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## Initial Claims Increase as Summer Employment Tapers Off

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Initial Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims followed their normal seasonal pattern and increased from August to September as seasonal summer unemployment began to decrease. Initial claims (see Definitions, page 9) typically increase during each month in the fall and winter, beginning with September.

### Initial Claims

There were 947 initial claims in September 2023, up 6.3% compared to August. Over the year, initial claims increased by 2.4%.

The industries with the largest numbers of initial claims included

### UI Claims Online

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

construction (228), leisure & hospitality (154), trade, transportation, & utilities (142), and professional & business services (126; see Table 1, page 5, and Figure 4, page 6). The greatest over-the-month increases in initial claims were seen in construction (58, or 34.1%) and leisure & hospitality (53, or 52.5%).

Over-the-year increases were seen in

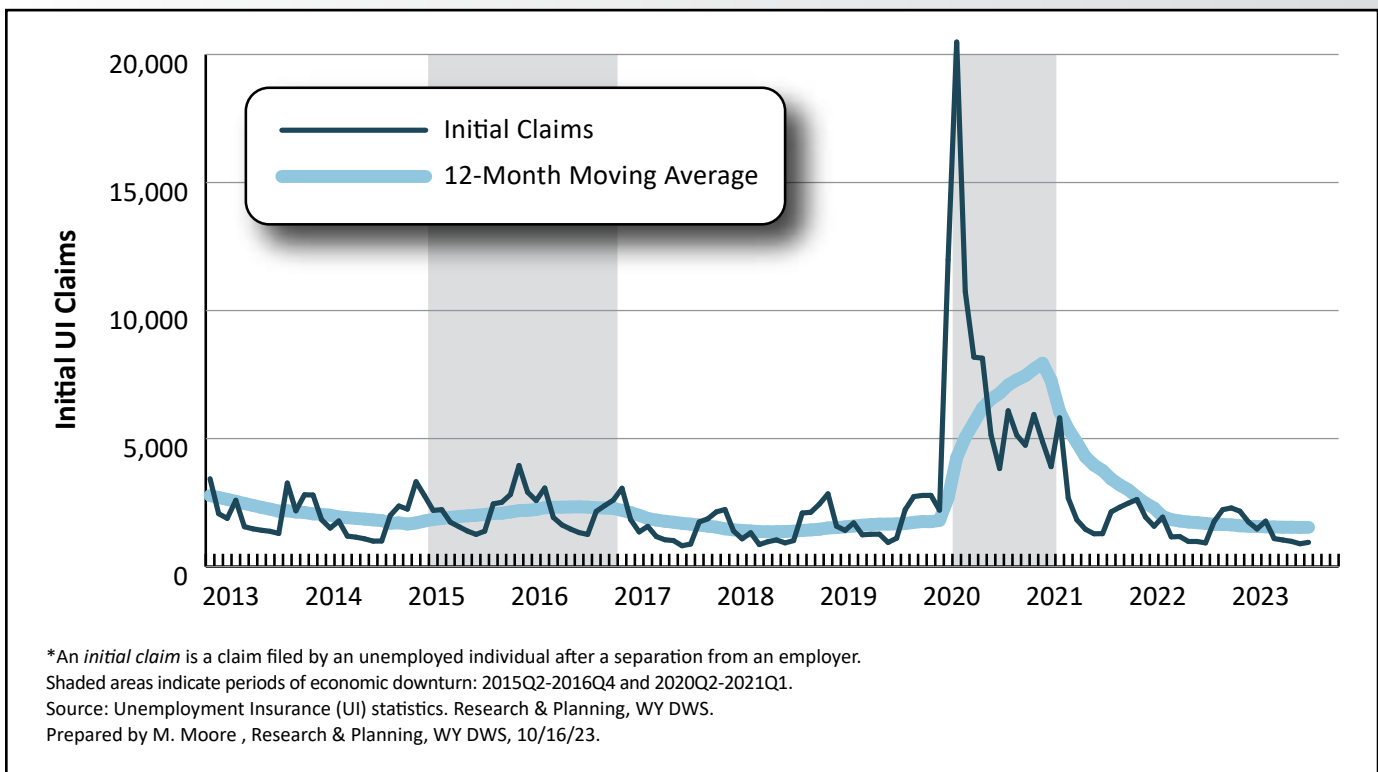


Figure 1: Total Number of Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by Year and Month, January 2013 to September 2023

industries such as professional & business services (40, or 46.5%) and transportation & warehousing (16, or 39.0%).

