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Initial, Continued Claims Down from Prior Month

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The Research & Planning (R&P) section of the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services publishes monthly Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims reports. Beginning with the June 2020 report, the focus of this monthly report will temporarily shift to over-the-month changes in the claims data rather than over-the-year changes. This analysis will provide a better understanding of the month-to-month changes in the higher UI claims that have resulted from the COVID-19 pandemic and declining oil prices.

In June, Wyoming saw over-the-month decreases in both initial and continued UI claims. *See Box for definitions, page 9.*

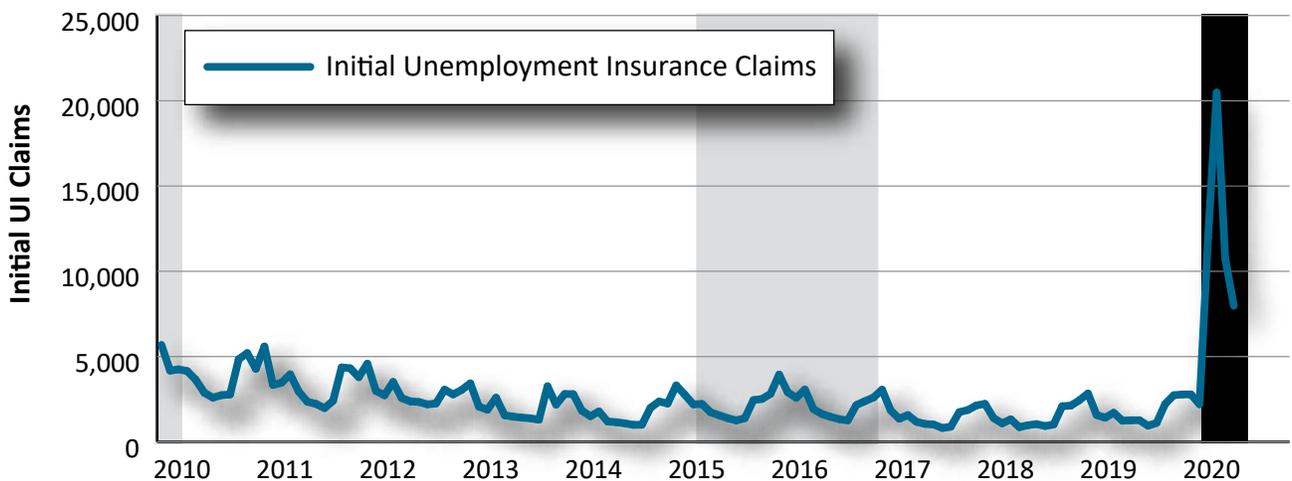
Initial Claims

Wyoming had 7,979 initial claims in June 2020, down from 10,741 in May (-2,762, or -25.7%). The 7,979 initial claims in June marked the lowest one-month total since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic in March. *See Figure 1.*

Most industries experienced a decrease in initial claims compared to May, including unclassified (-743, or -29.9%), leisure & hospitality (-692, or -44.0%), and mining (-350, or -26.5%), among others. *See Table 1 (page 5) and Figure 3 (page 6).*

Weekly UI Claims

Weekly Unemployment Insurance claims for Wyoming are now available online at https://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/UI/weekly_UI_TOC.htm.



*An *initial claim* is a claim filed by an unemployed individual after a separation from an employer.
 Shaded areas indicate periods of economic downturn: 2009Q1-2010Q1 and 2015Q2-2016Q4. Black box identifies COVID-19 pandemic: March 2020 to present.
 Source: Unemployment Insurance (UI) statistics. Research & Planning, WY DWS.
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Figure 1: Total Number of Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by Year and Month, January 2010 to June 2020

Initial claims decreased in nearly all counties over the month, including Natrona (-452, or -22.3%), Laramie (-428, or -30.8%), Teton (-298, or -45.9%), and Campbell (-282, or -25.3%) counties. The number of out-of-state claimants decreased by 264, or 21.5%. See Figure 4 (page 6) and Table 3 (page 9).

