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UI Claims Follow Seasonal Trends, Increase from October

by: **Michael Moore, Editor**

Initial and continued Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims in Wyoming continued to decrease substantially from prior-year levels in November 2021, as claims returned to pre-pandemic levels. Initial and continued claims (see Definitions, page 9) both increased from October to November.

Initial Claims

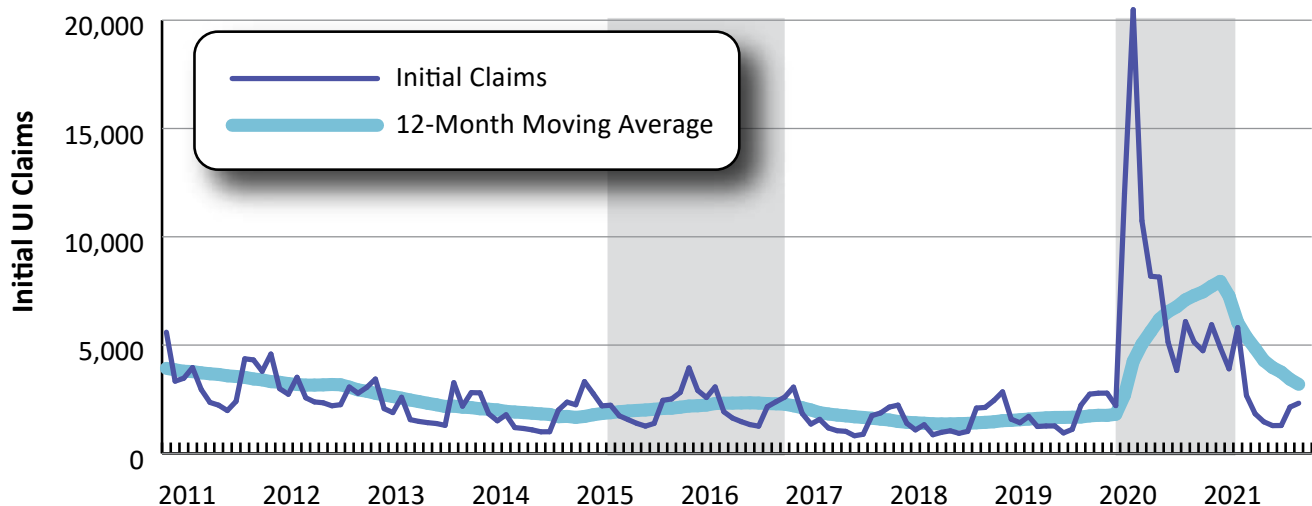
November 2021 marked the ninth consecutive month of over-the-year decreases in initial UI claims in Wyoming (see Figure 1). There were 2,317 initial claims in November 2021, down from 5,133 in November 2020 (-2,816 or -54.9%; see Table 1, page 5).

UI Claims Online

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

All industries and counties showed over-the-year decreases in initial claims (see Figures 3 and 4, page 6).

Initial claims followed their normal pattern and increased from October to November. Initial claims are often highest during the fall and winter months as seasonal jobs end and more individuals file claims for UI benefits. The total



*An *initial claim* is a claim filed by an unemployed individual after a separation from an employer.

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

number of initial claims increased from 2,136 in October to 2,317 in November (181, or 8.5%).

The greatest over-the-month increases in initial claims were seen in professional & business services (88, or 60.7%) and construction (76, or 17.9%; see Table 1, page 5). Decreases were seen in leisure & hospitality (-49, or -9.2%) and other services, except public administration (-17, or -42.5%).

