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Continued Claims Drop to Lowest Level in Last 15 Years

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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 August 2022.

Initial Claims

There were 980 initial claims in August 2022, down from 1,282 in August 2021 (-302, or -23.6%). This amount is 3.9% higher than pre-pandemic levels of 943 initial claims in August 2019. Initial claims peaked in April 2020 at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic and have largely trended downward since (see Figure 1).

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 industries with the largest numbers of initial claims included construction (212), trade, transportation, & utilities (142), professional & business services (96), and leisure & hospitality (67; see Table 1, page 5).

Laramie (179), Natrona (160), Campbell

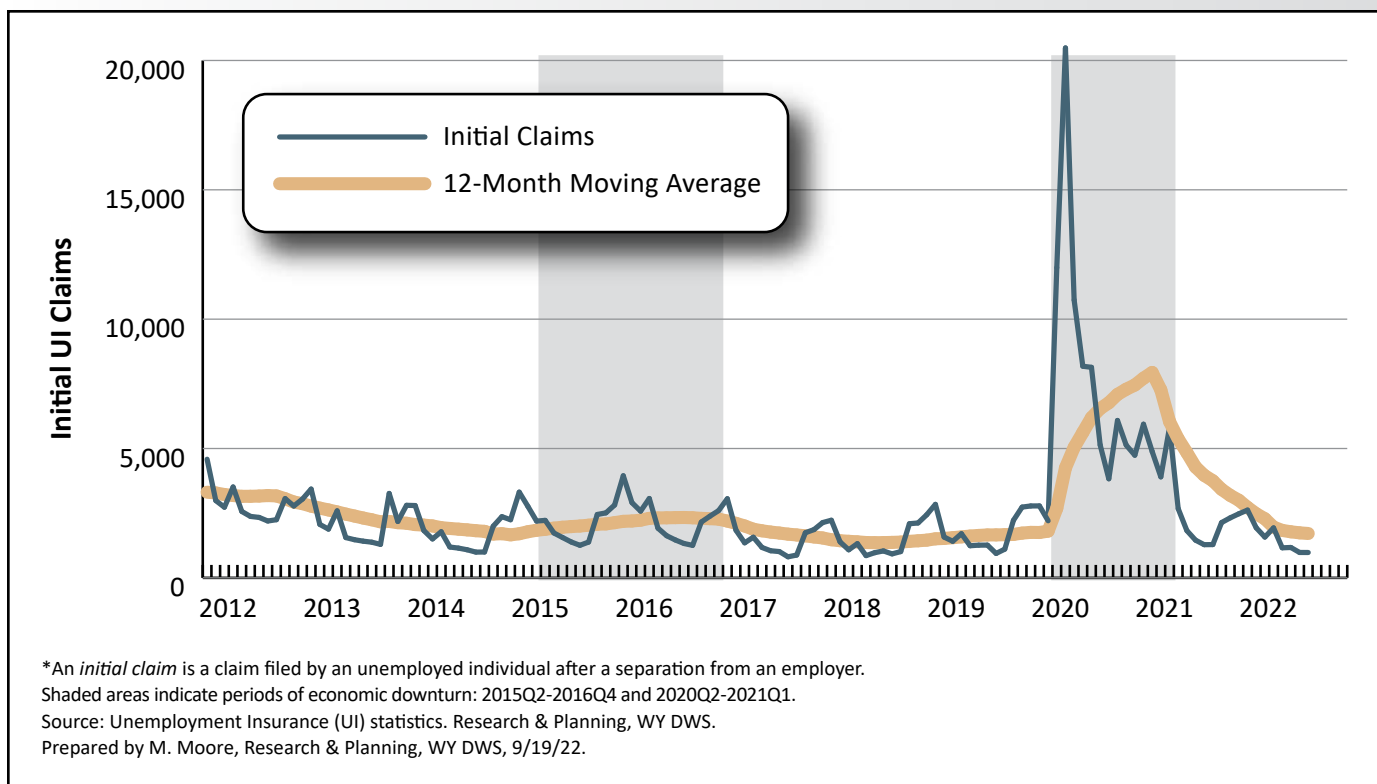


Figure 1: Total Number of Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by Year and Month, January 2012 to August 2022

(75), Sweetwater (60), and Albany (43) counties had the largest number of initial claims. In addition, there were 156 initial claims by out-of-state claimants (see Table 3, page 9).

