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Initial and Continued Claims in Mining Down from July

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Both initial and continued Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims (see Definitions, page 9) decreased from July to August. Initial claims increased by just eight claims over the year, while continued claims increased compared to August 2023.

Initial Claims

There were 899 initial claims in August 2024, up slightly (8, or 0.9%) from August 2023. August is usually the month with the fewest initial claims (see Figure 1), as employment picks up in industries such as construction and leisure & hospitality.

The industries with the largest numbers of initial claims included construction (187); trade, transportation, & utilities (159); professional & business services (130); and leisure & hospitality

UI Claims Online

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(115). Manufacturing decreased the most over the year with 22 fewer claims, followed by trade, transportation, & utilities with 20 fewer claims. Professional & business services increased the most with 21 more claims over the year, followed by leisure & hospitality (17) and education & health services (15; see Figure 3, page 6).

During recent months, initial claims in natural resources & mining increased substantially from the prior year. But in August, initial claims in this industry were virtually unchanged over the year. This could be due to an increase in the

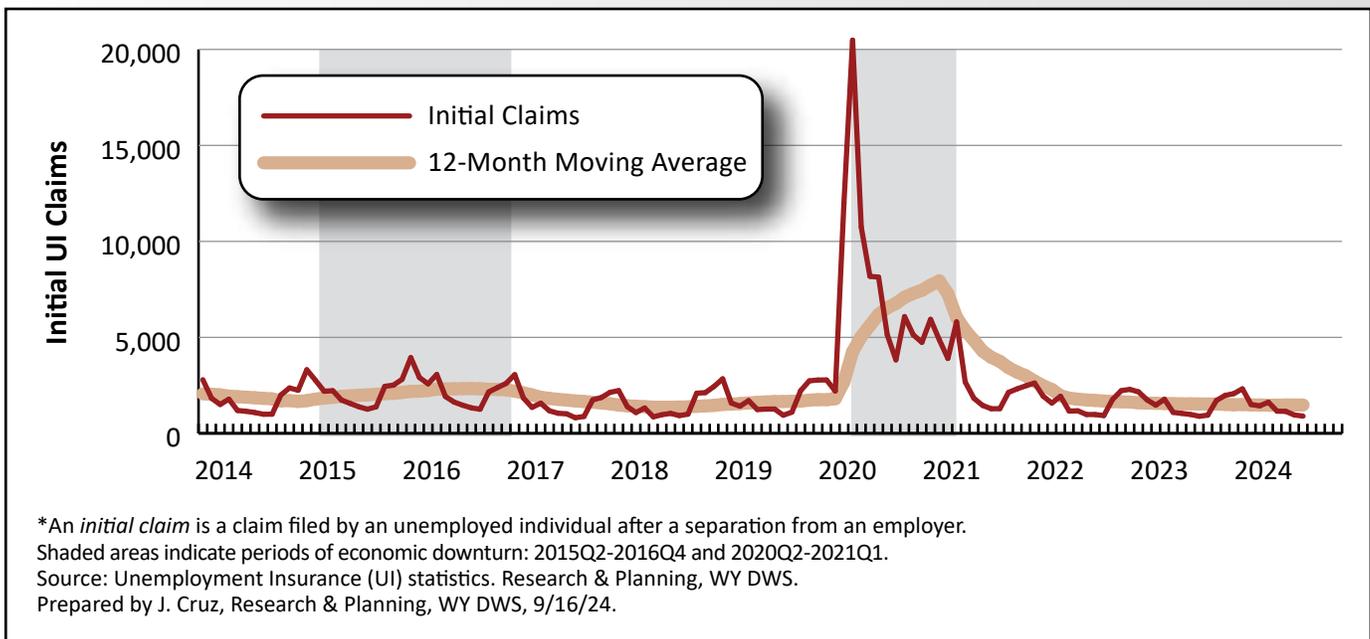


Figure 1: Total Number of Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by Year and Month, January 2014 to August 2024

Baker Hughes rig count for Wyoming, which increased to 14 rigs after remaining stagnant at 11 for several months.

