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UI Claims Follow Seasonal Trends, Drop from May to June

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Initial Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims decreased from May to June as summer employment increased. Continued weeks claimed (see Definitions, page 9) also decreased from May to June, but remained higher than they were a year ago.

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 1,039 initial claims in June 2023, down from 1,174 in June 2022 (-135, or -11.5%). Claims were 4.9% lower in June compared to May. This is a common pattern as summer employment continues to increase (see Figure 1).

The industries with the largest numbers of initial claims included

trade, transportation, & utilities (190), construction (186), education & health services (173), and leisure & hospitality (126). Industries that showed substantial over-the-year decreases in initial claims included construction (-103, or -35.6%) and mining (-78, or -63.9%; see Table 1, page 5, and Figure 4, page 6).

Laramie County had the most initial

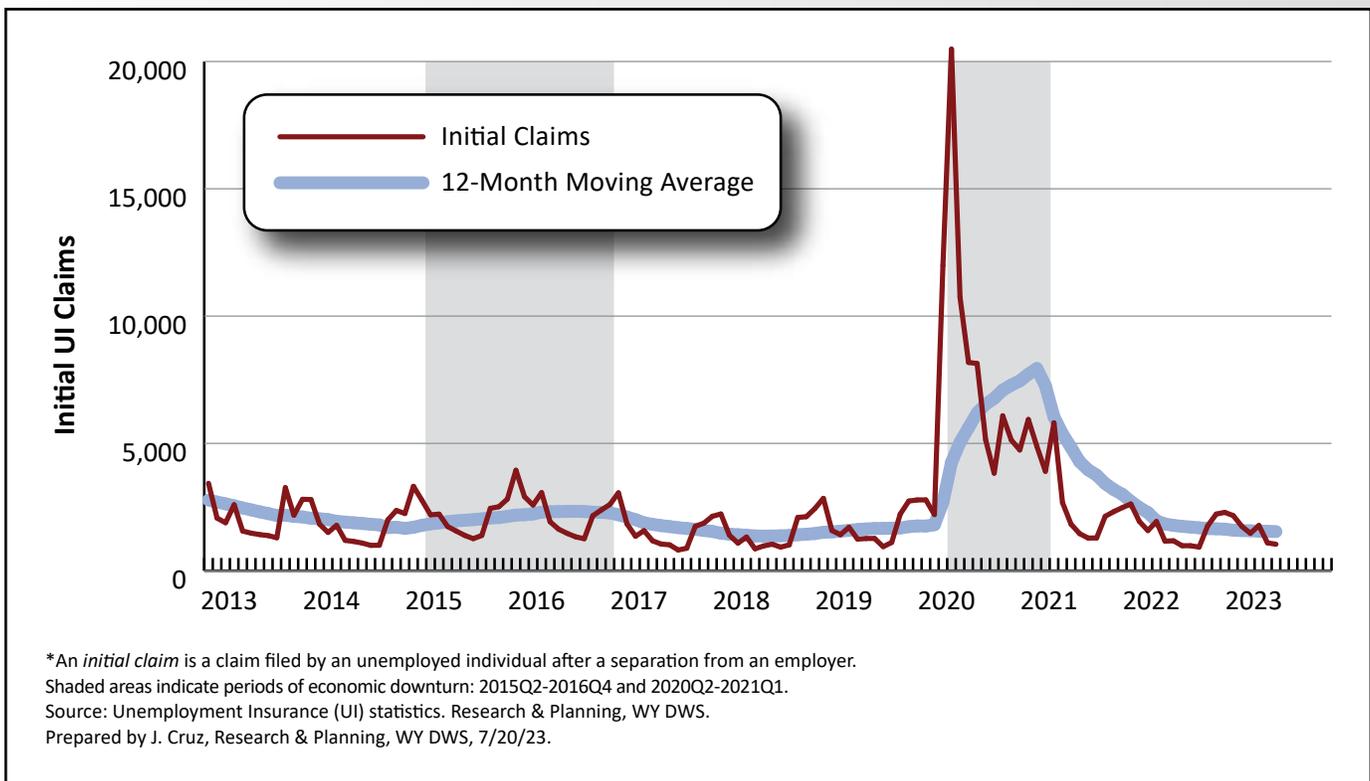


Figure 1: Total Number of Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by Year and Month, January 2013 to June 2023

claims with 159, followed by Natrona (149), Fremont (82), and Sweetwater (61) counties. Wyoming also had 142 out-of-state claimants (see Table 3, page 9).