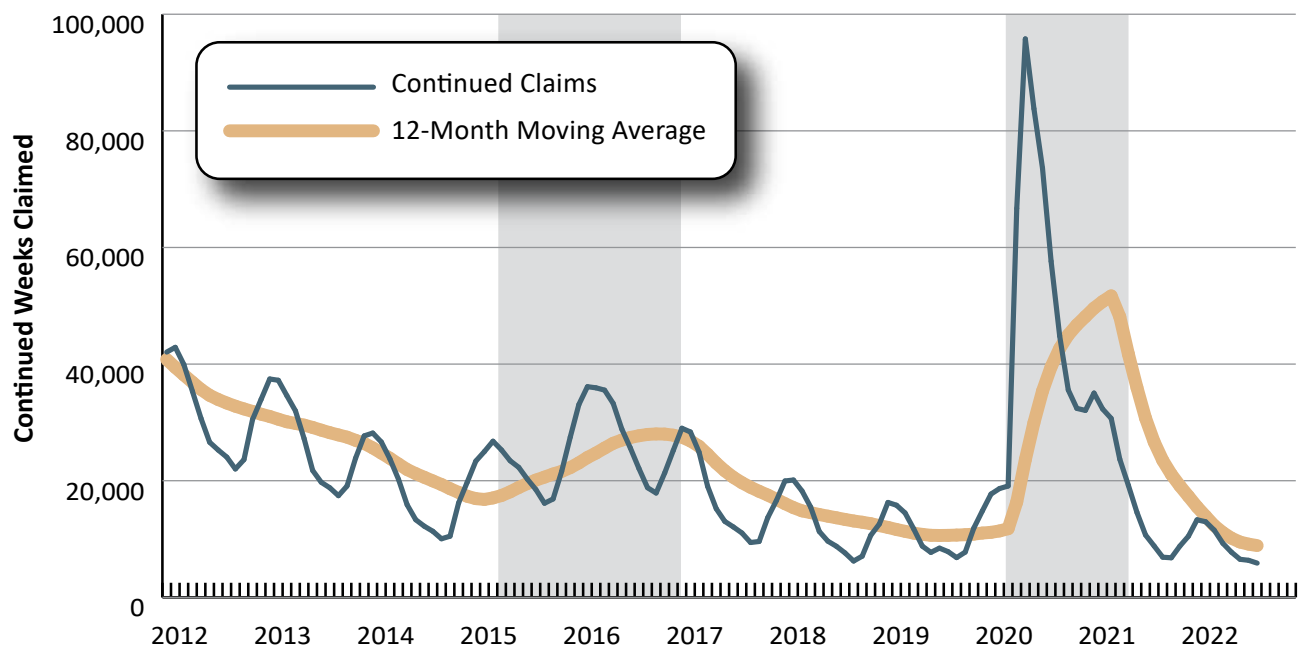
Continued Claims

The total number of continued weeks claimed decreased from 8,807 in August 2021 to 5,870 in August 2022 (-2,937, or -33.3%). The number of unique claimants decreased from 2,869 to 1,805 (-1,064, or -37.1%; see Figure 2 and Table 2, page 7). There were 7,837 continued weeks claimed in August 2019, so current claims are 25.1% lower compared to pre-pandemic levels. In fact, there were fewer

continued claims in August 2022 than any other month dating back to at least 2007.

The industries with the most continued weeks claimed included construction (900), trade, transportation & utilities (690), government (524), and education & health services (510; see Table 2, page 7, and Figure 5, page 8).