Laramie County had the most initial claims with 177, followed by Natrona (143), Sweetwater (58), and Fremont (51) counties (see Figure 4, page 6, and Table 3, page 9). In addition, there were 120 out-of-state claimants.

Continued Claims

The total number of continued weeks claimed followed their normal seasonal pattern and decreased over the month by 6.2% (see Figure 2).

The total number of continued weeks claimed increased from 6,139 in August 2023 to 6,485 in August 2024 (346, or 5.6%; see Table 2, page 7). The total number of unique claimants increased from 1,842 to 2,279 (437, or 23.7%) over the year, and increased by 13.6% over the month.

The industries with the most continued weeks claimed included trade, transportation, & utilities (1,158); construction (1,030); education & health services (890); and professional & business services (798). Construction showed a considerable over-the-year decrease in continued claims (-136, or -11.7%; see Figure 5, page 8). Several industries showed over-the-year increases in continued weeks claimed, led by natural resources & mining (224, or 67.5%).

While continued claims in mining remain unusually low, it is worth noting that Wyoming’s mining sector has seen a steady over-the-year increase in continued claims over the last seventeen months.

Laramie County had the most continued claims with 1,082, followed by Natrona (1,007), Sweetwater (508), and Campbell (499) counties (see Figure 6, page 8, and Table 4, page 9). There were 912 out-of-state continued claims as well.

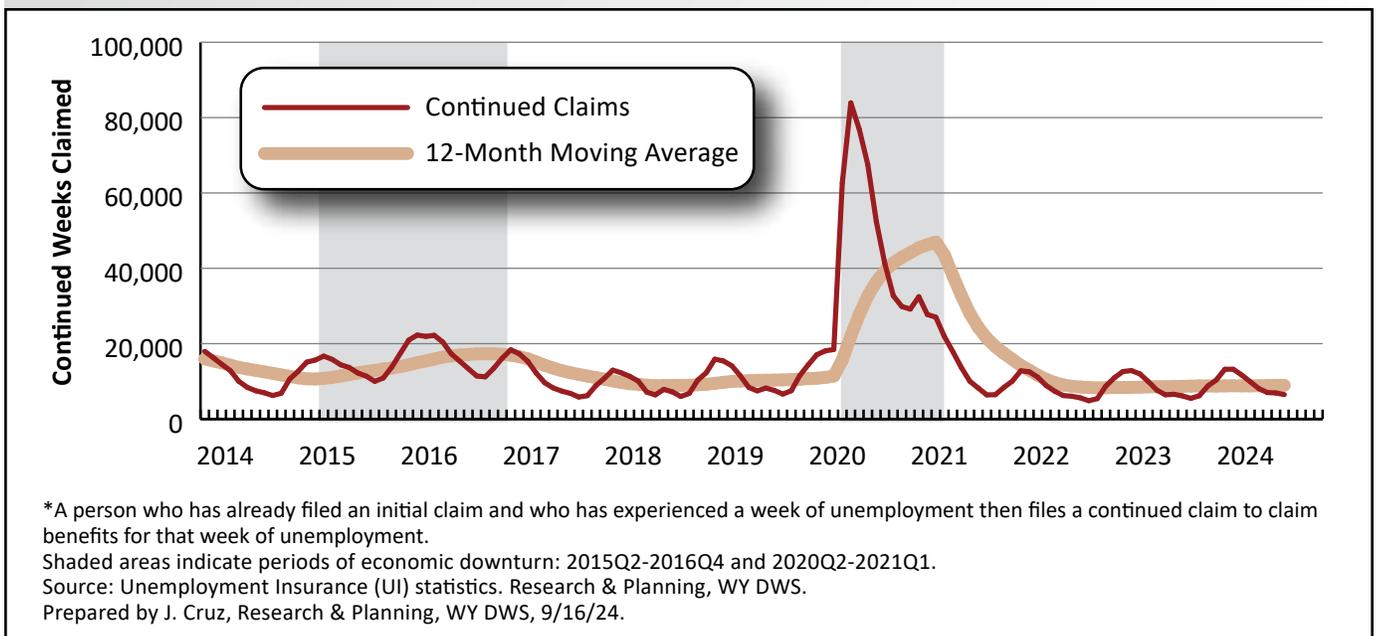


Figure 2: Total Number of Unemployment Insurance Continued Weeks Claimed for Wyoming by Year and Month, January 2014 to August 2024

