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## Initial, Continued Claims Up Over the Year

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**I**nitial Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims (see Definitions, page 9) remained largely unchanged from May to June, while continued claims declined substantially. Initial and continued claims both increased compared to June 2023.

### Initial Claims

There were 1,146 initial claims in June 2024, down slightly (-9, or -0.8%) from May 2024. Initial claims are often at their lowest levels during the warm summer months each year (see Figure 1), as employment picks up in industries such as construction and leisure & hospitality.

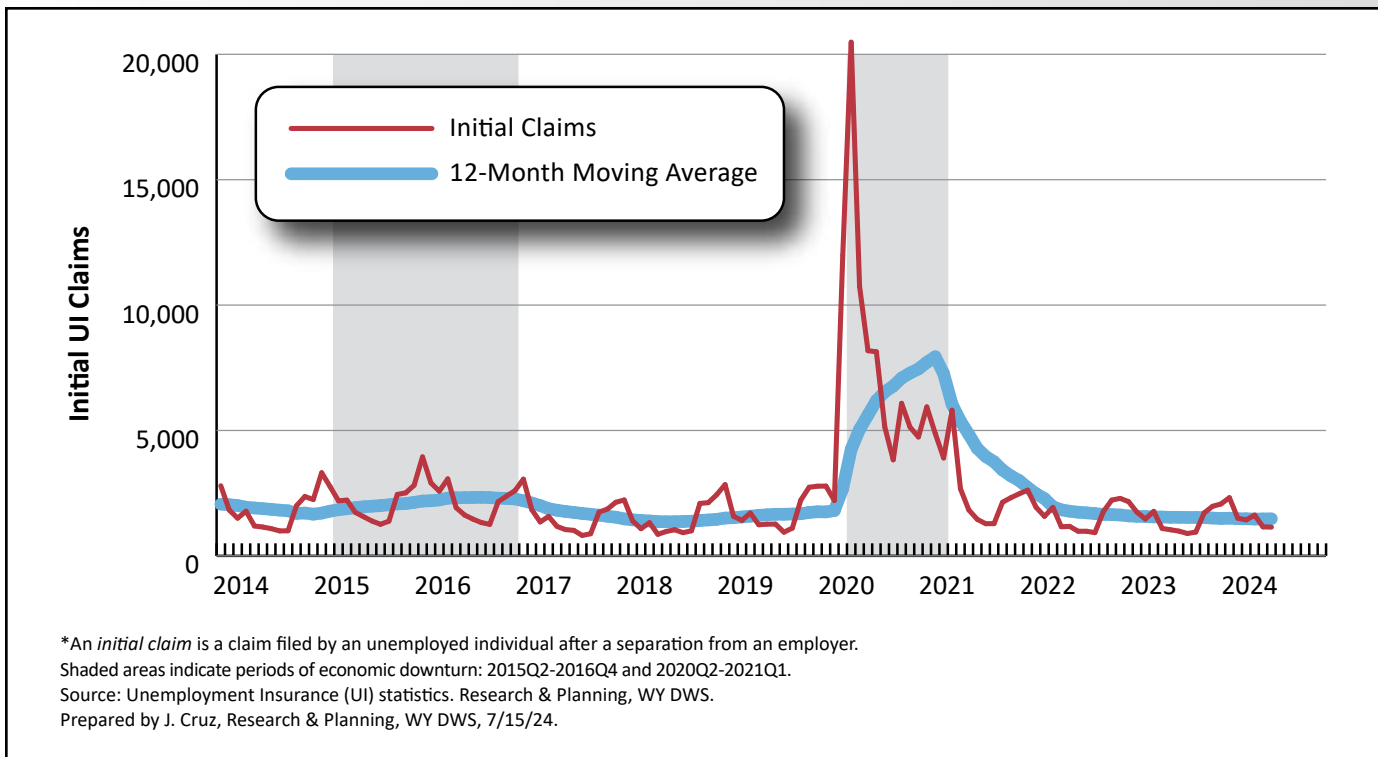
Over the year, initial claims increased

**UI Claims Online**

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by 107, or 10.3%. This increase was largely due to higher initial claims in the mining sector, where claims rose by 52, or 118.2% (see Table 1, page 5, and Figure 3, page 6). However, initial claims in mining were unusually low in 2023, so this increase brought claims in mining back to levels consistent with recent years.

