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## Initial Claims Down Compared to January 2024

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Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims have remained steady and have shown little change since 2022. In January 2025, initial claims (see Definitions, page 9) decreased over the year for the first time since July 2024. Continued claims increased compared to January 2024.

### Initial Claims

Initial claims tend to peak in January each year (see Figure 1). There were 2,244 initial claims in January 2025, down by 76 claims (-3.3%) from January 2024. The industries with the largest numbers of initial claims included construction (936); trade, transportation, & utilities (271); professional & business services (236); and natural resources & mining (194; see

**UI Claims Online**

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

Table 1, page 5, and Figure 3, page 6). Most industries saw over-the-year drops in continued claims, with the greatest decreases seen in leisure & hospitality (-51, or -22.0%) and professional & business services (-49, or -17.2%). Industries with over-the-year increases in initial claims included construction (38, or 4.2%) and natural resources & mining (33, or 20.5%).

Laramie County had the most initial claims with 370, followed by Natrona (311), Campbell (187), and Fremont (158)

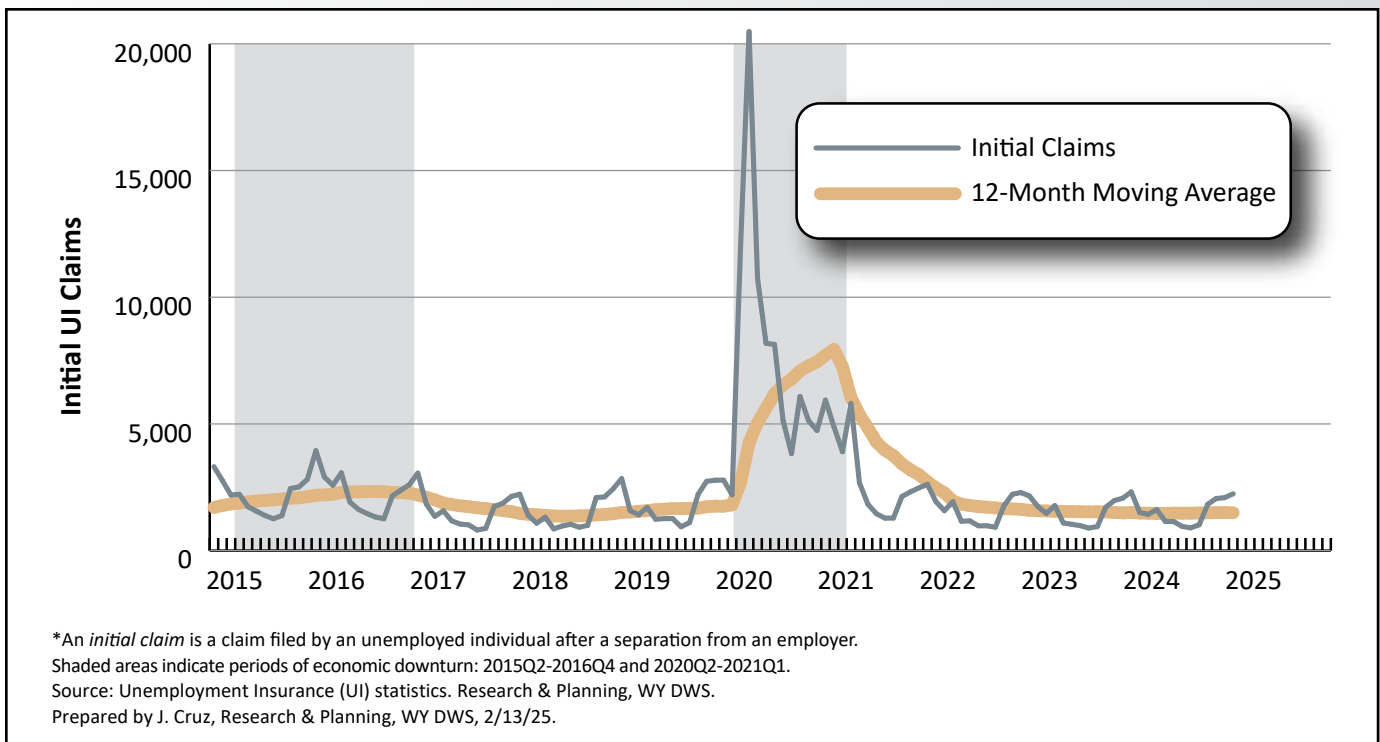


Figure 1: Total Number of Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by Year and Month, January 2015 to January 2025

