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### Construction Leads All Industries in Initial, Continued Claims

by: *Michael Moore, Research Supervisor*

Initial and continued Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims (see Definitions, page 9) in Wyoming continued to decline from prior-year levels in December 2021. In addition, both initial and continued claims were noticeably lower than pre-pandemic levels from December 2019. Initial and continued claims followed their normal seasonal trends and increased from November to December.

#### Initial Claims

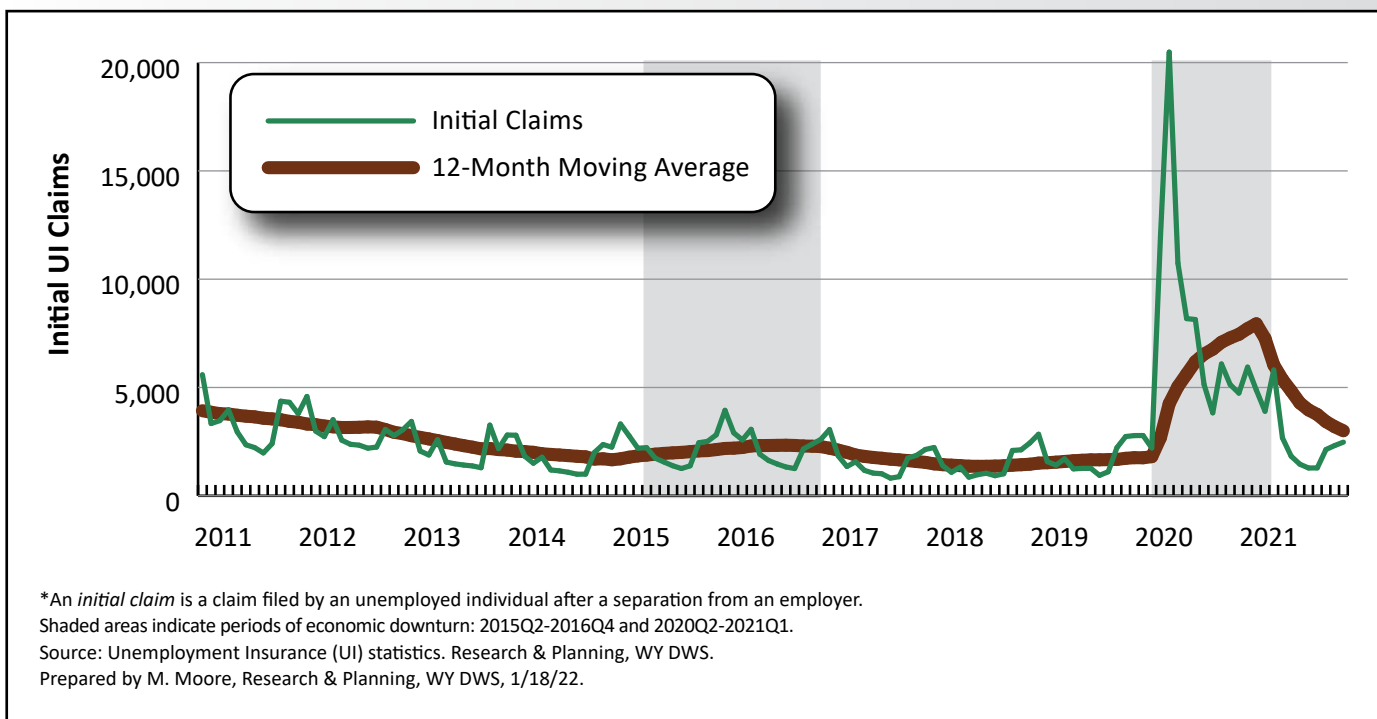
December 2021 marked the ninth consecutive month of over-the-year decreases in initial UI claims in Wyoming (see Figure 1). There were 2,476 initial claims in December 2021, down from 4,740 in December 2020 (-2,264 or -47.8%).

#### UI Claims Online

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

All industries and counties showed over-the-year decreases in initial claims (see Figures 3 and 4, page 6). The industries with the largest number of initial claims included construction (946), unclassified (395), trade, transportation, & utilities (209), and professional & business services (206; see Table 1, page 5).