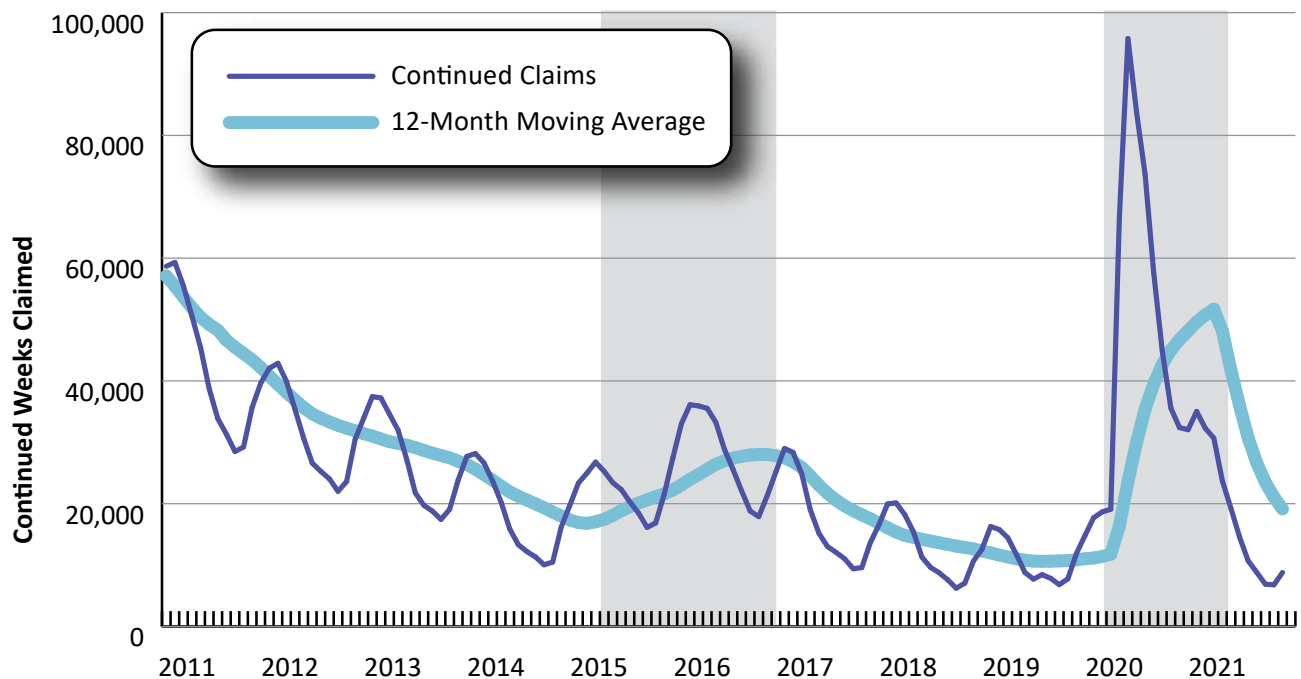
Continued Claims

Continued claims declined from prior-year levels for the eighth consecutive month in November (see Figure 2). The number of continued weeks claimed decreased from 32,402 in November 2020 to 8,795

in November 2021 (-23,607, or -72.9%; see Table 2, page 7). The number of unique claimants decreased from 10,558 to 3,168 (-7,390, or -70.0%). Continued claims decreased over the year in all industries and counties (see Figures 5 and 6, page 8).

Over the month, the total number of continued weeks claimed increased by 2,013 (29.7%) while the number of unique claimants grew by 616 (24.1%). Continued claims often increase substantially from October to November, as the large number of initial claimants from October are counted as continued claimants.

The greatest over-the-month increases in continued claims were seen in leisure & hospitality (987, or 117.8%) and construction (332, or 31.9%).



*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: 2015Q2-2016Q4 and 2020Q2-2021Q1.

