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### Initial, Continued Claims Down Over the Year

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**I**nitial and continued Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims (see Definitions, page 9) in Wyoming continued to decline from prior-year levels in January 2023. Continued claims often peak in January and February and slowly begin to decrease as temperatures increase and more people go back to work.

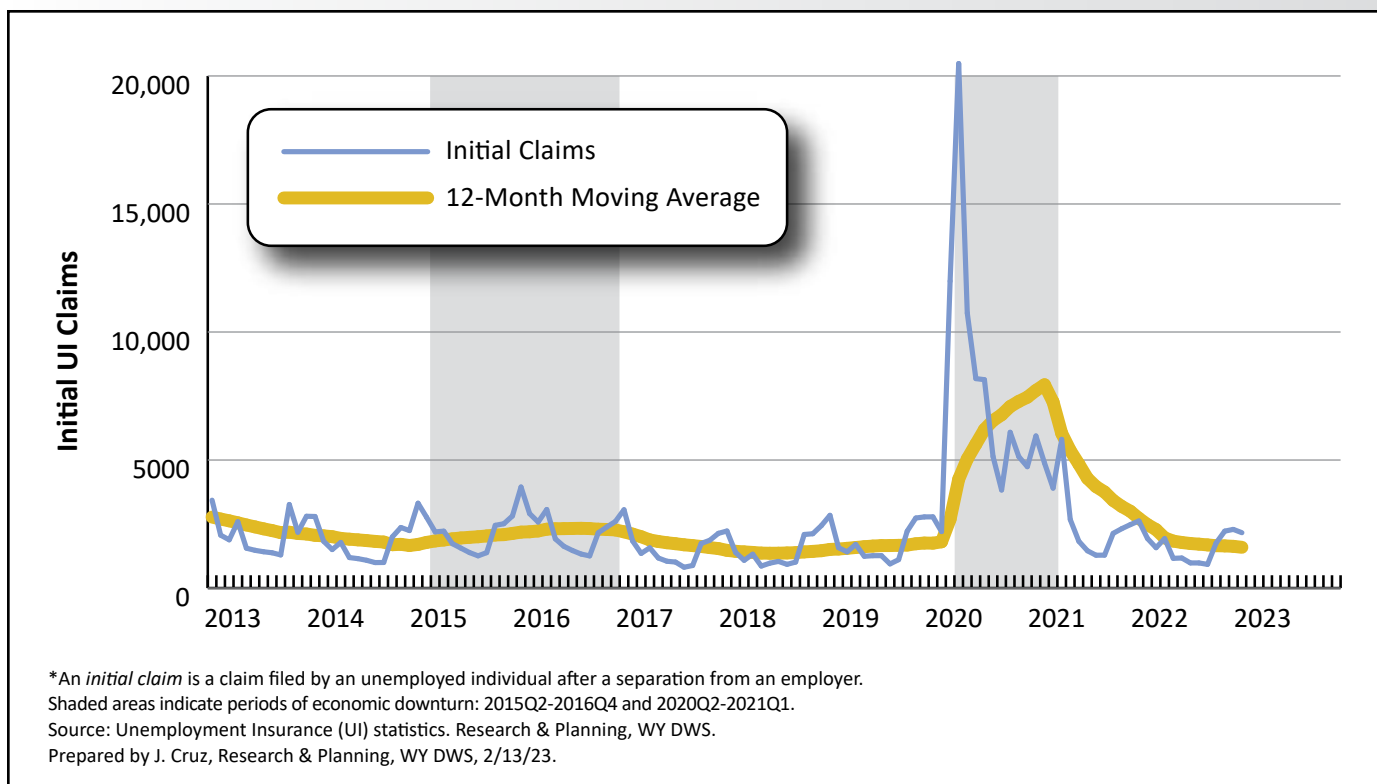
Construction accounted for the greatest percentage of claims of all industries in both initial (38.3%) and continued (39.6%) claims. Continued claims in construction typically peak from January to March and then rapidly decline as the weather warms up and employers add seasonal jobs.

