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Initial, Continued Claims Continue to Decline in July 2021

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The number of Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims in Wyoming continued to decline in July 2021, and the 1,457 initial claims (see Definitions, page 9) were the fewest at any point since October 2019.

Initial Claims

July marked the fifth consecutive month of over-the-year decreases in initial claims, falling to 1,457 from 8,138 in July 2020 (-6,681, or -82.1%). Initial claims peaked in April 2020 at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic and have largely trended downward since. See Figure 1.

Initial claims decreased across all industries, with the greatest declines seen

UI Claims Online

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in leisure & hospitality (-894, or -85.4%), mining (-644, or -91.1%), and construction (-579, or -71.2%). Claims in the industry labeled unclassified fell by 2,210 (-88.8%). Initial claims in government decreased by 78.1% (-363). See Table 1 (page 5) and Figure 3 (page 6).

The number of initial claims also decreased across all counties, led by

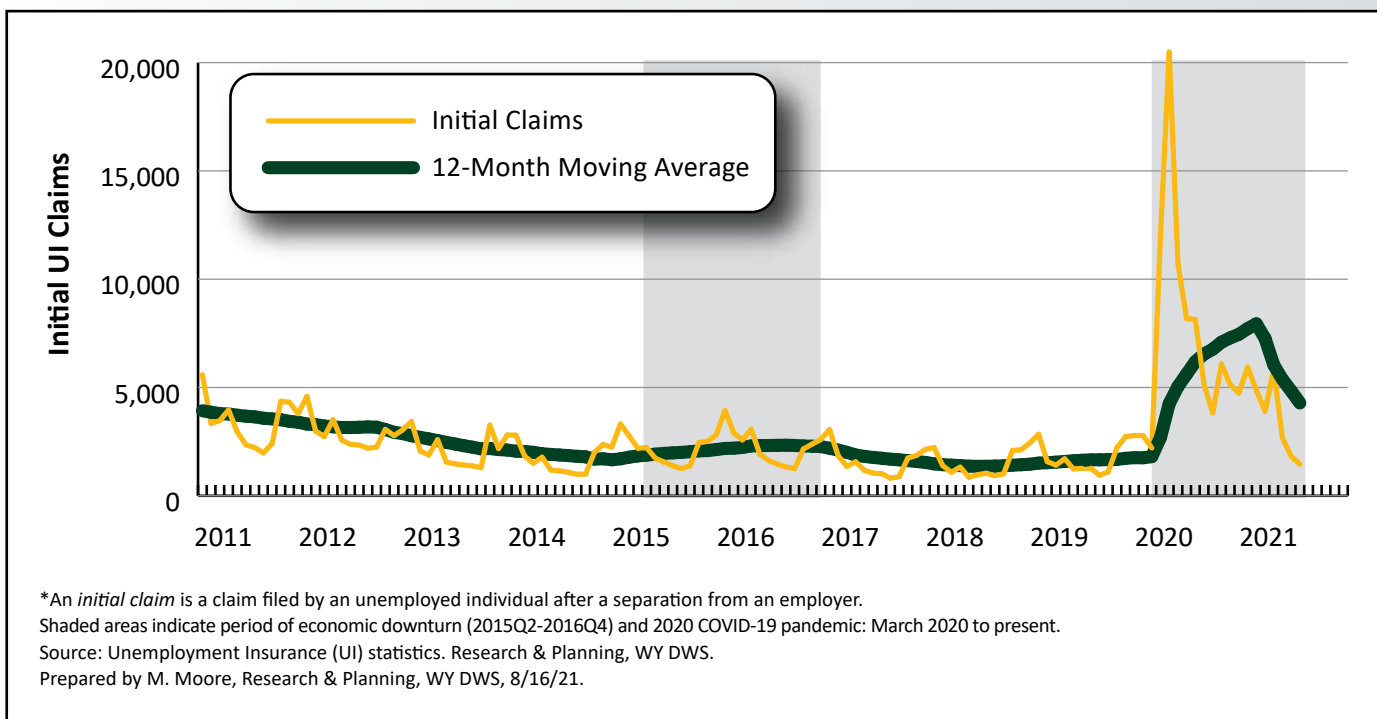


Figure 1: Total Number of Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by Year and Month, January 2011 to July 2021

Natrona (-1,185, or -83.0%), Laramie (-807, or -80.0%), and Campbell (-562, or -80.6%) counties. The number of out-of-state claims decreased by 1,141 (-83.0%). See *Figure 4 (page 6) and Table 3 (page 9)*.