The counties with the greatest number of initial UI claims were Laramie (166), Natrona (161), and Sweetwater (63) counties (see Figure 4, page 6, and Table 3, page 9). There were also 193 out-of-state claimants.

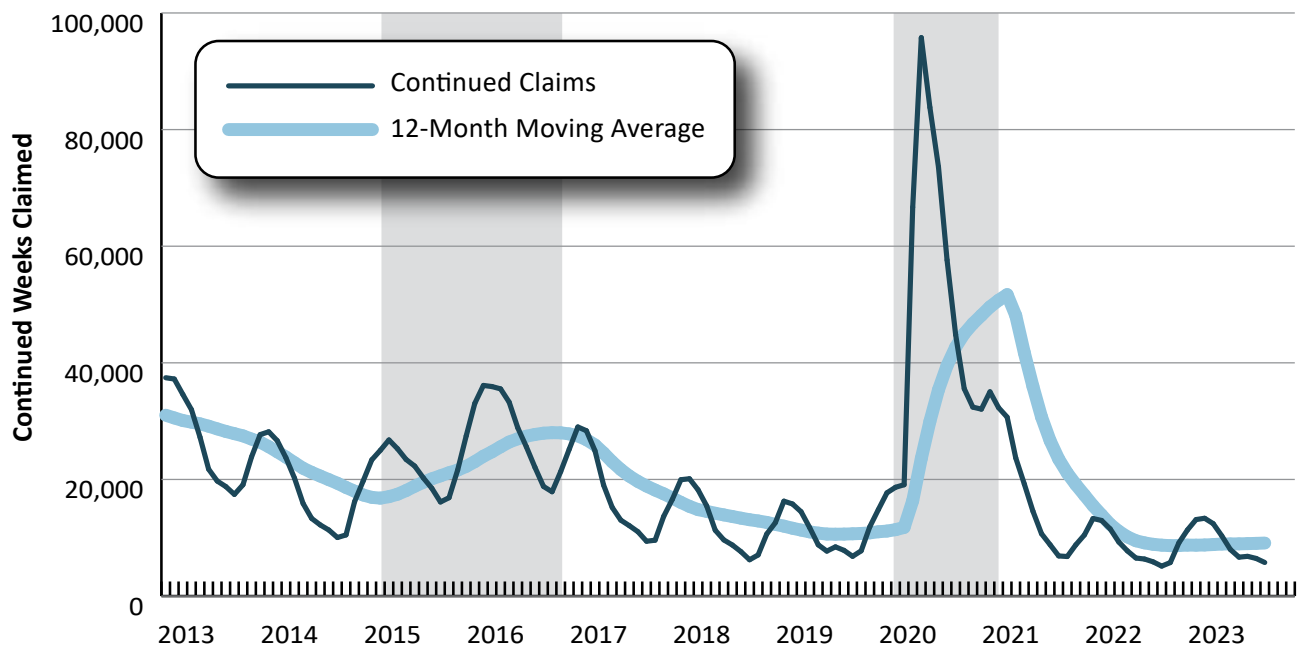
**Continued Claims**

The total number of continued weeks claimed increased from 5,138 in September 2022 to 5,759 in September 2023 (621, or 12.1%; see Table 2, page 5). The number of unique claimants increased from 1,767 to 1,957 (190, or 10.8%) over the year. Continued weeks claimed decreased by 10.7% over the month; continued claims typically decrease

from month to month from January to September, before increasing substantially from October to December (see Figure 2).