#### UI Claims Online

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

#### Initial Claims

There were 2,162 initial claims in January 2023, down from 2,620 in January 2022 (-458, or -17.5%). Initial claims also were down 22.3% (-2,781 claims) compared to January 2020 prior to the pandemic (see Figure 1). Over the month, initial claims decreased by 129, or 5.6%



**Figure 1: Total Number of Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by Year and Month, January 2012 to January 2023**

The industries with the largest numbers of initial claims included construction (829), trade, transportation, & utilities (287), professional & business services (271), and leisure & hospitality (198; see Table 1, page 5, and Figure 4, page 6).

Laramie (358), Natrona (308), Sweetwater (169), and Fremont (153) counties had the largest number of initial claims. In addition, there were 283 initial claims by out-of-state claimants (see Figure 4, page 6, and Table 3, page 9).

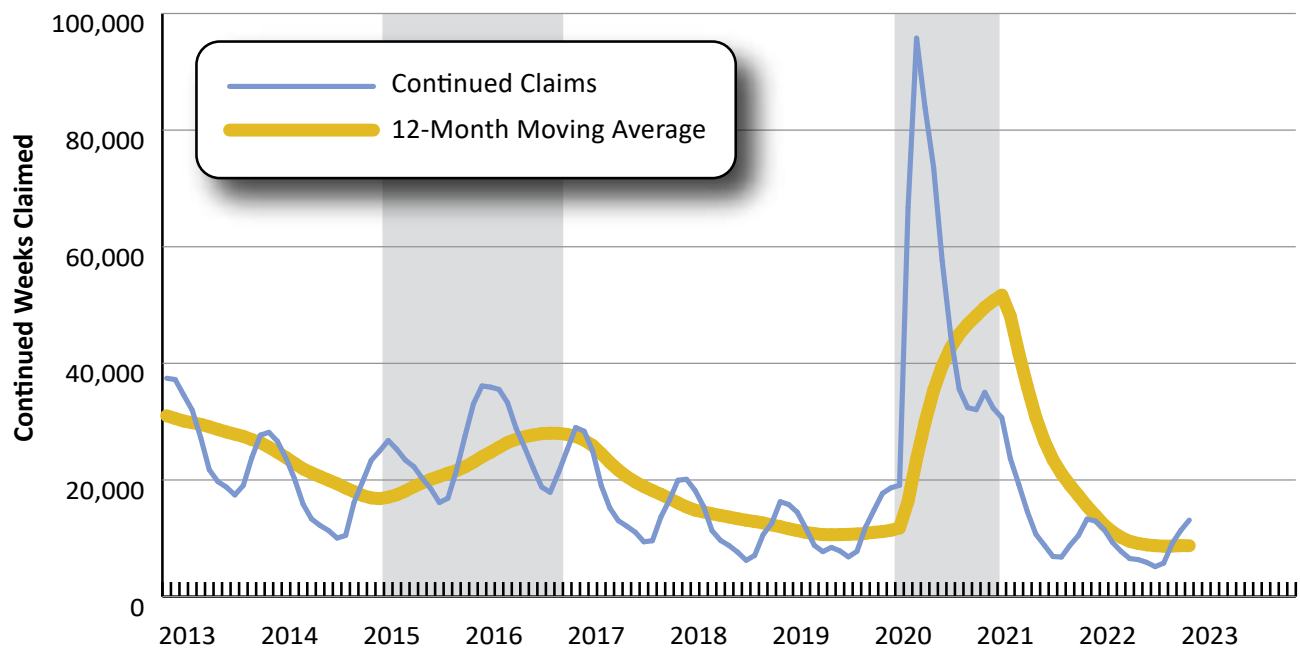
### Continued Claims

The total number of continued weeks claimed decreased from 13,299 in January 2022 to 13,120 in January 2023 (-179, or -1.3%). Continued claims increased 15.7% over the month, which is a common pattern

historically (see Figure 2 and Table 2, page 7). The number of unique claimants decreased from 4,432 to 4,306 (-126, or -2.8%) over the year. Continued claims were 25.9% lower than the 17,707 in January 2020 prior to the pandemic.

