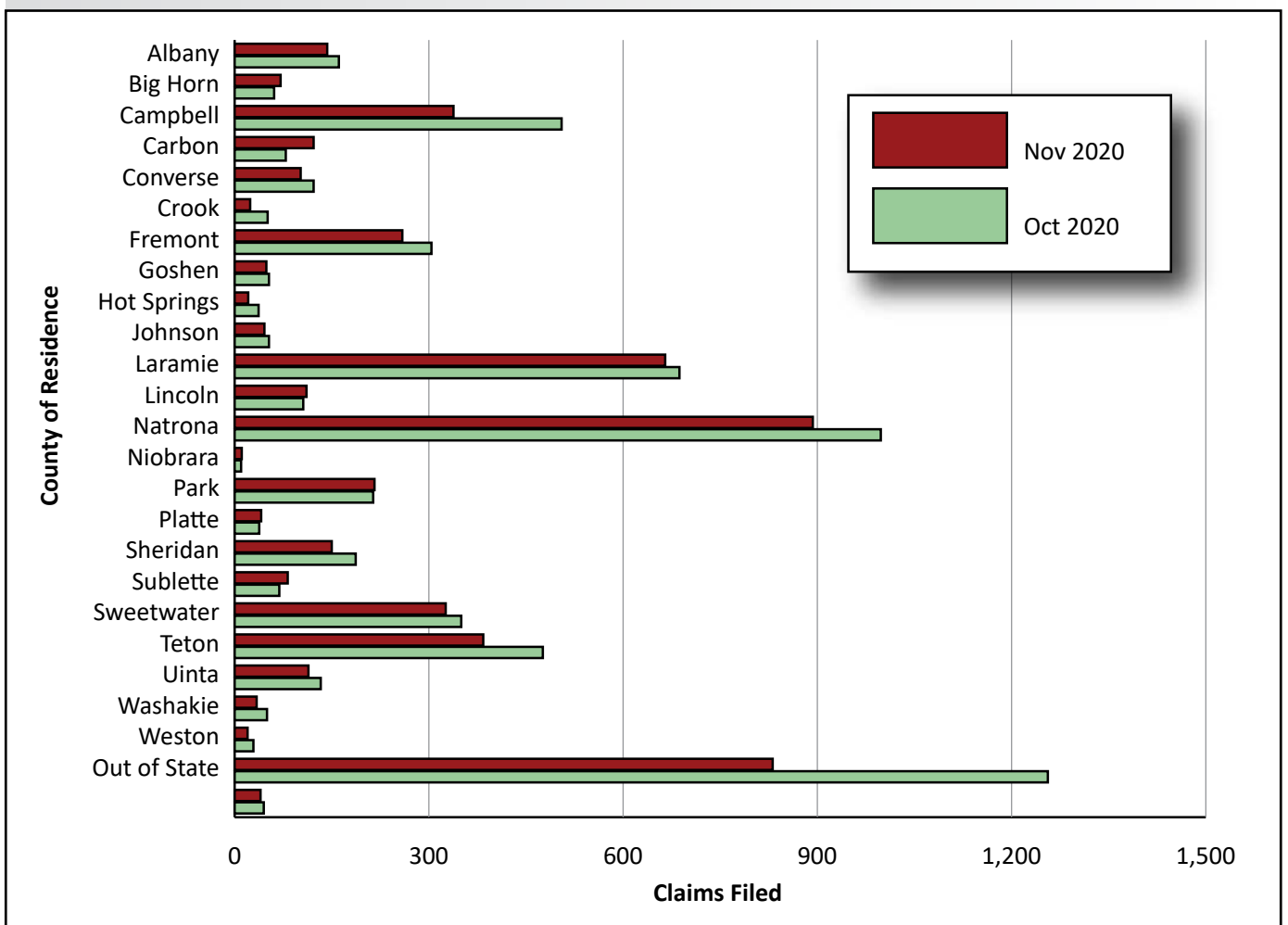


Figure 4: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, October and November 2020

Table 2: Unemployment Insurance Continued Weeks Claimed in Wyoming, November 2020