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

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

Industry	Initial Claims Filed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Nov 2021	Oct 2021	Nov 2020	N	%	N	%
Total Claims Filed	2,317	2,136	5,133	181	8.5	-2,816	-54.9
Goods-Producing	640	558	1,446	82	14.7	-806	-55.7
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	74	68	292	6	8.8	-218	-74.7
Mining (21)	64	56	255	8	14.3	-191	-74.9
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	7	6	16	1	16.7	-9	-56.3
Construction (23)	501	425	1,063	76	17.9	-562	-52.9
Manufacturing (31-33)	64	64	90	0	0.0	-26	-28.9
Service-Providing	1,121	1,070	2,183	51	4.8	-1,062	-48.6
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	244	206	466	38	18.4	-222	-47.6
Wholesale Trade (42)	41	21	61	20	95.2	-20	-32.8
Retail Trade (44-45)	119	103	247	16	15.5	-128	-51.8
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	84	81	156	3	3.7	-72	-46.2
Information (51)	8	9	17	-1	-11.1	-9	-52.9
Financial Activities (52-53)	34	38	63	-4	-10.5	-29	-46.0
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	233	145	409	88	60.7	-176	-43.0
Education & Health Services (61-62)	94	99	225	-5	-5.1	-131	-58.2
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	481	530	926	-49	-9.2	-445	-48.1
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	23	40	74	-17	-42.5	-51	-68.9
Government	215	198	431	17	8.6	-216	-50.1
Federal Government	138	107	257	31	29.0	-119	-46.3
State Government	16	19	30	-3	-15.8	-14	-46.7
Local Government	60	71	143	-11	-15.5	-83	-58.0
Local Education	9	15	42	-6	-40.0	-33	-78.6
Unclassified	339	309	1,071	30	9.7	-732	-68.3
Laramie County							
Total Claims Filed	272	194	670	78	40.2	-398	-59.4
Goods-Producing	97	57	215	40	70.2	-118	-54.9
Construction	81	44	186	37	84.1	-105	-56.5
Service-Providing	119	99	276	20	20.2	-157	-56.9
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	38	29	74	9	31.0	-36	-48.6
Financial Activities (52, 53)	6	6	5	0	0.0	1	20.0
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	42	24	79	18	75.0	-37	-46.8
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	11	9	37	2	22.2	-26	-70.3
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	15	23	66	-8	-34.8	-51	-77.3
Government	8	8	28	0	0.0	-20	-71.4
Unclassified	47	29	150	18	62.1	-103	-68.7
Natrona County							
Total Claims Filed	351	337	898	14	4.2	-547	-60.9
Goods-Producing	113	116	274	-3	-2.6	-161	-58.8
Construction	85	101	215	-16	-15.8	-130	-60.5
Service-Providing	184	147	399	37	25.2	-215	-53.9
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	59	45	107	14	31.1	-48	-44.9
Financial Activities (52, 53)	12	5	15	7	140.0	-3	-20.0
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	43	22	72	21	95.5	-29	-40.3
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	28	36	56	-8	-22.2	-28	-50.0
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	36	25	119	11	44.0	-83	-69.7
Government	9	15	31	-6	-40.0	-22	-71.0
Unclassified	44	58	192	-14	-24.1	-148	-77.1

N/D = Not discloseable due to confidentiality.

Source: Unemployment Insurance claims database. Prepared by C. McGrath, Research & Planning, WY DWS, 12/14/21.