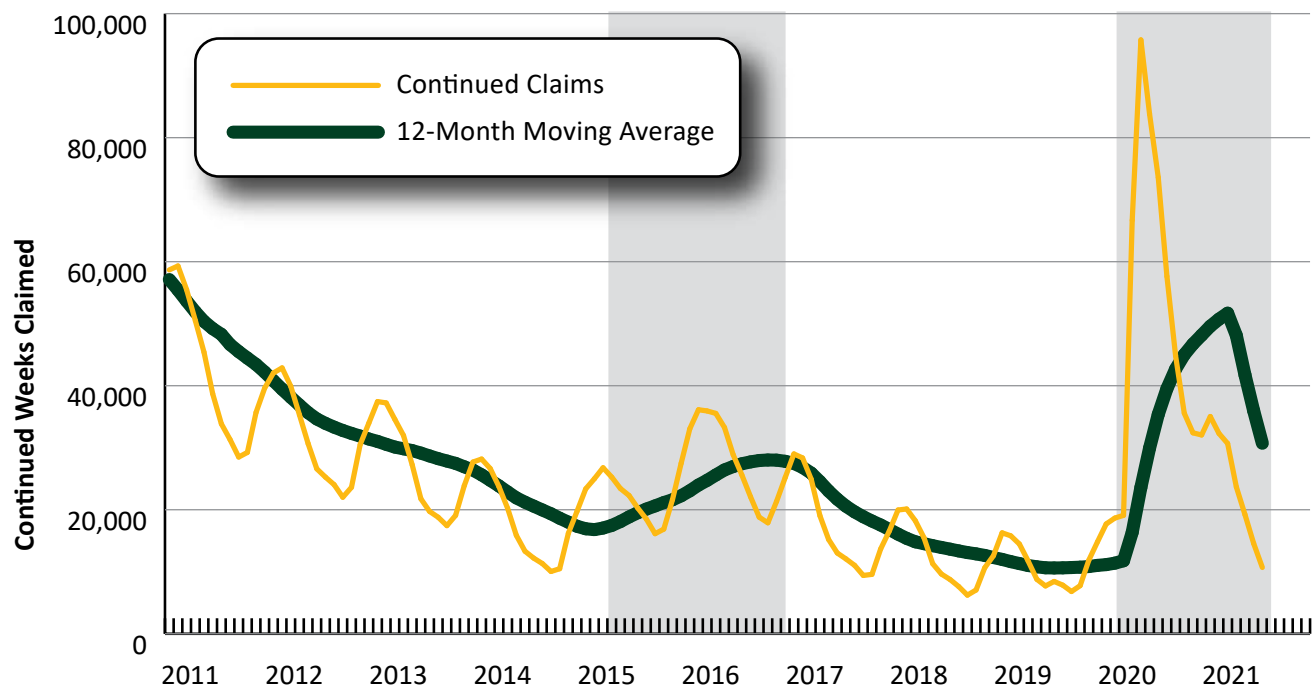
Continued Claims

The total number of continued weeks claimed decreased from 73,590 in July 2020 to 10,691 in July 2021 (-62,899, or -85.5%). The number of unique claimants decreased from 18,097 to 3,506 (-14,591, or -80.6%). See *Figure 2 and Table 2, page 7*.

Continued claims declined in all

industries over the year, including mining (-12,901, or -94.1%), leisure & hospitality (-9,449, or -90.4%), construction (-5,939, or -78.3%), and professional & business services (-3,810, or -83.6%). Continued claims in the industry labeled unclassified fell by 11,146 claims (-86.8%). See *Table 2, page 7, and Figure 5, page 8*.

