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## Initial and Continued Claims Increase Over the Year

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**B**oth initial and continued Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims (see Definitions, page 9) increased from September to October, as well as over the year.

**UI Claims Online**

Weekly, monthly, and annual Unemployment Insurance claims for Wyoming available online at <https://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/UI.htm>.

### Initial Claims

There were 1,828 initial claims in October 2024, up 113 (6.6%) from October 2023. There were 807 more claims over the month, which is a common seasonal pattern as temporary summer jobs end (see Figure 1).

The industries with the largest numbers of initial claims included leisure & hospitality (640); construction (319); professional & business services (202); and trade, transportation, & utilities (199; see Table 1, page 5, and Figure 3, page 6). The

greatest over-the-year increase was seen in leisure & hospitality (57, or 9.8%), followed by mining (33, or 62.3%) and professional & business services (31, or 18.1%).

Teton County had the most initial claims with 232, followed by Natrona (207), Laramie (205), and Campbell (96) counties (see Figure 4, page 6, and Table 3, page 9). In addition, there were 492 out-of-state claimants. This was a significant increase from 180 out-of-state claimants last month, but comparable to a year ago with 499.

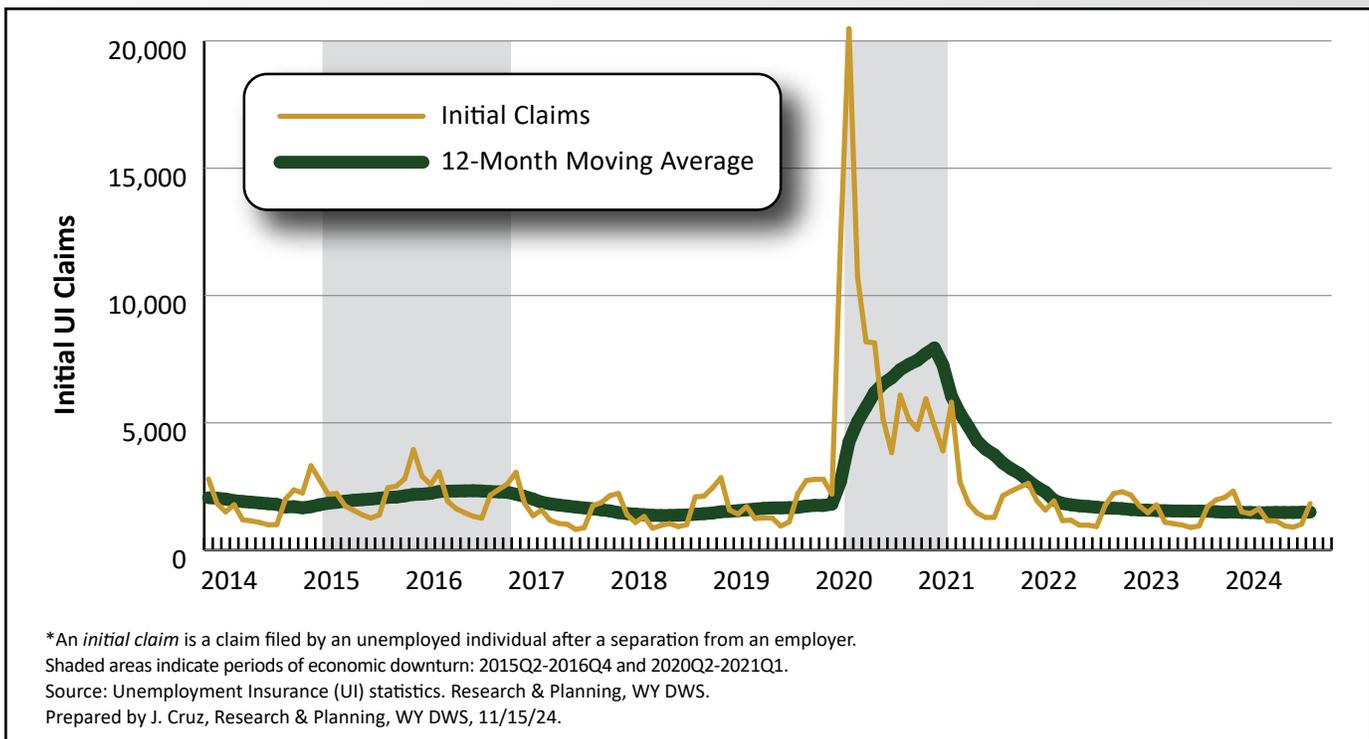


Figure 1: Total Number of Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by Year and Month, January 2014 to October 2024

### Continued Claims

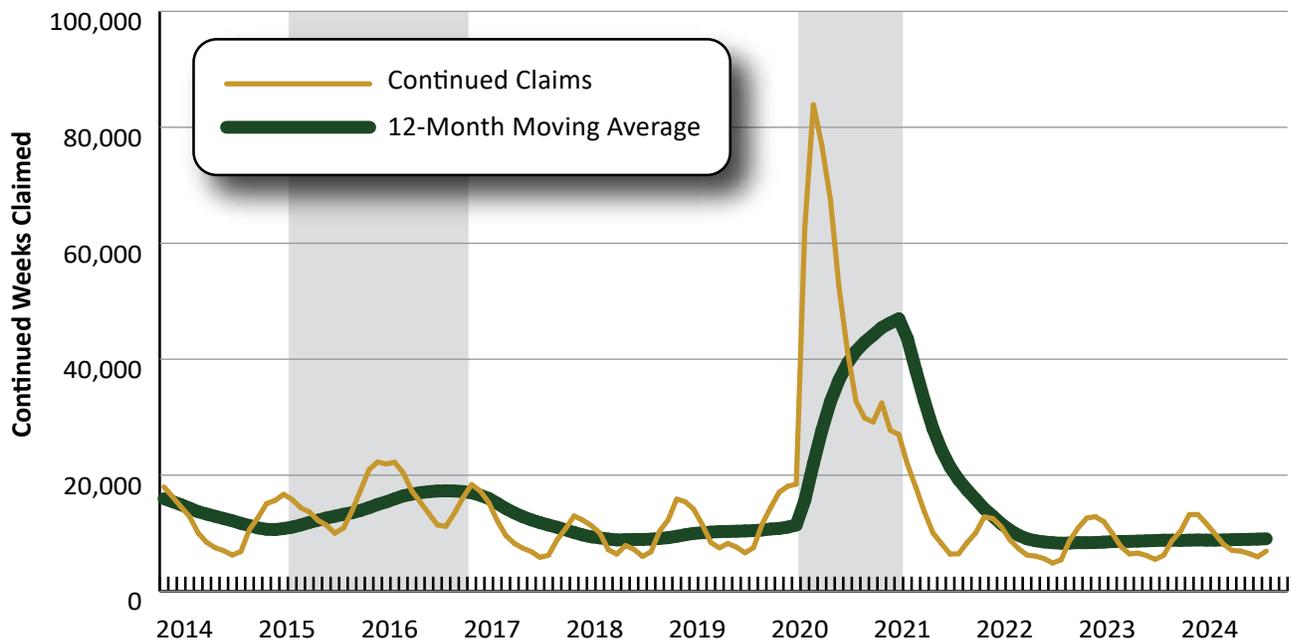
The total number of continued weeks claimed followed its normal seasonal pattern and increased over the month by 16.6% (see Figure 2). In addition, continued weeks claimed increased from 6,179 in October 2023 to 6,903 in October 2024 (724, or 11.7%; see Table 2, page 7). The total number of unique claimants decreased from 2,331 to 2,249 (-82, or -3.5%) over the year, and increased by 8.1% over the month.