The industries with the most continued weeks claimed included construction (5,197), professional & business services (1,553), trade, transportation, & utilities (1,467), and leisure & hospitality (1,321).

There were more continued claims for out-of-state claimants (2,167) than any single county in Wyoming; out-of-state claimants accounted for 16.5% of total weeks claimed. The counties with the greatest numbers of continued claims were Laramie (1,913), Natrona (1,814), Fremont (1,019), and Sweetwater (987).



\*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 2012 to January 2023**

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

Industry	Initial Claims Filed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Jan 2023	Dec 2022	Jan 2022	N	%	N	%
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>2,162</b>	<b>2,291</b>	<b>2,620</b>	<b>-129</b>	<b>-5.6</b>	<b>-458</b>	<b>-17.5</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>1,046</b>	<b>1,375</b>	<b>1,391</b>	<b>-329</b>	<b>-23.9</b>	<b>-345</b>	<b>-24.8</b>
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	106	98	127	8	8.2	-21	-16.5
Mining (21)	85	76	106	9	11.8	-21	-19.8
Construction (23)	829	1,111	1,138	-282	-25.4	-309	-27.2
Manufacturing (31-33)	111	165	124	-54	-32.7	-13	-10.5
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>924</b>	<b>759</b>	<b>1,009</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>21.7</b>	<b>-85</b>	<b>-8.4</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	287	208	268	79	38	19	7.1
Wholesale Trade (42)	48	30	38	18	60	10	26.3
Retail Trade (44-45)	137	100	136	37	37	1	0.7
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	101	77	93	24	31.2	8	8.6
Information (51)	8	9	8	-1	-11.1	0	0
Financial Activities (52-53)	55	36	45	19	52.8	10	22.2
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	271	234	300	37	15.8	-29	-9.7
Education & Health Services (61-62)	73	59	103	14	23.7	-30	-29.1
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	198	184	243	14	7.6	-45	-18.5
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	29	25	38	4	16	-9	-23.7
<b>Government</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>22.7</b>	<b>-16</b>	<b>-9</b>
Federal Government	79	74	92	5	6.8	-13	-14.1
State Government	21	8	16	13	162.5	5	31.3
Local Government	61	48	70	13	27.1	-9	-12.9
Local Education	14	11	12	3	27.3	2	16.7
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>26.1</b>	<b>-12</b>	<b>-29.3</b>
<b>Laramie County</b>							
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0.6</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>-56</b>	<b>-22.8</b>	<b>-16</b>	<b>-7.8</b>
Construction	178	226	195	-48	-21.2	-17	-8.7
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>49.5</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>11.3</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	60	33	38	27	81.8	22	57.9
Financial Activities (52, 53)	9	4	7	5	125	2	28.6
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	37	32	42	5	15.6	-5	-11.9
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	8	10	24	-2	-20	-16	-66.7
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	23	12	14	11	91.7	9	64.3
<b>Government</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Natrona County</b>							
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>-25</b>	<b>-7.5</b>	<b>-96</b>	<b>-23.8</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>-60</b>	<b>-29.9</b>	<b>-45</b>	<b>-24.2</b>
Construction	115	172	161	-57	-33.1	-46	-28.6
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>30.6</b>	<b>-42</b>	<b>-21</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	49	35	49	14	40	0	0
Financial Activities (52, 53)	8	4	14	4	100	-6	-42.9
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	50	40	66	10	25	-16	-24.2
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	20	11	20	9	81.8	0	0
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	23	21	40	2	9.5	-17	-42.5
<b>Government</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>-45.5</b>

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Source: Unemployment Insurance claims database.