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

Industry	Initial Claims Filed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Aug 2024	Jul 2024	Aug 2023	N	%	N	%
Total Claims Filed	899	956	891	-57	-6.0	8	0.9
Goods-Producing	264	271	268	-7	-2.6	-4	-1.5
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	47	83	45	-36	-43.4	2	4.4
Mining (21)	43	77	43	-34	-44.2	0	0.0
Construction (23)	187	137	171	50	36.5	16	9.4
Manufacturing (31-33)	29	50	51	-21	-42.0	-22	-43.1
Service-Providing	556	583	546	-27	-4.6	10	1.8
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	159	196	179	-37	-18.9	-20	-11.2
Wholesale Trade (42)	29	32	24	-3	-9.4	5	20.8
Retail Trade (44-45)	90	114	96	-24	-21.1	-6	-6.3
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	38	50	58	-12	-24.0	-20	-34.5
Information (51)	8	12	18	-4	-33.3	-10	-55.6
Financial Activities (52-53)	29	28	38	1	3.6	-9	-23.7
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	130	120	109	10	8.3	21	19.3
Education & Health Services (61-62)	93	96	78	-3	-3.1	15	19.2
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	115	102	98	13	12.7	17	17.3
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	19	26	24	-7	-26.9	-5	-20.8
Government	55	79	61	-24	-30.4	-6	-9.8
Federal Government	8	9	6	-1	-11.1	2	33.3
State Government	9	9	12	0	0.0	-3	-25.0
Local Government	36	60	43	-24	-40.0	-7	-16.3
Local Education	10	12	7	-2	-16.7	3	42.9
Unclassified	23	21	15	2	9.5	8	53.3
Laramie County							
Total Claims Filed	177	164	180	13	7.9	-3	-1.7
Goods-Producing	42	20	41	22	110.0	1	2.4
Construction	32	9	29	23	255.6	3	10.3
Service-Providing	123	123	127	0	0.0	-4	-3.1
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	30	36	35	-6	-16.7	-5	-14.3
Financial Activities (52, 53)	9	4	6	5	125.0	3	50.0
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	45	46	41	-1	-2.2	4	9.8
Educational & Health Services (61-62)	17	16	12	1	6.3	5	41.7
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	16	12	18	4	33.3	-2	-11.1
Government	10	15	6	-5	-33.3	4	66.7
Natrona County							
Total Claims Filed	143	141	158	2	1.4	-15	-9.5
Goods-Producing	41	34	47	7	20.6	-6	-12.8
Construction	27	14	24	13	92.9	3	12.5
Service-Providing	94	101	100	-7	-6.9	-6	-6.0
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	31	35	25	-4	-11.4	6	24.0
Financial Activities (52, 53)	6	9	6	-3	-33.3	0	0.0
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	18	11	15	7	63.6	3	20.0
Educational & Health Services (61-62)	15	19	23	-4	-21.1	-8	-34.8
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	16	19	23	-3	-15.8	-7	-30.4
Government	5	3	6	2	66.7	-1	-16.7

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Source: Unemployment Insurance claims database.

