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### Continued Claims Increase from Prior Year in November

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**C**ontinued Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims (see Definitions, page 9) in Wyoming increased from prior-year levels in November 2022. This marked the first over-the-year increase in continued claims since March 2021. Initial claims continued to decrease over the year.

#### UI Claims Online

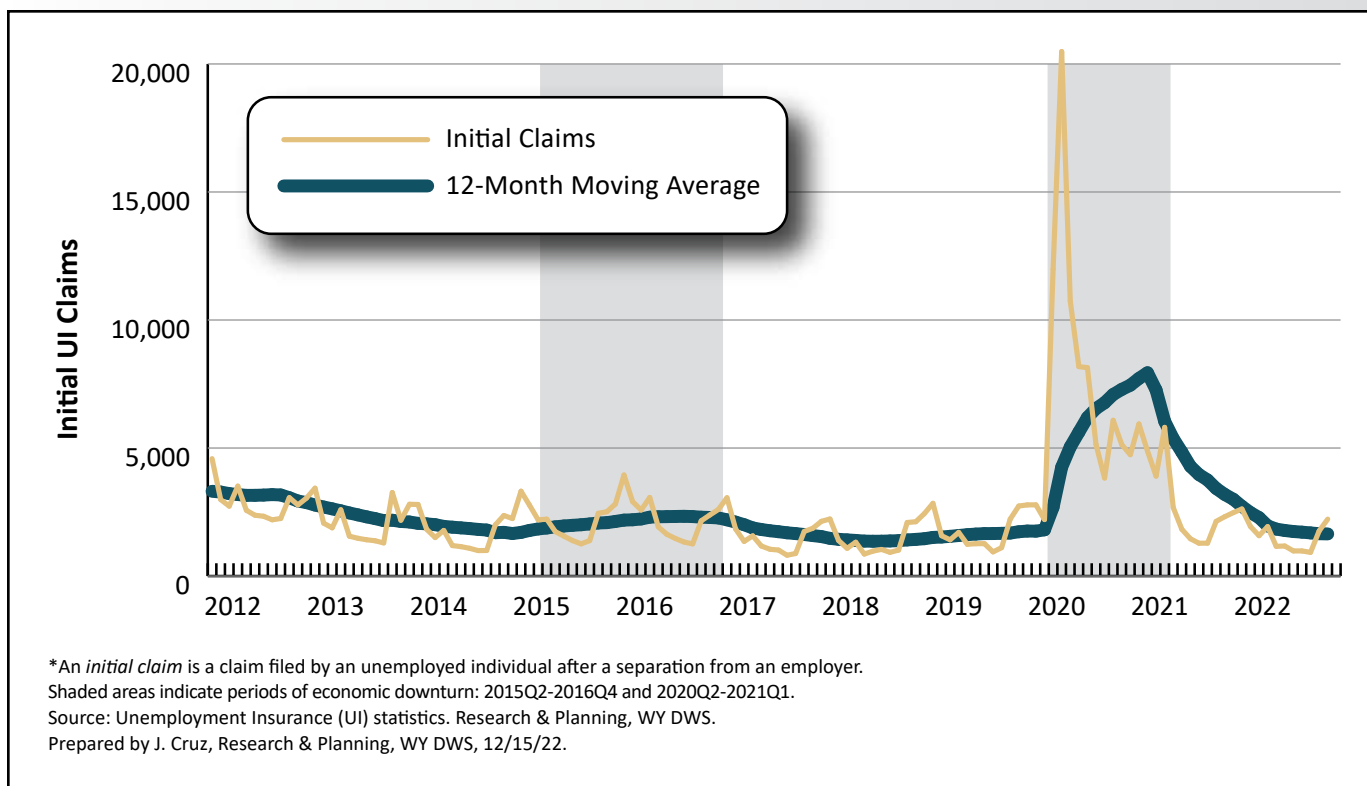
Weekly, monthly, and annual Unemployment Insurance claims for Wyoming are available online at <https://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/UI.htm>.