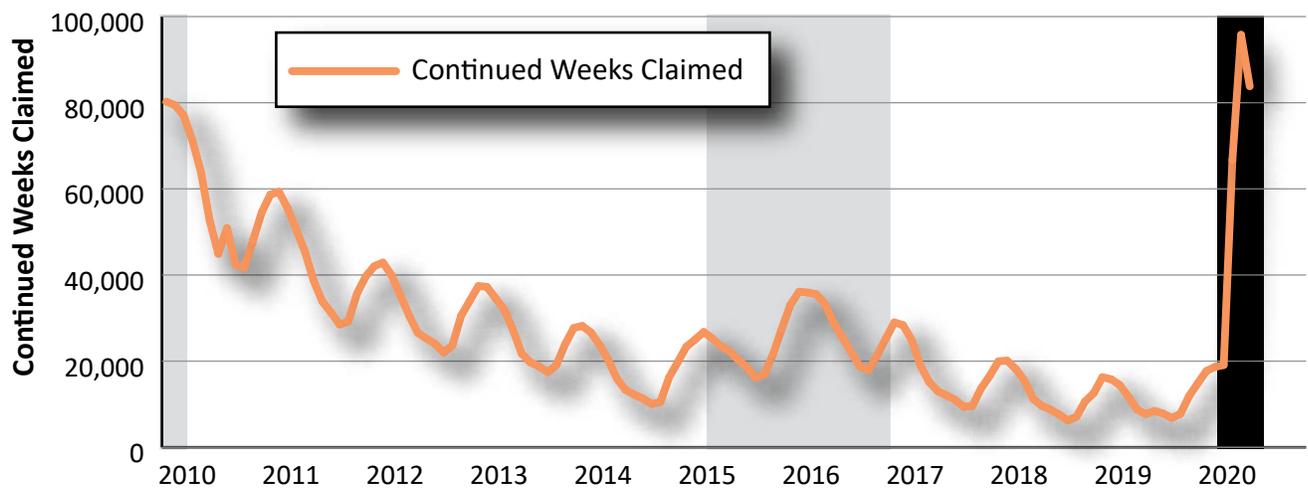
Continued Claims

Wyoming had 83,807 total weeks claimed in June, down from a historic high of 95,769 in May (-11,962, or -12.5%). There were 22,717 total unique claimants in June, down from 25,409 in May (-2,692, or -10.6%). See Figure 2 and Table 2, page 7.

Several industries showed substantial over-the-month decreases in continued weeks claimed, including

leisure & hospitality (-7,192, or -31.5%), unclassified (-2,954, or -16.2%), and trade, transportation, warehousing, & utilities (-1,387, or -11.3%). Although most industries showed a decrease in continued weeks claimed, increases were seen in mining (2,257, or 20.8%) and financial activities (81, or 4.7%). See Table 2, page 7, and Figure 5, page 9.

Total continued weeks claimed increased over the month by 218 (10.8%) in Converse County and by 144 (1.9%) in Campbell County. Continued weeks claimed decreased in most other counties, most notably Laramie (-2,784, or -22.4%), Teton (-2,121, or -23.9%), and Natrona (-1,200, or -7.0%) counties. Continued claims for out-of-state claimants decreased by 1,020, or 7.7%. 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: 2009Q1-2010Q1 and 2015Q2-2016Q4. Black box identifies COVID-19 pandemic: March 2020 to present.
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Figure 2: Total Number of Unemployment Insurance Continued Weeks Claimed for Wyoming by Year and Month, January 2010 to June 2020

Table 1: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims in Wyoming, June 2020

