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## Initial, Continued Claims Down Over the Year

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Initial and continued Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims (see Definitions, page 9) followed their normal seasonal patterns and increased from November to December. Initial and continued claims both decreased compared to December 2022, due in large part to fewer claims in Wyoming's construction industry.

### Initial Claims

There were 2,069 initial claims in December 2023, down from 2,291 in December 2022 (-222, or -9.7%) but up from 1,976 in November; the seasonal patterns of initial claims can be seen in Figure 1.

Construction showed the greatest over-the-year decrease, with 247 fewer

### UI Claims Online

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

claims (-22.1%). Manufacturing also saw a substantial decrease, with 72 fewer claims, or -43.4% (see Table 1, page 5, and Figure 3, page 6).

The industries with the largest numbers of initial claims included construction (871), professional & business services (243), trade, transportation, & utilities (227), and leisure & hospitality (220).

Laramie County had the most initial

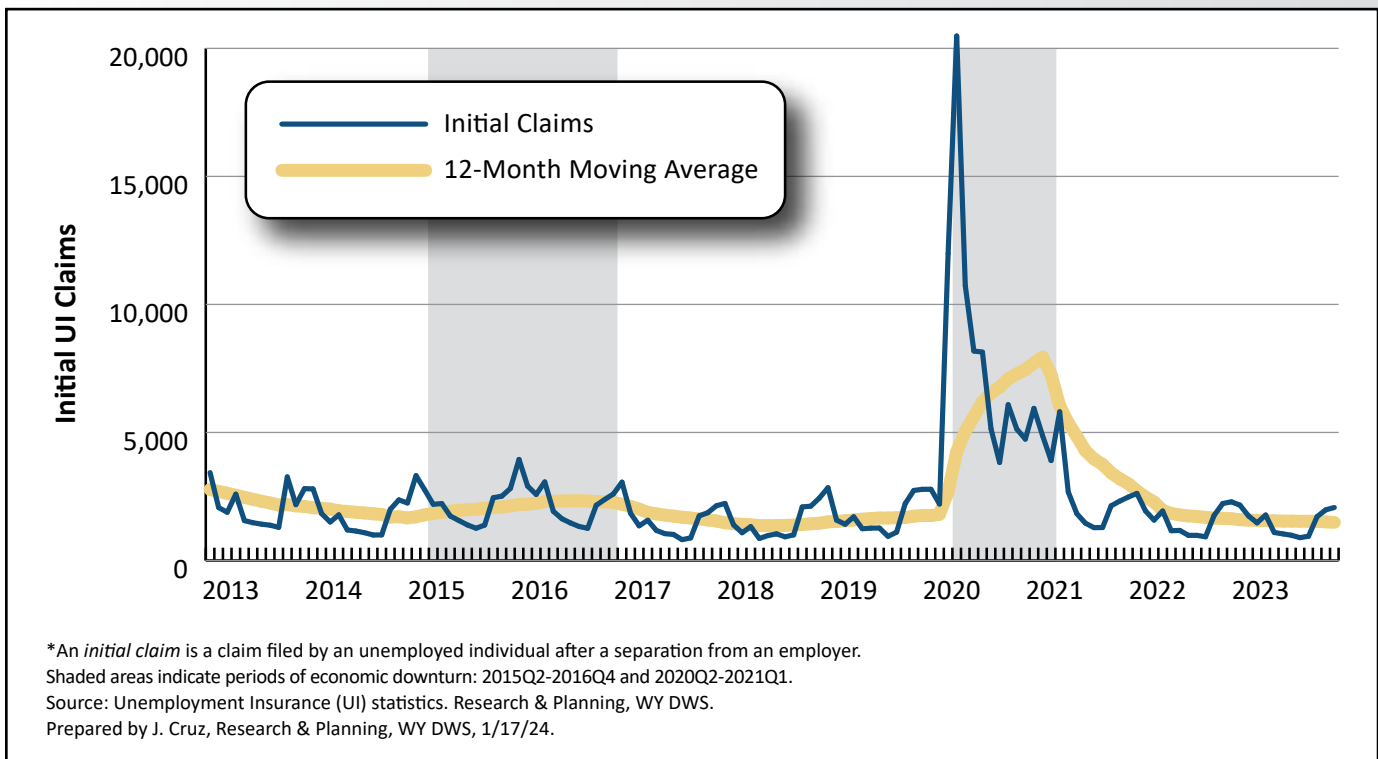


Figure 1: Total Number of Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by Year and Month, January 2013 to December 2023