The industries with the largest numbers of initial claims included construction (221); education & health



**Figure 1: Total Number of Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by Year and Month, January 2014 to June 2024**

services (208); trade, transportation, & utilities (178); and leisure & hospitality (115). Financial activities decreased the most over the year, with 18 fewer claims (-43.9%).

Laramie County had the most initial claims with 182, followed by Natrona (168), Campbell (92), and Fremont (86) counties (see Figure 4, page 6, and Table 3, page 9). In addition, there were 162 out-of-state claimants.

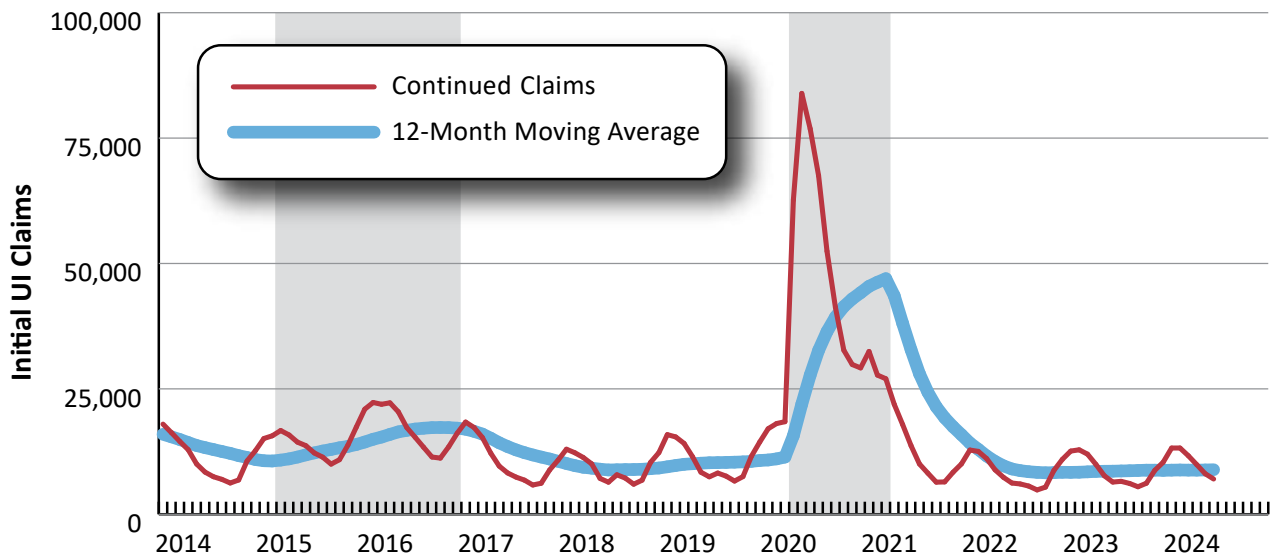
**Continued Claims**

Continued claims followed their normal seasonal pattern and decreased over the month (-1,050, or -13.0%; see Figure 2). Over the year, the total number of continued weeks claimed increased from 6,418 to 7,027 (609, or 9.5%; see Table 2, page 7). The total number of unique claimants increased from 2,250 to 2,489

(239, or 10.6%) over the year, and dropped by 89 (-3.5%) over the month.

The industries with the most continued weeks claimed included construction (1,277); trade, transportation, & utilities (1,196); education & health services (900); and leisure & hospitality (822). Financial activities showed a considerable over-the-year decrease in continued claims (-111, or -33.6%; see Figure 5, page 8). Several industries showed over-the-year increases in continued weeks claimed, led by mining (292, or 74.1%); again, continued claims in mining were unusually low in 2023 and returned to more common levels in 2024.

