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Initial Claims Lower Than in November 2022

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Initial and continued Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims (see Definitions, page 9) followed their normal seasonal pattern and increased from October to November. Initial claims were 11.9% lower over the year, while continued claims remained mostly unchanged during that period.

Initial Claims

There were 1,958 initial claims in November 2023, down from 2,223 in November 2022 (-265, or -11.9%). Initial claims were 14.2% higher than in October; the seasonal patterns of initial claims can be seen in Figure 1.

The overall decreases in initial claims

UI Claims Online

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can be attributed in part to fewer initial claims in construction, which normally increase substantially during the winter months. Continued job growth and fewer initial claims in construction may be due in part to at least five imminent construction projects driven by the Inflation Reduction Act (Bleizeffer, 2023).

The industries with the largest numbers of initial claims included construction (562), leisure & hospitality (439),

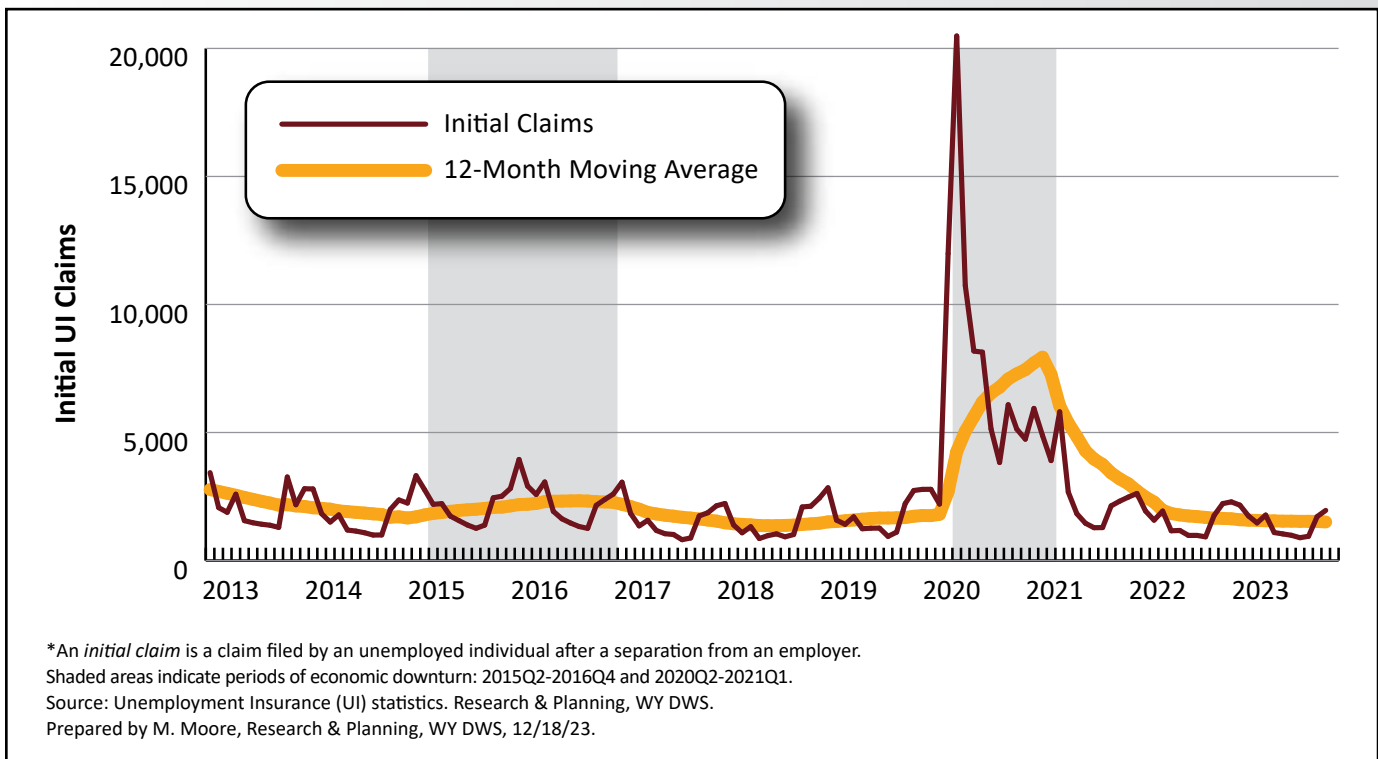


Figure 1: Total Number of Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by Year and Month, January 2013 to November 2023

