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Initial Claims Lower Than in February 2023

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In February 2024, initial Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims decreased over the month and over the year, while continued UI claims (see Definitions, page 9) were up slightly.

UI Claims Online

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

Initial Claims

There were 1,501 initial claims in February 2024, down from 1,741 in February 2023 (-240, or -13.8%; see Figure 1). The greatest over-the-year decreases were in construction, with 206 fewer claims (-30.3%) and manufacturing, with 45 fewer claims (-32.8%). There were also small over-the-year decreases in initial claims in financial activities, natural resources & mining, and government (see Table 1, page 5, and Figure 3, page 6).

Initial claims also decreased over the month, down from 2,320 in January 2024 (-819, or -35.3%). Initial claims frequently peak in January and then decline substantially in February (see Figure 1). The greatest over-the-month decreases were found in construction (-430, or -47.6%) and professional & business services (-115, or -40.5%).

The industries with the largest numbers of initial claims in February 2024 included construction (474), trade, transportation,

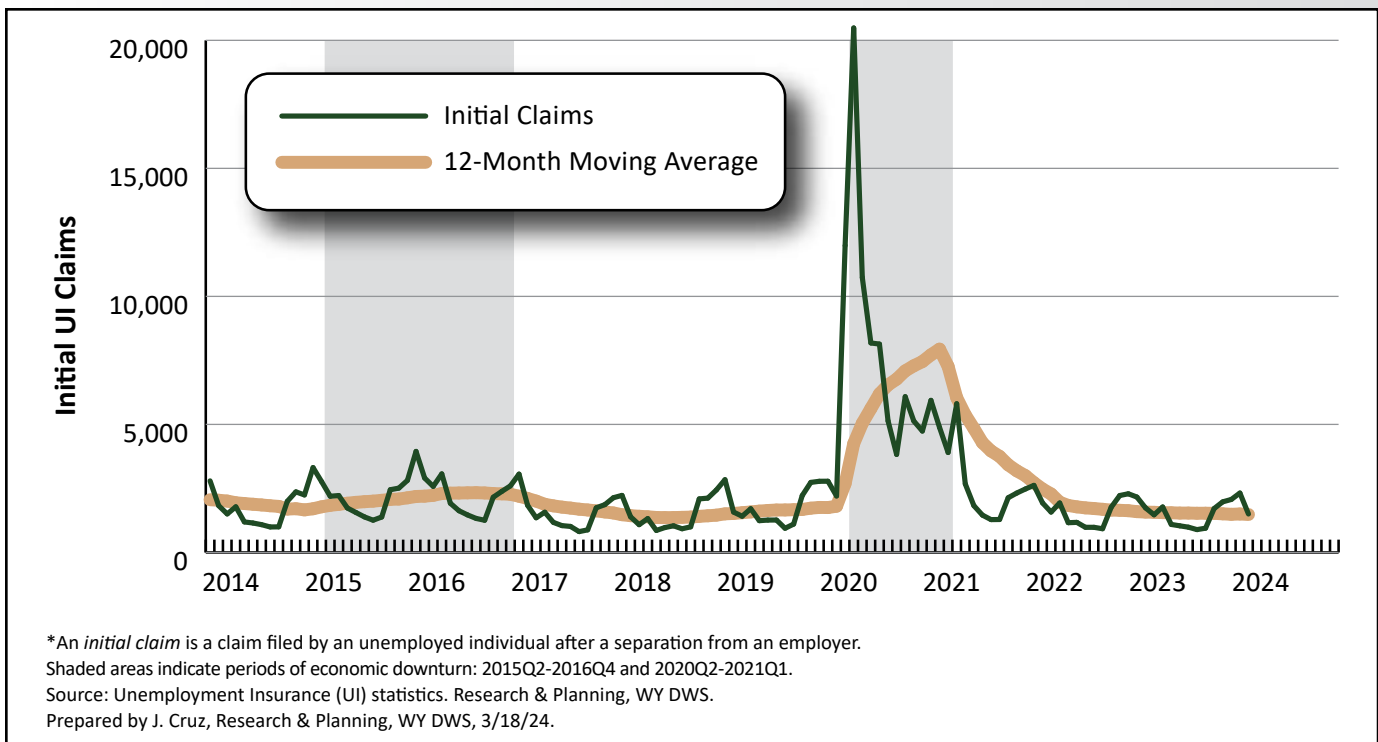


Figure 1: Total Number of Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by Year and Month, January 2014 to February 2024

& utilities (256), professional & business services (169), and leisure & hospitality (136).