Laramie County had the most continued claims with 1,144, followed by Natrona (1,092), Campbell (628), and Fremont (479) counties (see Figure 6, page 8, and Table 4, page 9). There were 1,013 out-of-state continued claims as well.



\*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 2014 to June 2024**

Table 1: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims in Wyoming, June 2024

Industry	Initial Claims Filed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Jun 2024	May 2024	Jun 2023	N	%	N	%
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>1,146</b>	<b>1,155</b>	<b>1,039</b>	<b>-9</b>	<b>-0.8</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>10.3</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>-65</b>	<b>-15.1</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>33.2</b>
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	99	112	47	-13	-11.6	52	110.6
Mining (21)	96	105	44	-9	-8.6	52	118.2
Construction (23)	221	270	187	-49	-18.1	34	18.2
Manufacturing (31-33)	44	47	40	-3	-6.4	4	10.0
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>672</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>679</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>-7</b>	<b>-1.0</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	178	183	192	-5	-2.7	-14	-7.3
Wholesale Trade (42)	24	25	23	-1	-4.0	1	4.3
Retail Trade (44-45)	103	98	119	5	5.1	-16	-13.4
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	49	58	49	-9	-15.5	0	0.0
Information (51)	5	8	17	-3	-37.5	-12	-70.6
Financial Activities (52-53)	23	26	41	-3	-11.5	-18	-43.9
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	113	132	106	-19	-14.4	7	6.6
Education & Health Services (61-62)	208	94	171	114	121.3	37	21.6
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	115	158	125	-43	-27.2	-10	-8.0
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	25	34	25	-9	-26.5	0	0.0
<b>Government</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>41.3</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>29.0</b>
Federal Government	11	11	6	0	0.0	5	83.3
State Government	6	12	4	-6	-50.0	2	50.0
Local Government	71	38	58	33	86.8	13	22.4
Local Education	30	12	19	18	150.0	11	57.9
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>-18.2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>20.0</b>
<b>Laramie County</b>							
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>-18</b>	<b>-9.0</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>14.5</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>-14</b>	<b>-23.7</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>66.7</b>
Construction	31	43	21	-12	-27.9	10	47.6
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>-1.6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	35	35	41	0	0.0	-6	-14.6
Financial Activities (52, 53)	5	5	4	0	0.0	1	25.0
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	32	50	36	-18	-36.0	-4	-11.1
Educational & Health Services (61-62)	30	15	21	15	100.0	9	42.9
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	16	12	11	4	33.3	5	45.5
<b>Government</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>-18.2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>50.0</b>
<b>Natrona County</b>							
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>-34</b>	<b>-16.8</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>12.8</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>-22</b>	<b>-28.6</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>139.1</b>
Construction	27	47	8	-20	-42.6	19	237.5
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>-10</b>	<b>-8.6</b>	<b>-13</b>	<b>-10.9</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	31	32	41	-1	-3.1	-10	-24.4
Financial Activities (52, 53)	4	8	5	-4	-50.0	-1	-20.0
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	10	16	12	-6	-37.5	-2	-16.7
Educational & Health Services (61-62)	44	25	27	19	76.0	17	63.0
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	4	20	23	-16	-80.0	-19	-82.6
<b>Government</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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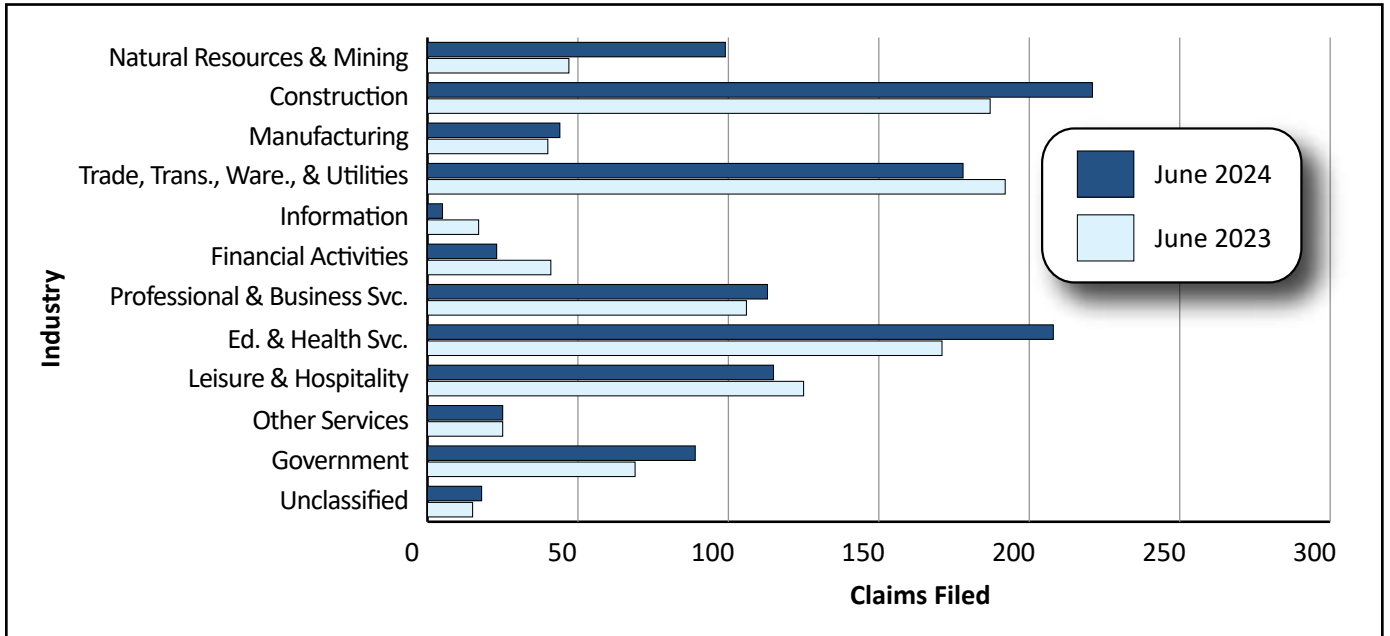