professional & business services (262), and trade, transportation, & utilities (200; see Table 1, page 5, and Figure 4, page 6).

There were more out-of-state initial claimants (465) than from any single Wyoming county. Laramie (269), Natrona (226), Teton (191), and Sweetwater (113) were the counties with the most initial claims see (Figure 4, page 6, and Table 3, page 9).

Continued Claims

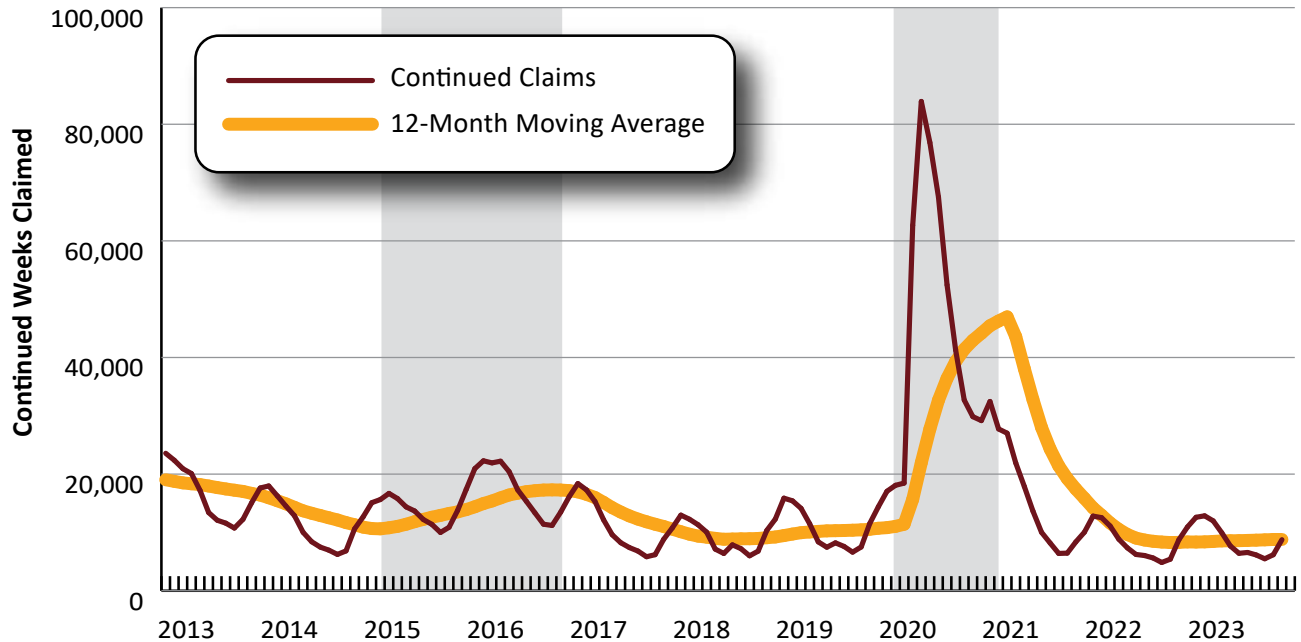
The total number of continued weeks claimed increased from 6,179 in October to 8,754 in November (2,575, or 41.7%). Over the year, continued claims remained largely unchanged (10, or 0.1%; see Figure 2 and Table 2, page 7). There were 2,715 unique claimants in November, up 16.5% over the month and down 2.7% over the year.

