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Double-Digit Percentage Increases in UI Claims

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Initial and continued Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims in Wyoming (see Definitions, page 9) continued to increase from prior-year levels in August 2025 (see Figure 1 below and Figure 2, page 4). The recent increase is due in part to relatively low claims levels in the years since the Covid-19 pandemic, and the growth in recent years of jobs in industries with seasonal and temporary employment, such as construction, leisure & hospitality, and professional & business services.

Initial Claims

There were 1,091 initial claims in August 2025, up 192 (or 21.4%) from August 2024. August 2025 marked the second largest numerical increase and the largest

percentage increase in initial claims since the pandemic. The last time Wyoming had a larger over-the-year percentage increase in initial claims was in January 2021, during the height of the pandemic.

The industries with the largest numbers of initial claims included construction (234); trade, transportation, & utilities (193); professional & business services (152); and leisure & hospitality (109; see Table 1, page 5, and Figure 3, page 6). Construction had the largest over-the-year increase in initial claims (43, or 22.5%), followed by natural resources & mining (38, or 82.6%) and trade, transportation, & utilities (37, or 23.7%).

Not surprisingly, Wyoming's two most

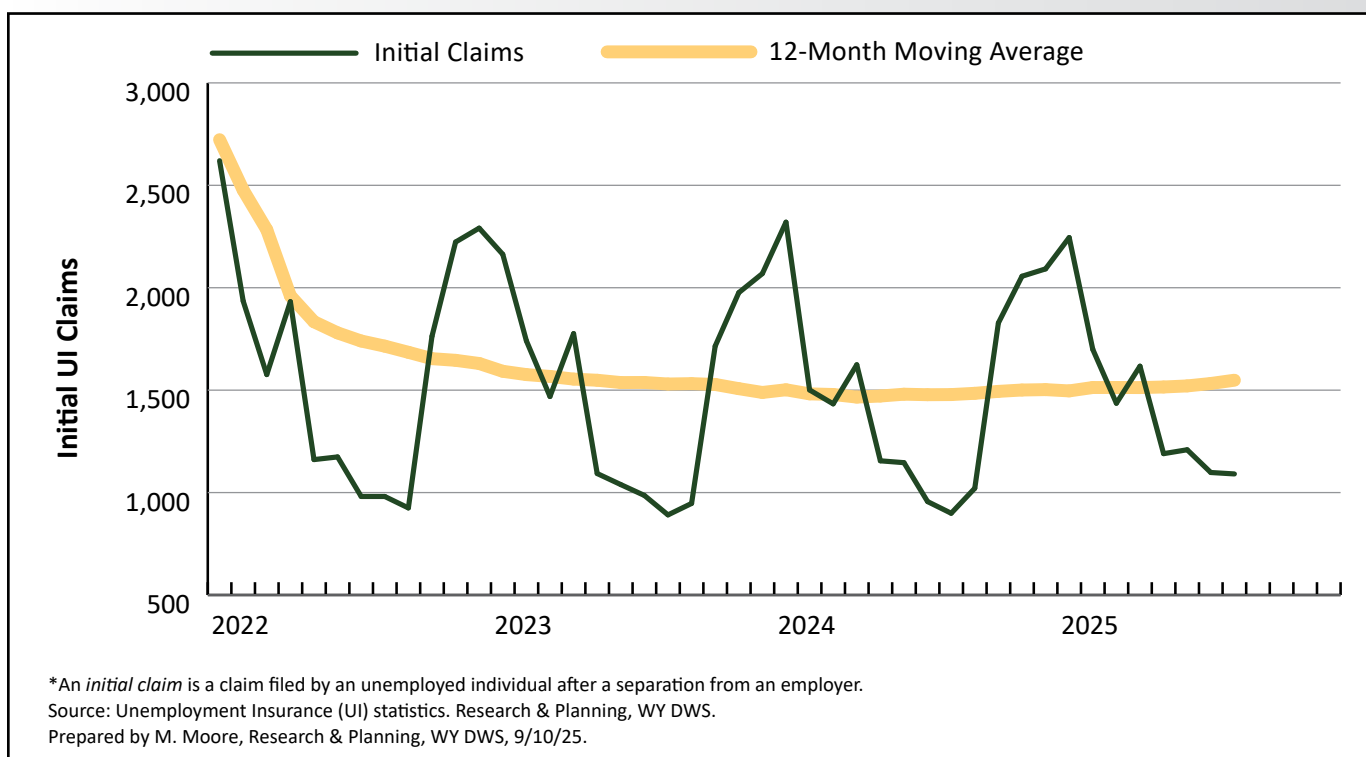


Figure 1: Total Number of Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims in Wyoming, January 2022 to August 2025

populous counties had the largest numbers of initial claims: Laramie (212) and Natrona (177). There were 140 initial claims from out-of-state workers, and 102 from Campbell County (see Figure 4, page 6, and Table 3, page 9).

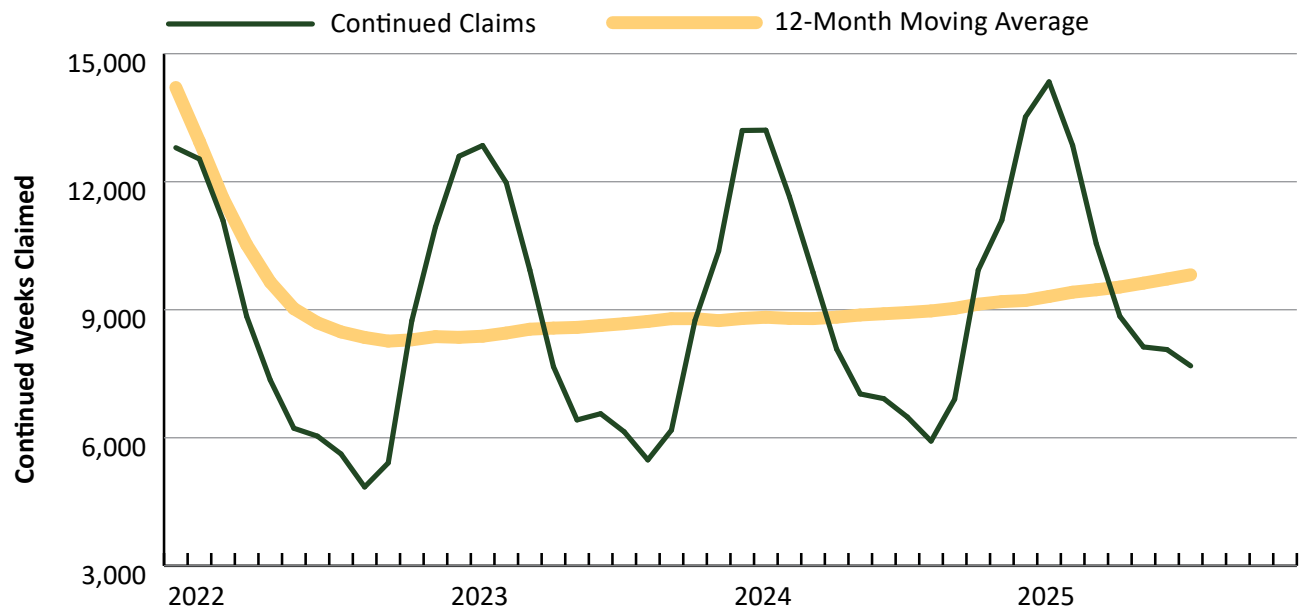
Continued Claims

The total number of continued weeks claimed increased from 6,485 in August 2024 to 7,685 in August 2025 (1,200, or 18.5%). The number of unique claimants increased from 2,279 to 2,631 (352, or 15.4%). The increase of 1,200 continued weeks claimed was tied with March 2025 as the greatest over-the-year numerical increase since the pandemic. The 21.4% increase was the largest over-the-year increase since January 2021.

