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UI Claims Increase from September to October

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Initial and continued Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims (see Definitions, page 9) in Wyoming continued to decline from prior-year levels in October 2022. Claims followed their normal seasonal pattern and increased from September to October.

UI Claims Online

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

Initial Claims

There were 1,762 initial claims in October 2022, down from 2,136 in October 2021 (-374, or -17.5%). October 2022 claims were 20.7% lower than the 2,223 in October 2019 prior to the pandemic. Initial claims nearly doubled from 925 in September to 1,762 in October (837

more claims, or 90.5%), a common trend as seasonal workers lose their jobs (see Figure 1).

The industries with the largest numbers of initial claims included leisure & hospitality (496), construction (261), government (181), and trade,

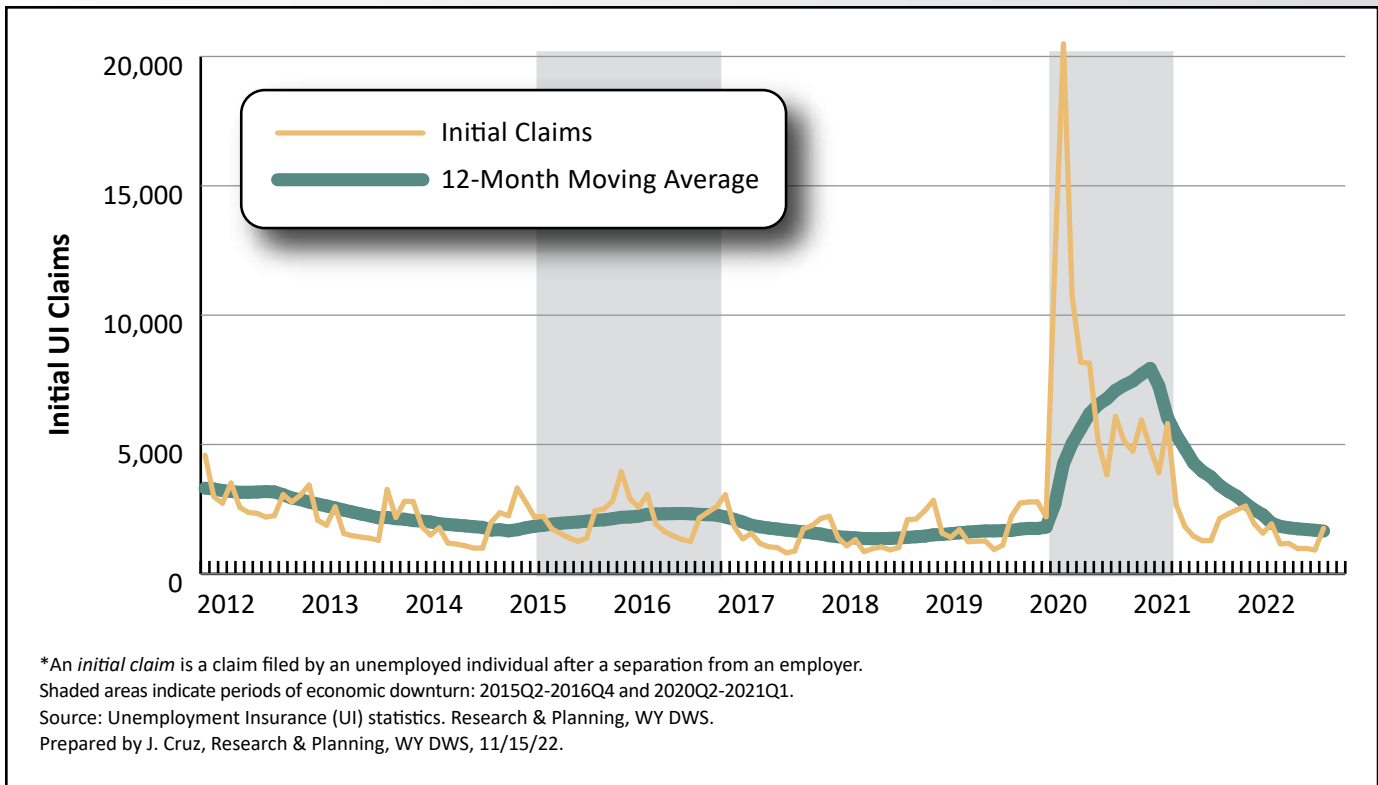


Figure 1: Total Number of Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by Year and Month, January 2012 to October 2022

transportation, & utilities (158; see Table 1, page 5, and Figure 4, page 6).