Continued claims in construction were down substantially over the year (-514, or -26.3%). Leisure & hospitality had the highest number of continued weeks claimed (2,524; see Figure 6, page 8).

As with initial claims, there were more claimants from out of state (2,330) than any single county (see Figure 6, page 8, and Table 4, page 9). Wyoming’s most populous counties had the most continued weeks claimed, including Laramie (1,118), Natrona (1,023), and Teton (931) counties.

Reference

Bleizeffer, D. (2023, October 16). Construction boom, labor and housing challenges loom in SW Wyoming. WyoFile. Retrieved December 15, 2023, from <https://tinyurl.com/4ctzyna>



*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 M. Moore, Research & Planning, WY DWS, 12/18/23.

Figure 2: Total Number of Unemployment Insurance Continued Weeks Claimed for Wyoming by Year and Month, January 2013 to November 2023

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

Industry	Initial Claims Filed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Nov 2023	Oct 2023	Nov 2022	N	%	N	%
Total Claims Filed	1,958	1,715	2,223	243	14.2	-265	-11.9
Goods-Producing	704	398	993	306	76.9	-289	-29.1
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	93	60	87	33	55.0	6	6.9
Mining (21)	74	49	61	25	51.0	13	21.3
Construction (23)	562	289	829	273	94.5	-267	-32.2
Manufacturing (31-33)	48	48	76	0	0.0	-28	-36.8
Service-Providing	1,052	1,149	1,013	-97	-8.4	39	3.8
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	200	200	226	0	0.0	-26	-11.5
Wholesale Trade (42)	25	24	32	1	4.2	-7	-21.9
Retail Trade (44-45)	99	119	109	-20	-16.8	-10	-9.2
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	75	56	84	19	33.9	-9	-10.7
Information (51)	19	12	8	7	58.3	11	137.5
Financial Activities (52-53)	38	41	45	-3	-7.3	-7	-15.6
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	262	171	227	91	53.2	35	15.4
Education & Health Services (61-62)	63	102	75	-39	-38.2	-12	-16.0
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	439	583	400	-144	-24.7	39	9.8
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	29	37	29	-8	-21.6	0	0.0
Government	170	143	197	27	18.9	-27	-13.7
Federal Government	112	90	124	22	24.4	-12	-9.7
State Government	11	11	13	0	0.0	-2	-15.4
Local Government	46	41	58	5	12.2	-12	-20.7
Local Education	4	6	9	-2	-33.3	-5	-55.6
Unclassified	31	23	19	8	34.8	12	63.2
Laramie County							
Total Claims Filed	269	210	305	59	28.1	-36	-11.8
Goods-Producing	103	57	185	46	80.7	-82	-44.3
Construction	92	47	174	45	95.7	-82	-47.1
Service-Providing	147	134	105	13	9.7	42	40.0
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	36	34	38	2	5.9	-2	-5.3
Financial Activities (52, 53)	7	10	6	-3	-30.0	1	16.7
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	62	41	29	21	51.2	33	113.8
Educational & Health Services (61-62)	10	19	12	-9	-47.4	-2	-16.7
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	14	15	11	-1	-6.7	3	27.3
Government	8	15	12	-7	-46.7	-4	-33.3
Natrona County							
Total Claims Filed	226	189	301	37	19.6	-75	-24.9
Goods-Producing	98	45	147	53	117.8	-49	-33.3
Construction	76	35	127	41	117.1	-51	-40.2
Service-Providing	116	127	145	-11	-8.7	-29	-20.0
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	32	32	50	0	0.0	-18	-36.0
Financial Activities (52, 53)	6	10	10	-4	-40.0	-4	-40.0
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	28	24	36	4	16.7	-8	-22.2
Educational & Health Services (61-62)	16	21	14	-5	-23.8	2	14.3
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	25	27	27	-2	-7.4	-2	-7.4
Government	10	14	6	-4	-28.6	4	66.7

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Source: Unemployment Insurance claims database.