Industry	Initial Claims Filed			Percent Change		N Change	
	Jun 2020	May 2020	Jun 2019	Over the Month	Over the Year	Over the Month	Over the Year
Total Claims Filed	7,979	10,741	1,011	-25.7	689.2	-2,762	6,968
Goods-Producing	2,034	2,399	341	-15.2	496.5	-365	1,693
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	999	1,344	58	-25.7	1,622.4	-345	941
Mining (21)	972	1,322	43	-26.5	2,160.5	-350	929
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	40	43	4	-7.0	900.0	-3	36
Construction (23)	753	778	223	-3.2	237.7	-25	530
Manufacturing (31-33)	281	277	58	1.4	384.5	4	223
Service-Providing	3,521	4,954	445	-28.9	691.2	-1,433	3,076
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	1,080	1,481	131	-27.1	724.4	-401	949
Wholesale Trade (42)	382	450	25	-15.1	1,428.0	-68	357
Retail Trade (44-45)	394	623	66	-36.8	497.0	-229	328
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	304	408	39	-25.5	679.5	-104	265
Information (51)	60	88	8	-31.8	650.0	-28	52
Financial Activities (52-53)	224	220	16	1.8	1,300.0	4	208
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	470	556	55	-15.5	754.5	-86	415
Education & Health Services (61-62)	596	733	135	-18.7	341.5	-137	461
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	880	1,572	85	-44.0	935.3	-692	795
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	208	299	12	-30.4	1,633.3	-91	196
Government	684	904	109	-24.3	527.5	-220	575
Federal Government	46	55	6	-16.4	666.7	-9	40
State Government	106	171	10	-38.0	960.0	-65	96
Local Government	531	678	92	-21.7	477.2	-147	439
Local Education	295	344	36	-14.2	719.4	-49	259
Unclassified	1,739	2,482	114	-29.9	1,425.4	-743	1,625
Laramie County							
Total Claims Filed	963	1,391	121	-30.8	695.9	-428	842
Goods-Producing	148	199	33	-25.6	348.5	-51	115
Construction	81	86	26	-5.8	211.5	-5	55
Service-Providing	493	729	75	-32.4	557.3	-236	418
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	150	219	23	-31.5	552.2	-69	127
Financial Activities (52, 53)	31	23	2	34.8	1,450.0	8	29
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	88	88	9	0.0	877.8	0	79
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	81	132	25	-38.6	224.0	-51	56
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	95	195	10	-51.3	850.0	-100	85
Government	87	125	8	-30.4	987.5	-38	79
Unclassified	233	336	3	-30.7	7,666.7	-103	230
Natrona County							
Total Claims Filed	1,576	2,028	148	-22.3	964.9	-452	1,428
Goods-Producing	405	456	51	-11.2	694.1	-51	354
Construction	124	103	37	20.4	235.1	21	87
Service-Providing	866	1,131	83	-23.4	943.4	-265	783
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	308	392	26	-21.4	1,084.6	-84	282
Financial Activities (52, 53)	57	50	3	14.0	1,800.0	7	54
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	98	117	13	-16.2	653.8	-19	85
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	125	177	25	-29.4	400.0	-52	100
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	160	253	9	-36.8	1,677.8	-93	151
Government	48	61	6	-21.3	700.0	-13	42
Unclassified	255	378	8	-32.5	3,087.5	-123	247

Source: Unemployment Insurance claims database.

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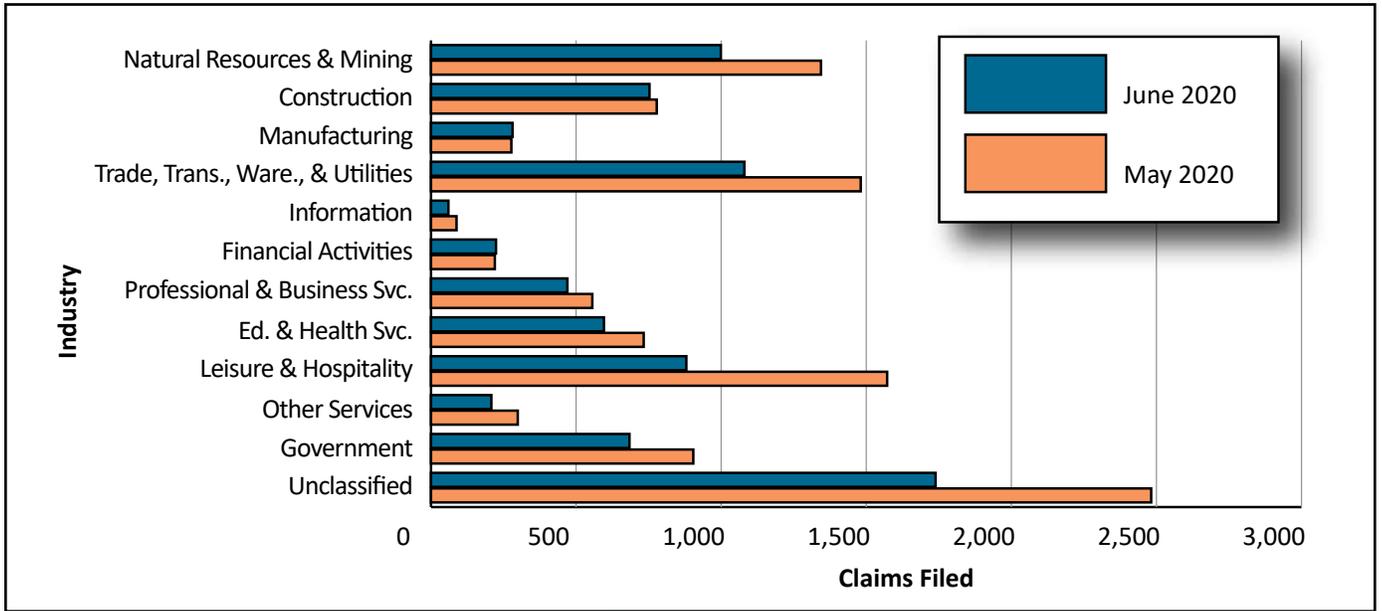


