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Initial, Continued Claims Show Little Change for 3 Years

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Both initial and continued Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims (see Definitions, page 9) in Wyoming increased from November to December, as well as over the year. December 2024 marked the fourth consecutive month of over-the-year increases in initial claims, and the eighth consecutive month for increases in continued claims. Overall, initial and continued claims have remained steady and shown little change since 2022 (see Figure 1 below and Figure 2, page 4).

Initial Claims

There were 2,091 initial claims in December 2024, up 22 (1.1%) from December 2023. Initial claims increased by 35 (1.7%) over the month.

UI Claims Online

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

The industries with the largest numbers of initial claims included construction (857); professional & business services (267); trade, transportation, & utilities (214); and leisure & hospitality (179). Natural resources & mining increased the most with 42 more claims over the year (38.2%), followed by government with 34 more claims (29.8%; see Table 1, page 5, and Figure 3, page 6).

Laramie County had the most initial claims with 339, followed by Natrona (286), Sweetwater (187), and Campbell (126)

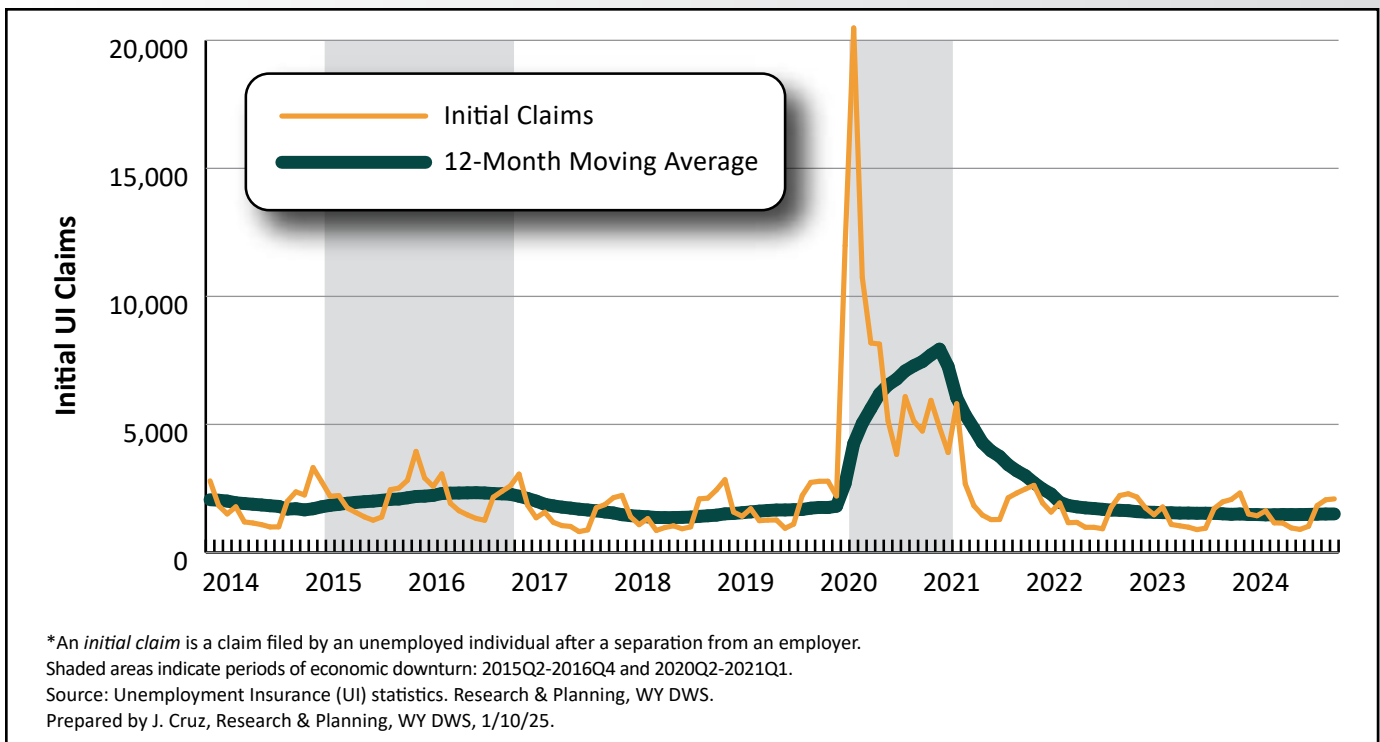


Figure 1: Total Number of Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by Year and Month, January 2014 to December 2024