Teton (213), Laramie (172), Natrona (167), and Sweetwater (92) counties had the largest number of initial claims. In addition, there were 506 initial claims by out-of-state claimants (see Figure 4, page 6, and Table 3, page 9).

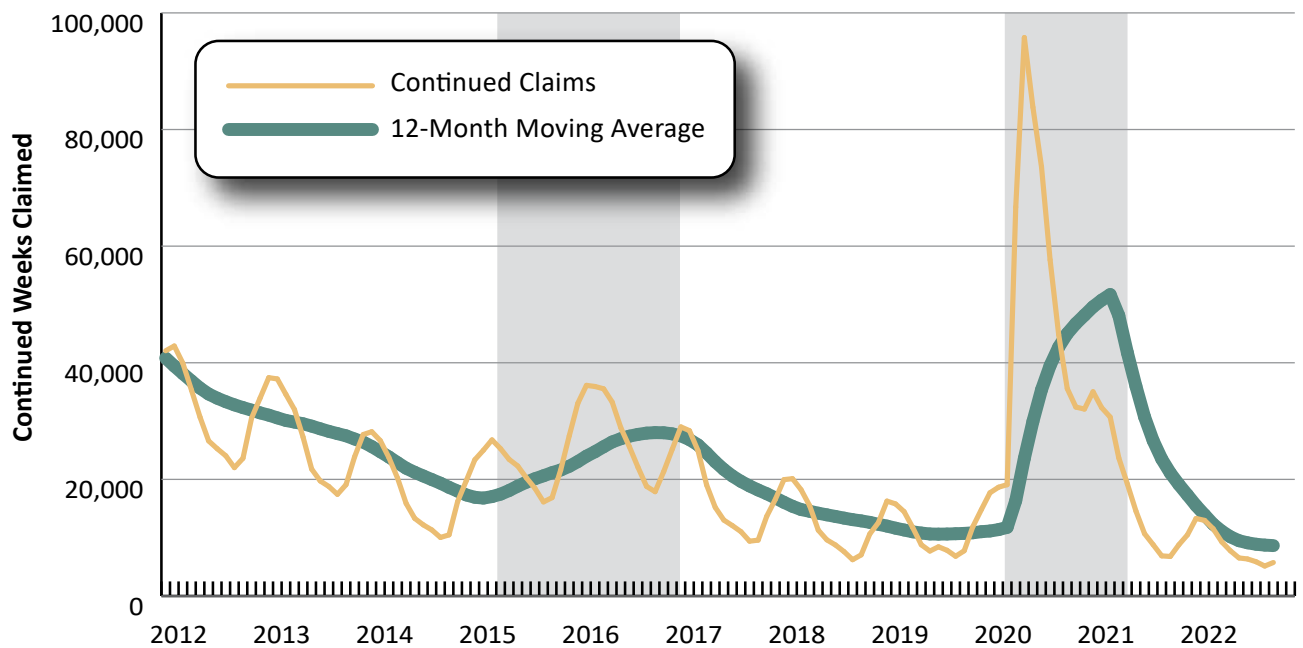
Continued Claims

As shown in Figure 2 and Table 2 (see page 7), the total number of continued weeks claimed decreased from 6,782 in October 2021 to 5,746 in October 2022 (-1,036 ,or -15.3%), and the number of unique claimants decreased from 2,552 to 2,146 (-406, or -15.9%). Continued claims

in October 2022 were 25.9% lower than the 7,758 in October 2019 prior to the pandemic.

