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## Initial, Continued Claims Down Over the Year

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**I**nitial Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims and the total number of continued weeks claimed (see Definitions, page 9) both decreased from prior-year levels in March 2024. Initial and continued claims also followed their normal seasonal patterns and decreased from February to March.

### Initial Claims

There were 1,433 initial claims in March 2024, down 36 claims (-2.5%) compared to March 2023. Aside from a couple months in 2023, initial claims have largely decreased from prior-year levels during each month since March 2021. Initial claims decreased by 4.5% from February; initial claims normally peak

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in January and then trend downward through the summer, with a slight bump in April each year (see Figure 1).

The industries with the largest numbers of initial claims included construction (365), leisure & hospitality (253), trade, transportation, & utilities (218), and government (116; see Table 1, page 5, and Figure 3, page 6). Leisure & hospitality had the greatest over-the-month increase in initial claims (117, or 86.0%), while the greatest decrease

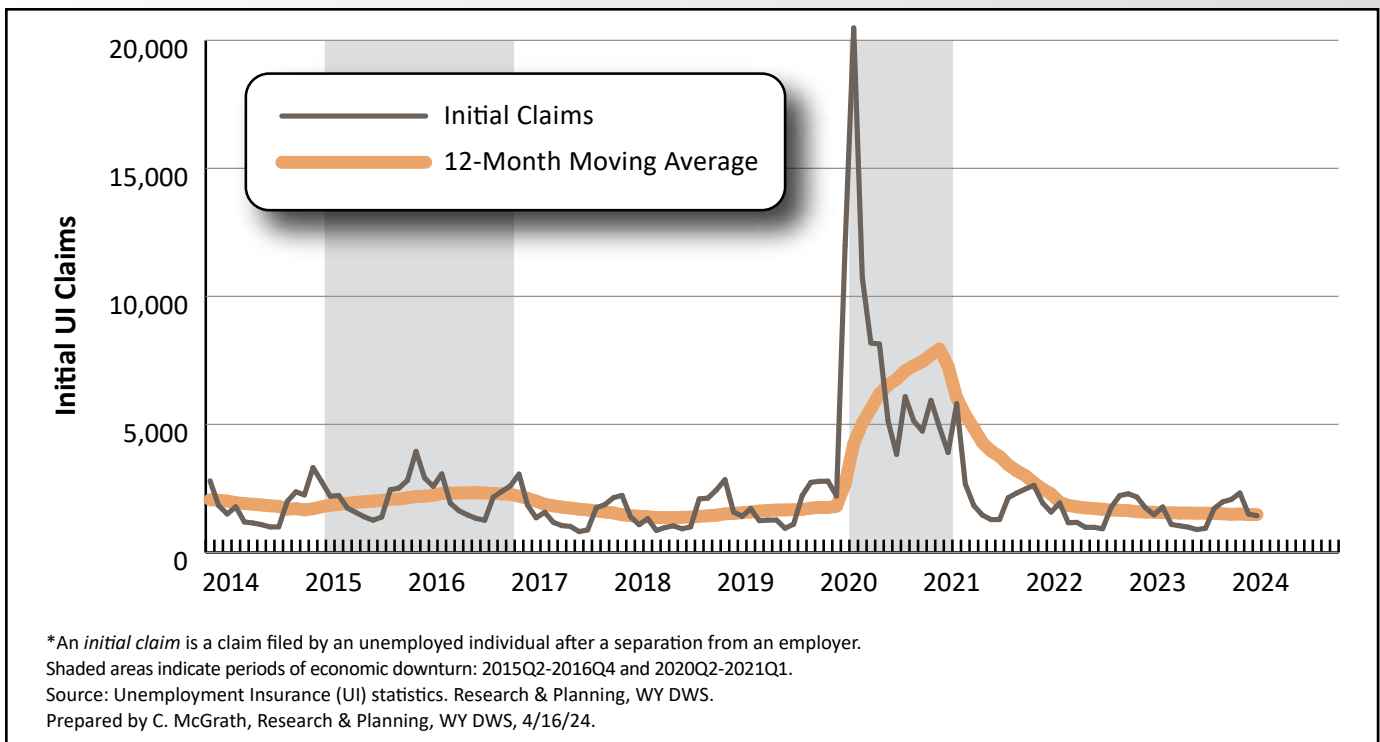


Figure 1: Total Number of Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by Year and Month, January 2014 to March 2024

was in construction (-109, or -23.0%). Construction also saw the greatest over-the-year decrease in initial claims (-55, or -13.1%).

