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Continued Claims Drop to Lowest Total in 15 Years

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Initial and continued Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims (see Definitions, page 9) in Wyoming continued to decline to near historic lows in September 2022.

Initial Claims

There were 924 initial claims in September 2022, down from 1,286 in September 2021 (-362, or -28.1%). The 924 claims also were lower than the 1,109 in September 2019, so current initial claims are 16.7% lower than pre-pandemic levels. 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 924 initial claims marked the fourth lowest one-month total since at least 2007.

The industries with the largest numbers of initial claims included construction (191), leisure & hospitality (135), trade, transportation, & utilities (117), and

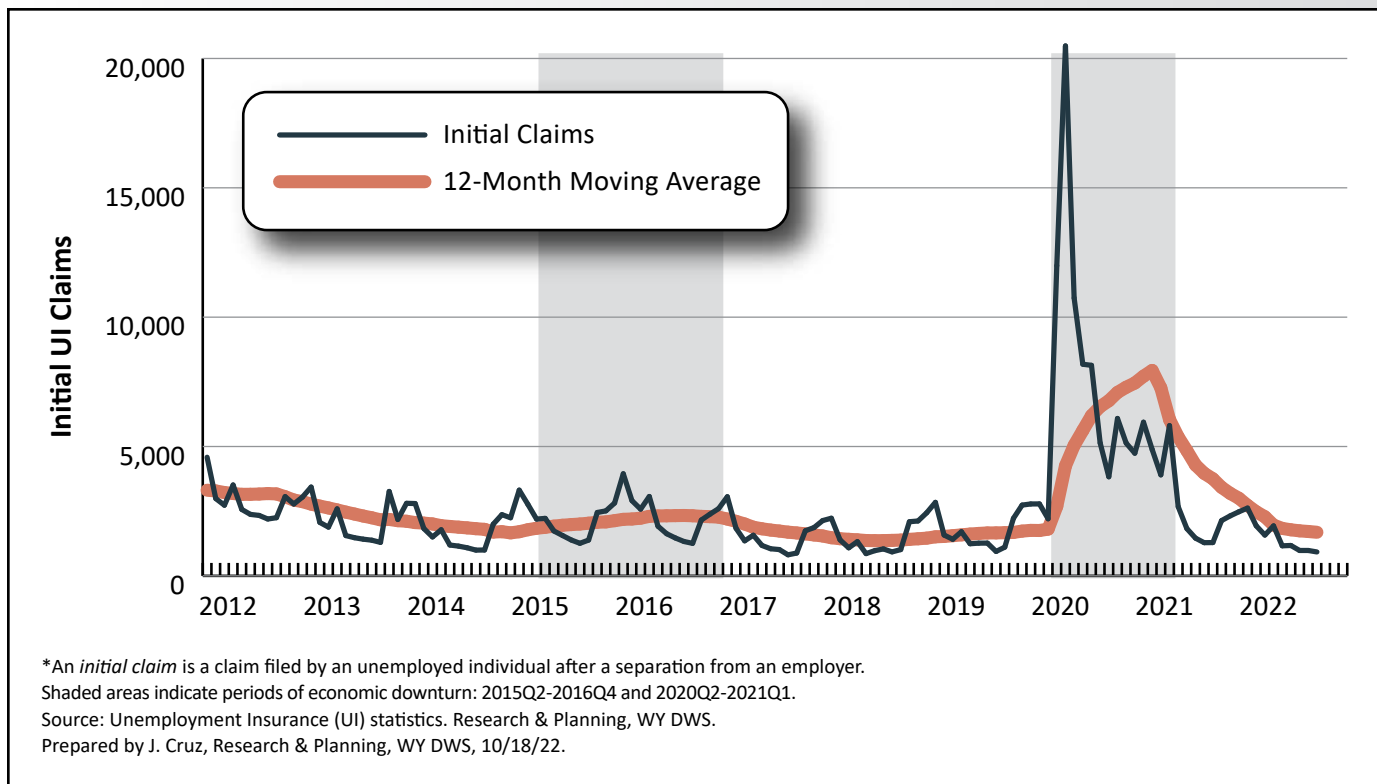


Figure 1: Total Number of Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by Year and Month, January 2012 to September 2022

professional & business services (66; see Table 1, page 5).