Continued claims also fell in every county, with the greatest decreases seen in Natrona (-13,317, or -88.1%), Laramie (-6,743 or -82.9%), and Sweetwater (-5,203 or -85.9%) counties. The number of total weeks claimed by out-of-state recipients decreased by 9,096 (-84.6%). See *Table 2, page 7, and Figure 6, page 8*.



*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 period of economic downturn (2015Q2-2016Q4) and 2020 COVID-19 pandemic: March 2020 to present.

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 2011 to July 2021

Table 1: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims in Wyoming, July 2021

Industry	Initial Claims Filed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Jul 2021	Jun 2021	Jul 2020	N	%	N	%
Total Claims Filed	1,457	1,827	8,138	-370	-20.3	-6,681	-82.1
Goods-Producing	377	511	1,766	-134	-26.2	-1,389	-78.7
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	74	120	723	-46	-38.3	-649	-89.8
Mining (21)	63	110	707	-47	-42.7	-644	-91.1
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	10	10	19	0	0.0	-9	-47.4
Construction (23)	234	329	813	-95	-28.9	-579	-71.2
Manufacturing (31-33)	68	61	229	7	11.5	-161	-70.3
Service-Providing	696	927	3,415	-231	-24.9	-2,719	-79.6
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	216	265	999	-49	-18.5	-783	-78.4
Wholesale Trade (42)	41	54	275	-13	-24.1	-234	-85.1
Retail Trade (44-45)	115	135	400	-20	-14.8	-285	-71.3
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	59	76	323	-17	-22.4	-264	-81.7
Information (51)	12	9	51	3	33.3	-39	-76.5
Financial Activities (52-53)	33	37	172	-4	-10.8	-139	-80.8
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	122	152	484	-30	-19.7	-362	-74.8
Education & Health Services (61-62)	128	250	469	-122	-48.8	-341	-72.7
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	153	176	1,047	-23	-13.1	-894	-85.4
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	28	35	191	-7	-20.0	-163	-85.3
Government	102	169	465	-67	-39.6	-363	-78.1
Federal Government	12	20	44	-8	-40.0	-32	-72.7
State Government	8	15	80	-7	-46.7	-72	-90.0
Local Government	81	133	341	-52	-39.1	-260	-76.2
Local Education	24	71	158	-47	-66.2	-134	-84.8
Unclassified	280	218	2,490	62	28.4	-2,210	-88.8
Laramie County							
Total Claims Filed	202	255	1,009	-53	-20.8	-807	-80.0
Goods-Producing	31	58	124	-27	-46.6	-93	-75.0
Construction	24	44	72	-20	-45.5	-48	-66.7
Service-Providing	125	148	498	-23	-15.5	-373	-74.9
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	40	44	139	-4	-9.1	-99	-71.2
Financial Activities (52, 53)	9	8	15	1	12.5	-6	-40.0
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	25	21	87	4	19.0	-62	-71.3
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	22	36	96	-14	-38.9	-74	-77.1
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	20	28	119	-8	-28.6	-99	-83.2
Government	9	20	62	-11	-55.0	-53	-85.5
Unclassified	35	27	323	8	29.6	-288	-89.2
Natrona County							
Total Claims Filed	243	316	1,428	-73	-23.1	-1,185	-83.0
Goods-Producing	53	92	339	-39	-42.4	-286	-84.4
Construction	20	53	124	-33	-62.3	-104	-83.9
Service-Providing	130	185	755	-55	-29.7	-625	-82.8
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	54	68	259	-14	-20.6	-205	-79.2
Financial Activities (52, 53)	6	6	53	0	0.0	-47	-88.7
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	22	32	87	-10	-31.3	-65	-74.7
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	24	40	84	-16	-40.0	-60	-71.4
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	18	28	172	-10	-35.7	-154	-89.5
Government	17	13	32	4	30.8	-15	-46.9
Unclassified	42	25	300	17	68.0	-258	-86.0

N/D = Not discloseable due to confidentiality.

Source: Unemployment Insurance claims database. Prepared by M. Moore, Research & Planning, WY DWS, 8/16/21.