The counties with the greatest number of initial claims were Natrona (410), Laramie



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

(399), Sweetwater (173), and Campbell (170). Wyoming also had 368 initial claims for out-of-state residents (see Table 3, page 9).

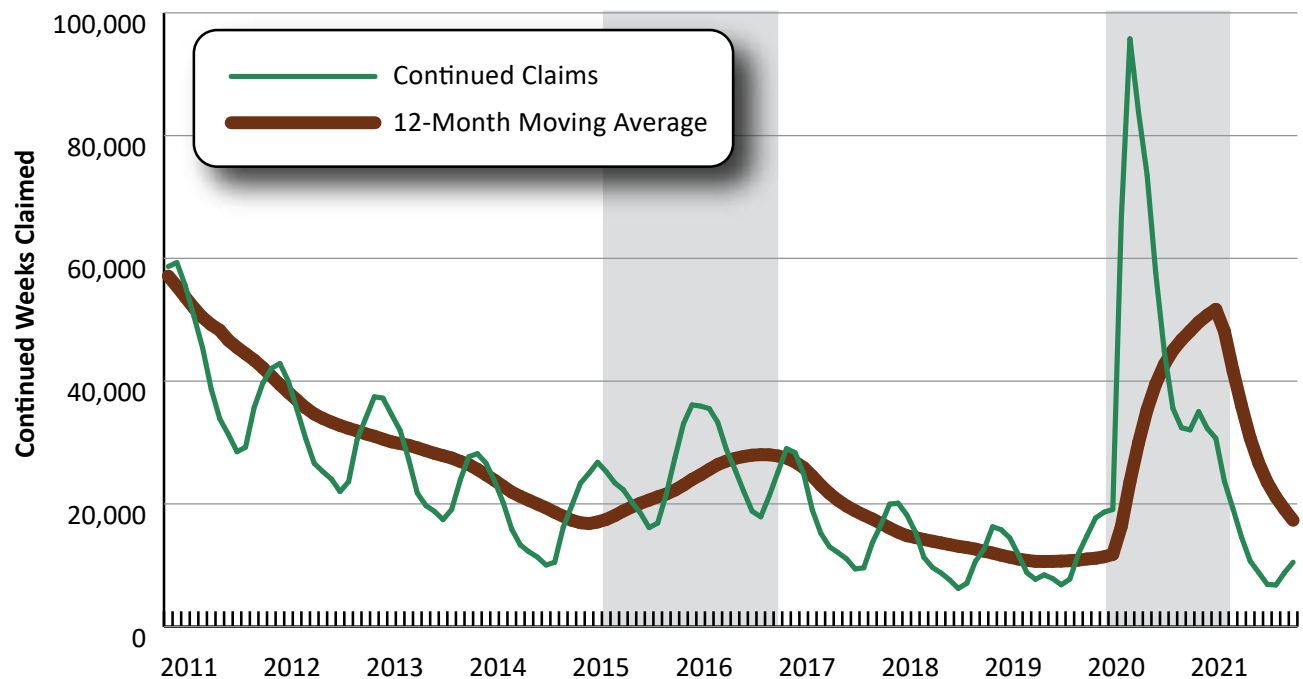
### Continued Claims

Continued claims declined from prior-year levels for the eighth consecutive month in December (see Figure 2). The total number of continued weeks claimed decreased from 32,057 in December 2020 to 10,490 in December 2021 (-21,567, or -67.3%; see Table 2, page 7). Total continued claims were substantially lower compared to pre-pandemic levels in December 2019 (-4,343, or -29.3%). The number of total unique claimants decreased from 8,895 to 3,332 (-5,563, or -62.5%).

Continued claims decreased over the year in all industries and counties (see Figures 5 and 6, page 8).

The industries with the most continued weeks claimed included construction (2,448), unclassified (2,117), leisure & hospitality (1,259), trade, transportation, & utilities (1,059), and government (1,027).

The 2,124 total weeks claimed by out-of-state claimants accounted for approximately one in five (20.2%) total weeks claimed. The Wyoming counties with the most continued weeks claimed were Natrona (1,589), Laramie (1,204), Fremont (646), and Campbell (630).