Figure 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, May 2020 and June 2020

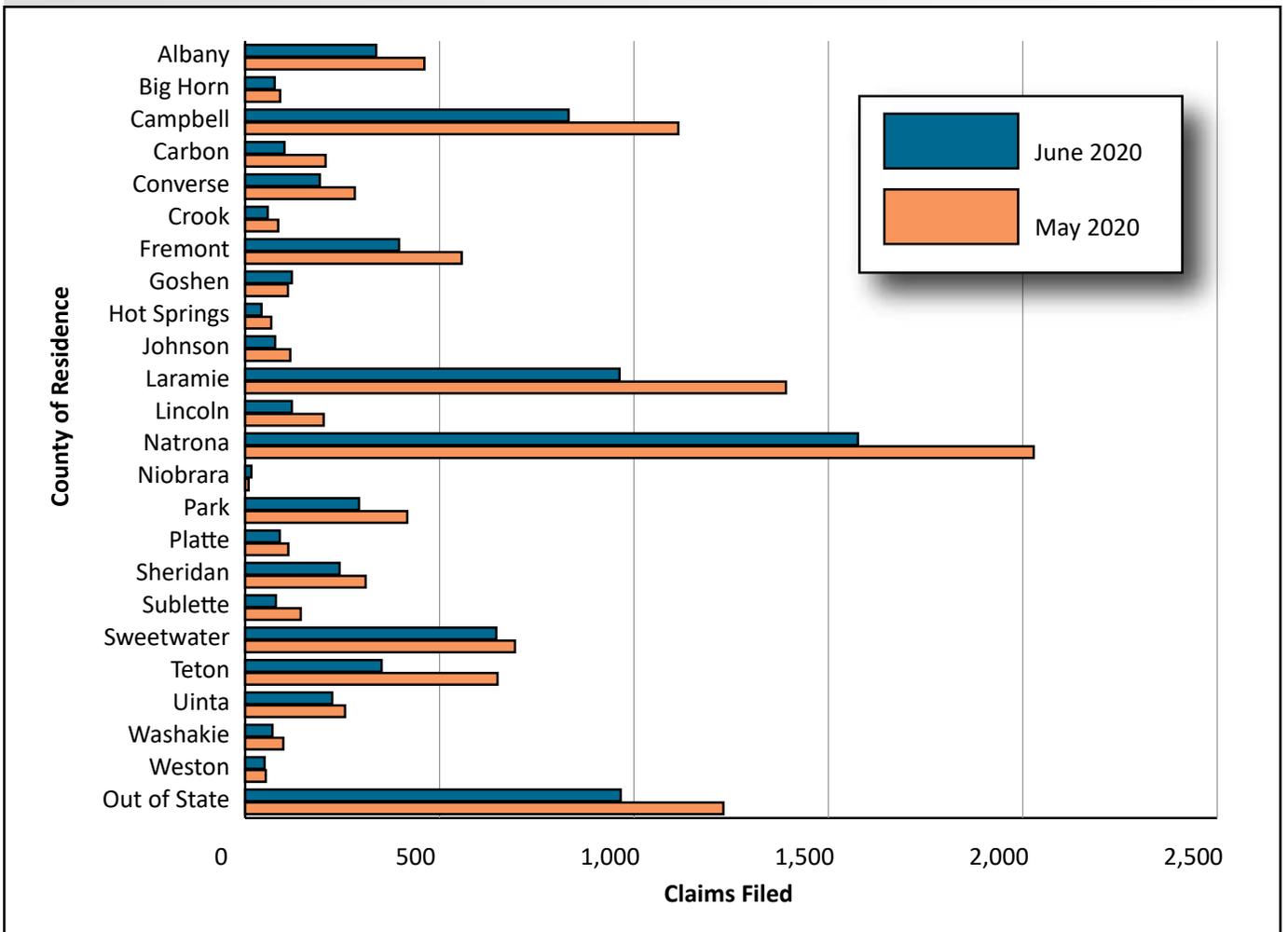


Figure 4: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, May 2020 and June 2020

Table 2: Unemployment Insurance Continued Weeks Claimed in Wyoming, June 2020

Industry	Continued Weeks Claimed			Percent Change		N Change	
	Jun 2020	May 2020	Jun 2019	Over the Month	Over the Year	Over the Month	Over the Year
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	83,807	95,769	6,167	-12.5	1,259.0	-11,962	77,640
Total Unique Claimants	22,717	25,409	2,543	-10.6	793.3	-2,692	20,174
Goods-Producing	23,916	22,495	1,860	6.3	1,185.8	1,421	22,056
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	13,273	11,027	456	20.4	2,810.7	2,246	12,817
Mining (21)	13,098	10,841	419	20.8	3,026.0	2,257	12,679
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	383	344	86	11.3	345.3	39	297
Construction (23)	8,065	8,861	1,023	-9.0	688.4	-796	7,042
Manufacturing (31-33)	2,577	2,606	380	-1.1	578.2	-29	2,197
Service-Providing	40,047	49,994	3,067	-19.9	1,205.7	-9,947	36,980
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	10,836	12,223	907	-11.3	1,094.7	-1,387	9,929
Wholesale Trade (42)	2,827	2,174	161	30.0	1,655.9	653	2,666
Retail Trade (44-45)	4,527	6,019	515	-24.8	779.0	-1,492	4,012
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	3,482	4,029	230	-13.6	1,413.9	-547	3,252
Information (51)	640	626	85	2.2	652.9	14	555
Financial Activities (52-53)	1,813	1,732	161	4.7	1,026.1	81	1,652
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	4,683	4,819	497	-2.8	842.3	-136	4,186
Education & Health Services (61-62)	4,267	5,028	589	-15.1	624.4	-761	3,678
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	15,658	22,850	672	-31.5	2,230.1	-7,192	14,986
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	2,146	2,713	154	-20.9	1,293.5	-567	1,992
Government	4,580	5,062	533	-9.5	759.3	-482	4,047