There were more continued weeks claimed for out-of-state claimants (997) than any single county in Wyoming (see Table 4, page 9). The counties with the greatest numbers of continued weeks claimed were Laramie (943), Natrona (840), Fremont (535), and Sweetwater (385).



*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 August 2022

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

Industry	Initial Claims Filed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Aug 2022	Jul 2022	Aug 2021	N	%	N	%
Total Claims Filed	980	981	1,282	-1	-0.1	-302	-23.6
Goods-Producing	297	290	331	7	2.4	-34	-10.3
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	30	57	71	-27	-47.4	-41	-57.7
Mining (21)	26	53	58	-27	-50.9	-32	-55.2
Construction (23)	212	176	215	36	20.5	-3	-1.4
Manufacturing (31-33)	54	56	44	-2	-3.6	10	22.7
Service-Providing	424	424	664	0	0.0	-240	-36.1
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	142	124	210	18	14.5	-68	-32.4
Wholesale Trade (42)	15	19	31	-4	-21.1	-16	-51.6
Retail Trade (44-45)	89	83	122	6	7.2	-33	-27.0
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	37	21	56	16	76.2	-19	-33.9
Information (51)	6	7	6	-1	-14.3	0	0.0
Financial Activities (52-53)	23	22	27	1	4.5	-4	-14.8
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	96	88	108	8	9.1	-12	-11.1
Education & Health Services (61-62)	64	80	125	-16	-20.0	-61	-48.8
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	67	83	151	-16	-19.3	-84	-55.6
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	24	17	35	7	41.2	-11	-31.4
Government	55	90	93	-35	-38.9	-38	-40.9
Federal Government	7	10	20	-3	-30.0	-13	-65.0
State Government	5	16	6	-11	-68.8	-1	-16.7
Local Government	42	63	66	-21	-33.3	-24	-36.4
Local Education	14	25	21	-11	-44.0	-7	-33.3
Unclassified	203	176	193	27	15.3	10	5.2
Laramie County							
Total Claims Filed	179	167	202	12	7.2	-23	-11.4
Goods-Producing	58	46	45	12	26.1	13	28.9
Construction	51	38	36	13	34.2	15	41.7
Service-Providing	80	83	116	-3	-3.6	-36	-31.0
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	21	30	29	-9	-30.0	-8	-27.6
Financial Activities (52, 53)	0	4	6	-4	-100.0	-6	-100.0
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	31	20	41	11	55.0	-10	-24.4
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	12	11	18	1	9.1	-6	-33.3
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	9	11	16	-2	-18.2	-7	-43.8
Government	3	14	15	-11	-78.6	-12	-80.0
Unclassified	36	23	24	13	56.5	12	50.0
Natrona County							
Total Claims Filed	160	133	230	27	20.3	-70	-30.4
Goods-Producing	40	37	43	3	8.1	-3	-7.0
Construction	25	19	24	6	31.6	1	4.2
Service-Providing	90	70	150	20	28.6	-60	-40
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	29	20	43	9	45.0	-14	-32.6
Financial Activities (52, 53)	6	6	3	0	0.0	3	100.0
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	17	10	17	7	70.0	0	0.0
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	14	11	40	3	27.3	-26	-65.0
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	10	11	35	-1	-9.1	-25	-71.4
Government	8	7	4	1	14.3	4	100.0
Unclassified	20	17	32	3	17.6	-12	-37.5

N/D = Not discloseable due to confidentiality.

Source: Unemployment Insurance claims database. Prepared by C. McGrath, Research & Planning, WY DWS, 9/16/22.