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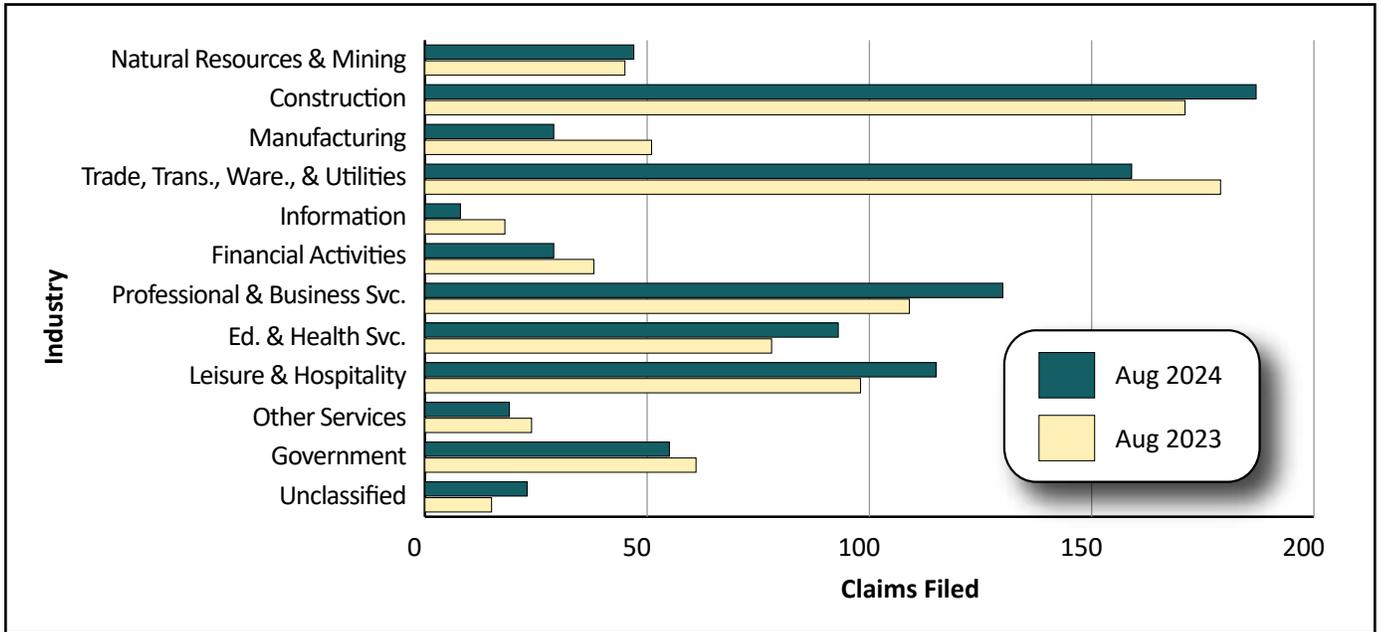


Figure 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, August 2023 and August 2024