Figure 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, June 2023 and June 2024

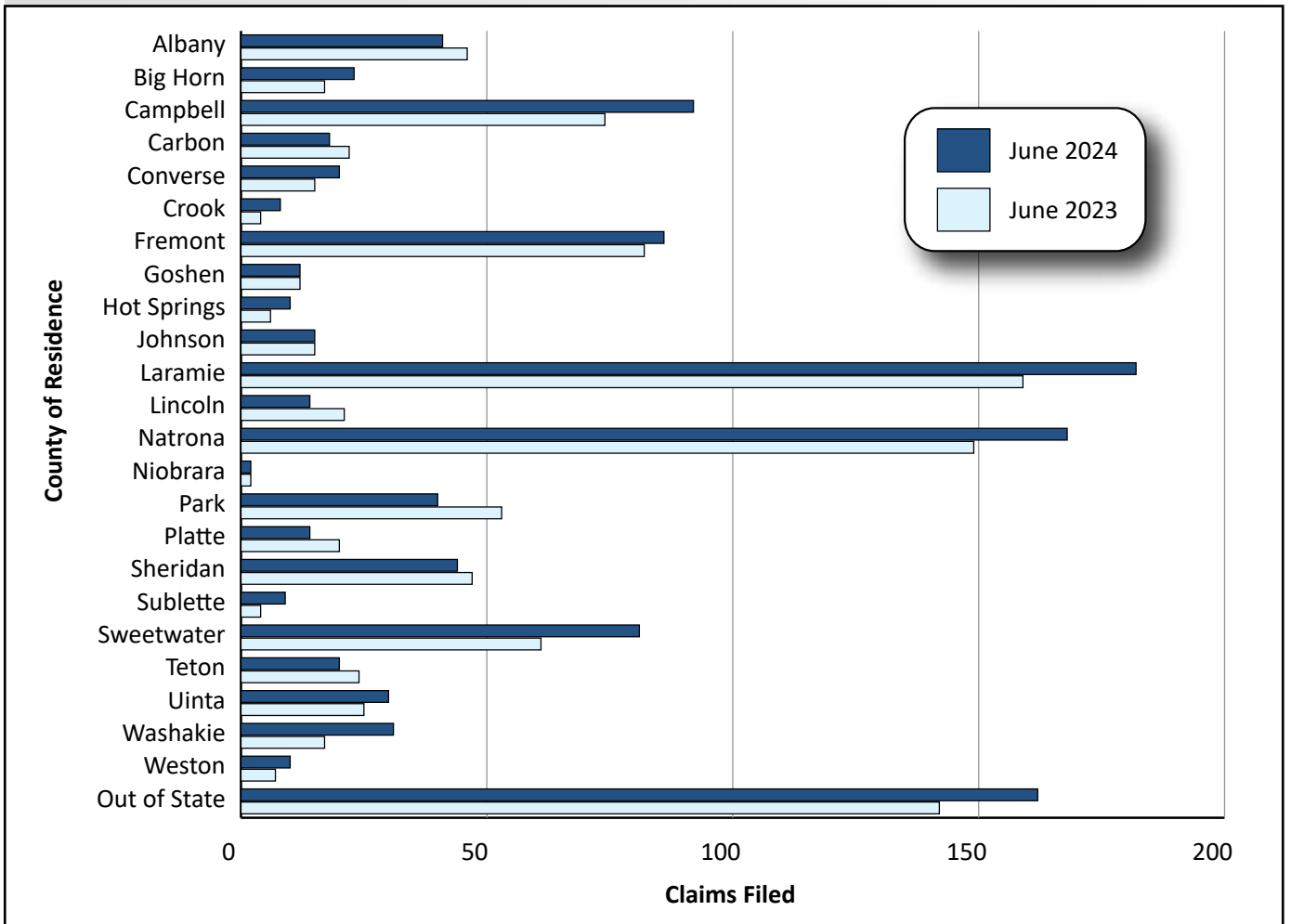


Figure 4: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, June 2023 and June 2024