\*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 2011 to December 2021**

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

Industry	Initial Claims Filed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Dec 2021	Nov 2021	Dec 2020	N	%	N	%
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>2,476</b>	<b>2,319</b>	<b>4,740</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>-2,264</b>	<b>-47.8</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>1,130</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>1,900</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>76.6</b>	<b>-770</b>	<b>-40.5</b>
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	107	74	307	33	44.6	-200	-65.1
Mining (21)	83	64	276	19	29.7	-193	-69.9
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	4	7	20	-3	-42.9	-16	-80.0
Construction (23)	946	501	1,411	445	88.8	-465	-33.0
Manufacturing (31-33)	76	64	180	12	18.8	-104	-57.8
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>778</b>	<b>1,122</b>	<b>1,840</b>	<b>-344</b>	<b>-30.7</b>	<b>-1,062</b>	<b>-57.7</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	209	244	451	-35	-14.3	-242	-53.7
Wholesale Trade (42)	21	41	79	-20	-48.8	-58	-73.4
Retail Trade (44-45)	99	119	218	-20	-16.8	-119	-54.6
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	88	84	153	4	4.8	-65	-42.5
Information (51)	11	8	12	3	37.5	-1	-8.3
Financial Activities (52-53)	25	34	60	-9	-26.5	-35	-58.3
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	206	234	409	-28	-12.0	-203	-49.6
Education & Health Services (61-62)	102	94	235	8	8.5	-133	-56.6
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	191	481	605	-290	-60.3	-414	-68.4
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	32	23	65	9	39.1	-33	-50.8
<b>Government</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>-43</b>	<b>-20.0</b>	<b>-105</b>	<b>-37.9</b>
Federal Government	103	138	142	-35	-25.4	-39	-27.5
State Government	15	16	30	-1	-6.3	-15	-50.0
Local Government	53	60	105	-7	-11.7	-52	-49.5
Local Education	13	9	43	4	44.4	-30	-69.8
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>722</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>-327</b>	<b>-45.3</b>
<b>Laramie County</b>							
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>654</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>46.7</b>	<b>-255</b>	<b>-39.0</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>104.1</b>	<b>-75</b>	<b>-27.5</b>
Construction	185	81	243	104	128.4	-58	-23.9
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>-129</b>	<b>-50.0</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	46	38	55	8	21.1	-9	-16.4
Financial Activities (52, 53)	8	6	13	2	33.3	-5	-38.5
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	32	42	63	-10	-23.8	-31	-49.2
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	24	11	53	13	118.2	-29	-54.7
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	11	15	57	-4	-26.7	-46	-80.7
<b>Government</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-7</b>	<b>-30.4</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>-44</b>	<b>-44.4</b>
<b>Natrona County</b>							
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>919</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>16.5</b>	<b>-509</b>	<b>-55.4</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>60.2</b>	<b>-170</b>	<b>-48.4</b>
Construction	169	85	265	84	98.8	-96	-36.2
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>-30</b>	<b>-16.2</b>	<b>-279</b>	<b>-64.3</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	44	59	119	-15	-25.4	-75	-63.0
Financial Activities (52, 53)	4	12	9	-8	-66.7	-5	-55.6
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	36	44	91	-8	-18.2	-55	-60.4
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	25	28	71	-3	-10.7	-46	-64.8
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	33	36	126	-3	-8.3	-93	-73.8
<b>Government</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>-15</b>	<b>-60.0</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>43.2</b>	<b>-44</b>	<b>-41.1</b>

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Source: Unemployment Insurance claims database. Prepared by C. McGrath, Research &amp; Planning, WY DWS, 1/14/22.