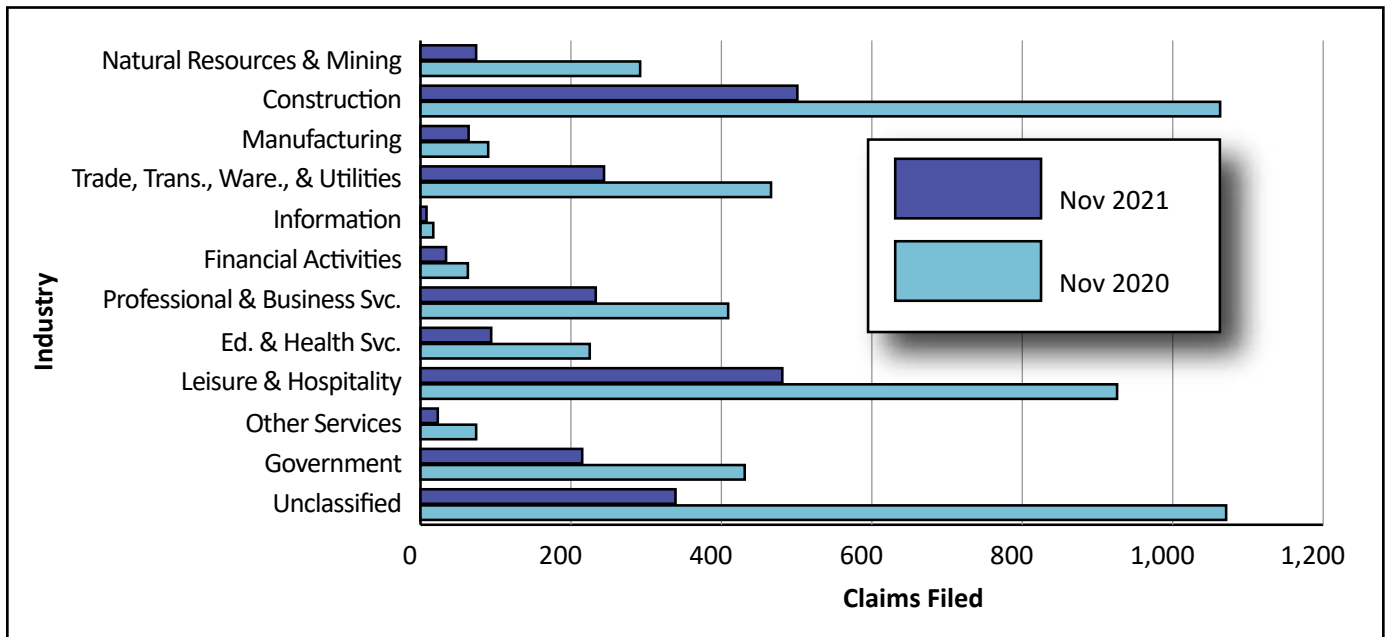


Figure 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, November 2020 and November 2021