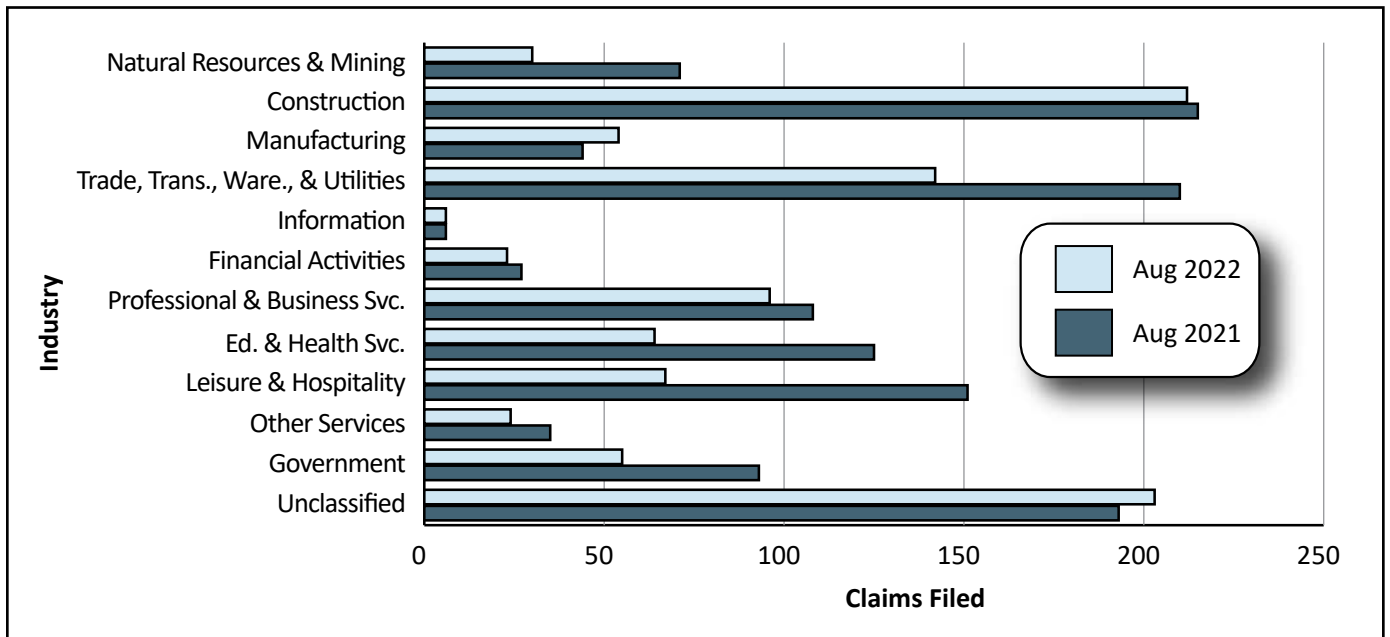


Figure 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, August 2021 and August 2022

