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Continued Claims Remain Higher Compared to 2022

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Initial Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims (see Definitions, page 9) in Wyoming fell by 8.1% from April 2022 to April 2023. However, the total number of continued weeks claimed remained 11.3% higher compared to year-ago levels.

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 1,776 initial claims in April 2023, down from 1,932 in April 2022 (-156, or -8.1%). Initial claims increased from 1,469 in March 2023 to 1,776 in April (307, or 20.9%). Initial claims often rise from March to April due to an increase in leisure & hospitality claims (see Figure 1).

The industries with the largest numbers of initial claims included leisure & hospitality (566), construction (379), trade, transportation, & utilities (251), and professional & business services (132; see Table 1, page 5, and Figure 4, page 6).

Teton (360), Laramie (232), Natrona (220), and Campbell (106) counties had

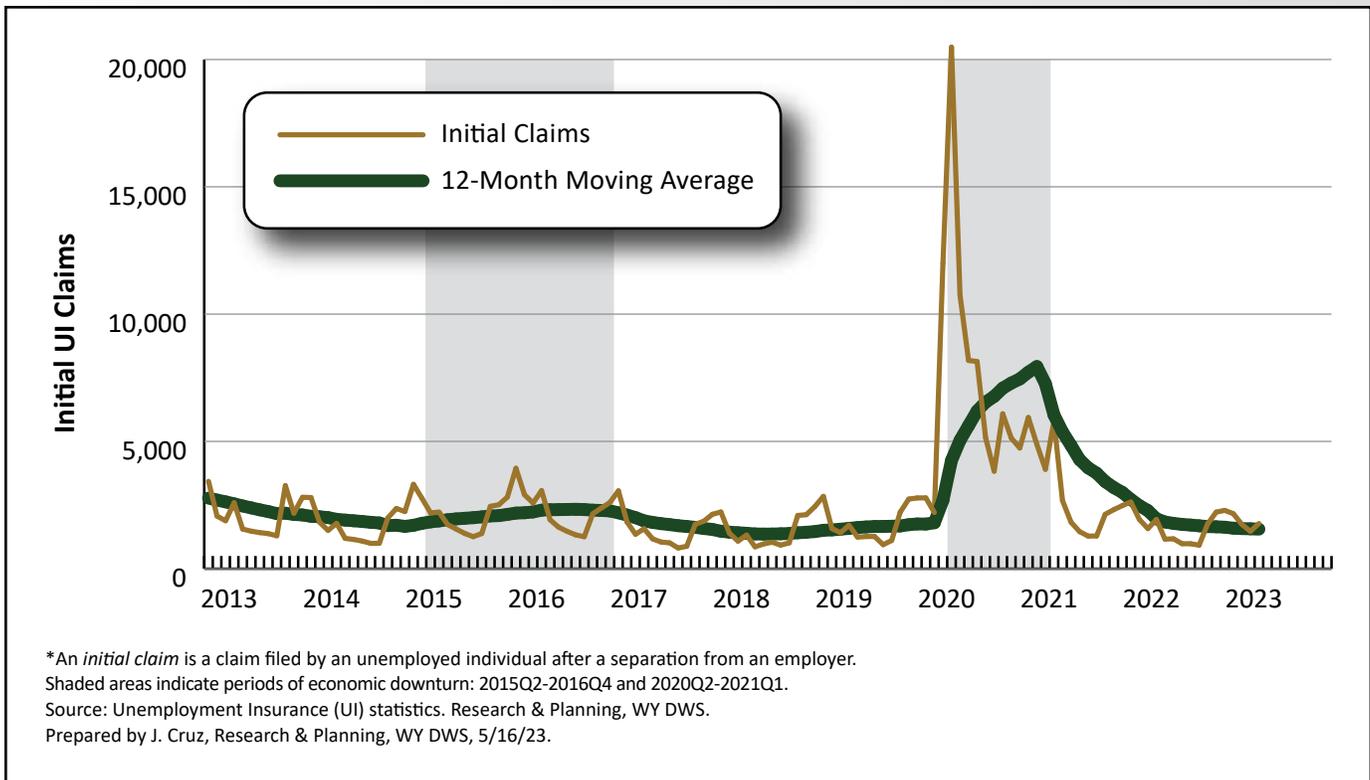


Figure 1: Total Number of Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by Year and Month, January 2012 to April 2023

the largest number of initial claims. In addition, there were 257 initial claims by out-of-state claimants (see Figure 4, page 6, and Table 3, page 9).