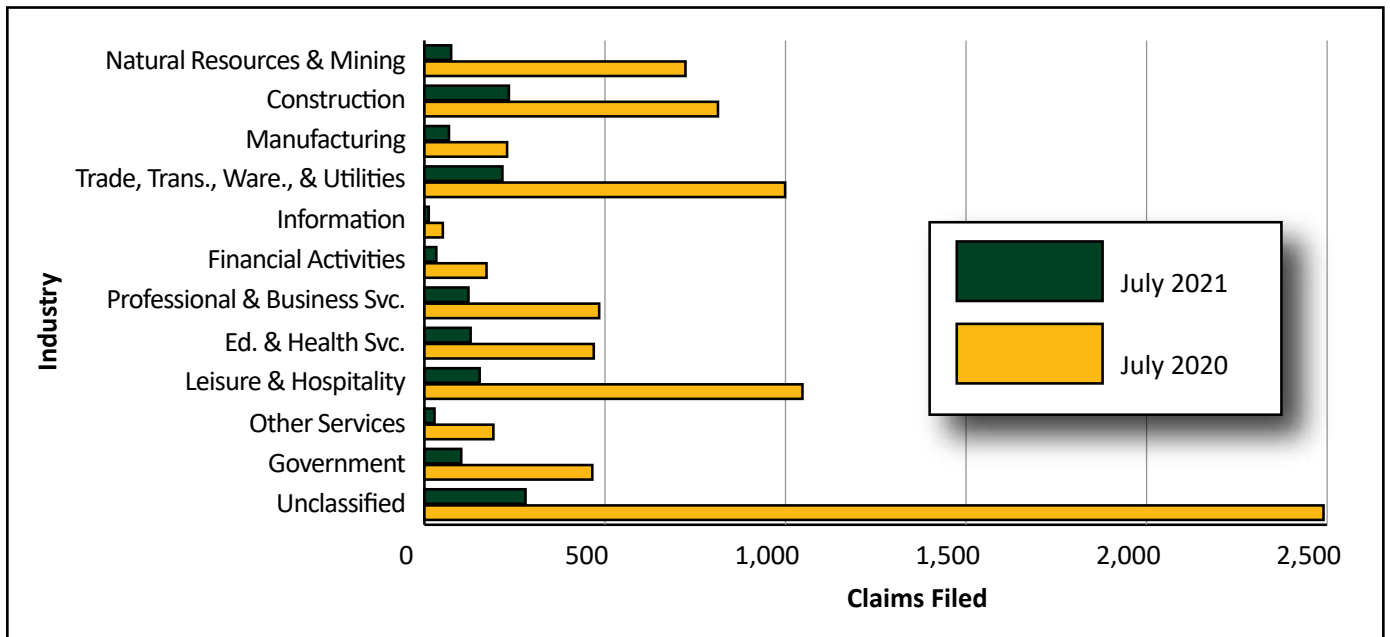


Figure 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, July 2020 and July 2021