The industries with the most continued weeks claimed included trade, transportation, & utilities (1,126), construction (1,059), professional & business services (677), and private education & health services (654; see Figure 6, page 8). Construction was the only industry in the private sector that showed a substantial over-the-year decrease in continued claims (-232, or -18%).

Laramie County had the most continued claims with 1,056, followed by Natrona (976), Sweetwater (415), and Campbell (412) counties (see Figure 6, page 8, and Table 4, page 9). There were also 947 continued weeks claimed by out-of-state workers.



\*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 2013 to September 2023**

Table 1: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims in Wyoming, September 2023

Industry	Initial Claims Filed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Sep 2023	Aug 2023	Sep 2022	N	%	N	%
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>947</b>	<b>891</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>2.4</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>16.5</b>	<b>-10</b>	<b>-3.1</b>
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	51	45	47	6	13.3	4	8.5
Mining (21)	48	43	43	5	11.6	5	11.6
Construction (23)	228	170	242	58	34.1	-14	-5.8
Manufacturing (31-33)	30	50	30	-20	-40.0	0	0.0
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>529</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>7.8</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	142	176	137	-34	-19.3	5	3.6
Wholesale Trade (42)	20	22	17	-2	-9.1	3	17.6
Retail Trade (44-45)	64	93	79	-29	-31.2	-15	-19.0
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	57	60	41	-3	-5.0	16	39.0
Information (51)	9	18	6	-9	-50.0	3	50.0
Financial Activities (52-53)	28	38	31	-10	-26.3	-3	-9.7
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	126	107	86	19	17.8	40	46.5
Education & Health Services (61-62)	81	80	67	1	1.3	14	20.9
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	154	101	178	53	52.5	-24	-13.5
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	27	23	21	4	17.4	6	28.6
<b>Government</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>-3.3</b>	<b>-7</b>	<b>-10.6</b>
Federal Government	21	6	15	15	250.0	6	40.0
State Government	6	12	8	-6	-50.0	-2	-25.0
Local Government	31	43	42	-12	-27.9	-11	-26.2
Local Education	7	7	18	0	0.0	-11	-61.1
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>-12</b>	<b>-66.7</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>-33.3</b>
<b>Laramie County</b>							
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>-14</b>	<b>-7.8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3.1</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>17.1</b>	<b>-19</b>	<b>-28.4</b>
Construction	38	29	58	9	31.0	-20	-34.5
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>-18</b>	<b>-14.2</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>29.8</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	29	32	24	-3	-9.4	5	20.8
Financial Activities (52, 53)	6	7	4	-1	-14.3	2	50.0
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	37	43	22	-6	-14.0	15	68.2
Educational & Health Services (61-62)	18	12	12	6	50.0	6	50.0
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	11	18	12	-7	-38.9	-1	-8.3
<b>Government</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>-25.0</b>
<b>Natrona County</b>							
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>22.0</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>47.2</b>
Construction	34	24	22	10	41.7	12	54.5
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>17.2</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	32	26	30	6	23.1	2	6.7
Financial Activities (52, 53)	5	6	5	-1	-16.7	0	0.0
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	17	14	14	3	21.4	3	21.4
Educational & Health Services (61-62)	20	22	14	-2	-9.1	6	42.9
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	17	24	18	-7	-29.2	-1	-5.6
<b>Government</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>-33.3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

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Source: Unemployment Insurance claims database.