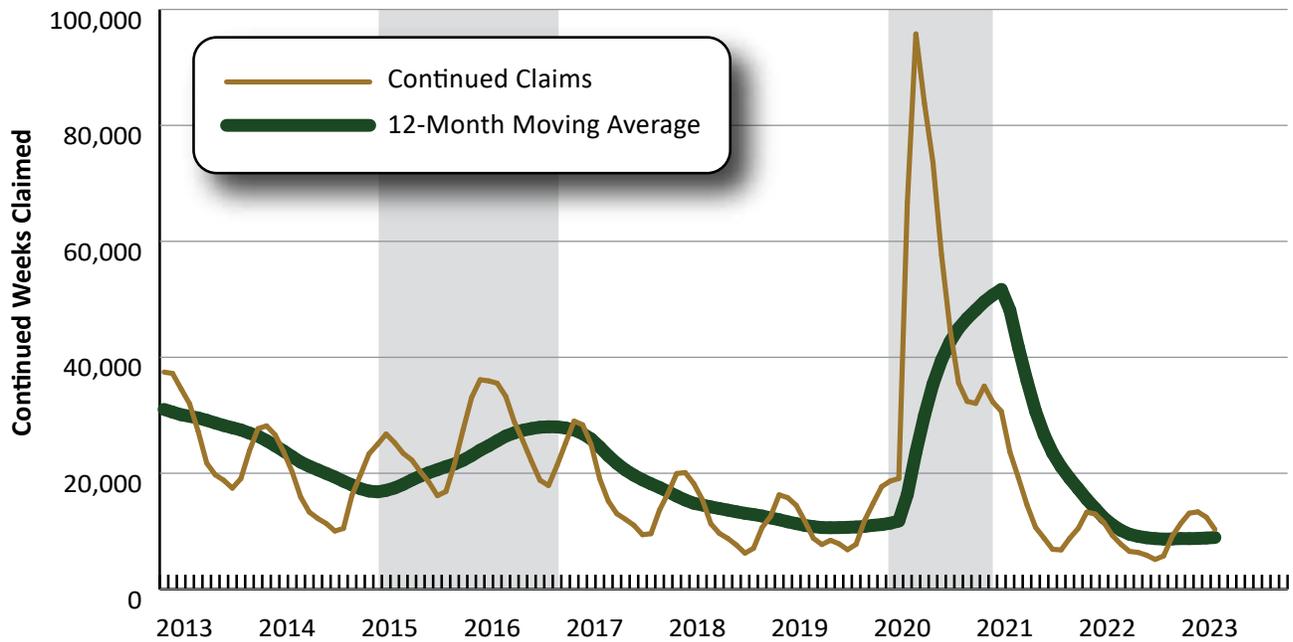
Continued Claims

The total number of continued weeks claimed increased from 9,273 in April 2022 to 10,317 in April 2023 (1,044 or 11.3%). Continued claims decreased 16.9% over the month, which is a common pattern historically (see Figure 2). The number of unique claimants increased

from 3,502 to 3,795 (293, or 8.4%) over the year (see Table 2, page 7.)

The industries with the most continued weeks claimed included construction (2,787), leisure & hospitality (1,828), trade, transportation & utilities (1,342), and professional & business services (1,013).

Out-of-state claimants had the greatest number of continued claims with 1,546, followed by Laramie (1,425), Natrona (1,335) and Teton (784) counties.