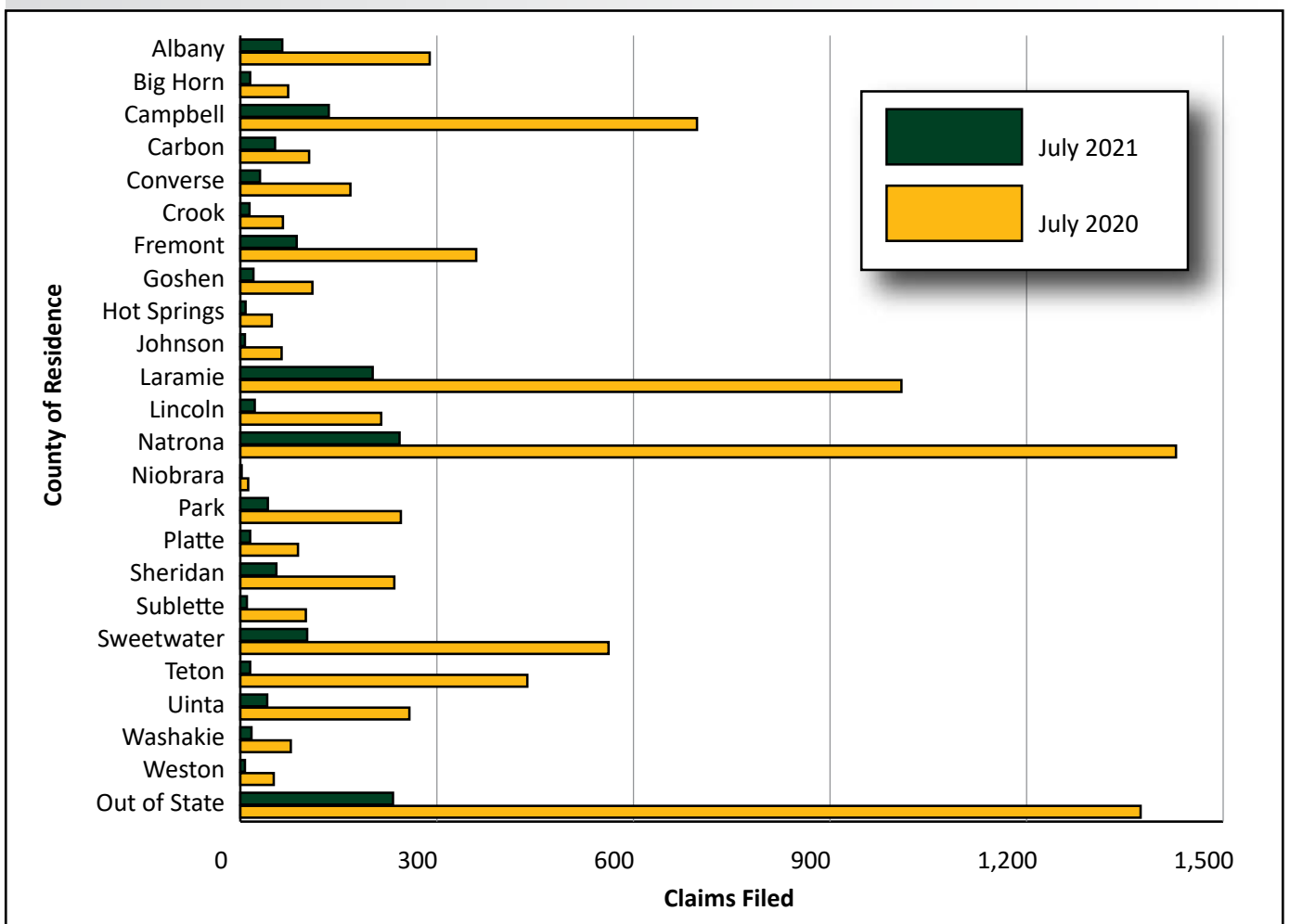


Figure 4: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, July 2020 and July 2021

