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### Initial, Continued UI Claims Lower than Pre-Pandemic Levels

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Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims in Wyoming continued to decline from prior-year levels in May 2022. Initial and continued claims (see Definitions, page 9) declined from year-ago levels by similar rates (-56.6% and -59.6%, respectively).

#### Initial Claims

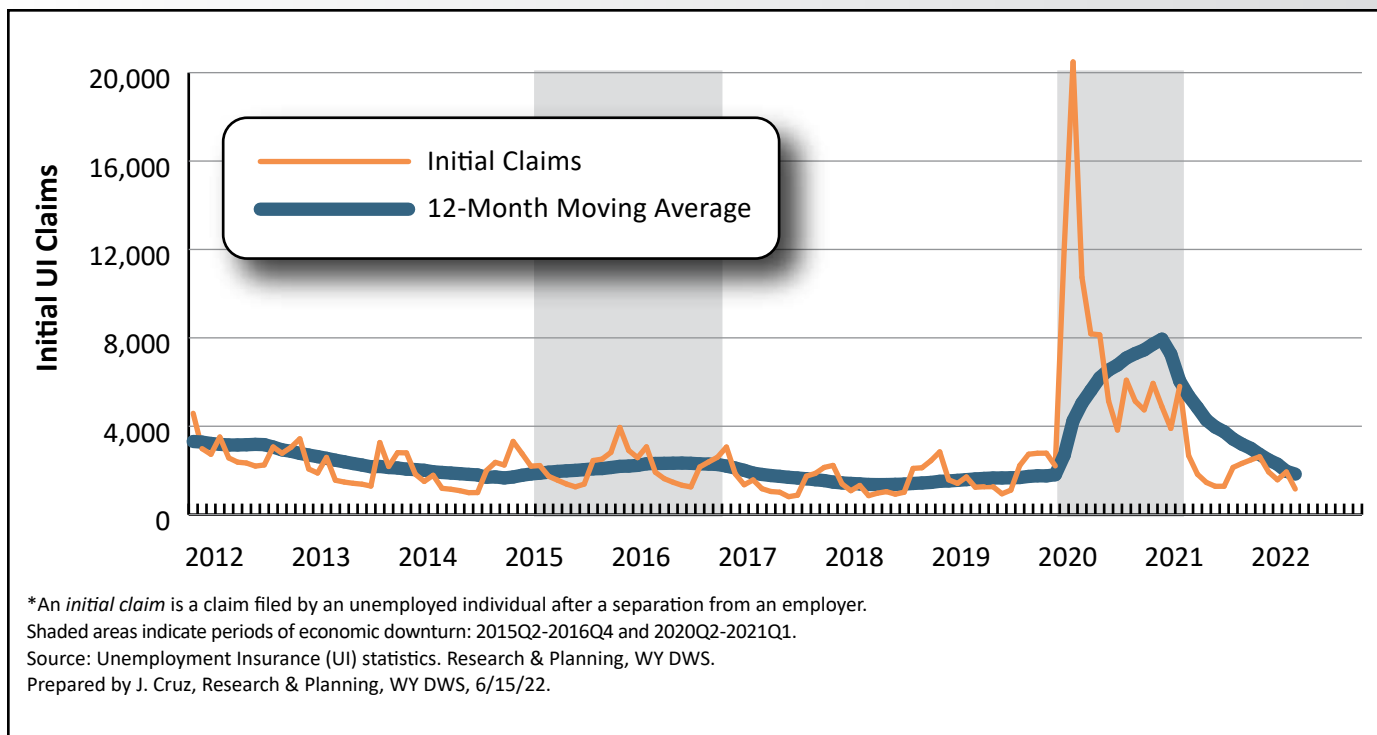
In May 2022, initial claims decreased from both prior-year and prior-month levels (see Figure 1). There were 1,160 initial claims in May 2022, down from 2,675 in May 2021 (-1,515 or -56.6%) and 1,932 in April 2022 (-772, or -44.0%). Initial claims typically increase each April due to seasonality factors.

#### UI Claims Online

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

The 1,160 initial claims in May 2022 were lower than that 1,241 in May 2019 prior to the pandemic. Initial claims peaked in April 2020 at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic and have largely trended downward since.