Laramie (161), Natrona (130), Campbell (67), Sweetwater (63), and Fremont (53) counties had the largest number of initial claims. In addition, there were 154 initial claims by out-of-state claimants (see Figure 4, page 6, and Table 3, page 9).

Continued Claims

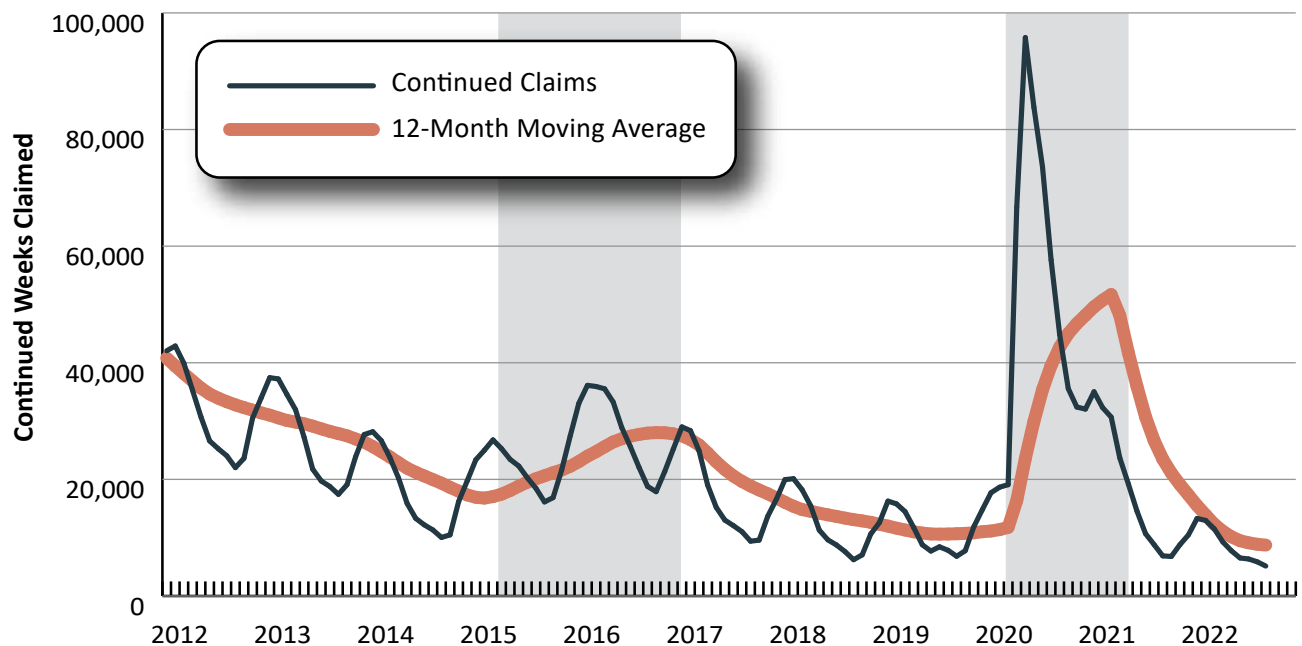
The total number of continued weeks claimed in Wyoming decreased from 6,882 in September 2021 to 5,138 in September 2022 (-1,744, or -25.3%; see Figure 2). The number of unique claimants decreased from 2,105 to 1,767 (-338, or -16.1%; see Table 2, page 7). Wyoming had 6,814 continued weeks claimed in September

2019, so currently they are 24.6% lower compared to pre-pandemic levels.

The 5,138 continued weeks claimed also marked the lowest one-month total dating back to at least 2007.