counties (see Figure 4, page 6, and Table 3, page 9). In addition, there were 293 out-of-state claimants.

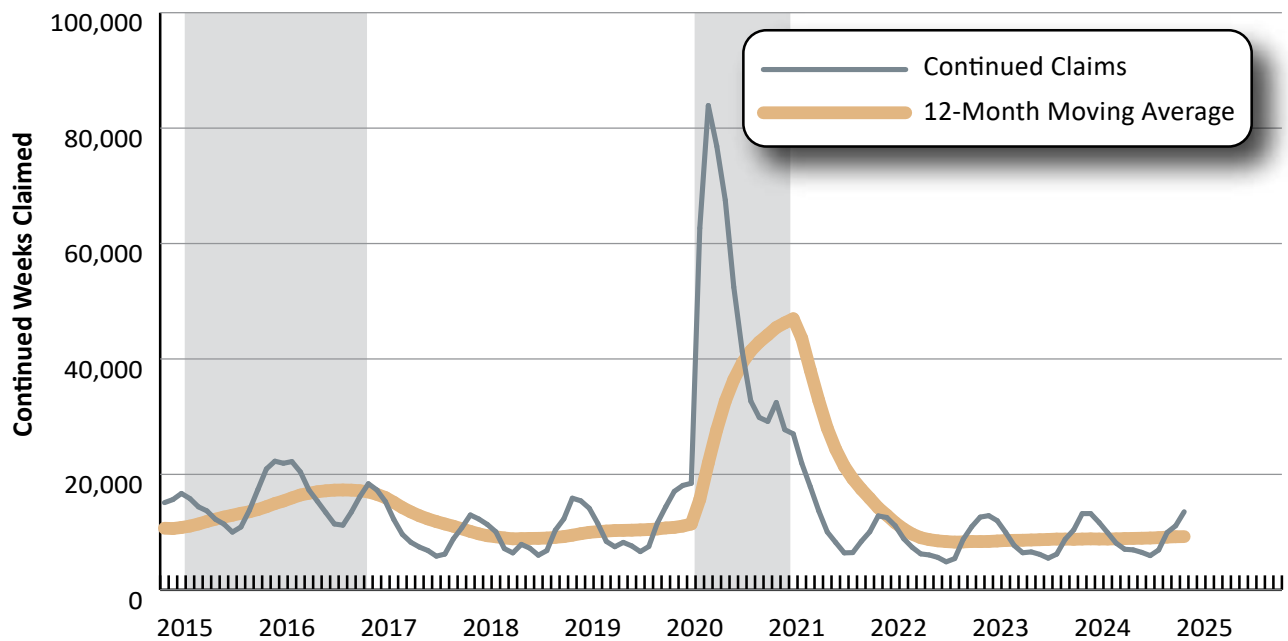
**Continued Claims**

The total number of continued weeks claimed increased from 13,200 in January 2024 to 13,518 in January 2025 (an increase of 318, or 2.4%; see Table 2, page 7). Continued claims followed their normal seasonal pattern as well (see Figure 2), and increased over the month by 2,422 claims (21.8%). The total number of unique claimants also increased from 3,796 to 3,890 (94, or 2.5%) over the year, and decreased by 3.5% over the month.