As shown in Table 1 (see page 5), the industries with the largest numbers of initial claims included construction



**Figure 1: Total Number of Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by Year and Month, January 2012 to May 2022**

(208), leisure & hospitality (153), natural resources & mining (147) and trade, transportation, & utilities (129). There were also 73 initial claims in total government.

Natrona (165), Laramie (161), Lincoln (98), Sweetwater (84), Campbell (75), and Fremont (71) counties had the largest numbers of initial claims. In addition, there were 182 initial claims by out-of-state claimants (see Table 3, page 9).

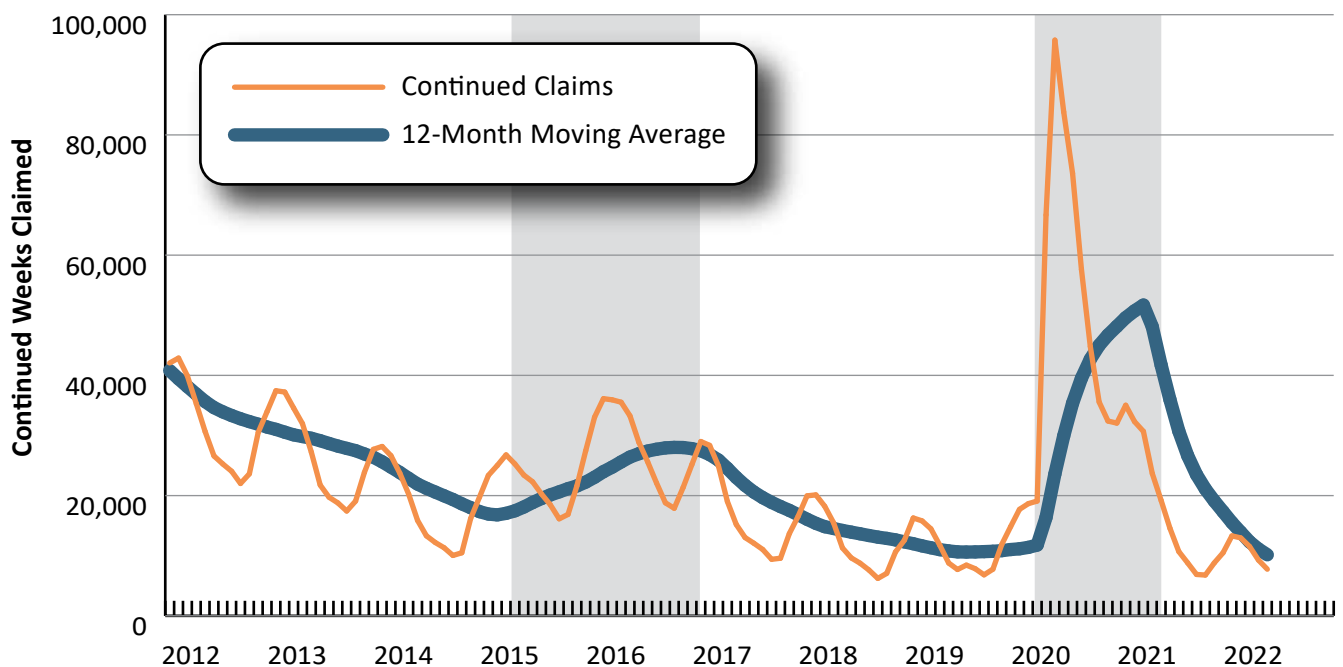
### Continued Claims

The total number of continued weeks claimed decreased from 19,205 in May 2021 to 7,752 in May 2022 (-11,453, or -59.6%). The number of unique claimants decreased from 6,383 to 2,749 (-3,634, or

-56.9%; see Figure 2 and Table 2, page 7). Continued claims for May 2022 were 11.8% lower than the 8,785 in May 2019.

The industries with the most continued weeks claimed included leisure & hospitality (1,392), construction (1,249), trade, transportation & utilities (1,035) and professional & business services, (488). There were also 521 continued claimants in total government (see Table 2, page 7).