The industries with the largest numbers of continued weeks claimed included

construction (1,497); trade, transportation, & utilities (1,192); professional & business services (1,085); and education & health services (960; see Table 2, page 7, and Figure 5, page 8). The greatest over-the-year increases in continued claims were seen in construction (456, or 43.8%), professional & business services (283, or 35.3%), natural resources & mining (112, or 20.7%), and manufacturing (110, or 33.1%).

Out-of-state workers accounted for 1,329 continued weeks claimed, more than any single county (see Figure 6, page 8, and Table 4, page 9). The counties with the largest numbers of continued weeks claimed were Laramie (1,143), Natrona (1,100), Sweetwater (630), Campbell (549), and Fremont (502). The greatest over-the-year increase was seen in out-of-state claimants (417, or 45.7%), followed by Sweetwater (122, or 24.0%) and Uinta (101, or 54.6%) counties.



*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.

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, January 2022 to August 2025

Table 1: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims in Wyoming, August 2025

Industry	Initial Claims Filed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Aug 2025	Jul 2025	Aug 2024	N	%	N	%
Total Claims Filed	1,091	1,098	899	-7	-0.6	192	21.4
Goods-Producing	381	422	267	-41	-9.7	114	42.7
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	84	96	46	-12	-12.5	38	82.6
Mining (21)	83	95	42	-12	-12.6	41	97.6
Construction (23)	234	273	191	-39	-14.3	43	22.5
Manufacturing (31-33)	61	51	29	10	19.6	32	110.3
Service-Providing	627	580	560	47	8.1	67	12.0
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	193	168	156	25	14.9	37	23.7
Wholesale Trade (42)	41	29	30	12	41.4	11	36.7
Retail Trade (44-45)	82	93	86	-11	-11.8	-4	-4.7
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	70	45	40	25	55.6	30	75.0
Information (51)	22	12	9	10	83.3	13	144.4
Financial Activities (52-53)	35	30	29	5	16.7	6	20.7
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	152	122	133	30	24.6	19	14.3
Education & Health Services (61-62)	86	117	90	-31	-26.5	-4	-4.4
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	109	98	121	11	11.2	-12	-9.9
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	27	29	19	-2	-6.9	8	42.1
Government	58	72	55	-14	-19.4	3	5.5
Federal Government	9	12	8	-3	-25.0	1	12.5
State Government	11	8	9	3	37.5	2	22.2
Local Government	36	51	36	-15	-29.4	0	0.0
Local Education	10	19	10	-9	-47.4	0	0.0
Unclassified	23	23	16	0	0.0	7	43.8
Laramie County							
Total Claims Filed	212	178	177	34	19.1	35	19.8
Goods-Producing	56	48	41	8	16.7	15	36.6
Construction	43	40	31	3	7.5	12	38.7
Service-Providing	146	115	124	31	27.0	22	17.7
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	37	33	29	4	12.1	8	27.6
Financial Activities (52, 53)	7	6	9	1	16.7	-2	-22.2
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	64	32	46	32	100.0	18	39.1
Educational & Health Services (61-62)	14	23	17	-9	-39.1	-3	-17.6
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	14	11	17	3	27.3	-3	-17.6
Government	7	11	10	-4	-36.4	-3	-30.0
Natrona County							
Total Claims Filed	177	169	143	8	4.7	34	23.8
Goods-Producing	69	53	41	16	30.2	28	68.3
Construction	46	31	27	15	48.4	19	70.4
Service-Providing	99	106	94	-7	-6.6	5	5.3
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	29	39	30	-10	-25.6	-1	-3.3
Financial Activities (52, 53)	9	4	6	5	125.0	3	50.0
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	12	20	18	-8	-40.0	-6	-33.3
Educational & Health Services (61-62)	16	14	15	2	14.3	1	6.7
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	20	15	16	5	33.3	4	25.0
Government	5	5	5	0	0.0	0	0.0