Continued Claims

The total number of continued weeks claimed increased from 6,524 in June 2022 to 6,673 in June 2023 (149, or 2.3%). Continued claims decreased 16.3% over the month, which is a common pattern historically. The number of unique claimants increased from 2,022 to 2,250 over the year (228, or 11.3%; see Figure 2 and Table 2, page 7).

The industries with the most continued

weeks claimed included construction (1,171), trade, transportation, & utilities (1,137), education & health services (907), and leisure & hospitality (788; see Figure 6, page 8). Over-the-year decreases were seen in industries such as construction (-204, or -14.8%) and transportation, warehousing, & utilities (-177, or -35.3%). Industries with over-the-year increases in continued claims included professional & business services (222, or 43.2%) and retail trade (130, or 26.5%).

Wyoming had 1,025 continued weeks claimed by out-of-state recipients. The counties with the largest numbers of continued weeks claimed included Laramie (988), Natrona (987), and Sweetwater (527).

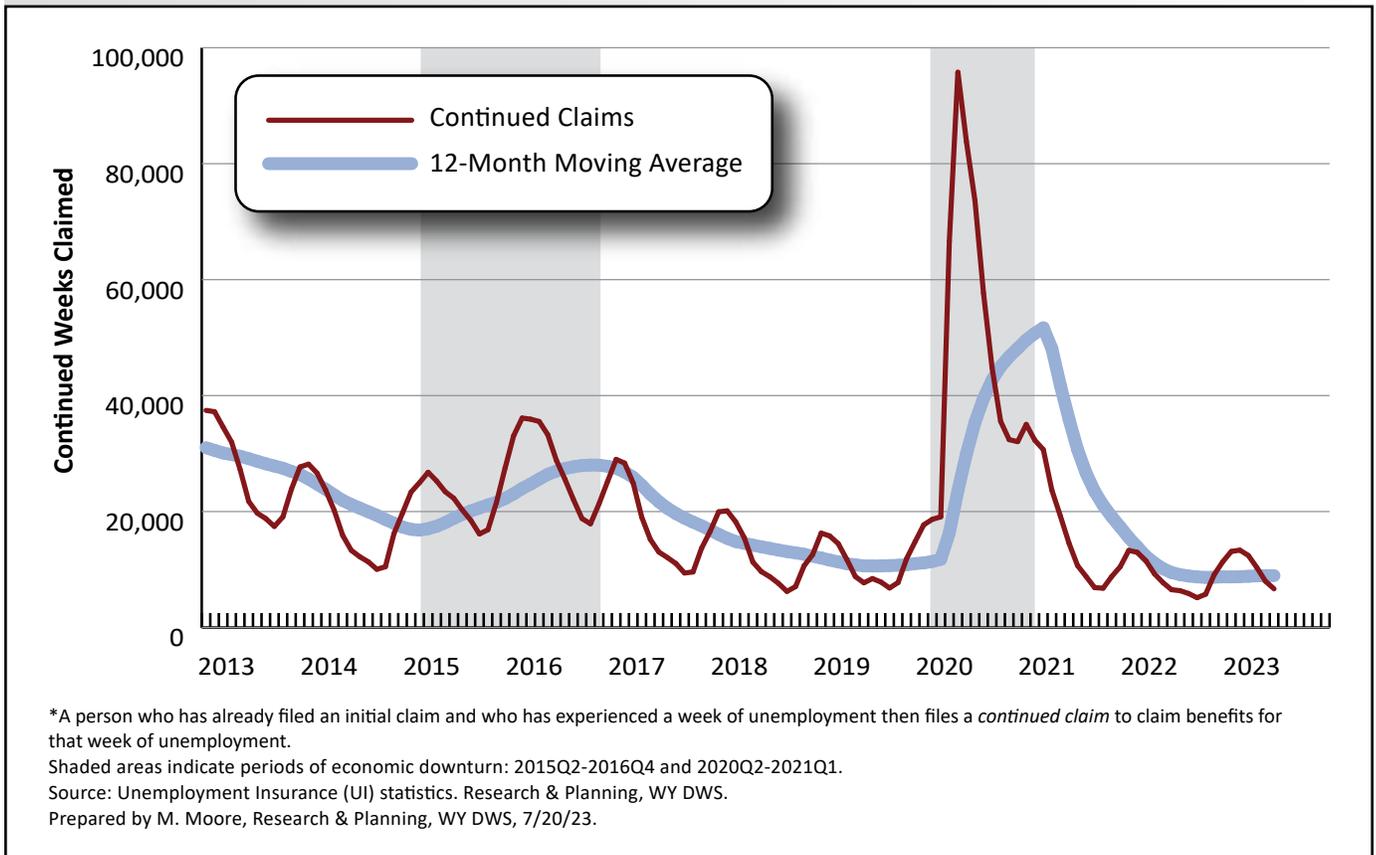


Figure 2: Total Number of Unemployment Insurance Continued Weeks Claimed for Wyoming by Year and Month, January 2013 to June 2023

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

Industry	Initial Claims Filed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	June 2023	May 2023	June 2022	N	%	N	%
Total Claims Filed	1,039	1,093	1,174	-54	-4.9	-135	-11.5
Goods-Producing	274	369	458	-95	-25.7	-184	-40.2
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	47	64	126	-17	-26.6	-79	-62.7
Mining (21)	44	60	122	-16	-26.7	-78	-63.9
Construction (23)	186	261	289	-75	-28.7	-103	-35.6
Manufacturing (31-33)	41	44	42	-3	-6.8	-1	-2.4
Service-Providing	677	639	591	38	5.9	86	14.6
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	190	181	132	9	5.0	58	43.9
Wholesale Trade (42)	23	29	17	-6	-20.7	6	35.3
Retail Trade (44-45)	115	96	84	19	19.8	31	36.9