#### Initial Claims

There were 2,223 initial claims in November 2022, down from 2,319 in November 2021 (-96, or -4.1%). This amount is also 18.7% lower than pre-pandemic levels of 2,735 initial claims in November 2019. Initial claims increased by

26.1% from October to November, following the usual trend as seasonal workers lose their jobs and file for UI benefits (see Figure 1).

The industries with the largest numbers of initial claims included construction (610), leisure & hospitality (325), government



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

(197), and professional & business services (183). Construction was one of few industries to show an over-the-year increase in initial claims (109, or 21.8%; see Table 1, page 5, and Figure 4, page 6).

Laramie (305), Natrona (301), Teton (174), and Sweetwater (133) counties had the largest number of initial claims. In addition, there were 410 initial claims by out-of-state claimants (see Figure 4, page 6, and Table 3, page 9).

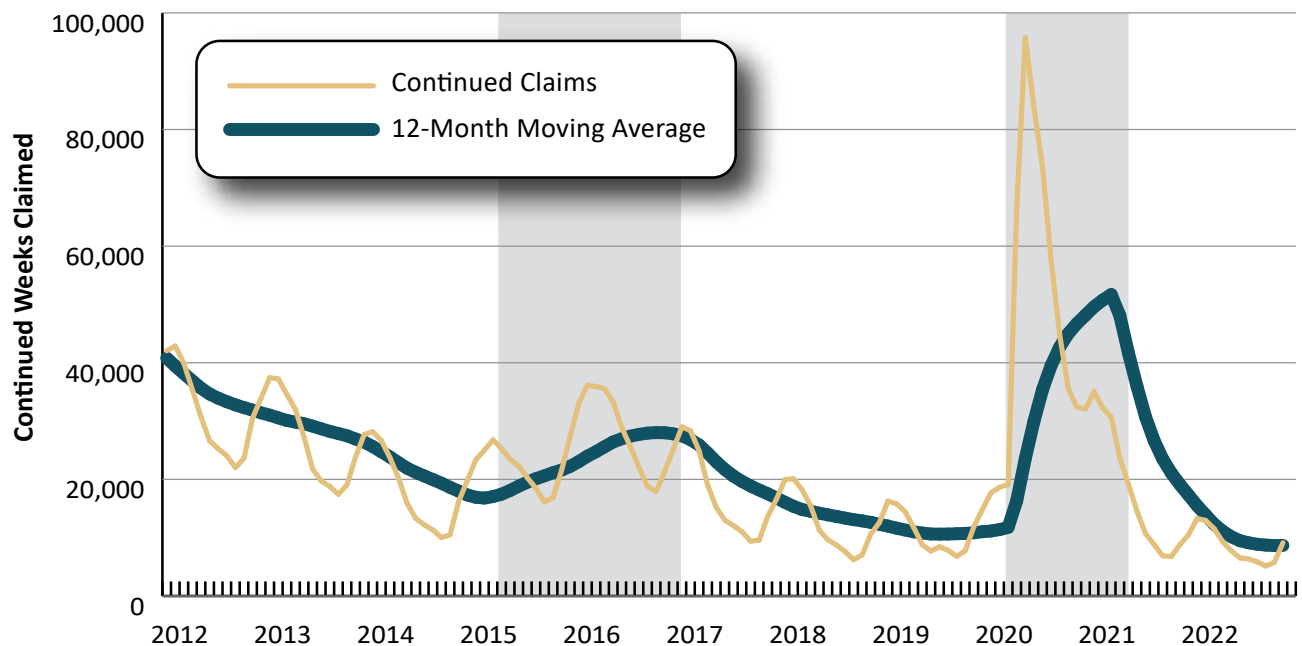
### Continued Claims

The total number of continued weeks claimed increased from 8,795 in November 2021 to 9,130 in November 2022 (335, or 3.8%). The number of unique claimants decreased from 3,168 to 2,789 (-379, or

-12.0%; see Figure 2 and Table 2, page 7). Continued weeks claimed remained 23.1% lower than the 11,878 in November 2019 prior to the pandemic.