Out-of-state claimants had the most claims with 281, followed by Natrona (212), Laramie (207), and Campbell (96) counties (see Figure 4, page 6, and Table 3, page 9).

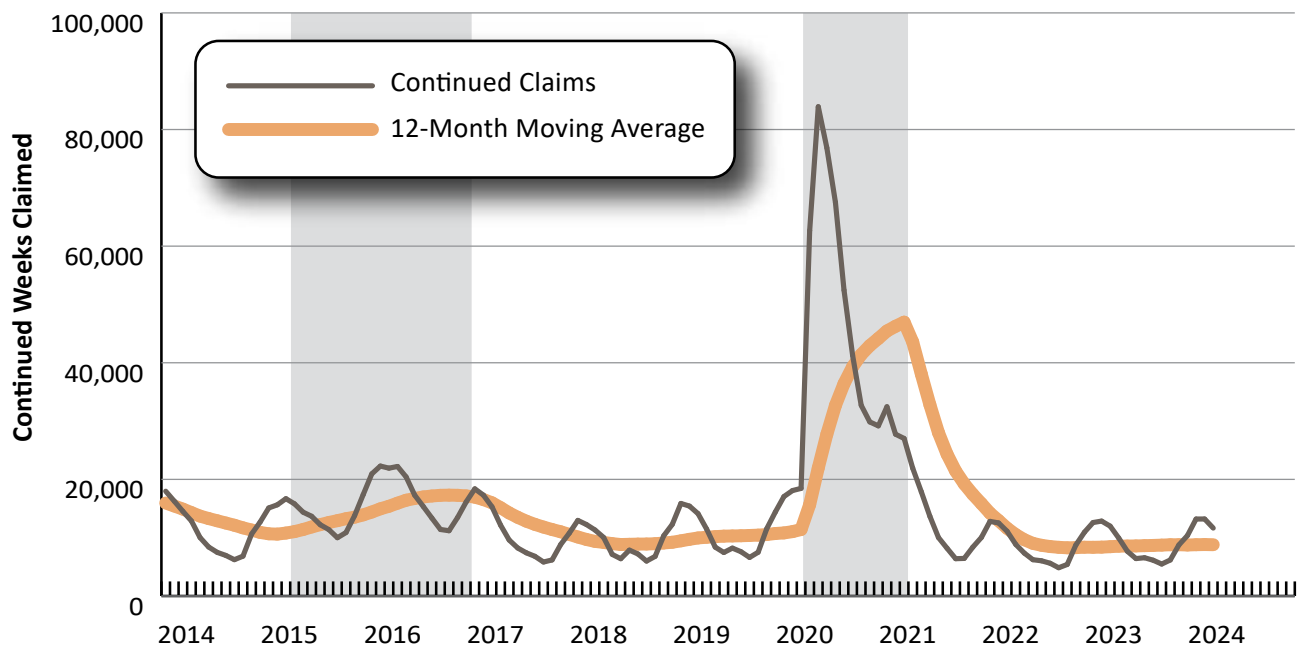
**Continued Claims**

The total number of continued weeks claimed decreased from 11,977 in March 2023 to 11,649 in March 2024 (-328, or -2.7%). Continued claims also were down 11.8% (1,559 fewer claims) over the month (see Figure 2). The total number of unique claimants increased from 3,474 to 3,948 over the year (474, or 13.6%), but

decreased by 7.6% over the month (see Table 2, page 5).

The industries with the most continued weeks claimed included construction (3,843), trade, transportation, & utilities (1,564), professional & business services (1,507), and leisure & hospitality (1,358; see Table 2, page 7, and Figure 5, page 8). Considerable over-the-year decreases in continued claims were seen in several industries, including construction (-479, or -11.1%) and manufacturing (-219, or -29.1%).