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	50	56	31	-6	-10.7	19	61.3
Information (51)	16	12	2	4	33.3	14	700.0
Financial Activities (52-53)	40	35	32	5	14.3	8	25.0
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	105	93	88	12	12.9	17	19.3
Education & Health Services (61-62)	173	114	191	59	51.8	-18	-9.4
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	126	174	118	-48	-27.6	8	6.8
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	25	27	25	-2	-7.4	0	0.0
Government	69	64	110	5	7.8	-41	-37.3
Federal Government	6	6	6	0	0.0	0	0.0
State Government	4	9	8	-5	-55.6	-4	-50.0
Local Government	58	48	96	10	20.8	-38	-39.6
Local Education	19	20	70	-1	-5.0	-51	-72.9
Unclassified	17	19	13	-2	-10.5	4	30.8
Laramie County							
Total Claims Filed	159	159	181	0	0.0	-22	-12.2
Goods-Producing	27	53	52	-26	-49.1	-25	-48.1
Construction	19	46	45	-27	-58.7	-26	-57.8
Service-Providing	123	94	104	29	30.9	19	18.3
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	41	32	34	9	28.1	7	20.6
Financial Activities (52, 53)	3	8	7	-5	-62.5	-4	-57.1
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	35	13	17	22	169.2	18	105.9
Educational & Health Services (61-62)	22	20	20	2	10.0	2	10.0
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	11	12	17	-1	-8.3	-6	-35.3
Government	6	8	19	-2	-25.0	-13	-68.4
Natrona County							
Total Claims Filed	149	157	124	-8	-5.1	25	20.2
Goods-Producing	25	46	38	-21	-45.7	-13	-34.2
Construction	10	28	23	-18	-64.3	-13	-56.5
Service-Providing	116	104	80	12	11.5	36	45.0
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	40	45	21	-5	-11.1	19	90.5
Financial Activities (52, 53)	5	N/D	6	N/D	N/D	-1	-16.7
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	10	12	12	-2	-16.7	-2	-16.7
Educational & Health Services (61-62)	27	13	23	14	107.7	4	17.4
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	24	19	12	5	26.3	12	100.0
Government	3	N/D	4	N/D	N/D	-1	-25.0

N/D = Not discloseable due to confidentiality.

Source: Unemployment Insurance claims database.