The industries with the most continued weeks claimed included construction (770), leisure & hospitality (749), trade, transportation, & utilities (691), and government (516; see Figure 5, page 8).

There were more continued weeks claimed by out-of-state claimants (1,121) than any single county in Wyoming in October. The counties with the greatest numbers of continued weeks claimed were Laramie (904), Natrona (744), Fremont (397), and Sweetwater (396; 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.
 Prepared by J. Cruz, Research & Planning, WY DWS, 11/15/22.

Figure 2: Total Number of Unemployment Insurance Continued Weeks Claimed for Wyoming by Year and Month, January 2012 to October 2022

Table 1: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims in Wyoming, October 2022

Industry	Initial Claims Filed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Oct 2022	Sep 2022	Oct 2021	N	%	N	%
Total Claims Filed	1,762	925	2,136	837	90.5	-374	-17.5
Goods-Producing	362	255	558	107	42.0	-196	-35.1
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	42	43	68	-1	-2.3	-26	-38.2
Mining (21)	33	40	56	-7	-17.5	-23	-41.1
Construction (23)	261	191	425	70	36.6	-164	-38.6
Manufacturing (31-33)	58	20	64	38	190.0	-6	-9.4
Service-Providing	926	403	1,070	523	129.8	-144	-13.5
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	158	117	206	41	35.0	-48	-23.3
Wholesale Trade (42)	15	12	21	3	25.0	-6	-28.6
Retail Trade (44-45)	99	67	103	32	47.8	-4	-3.9
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	43	37	81	6	16.2	-38	-46.9
Information (51)	9	3	9	6	200.0	0	0.0
Financial Activities (52-53)	36	22	38	14	63.6	-2	-5.3
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	129	66	145	63	95.5	-16	-11.0
Education & Health Services (61-62)	62	42	99	20	47.6	-37	-37.4
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	496	135	530	361	267.4	-34	-6.4
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	32	16	40	16	100.0	-8	-20.0
Government	181	66	198	115	174.2	-17	-8.6
Federal Government	105	15	107	90	600.0	-2	-1.9
State Government	15	8	19	7	87.5	-4	-21.1
Local Government	61	42	71	19	45.2	-10	-14.1
Local Education	10	18	15	-8	-44.4	-5	-33.3
Unclassified	291	200	309	91	45.5	-18	-5.8
Laramie County							
Total Claims Filed	172	161	194	11	6.8	-22	-11.3
Goods-Producing	50	51	57	-1	-2.0	-7	-12.3
Construction	48	47	44	1	2.1	4	9.1
Service-Providing	81	64	99	17	26.6	-18	-18.2
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	23	20	29	3	15.0	-6	-20.7
Financial Activities (52, 53)	9	3	6	6	200.0	3	50.0
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	24	18	24	6	33.3	0	0.0
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	11	8	9	3	37.5	2	22.2
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	4	9	23	-5	-55.6	-19	-82.6
Government	6	8	8	-2	-25.0	-2	-25.0
Unclassified	33	35	29	-2	-5.7	4	13.8
Natrona County							
Total Claims Filed	167	132	337	35	26.5	-170	-50.4
Goods-Producing	56	32	116	24	75.0	-60	-51.7
Construction	40	21	101	19	90.5	-61	-60.4
Service-Providing	76	71	147	5	7.0	-71	-48.3
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	22	28	45	-6	-21.4	-23	-51.1
Financial Activities (52, 53)	3	4	5	-1	-25.0	-2	-40.0
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	12	10	22	2	20.0	-10	-45.5
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	15	7	36	8	114.3	-21	-58.3
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	8	16	25	-8	-50.0	-17	-68.0
Government	6	4	15	2	50.0	-9	-60.0
Unclassified	28	23	58	5	21.7	-30	-51.7

N/D = Not discloseable due to confidentiality.

Source: Unemployment Insurance claims database. Prepared by J. Cruz, Research & Planning, WY DWS, 11/15/22.