claims with 327, followed by Natrona (316), Fremont (148), and Sweetwater (147) counties. In addition, there were 295 out-of-state claimants, a 6.5% increase compared to December 2022 (see Figure 4, page 6, and Table 3, page 9).

**Continued Claims**

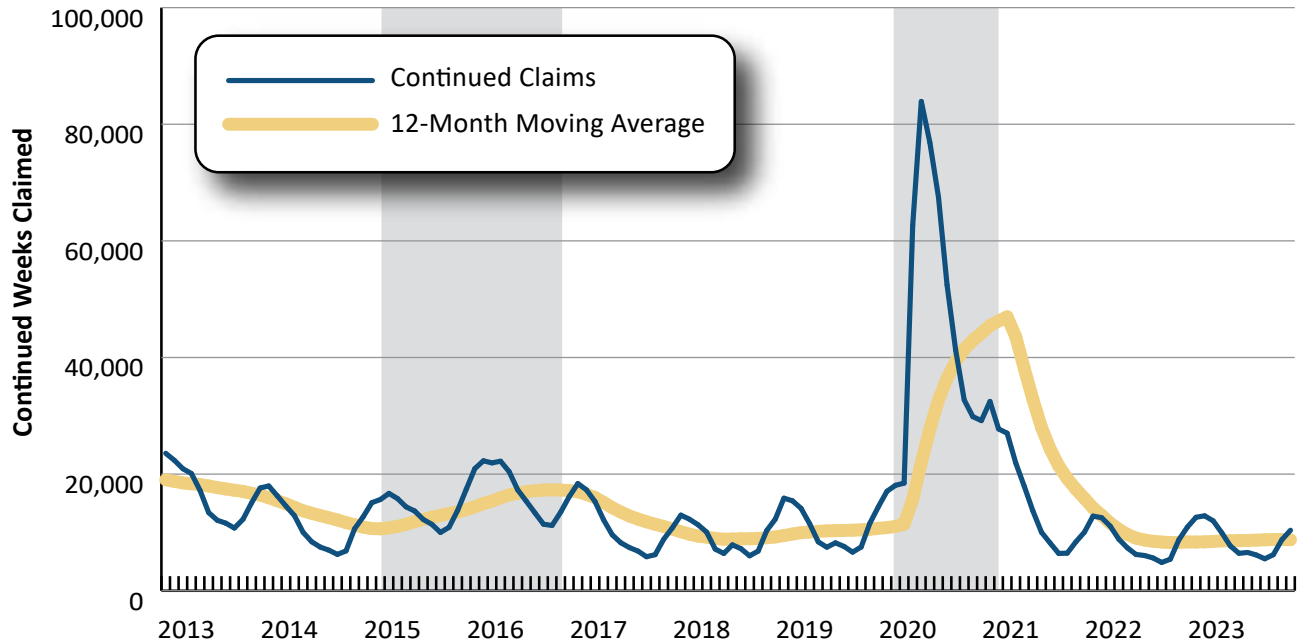
The total number of continued weeks claimed decreased from 10,938 in December 2022 to 10,374 in December 2023 (-564, or -5.2%). Continued claims increased 18.5% over the month (see Figure 2 and Table 2, page 7). There were 3,735 unique claimants in December 2023, up 37.6% over the month but down 6.1% compared to December 2022.

The industries with the greatest number of continued weeks claimed included

construction (2,942), leisure & hospitality (1,838), professional & business services (1,251), and trade, transportation, & utilities (1,221; see Figure 5, page 8).