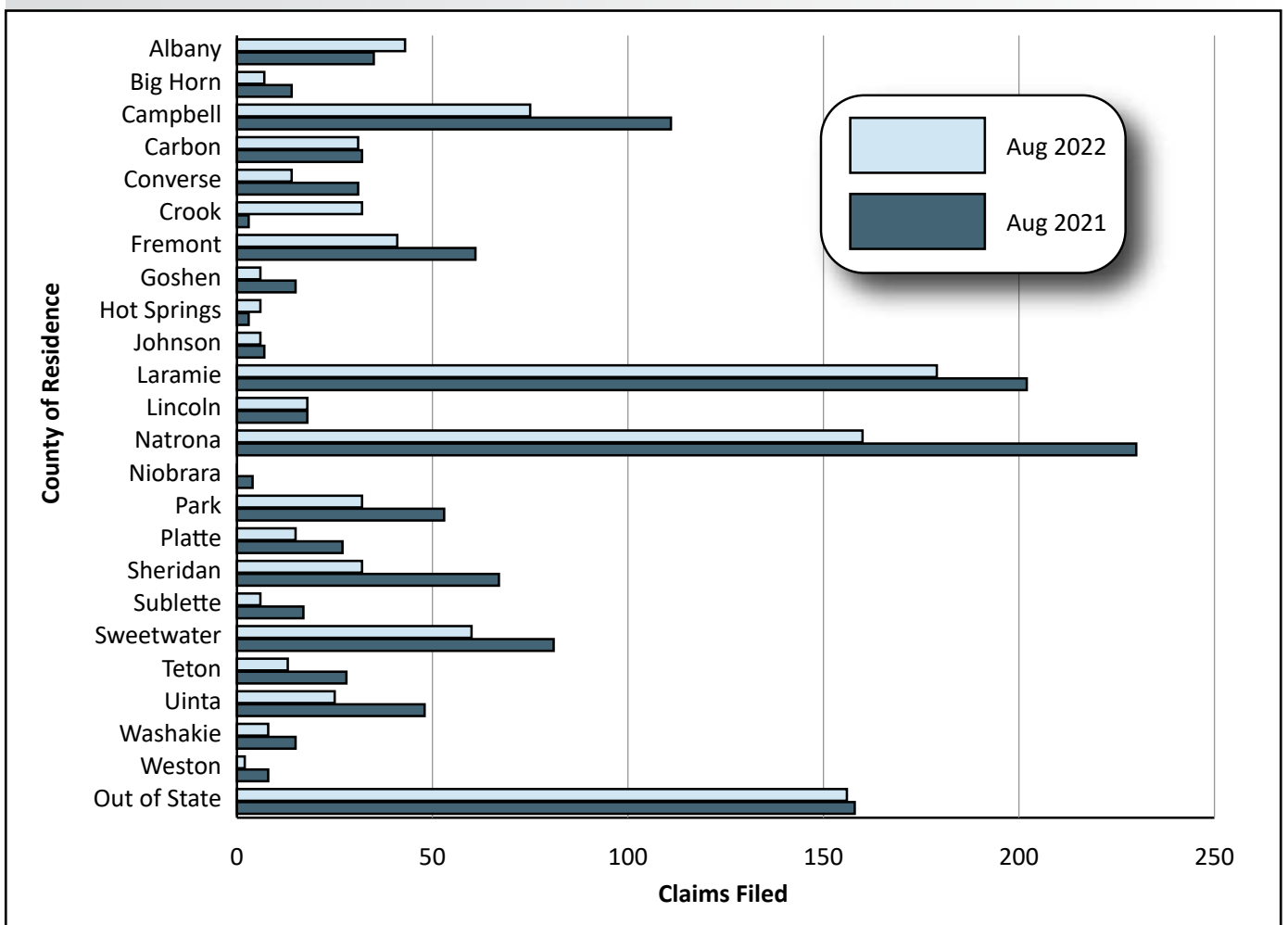


Figure 4: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, August 2021 and August 2022