The industries with the most continued weeks claimed included construction (855), trade, transportation & utilities (658), government (378), and professional & business services (373).

There were more continued weeks claimed for out-of-state claimants (983) than for any single county in Wyoming. The counties with the greatest numbers of continued weeks claimed were Laramie (893), Natrona (795), Sweetwater (387), and Fremont (359).



*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 September 2022

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

Industry	Initial Claims Filed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Sept 2022	Aug 2022	Sept 2021	N	%	N	%
Total Claims Filed	924	981	1,286	-57	-5.8	-362	-28.1
Goods-Producing	255	297	384	-42	-14.1	-129	-33.6
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	43	30	53	13	43.3	-10	-18.9
Mining (21)	40	26	46	14	53.8	-6	-13.0
Construction (23)	191	212	273	-21	-9.9	-82	-30.0
Manufacturing (31-33)	20	54	57	-34	-63.0	-37	-64.9
Service-Providing	403	425	580	-22	-5.2	-177	-30.5
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	117	142	198	-25	-17.6	-81	-40.9
Wholesale Trade (42)	12	15	26	-3	-20.0	-14	-53.8
Retail Trade (44-45)	67	90	118	-23	-25.6	-51	-43.2
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	37	37	52	0	0.0	-15	-28.8
Information (51)	3	6	4	-3	-50.0	-1	-25.0
Financial Activities (52-53)	22	23	25	-1	-4.3	-3	-12.0
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	66	96	90	-30	-31.3	-24	-26.7
Education & Health Services (61-62)	42	64	88	-22	-34.4	-46	-52.3
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	135	67	152	68	101.5	-17	-11.2
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	16	24	20	-8	-33.3	-4	-20.0
Government	66	55	108	11	20.0	-42	-38.9
Federal Government	15	7	21	8	114.3	-6	-28.6
State Government	8	5	11	3	60.0	-3	-27.3
Local Government	42	42	75	0	0.0	-33	-44.0
Local Education	18	14	24	4	28.6	-6	-25.0
Unclassified	199	203	213	-4	-2.0	-14	-6.6
Laramie County							
Total Claims Filed	161	179	210	-18	-10.1	-49	-23.3
Goods-Producing	51	58	67	-7	-12.1	-16	-23.9
Construction	47	51	57	-4	-7.8	-10	-17.5
Service-Providing	64	80	103	-16	-20.0	-39	-37.9
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	20	21	34	-1	-4.8	-14	-41.2
Financial Activities (52, 53)	N/D	0	4	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	18	31	30	-13	-41.9	-12	-40.0
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	N/D	12	21	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	9	9	7	0	0.0	2	28.6
Government	8	3	9	5	166.7	-1	-11.1
Unclassified	35	36	30	-1	-2.8	5	16.7
Natrona County							
Total Claims Filed	130	160	214	-30	-18.8	-84	-39.3
Goods-Producing	32	40	64	-8	-20.0	-32	-50.0
Construction	21	25	42	-4	-16.0	-21	-50.0
Service-Providing	71	90	111	-19	-21.1	-40	-36.0
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	28	29	43	-1	-3.4	-15	-34.9
Financial Activities (52, 53)	4	6	6	-2	-33.3	-2	-33.3
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	10	17	9	-7	-41.2	1	11.1
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	7	14	25	-7	-50.0	-18	-72.0
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	16	10	23	6	60.0	-7	-30.4
Government	4	8	9	-4	-50.0	-5	-55.6
Unclassified	22	20	29	2	10.0	-7	-24.1

N/D = Not discloseable due to confidentiality.

Source: Unemployment Insurance claims database. Prepared by C. McGrath, Research & Planning, WY DWS, 10/14/22.