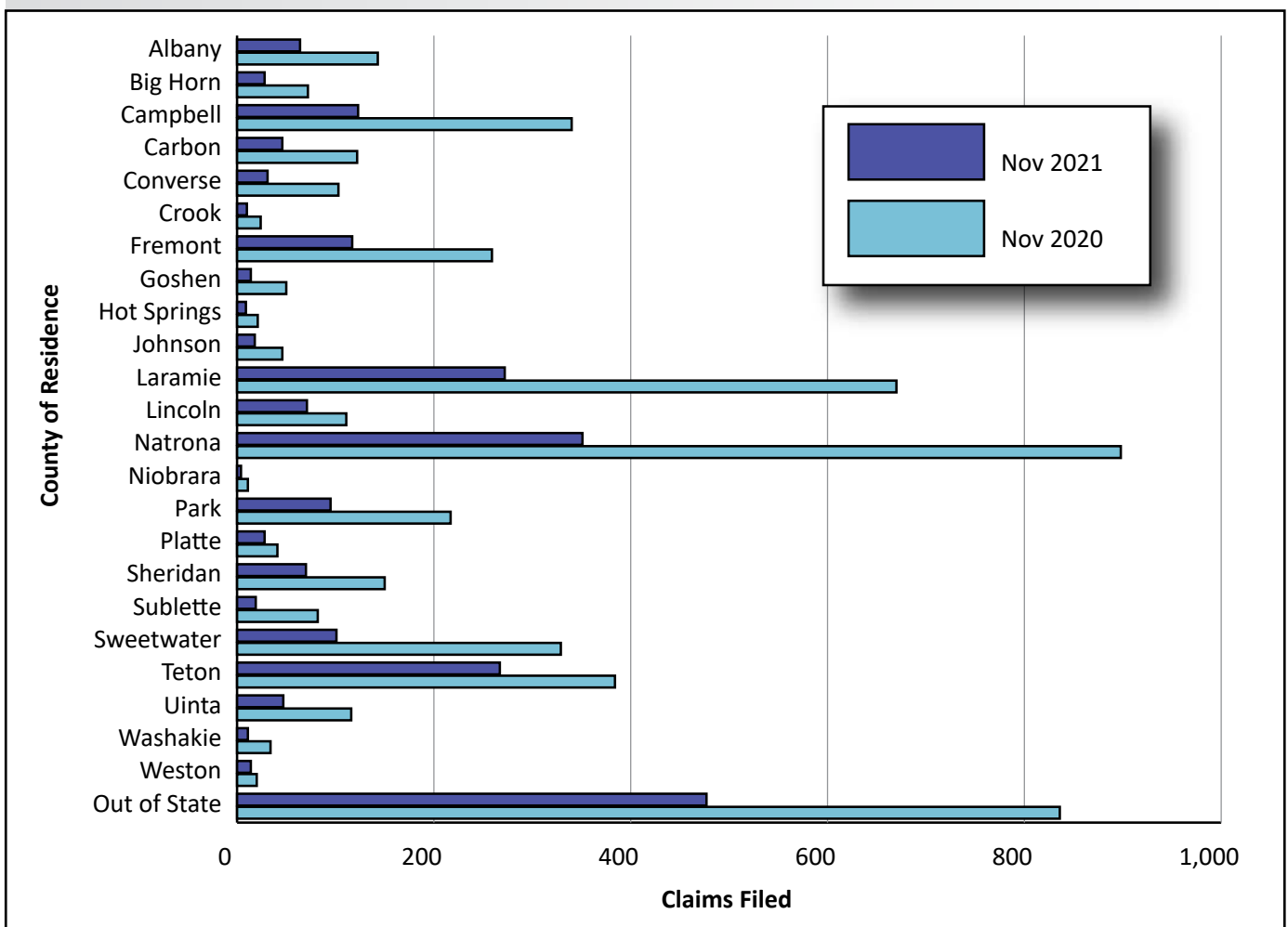


Figure 4: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, November 2020 and November 2021