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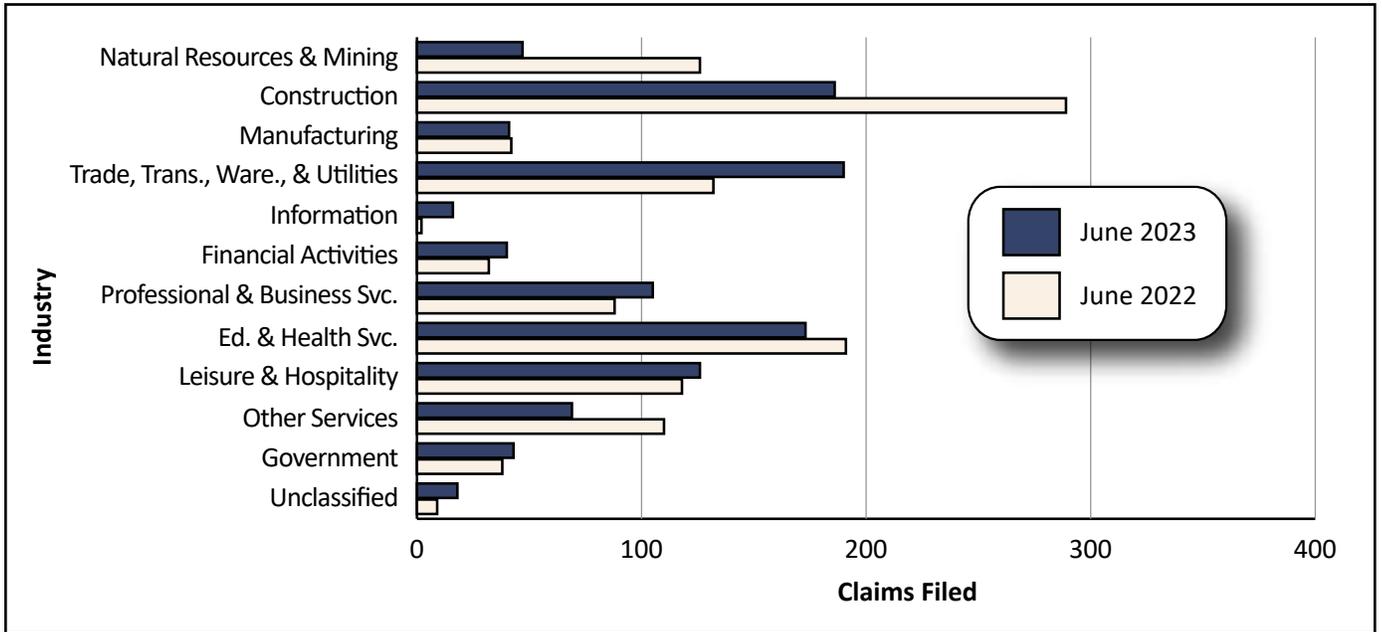


Figure 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, June 2022 and June 2023