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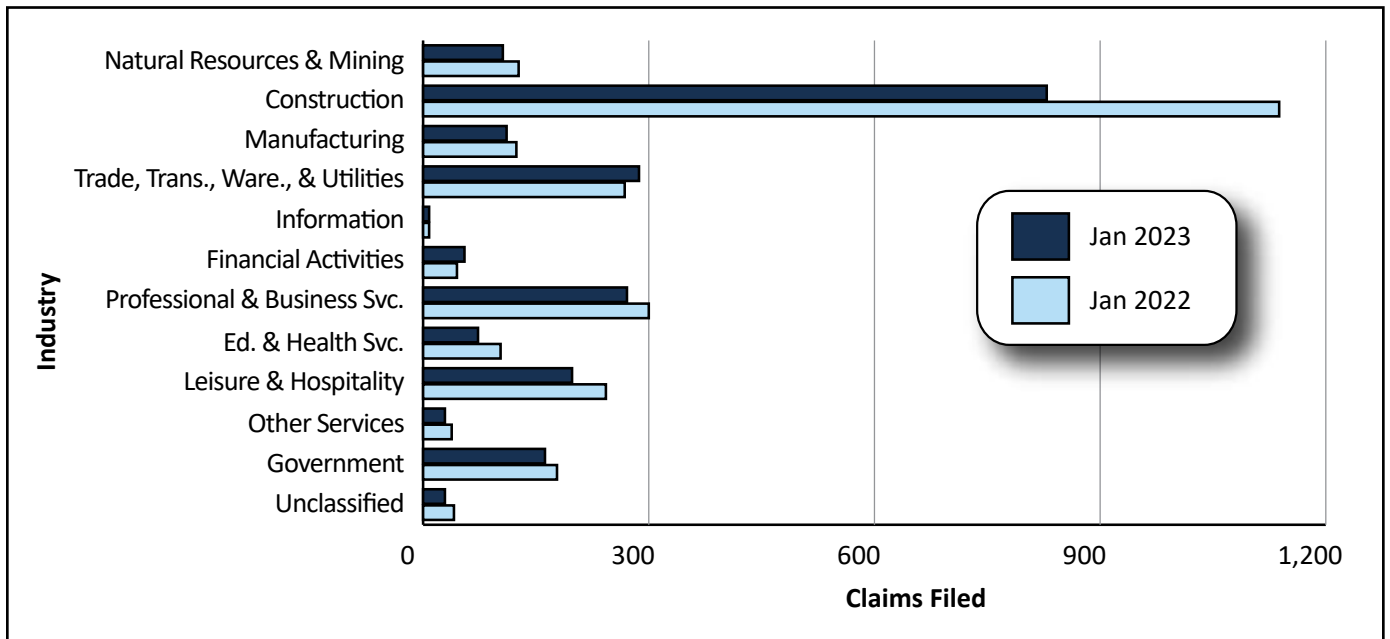


Figure 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, January 2022 and January 2023