Table 2: Unemployment Insurance Continued Weeks Claimed in Wyoming, June 2024

Industry	Continued Weeks Claimed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Jun 2024	May 2024	Jun 2023	N	%	N	%
<b>Total Continued Weeks Claimed</b>	<b>7,027</b>	<b>8,077</b>	<b>6,418</b>	<b>-1,050</b>	<b>-13.0</b>	<b>609</b>	<b>9.5</b>
Total Unique Claimants	2,489	2,578	2,250	-89	-3.5	239	10.6
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>2,327</b>	<b>2,447</b>	<b>1,893</b>	<b>-120</b>	<b>-4.9</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>22.9</b>
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	730	639	427	91	14.2	303	71.0
Mining (21)	686	595	394	91	15.3	292	74.1
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	56	60	29	-4	-6.7	27	93.1
Construction (23)	1,277	1,503	1,131	-226	-15.0	146	12.9
Manufacturing (31-33)	319	304	334	15	4.9	-15	-4.5
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>4,119</b>	<b>5,071</b>	<b>4,007</b>	<b>-952</b>	<b>-18.8</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>2.8</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	1,196	1,284	1,090	-88	-6.9	106	9.7
Wholesale Trade (42)	207	211	184	-4	-1.9	23	12.5
Retail Trade (44-45)	638	611	588	27	4.4	50	8.5
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	349	461	317	-112	-24.3	32	10.1
Information (51)	127	170	95	-43	-25.3	32	33.7
Financial Activities (52-53)	219	290	330	-71	-24.5	-111	-33.6
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	689	829	710	-140	-16.9	-21	-3.0
Education & Health Services (61-62)	900	617	888	283	45.9	12	1.4
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	822	1,692	736	-870	-51.4	86	11.7
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	163	187	156	-24	-12.8	7	4.5
<b>Government</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>15.7</b>
Federal Government	56	90	32	-34	-37.8	24	75.0
State Government	74	71	57	3	4.2	17	29.8
Local Government	347	286	323	61	21.3	24	7.4
Local Education	73	38	77	35	92.1	-4	-5.2
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>-8</b>	<b>-7.3</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>-1.9</b>
<b>Laramie County</b>							