Source: Unemployment Insurance claims database.
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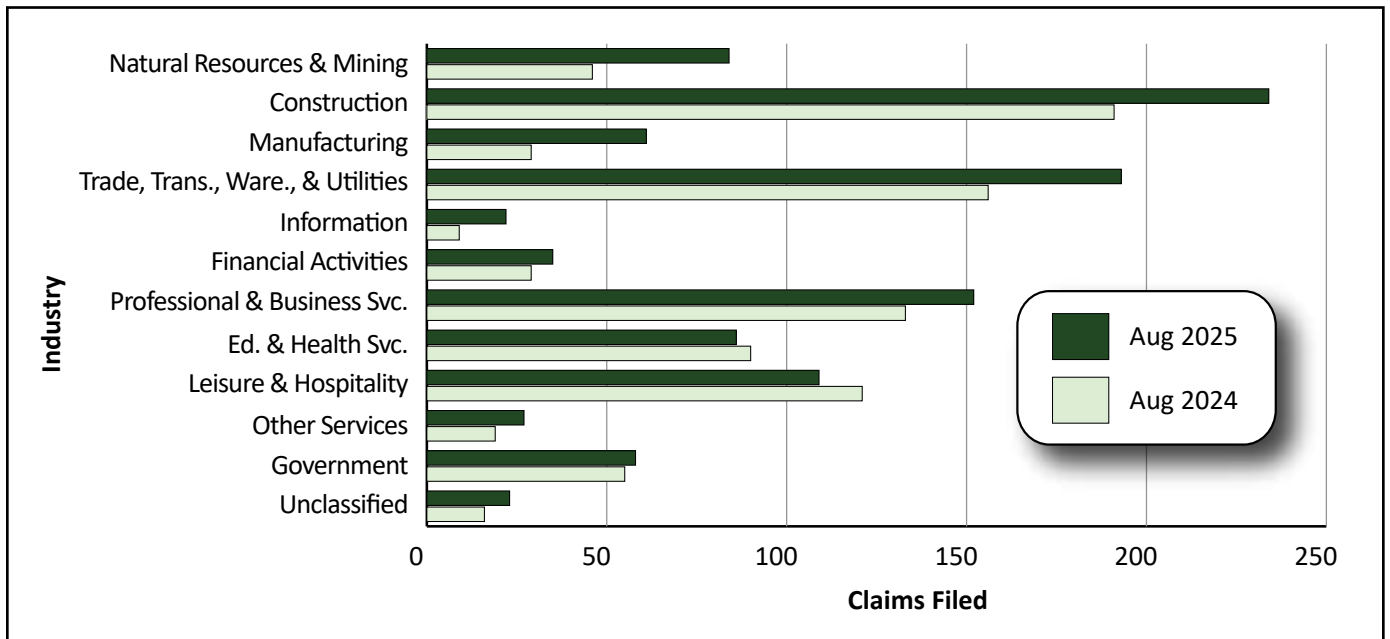


Figure 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, August 2024 and August 2025