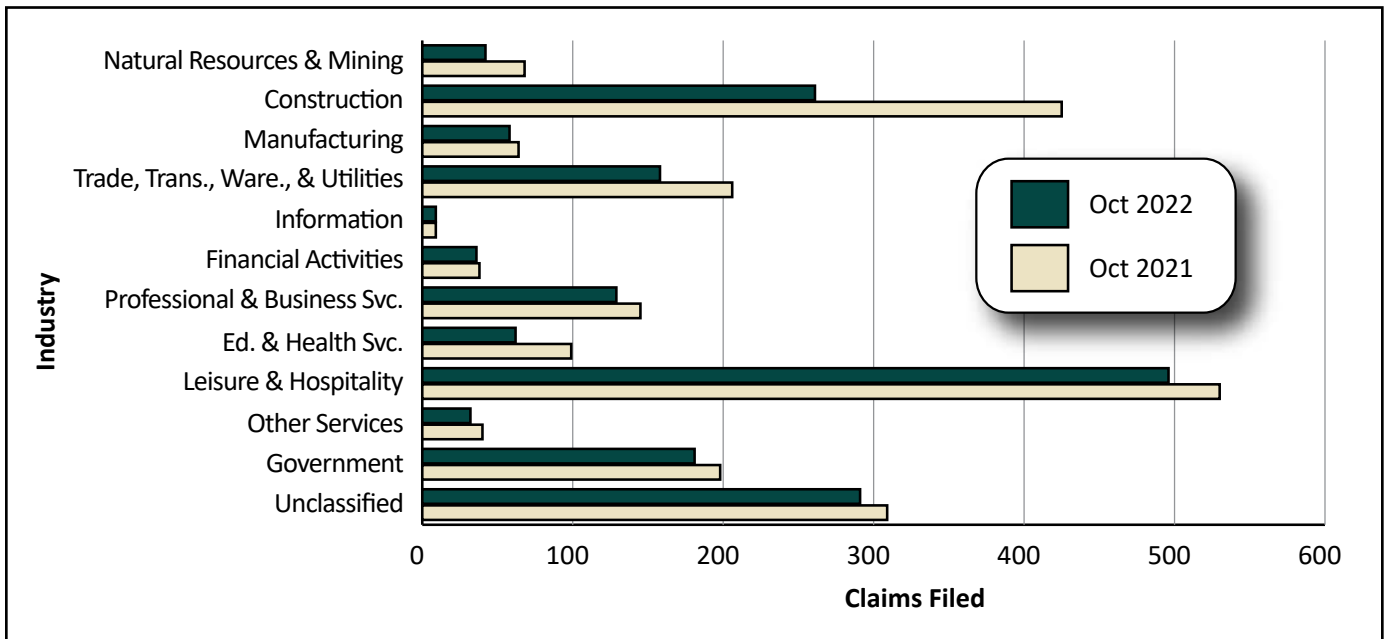


Figure 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, October 2021 and October 2022