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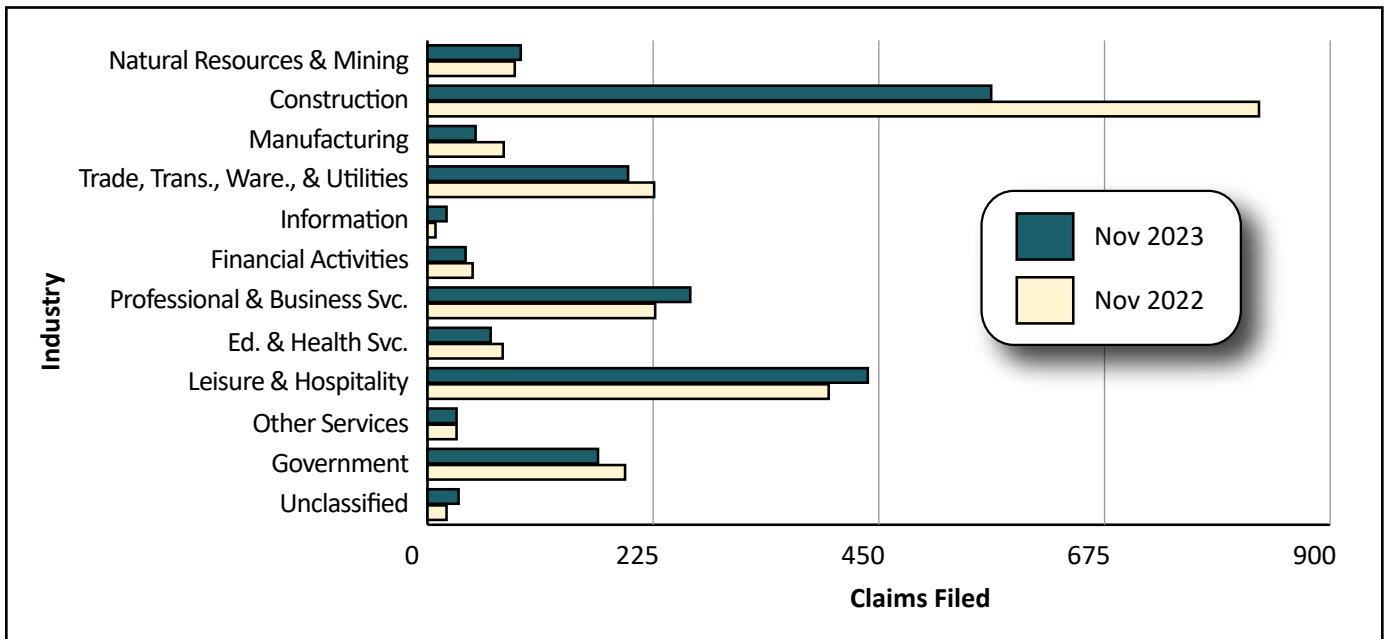


Figure 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, November 2022 and November 2023