The industries with the most continued weeks claimed included construction (4,634); professional & business services (1,947);

trade, transportation, & utilities (1,538); and leisure & hospitality (1,448; see Figure 5, page 8). Construction had the greatest over-the-year decrease in continued claims (-278, or -5.7%), followed by information (-102, or -51.5%); transportation, warehousing, & utilities (-86, or -15.8%); leisure & hospitality (-68, -4.5%), and financial activities (-60, or -19.5%). Industries with over-the-year increases in continued weeks claimed included professional & business services (237, or 13.9%) and natural resources & mining (164, or 21.6%).

Laramie County had the greatest number of continued claims with 1,995, followed by Natrona (1,814) and Sweetwater (1,105) counties (see Figure 6, page 8, and Table 4, page 9). There were 2,425 out-of-state continued claims, which was down 4.7% over the year.



\*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 2015 to January 2025**

Table 1: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims in Wyoming, January 2025

Industry	Initial Claims Filed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Jan 2025	Dec 2024	Jan 2024	N	%	N	%
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>2,244</b>	<b>2,092</b>	<b>2,320</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>-76</b>	<b>-3.3</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>1,227</b>	<b>1,104</b>	<b>1,160</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>5.8</b>
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	194	150	161	44	29.3	33	20.5
Mining (21)	174	128	147	46	35.9	27	18.4
Construction (23)	936	857	898	79	9.2	38	4.2
Manufacturing (31-33)	96	96	100	0	0.0	-4	-4.0
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>870</b>	<b>818</b>	<b>1,010</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>-140</b>	<b>-13.9</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	271	214	288	57	26.6	-17	-5.9
Wholesale Trade (42)	40	32	46	8	25.0	-6	-13.0
Retail Trade (44-45)	128	97	131	31	32.0	-3	-2.3
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	103	84	109	19	22.6	-6	-5.5
Information (51)	15	9	17	6	66.7	-2	-11.8
Financial Activities (52-53)	34	27	45	7	25.9	-11	-24.4
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	236	273	285	-37	-13.6	-49	-17.2
Education & Health Services (61-62)	101	84	107	17	20.2	-6	-5.6
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	181	178	232	3	1.7	-51	-22.0
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	28	30	32	-2	-6.7	-4	-12.5
<b>Government</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>-32</b>	<b>-21.6</b>	<b>-15</b>	<b>-11.5</b>
Federal Government	53	92	58	-39	-42.4	-5	-8.6
State Government	12	12	10	0	0.0	2	20.0
Local Government	51	43	62	8	18.6	-11	-17.7
Local Education	11	14	12	-3	-21.4	-1	-8.3
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>42.9</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>76.5</b>
<b>Laramie County</b>							
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>-37</b>	<b>-9.1</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1.4</b>
Construction	200	174	188	26	14.9	12	6.4
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>-36</b>	<b>-20.7</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	41	42	50	-1	-2.4	-9	-18.0
Financial Activities (52, 53)	6	6	6	0	0.0	0	0.0
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	34	48	59	-14	-29.2	-25	-42.4
Educational & Health Services (61-62)	26	18	19	8	44.4	7	36.8
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	19	12	25	7	58.3	-6	-24.0
<b>Government</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>-16.7</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>-28.6</b>
<b>Natrona County</b>							
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>-29</b>	<b>-8.5</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>14.8</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>12.7</b>
Construction	151	129	126	22	17.1	25	19.8
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>-51</b>	<b>-28.7</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	37	36	41	1	2.8	-4	-9.8
Financial Activities (52, 53)	N/D	7	13	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	41	22	54	19	86.4	-13	-24.1
Educational & Health Services (61-62)	14	14	25	0	0.0	-11	-44.0
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	17	24	32	-7	-29.2	-15	-46.9
<b>Government</b>	<b>N/D</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>N/D</b>	<b>N/D</b>	<b>N/D</b>	<b>N/D</b>