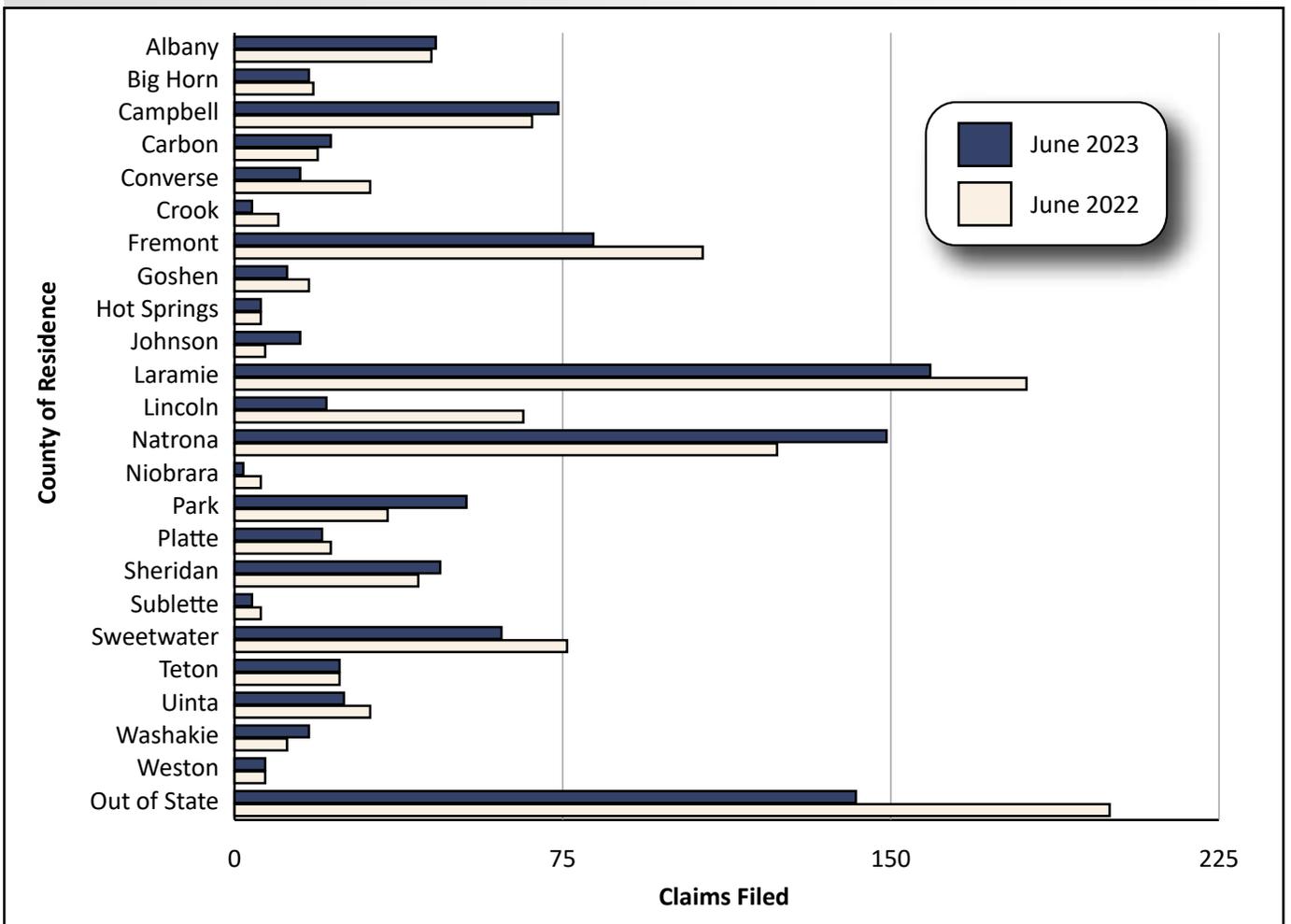


Figure 4: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, June 2022 and June 2023

