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Continued Claims Up 7.8% from March 2022

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Initial Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims (see Definitions, page 9) continued to decline over the year in Wyoming in March 2023. The total number of continued weeks claimed increased from prior-year levels for the second consecutive month, and the fourth time in the last five months.

Initial Claims

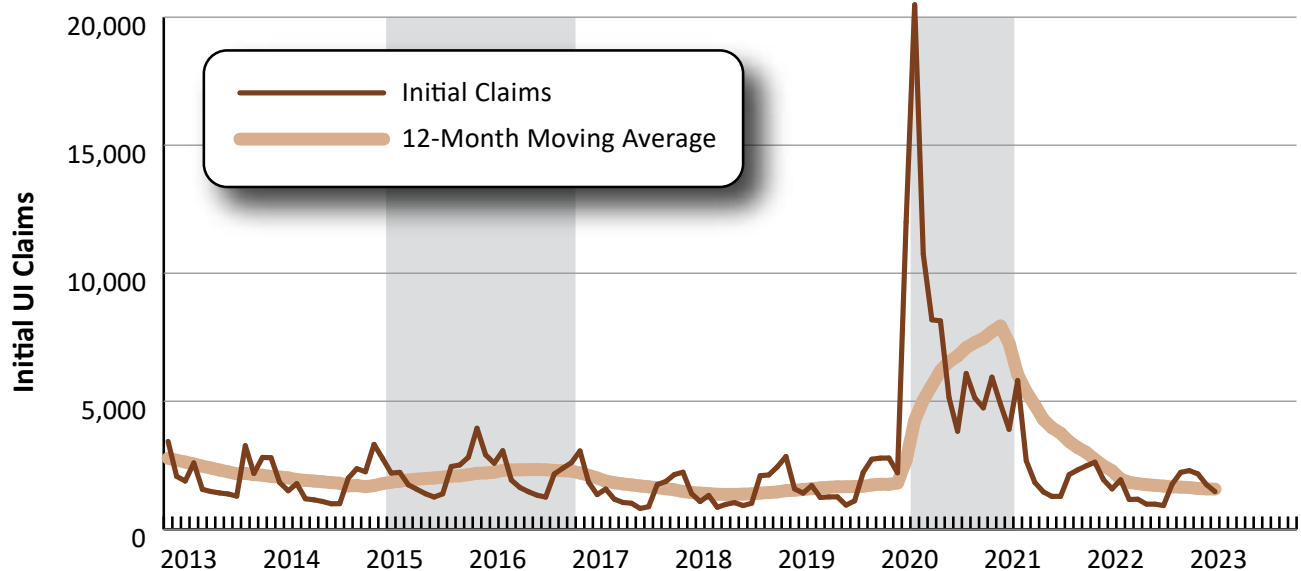
There were 1,469 initial claims in March 2023, down from 1,576 in March 2022 (-107, or -6.8%). This amount is 87.7% lower than when the pandemic began with 11,988 initial claims in

UI Claims Online

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

March 2020. Claims dropped 15.6% from February to March; this is common as initial claims decline from their winter month peaks in the spring (see Figure 1).

The industries with the largest numbers of initial claims included construction (421), leisure & hospitality



*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.
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Figure 1: Total Number of Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by Year and Month, January 2013 to March 2023

(232), trade, transportation, & utilities (219), and manufacturing (116; see Table 1, page 5, and Figure 4, page 6).

Laramie (239), Natrona (217), Campbell (113), and Sweetwater (90) counties had the largest number of initial claims. In addition, there were 216 initial claims by out-of-state claimants (see Figure 4, page 6, and Table 3, page 9).