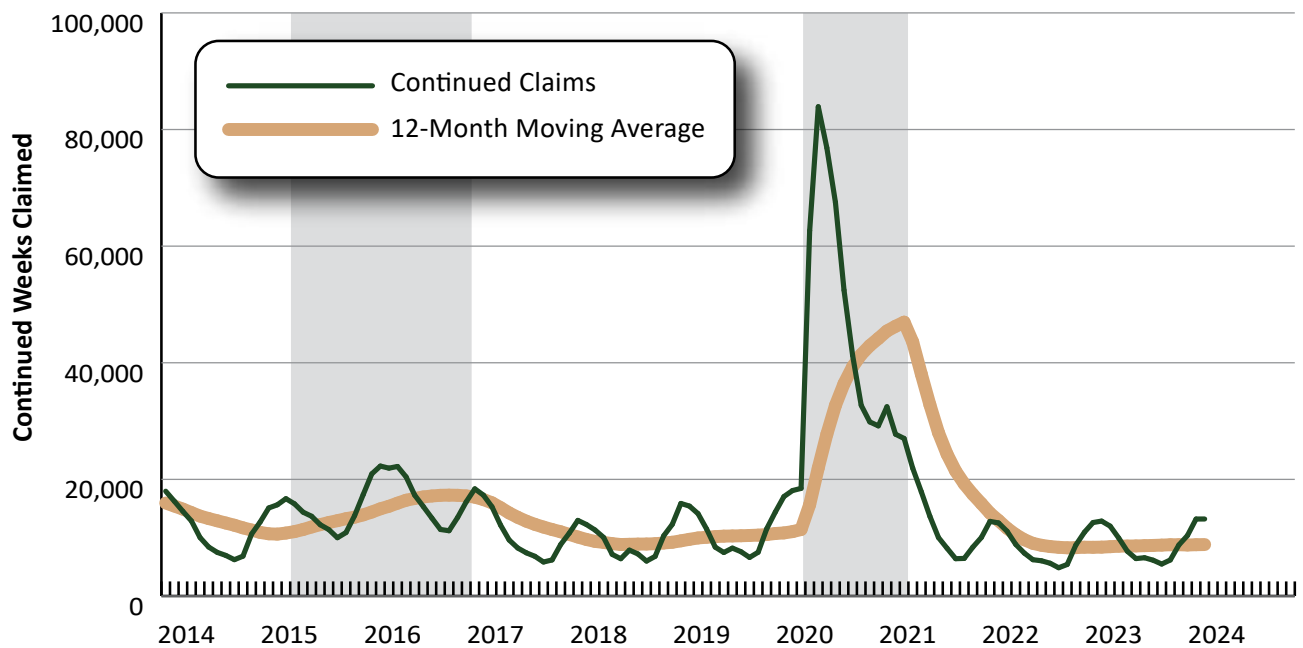
Laramie County had the most initial claims with 266, followed by Natrona (235), Campbell (122), and Fremont (93) counties. In addition, there were 180 out-of-state claimants (see Figure 4, page 6, and Table 3, page 9).

Continued Claims

The total number of continued weeks claimed increased from 12,849 in February 2023 to 13,208 in February 2024 (359, or 2.8%; see Figure 2). Continued claims remained largely unchanged over the month. There were 4,274 unique claimants in February 2024, up 12.6% over the month and 1.2% over the year.

The industries with the most continued weeks claimed included construction (4,676), professional & business services (1,860), trade, transportation, & utilities (1,614), and leisure & hospitality (1,445; see Table 2, page 7, and Figure 5, page 8). Like initial claims, construction showed considerable over-the-year decreases in continued claims (-305, or -6.1%). Over-the-year decreases also were seen in government, manufacturing, and financial activities.

There were more out-of-state claimants with continued weeks claimed (2,280) than any single county (see Figure 6, page 8, and Table 4, page 9). The counties with the most continued weeks claimed were Laramie (2,142), Natrona (1,756), and Sweetwater (955).