Like initial claims, construction showed a considerable over-the-year decrease in continued claims (-1,050, or -26.3%). Over-the-year decreases were also seen in government (-181, or -18.2%) and manufacturing (-106, or -23.0%), while increases were seen in industries such as leisure & hospitality (376, or 25.7%) and information (129, or 215.0%).

The counties with the most continued weeks claimed included Laramie (1,475), Natrona (1,289), and Fremont (635), with an additional 2,499 continued weeks claimed by out-of-state claimants (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 2013 to December 2023**

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

Industry	Initial Claims Filed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Dec 2023	Nov 2023	Dec 2022	N	%	N	%
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>2,069</b>	<b>1,976</b>	<b>2,291</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>-222</b>	<b>-9.7</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>1,081</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>1,379</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>52.5</b>	<b>-298</b>	<b>-21.6</b>
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	115	93	94	22	23.7	21	22.3
Mining (21)	100	74	71	26	35.1	29	40.8
Construction (23)	871	567	1,118	304	53.6	-247	-22.1
Manufacturing (31-33)	94	48	166	46	95.8	-72	-43.4
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>841</b>	<b>1,060</b>	<b>763</b>	<b>-219</b>	<b>-20.7</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>10.2</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	227	201	210	26	12.9	17	8.1
Wholesale Trade (42)	34	25	31	9	36.0	3	9.7
Retail Trade (44-45)	112	101	100	11	10.9	12	12.0
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	80	74	77	6	8.1	3	3.9
Information (51)	6	20	9	-14	-70.0	-3	-33.3
Financial Activities (52-53)	38	38	37	0	0.0	1	2.7
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	243	263	233	-20	-7.6	10	4.3
Education & Health Services (61-62)	79	64	57	15	23.4	22	38.6
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	220	442	188	-222	-50.2	32	17.0
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	24	29	25	-5	-17.2	-1	-4.0
<b>Government</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>-58</b>	<b>-33.7</b>	<b>-18</b>	<b>-13.6</b>
Federal Government	59	114	74	-55	-48.2	-15	-20.3
State Government	12	11	8	1	9.1	4	50.0
Local Government	42	46	48	-4	-8.7	-6	-12.5
Local Education	9	4	11	5	125.0	-2	-18.2
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>-3.0</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>88.2</b>
<b>Laramie County</b>							
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>19.3</b>	<b>-26</b>	<b>-7.4</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>82.7</b>	<b>-57</b>	<b>-23.1</b>
Construction	177	93	227	84	90.3	-50	-22.0
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>-23</b>	<b>-15.3</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>27.0</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	50	38	32	12	31.6	18	56.3
Financial Activities (52, 53)	9	7	4	2	28.6	5	125.0
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	28	62	33	-34	-54.8	-5	-15.2
Educational & Health Services (61-62)	17	10	10	7	70.0	7	70.0
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	15	15	14	0	0.0	1	7.1
<b>Government</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>60.0</b>
<b>Natrona County</b>							
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>39.2</b>	<b>-17</b>	<b>-5.1</b>
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>75.5</b>	<b>-29</b>	<b>-14.4</b>
Construction	140	76	173	64	84.2	-33	-19.1
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8.2</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	33	32	35	1	3.1	-2	-5.7
Financial Activities (52, 53)	6	6	5	0	0.0	1	20.0
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	44	29	38	15	51.7	6	15.8
Educational & Health Services (61-62)	17	17	11	0	0.0	6	54.5
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	23	25	22	-2	-8.0	1	4.5
<b>Government</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>-20.0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>33.3</b>

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Source: Unemployment Insurance claims database.