*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 April 2023

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

| Industry | Initial Claims Filed | | | Over-the-Month Change | | Over-the-Year Change | |
|---|----------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|
| | Apr 2023 | Mar 2023 | Apr 2022 | N | % | N | % |
| Total Claims Filed | 1,776 | 1,469 | 1,932 | 307 | 20.9 | -156 | -8.1 |
| Goods-Producing | 541 | 629 | 694 | -88 | -14.0 | -153 | -22.0 |
| Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21) | 75 | 91 | 161 | -16 | -17.6 | -86 | -53.4 |
| Mining (21) | 63 | 85 | 151 | -22 | -25.9 | -88 | -58.3 |
| Construction (23) | 379 | 421 | 464 | -42 | -10.0 | -85 | -18.3 |
| Manufacturing (31-33) | 85 | 116 | 69 | -31 | -26.7 | 16 | 23.2 |
| Service-Providing | 1,129 | 724 | 1,111 | 405 | 55.9 | 18 | 1.6 |
| Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49) | 251 | 224 | 255 | 27 | 12.1 | -4 | -1.6 |
| Wholesale Trade (42) | 31 | 32 | 22 | -1 | -3.1 | 9 | 40.9 |
| Retail Trade (44-45) | 129 | 94 | 101 | 35 | 37.2 | 28 | 27.7 |
| Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49) | 89 | 97 | 130 | -8 | -8.2 | -41 | -31.5 |
| Information (51) | 12 | 12 | 14 | 0 | 0.0 | -2 | -14.3 |
| Financial Activities (52-53) | 51 | 35 | 29 | 16 | 45.7 | 22 | 75.9 |
| Professional & Business Services (54-56) | 132 | 114 | 110 | 18 | 15.8 | 22 | 20.0 |
| Education & Health Services (61-62) | 93 | 82 | 66 | 11 | 13.4 | 27 | 40.9 |
| Leisure & Hospitality (71-72) | 566 | 234 | 596 | 332 | 141.9 | -30 | -5.0 |
| Other Services, except Public Admin. (81) | 21 | 21 | 40 | 0 | 0.0 | -19 | -47.5 |
| Government | 87 | 100 | 100 | -13 | -13.0 | -13 | -13.0 |
| Federal Government | 24 | 41 | 36 | -17 | -41.5 | -12 | -33.3 |
| State Government | 11 | 17 | 9 | -6 | -35.3 | 2 | 22.2 |
| Local Government | 50 | 41 | 54 | 9 | 22.0 | -4 | -7.4 |
| Local Education | 9 | 9 | 17 | 0 | 0.0 | -8 | -47.1 |
| Unclassified | 18 | 14 | 24 | 4 | 28.6 | -6 | -25.0 |
| Laramie County | | | | | | | |
| Total Claims Filed | 232 | 239 | 179 | -7 | -2.9 | 53 | 29.6 |
| Goods-Producing | 75 | 95 | 72 | -20 | -21.1 | 3 | 4.2 |
| Construction | 57 | 78 | 63 | -21 | -26.9 | -6 | -9.5 |
| Service-Providing | 138 | 135 | 96 | 3 | 2.2 | 42 | 43.8 |
| Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49) | 60 | 43 | 40 | 17 | 39.5 | 20 | 50.0 |
| Financial Activities (52, 53) | 10 | 8 | 5 | 2 | 25.0 | 5 | 100.0 |
| Professional & Business Services (54 - 56) | 24 | 31 | 23 | -7 | -22.6 | 1 | 4.3 |
| Educational & Health Services (61 - 62) | 16 | 24 | 14 | -8 | -33.3 | 2 | 14.3 |
| Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72) | 17 | 24 | 11 | -7 | -29.2 | 6 | 54.5 |
| Government | 10 | 7 | 7 | 3 | 42.9 | 3 | 42.9 |
| Natrona County | | | | | | | |
| Total Claims Filed | 220 | 217 | 230 | 3 | 1.4 | -10 | -4.3 |
| Goods-Producing | 111 | 108 | 108 | 3 | 2.8 | 3 | 2.8 |
| Construction | 92 | 65 | 87 | 27 | 41.5 | 5 | 5.7 |
| Service-Providing | 103 | 101 | 109 | 2 | 2.0 | -6 | -5.5 |
| Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49) | 43 | 30 | 41 | 13 | 43.3 | 2 | 4.9 |
| Financial Activities (52, 53) | 7 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 40.0 | 2 | 40.0 |
| Professional & Business Services (54 - 56) | 17 | 20 | 18 | -3 | -15.0 | -1 | -5.6 |
| Educational & Health Services (61 - 62) | 24 | 21 | 12 | 3 | 14.3 | 12 | 100.0 |
| Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72) | 5 | 16 | 20 | -11 | -68.8 | -15 | -75.0 |
| Government | 4 | 6 | 6 | -2 | -33.3 | -2 | -33.3 |

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Source: Unemployment Insurance claims database.