counties (see Figure 4, page 6, and Table 3, page 9). In addition, there were 337 out-of-state claimants, down 22.2% over the month but up 14.2% over the year.

Continued Claims

The total number of continued weeks claimed followed the normal seasonal pattern and increased over the month by 1,165, or 11.7%. The total number of continued weeks claimed increased from 10,374 in December 2023 to 11,096 in December 2024 (722, or 7.0%; see Table 2, page 7). The total number of unique claimants also increased over the year, from 3,735 to 4,033 (298, or 8.0%). In addition, the total number of unique claimants increased by 14.2% over the month.

The industries with the most continued weeks claimed included construction

(2,699), leisure & hospitality (2,047), professional & business services (1,532), and trade, transportation, & utilities (1,376). Construction had the greatest over-the-year decrease in continued claims (-258, or -8.7%); however, most other industries showed over-the-year increases (see Figure 5, page 8). In particular, continued claims in professional & business services increased by 257 (20.2%), followed by leisure & hospitality (214, or 11.7%); trade, transportation, & utilities (164, or 13.5%), and government (140, or 17.2%).

As with initial claims, Laramie County had the greatest number of continued weeks claimed with 1,450, followed by Natrona (1,408), Sweetwater (836), and Fremont (758) counties (see Figure 6, page 8, and Table 4, page 9). There were 2,333 out-of-state continued claims, up 3.3% over the month but down 6.6% over the year.