The industries with the most continued weeks claimed included leisure & hospitality (1,421); trade, transportation, & utilities (1,118); construction (1,025); and professional & business services (778). Most industries showed over-the-year increases in continued weeks claimed, led

by leisure & hospitality (322, or 29.3%) and natural resources and mining (105, or 33.2%; see Figure 5, page 8).

Natrona County had the most continued claims with 1,066, followed by Laramie (1,040), Sweetwater (504), and Fremont (468) counties (see Figure 6, page 8, and Table 4, page 9). There were 1,152 out-of-state claimants, which increased 31.8% over the month but decreased 8.9% over the year.

The counties with the greatest over-the-year increase in continued weeks claimed were Fremont (139, or 42.2%), Teton (112, or 33.8%), and Natrona (103, or 10.7%) counties. Substantial over-the-year percentage increases were found in Carbon (143.3%) and Crook (116.7%) 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.

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 October 2024**

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

Industry	Initial Claims Filed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Oct 2024	Sep 2024	Oct 2023	N	%	N	%
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>1,828</b>	<b>1,021</b>	<b>1,715</b>	<b>807</b>	<b>79.0</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>6.6</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>40.4</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>11.8</b>
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	90	59	63	31	52.5	27	42.9
Mining (21)	86	57	53	29	50.9	33	62.3
Construction (23)	319	203	296	116	57.1	23	7.8
Manufacturing (31-33)	45	61	46	-16	-26.2	-1	-2.2
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>1,212</b>	<b>614</b>	<b>1,153</b>	<b>598</b>	<b>97.4</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>5.1</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	199	166	203	33	19.9	-4	-2.0
Wholesale Trade (42)	32	25	22	7	28.0	10	45.5
Retail Trade (44-45)	106	88	125	18	20.5	-19	-15.2
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	59	51	55	8	15.7	4	7.3
Information (51)	12	10	15	2	20.0	-3	-20.0
Financial Activities (52-53)	29	28	41	1	3.6	-12	-29.3
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	202	110	171	92	83.6	31	18.1
Education & Health Services (61-62)	94	72	102	22	30.6	-8	-7.8
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	640	203	583	437	215.3	57	9.8
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	32	22	36	10	45.5	-4	-11.1
<b>Government</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>98.6</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>-2.8</b>
Federal Government	67	10	90	57	570.0	-23	-25.6
State Government	18	9	11	9	100.0	7	63.6
Local Government	53	49	41	4	8.2	12	29.3
Local Education	8	12	6	-4	-33.3	2	33.3
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>90.9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>110.0</b>
<b>Laramie County</b>							
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>23.5</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>-2.4</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>34.1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5.4</b>
Construction	54	31	47	23	74.2	7	14.9
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>22.2</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>-2.9</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	37	36	35	1	2.8	2	5.7
Financial Activities (52, 53)	6	8	10	-2	-25.0	-4	-40.0
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	51	27	42	24	88.9	9	21.4
Educational & Health Services (61-62)	12	12	19	0	0.0	-7	-36.8
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	19	15	15	4	26.7	4	26.7
<b>Government</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>-8.3</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>-26.7</b>
<b>Natrona County</b>							
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>39.9</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>9.5</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>31.1</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>73.9</b>
Construction	58	40	36	18	45.0	22	61.1
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>38.8</b>	<b>-9</b>	<b>-7.1</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	32	30	32	2	6.7	0	0.0
Financial Activities (52, 53)	6	N/D	10	N/D	N/D	-4	-40.0
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	27	16	25	11	68.8	2	8.0
Educational & Health Services (61-62)	19	15	21	4	26.7	-2	-9.5
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	21	18	27	3	16.7	-6	-22.2
<b>Government</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>N/D</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>N/D</b>	<b>N/D</b>	<b>-7</b>	<b>-50.0</b>

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Source: Unemployment Insurance claims database.