There were more continued weeks claimed by out-of-state claimants (1,478) than any single county in Wyoming (see Table 4, page 9). The counties with the greatest numbers of continued weeks claimed were Teton (1,045), Natrona (1,013), Laramie (894), and Fremont (491).



\*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 May 2022**

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

Industry	Initial Claims Filed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	May 2022	Apr 2022	May 2021	N	%	N	%
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>1,160</b>	<b>1,932</b>	<b>2,675</b>	<b>-772</b>	<b>-40.0</b>	<b>-1,515</b>	<b>-56.6</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>567</b>	<b>825</b>	<b>-173</b>	<b>-30.5</b>	<b>-431</b>	<b>-52.2</b>
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	147	154	247	-7	-4.5	-100	-40.5
Mining (21)	146	146	237	0	0.0	-91	-38.4
Construction (23)	208	355	475	-147	-41.4	-267	-56.2
Manufacturing (31-33)	37	57	102	-20	-35.1	-65	-63.7
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>1,275</b>	<b>-436</b>	<b>-46.3</b>	<b>-770</b>	<b>-60.4</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	129	216	403	-87	-40.3	-274	-68.0
Wholesale Trade (42)	19	19	88	0	0.0	-69	-78.4
Retail Trade (44-45)	68	92	186	-24	-26.1	-118	-63.4
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	42	105	128	-63	-60.0	-86	-67.2
Information (51)	5	8	14	-3	-37.5	-9	-64.3
Financial Activities (52-53)	40	22	49	18	81.8	-9	-18.4
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	76	94	210	-18	-19.1	-134	-63.8
Education & Health Services (61-62)	77	55	188	22	40.0	-111	-59.0
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	153	505	358	-352	-69.7	-205	-57.3
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	21	38	50	-17	-44.7	-29	-58.0
<b>Government</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>-27</b>	<b>-27.0</b>	<b>-111</b>	<b>-60.3</b>
Federal Government	14	36	25	-22	-61.1	-11	-44.0
State Government	3	9	21	-6	-66.7	-18	-85.7
Local Government	56	54	136	2	3.7	-80	-58.8
Local Education	21	17	62	4	23.5	-41	-66.1
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>-135</b>	<b>-41.9</b>	<b>-203</b>	<b>-52.1</b>
<b>Laramie County</b>							
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>-18</b>	<b>-10.1</b>	<b>-239</b>	<b>-59.8</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>-13</b>	<b>-21.7</b>	<b>-89</b>	<b>-65.4</b>
Construction	46	54	110	-8	-14.8	-64	-58.2
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>-105</b>	<b>-55.3</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	32	34	61	-2	-5.9	-29	-47.5
Financial Activities (52, 53)	8	N/D	9	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	20	20	43	0	0.0	-23	-53.5
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	12	11	28	1	9.1	-16	-57.1
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	7	9	35	-2	-22.2	-28	-80.0
<b>Government</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>-42.9</b>	<b>-21</b>	<b>-84.0</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>-8</b>	<b>-25.8</b>	<b>-24</b>	<b>-51.1</b>
<b>Natrona County</b>							
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>-65</b>	<b>-28.3</b>	<b>-337</b>	<b>-67.1</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>-46</b>	<b>-51.7</b>	<b>-89</b>	<b>-67.4</b>
Construction	31	72	69	-41	-56.9	-38	-55.1
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>-7</b>	<b>-7.0</b>	<b>-189</b>	<b>-67.0</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	16	37	117	-21	-56.8	-101	-86.3
Financial Activities (52, 53)	6	5	12	1	20.0	-6	-50.0
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	22	16	41	6	37.5	-19	-46.3
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	18	12	37	6	50.0	-19	-51.4
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	22	20	60	2	10.0	-38	-63.3
<b>Government</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>-18.2</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>-14</b>	<b>-42.4</b>	<b>-56</b>	<b>-74.7</b>

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Source: Unemployment Insurance claims database. Prepared by J. Cruz, Research &amp; Planning, WY DWS, 6/15/22.