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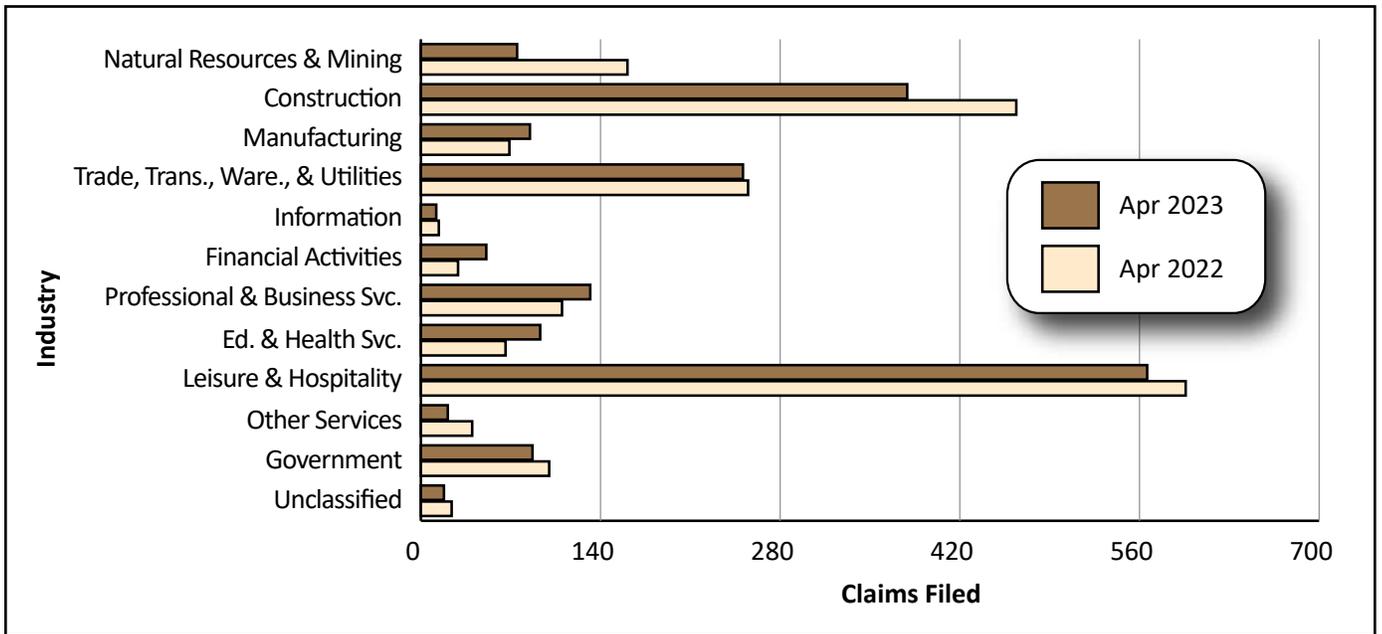


Figure 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, April 2022 and April 2023