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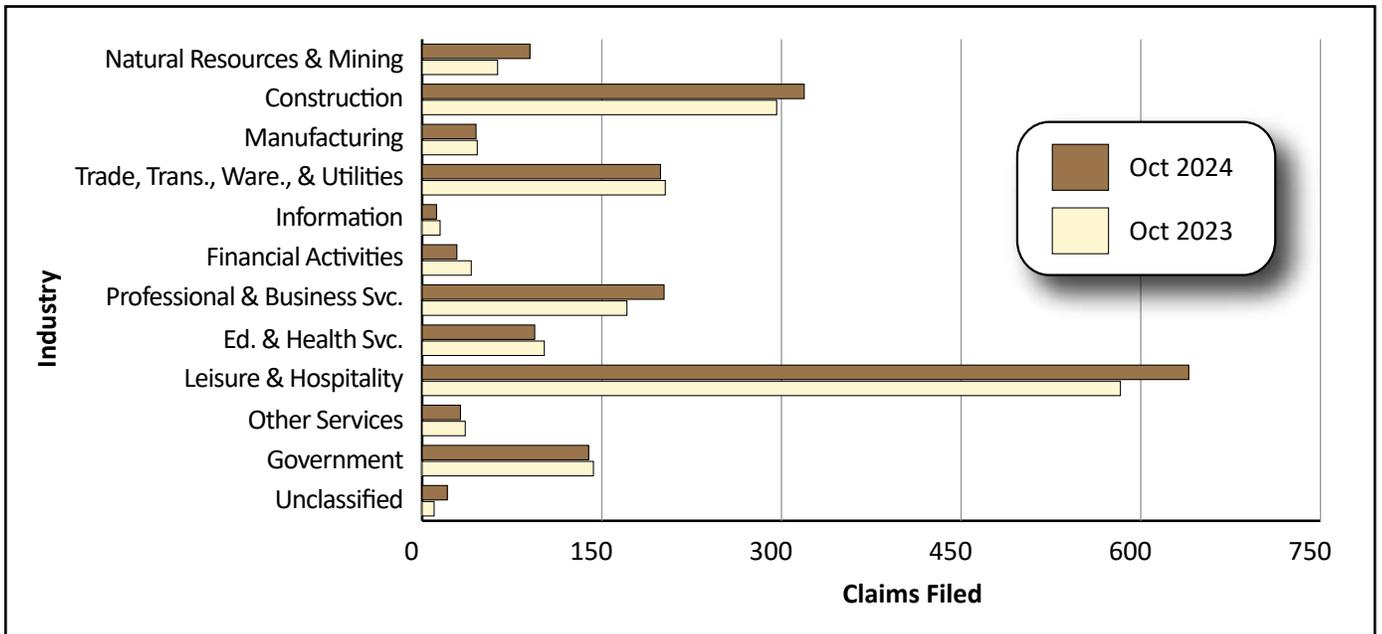


Figure 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, October 2023 and October 2024