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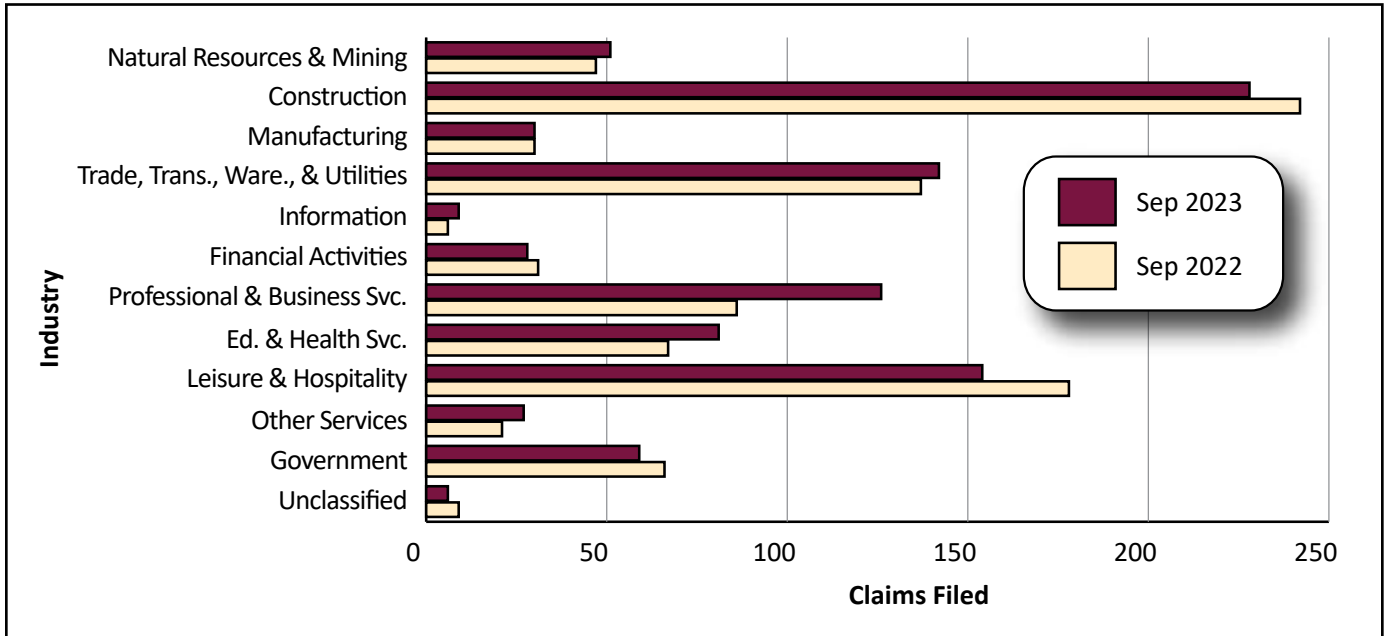


Figure 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, September 2022 and September 2023