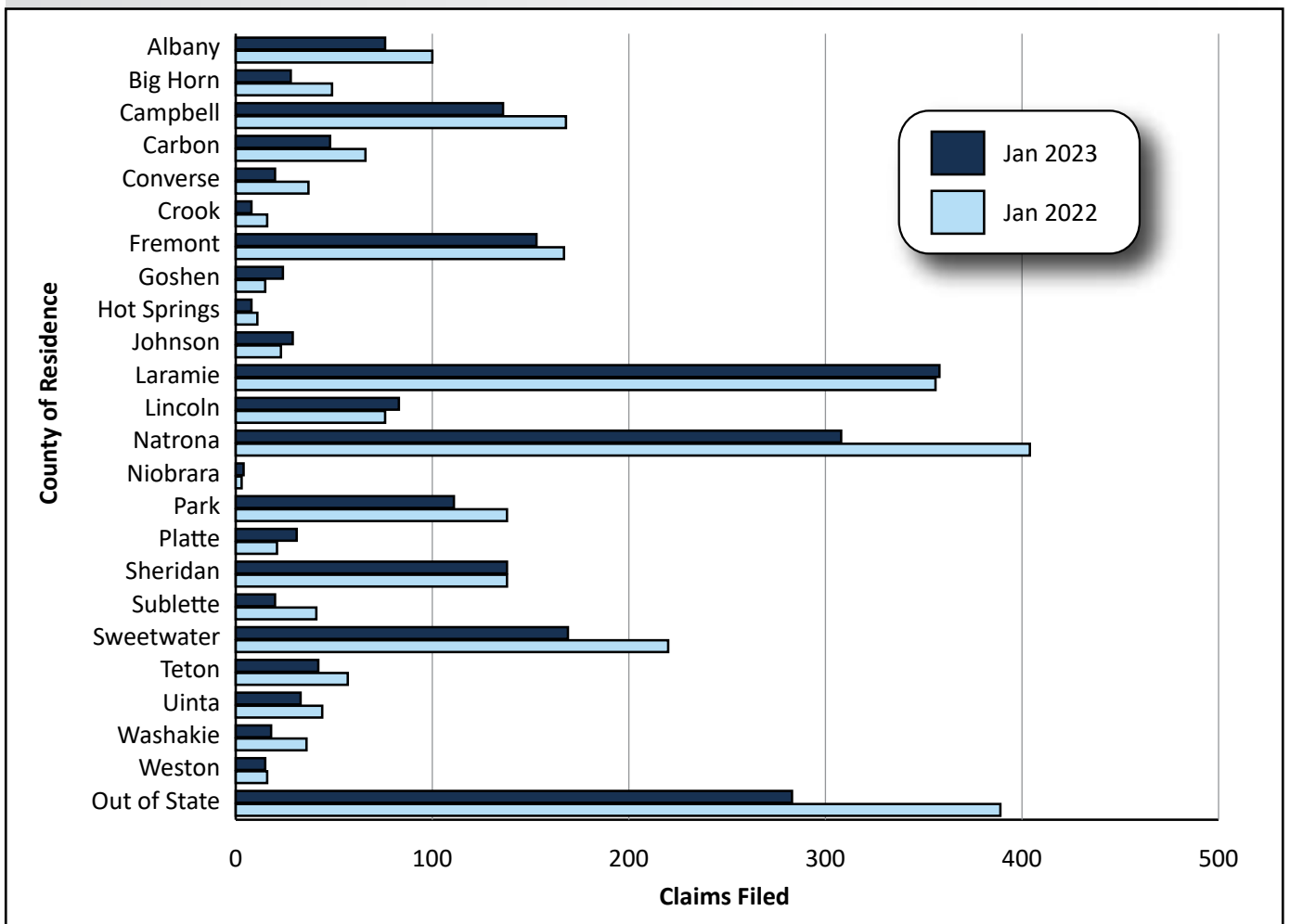


Figure 4: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, January 2022 and January 2023