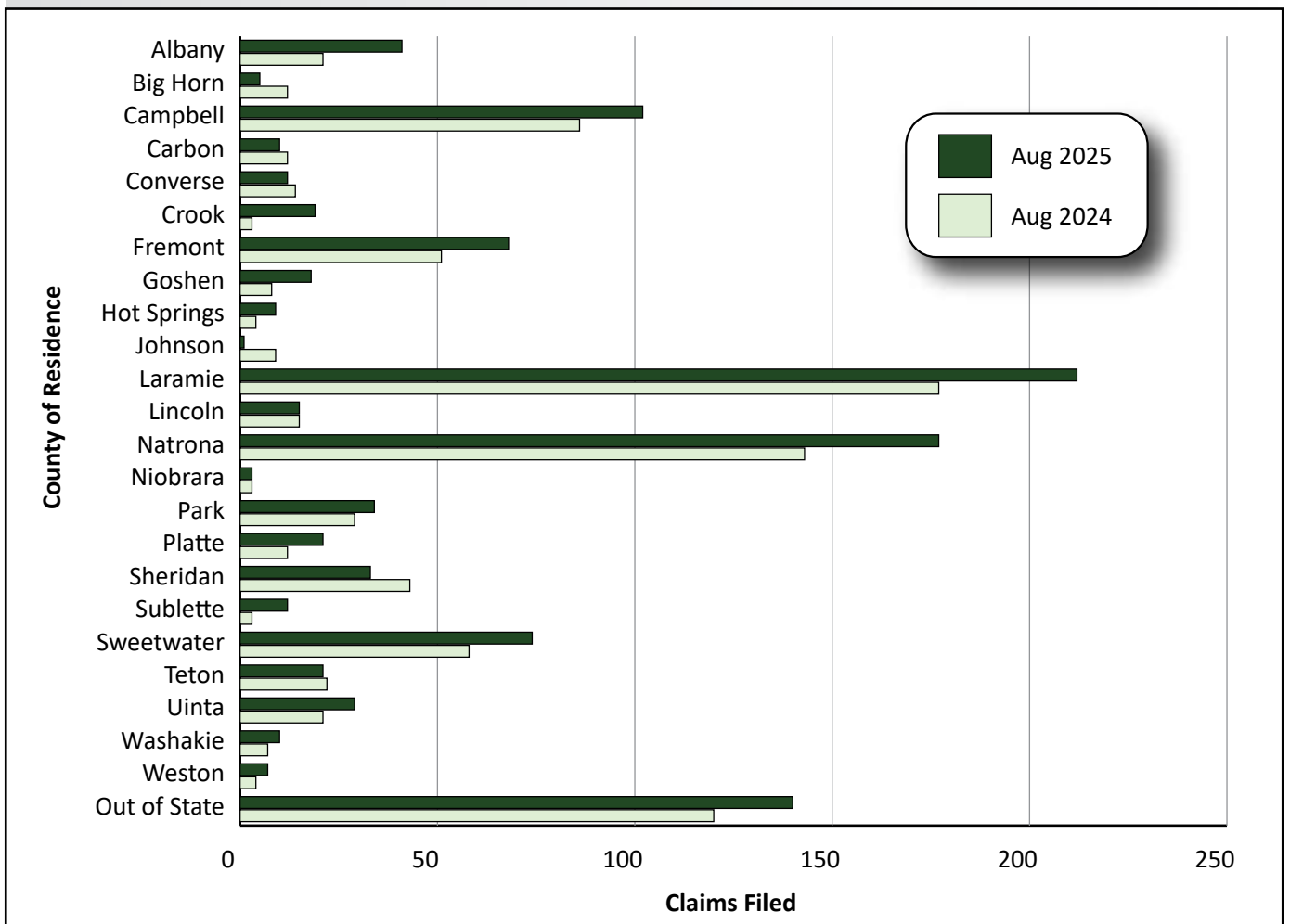


Figure 4: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, August 2024 and August 2025