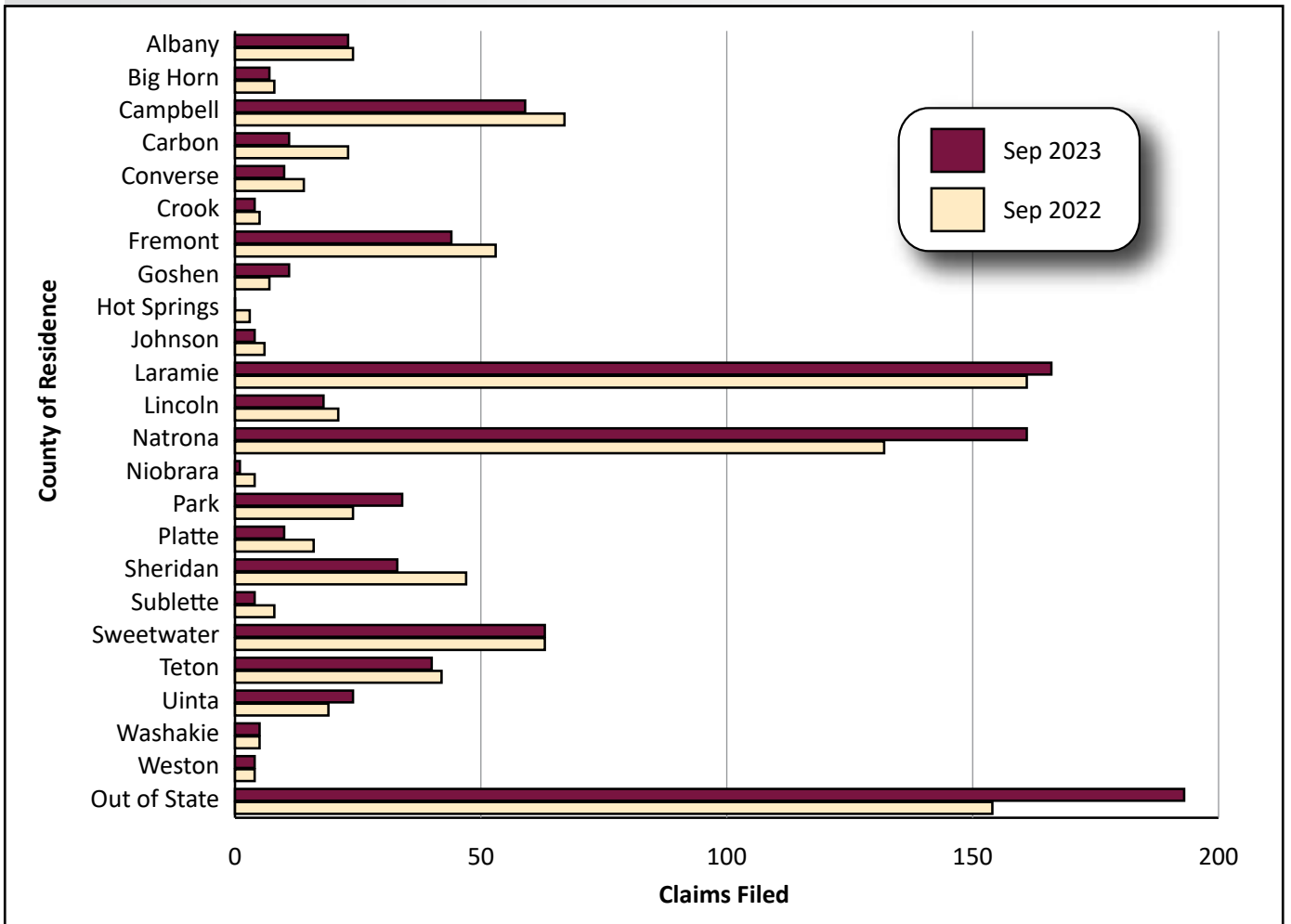


Figure 4: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, September 2022 and September 2023

Table 2: Unemployment Insurance Continued Weeks Claimed in Wyoming, September 2023