*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 2014 to February 2024

Table 1: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims in Wyoming, February 2024

Industry	Initial Claims Filed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Feb 2024	Jan 2024	Feb 2023	N	%	N	%
Total Claims Filed	1,501	2,320	1,741	-819	-35.3	-240	-13.8
Goods-Producing	677	1,158	942	-481	-41.5	-265	-28.1
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	111	152	124	-41	-27.0	-13	-10.5
Mining (21)	94	139	107	-45	-32.4	-13	-12.1
Construction (23)	474	904	680	-430	-47.6	-206	-30.3
Manufacturing (31-33)	92	102	137	-10	-9.8	-45	-32.8
Service-Providing	727	1,004	689	-277	-27.6	38	5.5
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	256	281	229	-25	-8.9	27	11.8
Wholesale Trade (42)	32	46	24	-14	-30.4	8	33.3
Retail Trade (44-45)	110	128	102	-18	-14.1	8	7.8
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	113	106	101	7	6.6	12	11.9
Information (51)	16	19	18	-3	-15.8	-2	-11.1
Financial Activities (52-53)	31	46	46	-15	-32.6	-15	-32.6
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	169	284	166	-115	-40.5	3	1.8
Education & Health Services (61-62)	89	106	75	-17	-16.0	14	18.7
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	136	234	122	-98	-41.9	14	11.5
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	27	32	30	-5	-15.6	-3	-10.0
Government	81	131	90	-50	-38.2	-9	-10.0
Federal Government	22	58	32	-36	-62.1	-10	-31.3
State Government	14	10	14	4	40.0	0	0.0
Local Government	44	62	44	-18	-29.0	0	0.0
Local Education	12	12	8	0	0.0	4	50.0
Unclassified	15	25	18	-10	-40.0	-3	-16.7
Laramie County							
Total Claims Filed	266	407	289	-141	-34.6	-23	-8.0
Goods-Producing	116	213	147	-97	-45.5	-31	-21.1
Construction	103	190	112	-87	-45.8	-9	-8.0
Service-Providing	136	172	128	-36	-20.9	8	6.3
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	47	48	43	-1	-2.1	4	9.3
Financial Activities (52, 53)	4	6	8	-2	-33.3	-4	-50.0
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	45	58	37	-13	-22.4	8	21.6
Educational & Health Services (61-62)	15	19	14	-4	-21.1	1	7.1
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	15	26	14	-11	-42.3	1	7.1
Government	11	14	7	-3	-21.4	4	57.1
Natrona County							
Total Claims Filed	235	340	256	-105	-30.9	-21	-8.2
Goods-Producing	100	159	138	-59	-37.1	-38	-27.5
Construction	79	127	116	-48	-37.8	-37	-31.9
Service-Providing	125	176	110	-51	-29.0	15	13.6
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	46	39	28	7	17.9	18	64.3
Financial Activities (52, 53)	11	13	7	-2	-15.4	4	57.1
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	19	55	32	-36	-65.5	-13	-40.6
Educational & Health Services (61-62)	24	25	15	-1	-4.0	9	60.0
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	14	31	17	-17	-54.8	-3	-17.6
Government	8	3	3	5	166.7	5	166.7

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Source: Unemployment Insurance claims database.

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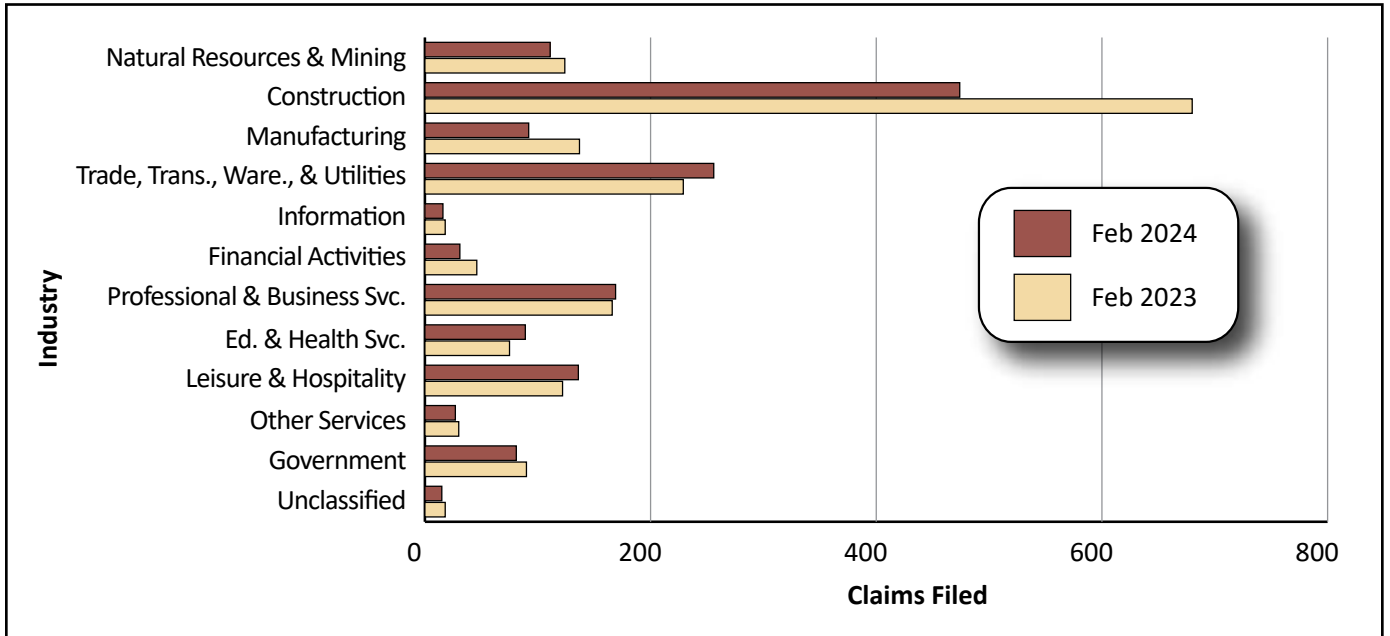