Out-of-state claimants had the most continued weeks claimed with 1,969, followed by Laramie (1,753), Natrona (1,569), and Sweetwater (802) counties (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.  
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**Figure 2: Total Number of Unemployment Insurance Continued Weeks Claimed for Wyoming by Year and Month, January 2014 to March 2024**

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

Industry	Initial Claims Filed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Mar 2024	Feb 2024	Mar 2023	N	%	N	%
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>1,433</b>	<b>1,501</b>	<b>1,469</b>	<b>-68</b>	<b>-4.5</b>	<b>-36</b>	<b>-2.5</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>532</b>	<b>677</b>	<b>629</b>	<b>-145</b>	<b>-21.4</b>	<b>-97</b>	<b>-15.4</b>
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	101	111	94	-10	-9.0	7	7.4
Mining (21)	97	94	87	3	3.2	10	11.5
Construction (23)	365	474	420	-109	-23.0	-55	-13.1
Manufacturing (31-33)	64	92	115	-28	-30.4	-51	-44.3
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>727</b>	<b>729</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>3.6</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	218	256	224	-38	-14.8	-6	-2.7
Wholesale Trade (42)	33	32	32	1	3.1	1	3.1
Retail Trade (44-45)	100	110	92	-10	-9.1	8	8.7
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	84	113	98	-29	-25.7	-14	-14.3
Information (51)	16	16	12	0	0.0	4	33.3
Financial Activities (52-53)	38	31	37	7	22.6	1	2.7
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	115	169	115	-54	-32.0	0	0.0
Education & Health Services (61-62)	84	89	83	-5	-5.6	1	1.2
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	253	136	232	117	86.0	21	9.1
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	28	27	25	1	3.7	3	12.0
<b>Government</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>43.2</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16.0</b>
Federal Government	49	22	41	27	122.7	8	19.5
State Government	14	14	17	0	0.0	-3	-17.6
Local Government	53	44	41	9	20.5	12	29.3
Local Education	14	12	9	2	16.7	5	55.6
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>86.7</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>180.0</b>
<b>Laramie County</b>							
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>-59</b>	<b>-22.2</b>	<b>-32</b>	<b>-13.4</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>-35</b>	<b>-30.2</b>	<b>-13</b>	<b>-13.8</b>
Construction	67	103	77	-36	-35.0	-10	-13.0
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>-30</b>	<b>-22.1</b>	<b>-30</b>	<b>-22.1</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	40	47	43	-7	-14.9	-3	-7.0
Financial Activities (52, 53)	7	4	9	3	75.0	-2	-22.2
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	23	45	30	-22	-48.9	-7	-23.3
Educational & Health Services (61-62)	16	15	24	1	6.7	-8	-33.3
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	11	15	24	-4	-26.7	-13	-54.2
<b>Government</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>71.4</b>
<b>Natrona County</b>							
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>-23</b>	<b>-9.8</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>-2.3</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>-16</b>	<b>-16.0</b>	<b>-24</b>	<b>-22.2</b>
Construction	53	79	65	-26	-32.9	-12	-18.5
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>-10</b>	<b>-8.0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13.9</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	38	46	32	-8	-17.4	6	18.8
Financial Activities (52, 53)	16	11	4	5	45.5	12	300.0
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	22	19	20	3	15.8	2	10.0
Educational & Health Services (61-62)	18	24	21	-6	-25.0	-3	-14.3
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	14	14	15	0	0.0	-1	-6.7
<b>Government</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>66.7</b>

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Source: Unemployment Insurance claims database.