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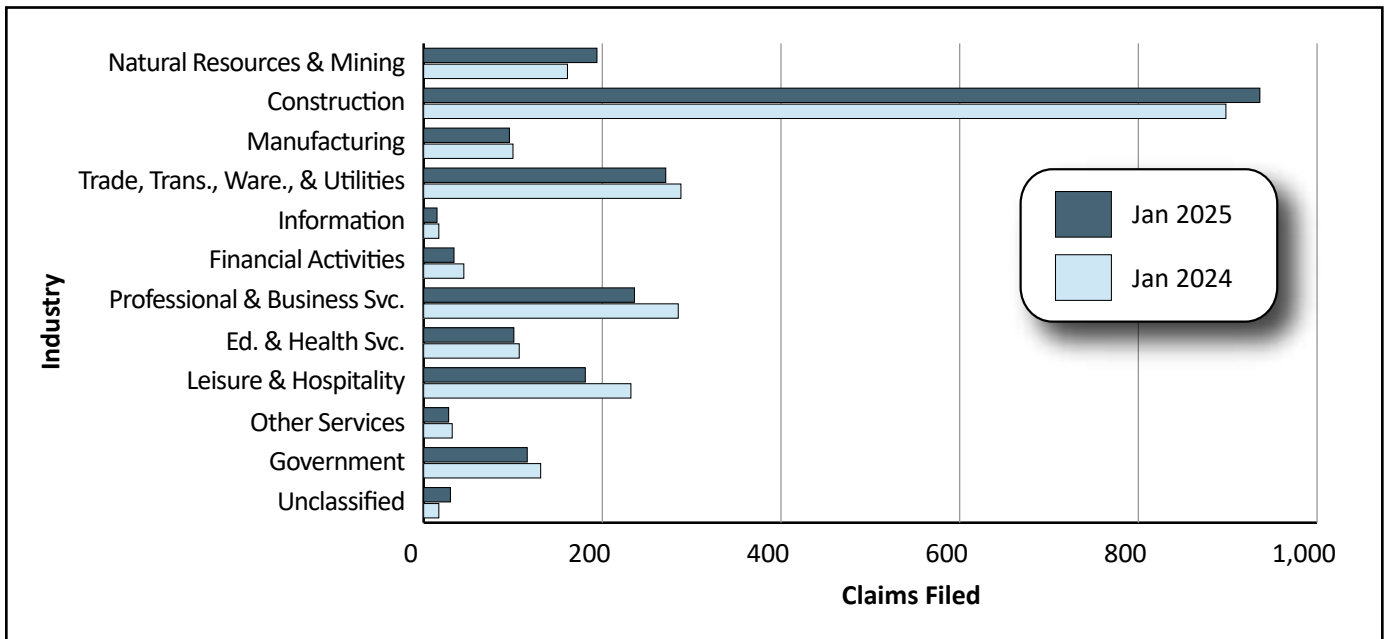


Figure 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, January 2024 and January 2025