Figure 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, February 2023 and February 2024

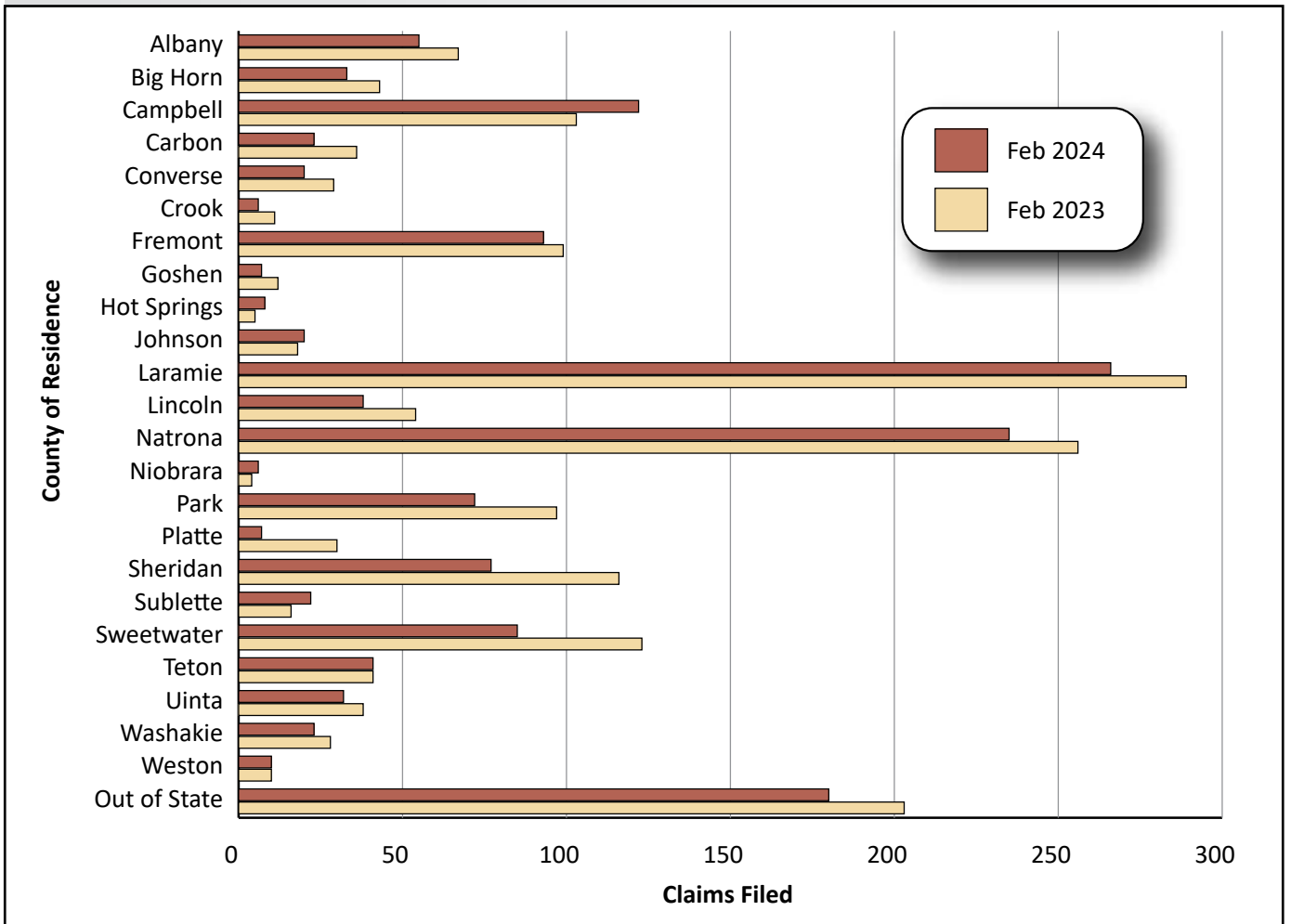


Figure 4: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, February 2023 and February 2024

Table 2: Unemployment Insurance Continued Weeks Claimed in Wyoming, February 2024

Industry	Continued Weeks Claimed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Feb 2024	Jan 2024	Feb 2023	N	%	N	%
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	13,208	13,200	12,849	8	0.1	359	2.8
Total Unique Claimants	4,274	3,796	4,222	478	12.6	52	1.2
Goods-Producing	6,062	6,230	6,254	-168	-2.7	-192	-3.1
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	824	753	639	71	9.4	185	29.0
Mining (21)	719	637	460	82	12.9	259	56.3
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	54	36	49	18	50.0	5	10.2
Construction (23)	4,676	4,929	4,981	-253	-5.1	-305	-6.1
Manufacturing (31-33)	560	548	633	12	2.2	-73	-11.5
Service-Providing	6,194	5,991	5,498	203	3.4	696	12.7
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	1,614	1,486	1,454	128	8.6	160	11.0
Wholesale Trade (42)	239	208	234	31	14.9	5	2.1
Retail Trade (44-45)	755	741	766	14	1.9	-11	-1.4
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	619	536	453	83	15.5	166	36.6
Information (51)	190	197	81	-7	-3.6	109	134.6
Financial Activities (52-53)	289	311	385	-22	-7.1	-96	-24.9
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	1,860	1,711	1,680	149	8.7	180	10.7
Education & Health Services (61-62)	588	576	504	12	2.1	84	16.7
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	1,445	1,518	1,170	-73	-4.8	275	23.5
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	205	189	221	16	8.5	-16	-7.2
Government	810	821	999	-11	-1.3	-189	-18.9