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>1,144</b>	<b>1,227</b>	<b>946</b>	<b>-83</b>	<b>-6.8</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>20.9</b>
Total Unique Claimants	412	372	327	40	10.8	85	26.0
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>56.6</b>
Construction	204	220	128	-16	-7.3	76	59.4
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>772</b>	<b>871</b>	<b>692</b>	<b>-99</b>	<b>-11.4</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>11.6</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	246	245	216	1	0.4	30	13.9
Financial Activities (52, 53)	53	84	66	-31	-36.9	-13	-19.7
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	171	217	145	-46	-21.2	26	17.9
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	122	116	141	6	5.2	-19	-13.5
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	106	106	63	0	0.0	43	68.3
<b>Government</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>18.0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>25.5</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>25.0</b>
<b>Natrona County</b>							
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>1,092</b>	<b>1,085</b>	<b>949</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>15.1</b>
Total Unique Claimants	375	353	330	22	6.2	45	13.6
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>-40</b>	<b>-10.8</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>59.6</b>
Construction	120	199	106	-79	-39.7	14	13.2
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>706</b>	<b>669</b>	<b>704</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0.3</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	212	213	256	-1	-0.5	-44	-17.2
Financial Activities (52, 53)	53	61	54	-8	-13.1	-1	-1.9
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	107	132	96	-25	-18.9	11	11.5
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	205	143	174	62	43.4	31	17.8
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	89	77	92	12	15.6	-3	-3.3
<b>Government</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>155.6</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>200.0</b>	<b>-11</b>	<b>-64.7</b>

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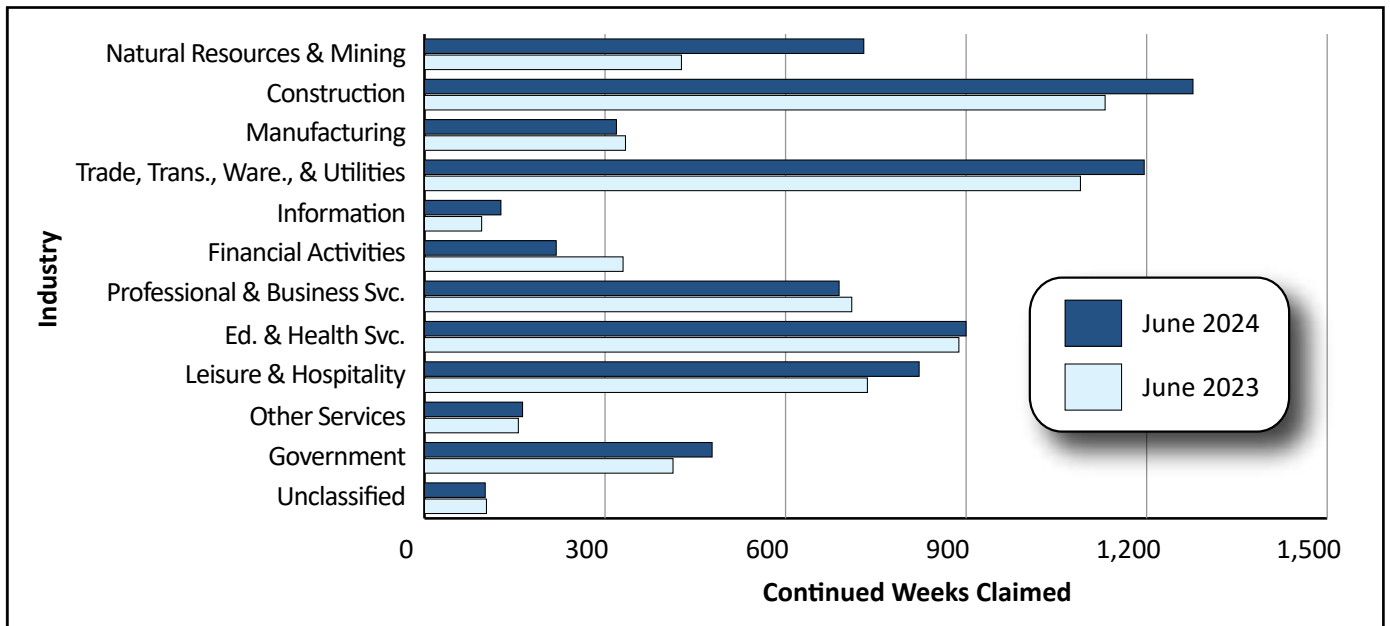