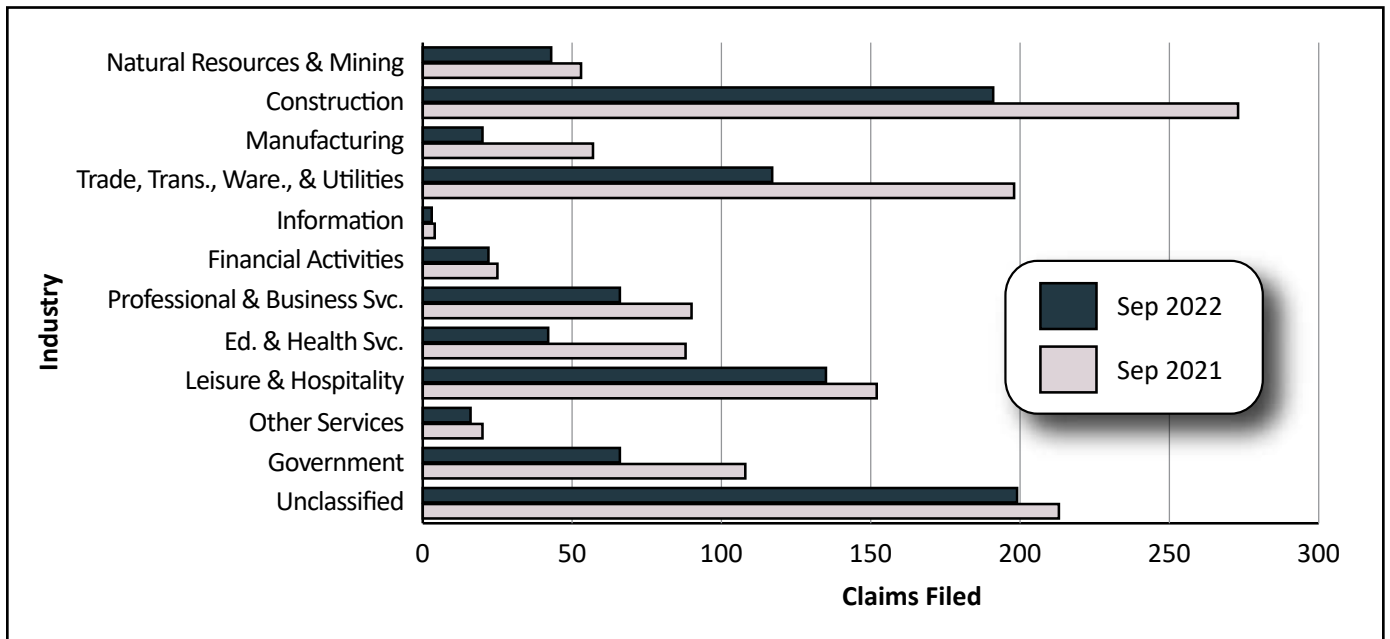


Figure 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, September 2021 and September 2022

