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UI Claims Increase Over the Month, Following Seasonal Trends

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Initial and continued Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims (see Definitions, page 9) in Wyoming continued to decline from prior-year levels in April 2022. The number of initial claims increased from March to April, primarily in mining and leisure & hospitality.

Initial Claims

There were 1,931 initial claims in April 2022, down from 5,807 in April 2021 (-3,876, or -66.7%). This amount is getting closer to pre-pandemic levels of 1,706 initial claims in April 2019. Initial claims peaked in April 2020 at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic and have largely trended downward since (see Figure 1).

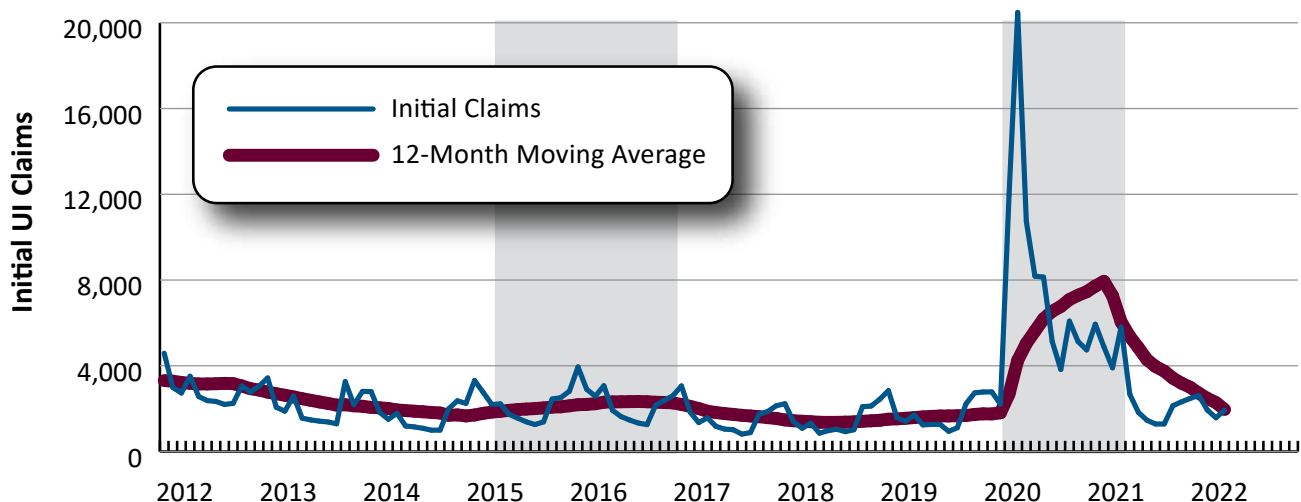
From March to April, initial claims

UI Claims Online

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followed their normal seasonal pattern and increased by 22.5% (355 claims). The largest over-the-month increases were seen in leisure & hospitality (304, or 152.0%) and mining (90, or 160.7%). The seasonal increase in leisure & hospitality was due in large part to ski season ending in Teton County.

The industries with the largest numbers of initial claims included leisure & hospitality (504), construction (355),



*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 2012 to April 2022

trade, transportation, & utilities (216), and mining (146; see Table 1, page 5, and Figure 3, page 6).

The counties with the largest number of initial claims were Teton (410), Natrona (230), Laramie (179), Lincoln (111), Campbell (92), and Fremont (77) counties. In addition, there were 366 initial claims by out-of-state claimants (see Table 3, page 9, and Figure 4, page 6).