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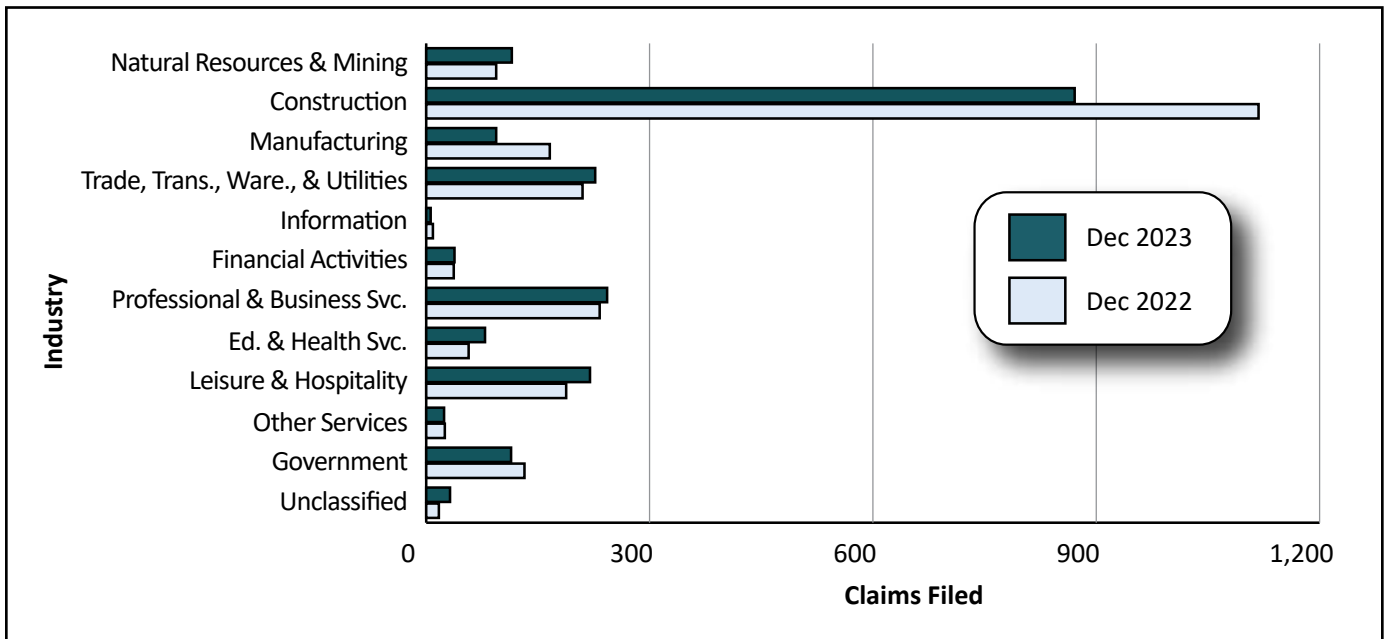


Figure 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, December 2022 and December 2023