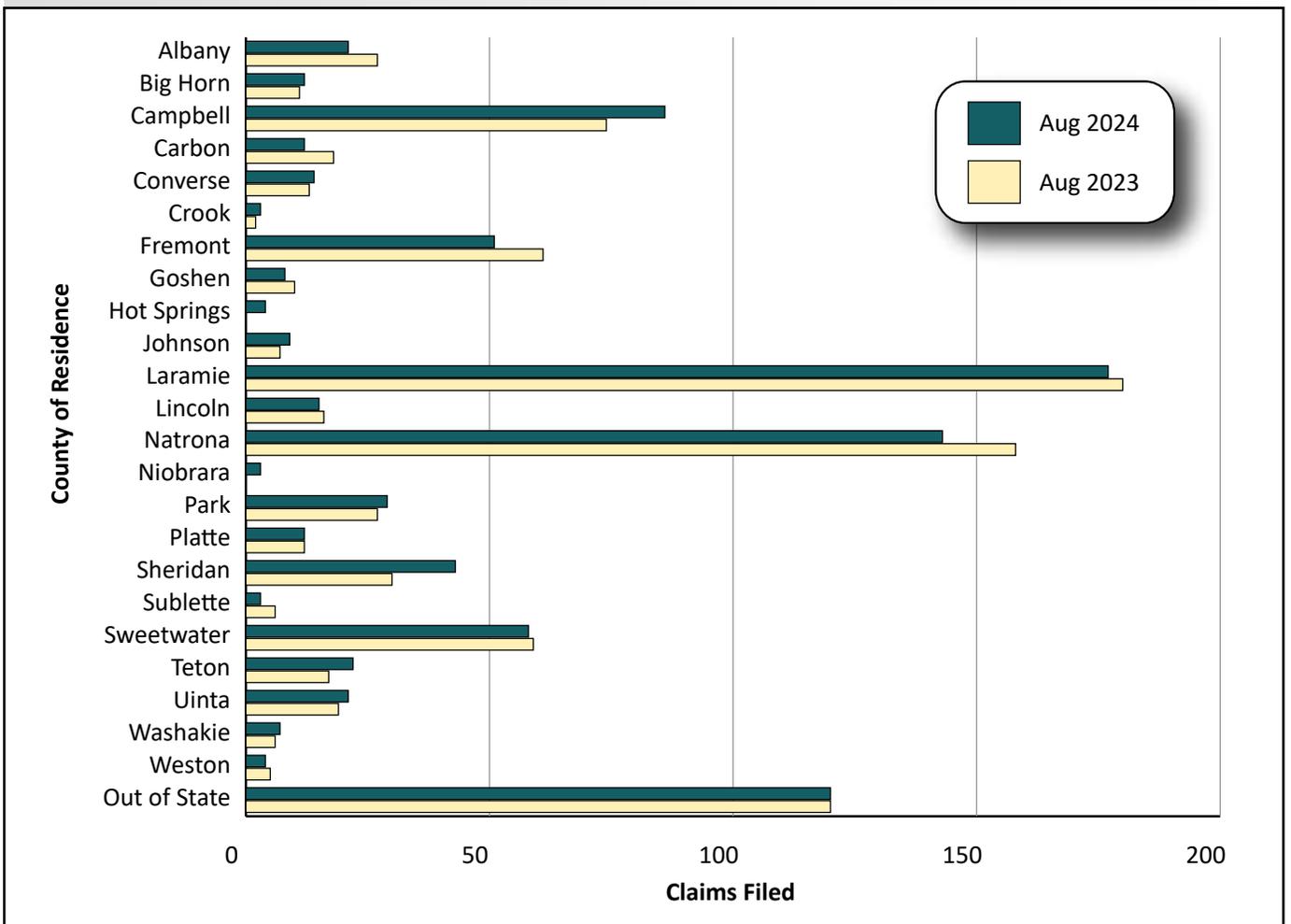


Figure 4: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, August 2023 and August 2024

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

Industry	Continued Weeks Claimed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Aug 2024	Jul 2024	Aug 2023	N	%	N	%
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	6,485	6,916	6,139	-431	-6.2	346	5.6
Total Unique Claimants	2,279	2,007	1,842	272	13.6	437	23.7
Goods-Producing	1,926	2,146	1,836	-220	-10.3	90	4.9
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	556	714	332	-158	-22.1	224	67.5
Mining (21)	513	670	322	-157	-23.4	191	59.3
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	40	57	18	-17	-29.8	22	122.2
Construction (23)	1,030	1,136	1,166	-106	-9.3	-136	-11.7
Manufacturing (31-33)	339	296	337	43	14.5	2	0.6
Service-Providing	4,010	4,187	3,794	-177	-4.2	216	5.7
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	1,158	1,131	1,143	27	2.4	15	1.3
Wholesale Trade (42)	206	192	193	14	7.3	13	6.7
Retail Trade (44-45)	648	651	585	-3	-0.5	63	10.8
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	303	288	364	15	5.2	-61	-16.8
Information (51)	93	103	109	-10	-9.7	-16	-14.7
Financial Activities (52-53)	248	236	281	12	5.1	-33	-11.7
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	798	808	723	-10	-1.2	75	10.4
Education & Health Services (61-62)	890	1,041	885	-151	-14.5	5	0.6
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	658	693	501	-35	-5.1	157	31.3
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	162	172	149	-10	-5.8	13	8.7
Government	478	499	395	-21	-4.2	83	21.0
Federal Government	33	51	19	-18	-35.3	14	73.7
State Government	75	70	77	5	7.1	-2	-2.6
Local Government	369	378	297	-9	-2.4	72	24.2
Local Education	74	90	77	-16	-17.8	-3	-3.9
Unclassified	69	82	112	-13	-15.9	-43	-38.4
Laramie County							
Total Claims Filed	1,082	1,149	1,087	-67	-5.8	-5	-0.5
Total Unique Claimants	385	328	316	57	17.4	69	21.8
Goods-Producing	179	226	174	-47	-20.8	5	2.9
Construction	115	160	113	-45	-28.1	2	1.8
Service-Providing	784	812	832	-28	-3.4	-48	-5.8
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	243	231	251	12	5.2	-8	-3.2
Financial Activities (52, 53)	62	56	58	6	10.7	4	6.9
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	222	249	237	-27	-10.8	-15	-6.3
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	132	125	168	7	5.6	-36	-21.4
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	82	89	53	-7	-7.9	29	54.7
Government	95	78	56	17	21.8	39	69.6
Unclassified	22	32	24	-10	-31.3	-2	-8.3
Natrona County							
Total Claims Filed	1,007	1,073	904	-66	-6.2	103	11.4
Total Unique Claimants	349	313	279	36	11.5	70	25.1
Goods-Producing	266	309	219	-43	-13.9	47	21.5
Construction	102	94	121	8	8.5	-19	-15.7
Service-Providing	683	713	639	-30	-4.2	44	6.9
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	194	200	216	-6	-3.0	-22	-10.2
Financial Activities (52, 53)	62	64	64	-2	-3.1	-2	-3.1
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	101	93	78	8	8.6	23	29.5
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	185	228	148	-43	-18.9	37	25.0
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	87	77	102	10	13.0	-15	-14.7
Government	51	50	23	1	2.0	28	121.7
Unclassified	6	0	21	6	N/A	-15	-71.4