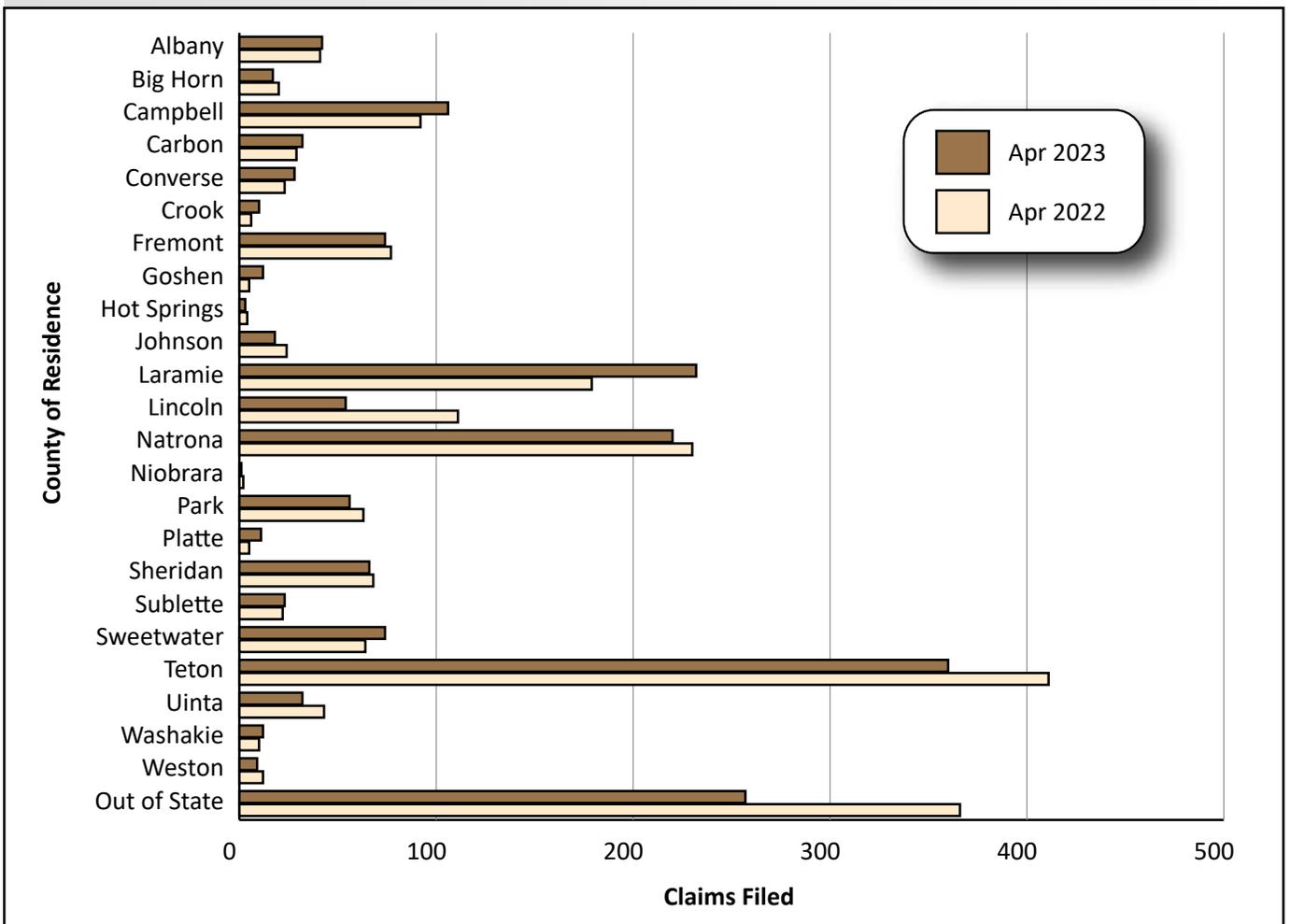


Figure 4: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, April 2022 and April 2023

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

| Industry | Continued Weeks Claimed | | | Over-the-Month Change | | Over-the-Year Change | |
|---|-------------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|
| | Apr 2023 | Mar 2023 | Apr 2022 | N | % | N | % |
| Total Continued Weeks Claimed | 10,317 | 12,419 | 9,273 | -2,102 | -16.9 | 1,044 | 11.3 |
| Total Unique Claimants | 3,795 | 3,474 | 3,502 | 321 | 9.2 | 293 | 8.4 |
| Goods-Producing | 4,026 | 5,875 | 3,594 | -1,849 | -31.5 | 432 | 12.0 |
| Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21) | 571 | 686 | 561 | -115 | -16.8 | 10 | 1.8 |
| Mining (21) | 487 | 552 | 488 | -65 | -11.8 | -1 | -0.2 |
| Oil & Gas Extraction (211) | 55 | 52 | 31 | 3 | 5.8 | 24 | 77.4 |
| Construction (23) | 2,787 | 4,410 | 2,614 | -1,623 | -36.8 | 173 | 6.6 |
| Manufacturing (31-33) | 667 | 778 | 418 | -111 | -14.3 | 249 | 59.6 |
| Service-Providing | 5,362 | 5,461 | 4,758 | -99 | -1.8 | 604 | 12.7 |
| Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49) | 1,342 | 1,477 | 1,204 | -135 | -9.1 | 138 | 11.5 |
| Wholesale Trade (42) | 214 | 227 | 167 | -13 | -5.7 | 47 | 28.1 |
| Retail Trade (44-45) | 659 | 742 | 509 | -83 | -11.2 | 150 | 29.5 |
| Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49) | 468 | 507 | 527 | -39 | -7.7 | -59 | -11.2 |
| Information (51) | 127 | 97 | 61 | 30 | 30.9 | 66 | 108.2 |
| Financial Activities (52-53) | 352 | 396 | 271 | -44 | -11.1 | 81 | 29.9 |
| Professional & Business Services (54-56) | 1,013 | 1,499 | 855 | -486 | -32.4 | 158 | 18.5 |
| Education & Health Services (61-62) | 552 | 505 | 556 | 47 | 9.3 | -4 | -0.7 |
| Leisure & Hospitality (71-72) | 1,828 | 1,274 | 1,646 | 554 | 43.5 | 182 | 11.1 |
| Other Services, except Public Admin. (81) | 146 | 209 | 162 | -63 | -30.1 | -16 | -9.9 |
| Government | 783 | 923 | 819 | -140 | -15.2 | -36 | -4.4 |
| Federal Government | 329 | 444 | 398 | -115 | -25.9 | -69 | -17.3 |
| State Government | 119 | 109 | 64 | 10 | 9.2 | 55 | 85.9 |
| Local Government | 335 | 369 | 356 | -34 | -9.2 | -21 | -5.9 |
| Local Education | 70 | 75 | 73 | -5 | -6.7 | -3 | -4.1 |
| Unclassified | 143 | 158 | 100 | -15 | -9.5 | 43 | 43.0 |
| Laramie County | | | | | | | |
| Total Claims Filed | 1,425 | 1,867 | 1,136 | -442 | -23.7 | 289 | 25.4 |
| Total Unique Claimants | 526 | 537 | 429 | -11 | -2.0 | 97 | 22.6 |
| Goods-Producing | 539 | 975 | 477 | -436 | -44.7 | 62 | 13.0 |
| Construction | 438 | 871 | 417 | -433 | -49.7 | 21 | 5.0 |
| Service-Providing | 792 | 801 | 570 | -9 | -1.1 | 222 | 38.9 |
| Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49) | 260 | 239 | 177 | 21 | 8.8 | 83 | 46.9 |
| Financial Activities (52, 53) | 57 | 37 | 53 | 20 | 54.1 | 4 | 7.5 |
| Professional & Business Services (54 - 56) | 168 | 234 | 148 | -66 | -28.2 | 20 | 13.5 |
| Educational & Health Services (61 - 62) | 133 | 124 | 100 | 9 | 7.3 | 33 | 33.0 |
| Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72) | 126 | 119 | 59 | 7 | 5.9 | 67 | 113.6 |
| Government | 60 | 64 | 49 | -4 | -6.3 | 11 | 22.4 |
| Unclassified | 33 | 26 | 38 | 7 | 26.9 | -5 | -13.2 |
| Natrona County | | | | | | | |
| Total Claims Filed | 1,335 | 1,801 | 1,227 | -466 | -25.9 | 108 | 8.8 |
| Total Unique Claimants | 504 | 501 | 452 | 3 | 0.6 | 52 | 11.5 |
| Goods-Producing | 618 | 859 | 479 | -241 | -28.1 | 139 | 29.0 |
| Construction | 441 | 660 | 388 | -219 | -33.2 | 53 | 13.7 |
| Service-Providing | 665 | 897 | 694 | -232 | -25.9 | -29 | -4.2 |
| Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49) | 217 | 264 | 231 | -47 | -17.8 | -14 | -6.1 |
| Financial Activities (52, 53) | 59 | 94 | 51 | -35 | -37.2 | 8 | 15.7 |
| Professional & Business Services (54 - 56) | 122 | 228 | 165 | -106 | -46.5 | -43 | -26.1 |
| Educational & Health Services (61 - 62) | 126 | 107 | 103 | 19 | 17.8 | 23 | 22.3 |
| Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72) | 98 | 133 | 106 | -35 | -26.3 | -8 | -7.5 |
| Government | 37 | 40 | 49 | -3 | -7.5 | -12 | -24.5 |
| Unclassified | 14 | 4 | 3 | 10 | 250.0 | 11 | 366.7 |