Industry	Continued Weeks Claimed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Sep 2023	Aug 2023	Sep 2022	N	%	N	%
<b>Total Continued Weeks Claimed</b>	<b>5,759</b>	<b>6,452</b>	<b>5,138</b>	<b>-693</b>	<b>-10.7</b>	<b>621</b>	<b>12.1</b>
Total Unique Claimants	1,957	1,842	1,767	115	6.2	190	10.8
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>1,687</b>	<b>1,922</b>	<b>1,832</b>	<b>-235</b>	<b>-12.2</b>	<b>-145</b>	<b>-7.9</b>
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	342	351	253	-9	-2.6	89	35.2
Mining (21)	327	341	219	-14	-4.1	108	49.3
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	27	20	37	7	35.0	-10	-27.0
Construction (23)	1,059	1,212	1,291	-153	-12.6	-232	-18.0
Manufacturing (31-33)	285	358	287	-73	-20.4	-2	-0.7
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>3,554</b>	<b>3,975</b>	<b>2,850</b>	<b>-421</b>	<b>-10.6</b>	<b>704</b>	<b>24.7</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	1,126	1,193	868	-67	-5.6	258	29.7
Wholesale Trade (42)	188	203	156	-15	-7.4	32	20.5
Retail Trade (44-45)	542	613	510	-71	-11.6	32	6.3
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	396	376	200	20	5.3	196	98.0
Information (51)	141	120	70	21	17.5	71	101.4
Financial Activities (52-53)	293	299	250	-6	-2.0	43	17.2
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	677	766	552	-89	-11.6	125	22.6
Education & Health Services (61-62)	654	917	556	-263	-28.7	98	17.6
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	512	529	421	-17	-3.2	91	21.6
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	148	148	132	0	0.0	16	12.1
<b>Government</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>-22</b>	<b>-5.2</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>5.3</b>
Federal Government	20	22	19	-2	-9.1	1	5.3
State Government	99	84	57	15	17.9	42	73.7
Local Government	278	314	302	-36	-11.5	-24	-7.9
Local Education	63	80	150	-17	-21.3	-87	-58.0
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>-14</b>	<b>-10.5</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>56.6</b>
<b>Laramie County</b>							