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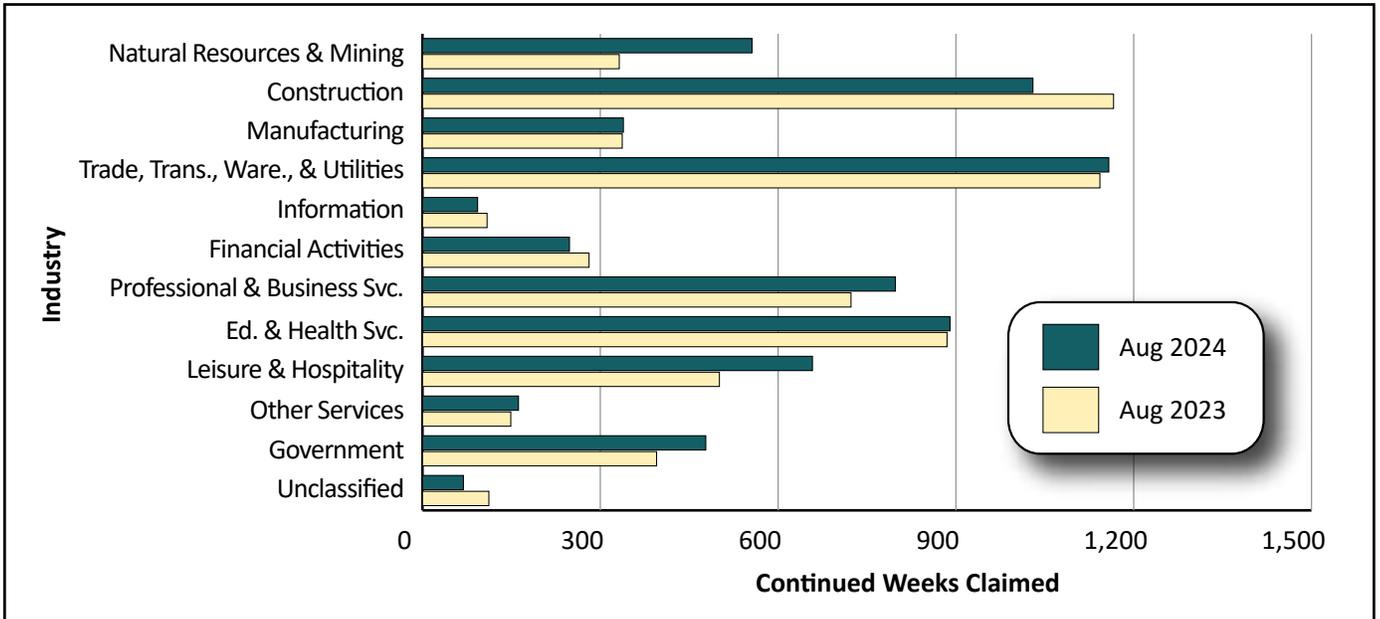