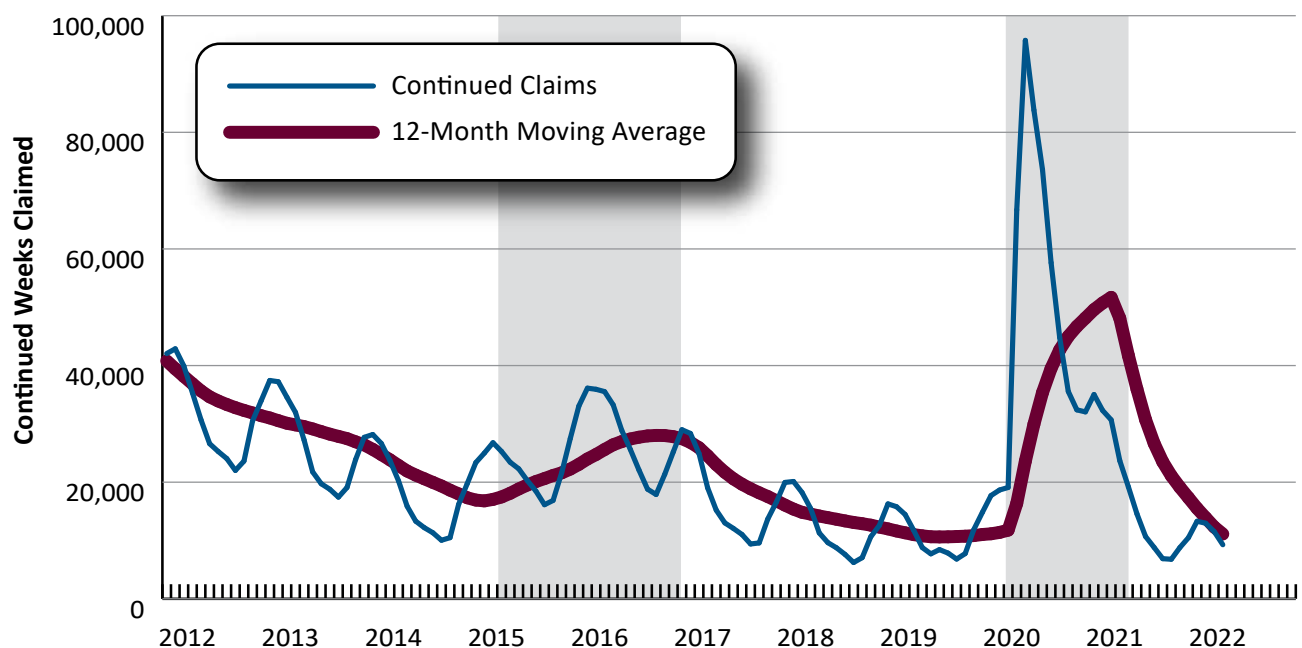
Continued Claims

The total number of continued weeks claimed decreased from 23,687 in April 2021 to 9,273 in April 2022 (-14,414, or -60.9%). The number of unique claimants decreased from 7,958 to 3,502 (-4,456, or -56.0%; see Figure 2 and Table 2,

page 7). The total number of continued weeks claimed was 21.0% lower than pre-pandemic total of 11,738 in April 2019.

The industries with the most continued weeks claimed included construction (2,002), unclassified (1,895), leisure & hospitality (1,296), trade, transportation and utilities (973), and professional & business services (664). There were also 819 continued weeks claimed in total government (see Figure 5, page 8).

There were more continued weeks claimed for out-of-state claimants (1,688) than any single county in Wyoming (see Figure 6, page 8, and Table 4, page 9). The counties with the greatest numbers of continued weeks claimed were Natrona (1,227), Laramie (1,136), Teton (833), and Sweetwater (621).