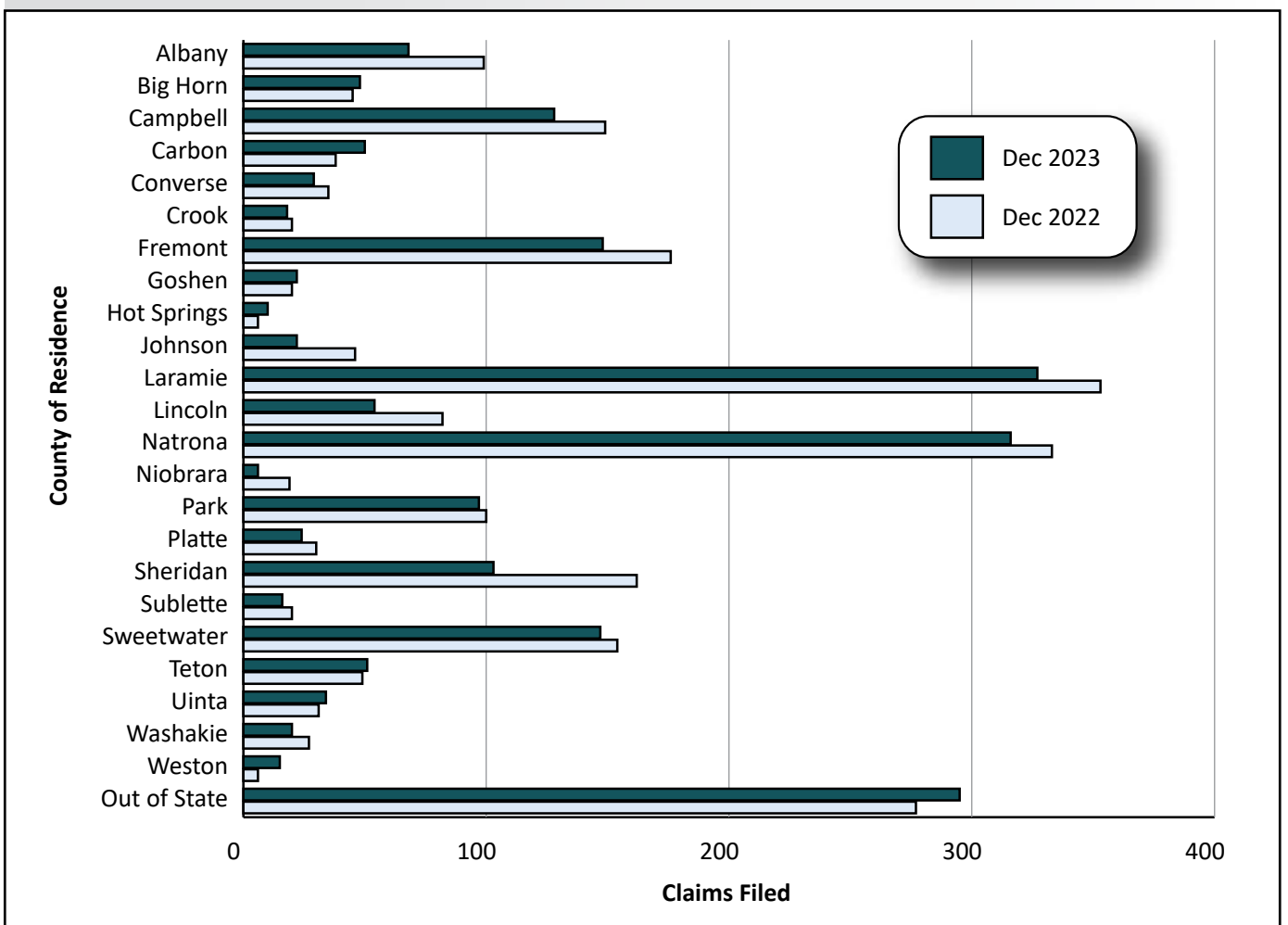


Figure 4: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, December 2022 and December 2023