The industries with the most continued weeks claimed included leisure & hospitality (1,753), construction (1,433), government (859), and trade, transportation, & utilities (812; see Figure 5, page 8)

There were more continued weeks claimed for out-of-state claimants (2,118) than any single county in Wyoming. The counties with the greatest numbers of continued weeks claimed were Laramie (1,137), Natrona (1,021), Teton (965), and Sweetwater (523; see Figure 6, page 8, and Table 4, page 9).



\*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.

Prepared by J. Cruz, Research & Planning, WY DWS, 12/15/22.

**Figure 2: Total Number of Unemployment Insurance Continued Weeks Claimed for Wyoming by Year and Month, January 2012 to November 2022**

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

Industry	Initial Claims Filed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Nov 2022	Oct 2022	Nov 2021	N	%	N	%
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>2,223</b>	<b>1,763</b>	<b>2,319</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>26.1</b>	<b>-96</b>	<b>-4.1</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>743</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>105.2</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>16.1</b>
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	73	42	74	31	73.8	-1	-1.4
Mining (21)	50	33	64	17	51.5	-14	-21.9
Construction (23)	610	261	501	349	133.7	109	21.8
Manufacturing (31-33)	59	58	64	1	1.7	-5	-7.8
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>819</b>	<b>927</b>	<b>1,122</b>	<b>-108</b>	<b>-11.7</b>	<b>-303</b>	<b>-27.0</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	181	158	244	23	14.6	-63	-25.8
Wholesale Trade (42)	25	15	41	10	66.7	-16	-39.0
Retail Trade (44-45)	94	99	119	-5	-5.1	-25	-21.0
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	62	43	84	19	44.2	-22	-26.2
Information (51)	5	9	8	-4	-44.4	-3	-37.5
Financial Activities (52-53)	41	36	34	5	13.9	7	20.6
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	183	129	234	54	41.9	-51	-21.8
Education & Health Services (61-62)	57	62	94	-5	-8.1	-37	-39.4
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	325	497	481	-172	-34.6	-156	-32.4
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	24	32	23	-8	-25.0	1	4.3
<b>Government</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>-18</b>	<b>-8.4</b>
Federal Government	124	105	138	19	18.1	-14	-10.1
State Government	13	15	16	-2	-13.3	-3	-18.8
Local Government	58	61	60	-3	-4.9	-2	-3.3
Local Education	9	10	9	-1	-10.0	0	0.0
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>58.8</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>35.9</b>
<b>Laramie County</b>							
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>77.3</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>12.1</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>184.0</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>46.4</b>
Construction	135	48	81	87	181.3	54	66.7
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>-31</b>	<b>-26.1</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	32	23	38	9	39.1	-6	-15.8
Financial Activities (52, 53)	6	9	6	-3	-33.3	0	0.0
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	25	24	42	1	4.2	-17	-40.5
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	7	11	11	-4	-36.4	-4	-36.4
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	10	4	15	6	150.0	-5	-33.3
<b>Government</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>50.0</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>87.9</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>31.9</b>
<b>Natrona County</b>							
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>80.2</b>	<b>-51</b>	<b>-14.5</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>103.6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.9</b>
Construction	97	40	85	57	142.5	12	14.1
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>53.9</b>	<b>-68</b>	<b>-36.8</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	40	22	59	18	81.8	-19	-32.2
Financial Activities (52, 53)	9	3	12	6	200.0	-3	-25.0
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	28	12	44	16	133.3	-16	-36.4
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	11	15	28	-4	-26.7	-17	-60.7
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	22	8	36	14	175.0	-14	-38.9
<b>Government</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>-33.3</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>121.4</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>40.9</b>

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Source: Unemployment Insurance claims database. Prepared by J. Cruz, Research &amp; Planning, WY DWS, 12/15/22.