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>1,056</b>	<b>1,165</b>	<b>893</b>	<b>-109</b>	<b>-9.4</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>18.3</b>
Total Unique Claimants	353	316	305	37	11.7	48	15.7
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>-12</b>	<b>-6.3</b>	<b>-118</b>	<b>-39.6</b>
Construction	138	122	233	16	13.1	-95	-40.8
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>778</b>	<b>884</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>-106</b>	<b>-12.0</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>51.1</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	245	260	156	-15	-5.8	89	57.1
Financial Activities (52, 53)	60	56	38	4	7.1	22	57.9
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	191	271	116	-80	-29.5	75	64.7
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	145	175	105	-30	-17.1	40	38.1
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	68	56	62	12	21.4	6	9.7
<b>Government</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>40.4</b>
<b>Natrona County</b>							
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>976</b>	<b>950</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>22.8</b>
Total Unique Claimants	330	279	270	51	18.3	60	22.2
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>18.1</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>49.7</b>
Construction	151	121	99	30	24.8	52	52.5
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>671</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>-16</b>	<b>-2.4</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>14.5</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	224	232	181	-8	-3.4	43	23.8
Financial Activities (52, 53)	62	71	49	-9	-12.7	13	26.5
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	69	81	120	-12	-14.8	-51	-42.5
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	136	150	119	-14	-9.3	17	14.3
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	113	108	64	5	4.6	49	76.6
<b>Government</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>-14</b>	<b>-33.3</b>

Source: Unemployment Insurance claims database.

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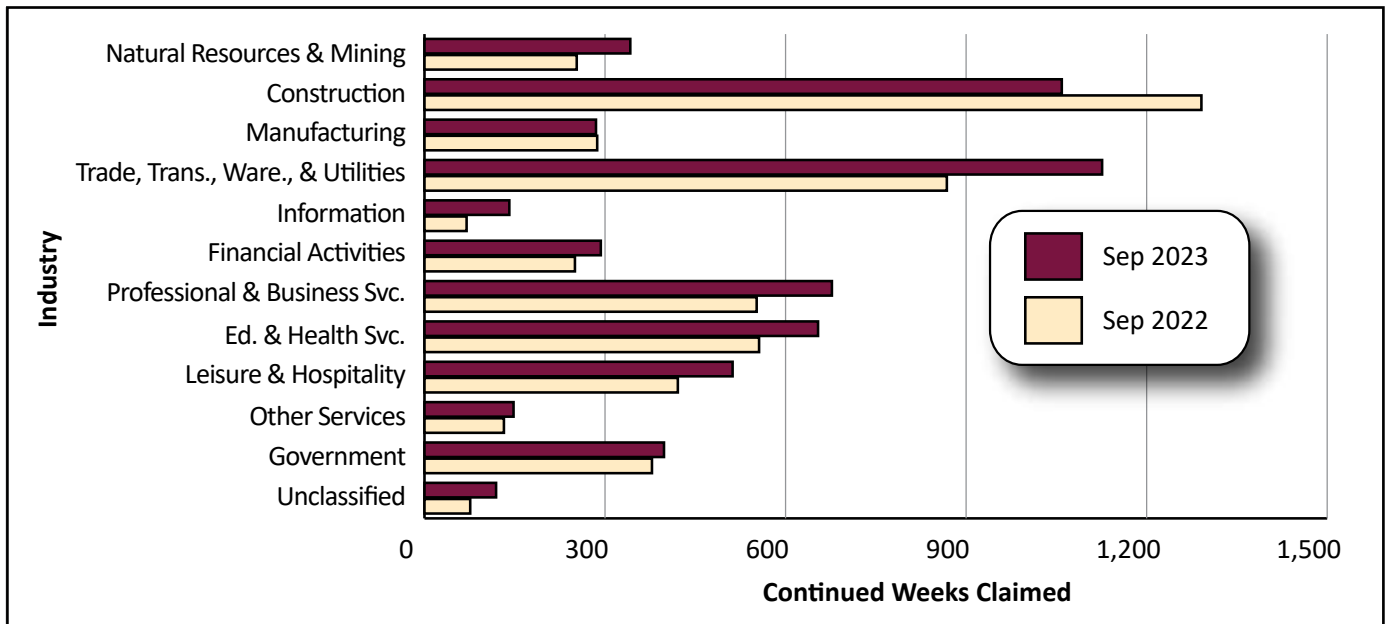