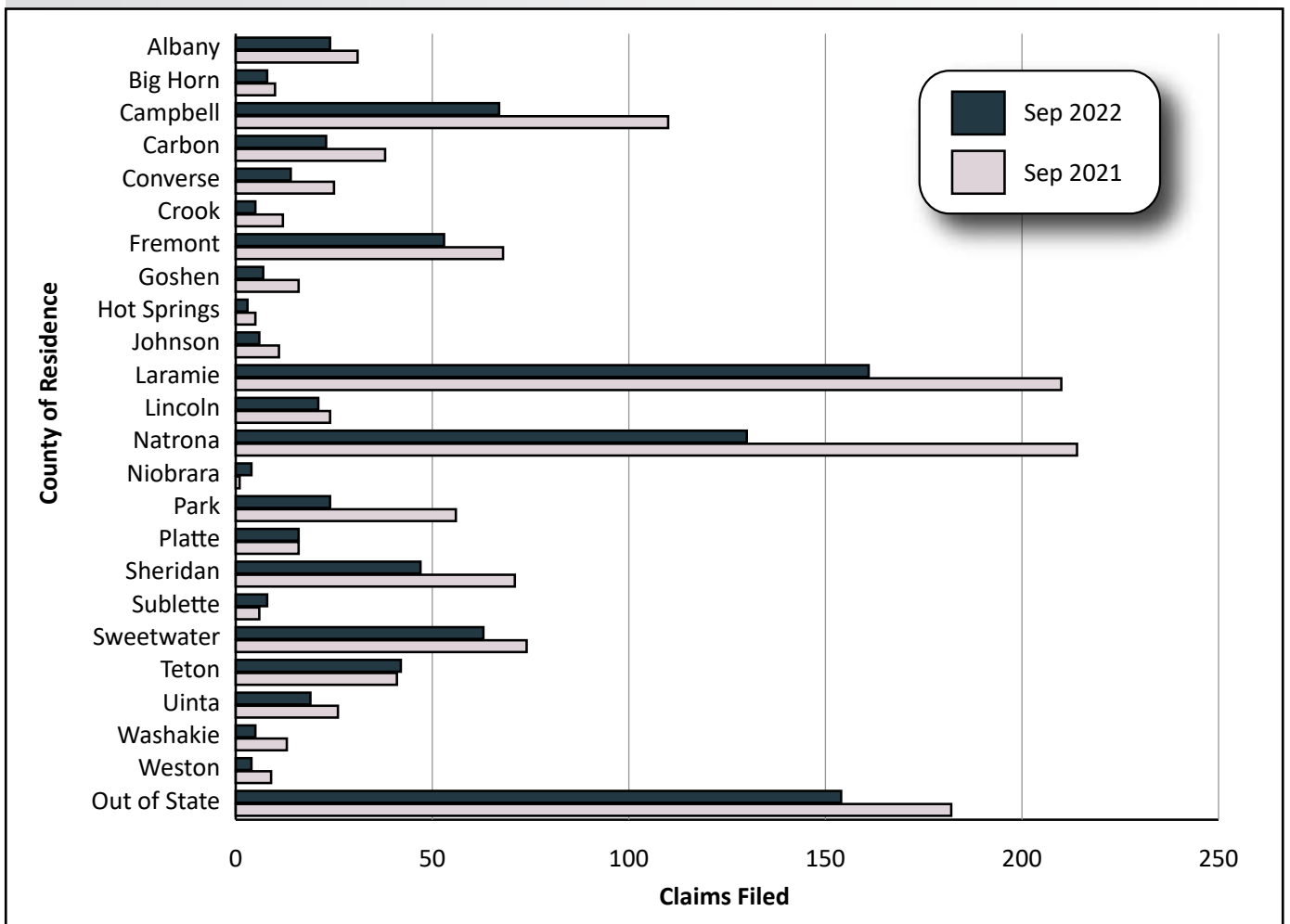


Figure 4: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, September 2021 and September 2022