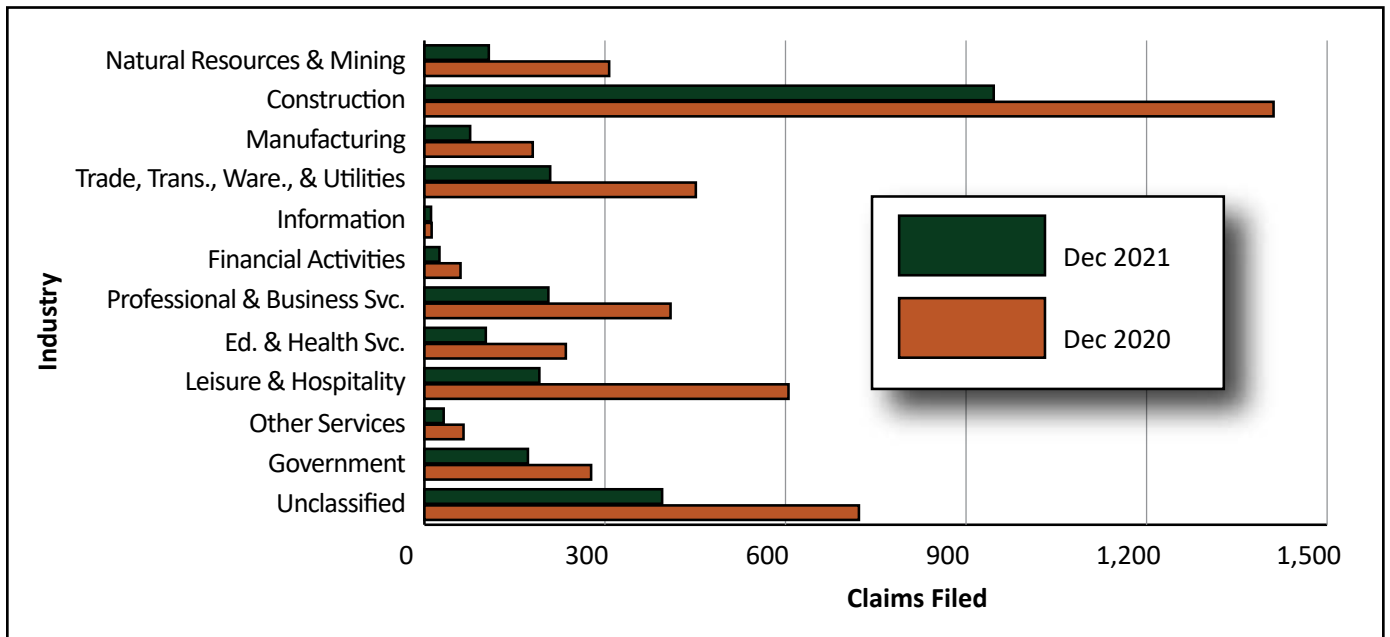


Figure 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, December 2020 and December 2021