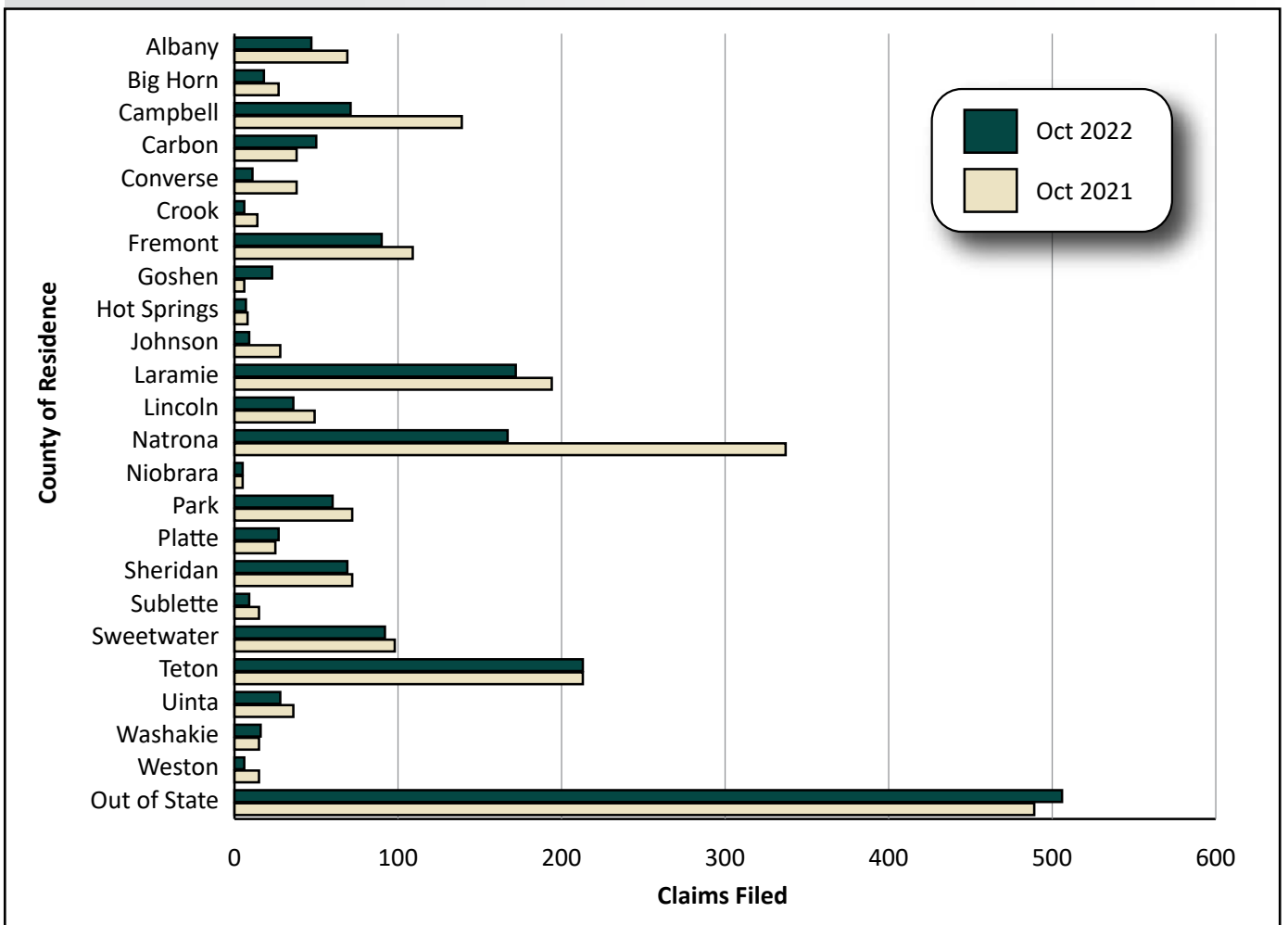


Figure 4: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, October 2021 and October 2022