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

Industry	Continued Weeks Claimed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Sept 2022	Aug 2022	Sept 2021	N	%	N	%
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	5,138	5,870	6,882	-732	-12.5	-1,744	-25.3
Total Unique Claimants	1,767	1,805	2,105	-38	-2.1	-338	-16.1
Goods-Producing	1,248	1,402	1,758	-154	-11.0	-510	-29.0
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	177	239	495	-62	-25.9	-318	-64.2
Mining (21)	158	221	447	-63	-28.5	-289	-64.7
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	25	34	75	-9	-26.5	-50	-66.7
Construction (23)	855	900	985	-45	-5.0	-130	-13.2
Manufacturing (31-33)	215	262	277	-47	-17.9	-62	-22.4
Service-Providing	2,066	2,413	3,283	-347	-14.4	-1,217	-37.1
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	658	690	1,130	-32	-4.6	-472	-41.8
Wholesale Trade (42)	107	114	268	-7	-6.1	-161	-60.1
Retail Trade (44-45)	401	400	571	1	0.3	-170	-29.8
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	149	174	290	-25	-14.4	-141	-48.6
Information (51)	38	30	81	8	26.7	-43	-53.1
Financial Activities (52-53)	205	222	245	-17	-7.7	-40	-16.3
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	373	460	546	-87	-18.9	-173	-31.7
Education & Health Services (61-62)	364	510	609	-146	-28.6	-245	-40.2
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	316	421	526	-105	-24.9	-210	-39.9
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	109	77	143	32	41.6	-34	-23.8
Government	378	524	555	-146	-27.9	-177	-31.9
Federal Government	19	30	68	-11	-36.7	-49	-72.1
State Government	57	69	47	-12	-17.4	10	21.3
Local Government	302	425	439	-123	-28.9	-137	-31.2