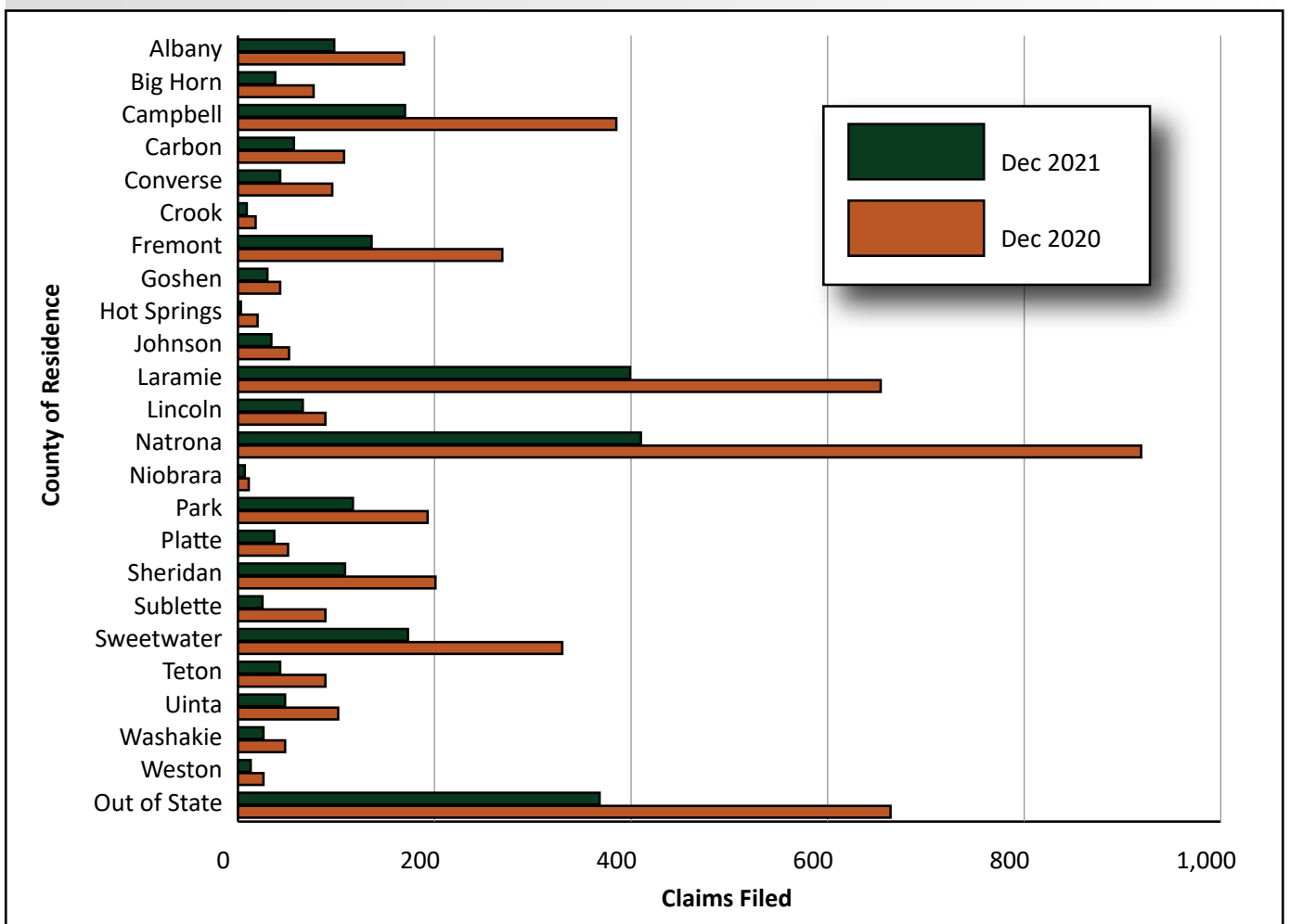


Figure 4: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, December 2020 and December 2021