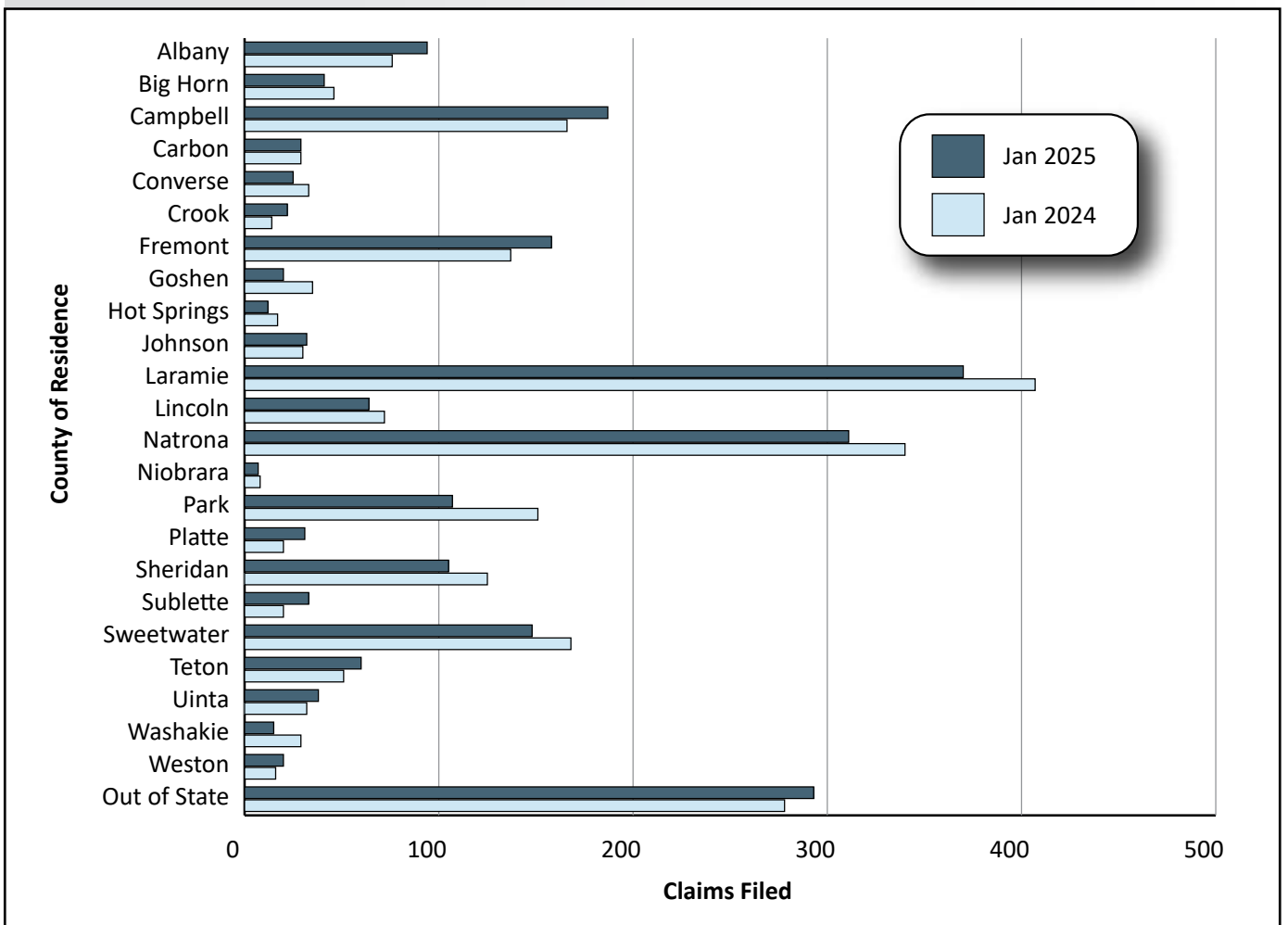


Figure 4: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, January 2024 to January 2025