Local Education	150	221	127	-71	-32.1	23	18.1
Unclassified	1,445	1,529	1,285	-84	-5.5	160	12.5
Laramie County							
Total Claims Filed	893	943	1,014	-50	-5.3	-121	-11.9
Total Unique Claimants	305	290	326	15	5.2	-21	-6.4
Goods-Producing	227	206	194	21	10.2	33	17.0
Construction	172	164	142	8	4.9	30	21.1
Service-Providing	412	477	542	-65	-13.6	-130	-24.0
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	139	136	191	3	2.2	-52	-27.2
Financial Activities (52, 53)	33	48	45	-15	-31.3	-12	-26.7
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	98	138	125	-40	-29	-27	-21.6
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	70	79	97	-9	-11.4	-27	-27.8
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	49	62	47	-13	-21.0	2	4.3
Government	47	54	52	-7	-13.0	-5	-9.6
Unclassified	205	206	224	-1	-0.5	-19	-8.5
Natrona County							
Total Claims Filed	795	840	1,194	-45	-5.4	-399	-33.4
Total Unique Claimants	270	258	376	12	4.7	-106	-28.2
Goods-Producing	134	156	250	-22	-14.1	-116	-46.4
Construction	75	81	131	-6	-7.4	-56	-42.7
Service-Providing	433	471	714	-38	-8.1	-281	-39.4
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	128	121	256	7	5.8	-128	-50.0
Financial Activities (52, 53)	47	47	51	0	0.0	-4	-7.8
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	83	87	71	-4	-4.6	12	16.9
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	82	118	148	-36	-30.5	-66	-44.6
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	54	68	122	-14	-20.6	-68	-55.7
Government	42	37	68	5	13.5	-26	-38.2
Unclassified	186	174	161	12	6.9	25	15.5

Source: Unemployment Insurance claims database.

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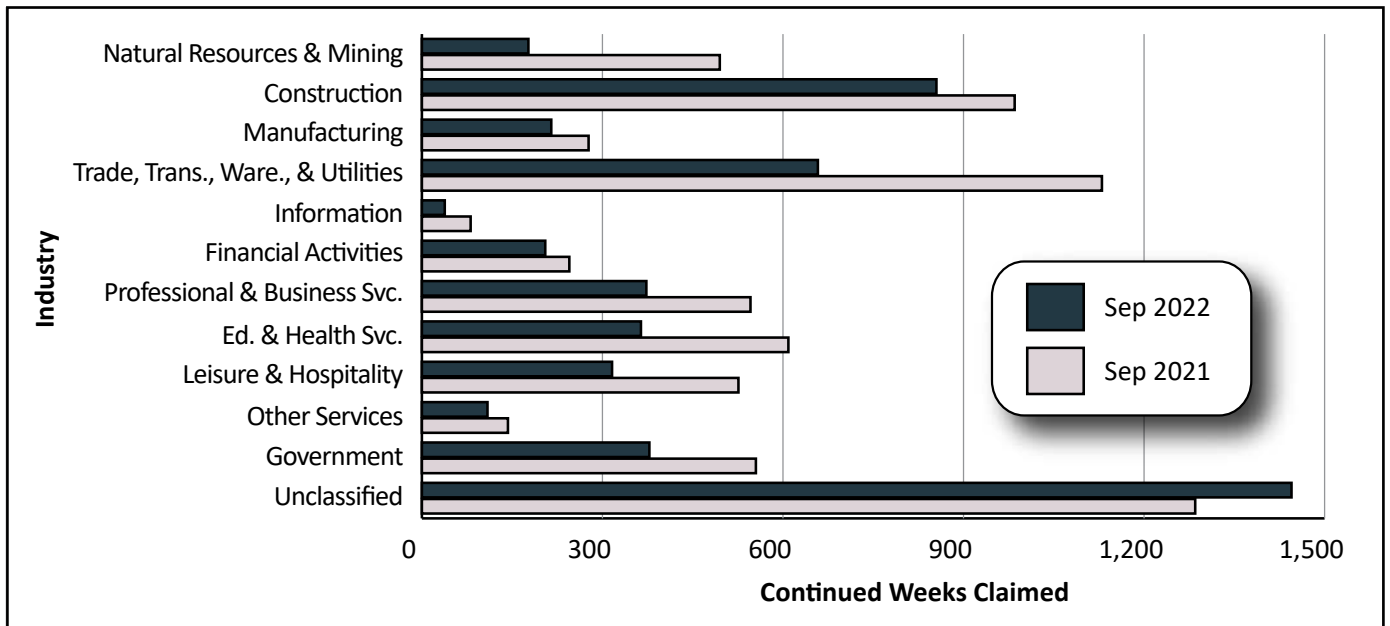