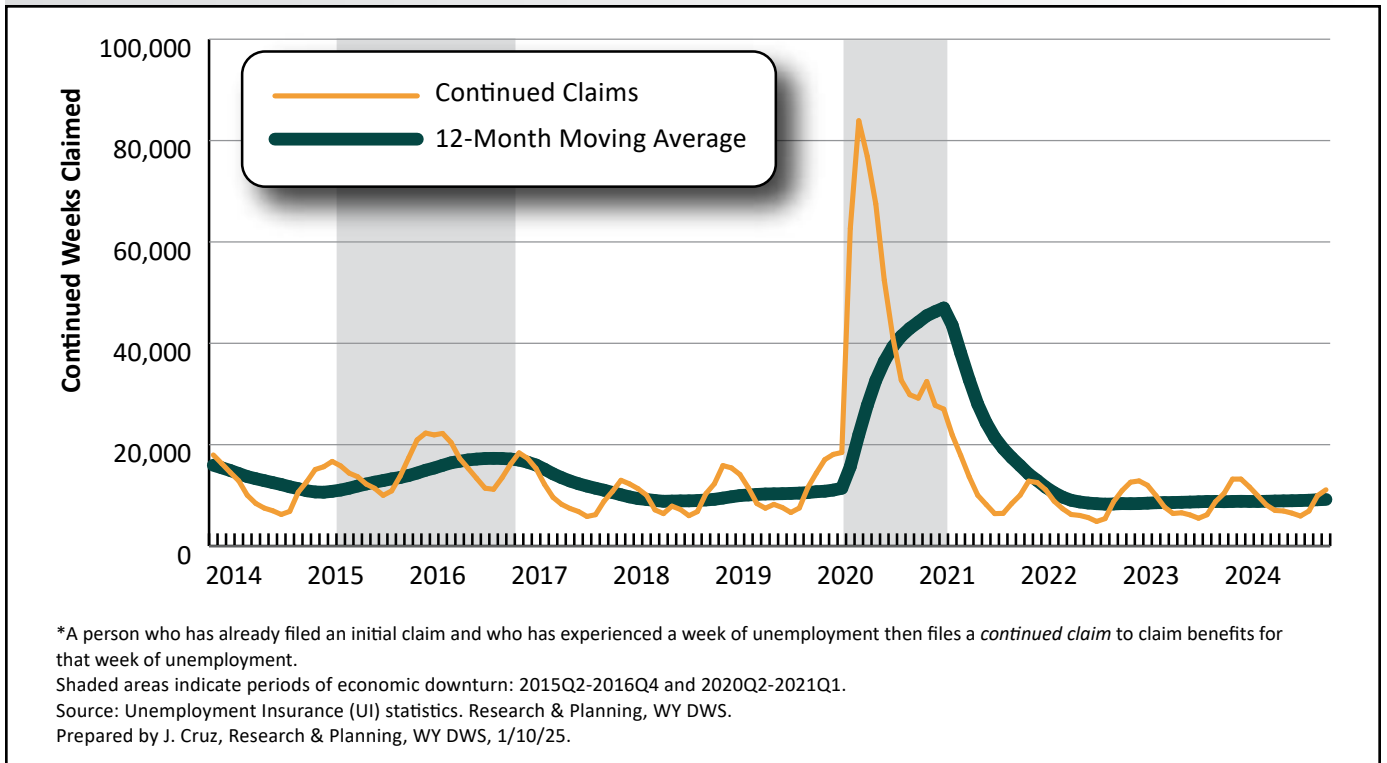


Figure 2: Total Number of Unemployment Insurance Continued Weeks Claimed for Wyoming by Year and Month, January 2014 to December 2024

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

Industry	Initial Claims Filed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Dec 2024	Nov 2024	Dec 2023	N	%	N	%
Total Claims Filed	2,091	2,056	2,069	35	1.7	22	1.1
Goods-Producing	1,108	723	1,083	385	53.3	25	2.3
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	152	86	110	66	76.7	42	38.2
Mining (21)	130	69	95	61	88.4	35	36.8
Construction (23)	857	579	877	278	48.0	-20	-2.3
Manufacturing (31-33)	98	57	95	41	71.9	3	3.2
Service-Providing	807	1,121	847	-314	-28.0	-40	-4.7
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	214	238	228	-24	-10.1	-14	-6.1
Wholesale Trade (42)	33	37	33	-4	-10.8	0	0.0
Retail Trade (44-45)	99	130	112	-31	-23.8	-13	-11.6
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	81	69	82	12	17.4	-1	-1.2
Information (51)	9	6	6	3	50.0	3	50.0
Financial Activities (52-53)	27	40	38	-13	-32.5	-11	-28.9
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	267	283	250	-16	-5.7	17	6.8
Education & Health Services (61-62)	80	83	81	-3	-3.6	-1	-1.2
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	179	437	217	-258	-59.0	-38	-17.5
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	29	32	24	-3	-9.4	5	20.8
Government	148	186	114	-38	-20.4	34	29.8
Federal Government	92	138	59	-46	-33.3	33	55.9
State Government	12	5	12	7	140.0	0	0.0
Local Government	43	42	42	1	2.4	1	2.4
Local Education	14	7	9	7	100.0	5	55.6
Unclassified	27	25	23	2	8.0	4	17.4
Laramie County							
Total Claims Filed	339	242	327	97	40.1	12	3.7
Goods-Producing	188	99	189	89	89.9	-1	-0.5
Construction	175	90	176	85	94.4	-1	-0.6
Service-Providing	134	132	128	2	1.5	6	4.7
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	44	40	53	4	10.0	-9	-17.0
Financial Activities (52, 53)	6	4	9	2	50.0	-3	-33.3
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	45	47	29	-2	-4.3	16	55.2
Educational & Health Services (61-62)	17	10	16	7	70.0	1	6.3
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	14	10	14	4	40.0	0	0.0
Government	12	9	8	3	33.3	4	50.0
Natrona County							
Total Claims Filed	286	221	316	65	29.4	-30	-9.5
Goods-Producing	155	106	172	49	46.2	-17	-9.9
Construction	129	85	142	44	51.8	-13	-9.2
Service-Providing	117	107	133	10	9.3	-16	-12.0
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	37	40	32	-3	-7.5	5	15.6
Financial Activities (52, 53)	7	8	6	-1	-12.5	1	16.7
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	22	24	46	-2	-8.3	-24	-52.2
Educational & Health Services (61-62)	14	15	18	-1	-6.7	-4	-22.2
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	24	14	23	10	71.4	1	4.3
Government	10	4	8	6	150.0	2	25.0

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Source: Unemployment Insurance claims database.