*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 2012 to April 2022

Table 1: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims in Wyoming, April 2022

Industry	Initial Claims Filed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Apr 2022	Mar 2022	Apr 2021	N	%	N	%
Total Claims Filed	1,931	1,576	5,807	355	22.5	-3,876	-66.7
Goods-Producing	567	556	1,572	11	2.0	-1,005	-63.9
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	154	64	470	90	140.6	-316	-67.2
Mining (21)	146	56	438	90	160.7	-292	-66.7
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	6	0	20	6	N/A	-14	-70.0
Construction (23)	355	423	937	-68	-16.1	-582	-62.1
Manufacturing (31-33)	57	68	164	-11	-16.2	-107	-65.2
Service-Providing	940	643	2,797	297	46.2	-1,857	-66.4
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	216	173	683	43	24.9	-467	-68.4
Wholesale Trade (42)	19	23	133	-4	-17.4	-114	-85.7
Retail Trade (44-45)	92	84	324	8	9.5	-232	-71.6
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	105	64	225	41	64.1	-120	-53.3
Information (51)	8	4	33	4	100.0	-25	-75.8
Financial Activities (52-53)	22	35	81	-13	-37.1	-59	-72.8
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	94	122	412	-28	-23.0	-318	-77.2
Education & Health Services (61-62)	55	86	289	-31	-36.0	-234	-81.0
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	504	200	1,173	304	152.0	-669	-57.0
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	38	20	124	18	90.0	-86	-69.4
Government	100	114	303	-14	-12.3	-203	-67.0
Federal Government	36	52	75	-16	-30.8	-39	-52.0
State Government	9	6	34	3	50.0	-25	-73.5
Local Government	54	54	192	0	0.0	-138	-71.9
Local Education	17	11	61	6	54.5	-44	-72.1
Unclassified	322	262	1,134	60	22.9	-812	-71.6
Laramie County							
Total Claims Filed	179	258	690	-79	-30.6	-511	-74.1
Goods-Producing	60	117	199	-57	-48.7	-139	-69.8
Construction	54	102	162	-48	-47.1	-108	-66.7
Service-Providing	80	95	323	-15	-15.8	-243	-75.2
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	34	25	97	9	36.0	-63	-64.9
Financial Activities (52, 53)	2	11	9	-9	-81.8	-7	-77.8
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	20	22	67	-2	-9.1	-47	-70.1
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	11	19	43	-8	-42.1	-32	-74.4
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	9	9	80	0	0.0	-71	-88.8
Government	7	9	29	-2	-22.2	-22	-75.9
Unclassified	31	36	138	-5	-13.9	-107	-77.5
Natrona County							
Total Claims Filed	230	241	962	-11	-4.6	-732	-76.1
Goods-Producing	89	96	277	-7	-7.3	-188	-67.9
Construction	72	84	147	-12	-14.3	-75	-51.0
Service-Providing	100	104	484	-4	-3.8	-384	-79.3
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	37	32	192	5	15.6	-155	-80.7
Financial Activities (52, 53)	5	7	17	-2	-28.6	-12	-70.6
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	16	27	74	-11	-40.7	-58	-78.4
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	12	12	67	0	0.0	-55	-82.1
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	20	19	93	1	5.3	-73	-78.5
Government	6	6	35	0	0.0	-29	-82.9
Unclassified	33	33	164	0	0.0	-131	-79.9

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Source: Unemployment Insurance claims database. Prepared by J. Cruz, Research & Planning, WY DWS, 5/17/22.