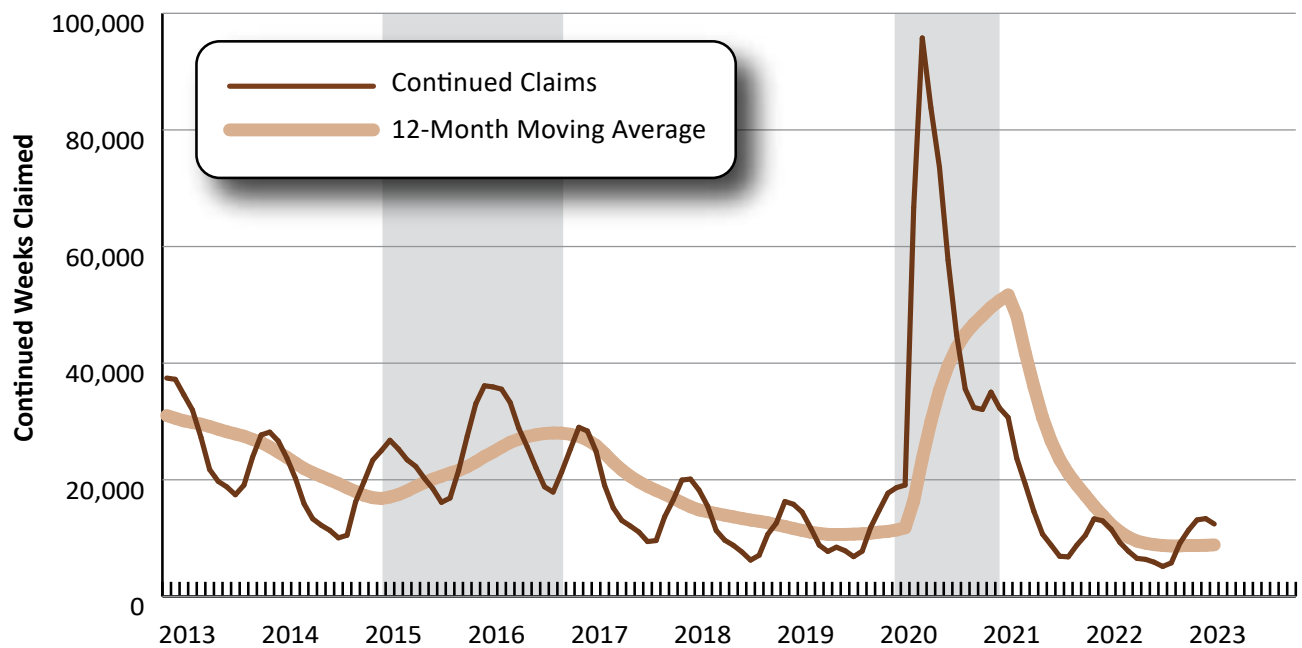
Continued Claims

The total number of continued weeks claimed increased from 11,522 in March 2022 to 12,419 in March 2023 (897, or 7.8%). Continued claims decreased 6.9% over the month, which is a common pattern historically (see Figure 2 and

Table 2, page 7). The number of unique claimants increased from 3,376 to 3,474 over the year (98, or 2.9%) over the year. Continued claims were 19,093 in March 2020, or 35.0% higher than current levels in March 2023.

The industries with the most continued weeks claimed included construction (4,416), professional & business services (1,492), trade, transportation, & utilities (1,462), and leisure & hospitality (1,275; see Figure 6, page 8).

The counties with the greatest numbers of continued claims were Laramie (1,867), Natrona (1,801), and Fremont (1,010), along with 1,718 out-of-state claimants (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: 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 2013 to March 2023