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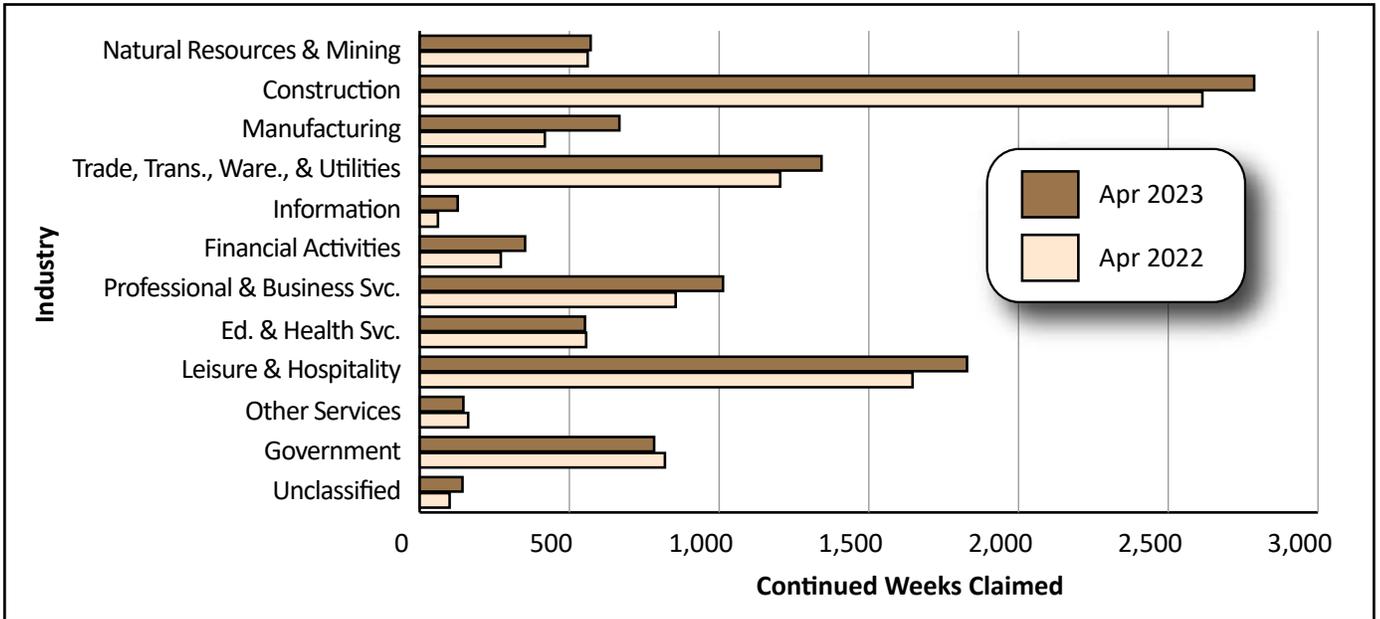