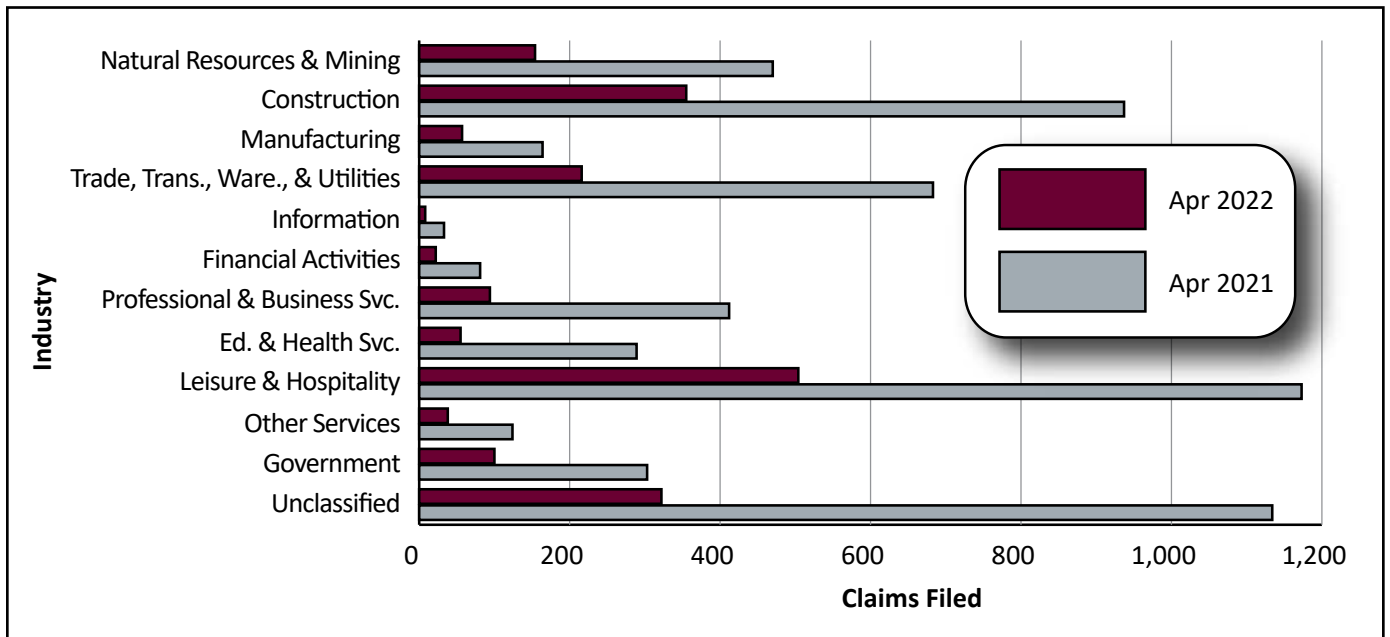


Figure 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, April 2021 and April 2022