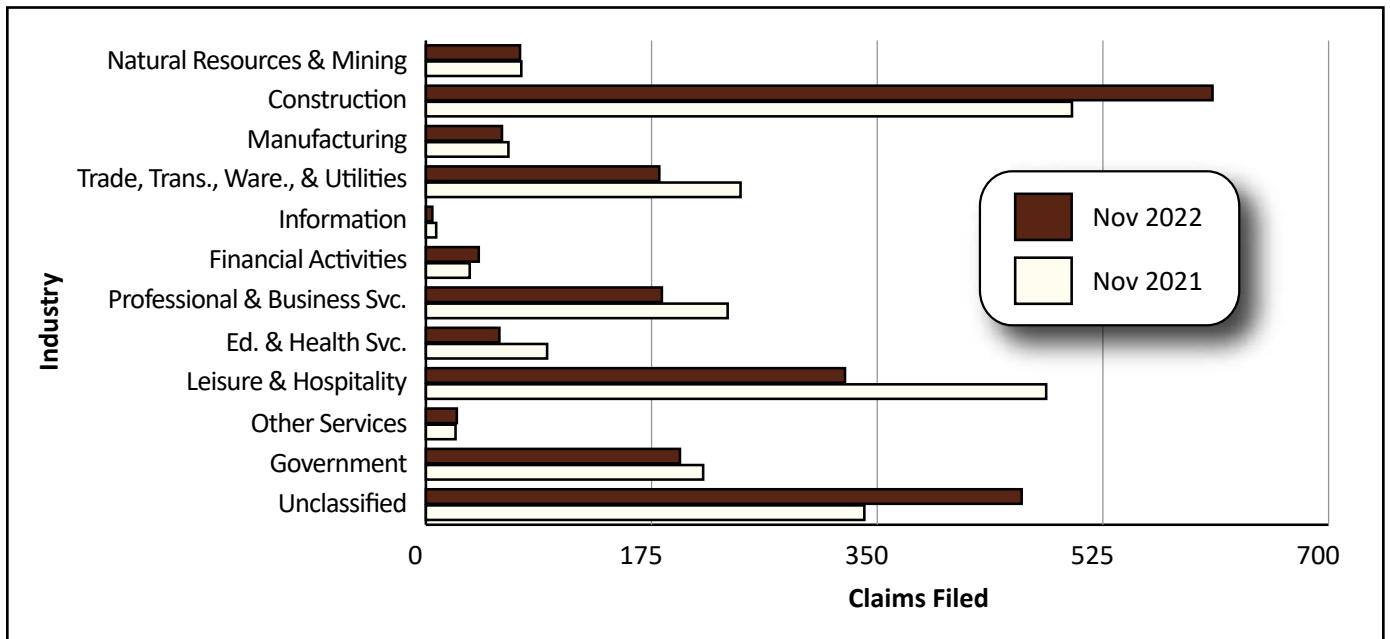


Figure 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, November 2021 and November 2022