Table 2: Unemployment Insurance Continued Weeks Claimed in Wyoming, January 2025

Industry	Continued Weeks Claimed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Jan 2025	Dec 2024	Jan 2024	N	%	N	%
<b>Total Continued Weeks Claimed</b>	<b>13,518</b>	<b>11,096</b>	<b>13,200</b>	<b>2,422</b>	<b>21.8</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>2.4</b>
Total Unique Claimants	3,890	4,033	3,796	-143	-3.5	94	2.5
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>6,163</b>	<b>3,771</b>	<b>6,219</b>	<b>2,392</b>	<b>63.4</b>	<b>-56</b>	<b>-0.9</b>
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	922	598	758	324	54.2	164	21.6
Mining (21)	791	515	635	276	53.6	156	24.6
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	19	20	36	-1	-5.0	-17	-47.2
Construction (23)	4,634	2,709	4,912	1,925	71.1	-278	-5.7
Manufacturing (31-33)	606	463	548	143	30.9	58	10.6
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>6,184</b>	<b>6,223</b>	<b>6,017</b>	<b>-39</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>2.8</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	1,538	1,346	1,501	192	14.3	37	2.5
Wholesale Trade (42)	257	264	203	-7	-2.7	54	26.6
Retail Trade (44-45)	821	752	752	69	9.2	69	9.2
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	459	330	545	129	39.1	-86	-15.8
Information (51)	96	97	198	-1	-1.0	-102	-51.5
Financial Activities (52-53)	248	261	308	-13	-5.0	-60	-19.5
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	1,947	1,543	1,710	404	26.2	237	13.9
Education & Health Services (61-62)	679	680	592	-1	-0.1	87	14.7
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	1,448	2,056	1,516	-608	-29.6	-68	-4.5
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	223	235	190	-12	-5.1	33	17.4
<b>Government</b>	<b>1,009</b>	<b>954</b>	<b>821</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>22.9</b>
Federal Government	580	557	416	23	4.1	164	39.4
State Government	96	102	87	-6	-5.9	9	10.3
Local Government	332	294	317	38	12.9	15	4.7
Local Education	67	57	54	10	17.5	13	24.1
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>14.2</b>
<b>Laramie County</b>							
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>1,995</b>	<b>1,450</b>	<b>2,058</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>37.6</b>	<b>-63</b>	<b>-3.1</b>
Total Unique Claimants	588	528	601	60	11.4	-13	-2.2
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>976</b>	<b>548</b>	<b>1,010</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>78.1</b>	<b>-34</b>	<b>-3.4</b>
Construction	876	460	906	416	90.4	-30	-3.3
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>903</b>	<b>802</b>	<b>974</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>-71</b>	<b>-7.3</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	294	252	319	42	16.7	-25	-7.8
Financial Activities (52, 53)	55	54	64	1	1.9	-9	-14.1
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	235	207	264	28	13.5	-29	-11.0
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	135	101	125	34	33.7	10	8.0
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	109	112	74	-3	-2.7	35	47.3
<b>Government</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>76.5</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>60.0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>14.3</b>
<b>Natrona County</b>							
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>1,814</b>	<b>1,408</b>	<b>1,764</b>	<b>406</b>	<b>28.8</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>2.8</b>
Total Unique Claimants	526	490	532	36	7.3	-6	-1.1
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>870</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>801</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>65.1</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>8.6</b>
Construction	711	371	654	340	91.6	57	8.7
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>875</b>	<b>812</b>	<b>889</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>-14</b>	<b>-1.6</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	293	261	206	32	12.3	87	42.2
Financial Activities (52, 53)	58	64	62	-6	-9.4	-4	-6.5
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	248	185	271	63	34.1	-23	-8.5
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	86	116	136	-30	-25.9	-50	-36.8
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	128	109	171	19	17.4	-43	-25.1
<b>Government</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>-5.5</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>-6</b>	<b>-28.6</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>-16.7</b>