Figure 5: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, April 2022 and April 2023

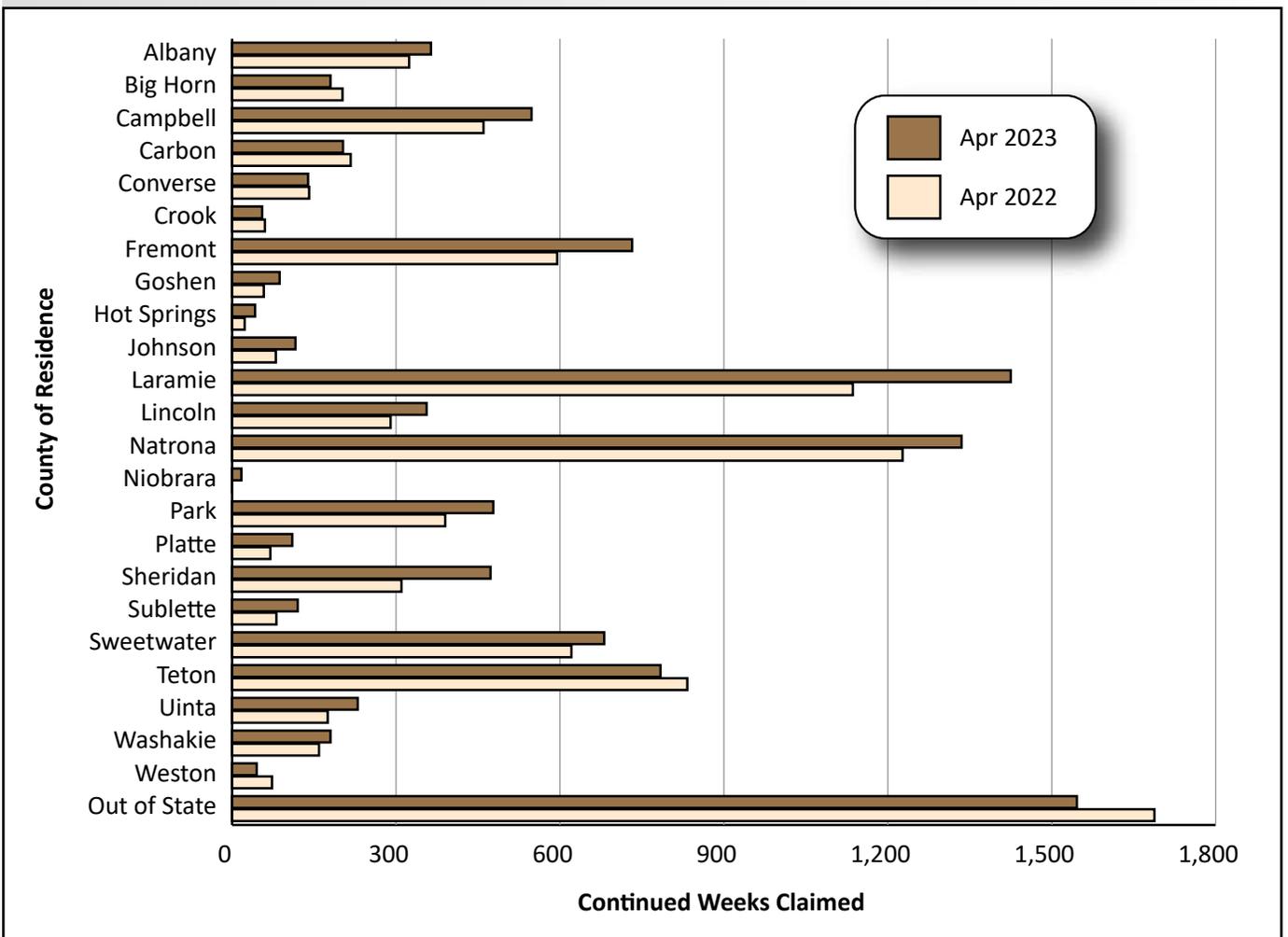


Figure 6: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence in Wyoming, April 2022 and April 2023