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

Industry	Continued Weeks Claimed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	June 2023	May 2023	June 2022	N	%	N	%
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	6,673	7,977	6,524	-1,304	-16.3	149	2.3
Total Unique Claimants	2,250	2,476	2,022	-226	-9.1	228	11.3
Goods-Producing	1,960	2,384	2,094	-424	-17.8	-134	-6.4
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	437	502	387	-65	-12.9	50	12.9
Mining (21)	403	454	355	-51	-11.2	48	13.5
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	30	57	27	-27	-47.4	3	11.1
Construction (23)	1,171	1,444	1,375	-273	-18.9	-204	-14.8
Manufacturing (31-33)	351	438	331	-87	-19.9	20	6.0
Service-Providing	4,167	4,971	3,888	-804	-16.2	279	7.2
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	1,137	1,233	1,169	-96	-7.8	-32	-2.7
Wholesale Trade (42)	191	182	176	9	4.9	15	8.5
Retail Trade (44-45)	620	662	490	-42	-6.3	130	26.5
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	325	387	502	-62	-16.0	-177	-35.3
Information (51)	103	116	59	-13	-11.2	44	74.6
Financial Activities (52-53)	327	395	239	-68	-17.2	88	36.8
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	736	762	514	-26	-3.4	222	43.2
Education & Health Services (61-62)	907	654	793	253	38.7	114	14.4
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	788	1,676	956	-888	-53.0	-168	-17.6
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	166	133	155	33	24.8	11	7.1
Government	430	506	481	-76	-15.0	-51	-10.6
Federal Government	35	89	36	-54	-60.7	-1	-2.8
State Government	57	82	37	-25	-30.5	20	54.1
Local Government	337	335	407	2	0.6	-70	-17.2
Local Education	80	73	186	7	9.6	-106	-57.0
Unclassified	114	114	59	0	0.0	55	93.2
Laramie County							
Total Claims Filed	988	1,168	853	-180	-15.4	135	15.8
Total Unique Claimants	327	353	263	-26	-7.4	64	24.3
Goods-Producing	187	273	196	-86	-31.5	-9	-4.6
Construction	142	207	155	-65	-31.4	-13	-8.4
Service-Providing	719	791	575	-72	-9.1	144	25.0
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	234	264	206	-30	-11.4	28	13.6
Financial Activities (52, 53)	58	76	51	-18	-23.7	7	13.7
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	158	146	115	12	8.2	43	37.4
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	138	144	106	-6	-4.2	32	30.2
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	69	96	69	-27	-28.1	0	0.0
Government	47	60	55	-13	-21.7	-8	-14.5
Unclassified	33	42	25	-9	-21.4	8	32.0
Natrona County							
Total Claims Filed	987	994	898	-7	-0.7	89	9.9
Total Unique Claimants	330	308	256	22	7.1	74	28.9
Goods-Producing	221	317	213	-96	-30.3	8	3.8
Construction	119	199	131	-80	-40.2	-12	-9.2
Service-Providing	729	642	644	87	13.6	85	13.2
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	259	202	179	57	28.2	80	44.7
Financial Activities (52, 53)	54	64	62	-10	-15.6	-8	-12.9
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	98	102	105	-4	-3.9	-7	-6.7
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	181	164	147	17	10.4	34	23.1
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	99	84	100	15	17.9	-1	-1.0
Government	18	23	35	-5	-21.7	-17	-48.6
Unclassified	17	10	6	7	70.0	11	183.3

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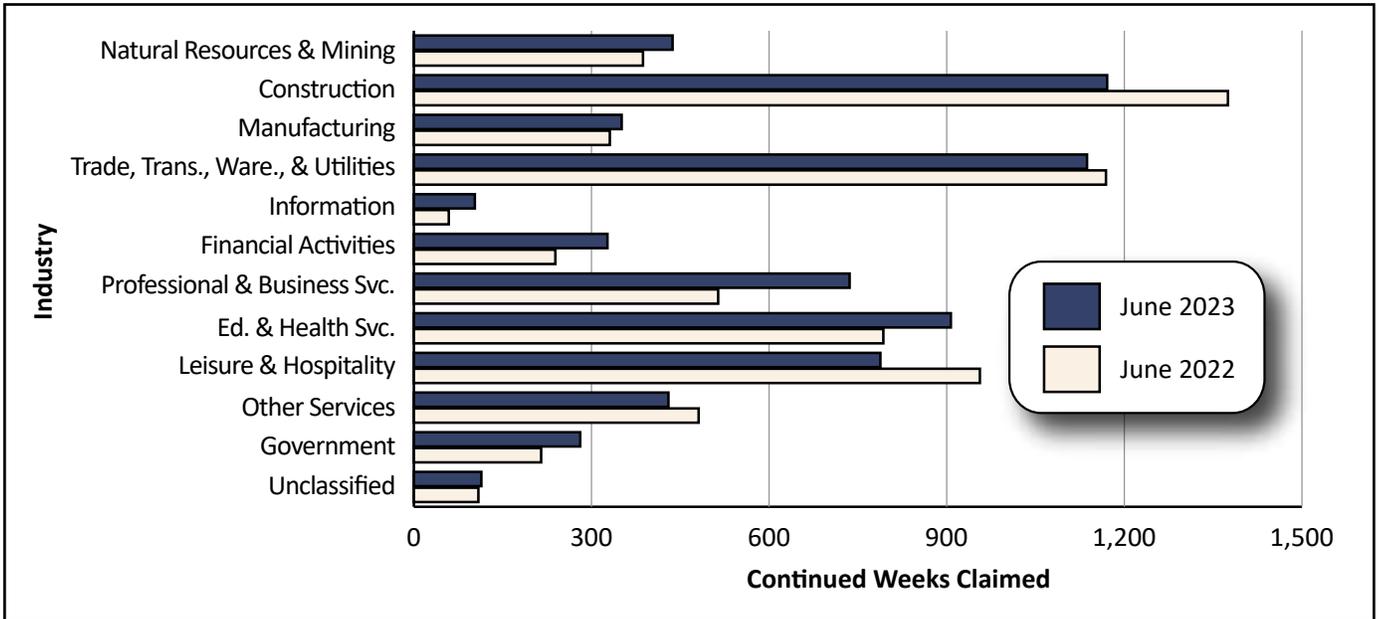