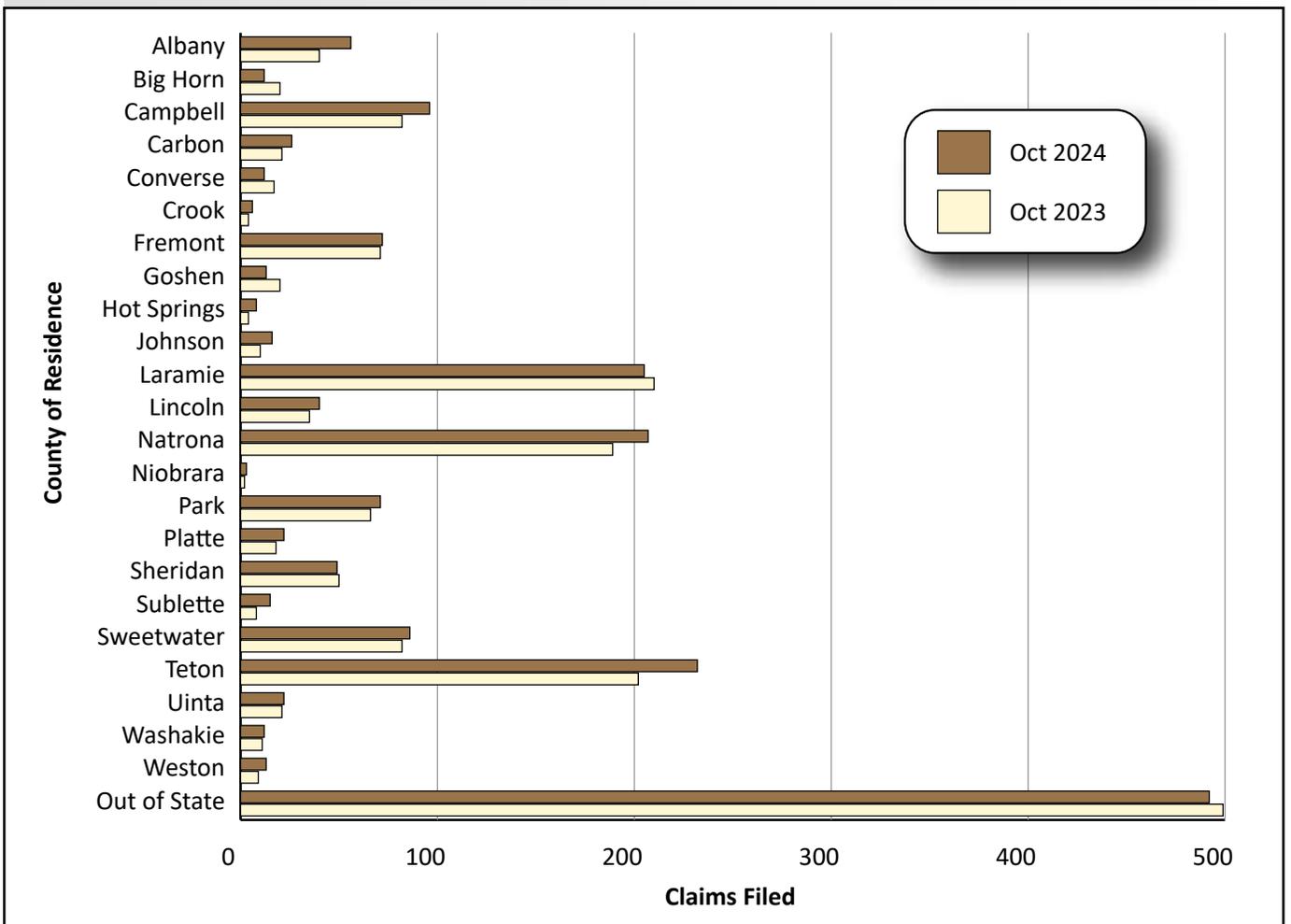


Figure 4: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, October 2023 and October 2024