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

Industry	Continued Weeks Claimed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Nov 2021	Oct 2021	Nov 2020	N	%	N	%
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	8,795	6,782	32,402	2,013	29.7	-23,607	-72.9
Total Unique Claimants	3,168	2,552	10,558	616	24.1	-7,390	-70.0
Goods-Producing	2,068	1,749	10,117	319	18.2	-8,049	-79.6
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	416	457	4,112	-41	-9.0	-3,696	-89.9
Mining (21)	339	395	4,008	-56	-14.2	-3,669	-91.5
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	76	73	193	3	4.1	-117	-60.6
Construction (23)	1,372	1,040	4,943	332	31.9	-3,571	-72.2
Manufacturing (31-33)	279	251	1,060	28	11.2	-781	-73.7
Service-Providing	4,368	3,277	14,177	1,091	33.3	-9,809	-69.2
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	1,071	1,073	4,107	-2	-0.2	-3,036	-73.9
Wholesale Trade (42)	256	234	1,290	22	9.4	-1,034	-80.2
Retail Trade (44-45)	531	546	1,530	-15	-2.7	-999	-65.3
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	283	292	1,286	-9	-3.1	-1,003	-78.0
Information (51)	56	64	207	-8	-12.5	-151	-72.9
Financial Activities (52-53)	186	189	578	-3	-1.6	-392	-67.8
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	619	469	2,510	150	32.0	-1,891	-75.3
Education & Health Services (61-62)	457	506	1,584	-49	-9.7	-1,127	-71.1
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	1,825	838	4,569	987	117.8	-2,744	-60.1
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	152	134	620	18	13.4	-468	-75.5
Government	753	515	1,743	238	46.2	-990	-56.8
Federal Government	346	105	401	241	229.5	-55	-13.7
State Government	76	56	237	20	35.7	-161	-67.9
Local Government	330	353	1,105	-23	-6.5	-775	-70.1