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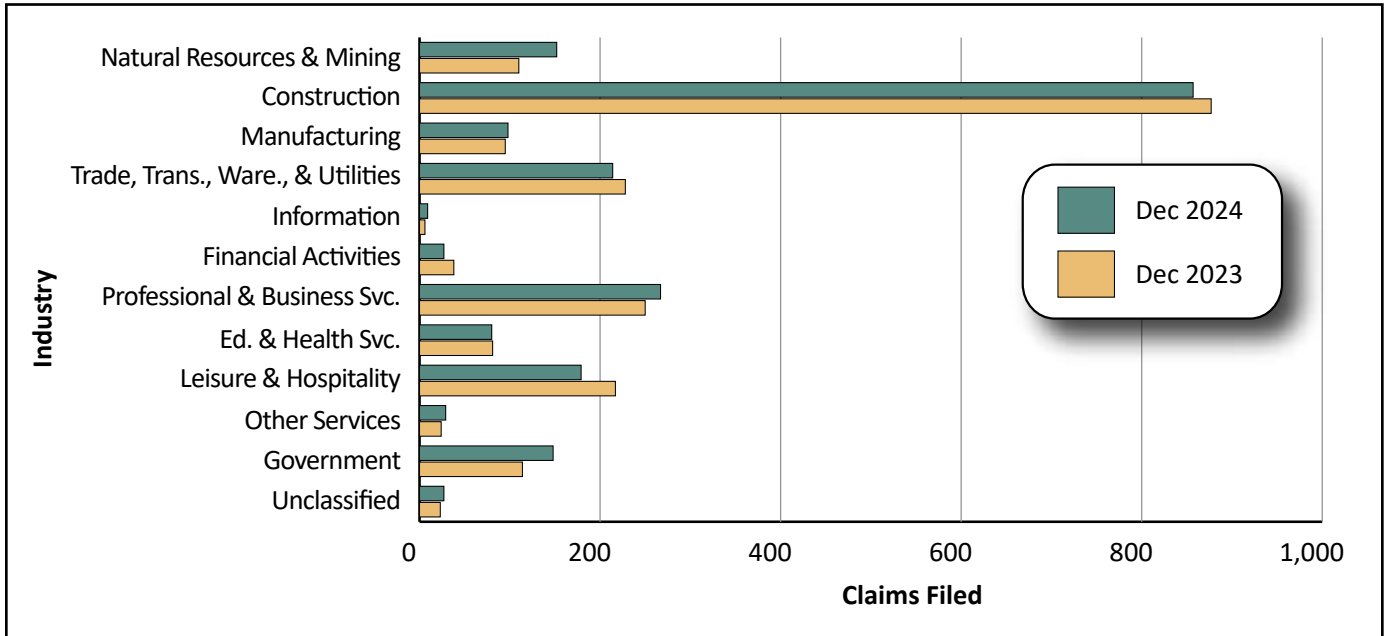


Figure 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, December 2023 and December 2024