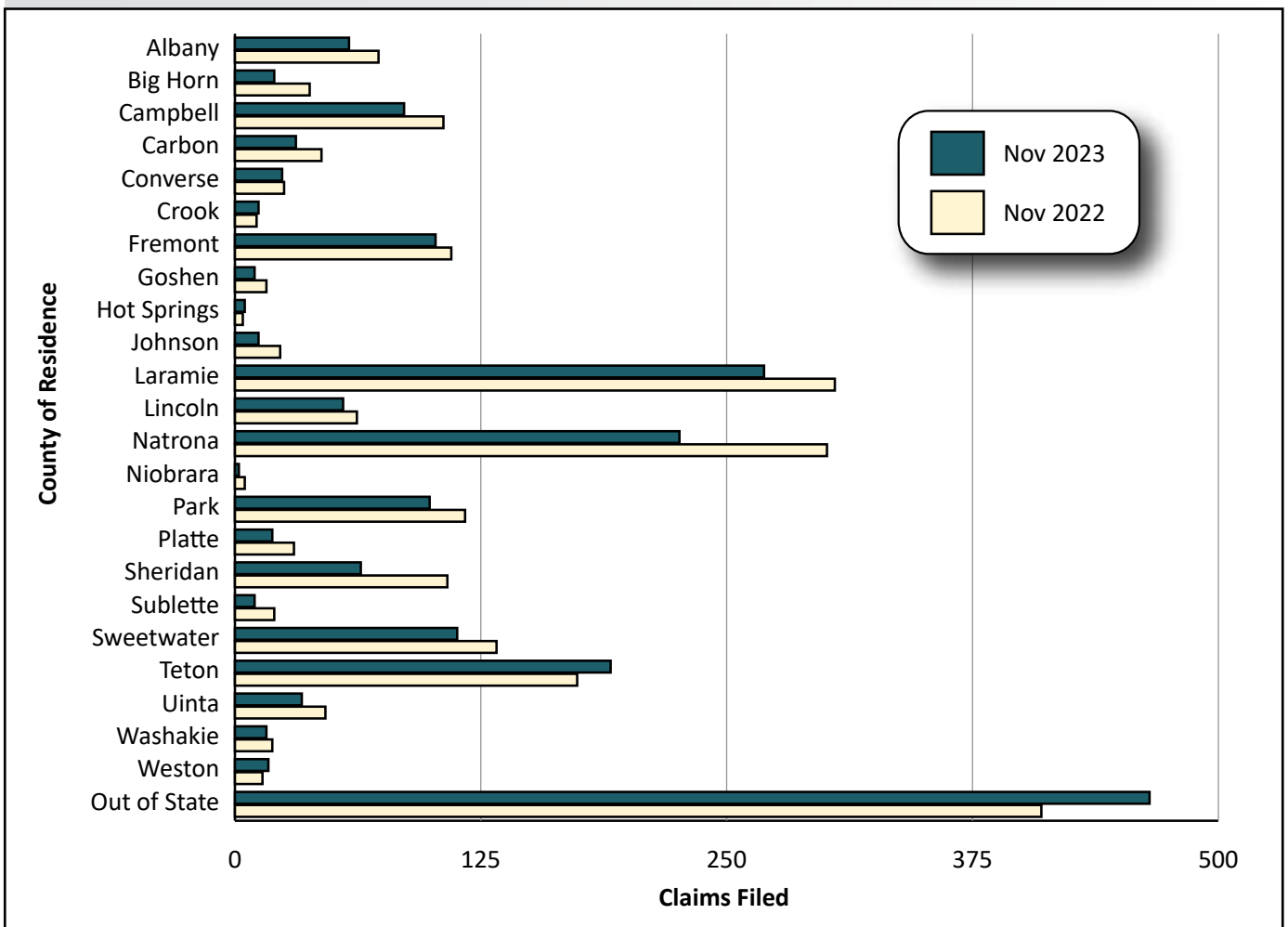


Figure 4: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, November 2022 and November 2023