Figure 5: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, August 2023 and August 2024

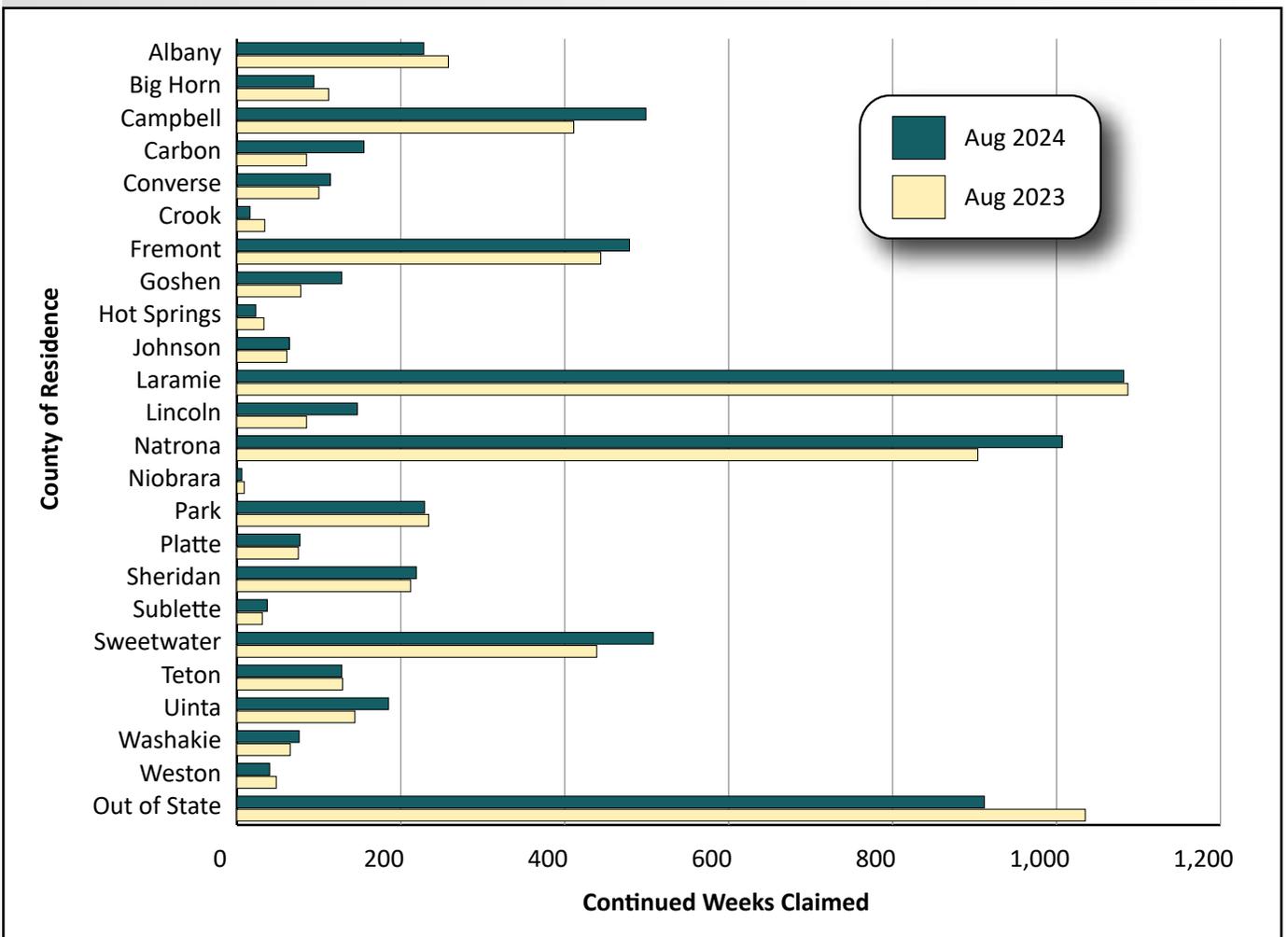


Figure 6: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence in Wyoming, August 2023 and August 2024