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

Industry	Continued Weeks Claimed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Jan 2023	Dec 2022	Jan 2022	N	%	N	%
<b>Total Continued Weeks Claimed</b>	<b>13,120</b>	<b>11,344</b>	<b>13,299</b>	<b>1,776</b>	<b>15.7</b>	<b>-179</b>	<b>-1.3</b>
Total Unique Claimants	4,306	3,976	4,432	330	8.3	-126	-2.8
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>6,386</b>	<b>5,049</b>	<b>6,814</b>	<b>1,337</b>	<b>26.5</b>	<b>-428</b>	<b>-6.3</b>
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	586	490	763	96	19.6	-177	-23.2
Mining (21)	425	370	578	55	14.9	-153	-26.5
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	42	38	55	4	10.5	-13	-23.6
Construction (23)	5,197	4,076	5,512	1,121	27.5	-315	-5.7
Manufacturing (31-33)	602	482	539	120	24.9	63	11.7
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>5,553</b>	<b>5,139</b>	<b>5,240</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>6</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	1,467	1,260	1,353	207	16.4	114	8.4
Wholesale Trade (42)	188	189	232	-1	-0.5	-44	-19
Retail Trade (44-45)	779	693	627	86	12.4	152	24.2
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	500	376	492	124	33	8	1.6
Information (51)	61	60	71	1	1.7	-10	-14.1
Financial Activities (52-53)	353	338	302	15	4.4	51	16.9
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	1,553	1,227	1,564	326	26.6	-11	-0.7
Education & Health Services (61-62)	557	529	559	28	5.3	-2	-0.4
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	1,321	1,524	1,189	-203	-13.3	132	11.1
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	237	199	200	38	19.1	37	18.5
<b>Government</b>	<b>1,050</b>	<b>1,037</b>	<b>1,148</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>-98</b>	<b>-8.5</b>
Federal Government	555	528	673	27	5.1	-118	-17.5
State Government	108	106	100	2	1.9	8	8
Local Government	386	402	374	-16	-4	12	3.2
Local Education	81	105	69	-24	-22.9	12	17.4
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>35.4</b>
<b>Laramie County</b>							
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>1,913</b>	<b>1,634</b>	<b>1,794</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>17.1</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>6.6</b>
Total Unique Claimants	613	554	604	59	10.6	9	1.5
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>1,092</b>	<b>908</b>	<b>1,074</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>20.3</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1.7</b>
Construction	1,033	859	999	174	20.3	34	3.4
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>754</b>	<b>648</b>	<b>654</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>16.4</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>15.3</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	273	221	204	52	23.5	69	33.8
Financial Activities (52, 53)	46	44	40	2	4.5	6	15
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	211	182	220	29	15.9	-9	-4.1
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	89	100	90	-11	-11	-1	-1.1
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	90	58	64	32	55.2	26	40.6
<b>Government</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>-9.4</b>	<b>-11</b>	<b>-18.6</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-6</b>	<b>-25</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>260</b>
<b>Natrona County</b>							
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>1,814</b>	<b>1,484</b>	<b>2,062</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>22.2</b>	<b>-248</b>	<b>-12</b>
Total Unique Claimants	610	507	707	103	20.3	-97	-13.7
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>833</b>	<b>641</b>	<b>936</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>-103</b>	<b>-11</b>
Construction	681	504	812	177	35.1	-131	-16.1
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>781</b>	<b>1,055</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>-155</b>	<b>-14.7</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	271	224	287	47	21	-16	-5.6
Financial Activities (52, 53)	70	75	86	-5	-6.7	-16	-18.6
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	231	181	303	50	27.6	-72	-23.8
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	128	108	126	20	18.5	2	1.6
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	126	125	188	1	0.8	-62	-33
<b>Government</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>31.5</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>22.4</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>33.3</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>-27.3</b>