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

Industry	Initial Claims Filed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Mar 2023	Feb 2023	Mar 2022	N	%	N	%
Total Claims Filed	1,469	1,741	1,576	-272	-15.6	-107	-6.8
Goods-Producing	627	943	672	-316	-33.5	-45	-6.7
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	90	128	76	-38	-29.7	14	18.4
Mining (21)	84	112	66	-28	-25.0	18	27.3
Construction (23)	421	679	518	-258	-38.0	-97	-18.7
Manufacturing (31-33)	116	135	77	-19	-14.1	39	50.6
Service-Providing	720	672	767	48	7.1	-47	-6.1
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	219	218	200	1	0.5	19	9.5
Wholesale Trade (42)	32	23	27	9	39.1	5	18.5
Retail Trade (44-45)	90	100	95	-10	-10.0	-5	-5.3
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	96	94	77	2	2.1	19	24.7
Information (51)	12	17	6	-5	-29.4	6	100.0
Financial Activities (52-53)	34	42	39	-8	-19.0	-5	-12.8
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	113	162	150	-49	-30.2	-37	-24.7
Education & Health Services (61-62)	85	76	96	9	11.8	-11	-11.5
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	232	124	249	108	87.1	-17	-6.8
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	22	30	23	-8	-26.7	-1	-4.3
Government	100	90	114	10	11.1	-14	-12.3
Federal Government	41	32	52	9	28.1	-11	-21.2
State Government	17	14	6	3	21.4	11	183.3
Local Government	41	44	54	-3	-6.8	-13	-24.1
Local Education	9	8	11	1	12.5	-2	-18.2
Unclassified	20	34	22	-14	-41.2	-2	-9.1
Laramie County							
Total Claims Filed	239	289	258	-50	-17.3	-19	-7.4
Goods-Producing	95	147	137	-52	-35.4	-42	-30.7
Construction	78	110	121	-32	-29.1	-43	-35.5
Service-Providing	135	127	109	8	6.3	26	23.9
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	42	43	29	-1	-2.3	13	44.8
Financial Activities (52, 53)	8	6	12	2	33.3	-4	-33.3
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	32	37	27	-5	-13.5	5	18.5
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	25	14	20	11	78.6	5	25.0
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	23	15	11	8	53.3	12	109.1
Government	7	7	9	0	0.0	-2	-22.2
Natrona County							
Total Claims Filed	217	256	241	-39	-15.2	-24	-10.0
Goods-Producing	108	139	109	-31	-22.3	-1	-0.9
Construction	65	116	96	-51	-44.0	-31	-32.3
Service-Providing	100	107	122	-7	-6.5	-22	-18.0
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	31	27	37	4	14.8	-6	-16.2
Financial Activities (52, 53)	5	7	7	-2	-28.6	-2	-28.6
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	19	30	34	-11	-36.7	-15	-44.1
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	22	15	14	7	46.7	8	57.1
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	15	17	23	-2	-11.8	-8	-34.8
Government	6	3	6	3	100.0	0	0.0

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Source: Unemployment Insurance claims database.

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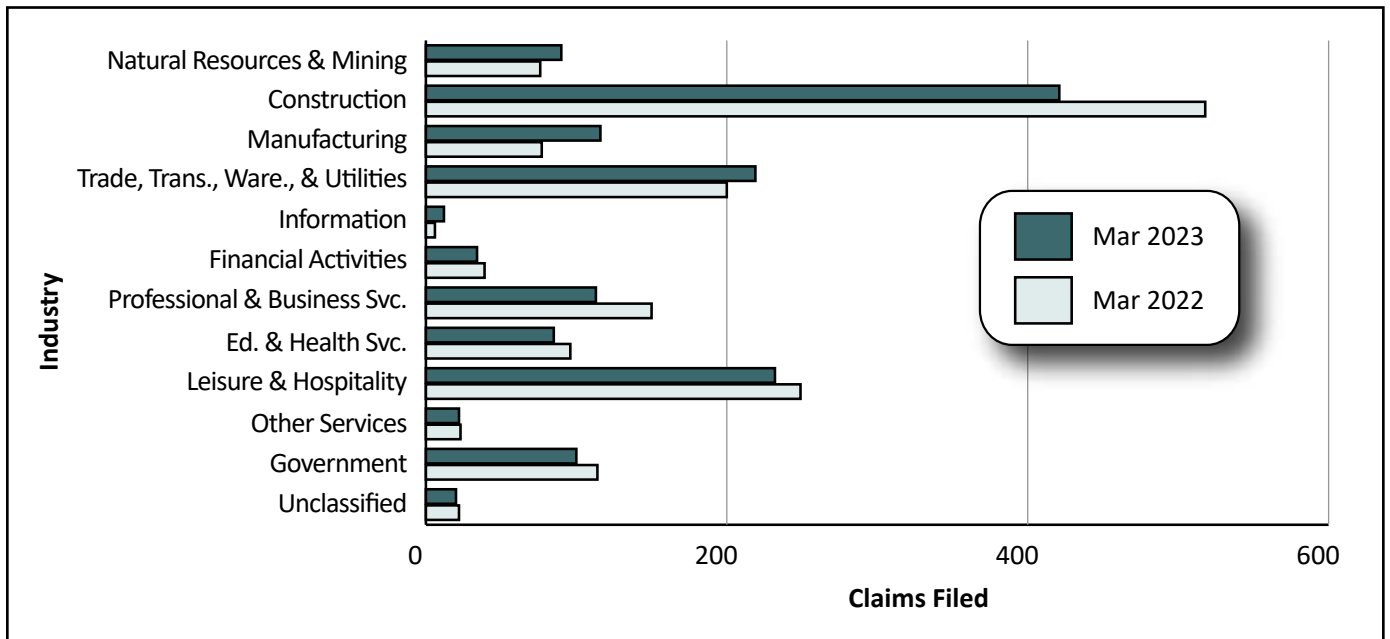