Figure 5: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, September 2021 and September 2022

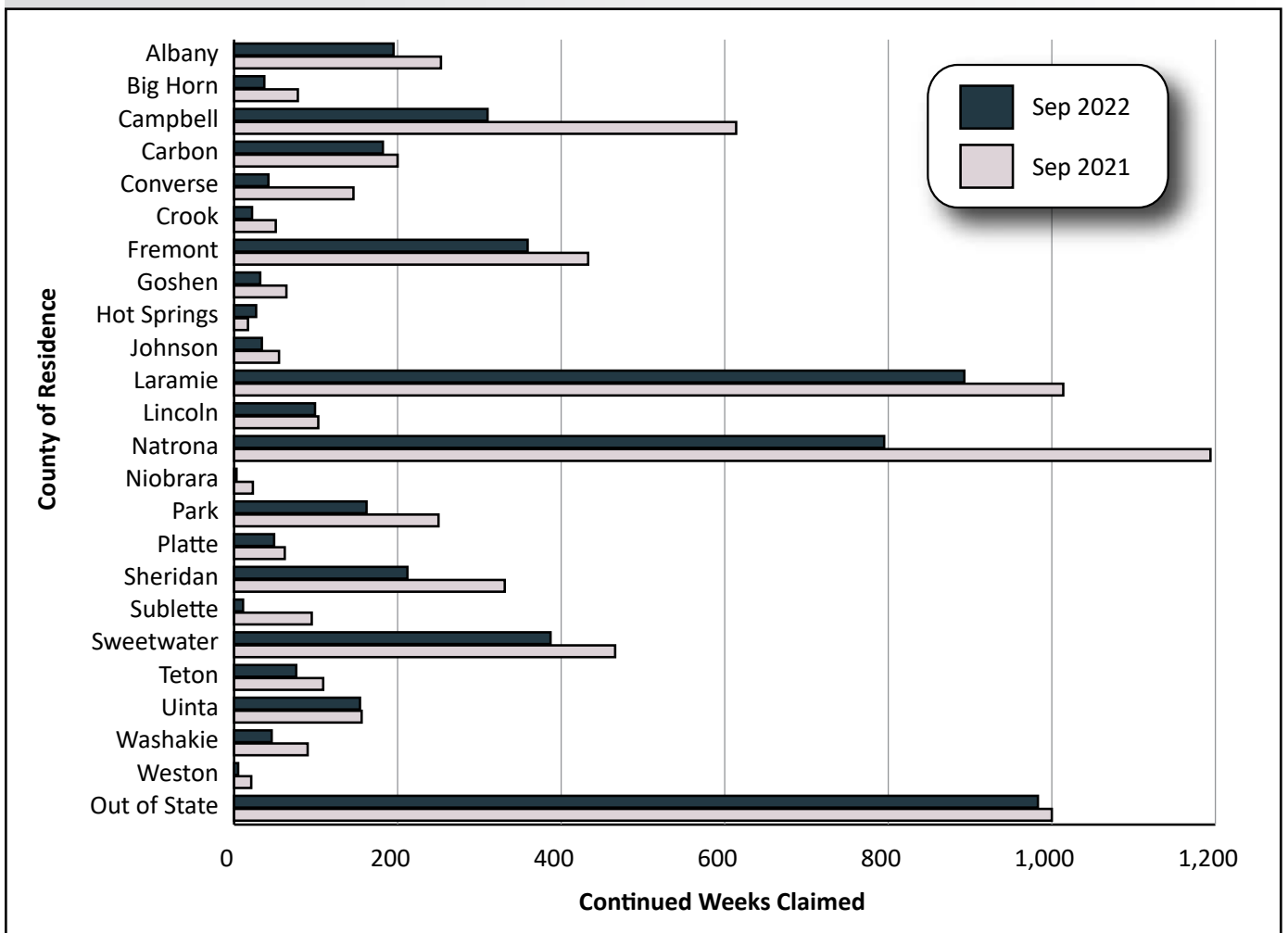


Figure 6: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence in Wyoming, September 2021 and September 2022

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

County	Sep 2022	Sep 2021	Change	
			N	%
Albany	24	31	-7	-22.6
Big Horn	8	10	-2	-20.0
Campbell	67	110	-43	-39.1
Carbon	23	38	-15	-39.5
Converse	14	25	-11	-44.0
Crook	5	12	-7	-58.3
Fremont	53	68	-15	-22.1
Goshen	7	16	-9	-56.3
Hot Springs	3	N/D	N/D	N/D
Johnson	6	11	-5	-45.5
Laramie	161	210	-49	-23.3
Lincoln	21	24	-3	-12.5
Natrona	130	214	-84	-39.3
Niobrara	4	N/D	N/D	N/D
Park	24	56	-32	-57.1
Platte	16	16	0	0.0
Sheridan	47	71	-24	-33.8
Sublette	8	6	2	33.3
Sweetwater	63	74	-11	-14.9
Teton	42	41	1	2.4
Uinta	19	26	-7	-26.9
Washakie	5	13	-8	-61.5
Weston	4	9	-5	-55.6
Unknown	4	6	-2	-33.3
Out of State	154	182	-28	-15.4
Total	924	1,286	-362	-28.1

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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, September 2021 and September 2022

County	Sep 2022	Sep 2021	Change	
			N	%
Albany	195	253	-58	-22.9
Big Horn	37	78	-41	-52.6
Campbell	310	614	-304	-49.5
Carbon	182	200	-18	-9.0
Converse	42	146	-104	-71.2
Crook	22	51	-29	-56.9
Fremont	359	433	-74	-17.1
Goshen	32	64	-32	-50.0
Hot Springs	27	17	10	58.8
Johnson	34	55	-21	-38.2
Laramie	893	1,014	-121	-11.9
Lincoln	99	103	-4	-3.9
Natrona	795	1,194	-399	-33.4
Niobrara	3	23	-20	-87.0
Park	162	250	-88	-35.2
Platte	49	62	-13	-21.0
Sheridan	212	331	-119	-36.0
Sublette	11	95	-84	-88.4
Sweetwater	387	466	-79	-17.0
Teton	76	109	-33	-30.3
Uinta	154	156	-2	-1.3
Washakie	46	90	-44	-48.9
Weston	5	21	-16	-76.2
Unknown	9	43	-34	-79.1
Out of State	983	1,000	-17	-1.7
Normalized Total^a	5,138	6,882	-1,744	-25.3

^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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