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

Industry	Continued Weeks Claimed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Aug 2022	Jul 2022	Aug 2021	N	%	N	%
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	5,870	6,351	8,807	-481	-7.6	-2,937	-33.3
Total Unique Claimants	1,805	2,119	2,869	-314	-14.8	-1,064	-37.1
Goods-Producing	1,402	1,562	2,233	-160	-10.2	-831	-37.2
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	239	287	657	-48	-16.7	-418	-63.6
Mining (21)	221	263	610	-42	-16.0	-389	-63.8
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	34	32	85	2	6.3	-60	-51.0
Construction (23)	900	1,044	1,224	-144	-13.8	-324	-26.5
Manufacturing (31-33)	262	229	351	33	14.4	-89	-25.4
Service-Providing	2,413	2,703	4,204	-290	-10.7	-1,791	-42.6
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	690	710	1,290	-20	-2.8	-600	-46.5
Wholesale Trade (42)	114	107	294	7	6.5	-180	-61.2
Retail Trade (44-45)	400	409	646	-9	-2.2	-246	-38.1
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	174	193	349	-19	-9.8	-175	-50.1
Information (51)	30	23	88	7	30.4	-58	-65.9
Financial Activities (52-53)	222	226	263	-4	-1.8	-41	-15.6
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	460	445	649	15	3.4	-189	-29.1
Education & Health Services (61-62)	510	668	995	-158	-23.7	-485	-48.7
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	421	507	741	-86	-17.0	-320	-43.2
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	77	120	175	-43	-35.8	-98	-56.0
Government	524	626	726	-102	-16.3	-202	-27.8
Federal Government	30	32	81	-2	-6.3	-51	-63.0
State Government	69	54	67	15	27.8	2	3.0
Local Government	425	540	578	-115	-21.3	-153	-26.5
Local Education	221	317	202	-96	-30.3	19	9.4