Figure 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, March 2022 and March 2023

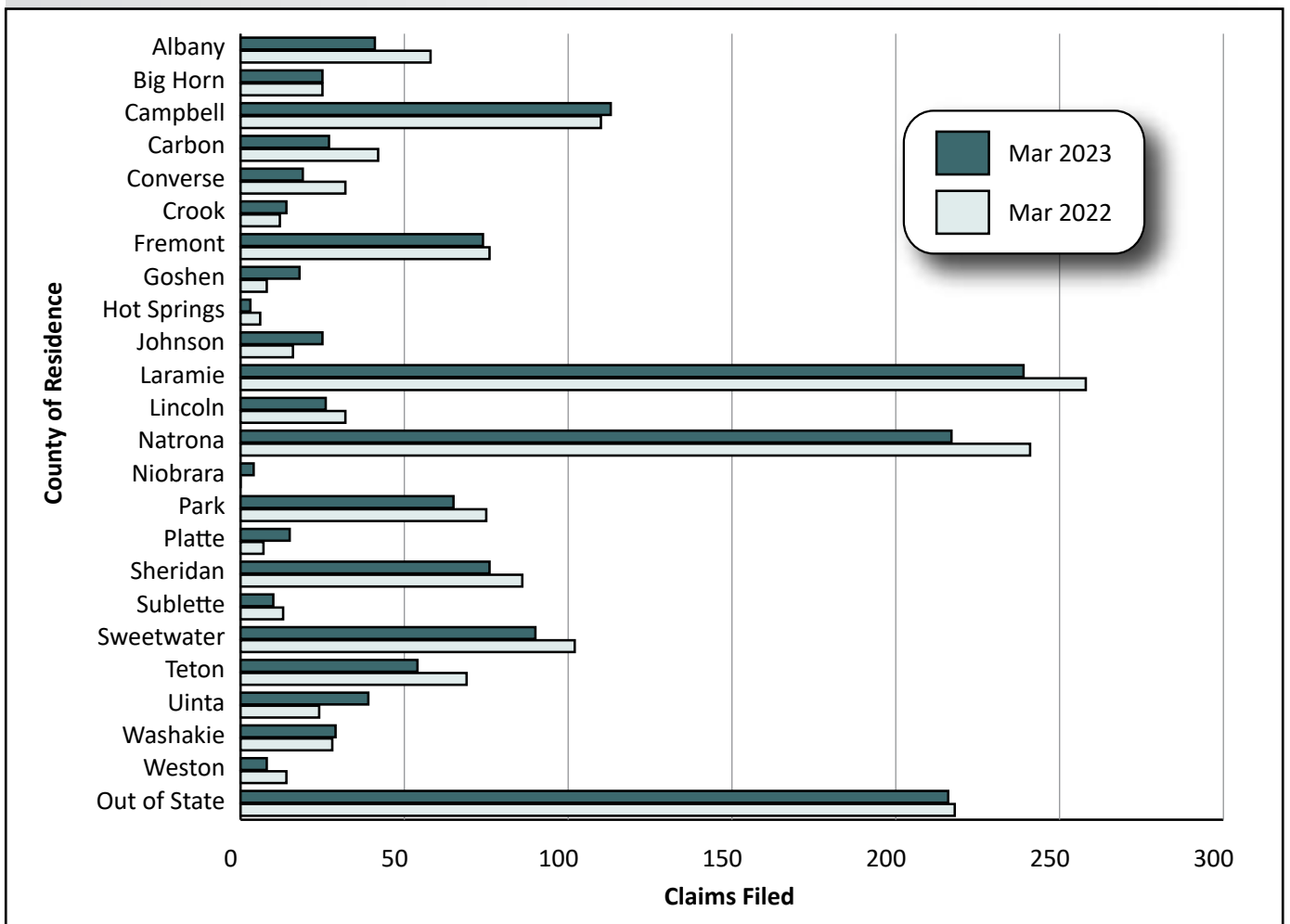


Figure 4: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, March 2022 and March 2023