Local Education	94	114	308	-20	-17.5	-214	-69.5
Unclassified	1,604	1,240	6,364	364	29.4	-4,760	-74.8
Laramie County							
Total Claims Filed	853	830	3,554	23	2.8	-2,701	-76.0
Total Unique Claimants	329	306	1,185	23	7.5	-856	-72.2
Goods-Producing	225	207	898	18	8.7	-673	-74.9
Construction	181	151	556	30	19.9	-375	-67.4
Service-Providing	412	439	1,681	-27	-6.2	-1,269	-75.5
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	149	175	503	-26	-14.9	-354	-70.4
Financial Activities (52, 53)	33	36	68	-3	-8.3	-35	-51.5
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	127	93	381	34	36.6	-254	-66.7
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	43	68	306	-25	-36.8	-263	-85.9
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	22	36	320	-14	-38.9	-298	-93.1
Government	49	38	205	11	28.9	-156	-76.1
Unclassified	165	143	769	22	15.4	-604	-78.5
Natrona County							
Total Claims Filed	1,222	1,058	6,220	164	15.5	-4,998	-80.4
Total Unique Claimants	464	410	2,043	54	13.2	-1,579	-77.3
Goods-Producing	292	222	2,062	70	31.5	-1,770	-85.8
Construction	215	152	785	63	41.4	-570	-72.6
Service-Providing	624	598	3,020	26	4.3	-2,396	-79.3
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	250	255	1,211	-5	-2.0	-961	-79.4
Financial Activities (52, 53)	28	32	210	-4	-12.5	-182	-86.7
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	80	48	444	32	66.7	-364	-82.0
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	127	137	379	-10	-7.3	-252	-66.5
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	103	82	484	21	25.6	-381	-78.7
Government	63	57	107	6	10.5	-44	-41.1
Unclassified	241	179	1,030	62	34.6	-789	-76.6

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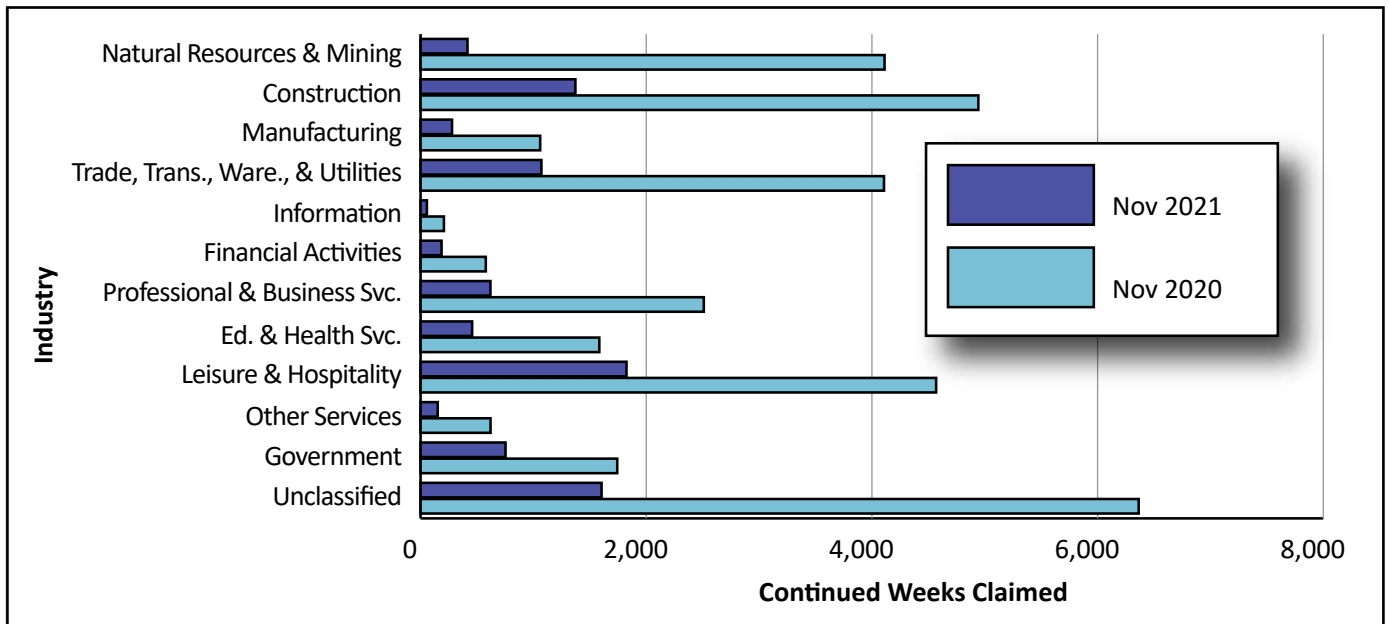