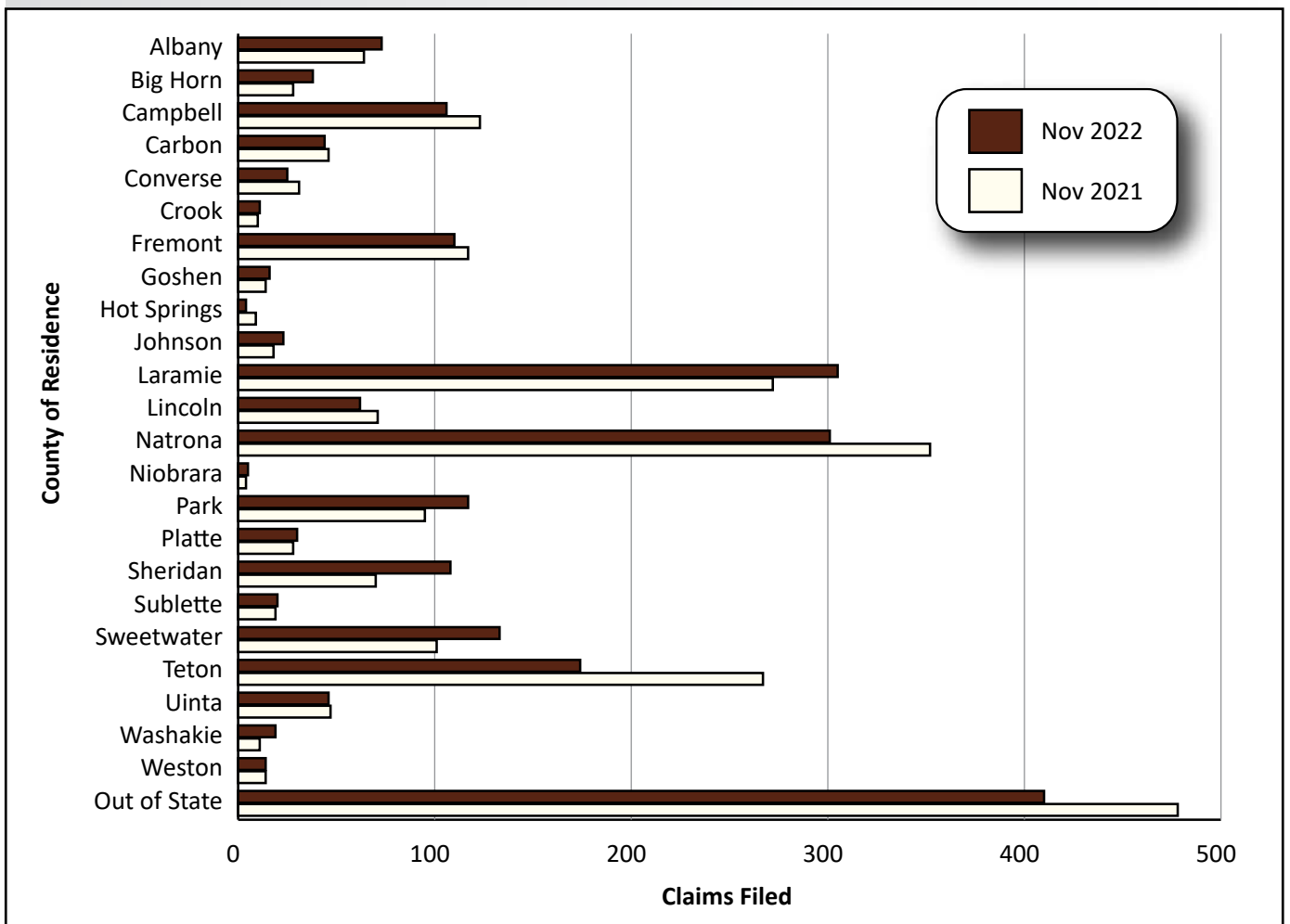


Figure 4: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, November 2021 and November 2022