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

| County | Apr 2023 | Apr 2022 | Change | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| | | | N | % |
| Albany | 42 | 41 | 1 | 2.4 |
| Big Horn | 17 | 20 | -3 | -15.0 |
| Campbell | 106 | 92 | 14 | 15.2 |
| Carbon | 32 | 29 | 3 | 10.3 |
| Converse | 28 | 23 | 5 | 21.7 |
| Crook | 10 | 6 | 4 | 66.7 |
| Fremont | 74 | 77 | -3 | -3.9 |
| Goshen | 12 | 5 | 7 | 140.0 |
| Hot Springs | N/D | N/D | N/D | N/D |
| Johnson | 18 | 24 | -6 | -25.0 |
| Laramie | 232 | 179 | 53 | 29.6 |
| Lincoln | 54 | 111 | -57 | -51.4 |
| Natrona | 220 | 230 | -10 | -4.3 |
| Niobrara | N/D | N/D | N/D | N/D |
| Park | 56 | 63 | -7 | -11.1 |
| Platte | 11 | 5 | 6 | 120.0 |
| Sheridan | 66 | 68 | -2 | -2.9 |
| Sublette | 23 | 22 | 1 | 4.5 |
| Sweetwater | 74 | 64 | 10 | 15.6 |
| Teton | 360 | 411 | -51 | -12.4 |
| Uinta | 32 | 43 | -11 | -25.6 |
| Washakie | 12 | 10 | 2 | 20.0 |
| Weston | 9 | 12 | -3 | -25.0 |
| Unknown | 15 | 11 | 4 | 36.4 |
| Out of State | 257 | 366 | -109 | -29.8 |
| Total | 1,776 | 1,932 | -156 | -18.1 |

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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 2022 and April 2023

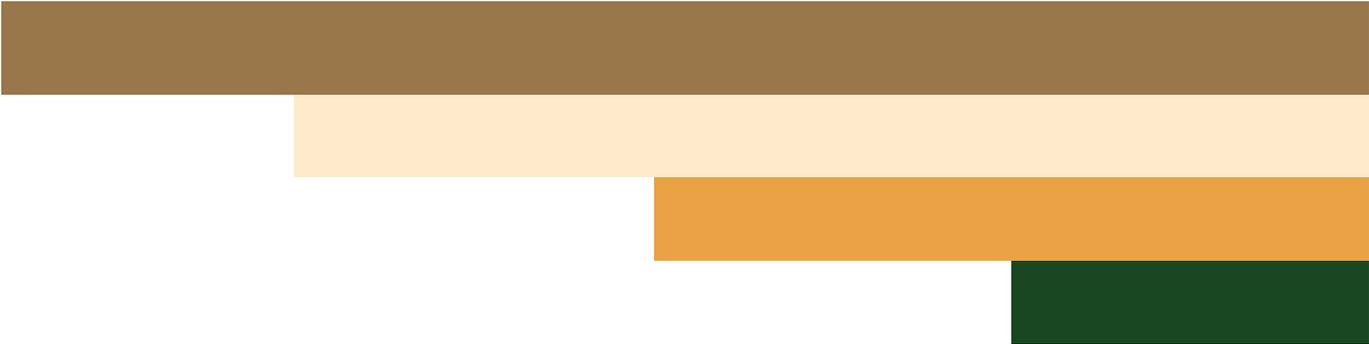
| County | Apr 2023 | Apr 2022 | Change | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| | | | N | % |
| Albany | 364 | 324 | 40 | 12.3 |
| Big Horn | 180 | 202 | -22 | -10.9 |
| Campbell | 548 | 460 | 88 | 19.1 |
| Carbon | 203 | 217 | -14 | -6.5 |
| Converse | 139 | 141 | -2 | -1.4 |
| Crook | 55 | 60 | -5 | -8.3 |
| Fremont | 732 | 595 | 137 | 23.0 |
| Goshen | 87 | 58 | 29 | 50.0 |
| Hot Springs | 42 | 23 | 19 | 82.6 |
| Johnson | 116 | 80 | 36 | 45.0 |
| Laramie | 1,425 | 1,136 | 289 | 25.4 |
| Lincoln | 356 | 290 | 66 | 22.8 |
| Natrona | 1,335 | 1,227 | 108 | 8.8 |
| Niobrara | 17 | 0 | 17 | N/A |
| Park | 478 | 390 | 88 | 22.6 |
| Platte | 110 | 70 | 40 | 57.1 |
| Sheridan | 473 | 310 | 163 | 52.6 |
| Sublette | 120 | 81 | 39 | 48.1 |
| Sweetwater | 681 | 621 | 60 | 9.7 |
| Teton | 784 | 833 | -49 | -5.9 |
| Uinta | 230 | 175 | 55 | 31.4 |
| Washakie | 180 | 159 | 21 | 13.2 |
| Weston | 45 | 73 | -28 | -38.4 |
| Unknown | 57 | 49 | 8 | 16.3 |
| Out of State | 1,546 | 1,688 | -142 | -8.4 |
| Normalized Total^a | 10,317 | 9,273 | 1,044 | 11.3 |

^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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