Unclassified	1,529	1,459	1,643	70	4.8	-114	-6.9
Laramie County							
Total Claims Filed	943	911	1,162	32	3.5	-219	-18.8
Total Unique Claimants	290	320	394	-30	-9.4	-104	-26.4
Goods-Producing	206	169	195	37	21.9	11	5.6
Construction	164	129	129	35	27.1	35	27.1
Service-Providing	477	500	650	-23	-4.6	-173	-26.6
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	136	159	214	-23	-14.5	-78	-36.4
Financial Activities (52, 53)	48	66	40	-18	-27.3	8	20.0
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	138	108	127	30	27.8	11	8.7
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	79	75	122	4	5.3	-43	-35.2
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	62	70	103	-8	-11.4	-41	-39.8
Government	54	69	85	-15	-21.7	-31	-36.5
Unclassified	206	172	230	34	19.8	-24	-10.4
Natrona County							
Total Claims Filed	840	867	1,485	-27	-3.1	-645	-43.4
Total Unique Claimants	258	286	487	-28	-9.8	-229	-47.0
Goods-Producing	156	169	290	-13	-7.7	-134	-46.2
Construction	81	94	151	-13	-13.8	-70	-46.4
Service-Providing	471	501	912	-30	-6.0	-441	-48.4
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	121	110	347	11	10.0	-226	-65.1
Financial Activities (52, 53)	47	54	53	-7	-13.0	-6	-11.3
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	87	85	84	2	2.4	3	3.6
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	118	133	206	-15	-11.3	-88	-42.7
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	68	79	160	-11	-13.9	-92	-57.5
Government	37	30	94	7	23.3	-57	-60.6
Unclassified	174	165	188	9	5.5	-14	-7.4

Source: Unemployment Insurance claims database.

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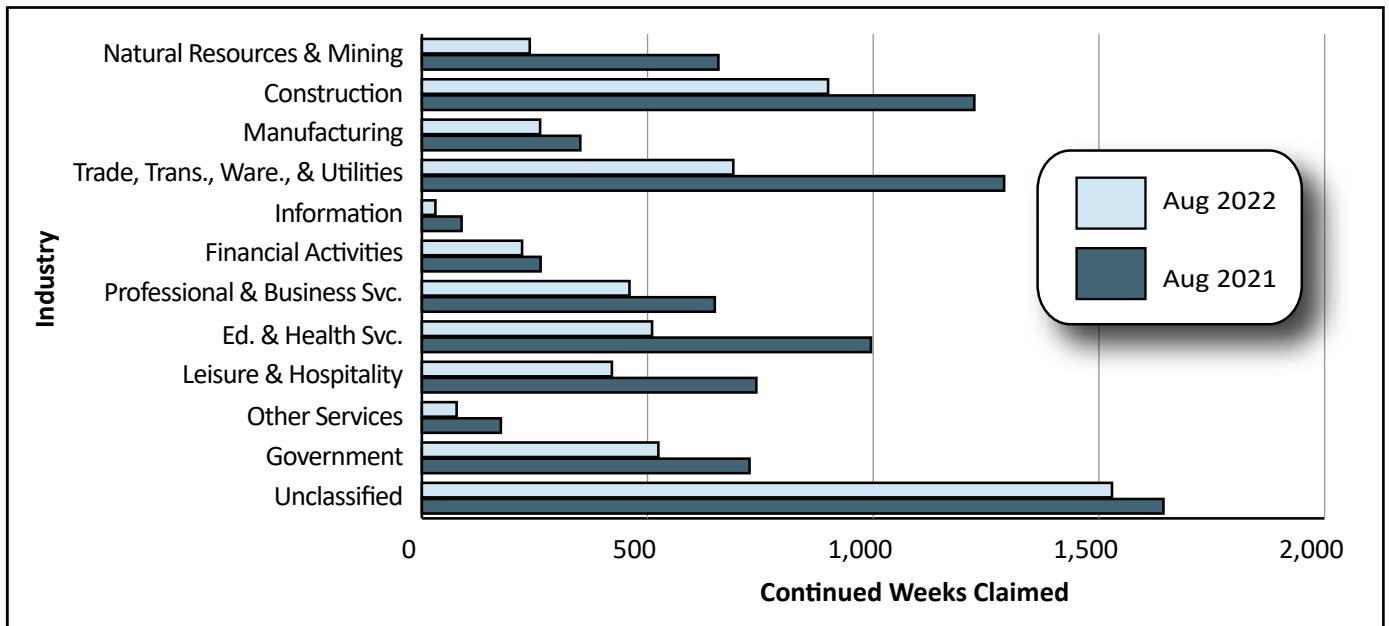