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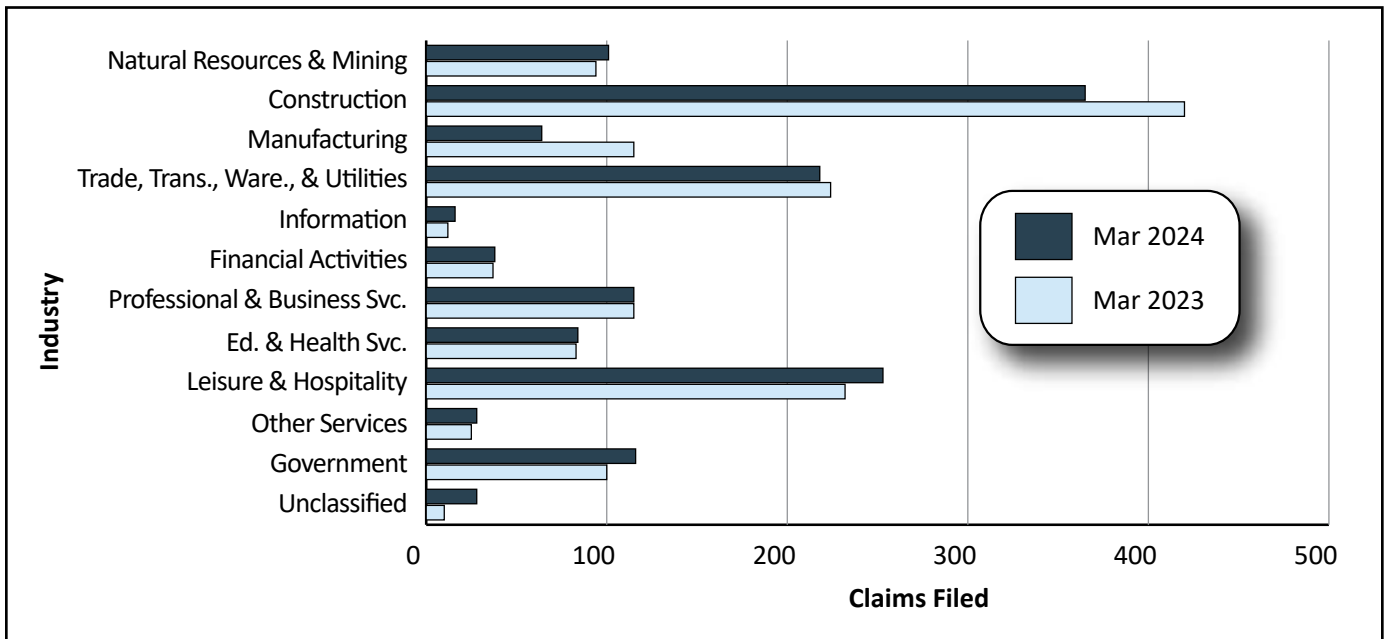


Figure 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, March 2023 and March 2024