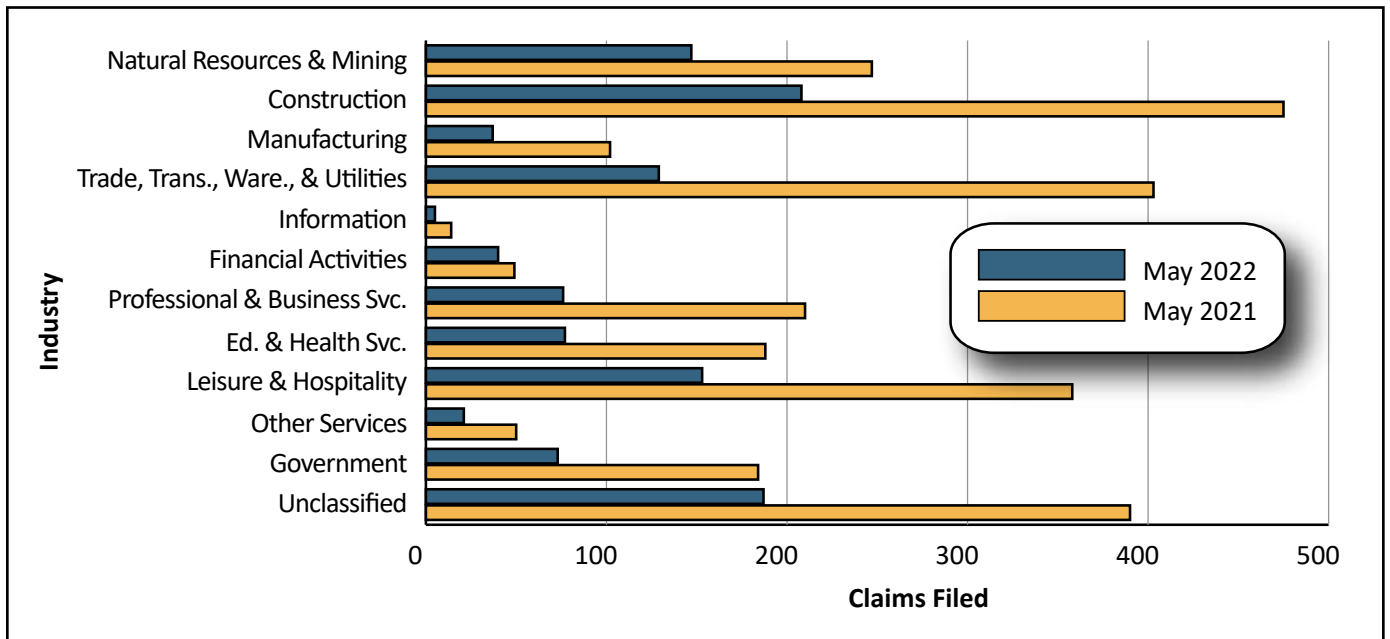


Figure 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, May 2021 and May 2022