Figure 5: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, November 2020 and November 2021

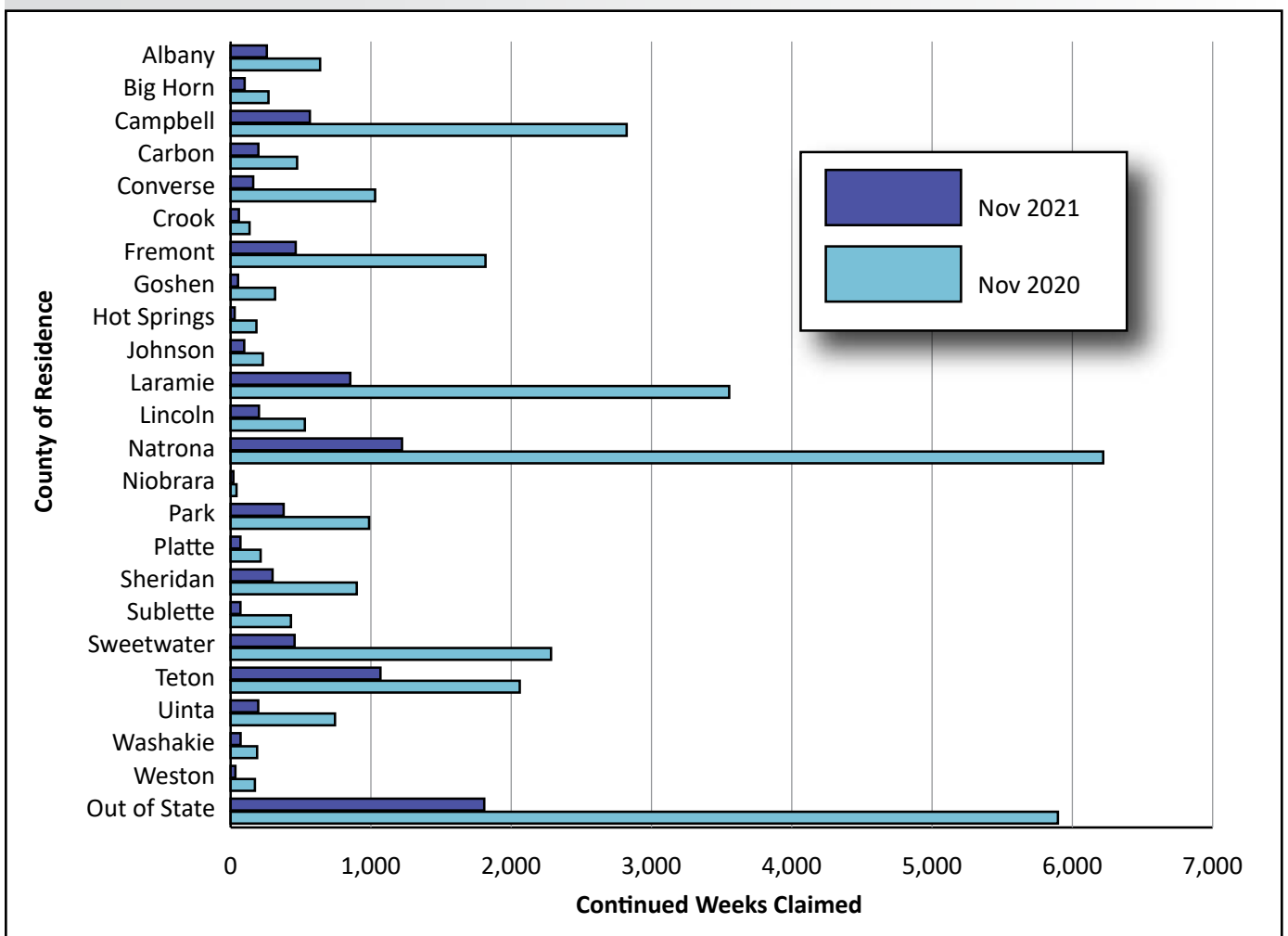


Figure 6: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence in Wyoming, November 2020 and November 2021

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

County	Nov 2021	Nov 2020	Change	
			N	%
Albany	64	143	-79	-55.2
Big Horn	28	72	-44	-61.1
Campbell	123	340	-217	-63.8
Carbon	46	122	-76	-62.3
Converse	31	103	-72	-69.9
Crook	10	24	-14	-58.3
Fremont	117	259	-142	-54.8
Goshen	14	50	-36	-72.0
Hot Springs	9	21	-12	-57.1
Johnson	18	46	-28	-60.9
Laramie	272	670	-398	-59.4
Lincoln	71	111	-40	-36.0
Natrona	351	898	-547	-60.9
Niobrara	4	11	-7	-63.6
Park	95	217	-122	-56.2
Platte	28	41	-13	-31.7
Sheridan	70	150	-80	-53.3
Sublette	19	82	-63	-76.8
Sweetwater	101	329	-228	-69.3
Teton	267	384	-117	-30.5
Uinta	47	116	-69	-59.5
Washakie	11	34	-23	-67.6
Weston	14	20	-6	-30.0
Unknown	18	40	-22	-55.0
Out of State	477	836	-359	-42.9
Total	2,317	5,133	-2,816	-54.9

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, November 2020 and November 2021

County	Nov 2021	Nov 2020	Change	
			N	%
Albany	258	638	-380	-59.6
Big Horn	100	270	-170	-63.0
Campbell	565	2,823	-2,258	-80.0
Carbon	198	474	-276	-58.2
Converse	161	1,030	-869	-84.4
Crook	59	135	-76	-56.3
Fremont	464	1,817	-1,353	-74.5
Goshen	53	317	-264	-83.3
Hot Springs	29	184	-155	-84.2
Johnson	97	230	-133	-57.8
Laramie	853	3,554	-2,701	-76.0
Lincoln	202	529	-327	-61.8
Natrona	1,222	6,220	-4,998	-80.4
Niobrara	20	42	-22	-52.4
Park	378	987	-609	-61.7
Platte	70	214	-144	-67.3
Sheridan	299	899	-600	-66.7
Sublette	70	430	-360	-83.7
Sweetwater	456	2,284	-1,828	-80.0
Teton	1,068	2,061	-993	-48.2
Uinta	197	744	-547	-73.5
Washakie	71	189	-118	-62.4
Weston	34	173	-139	-80.3
Unknown	53	252	-199	-79.0
Out of State	1,808	5,897	-4,089	-69.3
Normalized Total^a	8,795	32,402	-23,607	-72.9

^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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