Table 2: Unemployment Insurance Continued Weeks Claimed in Wyoming, August 2025

Industry	Continued Weeks Claimed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Aug 2025	Jul 2025	Aug 2024	N	%	N	%
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	7,685	8,066	6,485	-381	-4.7	1,200	18.5
Total Unique Claimants	2,631	2,272	2,279	359	15.8	352	15.4
Goods-Producing	2,594	2,680	1,916	-86	-3.2	678	35.4
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	654	652	542	2	0.3	112	20.7
Mining (21)	634	635	499	-1	-0.2	135	27.1
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	47	34	40	13	38.2	7	17.5
Construction (23)	1,497	1,596	1,041	-99	-6.2	456	43.8
Manufacturing (31-33)	442	431	332	11	2.6	110	33.1
Service-Providing	4,465	4,757	4,032	-292	-6.1	433	10.7
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	1,192	1,276	1,156	-84	-6.6	36	3.1
Wholesale Trade (42)	251	255	214	-4	-1.6	37	17.3
Retail Trade (44-45)	550	609	640	-59	-9.7	-90	-14.1
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	390	411	300	-21	-5.1	90	30.0
Information (51)	107	93	93	14	15.1	14	15.1
Financial Activities (52-53)	270	316	253	-46	-14.6	17	6.7
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	1,085	973	802	112	11.5	283	35.3
Education & Health Services (61-62)	960	1,106	894	-146	-13.2	66	7.4
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	654	793	659	-139	-17.5	-5	-0.8
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	193	197	174	-4	-2.0	19	10.9
Government	532	536	478	-4	-0.7	54	11.3
Federal Government	58	54	33	4	7.4	25	75.8
State Government	62	55	75	7	12.7	-13	-17.3
Local Government	411	426	369	-15	-3.5	42	11.4
Local Education	105	122	74	-17	-13.9	31	41.9
Unclassified	93	92	58	1	1.1	35	60.3
Laramie County							
Total Claims Filed	1,143	1,085	1,082	58	5.3	61	5.6
Total Unique Claimants	402	323	385	79	24.5	17	4.4
Goods-Producing	207	182	181	25	13.7	26	14.4
Construction	164	146	117	18	12.3	47	40.2
Service-Providing	837	790	782	47	5.9	55	7.0
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	210	216	245	-6	-2.8	-35	-14.3
Financial Activities (52, 53)	87	89	56	-2	-2.2	31	55.4
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	298	206	228	92	44.7	70	30.7
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	125	128	126	-3	-2.3	-1	-0.8
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	77	100	84	-23	-23.0	-7	-8.3
Government	74	75	95	-1	-1.3	-21	-22.1
Unclassified	22	36	22	-14	-38.9	0	0.0
Natrona County							
Total Claims Filed	1,100	1,090	1,007	10	0.9	93	9.2
Total Unique Claimants	383	312	349	71	22.8	34	9.7
Goods-Producing	302	289	254	13	4.5	48	18.9
Construction	128	123	106	5	4.1	22	20.8
Service-Providing	765	773	694	-8	-1.0	71	10.2
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	278	260	199	18	6.9	79	39.7
Financial Activities (52, 53)	40	49	67	-9	-18.4	-27	-40.3
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	128	126	105	2	1.6	23	21.9
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	135	168	180	-33	-19.6	-45	-25.0
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	94	111	87	-17	-15.3	7	8.0
Government	22	18	51	4	22.2	-29	-56.9
Unclassified	10	9	6	1	11.1	4	66.7