Table 2: Unemployment Insurance Continued Weeks Claimed in Wyoming, October 2022

Industry	Continued Weeks Claimed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Oct 2022	Sep 2022	Oct 2021	N	%	N	%
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	5,746	5,138	6,782	608	11.8	-1,036	-15.3
Total Unique Claimants	2,146	1,767	2,552	379	21.4	-406	-15.9
Goods-Producing	1,121	1,248	1,749	-127	-10.2	-628	-35.9
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	180	177	457	3	1.7	-277	-60.6
Mining (21)	165	158	395	7	4.4	-230	-58.2
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	21	25	73	-4	-16.0	-52	-71.2
Construction (23)	770	855	1,040	-85	-9.9	-270	-26.0
Manufacturing (31-33)	169	215	251	-46	-21.4	-82	-32.7
Service-Providing	2,613	2,066	3,277	547	26.5	-664	-20.3
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	691	658	1,073	33	5.0	-382	-35.6
Wholesale Trade (42)	102	107	234	-5	-4.7	-132	-56.4
Retail Trade (44-45)	418	401	546	17	4.2	-128	-23.4
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	169	149	292	20	13.4	-123	-42.1
Information (51)	44	38	64	6	15.8	-20	-31.3
Financial Activities (52-53)	208	205	189	3	1.5	19	10.1
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	428	373	469	55	14.7	-41	-8.7
Education & Health Services (61-62)	378	364	506	14	3.8	-128	-25.3
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	749	316	838	433	137.0	-89	-10.6
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	111	109	134	2	1.8	-23	-17.2
Government	516	378	515	138	36.5	1	0.2
Federal Government	106	19	105	87	457.9	1	1.0
State Government	76	57	56	19	33.3	20	35.7
Local Government	333	302	353	31	10.3	-20	-5.7
Local Education	125	150	114	-25	-16.7	11	9.6
Unclassified	1,496	1,445	1,240	51	3.5	256	20.6
Laramie County							
Total Claims Filed	904	893	830	11	1.2	74	8.9
Total Unique Claimants	316	305	306	11	3.6	10	3.3
Goods-Producing	189	227	207	-38	-16.7	-18	-8.7
Construction	153	172	151	-19	-11.0	2	1.3
Service-Providing	456	412	439	44	10.7	17	3.9
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	164	139	175	25	18.0	-11	-6.3
Financial Activities (52, 53)	40	33	36	7	21.2	4	11.1
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	125	98	93	27	27.6	32	34.4
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	76	70	68	6	8.6	8	11.8
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	28	49	36	-21	-42.9	-8	-22.2
Government	43	47	38	-4	-8.5	5	13.2
Unclassified	215	205	143	10	4.9	72	50.3
Natrona County							
Total Claims Filed	744	795	1,058	-51	-6.4	-314	-29.7
Total Unique Claimants	274	270	410	4	1.5	-136	-33.2
Goods-Producing	119	134	222	-15	-11.2	-103	-46.4
Construction	68	75	152	-7	-9.3	-84	-55.3
Service-Providing	409	433	598	-24	-5.5	-189	-31.6
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	109	128	255	-19	-14.8	-146	-57.3
Financial Activities (52, 53)	31	47	32	-16	-34.0	-1	-3.1
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	73	83	48	-10	-12.0	25	52.1
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	83	82	137	1	1.2	-54	-39.4
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	54	54	82	0	0.0	-28	-34.1
Government	38	42	57	-4	-9.5	-19	-33.3
Unclassified	177	186	179	-9	-4.8	-2	-1.1