Table 2: Unemployment Insurance Continued Weeks Claimed in Wyoming, July 2021

Industry	Continued Weeks Claimed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Jul 2021	Jun 2021	Jul 2020	N	%	N	%
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	10,691	14,561	73,590	-3,870	-26.6	-62,899	-85.5
Total Unique Claimants	3,506	4,692	18,097	-1,186	-25.3	-14,591	-80.6
Goods-Producing	2,883	4,182	23,963	-1,299	-31.1	-21,080	-88.0
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	835	1,167	13,856	-332	-28.4	-13,021	-94.0
Mining (21)	811	1,089	13,712	-278	-25.5	-12,901	-94.1
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	103	158	386	-55	-34.8	-283	-73.3
Construction (23)	1,650	2,429	7,589	-779	-32.1	-5,939	-78.3
Manufacturing (31-33)	397	585	2,517	-188	-32.1	-2,120	-84.2
Service-Providing	5,243	6,759	32,736	-1,516	-22.4	-27,493	-84.0
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	1,605	2,059	9,735	-454	-22.0	-8,130	-83.5
Wholesale Trade (42)	401	413	2,986	-12	-2.9	-2,585	-86.6
Retail Trade (44-45)	773	1,034	3,733	-261	-25.2	-2,960	-79.3
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	429	611	3,015	-182	-29.8	-2,586	-85.8
Information (51)	84	99	435	-15	-15.2	-351	-80.7
Financial Activities (52-53)	312	342	1,803	-30	-8.8	-1,491	-82.7
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	750	995	4,560	-245	-24.6	-3,810	-83.6
Education & Health Services (61-62)	1,290	1,425	3,886	-135	-9.5	-2,596	-66.8
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	1,007	1,540	10,456	-533	-34.6	-9,449	-90.4
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	192	295	1,858	-103	-34.9	-1,666	-89.7
Government	864	1,053	4,045	-189	-17.9	-3,181	-78.6
Federal Government	76	143	268	-67	-46.9	-192	-71.6
State Government	116	116	381	0	0.0	-265	-69.6
Local Government	671	794	3,396	-123	-15.5	-2,725	-80.2
Local Education	246	285	1,948	-39	-13.7	-1,702	-87.4
Unclassified	1,699	2,565	12,845	-866	-33.8	-11,146	-86.8
Laramie County							
Total Claims Filed	1,392	1,922	8,135	-530	-27.6	-6,743	-82.9
Total Unique Claimants	453	602	2,035	-149	-24.8	-1,582	-77.7
Goods-Producing	241	428	1,694	-187	-43.7	-1,453	-85.8
Construction	155	290	699	-135	-46.6	-544	-77.8
Service-Providing	809	1,033	4,427	-224	-21.7	-3,618	-81.7
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	260	339	1,273	-79	-23.3	-1,013	-79.6
Financial Activities (52, 53)	53	64	229	-11	-17.2	-176	-76.9
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	126	206	600	-80	-38.8	-474	-79.0
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	184	188	591	-4	-2.1	-407	-68.9
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	128	174	1,364	-46	-26.4	-1,236	-90.6
Government	107	143	486	-36	-25.2	-379	-78.0
Unclassified	233	316	1,525	-83	-26.3	-1,292	-84.7
Natrona County							
Total Claims Filed	1,801	2,380	15,118	-579	-24.3	-13,317	-88.1
Total Unique Claimants	599	812	3,638	-213	-26.2	-3,039	-83.5
Goods-Producing	410	564	4,734	-154	-27.3	-4,324	-91.3
Construction	210	323	1,189	-113	-35.0	-979	-82.3
Service-Providing	1,078	1,339	7,799	-261	-19.5	-6,721	-86.2
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	402	538	2,854	-136	-25.3	-2,452	-85.9
Financial Activities (52, 53)	58	60	582	-2	-3.3	-524	-90.0
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	138	176	991	-38	-21.6	-853	-86.1
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	233	245	762	-12	-4.9	-529	-69.4
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	185	226	1,811	-41	-18.1	-1,626	-89.8
Government	97	87	372	10	11.5	-275	-73.9
Unclassified	215	388	2,212	-173	-44.6	-1,997	-90.3