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

Industry	Continued Weeks Claimed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Dec 2023	Nov 2023	Dec 2022	N	%	N	%
<b>Total Continued Weeks Claimed</b>	<b>10,374</b>	<b>8,754</b>	<b>10,938</b>	<b>1,620</b>	<b>18.5</b>	<b>-564</b>	<b>-5.2</b>
Total Unique Claimants	3,735	2,715	3,976	1,020	37.6	-241	-6.1
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>3,811</b>	<b>2,144</b>	<b>4,908</b>	<b>1,667</b>	<b>77.8</b>	<b>-1,097</b>	<b>-22.4</b>
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	514	373	454	141	37.8	60	13.2
Mining (21)	414	326	340	88	27.0	74	21.8
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	41	23	41	18	78.3	0	0.0
Construction (23)	2,942	1,443	3,992	1,499	103.9	-1,050	-26.3
Manufacturing (31-33)	355	327	461	28	8.6	-106	-23.0
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>5,590</b>	<b>5,817</b>	<b>4,948</b>	<b>-227</b>	<b>-3.9</b>	<b>642</b>	<b>13.0</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	1,221	1,131	1,188	90	8.0	33	2.8
Wholesale Trade (42)	176	176	177	0	0.0	-1	-0.6
Retail Trade (44-45)	625	607	663	18	3.0	-38	-5.7
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	418	347	347	71	20.5	71	20.5
Information (51)	189	182	60	7	3.8	129	215.0
Financial Activities (52-53)	294	280	329	14	5.0	-35	-10.6
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	1,251	878	1,193	373	42.5	58	4.9
Education & Health Services (61-62)	595	632	517	-37	-5.9	78	15.1
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	1,838	2,527	1,462	-689	-27.3	376	25.7
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	200	183	195	17	9.3	5	2.6
<b>Government</b>	<b>814</b>	<b>646</b>	<b>995</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>26.0</b>	<b>-181</b>	<b>-18.2</b>
Federal Government	464	321	512	143	44.5	-48	-9.4
State Government	85	86	100	-1	-1.2	-15	-15.0
Local Government	264	239	383	25	10.5	-119	-31.1
Local Education	49	47	99	2	4.3	-50	-50.5
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>84.9</b>
<b>Laramie County</b>							
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>1,475</b>	<b>1,118</b>	<b>1,575</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>31.9</b>	<b>-100</b>	<b>-6.3</b>
Total Unique Claimants	533	358	554	175	48.9	-21	-3.8
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>571</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>886</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>101.1</b>	<b>-315</b>	<b>-35.6</b>
Construction	492	211	836	281	133.2	-344	-41.1
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>827</b>	<b>744</b>	<b>619</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>33.6</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	248	197	211	51	25.9	37	17.5
Financial Activities (52, 53)	63	42	42	21	50.0	21	50.0
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	207	194	176	13	6.7	31	17.6
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	127	131	93	-4	-3.1	34	36.6
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	69	93	57	-24	-25.8	12	21.1
<b>Government</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>-10</b>	<b>-15.9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10.4</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>-8.0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>15.0</b>
<b>Natrona County</b>							
<b>Total Claims Filed</b>	<b>1,289</b>	<b>1,023</b>	<b>1,438</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>26.0</b>	<b>-149</b>	<b>-10.4</b>
Total Unique Claimants	475	327	507	148	45.3	-32	-6.3
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>482</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>621</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>91.3</b>	<b>-139</b>	<b>-22.4</b>
Construction	358	145	505	213	146.9	-147	-29.1
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>733</b>	<b>694</b>	<b>759</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>-26</b>	<b>-3.4</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	177	187	216	-10	-5.3	-39	-18.1
Financial Activities (52, 53)	60	71	71	-11	-15.5	-11	-15.5
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	160	117	179	43	36.8	-19	-10.6
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	129	122	109	7	5.7	20	18.3
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	142	138	117	4	2.9	25	21.4
<b>Government</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-7</b>	<b>-28.0</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>500.0</b>