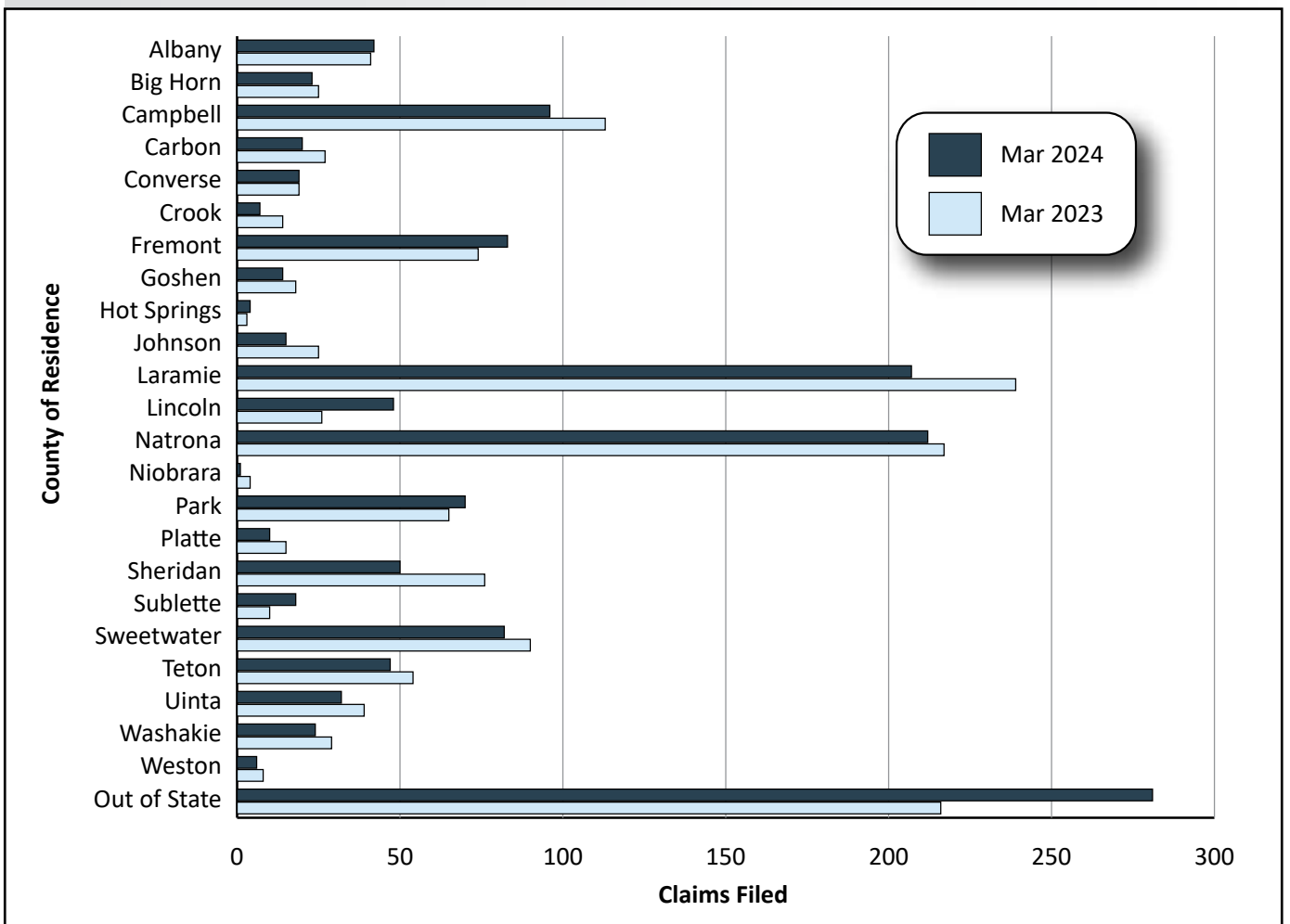


Figure 4: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, March 2023 and March 2024