Federal Government	350	596	58	-41.3	503.4	-246	292
State Government	342	374	58	-8.6	489.7	-32	284
Local Government	3,887	4,091	416	-5.0	834.4	-204	3,471
Local Education	2,106	2,074	96	1.5	2,093.8	32	2,010
Unclassified	15,263	18,217	706	-16.2	2,061.9	-2,954	14,557
Laramie County							
Total Claims Filed	9,637	12,421	724	-22.4	1,231.1	-2,784	8,913
Total Unique Claimants	2,628	3,410	291	-22.9	803.1	-782	2,337
Goods-Producing	1,906	2,041	100	-6.6	1,806.0	-135	1,806
Construction	820	995	94	-17.6	772.3	-175	726
Service-Providing	5,409	7,596	464	-28.8	1,065.7	-2,187	4,945
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	1,831	2,813	122	-34.9	1,400.8	-982	1,709
Financial Activities (52, 53)	219	180	38	21.7	476.3	39	181
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	607	670	86	-9.4	605.8	-63	521
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	610	883	109	-30.9	459.6	-273	501
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	1,719	2,485	59	-30.8	2,813.6	-766	1,660
Government	544	473	71	15.0	666.2	71	473
Unclassified	1,777	2,310	88	-23.1	1,919.3	-533	1,689
Natrona County							
Total Claims Filed	15,872	17,072	881	-7.0	1,701.6	-1,200	14,991
Total Unique Claimants	4,280	4,646	359	-7.9	1,092.2	-366	3,921
Goods-Producing	4,519	4,319	234	4.6	1,831.2	200	4,285
Construction	1,203	1,374	105	-12.4	1,045.7	-171	1,098
Service-Providing	8,505	9,472	571	-10.2	1,389.5	-967	7,934
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	2,896	2,644	216	9.5	1,240.7	252	2,680
Financial Activities (52, 53)	509	465	29	9.5	1,655.2	44	480
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	998	929	90	7.4	1,008.9	69	908
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	815	982	116	-17.0	602.6	-167	699
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	2,383	3,413	77	-30.2	2,994.8	-1,030	2,306
Government	382	455	19	-16.0	1,910.5	-73	363
Unclassified	2,465	2,824	55	-12.7	4,381.8	-359	2,410