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

Industry	Continued Weeks Claimed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Mar 2023	Feb 2023	Mar 2022	N	%	N	%
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	12,419	13,345	11,522	-926	-6.9	897	7.8
Total Unique Claimants	3,474	4,222	3,376	-748	-17.7	98	2.9
Goods-Producing	5,894	6,421	5,779	-527	-8.2	115	2.0
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	711	660	728	51	7.7	-17	-2.3
Mining (21)	577	477	600	100	21.0	-23	-3.8
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	53	55	50	-2	-3.6	3	6.0
Construction (23)	4,416	5,107	4,500	-691	-13.5	-84	-1.9
Manufacturing (31-33)	766	653	550	113	17.3	216	39.3
Service-Providing	5,429	5,731	4,615	-302	-5.3	814	17.6
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	1,462	1,568	1,225	-106	-6.8	237	19.3
Wholesale Trade (42)	226	251	201	-25	-10.0	25	12.4
Retail Trade (44-45)	735	814	521	-79	-9.7	214	41.1
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	500	503	502	-3	-0.6	-2	-0.4
Information (51)	90	71	47	19	26.8	43	91.5
Financial Activities (52-53)	389	391	249	-2	-0.5	140	56.2
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	1,492	1,707	1,305	-215	-12.6	187	14.3
Education & Health Services (61-62)	505	536	497	-31	-5.8	8	1.6
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	1,275	1,214	1,143	61	5.0	132	11.5
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	212	241	147	-29	-12.0	65	44.2
Government	923	1,058	1,041	-135	-12.8	-118	-11.3
Federal Government	444	548	578	-104	-19.0	-134	-23.2
State Government	109	110	78	-1	-0.9	31	39.7
Local Government	369	399	384	-30	-7.5	-15	-3.9
Local Education	75	62	82	13	21.0	-7	-8.5
Unclassified	171	133	85	38	28.6	86	101.2
Laramie County							
Total Claims Filed	1,867	2,000	1,596	-133	-6.7	271	17.0
Total Unique Claimants	537	651	488	-114	-17.5	49	10.0
Goods-Producing	966	1,133	951	-167	-14.7	15	1.6
Construction	870	1,051	883	-181	-17.2	-13	-1.5
Service-Providing	796	785	563	11	1.4	233	41.4
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	241	277	168	-36	-13.0	73	43.5
Financial Activities (52, 53)	32	43	44	-11	-25.6	-12	-27.3
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	232	242	173	-10	-4.1	59	34.1
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	127	85	71	42	49.4	56	78.9
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	116	100	75	16	16.0	41	54.7
Government	64	55	58	9	16.4	6	10.3
Unclassified	39	25	23	14	56.0	16	69.6
Natrona County							
Total Claims Filed	1,801	1,933	1,685	-132	-6.8	116	6.9
Total Unique Claimants	501	600	491	-99	-16.5	10	2.0
Goods-Producing	856	861	776	-5	-0.6	80	10.3
Construction	647	702	656	-55	-7.8	-9	-1.4
Service-Providing	892	1,006	855	-114	-11.3	37	4.3
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	264	309	246	-45	-14.6	18	7.3
Financial Activities (52, 53)	93	87	58	6	6.9	35	60.3
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	222	268	272	-46	-17.2	-50	-18.4
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	112	134	100	-22	-16.4	12	12.0
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	132	134	134	-2	-1.5	-2	-1.5
Government	40	59	49	-19	-32.2	-9	-18.4
Unclassified	11	5	3	6	120.0	8	266.7

Source: Unemployment Insurance claims database.