Figure 5: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, June 2022 and June 2023

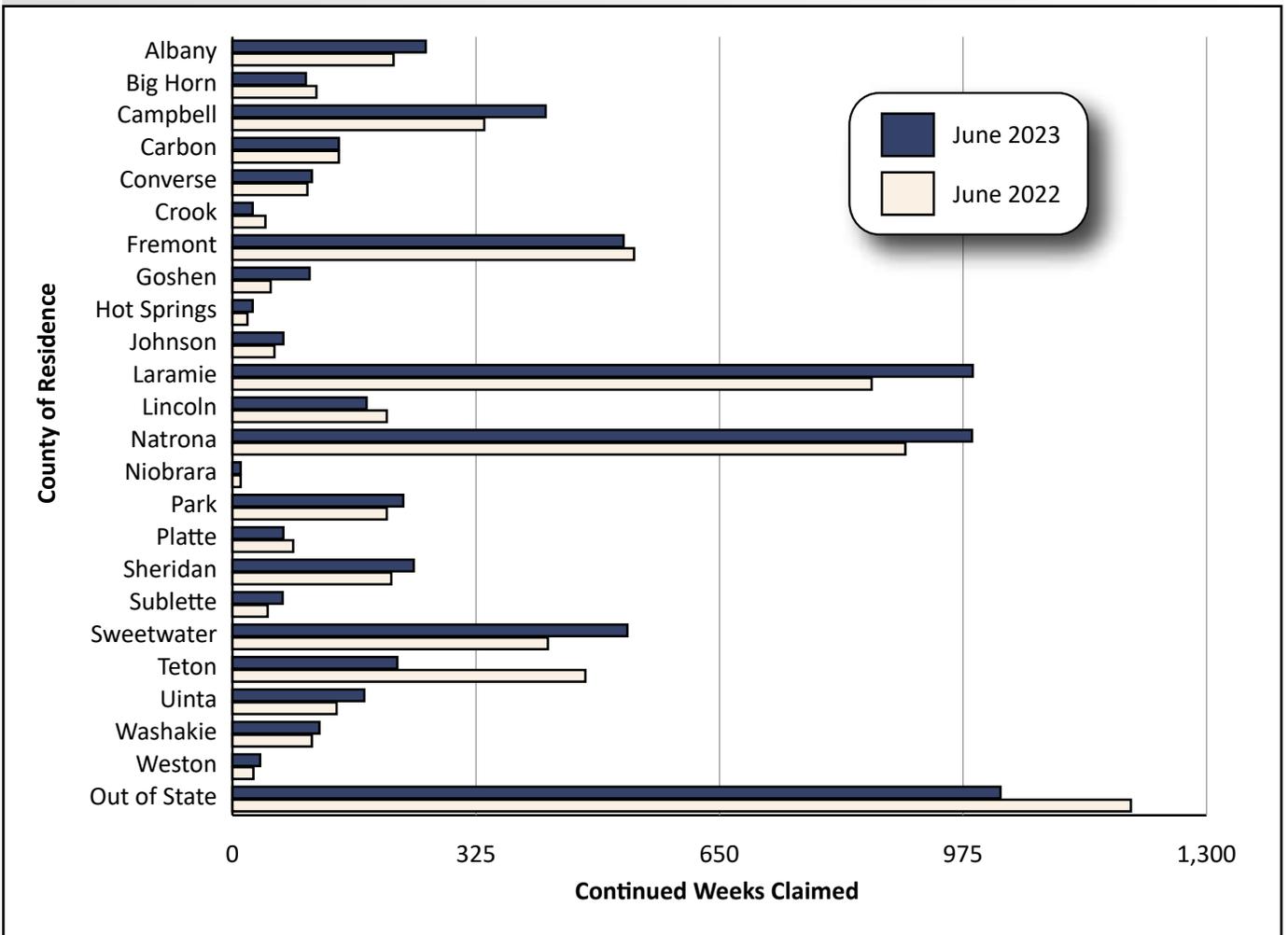


Figure 6: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence in Wyoming, June 2022 and June 2023