Source: Unemployment Insurance claims database.

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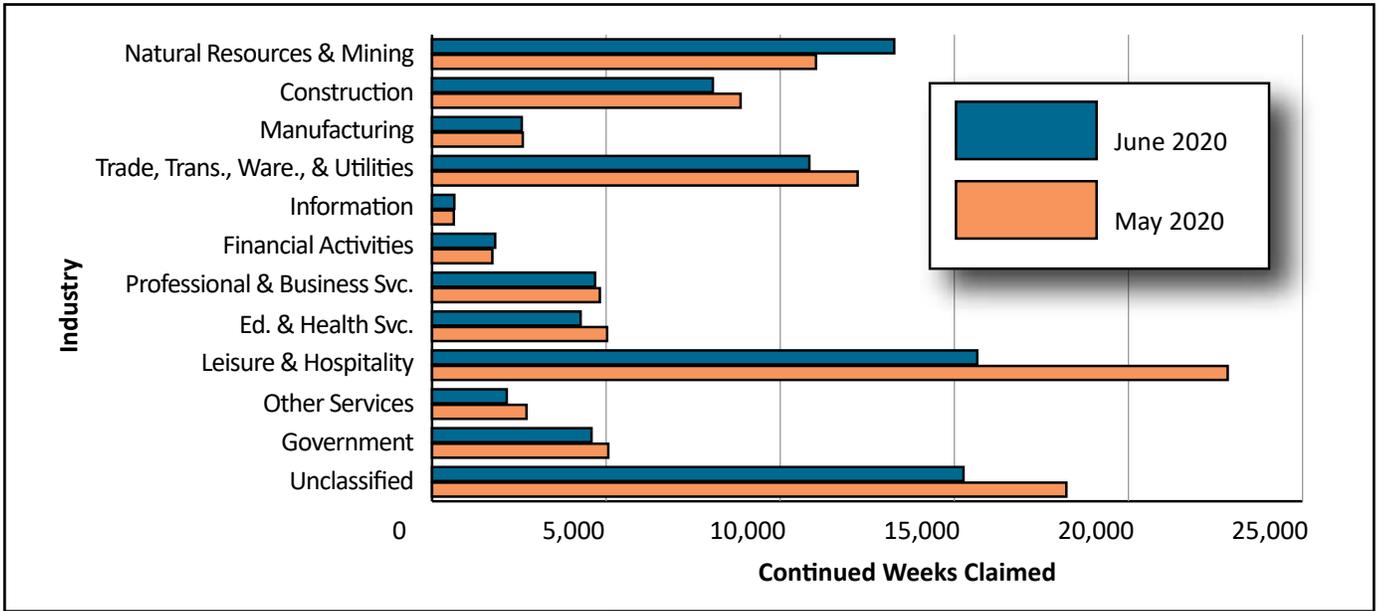


Figure 5: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, May 2020 and June 2020