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

Industry	Continued Weeks Claimed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Nov 2023	Oct 2023	Nov 2022	N	%	N	%
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	8,754	6,179	8,744	2,575	41.7	10	0.1
Total Unique Claimants	2,715	2,331	2,789	384	16.5	-74	-2.7
Goods-Producing	2,144	1,586	2,606	558	35.2	-462	-17.7
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	373	307	339	66	21.5	34	10.0
Mining (21)	326	283	292	43	15.2	34	11.6
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	23	29	32	-6	-20.7	-9	-28.1
Construction (23)	1,443	1,002	1,957	441	44.0	-514	-26.3
Manufacturing (31-33)	327	277	310	50	18.1	17	5.5
Service-Providing	5,820	4,088	5,229	1,732	42.4	591	11.3
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	1,131	1,067	1,068	64	6.0	63	5.9
Wholesale Trade (42)	176	178	167	-2	-1.1	9	5.4
Retail Trade (44-45)	607	531	587	76	14.3	20	3.4
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	347	357	314	-10	-2.8	33	10.5
Information (51)	182	159	72	23	14.5	110	152.8
Financial Activities (52-53)	280	265	289	15	5.7	-9	-3.1
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	881	685	836	196	28.6	45	5.4
Education & Health Services (61-62)	635	650	566	-15	-2.3	69	12.2
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	2,524	1,099	2,216	1,425	129.7	308	13.9
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	183	161	180	22	13.7	3	1.7
Government	646	410	819	236	57.6	-173	-21.1
Federal Government	321	94	374	227	241.5	-53	-14.2
State Government	86	93	89	-7	-7.5	-3	-3.4
Local Government	239	222	355	17	7.7	-116	-32.7
Local Education	47	58	80	-11	-19.0	-33	-41.3
Unclassified	142	94	89	48	51.1	53	59.6
Laramie County							
Total Claims Filed	1,118	1,069	1,082	49	4.6	36	3.3
Total Unique Claimants	358	386	372	-28	-7.3	-14	-3.8
Goods-Producing	284	220	412	64	29.1	-128	-31.1
Construction	211	162	372	49	30.2	-161	-43.3
Service-Providing	744	759	593	-15	-2.0	151	25.5
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	197	226	187	-29	-12.8	10	5.3
Financial Activities (52, 53)	42	49	38	-7	-14.3	4	10.5
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	194	217	138	-23	-10.6	56	40.6
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	131	136	112	-5	-3.7	19	17.0
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	93	67	62	26	38.8	31	50.0
Government	63	68	48	-5	-7.4	15	31.3
Unclassified	25	20	28	5	25.0	-3	-10.7
Natrona County							
Total Claims Filed	1,023	963	975	60	6.2	48	4.9
Total Unique Claimants	327	343	320	-16	-4.7	7	2.2
Goods-Producing	252	252	303	0	0.0	-51	-16.8
Construction	145	143	193	2	1.4	-48	-24.9
Service-Providing	694	654	633	40	6.1	61	9.6
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	187	207	186	-20	-9.7	1	0.5
Financial Activities (52, 53)	71	61	58	10	16.4	13	22.4
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	117	71	135	46	64.8	-18	-13.3
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	122	132	118	-10	-7.6	4	3.4
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	138	113	77	25	22.1	61	79.2
Government	51	33	38	18	54.5	13	34.2
Unclassified	25	22	0	3	13.6	25	N/A

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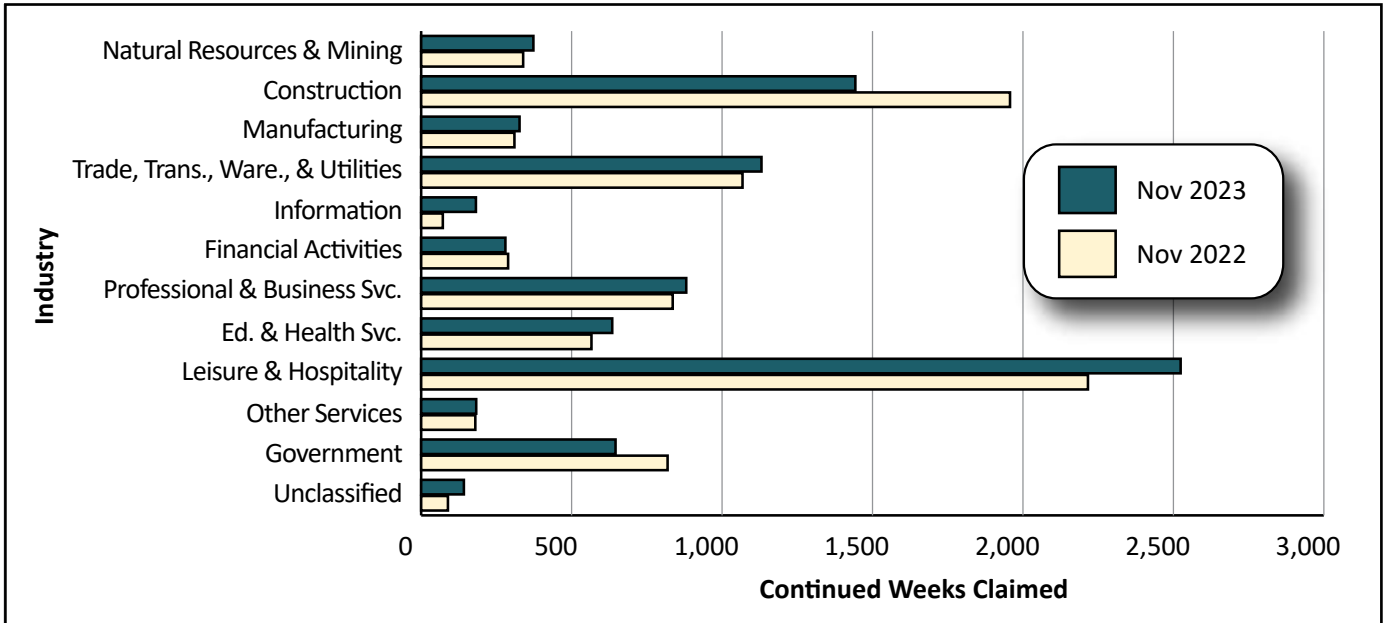