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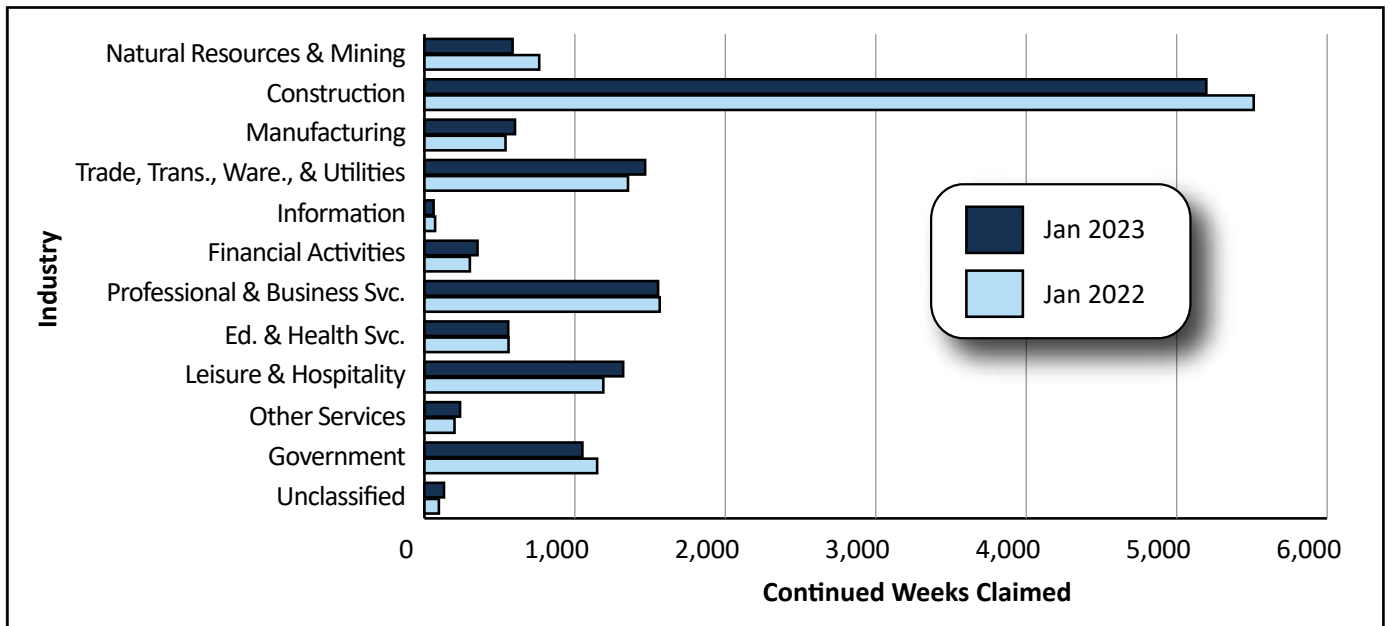


Figure 5: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, January 2022 and January 2023