Industry	Continued Weeks Claimed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Nov 2020	Oct 2020	Nov 2019	N	%	N	%
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	32,402	35,565	9,502	-3,163	-8.9	22,900	241.0
Total Unique Claimants	10,558	11,681	3,370	-1,123	-9.6	7,188	213.3
Goods-Producing	10,052	12,410	2,895	-2,358	-19.0	7,157	247.2
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	4,075	6,440	828	-2,365	-36.7	3,247	392.1
Mining (21)	3,971	6,365	777	-2,394	-37.6	3,194	411.1
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	186	222	39	-36	-16.2	147	376.9
Construction (23)	4,928	4,706	1,752	222	4.7	3,176	181.3
Manufacturing (31-33)	1,047	1,263	314	-216	-17.1	733	233.4
Service-Providing	14,086	14,724	4,740	-638	-4.3	9,346	197.2
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	4,081	4,836	998	-755	-15.6	3,083	308.9
Wholesale Trade (42)	1,278	1,624	175	-346	-21.3	1,103	630.3
Retail Trade (44-45)	1,521	1,759	430	-238	-13.5	1,091	253.7
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	1,280	1,452	392	-172	-11.8	888	226.5
Information (51)	207	219	54	-12	-5.5	153	283.3
Financial Activities (52-53)	573	811	174	-238	-29.3	399	229.3
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	2,486	2,799	864	-313	-11.2	1,622	187.7
Education & Health Services (61-62)	1,572	1,680	417	-108	-6.4	1,155	277.0
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	4,549	3,607	2,095	942	26.1	2,454	117.1
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	614	768	135	-154	-20.1	479	354.8
Government	1,738	1,628	859	110	6.8	879	102.3
Federal Government	400	234	368	166	70.9	32	8.7
State Government	232	244	77	-12	-4.9	155	201.3
Local Government	1,105	1,148	413	-43	-3.7	692	167.6
Local Education	308	356	69	-48	-13.5	239	346.4
Unclassified	6,525	6,802	1,006	-277	-4.1	5,519	548.6
Laramie County							
Total Claims Filed	3,554	3,942	979	-388	-9.8	2,575	263.0
Total Unique Claimants	1,185	1,275	403	-90	-7.1	782	194.0
Goods-Producing	885	899	283	-14	-1.6	602	212.7
Construction	556	440	258	116	26.4	298	115.5
Service-Providing	1,668	1,908	541	-240	-12.6	1,127	208.3
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	503	596	187	-93	-15.6	316	169.0
Financial Activities (52, 53)	63	103	49	-40	-38.8	14	28.6
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	372	370	135	2	0.5	237	175.6
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	306	339	67	-33	-9.7	239	356.7
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	320	364	47	-44	-12.1	273	580.9
Government	205	277	70	-72	-26.0	135	192.9
Unclassified	795	857	84	-62	-7.2	711	846.4
Natrona County							
Total Claims Filed	6,220	7,486	1,240	-1,266	-16.9	4,980	401.6
Total Unique Claimants	2,043	2,390	462	-347	-14.5	1,581	342.2
Goods-Producing	2,056	2,567	535	-511	-19.9	1,521	284.3
Construction	785	719	309	66	9.2	476	154.0
Service-Providing	3,008	3,666	543	-658	-17.9	2,465	454.0
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	1,204	1,511	145	-307	-20.3	1,059	730.3
Financial Activities (52, 53)	210	286	19	-76	-26.6	191	1,005.3
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	444	606	160	-162	-26.7	284	177.5
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	379	343	88	36	10.5	291	330.7
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	484	575	72	-91	-15.8	412	572.2
Government	107	107	44	0	0.0	63	143.2
Unclassified	1,047	1,145	117	-98	-8.6	930	794.9