Figure 5: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, August 2021 and August 2022

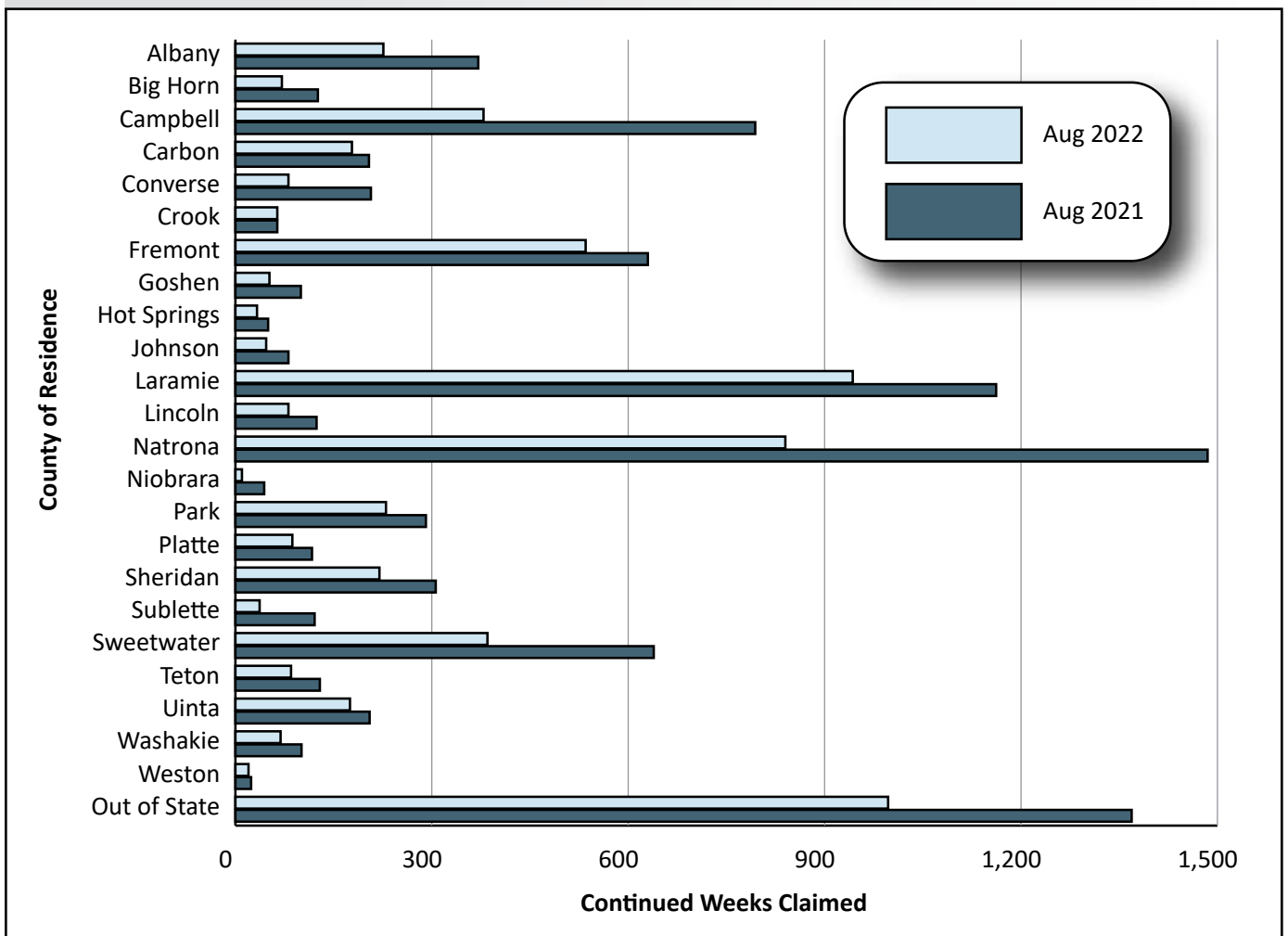


Figure 6: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence in Wyoming, August 2021 and August 2022

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

County	Aug 2022	Aug 2021	Change	
			N	%
Albany	43	35	8	22.9
Big Horn	7	14	-7	-50.0
Campbell	75	111	-36	-32.4
Carbon	31	32	-1	-3.1
Converse	14	31	-17	-54.8
Crook	32	3	29	966.7
Fremont	41	61	-20	-32.8
Goshen	6	15	-9	-60.0
Hot Springs	6	3	3	100.0
Johnson	6	7	-1	-14.3
Laramie	179	202	-23	-11.4
Lincoln	18	18	0	0.0
Natrona	160	230	-70	-30.4
Niobrara	0	4	-4	-100.0
Park	32	53	-21	-39.6
Platte	15	27	-12	-44.4
Sheridan	32	67	-35	-52.2
Sublette	6	17	-11	-64.7
Sweetwater	60	81	-21	-25.9
Teton	13	28	-15	-53.6
Uinta	25	48	-23	-47.9
Washakie	8	15	-7	-46.7
Weston	N/D	8	N/D	N/D
Unknown	N/D	6	N/D	N/D
Out of State	156	158	-2	-1.3
Total	980	1,282	-302	-23.6

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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, August 2021 and August 2022

County	Aug 2022	Aug 2021	Change	
			N	%
Albany	226	371	-145	-39.1
Big Horn	71	126	-55	-43.7
Campbell	379	794	-415	-52.3
Carbon	178	204	-26	-12.7
Converse	81	207	-126	-60.9
Crook	64	64	0	0.0
Fremont	535	630	-95	-15.1
Goshen	52	100	-48	-48.0
Hot Springs	33	50	-17	-34.0
Johnson	47	81	-34	-42.0
Laramie	943	1,162	-219	-18.8
Lincoln	81	124	-43	-34.7
Natrona	840	1,485	-645	-43.4
Niobrara	10	44	-34	-77.3
Park	230	291	-61	-21.0
Platte	87	117	-30	-25.6
Sheridan	220	306	-86	-28.1
Sublette	37	121	-84	-69.4
Sweetwater	385	639	-254	-39.7
Teton	85	129	-44	-34.1
Uinta	175	205	-30	-14.6
Washakie	69	101	-32	-31.7
Weston	20	24	-4	-16.7
Unknown	14	49	-35	-71.4
Out of State	997	1,369	-372	-27.2
Normalized Total^a	5,870	8,807	-2,937	-33.3

^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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