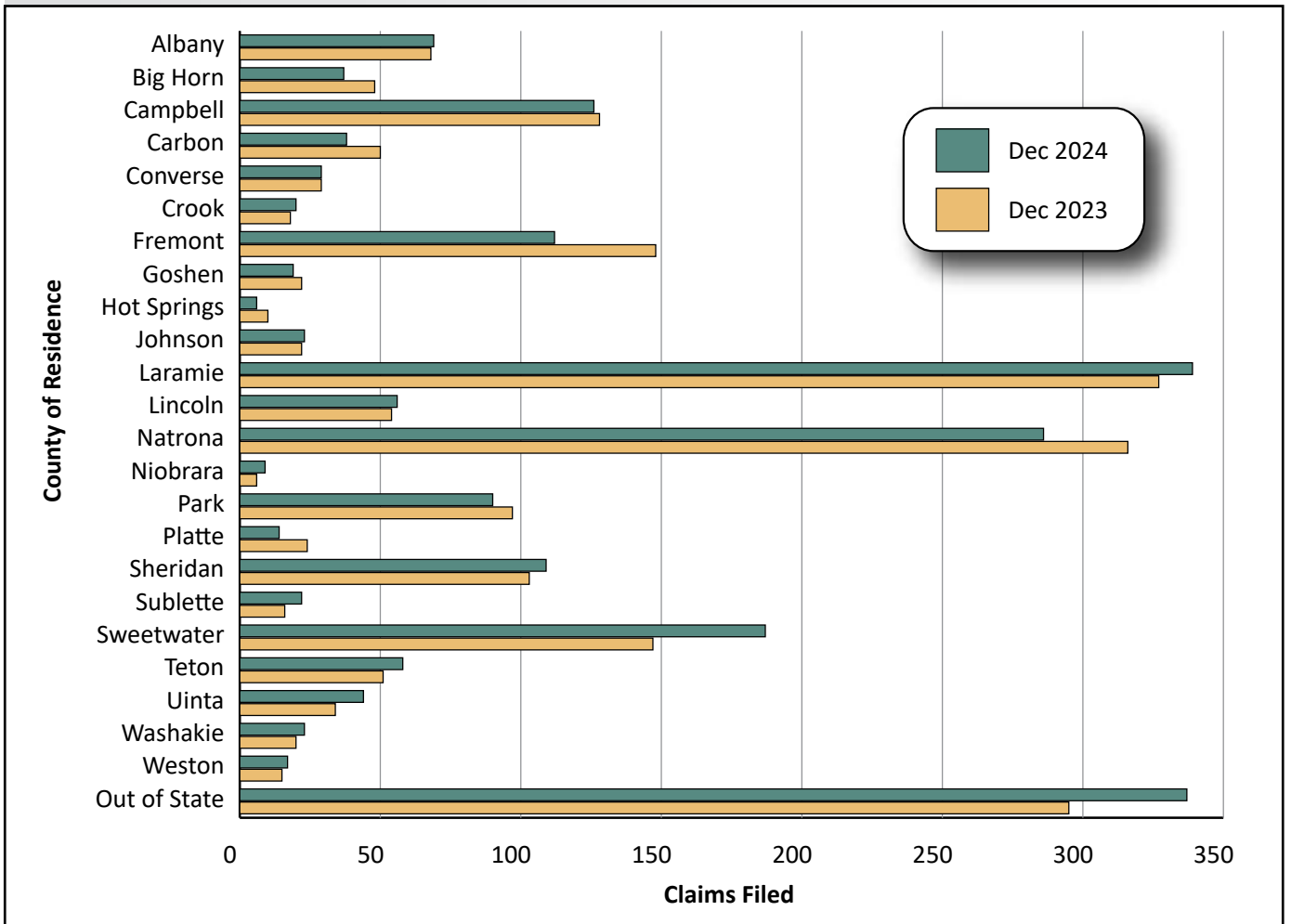


Figure 4: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, December 2023 and December 2024