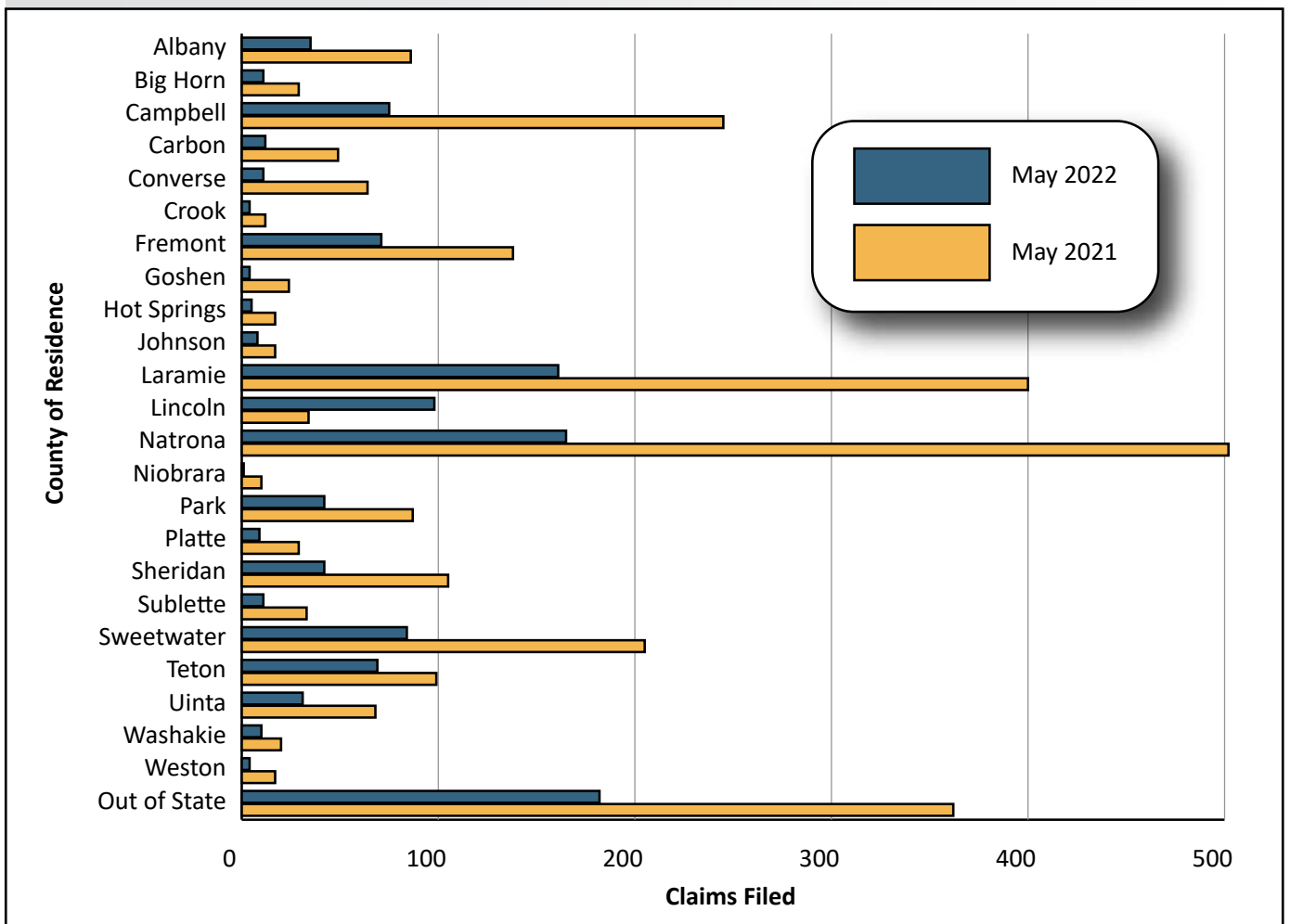


Figure 4: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, May 2021 and May 2022