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

Industry	Continued Weeks Claimed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Oct 2024	Sep 2024	Oct 2023	N	%	N	%
<b>Total Continued Weeks Claimed</b>	<b>6,903</b>	<b>5,922</b>	<b>6,179</b>	<b>981</b>	<b>16.6</b>	<b>724</b>	<b>11.7</b>
Total Unique Claimants	2,249	2,080	2,331	169	8.1	-82	-3.5
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>1,799</b>	<b>1,806</b>	<b>1,577</b>	<b>-7</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>14.1</b>
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	421	460	316	-39	-8.5	105	33.2
Mining (21)	396	418	292	-22	-5.3	104	35.6
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	21	27	29	-6	-22.2	-8	-27.6
Construction (23)	1,025	1,019	989	6	0.6	36	3.6
Manufacturing (31-33)	352	326	271	26	8.0	81	29.9
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>4,555</b>	<b>3,635</b>	<b>4,104</b>	<b>920</b>	<b>25.3</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>11.0</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	1,118	1,132	1,056	-14	-1.2	62	5.9
Wholesale Trade (42)	225	240	173	-15	-6.3	52	30.1
Retail Trade (44-45)	594	601	531	-7	-1.2	63	11.9
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	298	290	351	8	2.8	-53	-15.1
Information (51)	91	89	160	2	2.2	-69	-43.1
Financial Activities (52-53)	261	261	265	0	0.0	-4	-1.5
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	778	655	689	123	18.8	89	12.9
Education & Health Services (61-62)	697	673	658	24	3.6	39	5.9
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	1,421	677	1,099	744	109.9	322	29.3
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	185	143	175	42	29.4	10	5.7
<b>Government</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>8.5</b>
Federal Government	72	25	94	47	188.0	-22	-23.4
State Government	69	74	93	-5	-6.8	-24	-25.8
Local Government	303	291	222	12	4.1	81	36.5
Local Education	64	70	58	-6	-8.6	6	10.3
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>18.4</b>
<b>Laramie County</b>							
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>1,040</b>	<b>995</b>	<b>1,069</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>-29</b>	<b>-2.7</b>
Total Unique Claimants	316	358	386	-42	-11.7	-70	-18.1
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>-0.9</b>
Construction	135	116	158	19	16.4	-23	-14.6
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>726</b>	<b>707</b>	<b>767</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>-41</b>	<b>-5.3</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	238	237	229	1	0.4	9	3.9
Financial Activities (52, 53)	66	68	54	-2	-2.9	12	22.2
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	161	165	217	-4	-2.4	-56	-25.8
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	109	107	136	2	1.9	-27	-19.9
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	110	95	67	15	15.8	43	64.2
<b>Government</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>22.1</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>-5.0</b>
<b>Natrona County</b>							
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>1,066</b>	<b>963</b>	<b>963</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>10.7</b>
Total Unique Claimants	328	322	343	6	1.9	-15	-4.4
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>9.1</b>
Construction	147	108	146	39	36.1	1	0.7
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>751</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>659</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>14.0</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	222	216	201	6	2.8	21	10.4
Financial Activities (52, 53)	63	68	61	-5	-7.4	2	3.3
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	151	88	73	63	71.6	78	106.8
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	139	124	134	15	12.1	5	3.7
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	113	103	111	10	9.7	2	1.8
<b>Government</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>-15</b>	<b>-39.5</b>	<b>-10</b>	<b>-30.3</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>-7.1</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>-18.8</b>