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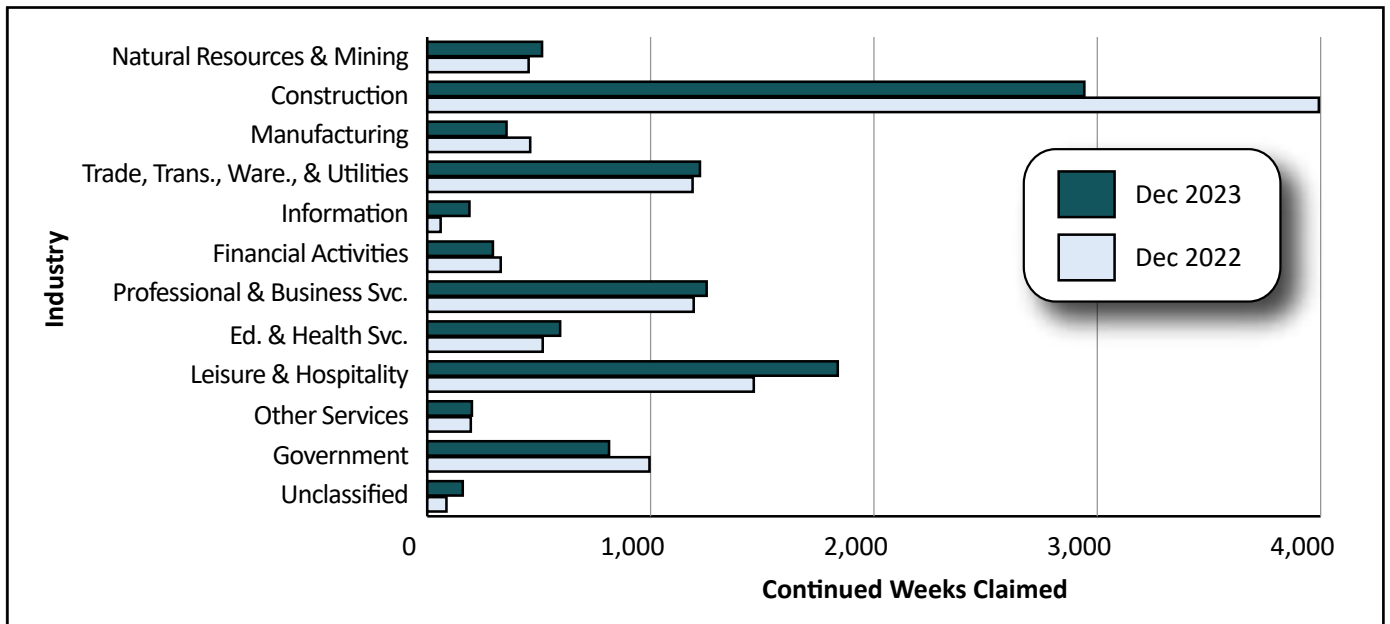


Figure 5: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, December 2022 and December 2023