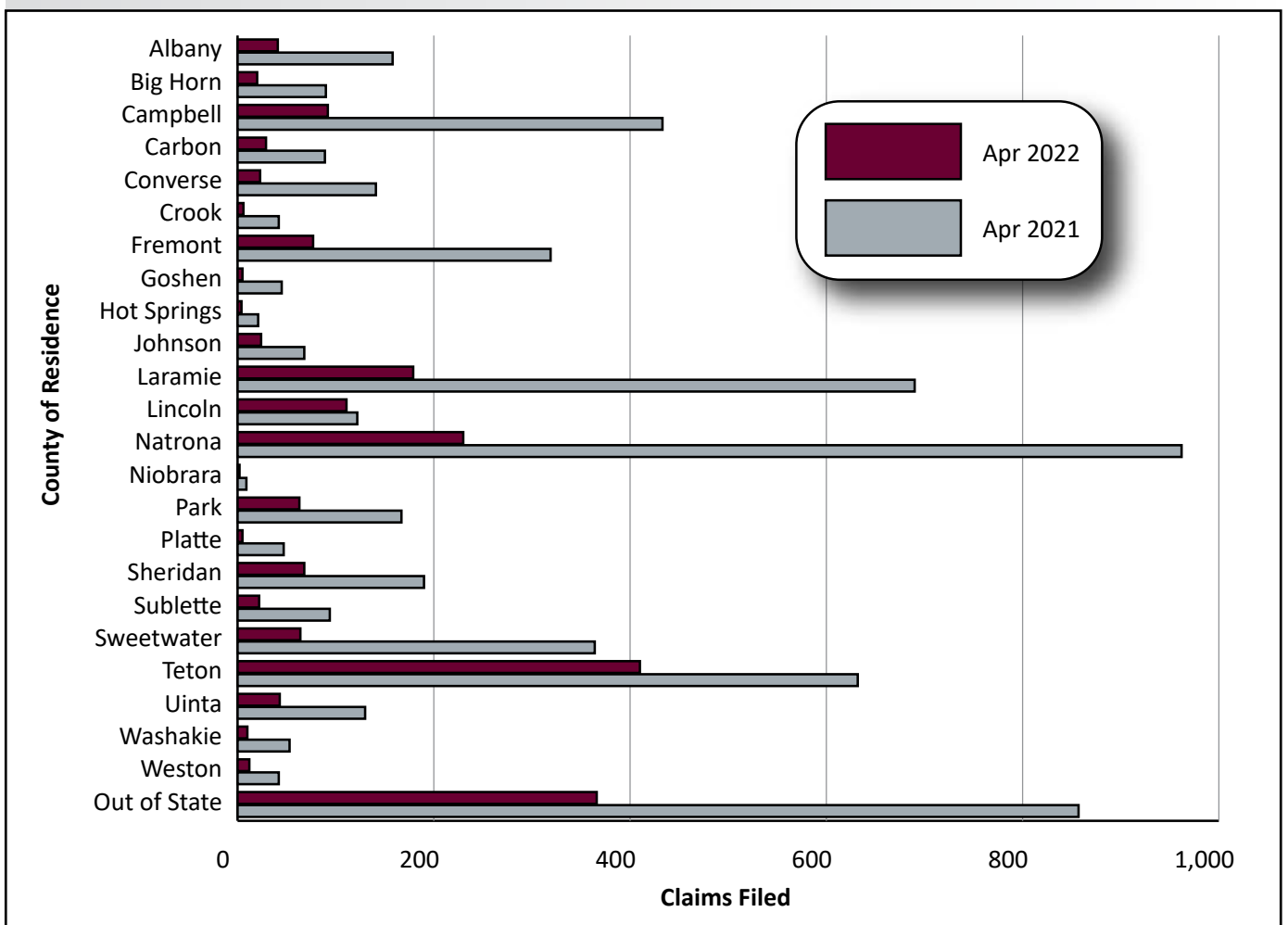


Figure 4: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, April 2021 and April 2022