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

Industry	Continued Weeks Claimed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Dec 2021	Nov 2021	Dec 2020	N	%	N	%
<b>Total Continued Weeks Claimed</b>	<b>10,490</b>	<b>8,795</b>	<b>32,057</b>	<b>1,695</b>	<b>19.3</b>	<b>-21,567</b>	<b>-67.3</b>
Total Unique Claimants	3,332	3,168	8,895	164	5.2	-5,563	-62.5
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>3,258</b>	<b>2,068</b>	<b>10,740</b>	<b>1,190</b>	<b>57.5</b>	<b>-7,482</b>	<b>-69.7</b>
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	485	416	3,194	69	16.6	-2,709	-84.8
Mining (21)	381	339	3,067	42	12.4	-2,686	-87.6
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	67	76	193	-9	-11.8	-126	-65.3
Construction (23)	2,448	1,372	6,492	1,076	78.4	-4,044	-62.3
Manufacturing (31-33)	324	279	1,053	45	16.1	-729	-69.2
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>4,087</b>	<b>4,368</b>	<b>13,048</b>	<b>-281</b>	<b>-6.4</b>	<b>-8,961</b>	<b>-68.7</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	1,059	1,071	3,669	-12	-1.1	-2,610	-71.1
Wholesale Trade (42)	185	256	975	-71	-27.7	-790	-81.0
Retail Trade (44-45)	539	531	1,499	8	1.5	-960	-64.0
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	335	283	1,194	52	18.4	-859	-71.9
Information (51)	60	56	186	4	7.1	-126	-67.7
Financial Activities (52-53)	199	186	604	13	7.0	-405	-67.1
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	924	619	2,611	305	49.3	-1,687	-64.6
Education & Health Services (61-62)	433	457	1,395	-24	-5.3	-962	-69.0
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	1,259	1,825	3,987	-566	-31.0	-2,728	-68.4
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	151	152	592	-1	-0.7	-441	-74.5
<b>Government</b>	<b>1,027</b>	<b>753</b>	<b>1,997</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>36.4</b>	<b>-970</b>	<b>-48.6</b>
Federal Government	607	346	780	261	75.4	-173	-22.2
State Government	81	76	242	5	6.6	-161	-66.5
Local Government	337	330	975	7	2.1	-638	-65.4
Local Education	78	94	305	-16	-17.0	-227	-74.4
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>2,117</b>	<b>1,604</b>	<b>6,270</b>	<b>513</b>	<b>32.0</b>	<b>-4,153</b>	<b>-66.2</b>
<b>Laramie County</b>							
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>1,204</b>	<b>853</b>	<b>3,741</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>41.1</b>	<b>-2,537</b>	<b>-67.8</b>
Total Unique Claimants	426	329	1,046	97	29.5	-620	-59.3
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>406</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>1,120</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>80.4</b>	<b>-714</b>	<b>-63.8</b>
Construction	344	181	825	163	90.1	-481	-58.3
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>1,672</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>20.6</b>	<b>-1,175</b>	<b>-70.3</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	150	149	463	1	0.7	-313	-67.6
Financial Activities (52, 53)	25	33	87	-8	-24.2	-62	-71.3
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	177	127	368	50	39.4	-191	-51.9
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	60	43	296	17	39.5	-236	-79.7
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	32	22	361	10	45.5	-329	-91.1
<b>Government</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-141</b>	<b>-74.2</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>52.1</b>	<b>-506</b>	<b>-66.8</b>
<b>Natrona County</b>							
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>1,589</b>	<b>1,222</b>	<b>6,074</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>-4,485</b>	<b>-73.8</b>
Total Unique Claimants	512	464	1,714	48	10.3	-1,202	-70.1
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>2,019</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>78.4</b>	<b>-1,498</b>	<b>-74.2</b>
Construction	414	215	1,067	199	92.6	-653	-61.2
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>624</b>	<b>2,903</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>-2,233</b>	<b>-76.9</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	212	250	1,027	-38	-15.2	-815	-79.4
Financial Activities (52, 53)	43	28	210	15	53.6	-167	-79.5
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	129	80	514	49	61.3	-385	-74.9
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	117	127	296	-10	-7.9	-179	-60.5
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	132	103	546	29	28.2	-414	-75.8
<b>Government</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>-18</b>	<b>-28.6</b>	<b>-129</b>	<b>-74.1</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>977</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>46.1</b>	<b>-625</b>	<b>-64.0</b>