Figure 5: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, November 2022 and November 2023

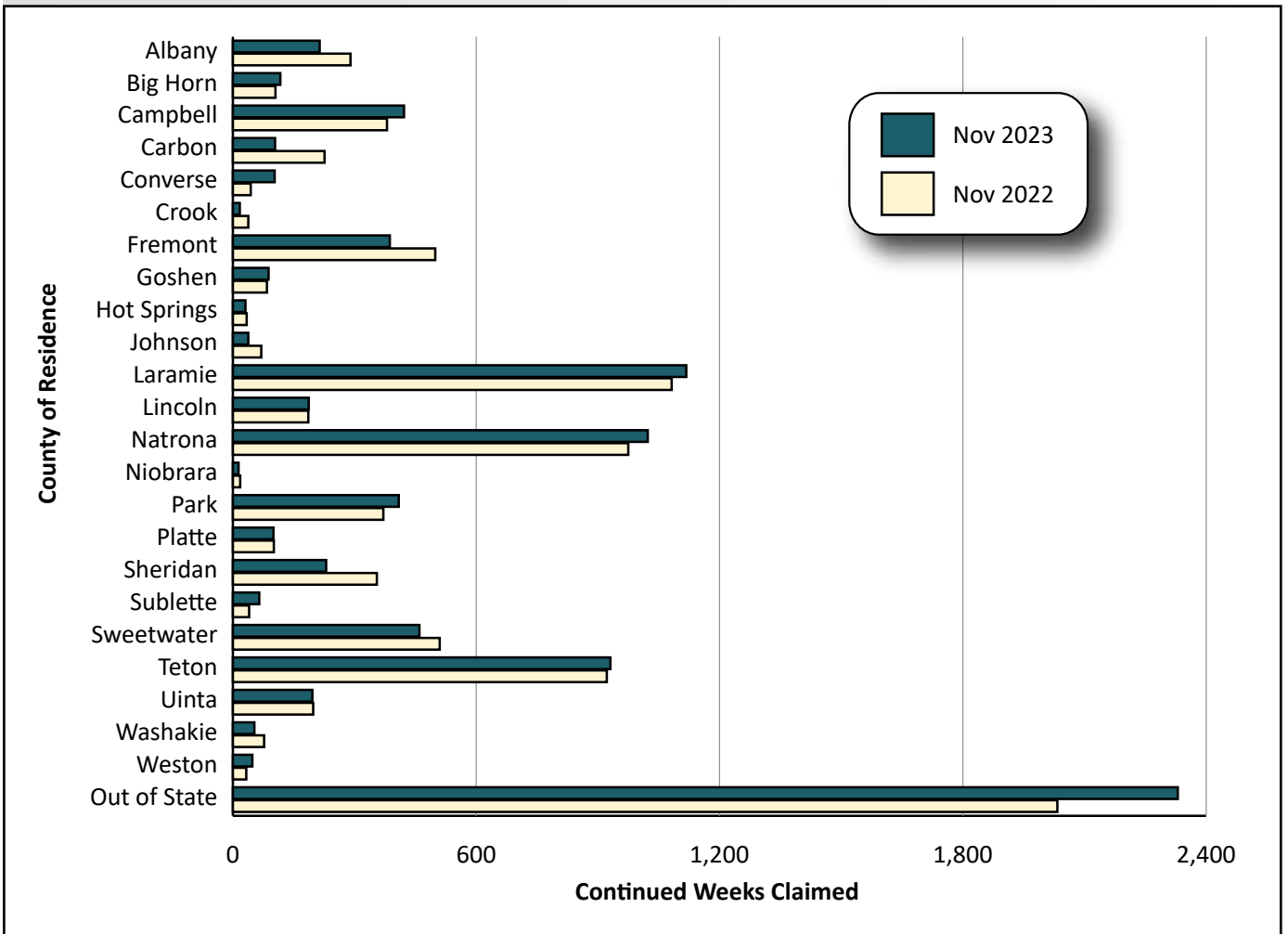


Figure 6: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence in Wyoming, November 2022 and November 2023

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

County	Nov 2023	Nov 2022	Change	
			N	%
Albany	58	73	-15	-20.5
Big Horn	20	38	-18	-47.4
Campbell	86	106	-20	-18.9
Carbon	31	44	-13	-29.5
Converse	24	25	-1	-4.0
Crook	12	11	1	9.1
Fremont	102	110	-8	-7.3
Goshen	10	16	-6	-37.5
Hot Springs	N/D	4	N/D	N/D
Johnson	12	23	-11	-47.8
Laramie	269	305	-36	-11.8
Lincoln	55	62	-7	-11.3
Natrona	226	301	-75	-24.9
Niobrara	N/D	5	N/D	N/D
Park	99	117	-18	-15.4
Platte	19	30	-11	-36.7
Sheridan	64	108	-44	-40.7
Sublette	10	20	-10	-50.0
Sweetwater	113	133	-20	-15.0
Teton	191	174	17	9.8
Uinta	34	46	-12	-26.1
Washakie	16	19	-3	-15.8
Weston	17	14	3	21.4
Unknown	8	18	-10	-55.6
Out of State	465	410	55	13.4
Total	1,958	2,223	-265	11.9

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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, November 2022 and November 2023

County	Nov 2023	Nov 2022	Change	
			N	%
Albany	214	290	-76	-26.2
Big Horn	117	105	12	11.4
Campbell	422	380	42	11.1
Carbon	104	226	-122	-54.0
Converse	103	44	59	134.1
Crook	17	38	-21	-55.3
Fremont	387	499	-112	-22.4
Goshen	88	84	4	4.8
Hot Springs	31	34	-3	-8.8
Johnson	38	70	-32	-45.7
Laramie	1,118	1,082	36	3.3
Lincoln	187	186	1	0.5
Natrona	1,023	975	48	4.9
Niobrara	14	18	-4	-22.2
Park	409	371	38	10.2
Platte	100	101	-1	-1.0
Sheridan	230	355	-125	-35.2
Sublette	65	40	25	62.5
Sweetwater	460	510	-50	-9.8
Teton	931	922	9	1.0
Uinta	196	198	-2	-1.0
Washakie	53	77	-24	-31.2
Weston	48	33	15	45.5
Unknown	56	64	-8	-12.5
Out of State	2,330	2,033	297	14.6
Normalized Total^a	8,754	8,744	10	0.1

^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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