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

Industry	Continued Weeks Claimed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Nov 2022	Oct 2022	Nov 2021	N	%	N	%
<b>Total Continued Weeks Claimed</b>	<b>9,130</b>	<b>5,746</b>	<b>8,795</b>	<b>3,384</b>	<b>58.9</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>3.8</b>
Total Unique Claimants	2,789	2,146	3,168	643	30.0	-379	-12.0
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>1,993</b>	<b>1,121</b>	<b>2,068</b>	<b>872</b>	<b>77.8</b>	<b>-75</b>	<b>-3.6</b>
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	284	180	416	104	57.8	-132	-31.7
Mining (21)	244	165	339	79	47.9	-95	-28.0
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	12	21	76	-9	-42.9	-64	-84.2
Construction (23)	1,433	770	1,372	663	86.1	61	4.4
Manufacturing (31-33)	276	169	279	107	63.3	-3	-1.1
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>3,999</b>	<b>2,613</b>	<b>4,368</b>	<b>1,386</b>	<b>53.0</b>	<b>-369</b>	<b>-8.4</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	812	691	1,071	121	17.5	-259	-24.2
Wholesale Trade (42)	123	102	256	21	20.6	-133	-52.0
Retail Trade (44-45)	467	418	531	49	11.7	-64	-12.1
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	220	169	283	51	30.2	-63	-22.3
Information (51)	44	44	56	0	0.0	-12	-21.4
Financial Activities (52-53)	240	208	186	32	15.4	54	29.0
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	609	428	619	181	42.3	-10	-1.6
Education & Health Services (61-62)	380	378	457	2	0.5	-77	-16.8
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	1,753	749	1,825	1,004	134.0	-72	-3.9
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	158	111	152	47	42.3	6	3.9
<b>Government</b>	<b>859</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>753</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>66.5</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>14.1</b>
Federal Government	391	106	346	285	268.9	45	13.0
State Government	93	76	76	17	22.4	17	22.4
Local Government	374	333	330	41	12.3	44	13.3
Local Education	83	125	94	-42	-33.6	-11	-11.7
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>2,278</b>	<b>1,496</b>	<b>1,604</b>	<b>782</b>	<b>52.3</b>	<b>674</b>	<b>42.0</b>
<b>Laramie County</b>							
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>1,137</b>	<b>904</b>	<b>853</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>25.8</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>33.3</b>
Total Unique Claimants	372	316	329	56	17.7	43	13.1
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>66.1</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>39.6</b>
Construction	277	153	181	124	81.0	96	53.0
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>15.0</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	162	164	149	-2	-1.2	13	8.7
Financial Activities (52, 53)	39	40	33	-1	-2.5	6	18.2
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	117	125	127	-8	-6.4	-10	-7.9
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	79	76	43	3	3.9	36	83.7
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	36	28	22	8	28.6	14	63.6
<b>Government</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>18.6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4.1</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>38.1</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>80.0</b>
<b>Natrona County</b>							
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>1,021</b>	<b>744</b>	<b>1,222</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>37.2</b>	<b>-201</b>	<b>-16.4</b>
Total Unique Claimants	320	274	464	46	16.8	-144	-31.0
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>114.3</b>	<b>-37</b>	<b>-12.7</b>
Construction	162	68	215	94	138.2	-53	-24.7
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>624</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>-172</b>	<b>-27.6</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	117	109	250	8	7.3	-133	-53.2
Financial Activities (52, 53)	45	31	28	14	45.2	17	60.7
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	90	73	80	17	23.3	10	12.5
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	79	83	127	-4	-4.8	-48	-37.8
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	63	54	103	9	16.7	-40	-38.8
<b>Government</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>-22</b>	<b>-34.9</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>53.1</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>12.4</b>

Source: Unemployment Insurance claims database.