Figure 5: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, June 2023 and June 2024

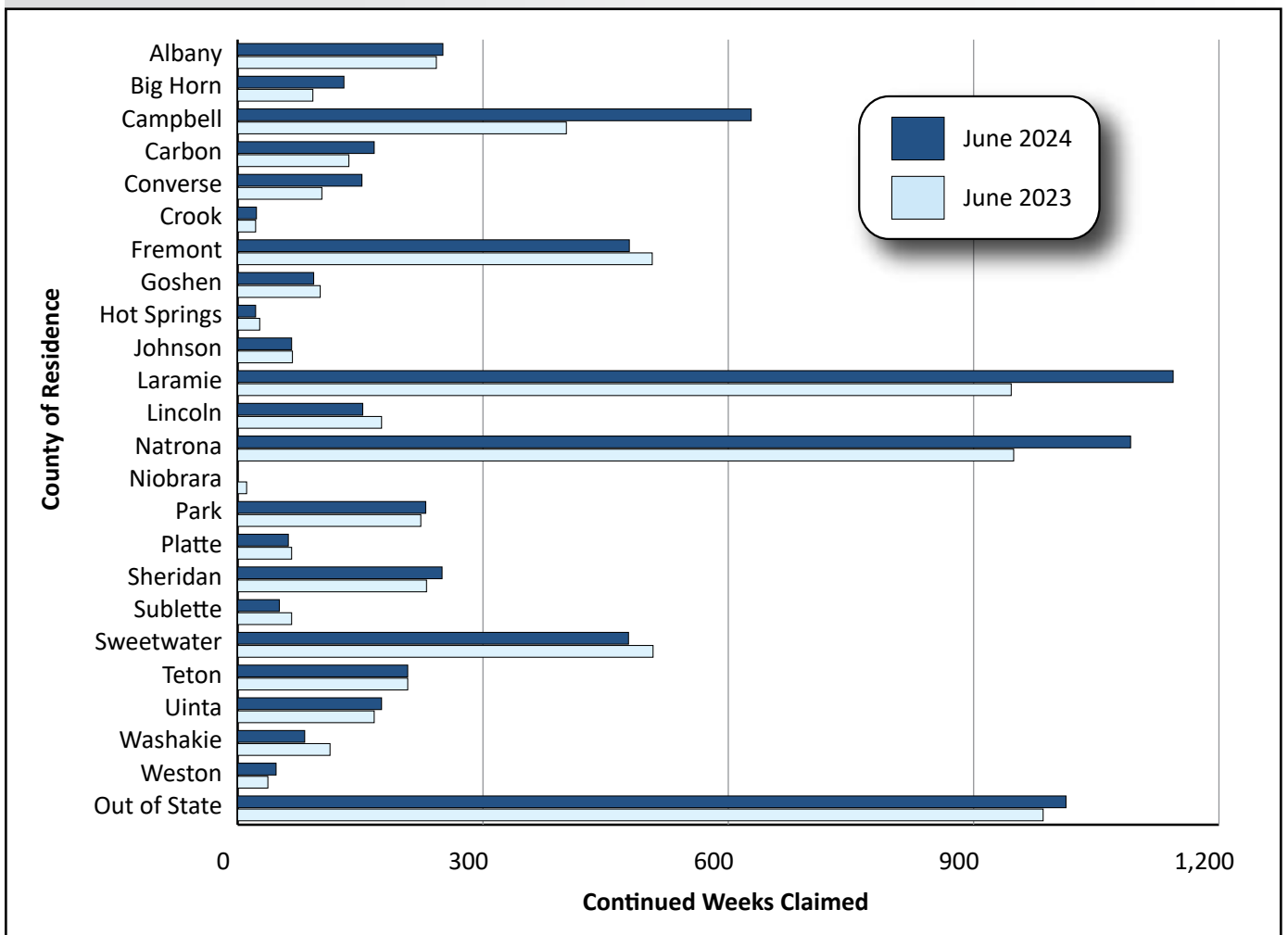


Figure 6: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence in Wyoming, June 2023 and June 2024



**Table 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by County of Residence, June 2023 and June 2024**

County	Jun 2024	Jun 2023	Change	
			N	%
Albany	41	46	-5	-10.9
Big Horn	23	17	6	35.3
Campbell	92	74	18	24.3
Carbon	18	22	-4	-18.2
Converse	20	15	5	33.3
Crook	8	4	4	100.0
Fremont	86	82	4	4.9
Goshen	12	12	0	0.0
Hot Springs	10	6	4	66.7
Johnson	15	15	0	0.0
Laramie	182	159	23	14.5
Lincoln	14	21	-7	-33.3
Natrona	168	149	19	12.8
Niobrara	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D
Park	40	53	-13	-24.5
Platte	14	20	-6	-30.0
Sheridan	44	47	-3	-6.4
Sublette	9	4	5	125.0
Sweetwater	81	61	20	32.8
Teton	20	24	-4	-16.7
Uinta	30	25	5	20.0
Washakie	31	17	14	82.4
Weston	10	7	3	42.9
Unknown	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D