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

Industry	Continued Weeks Claimed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Dec 2024	Nov 2024	Dec 2023	N	%	N	%
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	11,096	9,931	10,374	1,165	11.7	722	7.0
Total Unique Claimants	4,033	3,533	3,735	500	14.2	298	8.0
Goods-Producing	3,770	2,449	3,827	1,321	53.9	-57	-1.5
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	601	449	507	152	33.9	94	18.5
Mining (21)	522	411	403	111	27.0	119	29.5
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	20	15	35	5	33.3	-15	-42.9
Construction (23)	2,699	1,588	2,957	1,111	70.0	-258	-8.7
Manufacturing (31-33)	468	412	362	56	13.6	106	29.3
Service-Providing	6,227	6,640	5,592	-413	-6.2	635	11.4
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	1,376	1,252	1,212	124	9.9	164	13.5
Wholesale Trade (42)	264	234	166	30	12.8	98	59.0
Retail Trade (44-45)	773	690	622	83	12.0	151	24.3
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	338	326	423	12	3.7	-85	-20.1
Information (51)	101	89	190	12	13.5	-89	-46.8
Financial Activities (52-53)	261	251	293	10	4.0	-32	-10.9
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	1,532	1,121	1,275	411	36.7	257	20.2
Education & Health Services (61-62)	679	710	586	-31	-4.4	93	15.9
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	2,047	2,982	1,833	-935	-31.4	214	11.7
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	227	232	200	-5	-2.2	27	13.5
Government	954	725	814	229	31.6	140	17.2
Federal Government	557	331	464	226	68.3	93	20.0
State Government	102	89	85	13	14.6	17	20.0
Local Government	294	304	264	-10	-3.3	30	11.4
Local Education	57	55	49	2	3.6	8	16.3
Unclassified	143	116	140	27	23.3	3	2.1
Laramie County							
Total Claims Filed	1,450	1,201	1,475	249	20.7	-25	-1.7
Total Unique Claimants	528	454	533	74	16.3	-5	-0.9
Goods-Producing	548	321	567	227	70.7	-19	-3.4
Construction	460	239	488	221	92.5	-28	-5.7
Service-Providing	802	783	833	19	2.4	-31	-3.7
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	269	255	254	14	5.5	15	5.9
Financial Activities (52, 53)	54	48	63	6	12.5	-9	-14.3
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	194	194	216	0	0.0	-22	-10.2
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	100	113	124	-13	-11.5	-24	-19.4
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	109	109	59	0	0.0	50	84.7
Government	84	79	53	5	6.3	31	58.5
Unclassified	15	17	21	-2	-11.8	-6	-28.6
Natrona County							
Total Claims Filed	1,408	1,216	1,289	192	15.8	119	9.2
Total Unique Claimants	490	442	475	48	10.9	15	3.2
Goods-Producing	525	400	495	125	31.3	30	6.1
Construction	368	251	365	117	46.6	3	0.8
Service-Providing	817	776	720	41	5.3	97	13.5
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	265	256	171	9	3.5	94	55.0
Financial Activities (52, 53)	64	50	60	14	28.0	4	6.7
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	180	156	162	24	15.4	18	11.1
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	128	117	130	11	9.4	-2	-1.5
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	109	113	138	-4	-3.5	-29	-21.0
Government	46	27	54	19	70.4	-8	-14.8
Unclassified	19	12	18	7	58.3	1	5.6