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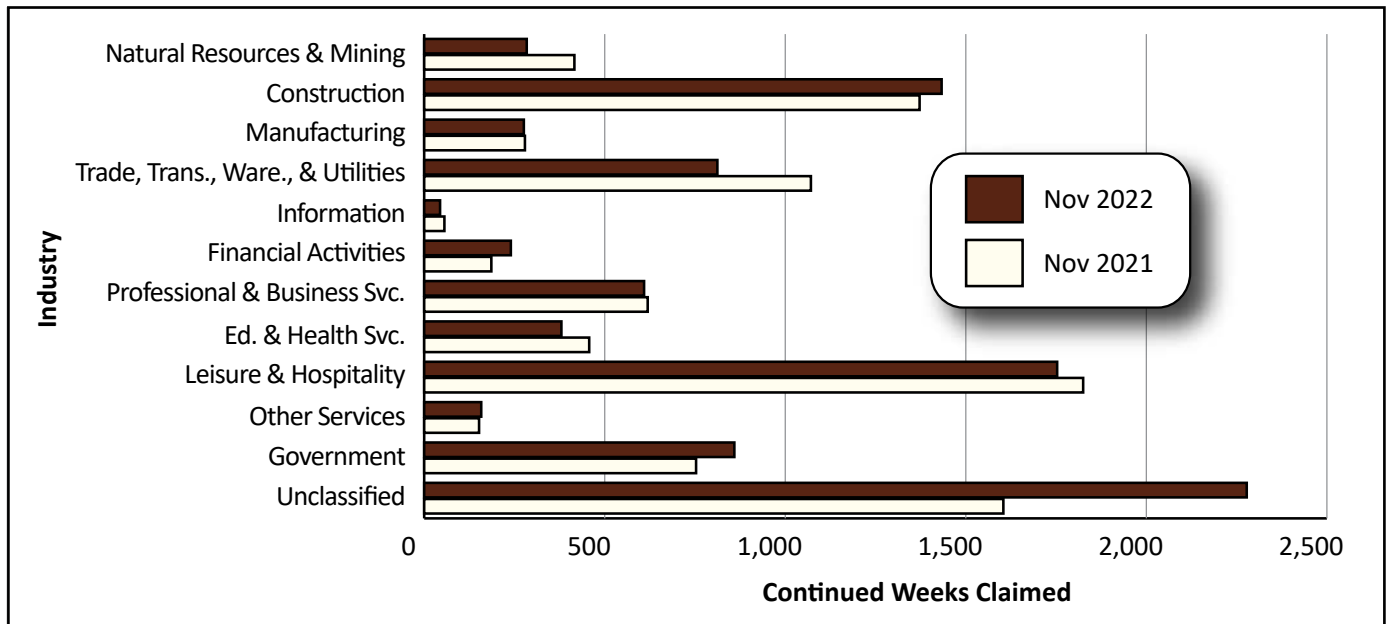


Figure 5: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, November 2021 and November 2022