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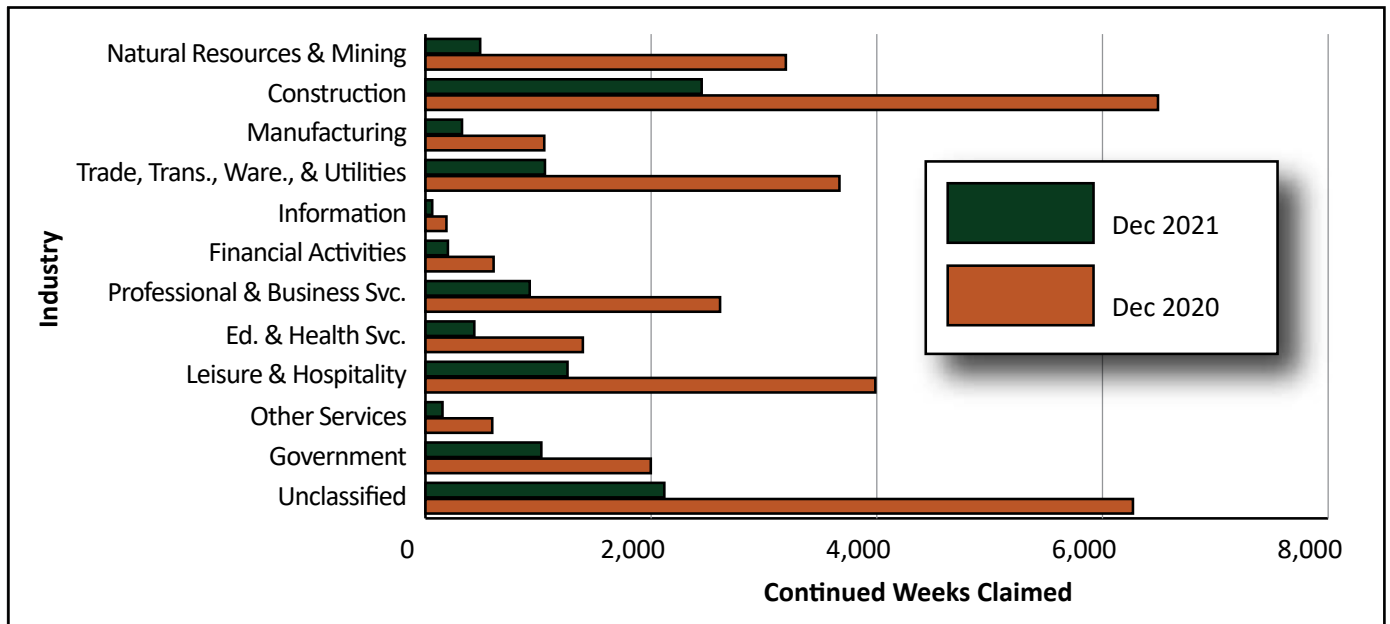


Figure 5: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, December 2020 and December 2021