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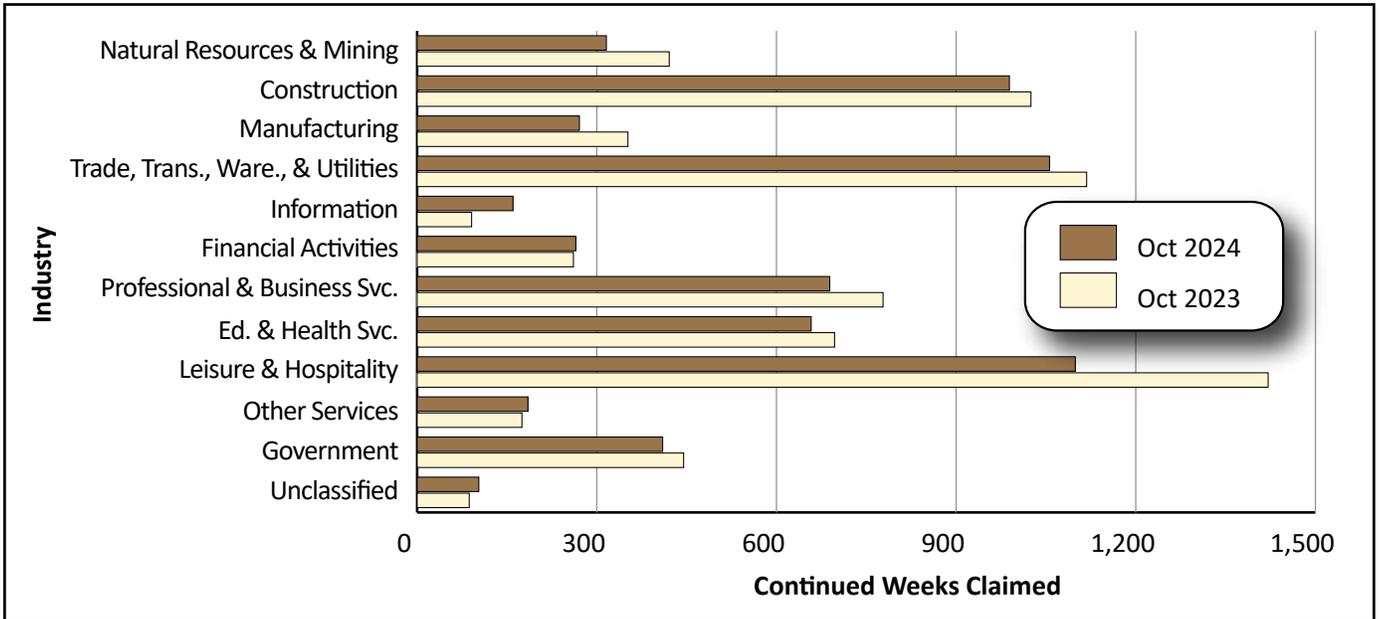


Figure 5: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, October 2023 and October 2024