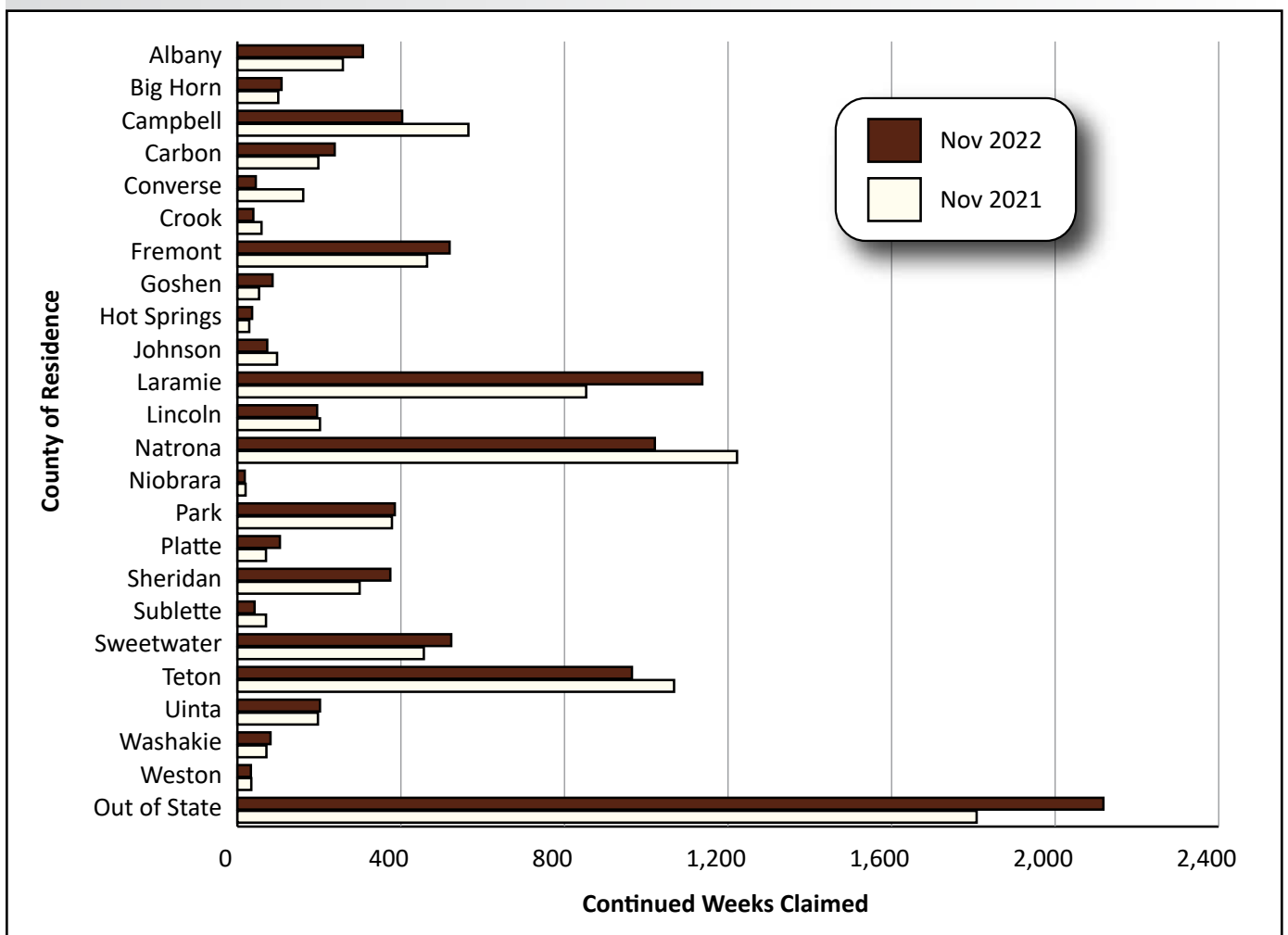


Figure 6: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence in Wyoming, November 2021 and November 2022



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

County	Nov 2022	Nov 2021	Change	
			N	%
Albany	73	64	9	14.1
Big Horn	38	28	10	35.7
Campbell	106	123	-17	-13.8
Carbon	44	46	-2	-4.3
Converse	25	31	-6	-19.4
Crook	11	10	1	10.0
Fremont	110	117	-7	-6.0
Goshen	16	14	2	14.3
Hot Springs	4	9	-5	-55.6
Johnson	23	18	5	27.8
Laramie	305	272	33	12.1
Lincoln	62	71	-9	-12.7
Natrona	301	352	-51	-14.5
Niobrara	5	4	1	25.0
Park	117	95	22	23.2
Platte	30	28	2	7.1
Sheridan	108	70	38	54.3
Sublette	20	19	1	5.3
Sweetwater	133	101	32	31.7
Teton	174	267	-93	-34.8
Uinta	46	47	-1	-2.1
Washakie	19	11	8	72.7
Weston	14	14	0	0.0
Unknown	18	18	0	0.0
Out of State	410	478	-68	-14.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,223</b>	<b>2,319</b>	<b>-96</b>	<b>-4.1</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, November 2021 and November 2022**


County	Nov 2022	Nov 2021	Change	
			N	%
Albany	307	258	49	19.0
Big Horn	108	100	8	8.0
Campbell	403	565	-162	-28.7
Carbon	238	198	40	20.2
Converse	45	161	-116	-72.0
Crook	39	59	-20	-33.9
Fremont	519	464	55	11.9
Goshen	86	53	33	62.3
Hot Springs	36	29	7	24.1
Johnson	73	97	-24	-24.7
Laramie	1,137	853	284	33.3
Lincoln	195	202	-7	-3.5
Natrona	1,021	1,222	-201	-16.4
Niobrara	18	20	-2	-10.0
Park	385	378	7	1.9
Platte	104	70	34	48.6
Sheridan	374	299	75	25.1
Sublette	42	70	-28	-40.0
Sweetwater	523	456	67	14.7
Teton	965	1,068	-103	-9.6
Uinta	202	197	5	2.5
Washakie	81	71	10	14.1
Weston	33	34	-1	-2.9
Unknown	64	53	11	20.8
Out of State	2,118	1,808	310	17.1
<b>Normalized Total<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>9,130</b>	<b>8,795</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>3.8</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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