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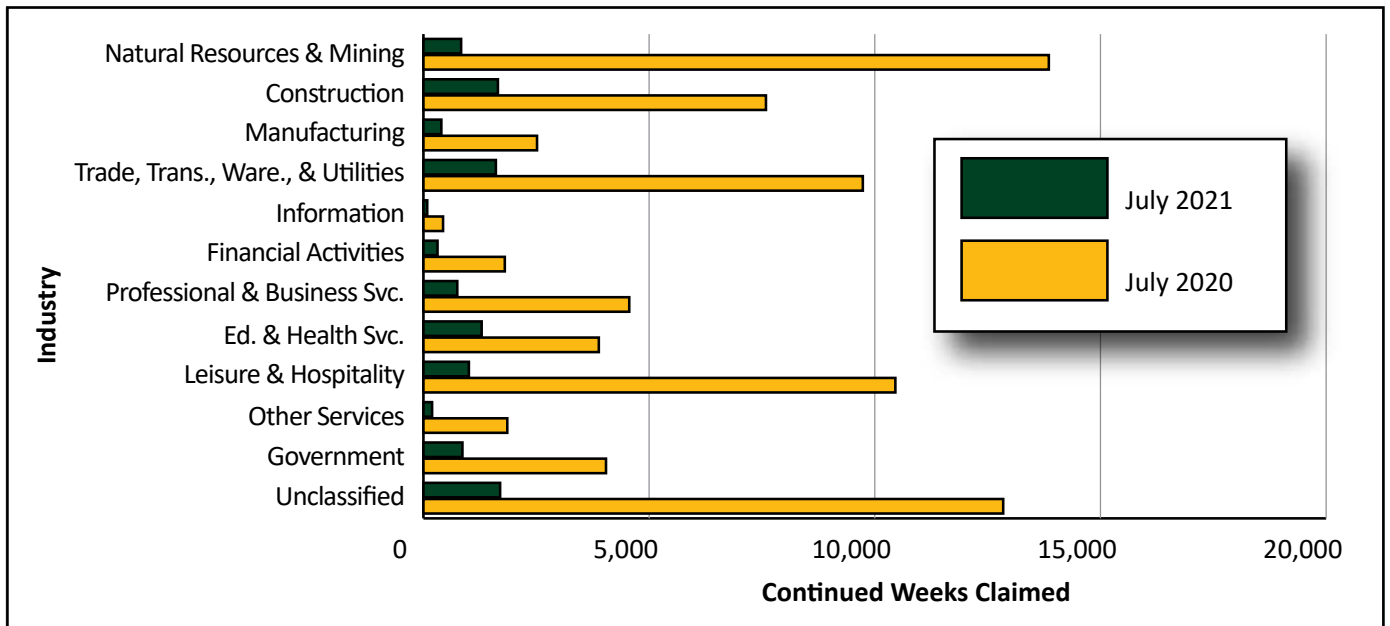


Figure 5: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, July 2020 and July 2021