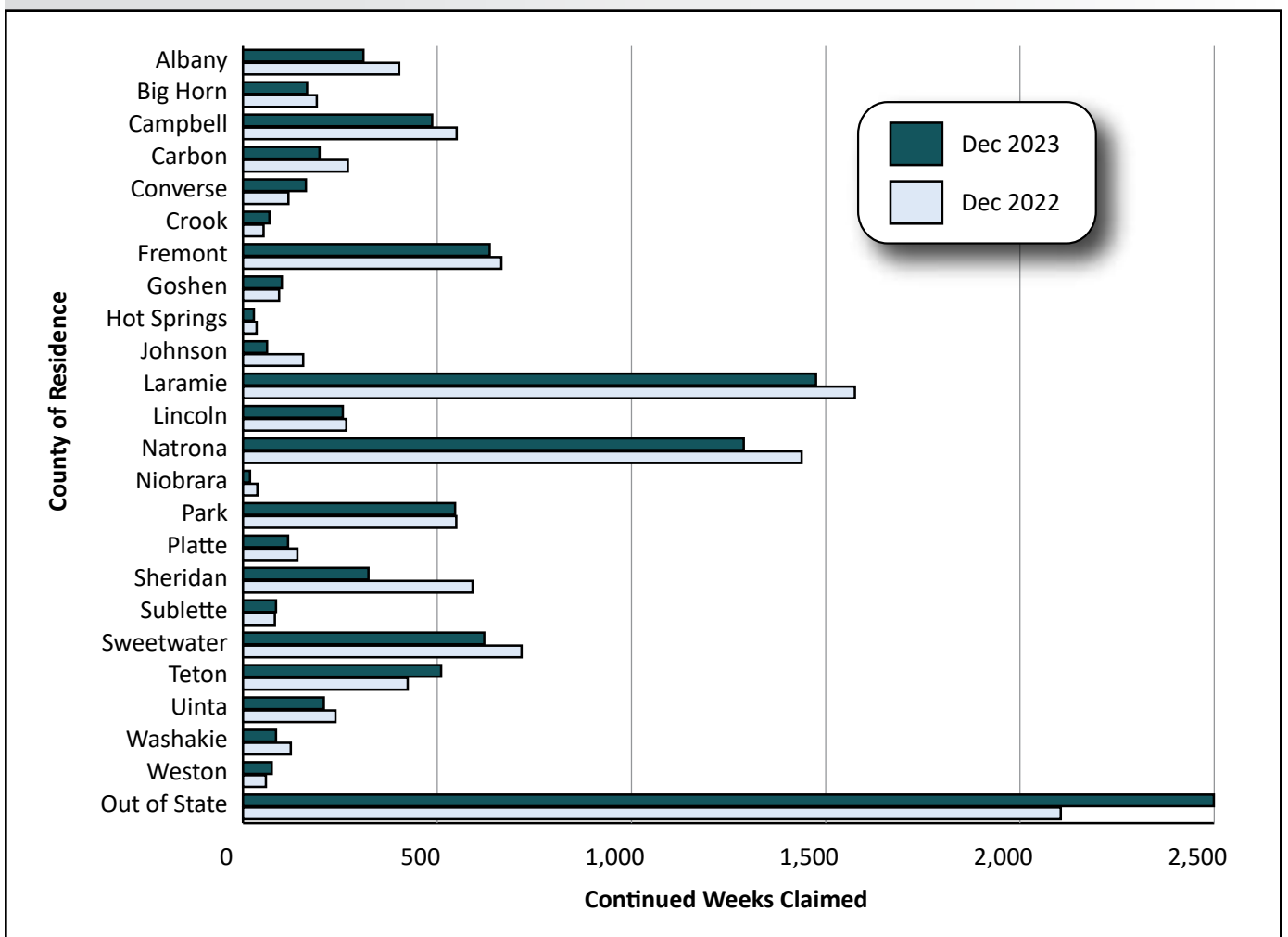


Figure 6: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence in Wyoming, December 2022 and December 2023



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

County	Dec 2023	Dec 2022	Change	
			N	%
Albany	68	99	-31	-31.3
Big Horn	48	45	3	6.7
Campbell	128	149	-21	-14.1
Carbon	50	38	12	31.6
Converse	29	35	-6	-17.1
Crook	18	20	-2	-10.0
Fremont	148	176	-28	-15.9
Goshen	22	20	2	10.0
Hot Springs	10	N/D	N/D	N/D
Johnson	22	46	-24	-52.2
Laramie	327	353	-26	-7.4
Lincoln	54	82	-28	-34.1
Natrona	316	333	-17	-5.1
Niobrara	6	19	-13	-68.4
Park	97	100	-3	-3.0
Platte	24	30	-6	-20.0
Sheridan	103	162	-59	-36.4
Sublette	16	20	-4	-20.0
Sweetwater	147	154	-7	-4.5
Teton	51	49	2	4.1
Uinta	34	31	3	9.7
Washakie	20	27	-7	-25.9
Weston	15	6	9	150.0
Unknown	8	N/D	N/D	N/D
Out of State	295	277	18	6.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,069</b>	<b>2,291</b>	<b>-222</b>	<b>-9.7</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, December 2022 and December 2023**

County	Dec 2023	Dec 2022	Change	
			N	%
Albany	310	402	-92	-22.9
Big Horn	165	190	-25	-13.2
Campbell	487	550	-63	-11.5
Carbon	197	270	-73	-27.0
Converse	162	117	45	38.5
Crook	68	53	15	28.3
Fremont	635	665	-30	-4.5
Goshen	100	93	7	7.5
Hot Springs	28	35	-7	-20.0
Johnson	62	155	-93	-60.0
Laramie	1,475	1,575	-100	-6.3
Lincoln	257	266	-9	-3.4
Natrona	1,289	1,438	-149	-10.4
Niobrara	18	37	-19	-51.4
Park	546	549	-3	-0.5
Platte	116	140	-24	-17.1
Sheridan	323	591	-268	-45.3
Sublette	85	82	3	3.7
Sweetwater	621	717	-96	-13.4
Teton	510	424	86	20.3
Uinta	208	238	-30	-12.6
Washakie	85	123	-38	-30.9
Weston	74	59	15	25.4
Unknown	42	51	-9	-17.6
Out of State	2,499	2,105	394	18.7
<b>Normalized Total<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>10,374</b>	<b>10,938</b>	<b>-564</b>	<b>-5.2</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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