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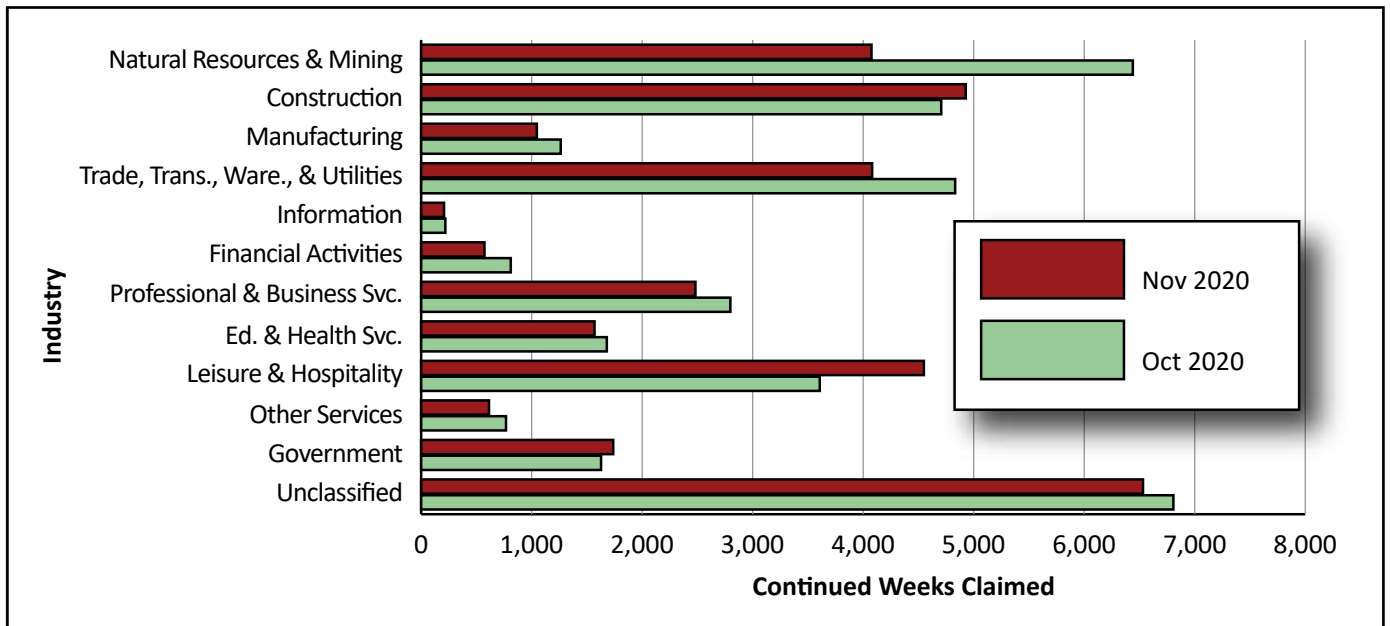


Figure 5: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, October and November 2020