Table 2: Unemployment Insurance Continued Weeks Claimed in Wyoming, April 2022

Industry	Continued Weeks Claimed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Apr 2022	Mar 2022	Apr 2021	N	%	N	%
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	9,273	11,522	23,687	-2,249	-19.5	-14,414	-60.9
Total Unique Claimants	3,502	3,376	7,958	126	3.7	-4,456	-56.0
Goods-Producing	2,791	4,446	7,431	-1,655	-37.2	-4,640	-62.4
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	455	587	1,593	-132	-22.5	-1,138	-71.4
Mining (21)	390	474	1,477	-84	-17.7	-1,087	-73.6
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	31	46	179	-15	-32.6	-148	-82.7
Construction (23)	2,002	3,437	5,027	-1,435	-41.8	-3,025	-60.2
Manufacturing (31-33)	333	422	810	-89	-21.1	-477	-58.9
Service-Providing	3,767	3,707	9,995	60	1.6	-6,228	-62.3
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	973	1,010	2,929	-37	-3.7	-1,956	-66.8
Wholesale Trade (42)	132	170	527	-38	-22.4	-395	-75.0
Retail Trade (44-45)	411	419	1,428	-8	-1.9	-1,017	-71.2
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	429	420	973	9	2.1	-544	-55.9
Information (51)	45	40	176	5	12.5	-131	-74.4
Financial Activities (52-53)	212	194	467	18	9.3	-255	-54.6
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	664	1,034	1,660	-370	-35.8	-996	-60.0
Education & Health Services (61-62)	444	376	1,179	68	18.1	-735	-62.3
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	1,296	929	3,215	367	39.5	-1,919	-59.7
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	129	120	366	9	7.5	-237	-64.8
Government	819	1,041	1,668	-222	-21.3	-849	-50.9
Federal Government	398	578	653	-180	-31.1	-255	-39.1
State Government	64	78	188	-14	-17.9	-124	-66.0
Local Government	356	384	825	-28	-7.3	-469	-56.8