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

Industry	Continued Weeks Claimed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Mar 2024	Feb 2024	Mar 2023	N	%	N	%
<b>Total Continued Weeks Claimed</b>	<b>11,649</b>	<b>13,208</b>	<b>11,977</b>	<b>-1,559</b>	<b>-11.8</b>	<b>-328</b>	<b>-2.7</b>
Total Unique Claimants	3,948	4,274	3,474	-326	-7.6	474	13.6
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>5,129</b>	<b>6,062</b>	<b>5,762</b>	<b>-933</b>	<b>-15.4</b>	<b>-633</b>	<b>-11.0</b>
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	751	824	686	-73	-8.9	65	9.5
Mining (21)	687	719	549	-32	-4.5	138	25.1
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	57	54	49	3	5.6	8	16.3
Construction (23)	3,843	4,676	4,322	-833	-17.8	-479	-11.1
Manufacturing (31-33)	534	560	753	-26	-4.6	-219	-29.1
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>5,629</b>	<b>6,194</b>	<b>5,234</b>	<b>-565</b>	<b>-9.1</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>7.5</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	1,564	1,618	1,392	-54	-3.3	172	12.4
Wholesale Trade (42)	248	239	215	9	3.8	33	15.3
Retail Trade (44-45)	700	759	702	-59	-7.8	-2	-0.3
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	614	619	474	-5	-0.8	140	29.5
Information (51)	190	187	102	3	1.6	88	86.3
Financial Activities (52-53)	243	289	383	-46	-15.9	-140	-36.6
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	1,507	1,860	1,463	-353	-19.0	44	3.0
Education & Health Services (61-62)	550	591	480	-41	-6.9	70	14.6
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	1,358	1,441	1,208	-83	-5.8	150	12.4
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	213	205	203	8	3.9	10	4.9
<b>Government</b>	<b>752</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>865</b>	<b>-58</b>	<b>-7.2</b>	<b>-113</b>	<b>-13.1</b>
Federal Government	325	377	420	-52	-13.8	-95	-22.6
State Government	102	83	104	19	22.9	-2	-1.9
Local Government	323	349	339	-26	-7.4	-16	-4.7
Local Education	55	55	62	0	0.0	-7	-11.3
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>-2.1</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>19.0</b>
<b>Laramie County</b>							
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>1,753</b>	<b>2,142</b>	<b>1,794</b>	<b>-389</b>	<b>-18.2</b>	<b>-41</b>	<b>-2.3</b>
Total Unique Claimants	594	694	537	-100	-14.4	57	10.6
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>777</b>	<b>975</b>	<b>951</b>	<b>-198</b>	<b>-20.3</b>	<b>-174</b>	<b>-18.3</b>
Construction	706	901	856	-195	-21.6	-150	-17.5
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>1,077</b>	<b>758</b>	<b>-181</b>	<b>-16.8</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>18.2</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	291	318	217	-27	-8.5	74	34.1
Financial Activities (52, 53)	57	59	38	-2	-3.4	19	50.0
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	227	345	221	-118	-34.2	6	2.7
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	115	124	118	-9	-7.3	-3	-2.5
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	98	110	111	-12	-10.9	-13	-11.7
<b>Government</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>-1.7</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>-4.9</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>-9</b>	<b>-30.0</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>-4.5</b>
<b>Natrona County</b>							
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>1,569</b>	<b>1,756</b>	<b>1,741</b>	<b>-187</b>	<b>-10.6</b>	<b>-172</b>	<b>-9.9</b>
Total Unique Claimants	546	571	501	-25	-4.4	45	9.0
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>701</b>	<b>773</b>	<b>840</b>	<b>-72</b>	<b>-9.3</b>	<b>-139</b>	<b>-16.5</b>
Construction	525	593	648	-68	-11.5	-123	-19.0
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>808</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>859</b>	<b>-117</b>	<b>-12.6</b>	<b>-51</b>	<b>-5.9</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	227	224	252	3	1.3	-25	-9.9
Financial Activities (52, 53)	61	57	88	4	7.0	-27	-30.7
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	214	273	222	-59	-21.6	-8	-3.6
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	142	154	103	-12	-7.8	39	37.9
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	103	161	125	-58	-36.0	-22	-17.6
<b>Government</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>-2.0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>31.6</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>60.0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>166.7</b>