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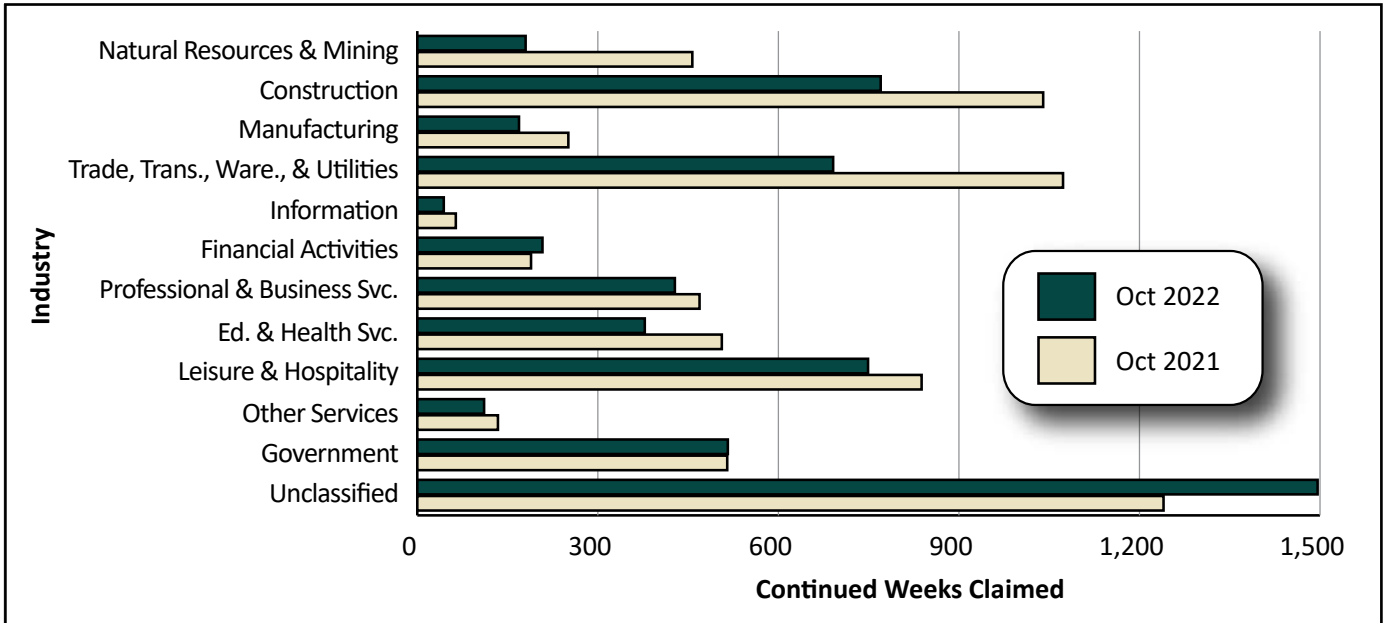


Figure 5: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, October 2021 and October 2022