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

Industry	Continued Weeks Claimed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	May 2022	Apr 2022	May 2021	N	%	N	%
<b>Total Continued Weeks Claimed</b>	<b>7,752</b>	<b>9,273</b>	<b>19,205</b>	<b>-1,521</b>	<b>-16.4</b>	<b>-11,453</b>	<b>-59.6</b>
Total Unique Claimants	2,749	3,502	6,383	-753	-21.5	-3,634	-56.9
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>1,956</b>	<b>2,791</b>	<b>5,462</b>	<b>-835</b>	<b>-29.9</b>	<b>-3,506</b>	<b>-64.2</b>
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	429	455	1,342	-26	-5.7	-913	-68.0
Mining (21)	372	390	1,241	-18	-4.6	-869	-70.0
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	32	31	155	1	3.2	-123	-79.4
Construction (23)	1,249	2,002	3,421	-753	-37.6	-2,172	-63.5
Manufacturing (31-33)	277	333	698	-56	-16.8	-421	-60.3
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>3,685</b>	<b>3,767</b>	<b>8,724</b>	<b>-82</b>	<b>-2.2</b>	<b>-5,039</b>	<b>-57.8</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	1,035	973	2,452	62	6.4	-1,417	-57.8
Wholesale Trade (42)	143	132	409	11	8.3	-266	-65.0
Retail Trade (44-45)	453	411	1,282	42	10.2	-829	-64.7
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	438	429	760	9	2.1	-322	-42.4
Information (51)	33	45	135	-12	-26.7	-102	-75.6
Financial Activities (52-53)	187	212	433	-25	-11.8	-246	-56.8
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	488	664	1,266	-176	-26.5	-778	-61.5
Education & Health Services (61-62)	394	444	1,183	-50	-11.3	-789	-66.7
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	1,392	1,296	2,905	96	7.4	-1,513	-52.1
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	154	129	348	25	19.4	-194	-55.7
<b>Government</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>819</b>	<b>1,213</b>	<b>-298</b>	<b>-36.4</b>	<b>-692</b>	<b>-57.0</b>
Federal Government	132	398	270	-266	-66.8	-138	-51.1
State Government	57	64	171	-7	-10.9	-114	-66.7
Local Government	332	356	771	-24	-6.7	-439	-56.9
Local Education	84	73	202	11	15.1	-118	-58.4
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>1,589</b>	<b>1,895</b>	<b>3,804</b>	<b>-306</b>	<b>-16.1</b>	<b>-2,215</b>	<b>-58.2</b>
<b>Laramie County</b>							
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>894</b>	<b>1,136</b>	<b>2,456</b>	<b>-242</b>	<b>-21.3</b>	<b>-1,562</b>	<b>-63.6</b>
Total Unique Claimants	312	429	797	-117	-27.3	-485	-60.9
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>651</b>	<b>-151</b>	<b>-41.5</b>	<b>-438</b>	<b>-67.3</b>
Construction	165	306	458	-141	-46.1	-293	-64.0
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>1,182</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>-1.1</b>	<b>-713</b>	<b>-60.3</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	161	150	401	11	7.3	-240	-59.9
Financial Activities (52, 53)	34	32	82	2	6.3	-48	-58.5
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	99	120	264	-21	-17.5	-165	-62.5
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	86	80	165	6	7.5	-79	-47.9
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	54	59	193	-5	-8.5	-139	-72.0
<b>Government</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-124</b>	<b>-71.7</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>-86</b>	<b>-34.8</b>	<b>-288</b>	<b>-64.1</b>
<b>Natrona County</b>							
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>1,013</b>	<b>1,227</b>	<b>3,080</b>	<b>-214</b>	<b>-17.4</b>	<b>-2,067</b>	<b>-67.1</b>
Total Unique Claimants	345	452	1,028	-107	-23.7	-683	-66.4
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>877</b>	<b>-114</b>	<b>-31.3</b>	<b>-627</b>	<b>-71.5</b>
Construction	167	284	563	-117	-41.2	-396	-70.3
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>547</b>	<b>1,524</b>	<b>-27</b>	<b>-4.9</b>	<b>-1,004</b>	<b>-65.9</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	174	178	594	-4	-2.2	-420	-70.7
Financial Activities (52, 53)	48	41	76	7	17.1	-28	-36.8
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	95	122	218	-27	-22.1	-123	-56.4
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	89	89	220	0	0.0	-131	-59.5
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	84	88	289	-4	-4.5	-205	-70.9
<b>Government</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>-68</b>	<b>-55.3</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>-78</b>	<b>-29.4</b>	<b>-368</b>	<b>-66.3</b>