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

County	June 2023	June 2022	Change	
			N	%
Albany	46	45	1	2.2
Big Horn	17	18	-1	-5.6
Campbell	74	68	6	8.8
Carbon	22	19	3	15.8
Converse	15	31	-16	-51.6
Crook	4	10	-6	-60.0
Fremont	82	107	-25	-23.4
Goshen	12	17	-5	-29.4
Hot Springs	6	6	0	0.0
Johnson	15	7	8	114.3
Laramie	159	181	-22	-12.2
Lincoln	21	66	-45	-68.2
Natrona	149	124	25	20.2
Niobrara	N/D	6	N/D	N/D
Park	53	35	18	51.4
Platte	20	22	-2	-9.1
Sheridan	47	42	5	11.9
Sublette	4	6	-2	-33.3
Sweetwater	61	76	-15	-19.7
Teton	24	24	0	0.0
Uinta	25	31	-6	-19.4
Washakie	17	12	5	41.7
Weston	7	7	0	0.0
Unknown	N/D	3	N/D	N/D
Out of State	142	200	-58	-29.0
Total	1,039	1,174	-135	-11.5

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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, June 2022 and June 2023

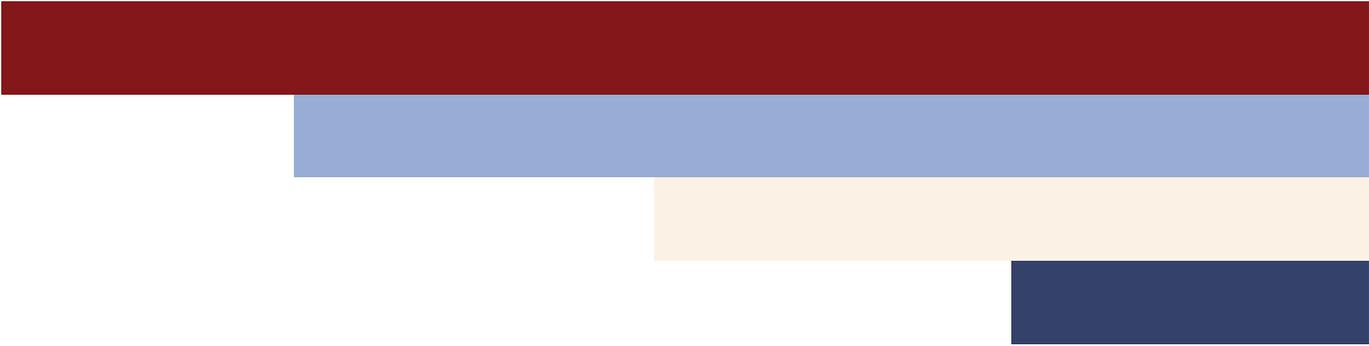
County	June 2023	June 2022	Change	
			N	%
Albany	258	215	43	20.0
Big Horn	98	112	-14	-12.5
Campbell	418	336	82	24.4
Carbon	142	142	0	0.0
Converse	106	100	6	6.0
Crook	27	44	-17	-38.6
Fremont	522	536	-14	-2.6
Goshen	103	51	52	102.0
Hot Springs	27	20	7	35.0
Johnson	68	56	12	21.4
Laramie	988	853	135	15.8
Lincoln	179	206	-27	-13.1
Natrona	987	898	89	9.9
Niobrara	11	11	0	0.0
Park	228	206	22	10.7
Platte	68	81	-13	-16.0
Sheridan	242	212	30	14.2
Sublette	67	47	20	42.6
Sweetwater	527	421	106	25.2
Teton	220	471	-251	-53.3
Uinta	176	139	37	26.6
Washakie	116	106	10	9.4
Weston	37	28	9	32.1
Unknown	21	23	-2	-8.7
Out of State	1,025	1,199	-174	-14.5
Normalized Total^a	6,673	6,524	149	2.3

^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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