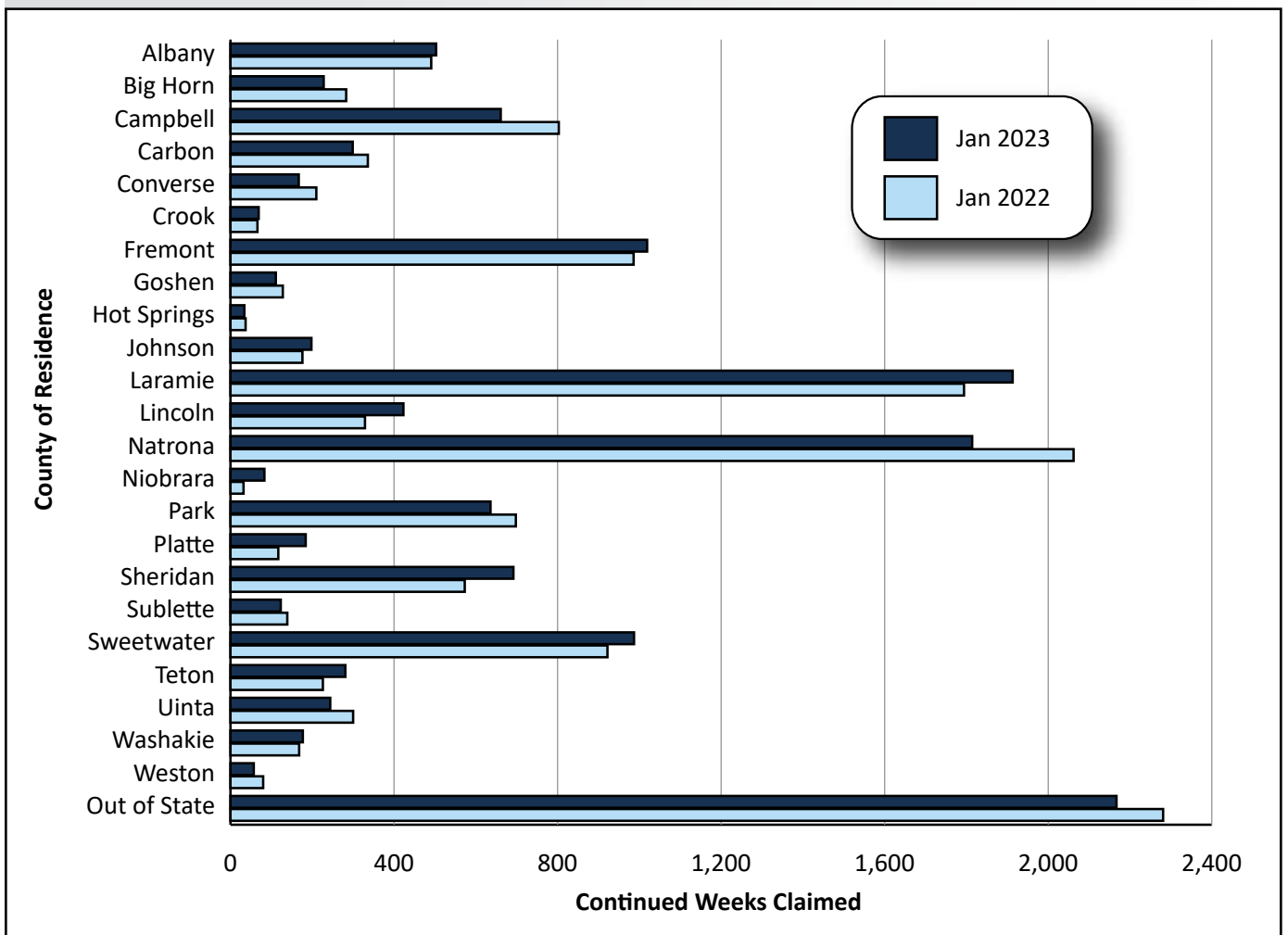


Figure 6: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence in Wyoming, January 2022 and January 2023

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

County	Jan 2023	Jan 2022	Change	
			N	%
Albany	76	100	-24	-24.0
Big Horn	28	49	-21	-42.9
Campbell	136	168	-32	-19.0
Carbon	48	66	-18	-27.3
Converse	20	37	-17	-45.9
Crook	8	16	-8	-50.0
Fremont	153	167	-14	-8.4
Goshen	24	15	9	60.0
Hot Springs	8	11	-3	-27.3
Johnson	29	23	6	26.1
Laramie	358	356	2	0.6
Lincoln	83	76	7	9.2
Natrona	308	404	-96	-23.8
Niobrara	4	3	1	33.3
Park	111	138	-27	-19.6
Platte	31	21	10	47.6
Sheridan	138	138	0	0.0
Sublette	20	41	-21	-51.2
Sweetwater	169	220	-51	-23.2
Teton	42	57	-15	-26.3
Uinta	33	44	-11	-25.0
Washakie	18	36	-18	-50.0
Weston	15	16	-1	-6.3
Unknown	7	16	-9	-56.3
Out of State	283	389	-106	-27.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,162</b>	<b>2,620</b>	<b>-458</b>	<b>-17.5</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, January 2022 and January 2023**

County	Jan 2023	Jan 2022	Change	
			N	%
Albany	503	491	12	2.4
Big Horn	228	283	-55	-19.4
Campbell	661	803	-142	-17.7
Carbon	299	336	-37	-11.0
Converse	167	210	-43	-20.5
Crook	69	66	3	4.5
Fremont	1,019	986	33	3.3
Goshen	111	128	-17	-13.3
Hot Springs	34	37	-3	-8.1
Johnson	198	176	22	12.5
Laramie	1,913	1,794	119	6.6
Lincoln	423	329	94	28.6
Natrona	1,814	2,062	-248	-12.0
Niobrara	83	32	51	159.4
Park	636	698	-62	-8.9
Platte	184	117	67	57.3
Sheridan	692	573	119	20.8
Sublette	123	139	-16	-11.5
Sweetwater	987	922	65	7.0
Teton	281	226	55	24.3
Uinta	244	300	-56	-18.7
Washakie	177	168	9	5.4
Weston	57	80	-23	-28.8
Unknown	40	50	-10	-20.0
Out of State	2,167	2,281	-114	-5.0
<b>Normalized Total<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>13,120</b>	<b>13,299</b>	<b>-179</b>	<b>-1.3</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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