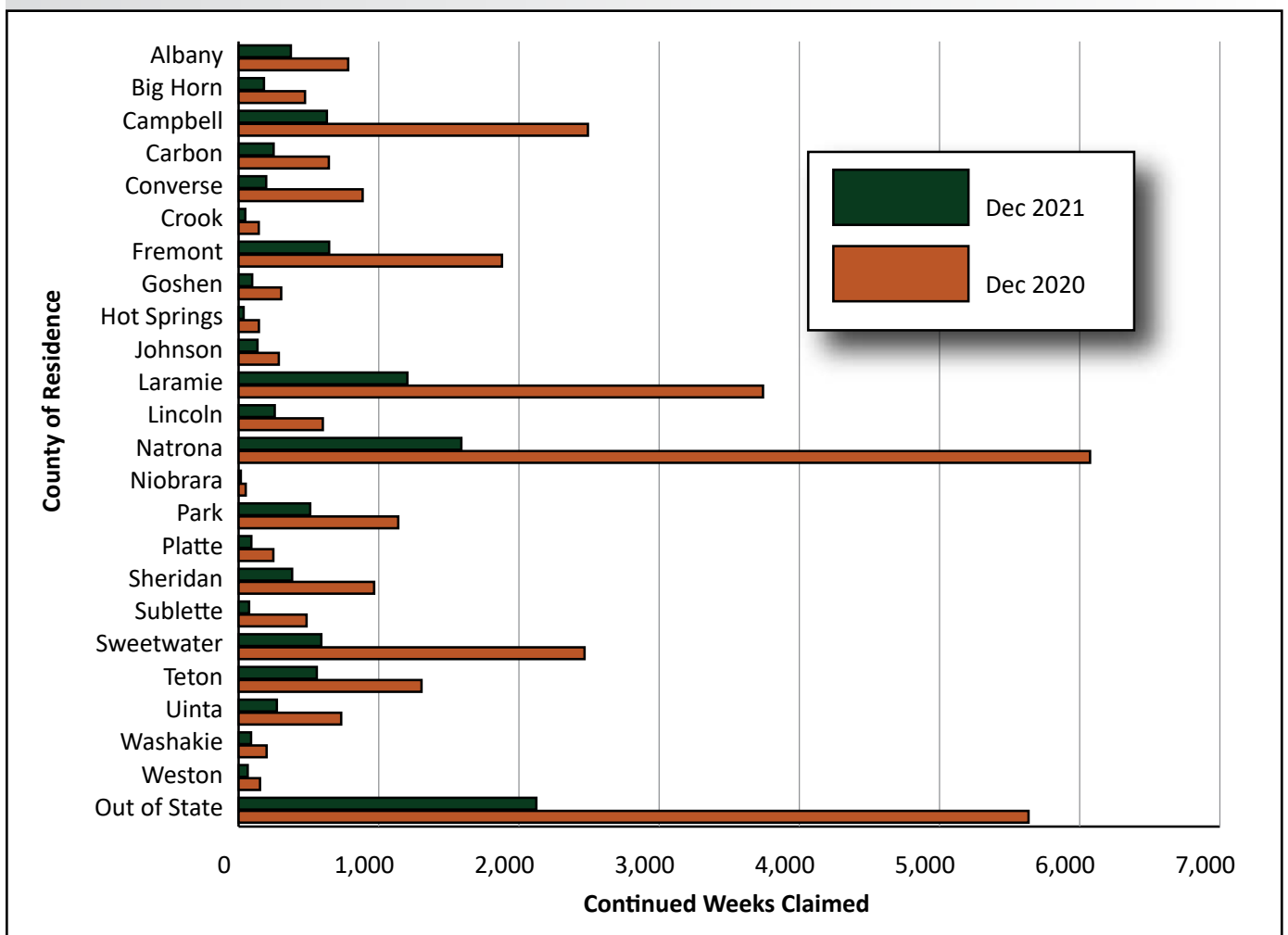


Figure 6: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence in Wyoming, December 2020 and December 2021



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

County	Dec 2021	Dec 2020	Change	
			N	%
Albany	98	169	-71	-42.0
Big Horn	38	77	-39	-50.6
Campbell	170	385	-215	-55.8
Carbon	57	108	-51	-47.2
Converse	43	96	-53	-55.2
Crook	9	18	-9	-50.0
Fremont	136	269	-133	-49.4
Goshen	30	43	-13	-30.2
Hot Springs	3	20	-17	-85.0
Johnson	34	52	-18	-34.6
Laramie	399	654	-255	-39.0
Lincoln	66	89	-23	-25.8
Natrona	410	919	-509	-55.4
Niobrara	7	11	-4	-36.4
Park	117	193	-76	-39.4
Platte	37	51	-14	-27.5
Sheridan	109	201	-92	-45.8
Sublette	25	89	-64	-71.9
Sweetwater	173	330	-157	-47.6
Teton	43	89	-46	-51.7
Uinta	48	102	-54	-52.9
Washakie	26	48	-22	-45.8
Weston	13	26	-13	-50.0
Unknown	6	26	-20	-76.9
Out of State	368	664	-296	-44.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,476</b>	<b>4,740</b>	<b>-2,264</b>	<b>-47.8</b>

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<sup>a</sup> Unemployment Statistics: Continued Claims by County of Residence, December 2020 and December 2021**

County	Dec 2021	Dec 2020	Change	
			N	%
Albany	373	782	-409	-52.3
Big Horn	181	474	-293	-61.8
Campbell	630	2,492	-1,862	-74.7
Carbon	250	644	-394	-61.2
Converse	197	885	-688	-77.7
Crook	48	144	-96	-66.7
Fremont	646	1,879	-1,233	-65.6
Goshen	97	304	-207	-68.1
Hot Springs	36	145	-109	-75.2
Johnson	135	287	-152	-53.0
Laramie	1,204	3,741	-2,537	-67.8
Lincoln	258	601	-343	-57.1
Natrona	1,589	6,074	-4,485	-73.8
Niobrara	16	51	-35	-68.6
Park	511	1,139	-628	-55.1
Platte	91	248	-157	-63.3
Sheridan	382	967	-585	-60.5
Sublette	75	485	-410	-84.5
Sweetwater	590	2,468	-1,878	-76.1
Teton	558	1,305	-747	-57.2
Uinta	273	732	-459	-62.7
Washakie	89	200	-111	-55.5
Weston	65	153	-88	-57.5
Unknown	59	211	-152	-72.0
Out of State	2,124	5,635	-3,511	-62.3
<b>Normalized Total<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>10,490</b>	<b>32,057</b>	<b>-21,567</b>	<b>-67.3</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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