Local Education	73	82	250	-9	-11.0	-177	-70.8
Unclassified	1,895	2,326	4,591	-431	-18.5	-2,696	-58.7
Laramie County							
Total Claims Filed	1,136	1,596	2,858	-460	-28.8	-1,722	-60.3
Total Unique Claimants	429	488	964	-59	-12.1	-535	-55.5
Goods-Producing	364	733	870	-369	-50.3	-506	-58.2
Construction	306	667	636	-361	-54.1	-330	-51.9
Service-Providing	474	478	1,262	-4	-0.8	-788	-62.4
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	150	147	372	3	2.0	-222	-59.7
Financial Activities (52, 53)	32	26	87	6	23.1	-55	-63.2
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	120	144	294	-24	-16.7	-174	-59.2
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	80	58	168	22	37.9	-88	-52.4
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	59	71	263	-12	-16.9	-204	-77.6
Government	49	58	188	-9	-15.5	-139	-73.9
Unclassified	247	327	538	-80	-24.5	-291	-54.1
Natrona County							
Total Claims Filed	1,227	1,685	4,095	-458	-27.2	-2,868	-70.0
Total Unique Claimants	452	491	1,336	-39	-7.9	-884	-66.2
Goods-Producing	364	559	1,334	-195	-34.9	-970	-72.7
Construction	284	459	906	-175	-38.1	-622	-68.7
Service-Providing	547	666	1,937	-119	-17.9	-1,390	-71.8
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	178	210	783	-32	-15.2	-605	-77.3
Financial Activities (52, 53)	41	47	85	-6	-12.8	-44	-51.8
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	122	187	308	-65	-34.8	-186	-60.4
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	89	80	258	9	11.3	-169	-65.5
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	88	105	351	-17	-16.2	-263	-74.9
Government	49	49	142	0	0.0	-93	-65.5
Unclassified	265	409	679	-144	-35.2	-414	-61.0

Source: Unemployment Insurance claims database.
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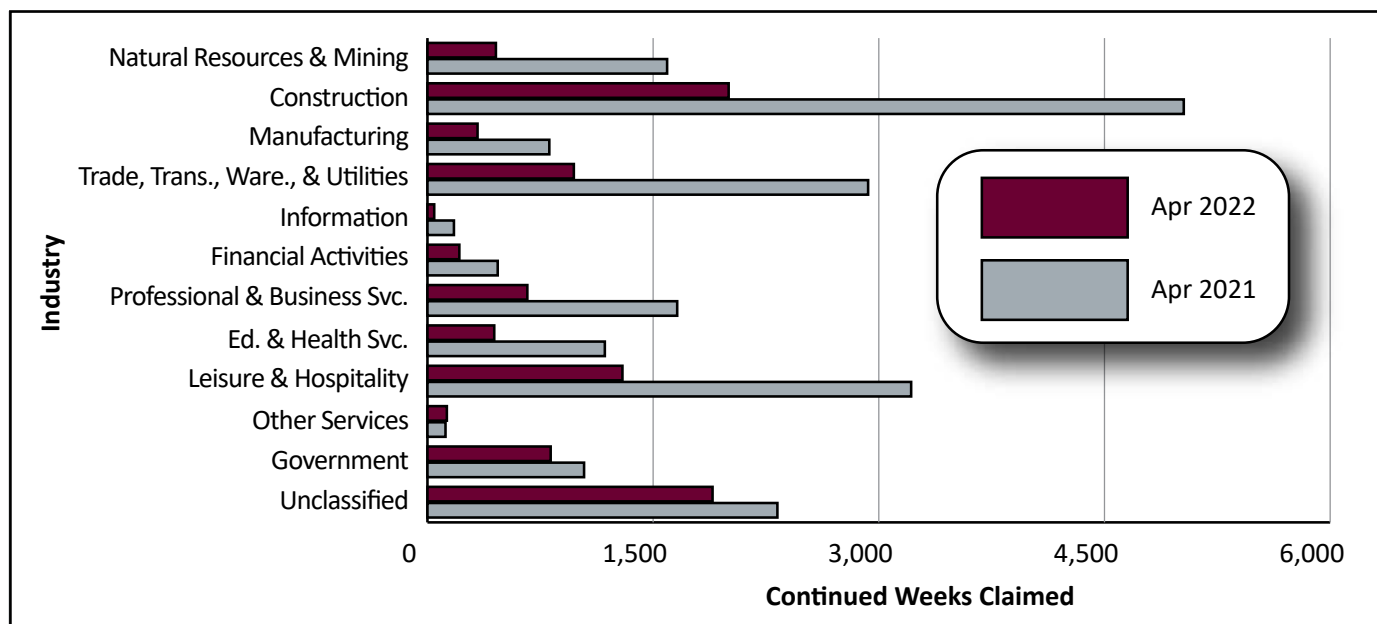