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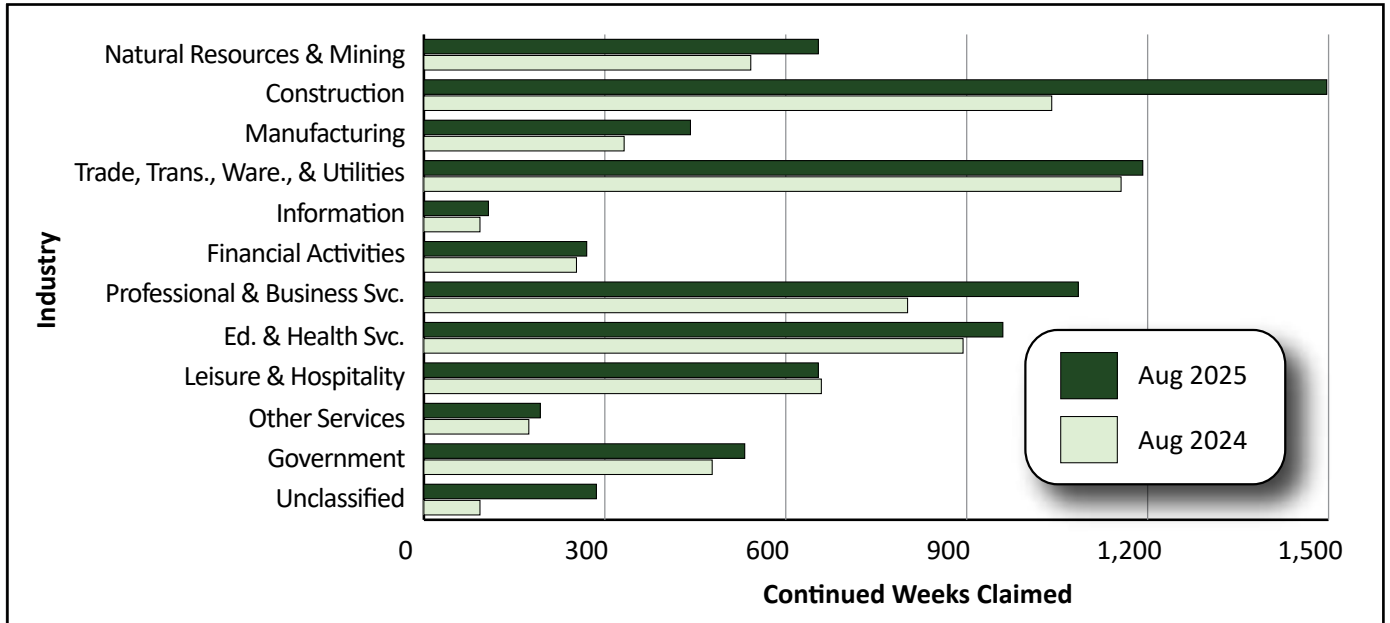


Figure 5: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, August 2024 and August 2025