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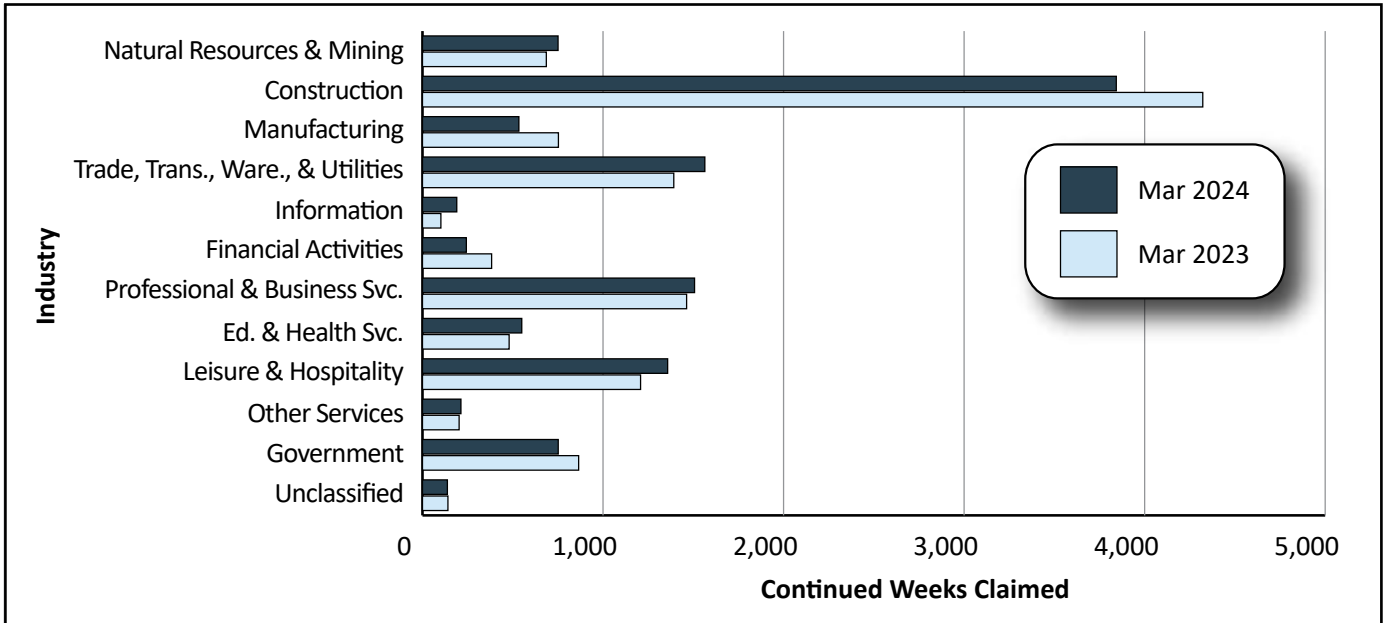


Figure 5: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, March 2023 and March 2024