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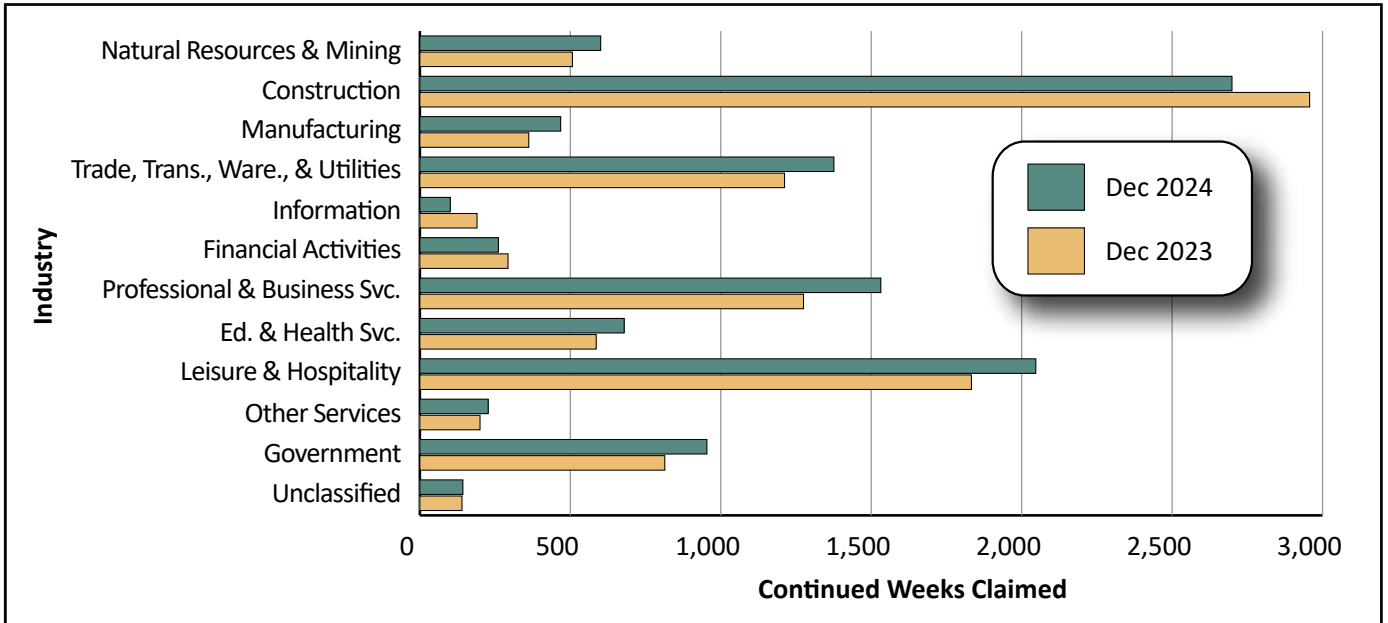


Figure 5: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, December 2023 and December 2024