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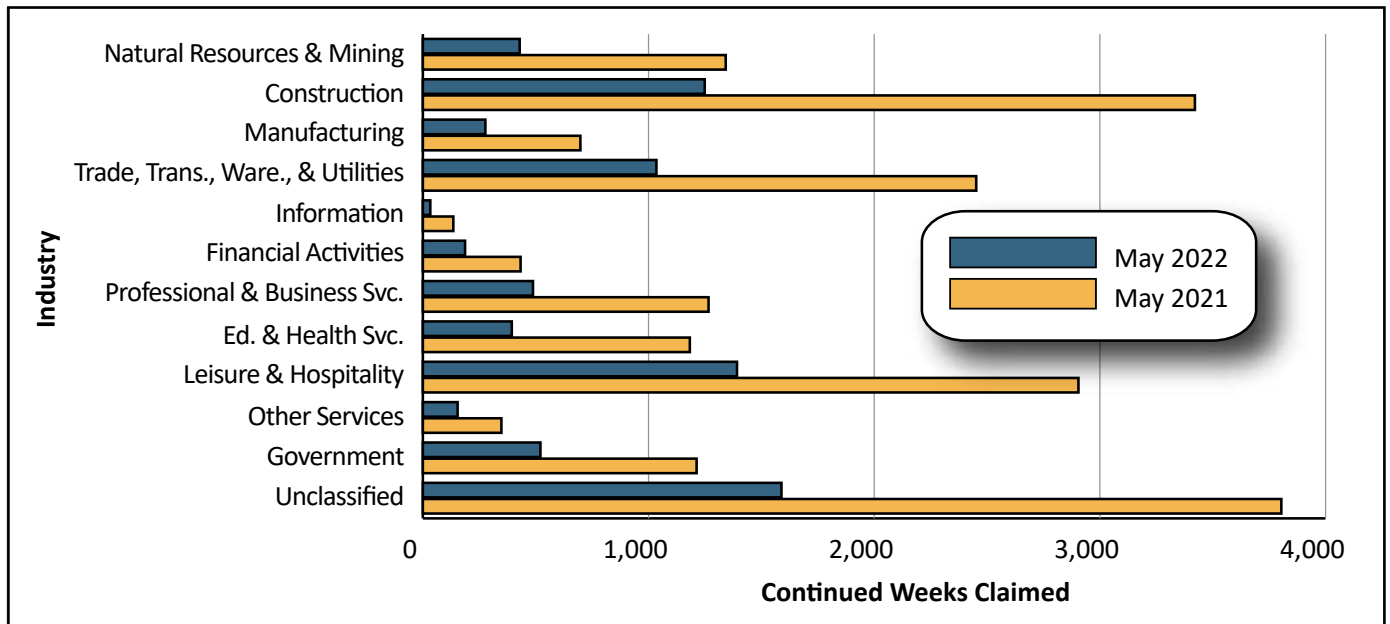


Figure 5: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, May 2021 and May 2022