Figure 5: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, September 2022 and September 2023

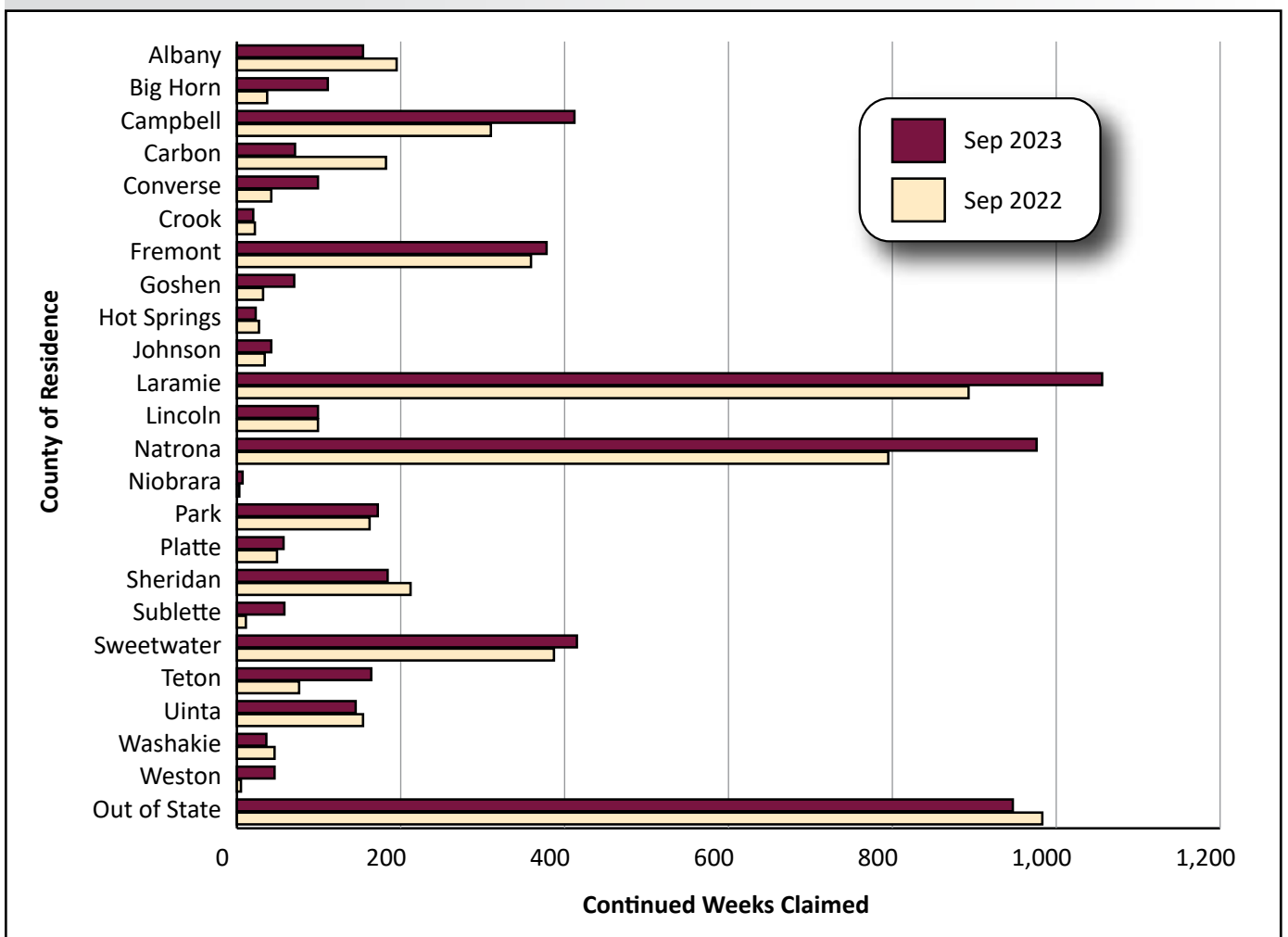


Figure 6: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence in Wyoming, September 2022 and September 2023



**Table 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by County of Residence, September 2022 and September 2023**

County	Sep 2023	Sep 2022	Change	
			N	%
Albany	23	24	-1	-4.2
Big Horn	7	8	-1	-12.5
Campbell	59	67	-8	-11.9
Carbon	11	23	-12	-52.2
Converse	10	14	-4	-28.6
Crook	4	5	-1	-20.0
Fremont	44	53	-9	-17.0
Goshen	11	7	4	57.1
Hot Springs	N/D	3	N/D	N/D
Johnson	4	6	-2	-33.3
Laramie	166	161	5	3.1
Lincoln	18	21	-3	-14.3
Natrona	161	132	29	22.0
Niobrara	N/D	4	N/D	N/D
Park	34	24	10	41.7
Platte	10	16	-6	-37.5
Sheridan	33	47	-14	-29.8
Sublette	4	8	-4	-50.0
Sweetwater	63	63	0	0.0
Teton	40	42	-2	-4.8
Uinta	24	19	5	26.3
Washakie	5	5	0	0.0
Weston	4	4	0	0.0
Unknown	5	4	1	25.0
Out of State	193	154	39	25.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>947</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>2.4</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, September 2022 and September 2023**


County	Sep 2023	Sep 2022	Change	
			N	%
Albany	154	195	-41	-21.0
Big Horn	111	37	74	200.0
Campbell	412	310	102	32.9
Carbon	71	182	-111	-61.0
Converse	99	42	57	135.7
Crook	20	22	-2	-9.1
Fremont	378	359	19	5.3
Goshen	70	32	38	118.8
Hot Springs	23	27	-4	-14.8
Johnson	42	34	8	23.5
Laramie	1,056	893	163	18.3
Lincoln	99	99	0	0.0
Natrona	976	795	181	22.8
Niobrara	7	3	4	133.3
Park	172	162	10	6.2
Platte	57	49	8	16.3
Sheridan	184	212	-28	-13.2
Sublette	58	11	47	427.3
Sweetwater	415	387	28	7.2
Teton	164	76	88	115.8
Uinta	145	154	-9	-5.8
Washakie	36	46	-10	-21.7
Weston	46	5	41	820.0
Unknown	6	9	-3	-33.3
Out of State	947	983	-36	-3.7
<b>Normalized Total<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>5,759</b>	<b>5,138</b>	<b>621</b>	<b>12.1</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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