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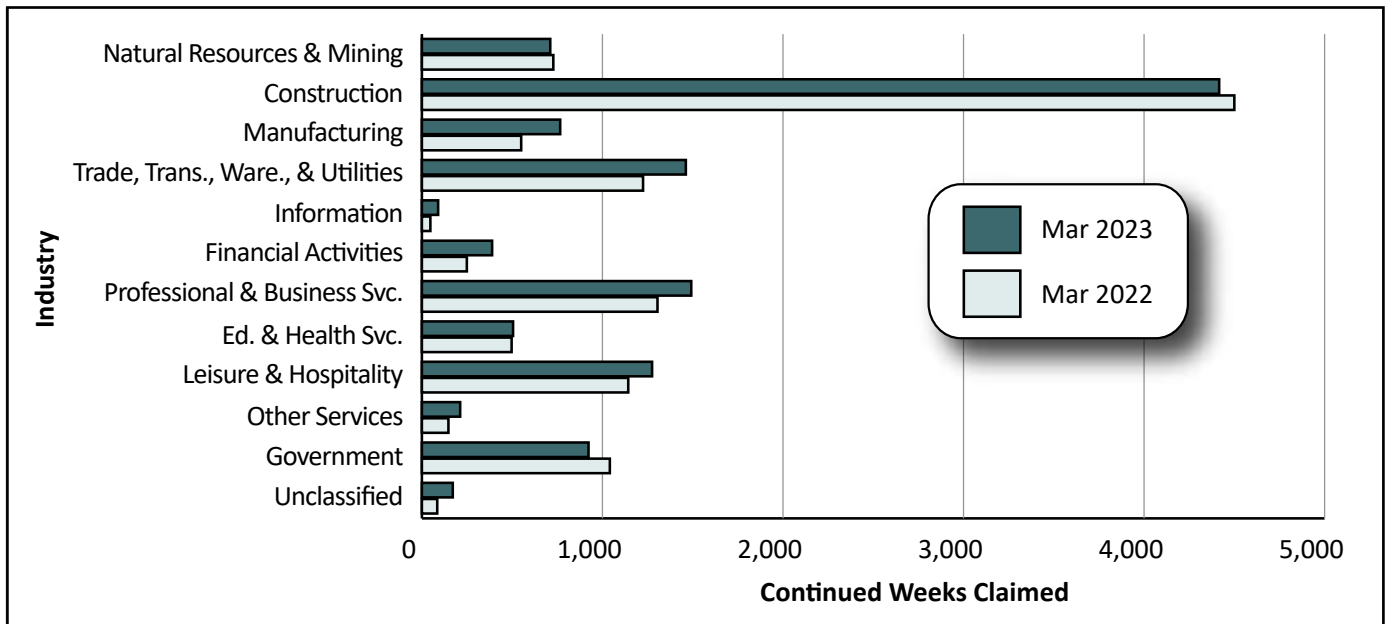


Figure 5: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, March 2022 and March 2023