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

County	Aug 2024	Aug 2023	Change	
			N	%
Albany	21	27	-6	-22.2
Big Horn	12	11	1	9.1
Campbell	86	74	12	16.2
Carbon	12	18	-6	-33.3
Converse	14	13	1	7.7
Crook	3	N/D	N/D	N/D
Fremont	51	61	-10	-16.4
Goshen	8	10	-2	-20.0
Hot Springs	4	0	4	N/A
Johnson	9	7	2	28.6
Laramie	177	180	-3	-1.7
Lincoln	15	16	-1	-6.3
Natrona	143	158	-15	-9.5
Niobrara	3	0	3	N/A
Park	29	27	2	7.4
Platte	12	12	0	0.0
Sheridan	43	30	13	43.3
Sublette	3	6	-3	-50.0
Sweetwater	58	59	-1	-1.7
Teton	22	17	5	29.4
Uinta	21	19	2	10.5
Washakie	7	6	1	16.7
Weston	4	5	-1	-20.0
Unknown	9	N/D	N/D	N/D
Out of State	120	120	0	0.0
Total	899	891	8	0.9

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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 2023 and August 2024

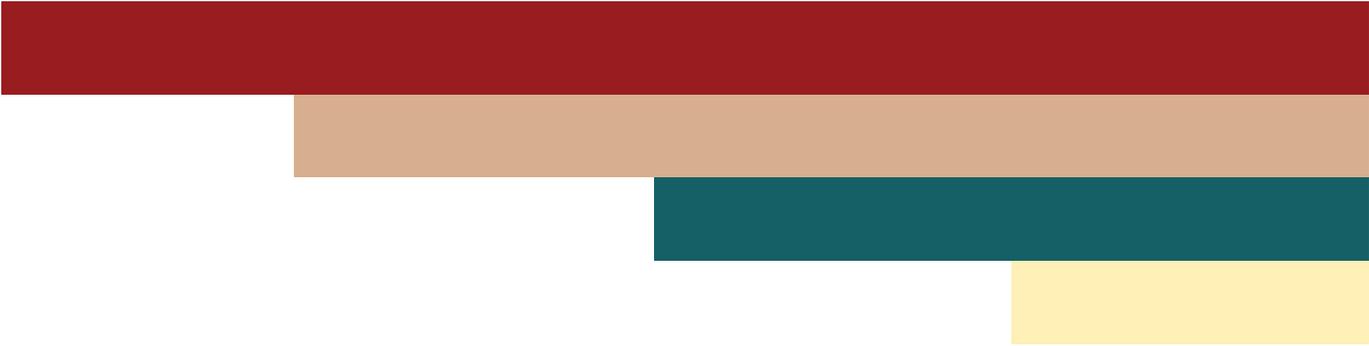
County	Aug 2024	Aug 2023	Change	
			N	%
Albany	228	258	-30	-11.6
Big Horn	94	112	-18	-16.1
Campbell	499	411	88	21.4
Carbon	155	85	70	82.4
Converse	114	100	14	14.0
Crook	16	34	-18	-52.9
Fremont	479	444	35	7.9
Goshen	128	78	50	64.1
Hot Springs	23	33	-10	-30.3
Johnson	64	61	3	4.9
Laramie	1,082	1,087	-5	-0.5
Lincoln	147	85	62	72.9
Natrona	1,007	904	103	11.4
Niobrara	6	9	-3	-33.3
Park	229	234	-5	-2.1
Platte	77	75	2	2.7
Sheridan	219	212	7	3.3
Sublette	37	31	6	19.4
Sweetwater	508	439	69	15.7
Teton	128	129	-1	-0.8
Uinta	185	144	41	28.5
Washakie	76	65	11	16.9
Weston	40	48	-8	-16.7
Unknown	18	14	4	28.6
Out of State	912	1,035	-123	-11.9
Normalized Total^a	6,485	6,139	346	5.6

^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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