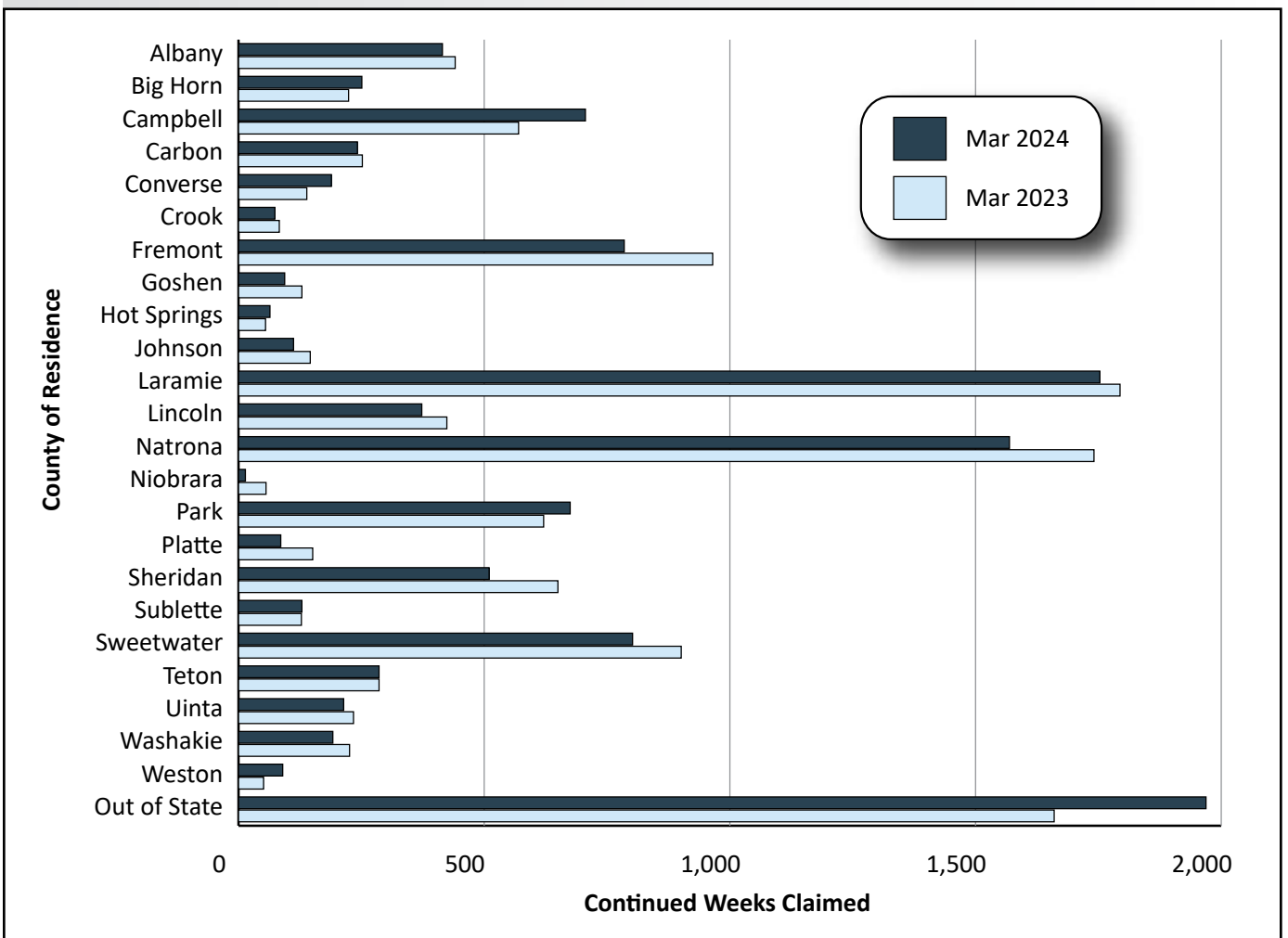


Figure 6: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence in Wyoming, March 2023 and March 2024



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

County	Mar 2024	Mar 2023	Change	
			N	%
Albany	42	41	N/D	2.4
Big Horn	23	25	-2	-8.0
Campbell	96	113	-17	-15.0
Carbon	20	27	-7	-25.9
Converse	19	19	0	0.0
Crook	7	14	-7	-50.0
Fremont	83	74	9	12.2
Goshen	14	18	-4	-22.2
Hot Springs	4	N/D	N/D	N/D
Johnson	15	25	-10	-40.0
Laramie	207	239	-32	-13.4
Lincoln	48	26	22	84.6
Natrona	212	217	-5	-2.3
Niobrara	1	4	-3	-75.0
Park	70	65	5	7.7
Platte	10	15	-5	-33.3
Sheridan	50	76	-26	-34.2
Sublette	18	10	8	80.0
Sweetwater	82	90	-8	-8.9
Teton	47	54	-7	-13.0
Uinta	32	39	-7	-17.9
Washakie	24	29	-5	-17.2
Weston	6	8	-2	-25.0
Unknown	10	N/D	N/D	N/D
Out of State	281	216	65	30.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,433</b>	<b>1,469</b>	<b>-36</b>	<b>-2.5</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, March 2023 and March 2024**

County	Mar 2024	Mar 2023	Change	
			N	%
Albany	415	441	-26	-5.9
Big Horn	251	224	27	12.1
Campbell	706	570	136	23.9
Carbon	242	252	-10	-4.0
Converse	189	139	50	36.0
Crook	74	83	-9	-10.8
Fremont	785	965	-180	-18.7
Goshen	94	129	-35	-27.1
Hot Springs	64	55	9	16.4
Johnson	112	146	-34	-23.3
Laramie	1,753	1,794	-41	-2.3
Lincoln	373	424	-51	-12.0
Natrona	1,569	1,741	-172	-9.9
Niobrara	14	56	-42	-75.0
Park	675	621	54	8.7
Platte	86	151	-65	-43.0
Sheridan	510	650	-140	-21.5
Sublette	129	N/D	N/D	0.8
Sweetwater	802	901	-99	-11.0
Teton	286	286	0	0.0
Uinta	214	234	-20	-8.5
Washakie	192	226	-34	-15.0
Weston	90	51	39	76.5
Unknown	42	39	3	7.7
Out of State	1,969	1,660	309	18.6
<b>Normalized Total<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>11,649</b>	<b>11,977</b>	<b>-328</b>	<b>-2.7</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.

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