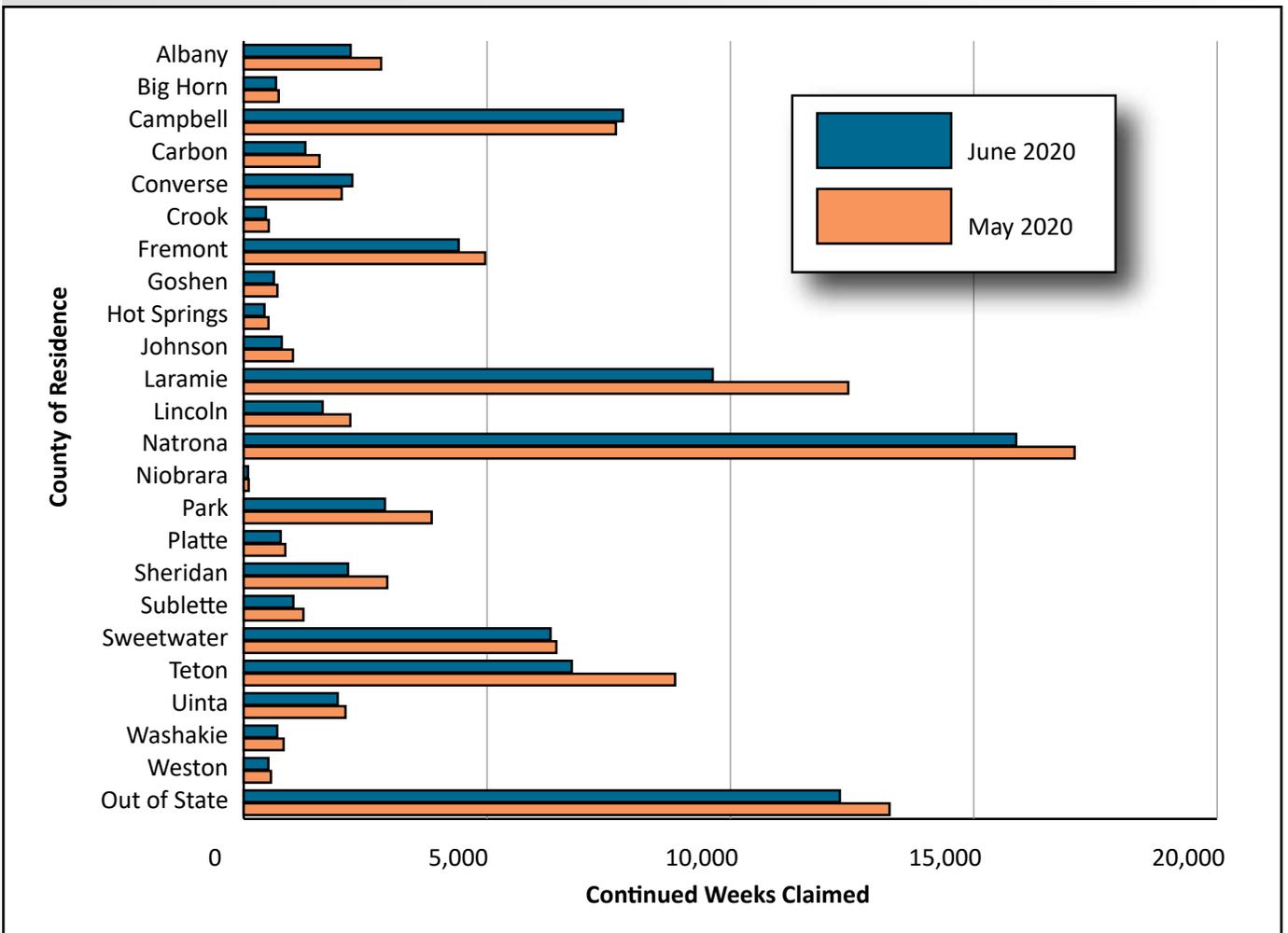


Figure 6: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence in Wyoming, May 2020 and June 2020

Table 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by County of Residence, May 2020 to June 2020