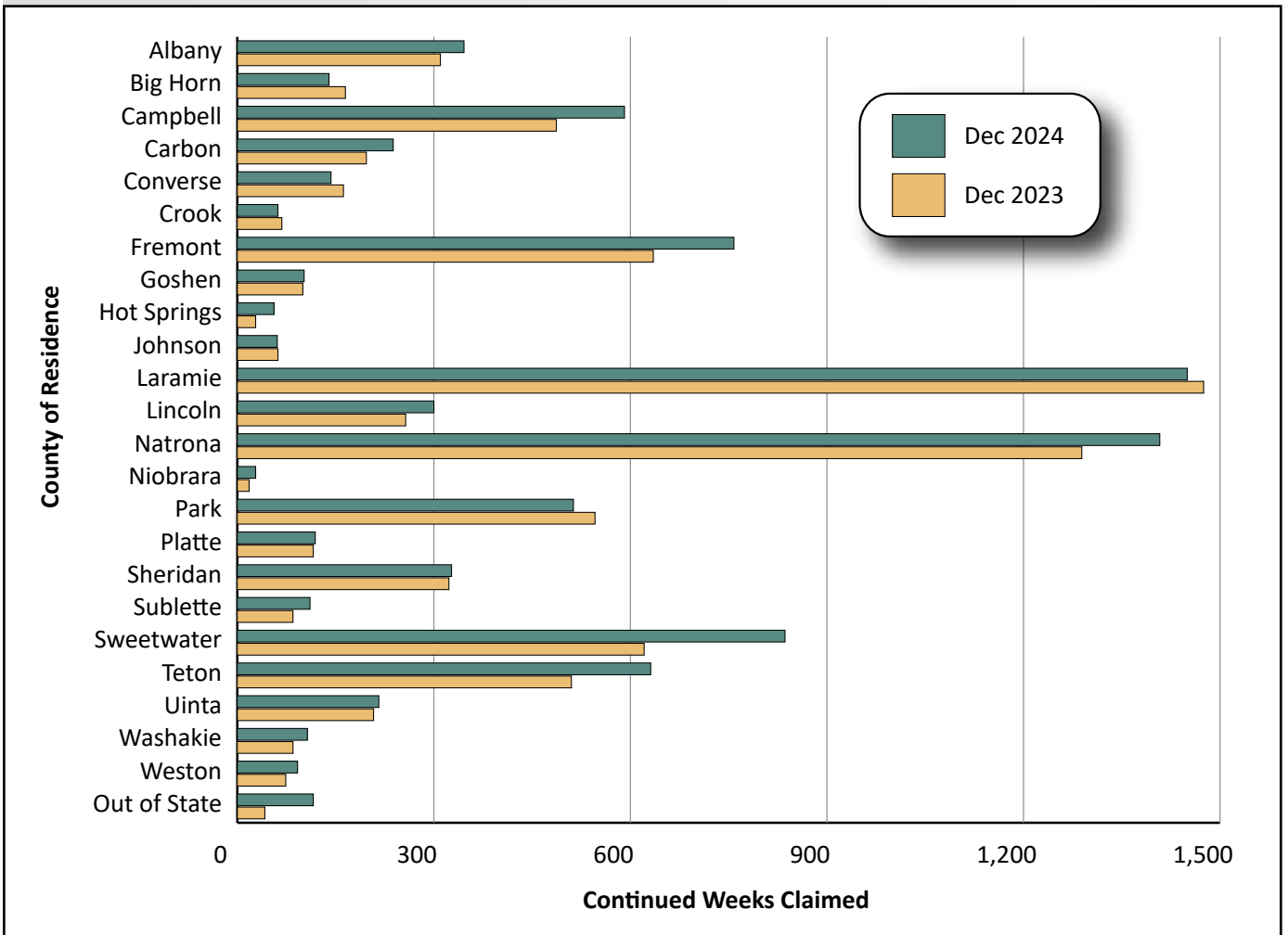


Figure 6: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence in Wyoming, December 2023 and December 2024

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

County	Dec 2024	Dec 2023	Change	
			N	%
Albany	69	68	1	1.5
Big Horn	37	48	-11	-22.9
Campbell	126	128	-2	-1.6
Carbon	38	50	-12	-24.0
Converse	29	29	0	0.0
Crook	20	18	2	11.1
Fremont	112	148	-36	-24.3
Goshen	19	22	-3	-13.6
Hot Springs	6	10	-4	-40.0
Johnson	23	22	1	4.5
Laramie	339	327	12	3.7
Lincoln	56	54	2	3.7
Natrona	286	316	-30	-9.5
Niobrara	9	6	3	50.0
Park	90	97	-7	-7.2
Platte	14	24	-10	-41.7
Sheridan	109	103	6	5.8
Sublette	22	16	6	37.5
Sweetwater	187	147	40	27.2
Teton	58	51	7	13.7
Uinta	44	34	10	29.4
Washakie	23	20	3	15.0
Weston	17	15	2	13.3
Unknown	7	8	-1	-12.5
Out of State	337	295	42	14.2
Total	2,091	2,069	22	1.1

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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, December 2023 and December 2024

County	Dec 2024	Dec 2023	Change	
			N	%
Albany	346	310	36	11.6
Big Horn	140	165	-25	-15.2
Campbell	591	487	104	21.4
Carbon	238	197	41	20.8
Converse	143	162	-19	-11.7
Crook	62	68	-6	-8.8
Fremont	758	635	123	19.4
Goshen	102	100	2	2.0
Hot Springs	56	28	28	100.0
Johnson	61	62	-1	-1.6
Laramie	1,450	1,475	-25	-1.7
Lincoln	300	257	43	16.7
Natrona	1,408	1,289	119	9.2
Niobrara	28	18	10	55.6
Park	513	546	-33	-6.0
Platte	119	116	3	2.6
Sheridan	327	323	4	1.2
Sublette	111	85	26	30.6
Sweetwater	836	621	215	34.6
Teton	631	510	121	23.7
Uinta	216	208	8	3.8
Washakie	107	85	22	25.9
Weston	92	74	18	24.3
Unknown	116	42	74	176.2
Out of State	2,333	2,499	-166	-6.6
Normalized Total^a	11,096	10,374	722	7.0

^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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