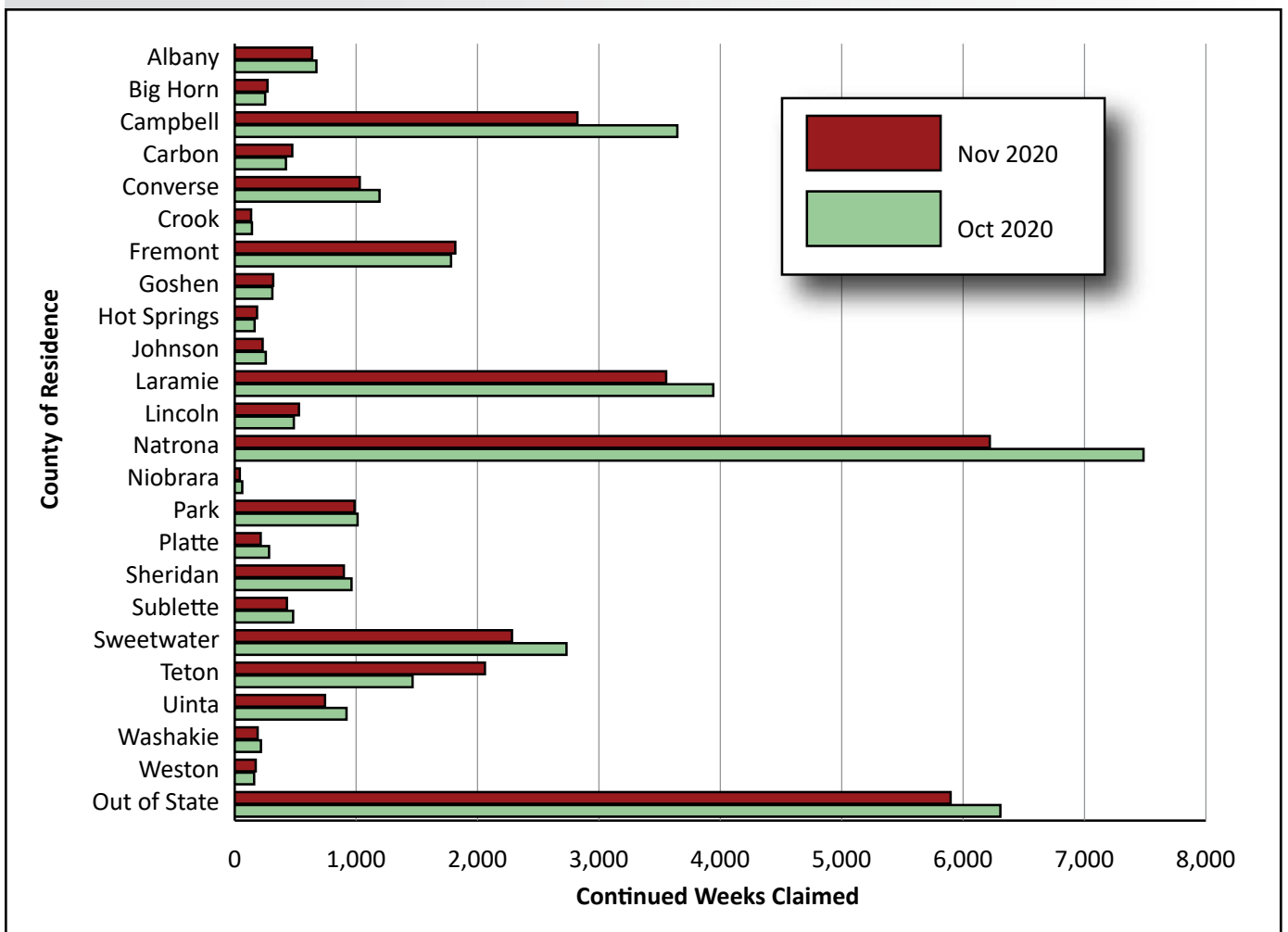


Figure 6: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence in Wyoming, October and November 2020

Table 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by County of Residence, October 2020 to November 2020

County	Nov 2020	Oct 2020	Change	
			N	%
Albany	143	161	-18	-11.2
Big Horn	71	61	10	16.4
Campbell	338	505	-167	-33.1
Carbon	122	79	43	54.4
Converse	102	122	-20	-16.4
Crook	24	51	-27	-52.9
Fremont	259	304	-45	-14.8
Goshen	49	53	-4	-7.5
Hot Springs	21	37	-16	-43.2
Johnson	46	53	-7	-13.2
Laramie	665	687	-22	-3.2
Lincoln	111	106	5	4.7
Natrona	893	998	-105	-10.5
Niobrara	11	10	1	10.0
Park	216	214	2	0.9
Platte	41	38	3	7.9
Sheridan	150	187	-37	-19.8
Sublette	82	69	13	18.8
Sweetwater	326	350	-24	-6.9
Teton	384	476	-92	-19.3
Uinta	114	133	-19	-14.3
Washakie	34	50	-16	-32.0
Weston	20	29	-9	-31.0
Unknown	40	45	-5	-11.1
Out of State	831	1,256	-425	-33.8
Total	5,107	6,084	-977	-16.1

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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, October 2020 to November 2020

County	Nov 2020	Oct 2020	Change	
			N	%
Albany	638	673	-35	-5.2
Big Horn	270	251	19	7.6
Campbell	2,823	3,646	-823	-22.6
Carbon	474	422	52	12.3
Converse	1,030	1,193	-163	-13.7
Crook	135	142	-7	-4.9
Fremont	1,817	1,782	35	2.0
Goshen	317	310	7	2.3
Hot Springs	184	164	20	12.2
Johnson	230	256	-26	-10.2
Laramie	3,554	3,942	-388	-9.8
Lincoln	529	487	42	8.6
Natrona	6,220	7,486	-1,266	-16.9
Niobrara	42	62	-20	-32.3
Park	987	1,012	-25	-2.5
Platte	214	283	-69	-24.4
Sheridan	899	962	-63	-6.5
Sublette	430	481	-51	-10.6
Sweetwater	2,284	2,733	-449	-16.4
Teton	2,061	1,465	596	40.7
Uinta	744	921	-177	-19.2
Washakie	189	216	-27	-12.5
Weston	173	160	13	8.1
Unknown	252	197	55	27.9
Out of State	5,897	6,307	-410	-6.5
Normalized Total^a	32,402	35,565	-3,163	-8.9

^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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