County	Jun 2020	May 2020	Change	
			N	%
Albany	337	461	-124	-26.9
Big Horn	76	90	-14	-15.6
Campbell	832	1,114	-282	-25.3
Carbon	101	207	-106	-51.2
Converse	192	282	-90	-31.9
Crook	58	85	-27	-31.8
Fremont	396	557	-161	-28.9
Goshen	120	110	10	9.1
Hot Springs	42	67	-25	-37.3
Johnson	77	116	-39	-33.6
Laramie	963	1,391	-428	-30.8
Lincoln	120	202	-82	-40.6
Natrona	1,576	2,028	-452	-22.3
Niobrara	16	9	7	77.8
Park	293	417	-124	-29.7
Platte	89	111	-22	-19.8
Sheridan	243	310	-67	-21.6
Sublette	79	143	-64	-44.8
Sweetwater	646	694	-48	-6.9
Teton	351	649	-298	-45.9
Uinta	224	257	-33	-12.8
Washakie	70	98	-28	-28.6
Weston	50	53	-3	-5.7
Unknown	50	46	4	8.7
Out of State	966	1,230	-264	-21.5
Total	7,979	10,741	-2,762	-25.7

N/D = Not discloseable due to confidentiality.

Source: Unemployment Insurance claims database.

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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, May 2020 to June 2020

County	Jun 2020	May 2020	Change	
			N	%
Albany	2,197	2,824	-627	-22.2
Big Horn	665	719	-54	-7.5
Campbell	7,792	7,648	144	1.9
Carbon	1,266	1,558	-292	-18.7
Converse	2,232	2,014	218	10.8
Crook	456	515	-59	-11.5
Fremont	4,417	4,961	-544	-11.0
Goshen	621	692	-71	-10.3
Hot Springs	427	510	-83	-16.3
Johnson	782	1,012	-230	-22.7
Laramie	9,637	12,421	-2,784	-22.4
Lincoln	1,622	2,192	-570	-26.0
Natrona	15,872	17,072	-1,200	-7.0
Niobrara	90	103	-13	-12.6
Park	2,903	3,863	-960	-24.9
Platte	760	855	-95	-11.1
Sheridan	2,144	2,951	-807	-27.3
Sublette	1,020	1,226	-206	-16.8
Sweetwater	6,304	6,425	-121	-1.9
Teton	6,742	8,863	-2,121	-23.9
Uinta	1,931	2,092	-161	-7.7
Washakie	689	820	-131	-16.0
Weston	507	560	-53	-9.5
Unknown	467	592	-125	-21.1
Out of State	12,249	13,269	-1,020	-7.7
Normalized Total^a	83,807	95,769	-11,962	-12.5

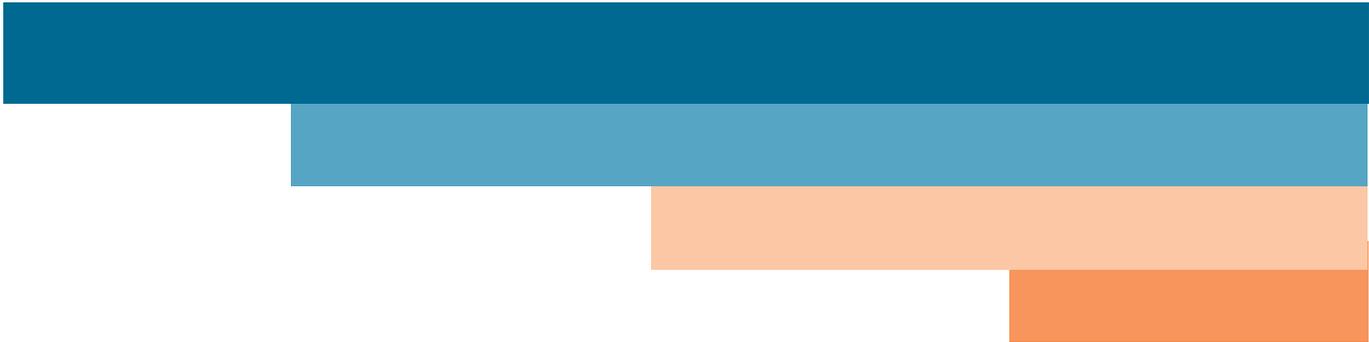
^aAn average month is considered 4.33 weeks. If a month has four weeks, the normalization factor is 1.0825. If the month has five weeks, the normalization factor is 0.866. The number of raw claims is multiplied by the normalization factor to achieve the normalized claims counts.

All totals are subject to rounding error and may not add to the sum of their respective components.

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