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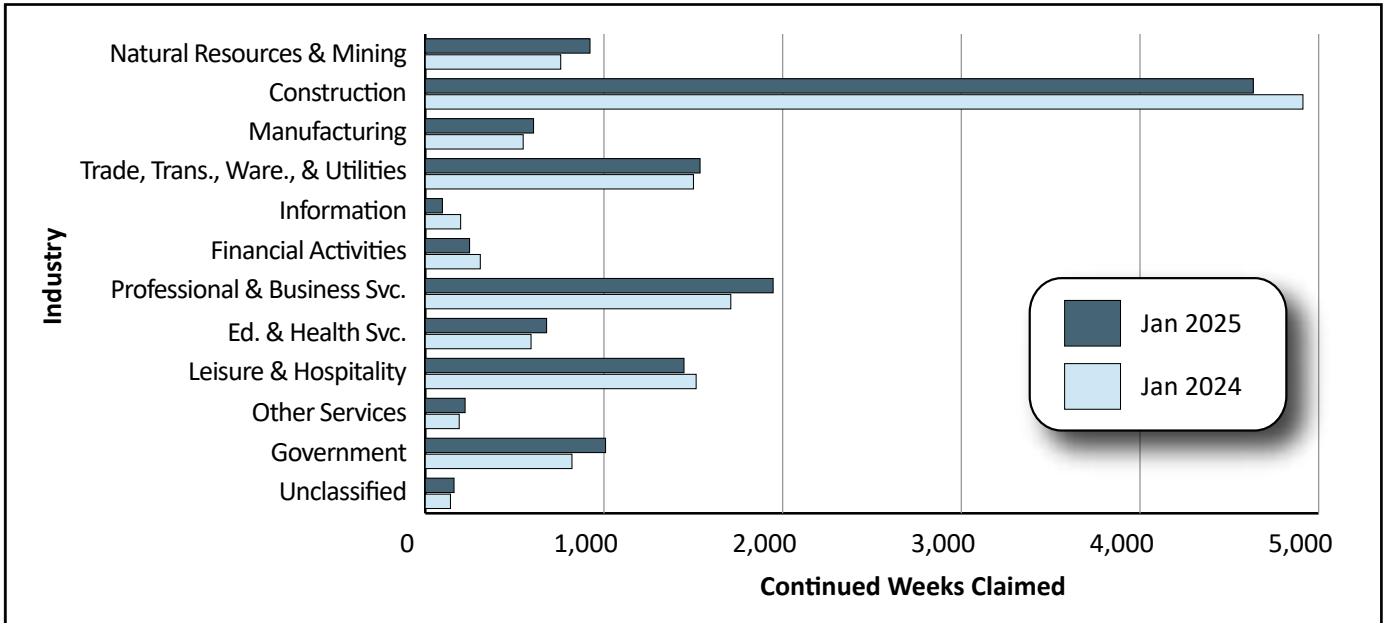


Figure 5: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, January 2024 and January 2025