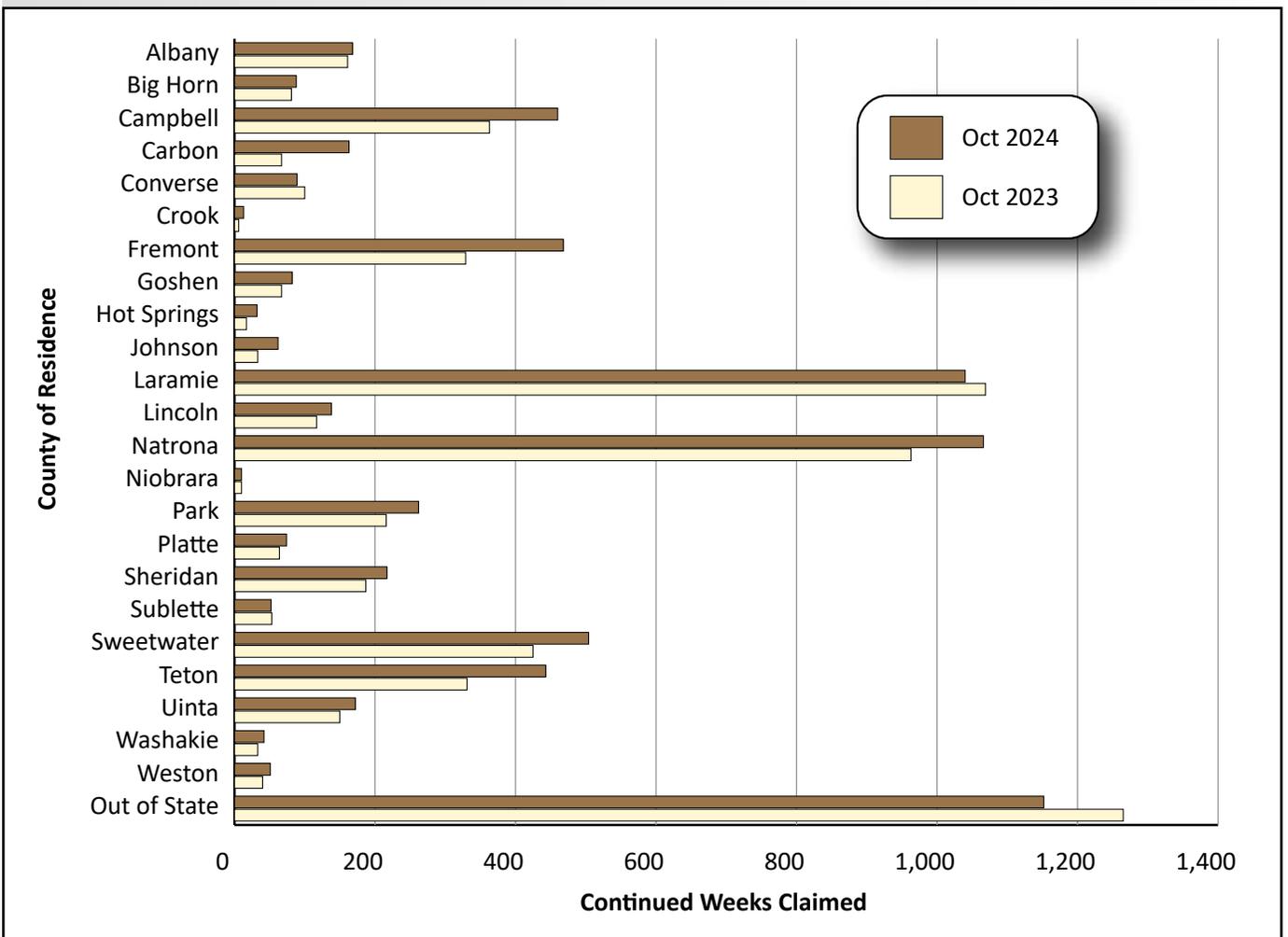


Figure 6: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence in Wyoming, October 2023 and October 2024

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

County	Oct 2024	Oct 2023	Change	
			N	%
Albany	56	40	16	40.0
Big Horn	12	20	-8	-40.0
Campbell	96	82	14	17.1
Carbon	26	21	5	23.8
Converse	12	17	-5	-29.4
Crook	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D
Fremont	72	71	1	1.4
Goshen	13	20	-7	-35.0
Hot Springs	8	4	4	100.0
Johnson	16	10	6	60.0
Laramie	205	210	-5	-2.4
Lincoln	40	35	5	14.3
Natrona	207	189	18	9.5
Niobrara	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D
Park	71	66	5	7.6
Platte	22	18	4	22.2
Sheridan	49	50	-1	-2.0
Sublette	15	8	7	87.5
Sweetwater	86	82	4	4.9
Teton	232	202	30	14.9
Uinta	22	21	1	4.8
Washakie	12	11	1	9.1
Weston	13	9	4	44.4
Unknown	30	14	16	114.3
Out of State	492	499	-7	-1.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,828</b>	<b>1,715</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>6.6</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, October 2023 and October 2024**

County	Oct 2024	Oct 2023	Change	
			N	%
Albany	168	161	7	4.3
Big Horn	88	81	7	8.6
Campbell	460	363	97	26.7
Carbon	163	67	96	143.3
Converse	89	100	-11	-11.0
Crook	13	6	7	116.7
Fremont	468	329	139	42.2
Goshen	82	67	15	22.4
Hot Springs	32	17	15	88.2
Johnson	62	33	29	87.9
Laramie	1,040	1,069	-29	-2.7
Lincoln	138	117	21	17.9
Natrona	1,066	963	103	10.7
Niobrara	10	10	0	0.0
Park	262	216	46	21.3
Platte	74	64	10	15.6
Sheridan	217	187	30	16.0
Sublette	52	53	-1	-1.9
Sweetwater	504	425	79	18.6
Teton	443	331	112	33.8
Uinta	172	150	22	14.7
Washakie	42	33	9	27.3
Weston	51	40	11	27.5
Unknown	44	22	22	100.0
Out of State	1,152	1,265	-113	-8.9
<b>Normalized Total<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>6,903</b>	<b>6,179</b>	<b>724</b>	<b>11.7</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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