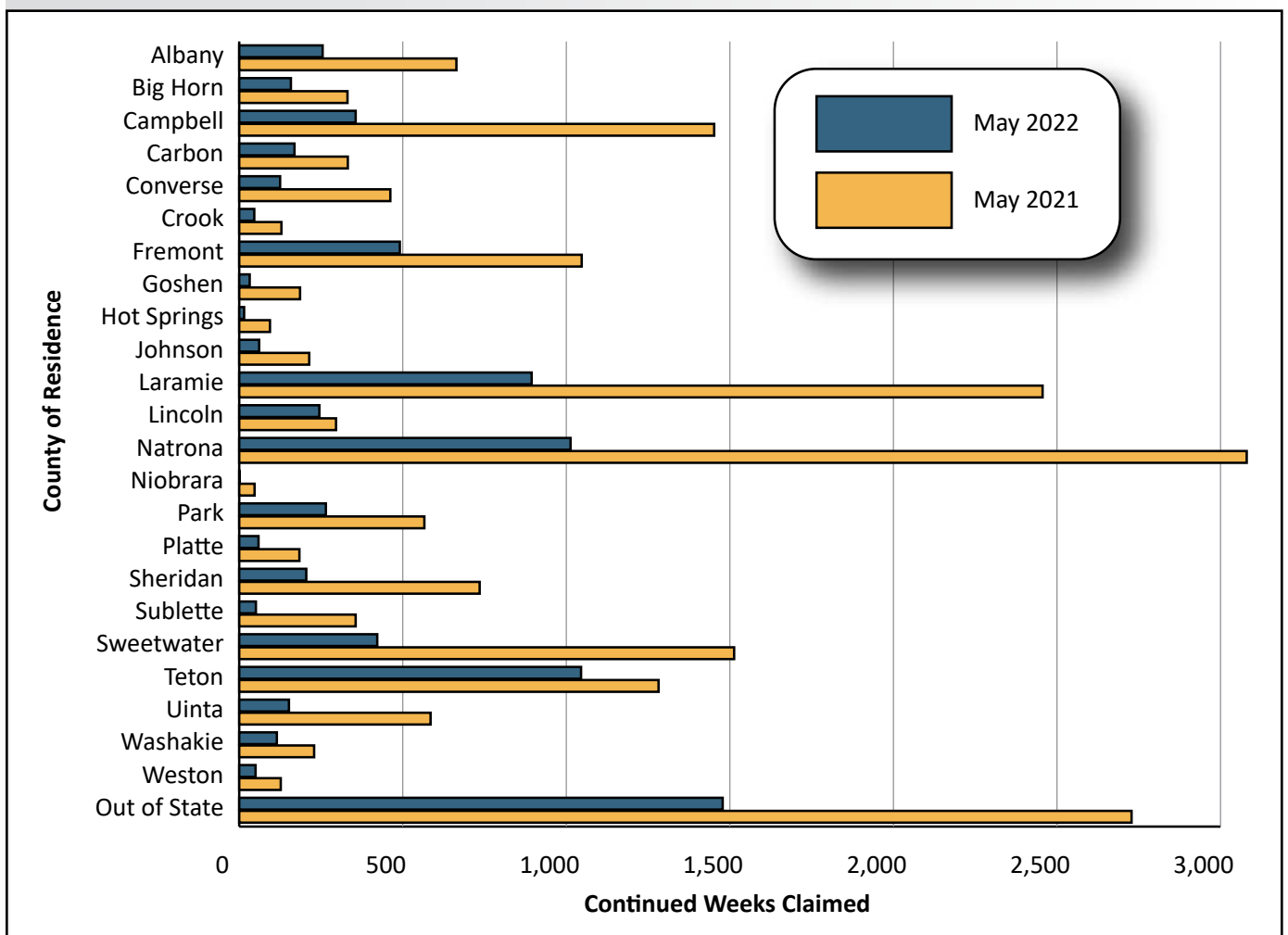


Figure 6: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence in Wyoming, May 2021 and May 2022



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

County	May 2022	May 2021	Change	
			N	%
Albany	35	86	-51	-59.3
Big Horn	11	29	-18	-62.1
Campbell	75	245	-170	-69.4
Carbon	12	49	-37	-75.5
Converse	11	64	-53	-82.8
Crook	4	12	-8	-66.7
Fremont	71	138	-67	-48.6
Goshen	4	24	-20	-83.3
Hot Springs	5	17	-12	-70.6
Johnson	8	17	-9	-52.9
Laramie	161	400	-239	-59.8
Lincoln	98	34	64	188.2
Natrona	165	502	-337	-67.1
Niobrara	N/D	10	N/D	N/D
Park	42	87	-45	-51.7
Platte	9	29	-20	-69.0
Sheridan	42	105	-63	-60.0
Sublette	11	33	-22	-66.7
Sweetwater	84	205	-121	-59.0
Teton	69	99	-30	-30.3
Uinta	31	68	-37	-54.4
Washakie	10	20	-10	-50.0
Weston	4	17	-13	-76.5
Unknown	N/D	10	N/D	N/D
Out of State	182	362	-180	-49.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,160</b>	<b>2,675</b>	<b>-1,515</b>	<b>-56.6</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, May 2021 and May 2022**

County	May 2022	May 2021	Change	
			N	%
Albany	255	664	-409	-61.6
Big Horn	158	331	-173	-52.3
Campbell	356	1,452	-1,096	-75.5
Carbon	169	332	-163	-49.1
Converse	125	462	-337	-72.9
Crook	46	129	-83	-64.3
Fremont	491	1,047	-556	-53.1
Goshen	32	186	-154	-82.8
Hot Springs	N/D	94	N/D	N/D
Johnson	61	214	-153	-71.5
Laramie	894	2,456	-1,562	-63.6
Lincoln	245	296	-51	-17.2
Natrona	1,013	3,080	-2,067	-67.1
Niobrara	N/D	47	N/D	N/D
Park	265	566	-301	-53.2
Platte	59	184	-125	-67.9
Sheridan	205	735	-530	-72.1
Sublette	51	356	-305	-85.7
Sweetwater	422	1,513	-1,091	-72.1
Teton	1,045	1,282	-237	-18.5
Uinta	152	585	-433	-74.0
Washakie	115	229	-114	-49.8
Weston	50	127	-77	-60.6
Unknown	37	99	-62	-62.6
Out of State	1,478	2,728	-1,250	-45.8
<b>Normalized Total<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>7,752</b>	<b>19,205</b>	<b>-11,453</b>	<b>-59.6</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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