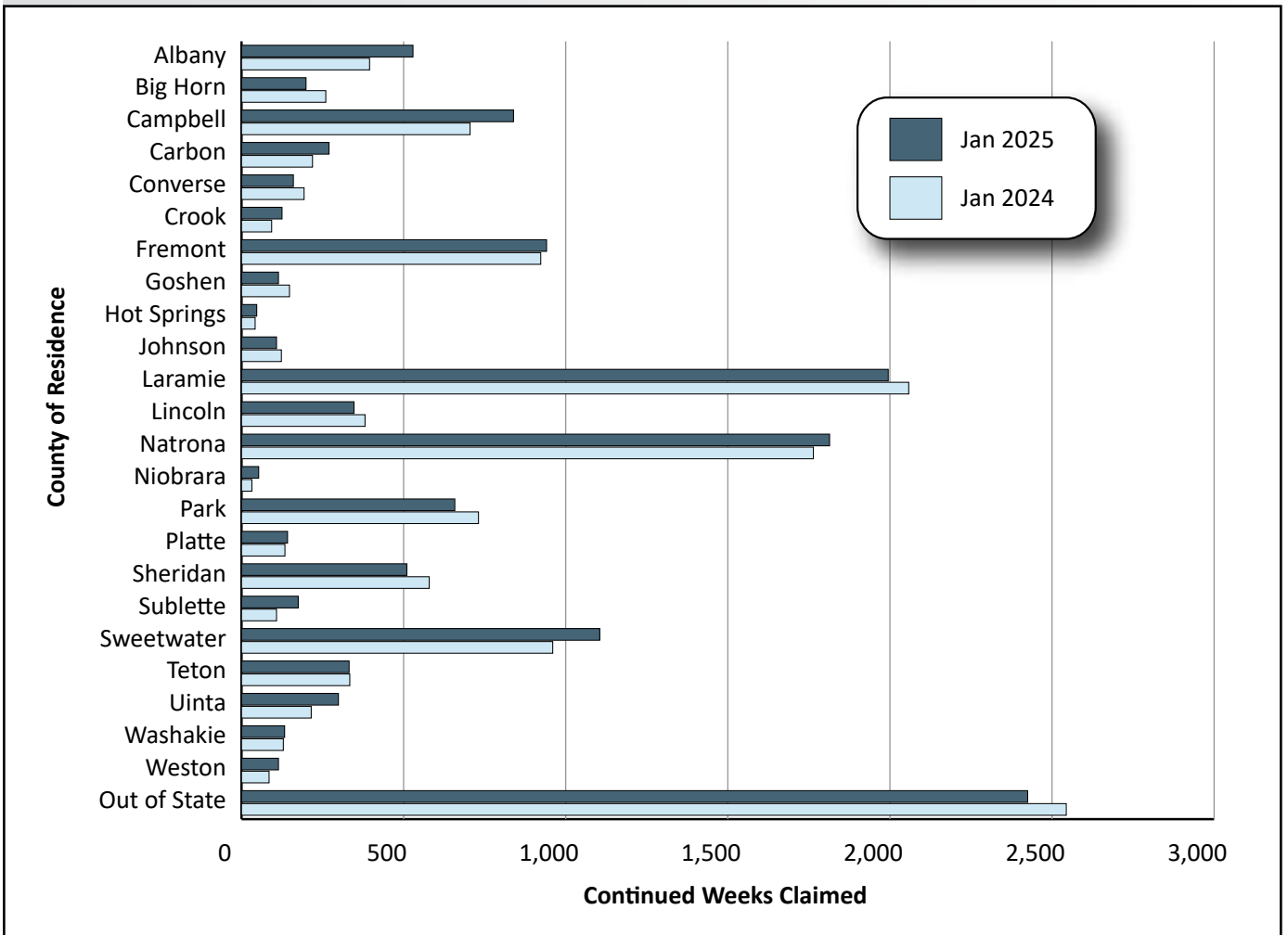


Figure 6: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence in Wyoming, January 2024 and January 2025



**Table 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by County of Residence, January 2024 and January 2025**

County	Jan 2025	Jan 2024	Change	
			N	%
Albany	94	76	18	23.7
Big Horn	41	46	-5	-10.9
Campbell	187	166	21	12.7
Carbon	29	29	0	0.0
Converse	25	33	-8	-24.2
Crook	22	14	8	57.1
Fremont	158	137	21	15.3
Goshen	20	35	-15	-42.9
Hot Springs	12	17	-5	-29.4
Johnson	32	30	2	6.7
Laramie	370	407	-37	-9.1
Lincoln	64	72	-8	-11.1
Natrona	311	340	-29	-8.5
Niobrara	7	8	-1	-12.5
Park	107	151	-44	-29.1
Platte	31	20	11	55.0
Sheridan	105	125	-20	-16.0
Sublette	33	20	13	65.0
Sweetwater	148	168	-20	-11.9
Teton	60	51	9	17.6
Uinta	38	32	6	18.8
Washakie	15	29	-14	-48.3
Weston	20	16	4	25.0
Unknown	10	6	4	66.7
Out of State	293	278	15	5.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,244</b>	<b>2,320</b>	<b>-76</b>	<b>-3.3</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 2024 and January 2025**

County	Jan 2025	Jan 2024	Change	
			N	%
Albany	529	395	134	33.9
Big Horn	199	260	-61	-23.5
Campbell	839	705	134	19.0
Carbon	270	219	51	23.3
Converse	160	193	-33	-17.1
Crook	125	93	32	34.4
Fremont	941	923	18	2.0
Goshen	114	148	-34	-23.0
Hot Springs	47	42	5	11.9
Johnson	108	123	-15	-12.2
Laramie	1,995	2,058	-63	-3.1
Lincoln	347	381	-34	-8.9
Natrona	1,814	1,764	50	2.8
Niobrara	53	32	21	65.6
Park	658	731	-73	-10.0
Platte	142	134	8	6.0
Sheridan	510	579	-69	-11.9
Sublette	175	108	67	62.0
Sweetwater	1,105	960	145	15.1
Teton	332	334	-2	-0.6
Uinta	299	215	84	39.1
Washakie	133	129	4	3.1
Weston	114	85	29	34.1
Unknown	75	34	41	120.6
Out of State	2,425	2,544	-119	-4.7
<b>Normalized Total<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>13,518</b>	<b>13,200</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>2.4</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.

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