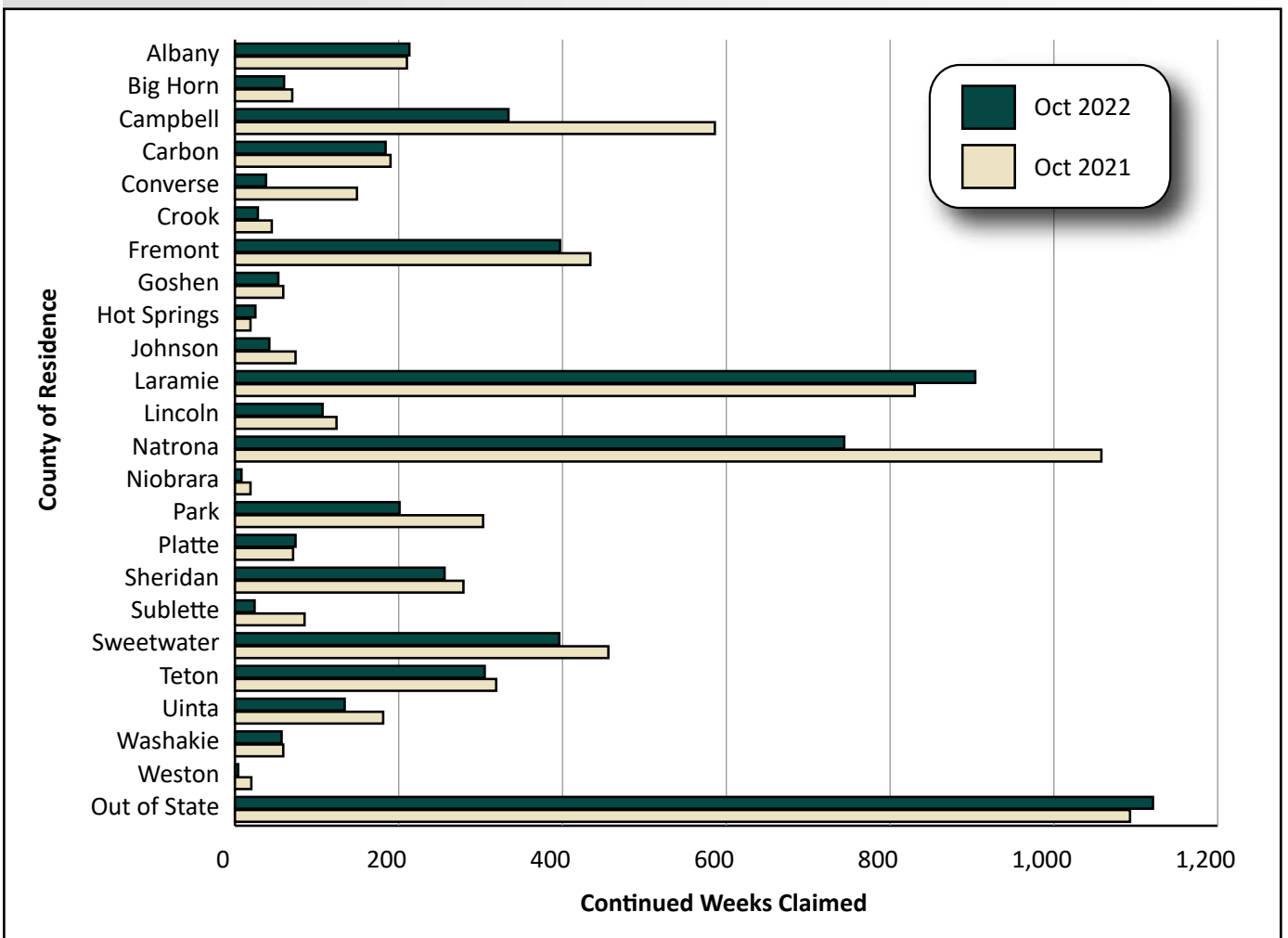


Figure 6: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence in Wyoming, October 2021 and October 2022

Table 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by County of Residence, October 2021 and October 2022

County	Oct 2022	Oct 2021	Change	
			N	%
Albany	47	69	-22	-31.9
Big Horn	18	27	-9	-33.3
Campbell	71	139	-68	-48.9
Carbon	50	38	12	31.6
Converse	11	38	-27	-71.1
Crook	6	14	-8	-57.1
Fremont	90	109	-19	-17.4
Goshen	23	6	17	283.3
Hot Springs	7	8	-1	-12.5
Johnson	9	28	-19	-67.9
Laramie	172	194	-22	-11.3
Lincoln	36	49	-13	-26.5
Natrona	167	337	-170	-50.4
Niobrara	5	5	0	0.0
Park	60	72	-12	-16.7
Platte	27	25	2	8.0
Sheridan	69	72	-3	-4.2
Sublette	9	15	-6	-40.0
Sweetwater	92	98	-6	-6.1
Teton	213	213	0	0.0
Uinta	28	36	-8	-22.2
Washakie	16	15	1	6.7
Weston	6	15	-9	-60.0
Unknown	11	14	-3	-21.4
Out of State	506	489	17	3.5
Total	1,762	2,136	-374	-17.5

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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, October 2021 and October 2022

County	Oct 2022	Oct 2021	Change	
			N	%
Albany	213	210	3	1.4
Big Horn	60	70	-10	-14.3
Campbell	334	586	-252	-43.0
Carbon	184	190	-6	-3.2
Converse	38	149	-111	-74.5
Crook	28	45	-17	-37.8
Fremont	397	434	-37	-8.5
Goshen	53	59	-6	-10.2
Hot Springs	25	19	6	31.6
Johnson	42	74	-32	-43.2
Laramie	904	830	74	8.9
Lincoln	107	124	-17	-13.7
Natrona	744	1,058	-314	-29.7
Niobrara	8	19	-11	-57.9
Park	201	303	-102	-33.7
Platte	74	71	3	4.2
Sheridan	256	279	-23	-8.2
Sublette	24	85	-61	-71.8
Sweetwater	396	456	-60	-13.2
Teton	305	319	-14	-4.4
Uinta	134	181	-47	-26.0
Washakie	57	59	-2	-3.4
Weston	4	20	-16	-80.0
Unknown	27	38	-11	-28.9
Out of State	1,121	1,093	28	2.6
Normalized Total^a	5,746	6,782	-1,036	-15.3


^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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