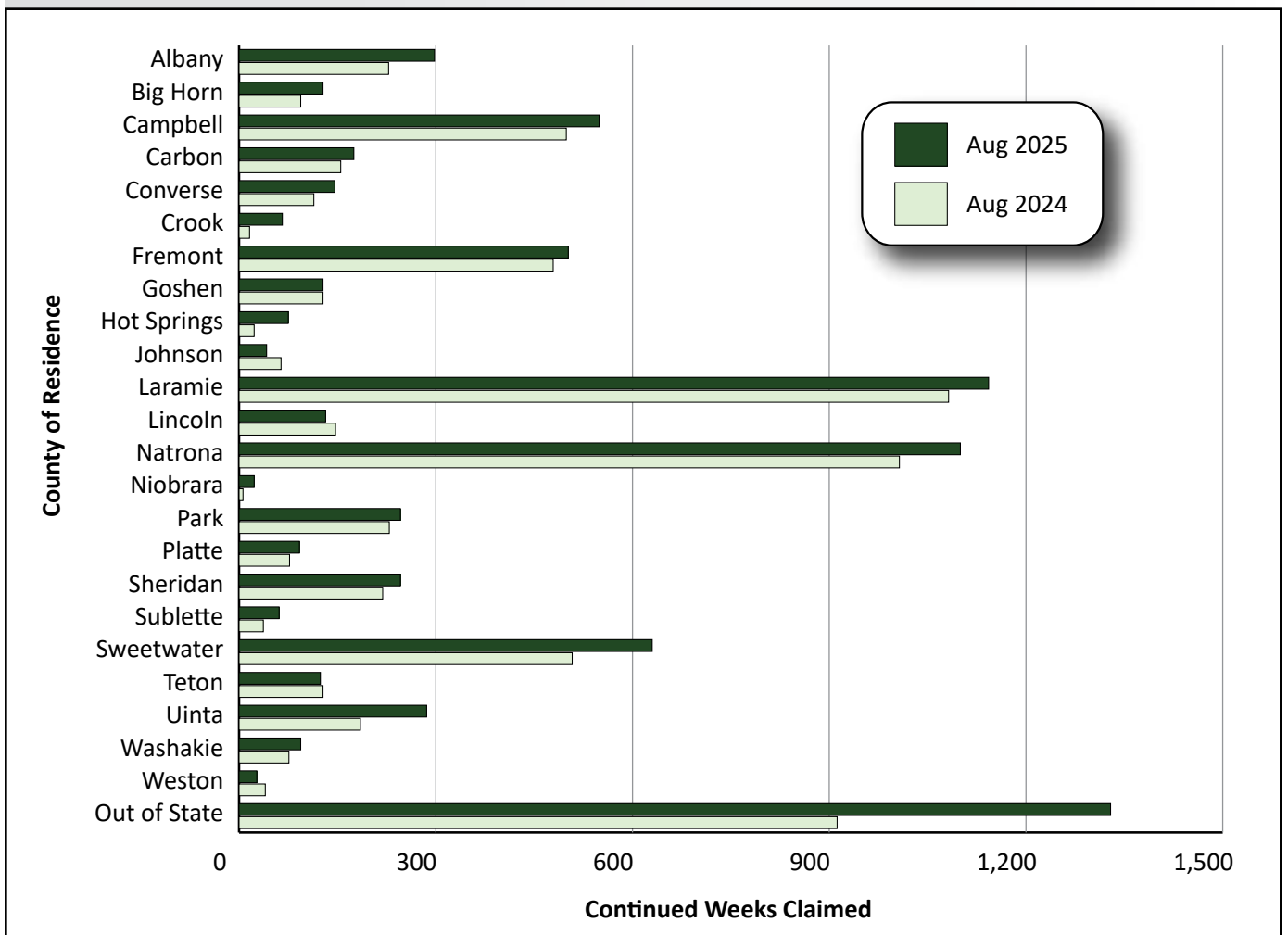


Figure 6: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence in Wyoming, August 2024 and August 2025

Table 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by County of Residence, August 2024 and August 2025

County	Aug 2025	Aug 2024	Change	
			N	%
Albany	41	21	20	95.2
Big Horn	5	12	-7	-58.3
Campbell	102	86	16	18.6
Carbon	10	12	-2	-16.7
Converse	12	14	-2	-14.3
Crook	19	3	16	533.3
Fremont	68	51	17	33.3
Goshen	18	8	10	125.0
Hot Springs	9	4	5	125.0
Johnson	1	9	-8	-88.9
Laramie	212	177	35	19.8
Lincoln	15	15	0	0.0
Natrona	177	143	34	23.8
Niobrara	3	3	0	0.0
Park	34	29	5	17.2
Platte	21	12	9	75.0
Sheridan	33	43	-10	-23.3
Sublette	12	3	9	300.0
Sweetwater	74	58	16	27.6
Teton	21	22	-1	-4.5
Uinta	29	21	8	38.1
Washakie	10	7	3	42.9
Weston	7	4	3	75.0
Unknown	5	9	-4	-44.4
Out of State	140	120	20	16.7
Total	1,091	899	192	21.4

N/D = not discloseable due to confidentiality.

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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 2024 and August 2025

County	Aug 2025	Aug 2024	Change	
			N	%
Albany	298	228	70	30.7
Big Horn	128	94	34	36.2
Campbell	549	499	50	10.0
Carbon	175	155	20	12.9
Converse	146	114	32	28.1
Crook	66	16	50	312.5
Fremont	502	479	23	4.8
Goshen	128	128	0	0.0
Hot Springs	75	23	52	226.1
Johnson	42	64	-22	-34.4
Laramie	1,143	1,082	61	5.6
Lincoln	132	147	-15	-10.2
Natrona	1,100	1,007	93	9.2
Niobrara	23	6	17	283.3
Park	246	229	17	7.4
Platte	92	77	15	19.5
Sheridan	246	219	27	12.3
Sublette	61	37	24	64.9
Sweetwater	630	508	122	24.0
Teton	124	128	-4	-3.1
Uinta	286	185	101	54.6
Washakie	94	76	18	23.7
Weston	27	40	-13	-32.5
Unknown	32	18	14	77.8
Out of State	1,329	912	417	45.7
Normalized Total^a	7,685	6,485	1,200	18.5


^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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