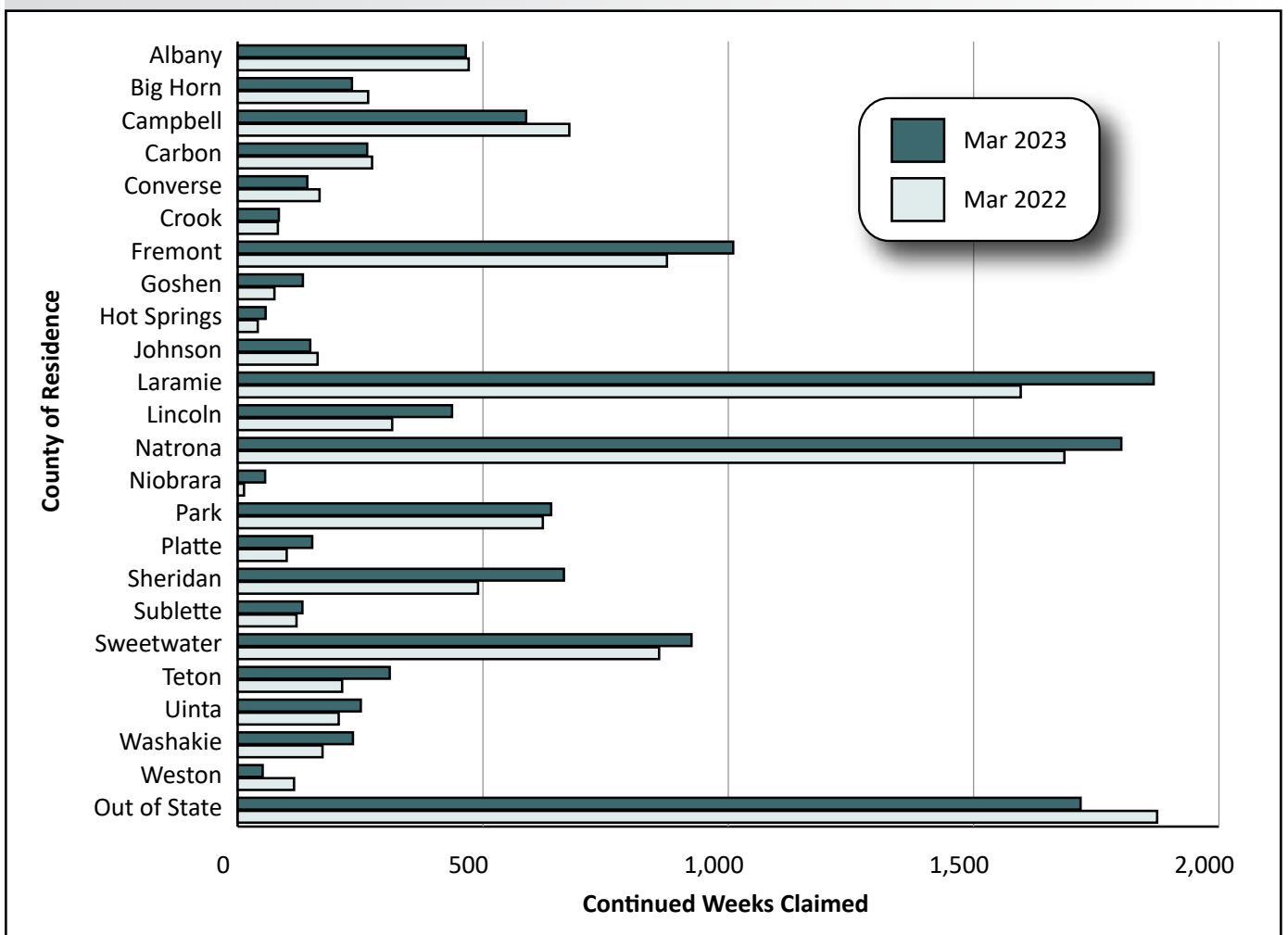


Figure 6: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence in Wyoming, March 2022 and March 2023

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

County	Mar 2023	Mar 2022	Change	
			N	%
Albany	41	58	-17	-29.3
Big Horn	25	25	0	0.0
Campbell	113	110	3	2.7
Carbon	27	42	-15	-35.7
Converse	19	32	-13	-40.6
Crook	14	12	2	16.7
Fremont	74	76	-2	-2.6
Goshen	18	8	10	125.0
Hot Springs	3	6	-3	-50.0
Johnson	25	16	9	56.3
Laramie	239	258	-19	-7.4
Lincoln	26	32	-6	-18.8
Natrona	217	241	-24	-10.0
Niobrara	4	0	4	N/A
Park	65	75	-10	-13.3
Platte	15	7	8	114.3
Sheridan	76	86	-10	-11.6
Sublette	10	13	-3	-23.1
Sweetwater	90	102	-12	-11.8
Teton	54	69	-15	-21.7
Uinta	39	24	15	62.5
Washakie	29	28	1	3.6
Weston	8	14	-6	-42.9
Unknown	9	12	-3	-25.0
Out of State	216	218	-2	-0.9
Total	1,469	1,576	-107	-6.8

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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, March 2022 and March 2023

County	Mar 2023	Mar 2022	Change	
			N	%
Albany	465	471	-6	-1.3
Big Horn	233	266	-33	-12.4
Campbell	588	676	-88	-13.0
Carbon	264	274	-10	-3.6
Converse	142	167	-25	-15.0
Crook	84	82	2	2.4
Fremont	1,010	875	135	15.4
Goshen	133	75	58	77.3
Hot Springs	57	41	16	39.0
Johnson	148	163	-15	-9.2
Laramie	1,867	1,596	271	17.0
Lincoln	437	315	122	38.7
Natrona	1,801	1,685	116	6.9
Niobrara	56	13	43	330.8
Park	639	622	17	2.7
Platte	152	100	52	52.0
Sheridan	665	490	175	35.7
Sublette	132	120	12	10.0
Sweetwater	925	859	66	7.7
Teton	310	213	97	45.5
Uinta	251	206	45	21.8
Washakie	235	173	62	35.8
Weston	51	115	-64	-55.7
Unknown	44	42	2	4.8
Out of State	1,718	1,874	-156	-8.3
Normalized Total^a	12,419	11,522	897	7.8

^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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