Figure 5: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, April 2021 and April 2022

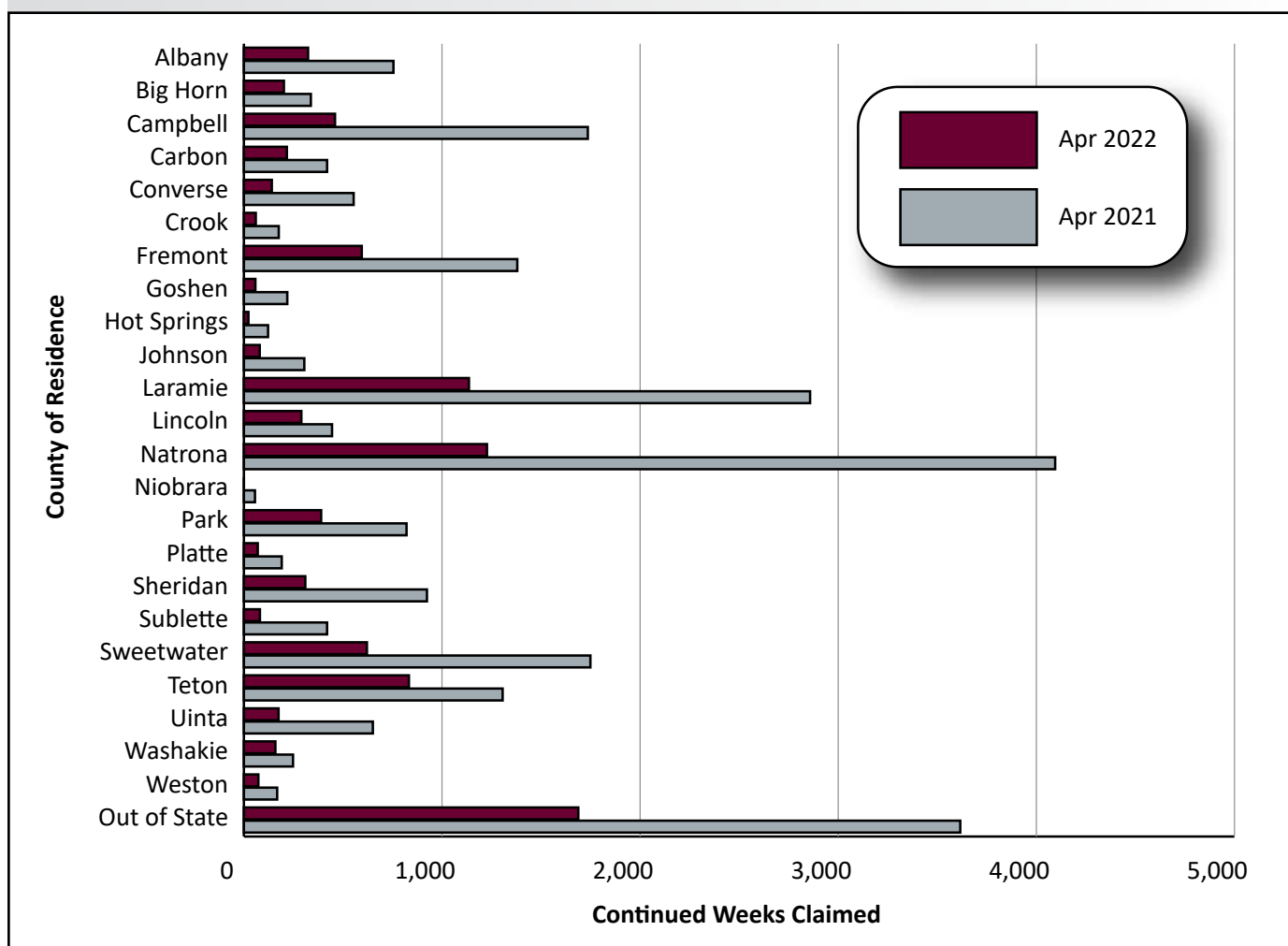


Figure 6: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence in Wyoming, April 2021 and April 2022

Table 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by County of Residence, April 2021 and April 2022

County	Apr 2022	Apr 2021	Change	
			N	%
Albany	41	158	-117	-74.1
Big Horn	20	90	-70	-77.8
Campbell	92	433	-341	-78.8
Carbon	29	89	-60	-67.4
Converse	23	141	-118	-83.7
Crook	6	42	-36	-85.7
Fremont	77	319	-242	-75.9
Goshen	5	45	-40	-88.9
Hot Springs	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D
Johnson	24	68	-44	-64.7
Laramie	179	690	-511	-74.1
Lincoln	111	122	-11	-9.0
Natrona	230	962	-732	-76.1
Niobrara	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D
Park	63	167	-104	-62.3
Platte	5	47	-42	-89.4
Sheridan	68	190	-122	-64.2
Sublette	22	94	-72	-76.6
Sweetwater	64	364	-300	-82.4
Teton	410	632	-222	-35.1
Uinta	43	130	-87	-66.9
Washakie	10	53	-43	-81.1
Weston	12	42	-30	-71.4
Unknown	11	31	-20	-64.5
Out of State	366	857	-491	-57.3
Total	1,931	5,807	-3,876	-66.7

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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, April 2021 and April 2022

County	Apr 2022	Apr 2021	Change	
			N	%
Albany	324	755	-431	-57.1
Big Horn	202	338	-136	-40.2
Campbell	460	1,736	-1,276	-73.5
Carbon	217	420	-203	-48.3
Converse	141	554	-413	-74.5
Crook	60	176	-116	-65.9
Fremont	595	1,380	-785	-56.9
Goshen	58	219	-161	-73.5
Hot Springs	23	122	-99	-81.1
Johnson	80	305	-225	-73.8
Laramie	1,136	2,858	-1,722	-60.3
Lincoln	290	445	-155	-34.8
Natrona	1,227	4,095	-2,868	-70.0
Niobrara	0	56	-56	-100.0
Park	390	821	-431	-52.5
Platte	70	191	-121	-63.4
Sheridan	310	924	-614	-66.5
Sublette	81	420	-339	-80.7
Sweetwater	621	1,749	-1,128	-64.5
Teton	833	1,306	-473	-36.2
Uinta	175	651	-476	-73.1
Washakie	159	248	-89	-35.9
Weston	73	168	-95	-56.5
Unknown	49	122	-73	-59.8
Out of State	1,688	3,616	-1,928	-53.3
Normalized Total^a	9,273	23,687	-14,414	-60.9

^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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