Out of State	162	142	20	14.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,146</b>	<b>1,039</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>10.3</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, June 2023 and June 2024**

County	Jun 2024	Jun 2023	Change	
			N	%
Albany	251	243	8	3.3
Big Horn	130	92	38	41.3
Campbell	628	402	226	56.2
Carbon	167	136	31	22.8
Converse	152	103	49	47.6
Crook	23	22	1	4.5
Fremont	479	507	-28	-5.5
Goshen	93	101	-8	-7.9
Hot Springs	22	27	-5	-18.5
Johnson	66	67	-1	-1.5
Laramie	1,144	946	198	20.9
Lincoln	153	176	-23	-13.1
Natrona	1,092	949	143	15.1
Niobrara	0	11	-11	-100.0
Park	230	224	6	2.7
Platte	62	66	-4	-6.1
Sheridan	250	231	19	8.2
Sublette	51	66	-15	-22.7
Sweetwater	478	508	-30	-5.9
Teton	208	208	0	0.0
Uinta	176	167	9	5.4
Washakie	82	113	-31	-27.4
Weston	47	37	10	27.0
Unknown	18	19	-1	-5.3
Out of State	1,013	985	28	2.8
<b>Normalized Total<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>7,027</b>	<b>6,418</b>	<b>609</b>	<b>9.5</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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