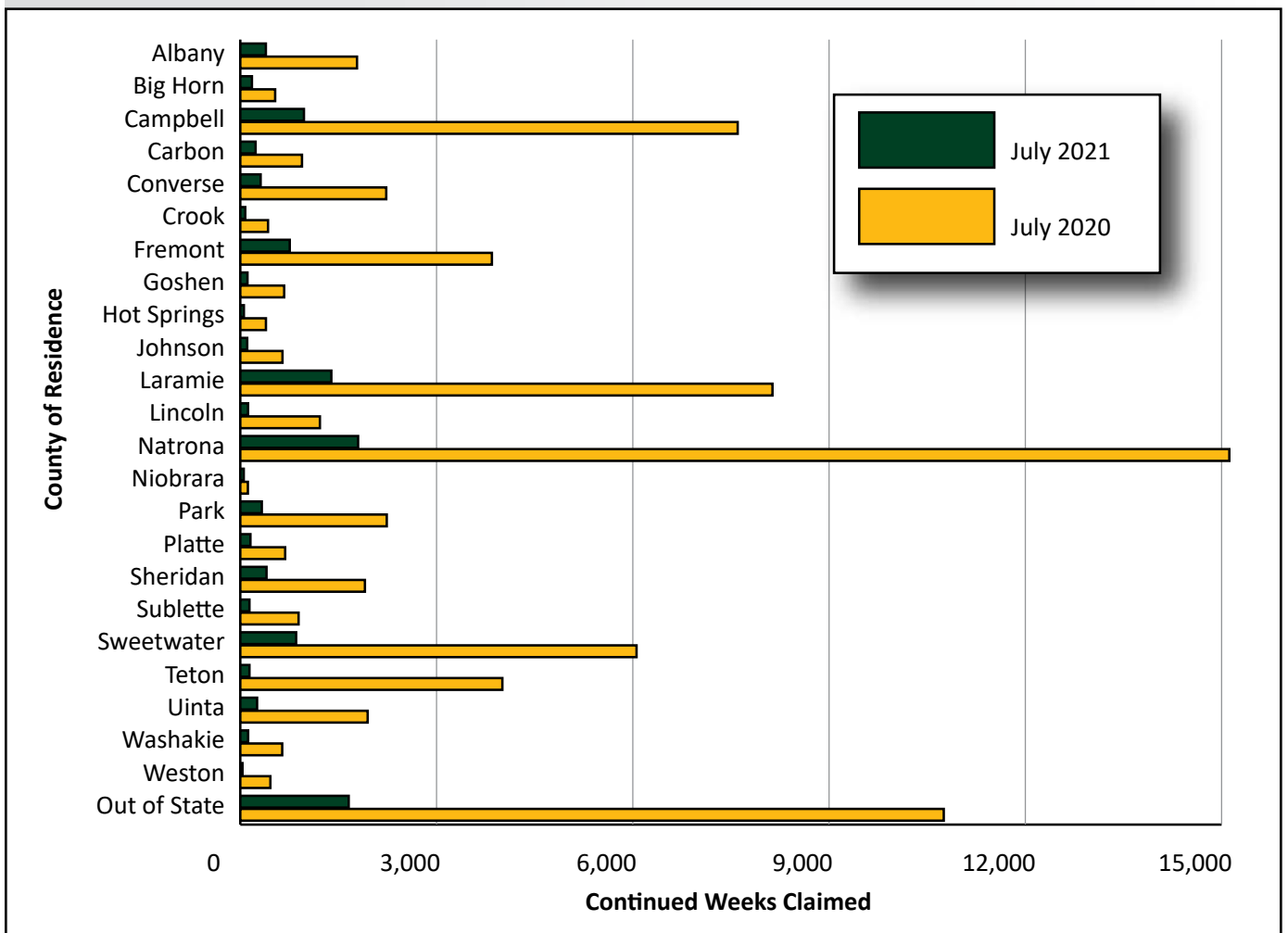


Figure 6: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence in Wyoming, July 2020 and July 2021

Table 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by County of Residence, July 2020 and July 2021

County	Jul 2021	Jul 2020	Change	
			N	%
Albany	64	289	-225	-77.9
Big Horn	15	73	-58	-79.5
Campbell	135	697	-562	-80.6
Carbon	53	105	-52	-49.5
Converse	30	168	-138	-82.1
Crook	14	65	-51	-78.5
Fremont	86	360	-274	-76.1
Goshen	20	110	-90	-81.8
Hot Springs	8	48	-40	-83.3
Johnson	7	63	-56	-88.9
Laramie	202	1,009	-807	-80.0
Lincoln	22	215	-193	-89.8
Natrona	243	1,428	-1,185	-83.0
Niobrara	2	12	-10	-83.3
Park	42	245	-203	-82.9
Platte	15	88	-73	-83.0
Sheridan	55	235	-180	-76.6
Sublette	10	100	-90	-90.0
Sweetwater	102	562	-460	-81.9
Teton	15	438	-423	-96.6
Uinta	41	258	-217	-84.1
Washakie	17	77	-60	-77.9
Weston	7	51	-44	-86.3
Unknown	8	56	-48	-85.7
Out of State	233	1,374	-1,141	-83.0
Total	1,457	8,138	-6,681	-82.1

Source: Unemployment Insurance claims database.

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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, July 2020 and July 2021

County	Jul 2021	Jul 2020	Change	
			N	%
Albany	391	1,784	-1,393	-78.1
Big Horn	178	533	-355	-66.6
Campbell	973	7,603	-6,630	-87.2
Carbon	234	943	-709	-75.2
Converse	311	2,231	-1,920	-86.1
Crook	76	424	-348	-82.1
Fremont	756	3,846	-3,090	-80.3
Goshen	110	671	-561	-83.6
Hot Springs	55	392	-337	-86.0
Johnson	106	645	-539	-83.6
Laramie	1,392	8,135	-6,743	-82.9
Lincoln	119	1,217	-1,098	-90.2
Natrona	1,801	15,118	-13,317	-88.1
Niobrara	53	116	-63	-54.3
Park	329	2,239	-1,910	-85.3
Platte	155	686	-531	-77.4
Sheridan	401	1,905	-1,504	-79.0
Sublette	140	891	-751	-84.3
Sweetwater	854	6,057	-5,203	-85.9
Teton	140	4,006	-3,866	-96.5
Uinta	257	1,947	-1,690	-86.8
Washakie	120	641	-521	-81.3
Weston	34	460	-426	-92.6
Unknown	38	335	-297	-88.7
Out of State	1,657	10,753	-9,096	-84.6
Normalized Total^a	10,691	73,590	-62,899	-85.5


^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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