Federal Government	377	416	522	-39	-9.4	-145	-27.8
State Government	83	87	102	-4	-4.6	-19	-18.6
Local Government	349	317	373	32	10.1	-24	-6.4
Local Education	55	54	55	1	1.9	0	0.0
Unclassified	141	155	97	-14	-9.0	44	45.4
Laramie County							
Total Claims Filed	2,142	2,058	1,952	84	4.1	190	9.7
Total Unique Claimants	694	601	651	93	15.5	43	6.6
Goods-Producing	975	1,021	1,119	-46	-4.5	-144	-12.9
Construction	901	916	1038	-15	-1.6	-137	-13.2
Service-Providing	1,077	956	762	121	12.7	315	41.3
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	320	310	256	10	3.2	64	25.0
Financial Activities (52, 53)	59	64	44	-5	-7.8	15	34.1
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	345	263	246	82	31.2	99	40.2
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	122	114	77	8	7.0	45	58.4
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	110	80	97	30	37.5	13	13.4
Government	59	51	54	8	15.7	5	9.3
Unclassified	30	27	17	3	11.1	13	76.5
Natrona County							
Total Claims Filed	1,756	1,764	1,847	-8	-0.5	-91	-4.9
Total Unique Claimants	571	532	600	39	7.3	-29	-4.8
Goods-Producing	773	801	837	-28	-3.5	-64	-7.6
Construction	593	654	699	-61	-9.3	-106	-15.2
Service-Providing	925	889	953	36	4.0	-28	-2.9
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	224	206	283	18	8.7	-59	-20.8
Financial Activities (52, 53)	57	62	84	-5	-8.1	-27	-32.1
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	273	274	264	-1	-0.4	9	3.4
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	154	134	125	20	14.9	29	23.2
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	161	171	126	-10	-5.8	35	27.8
Government	51	55	55	-4	-7.3	-4	-7.3
Unclassified	5	18	1	-13	-72.2	4	400.0

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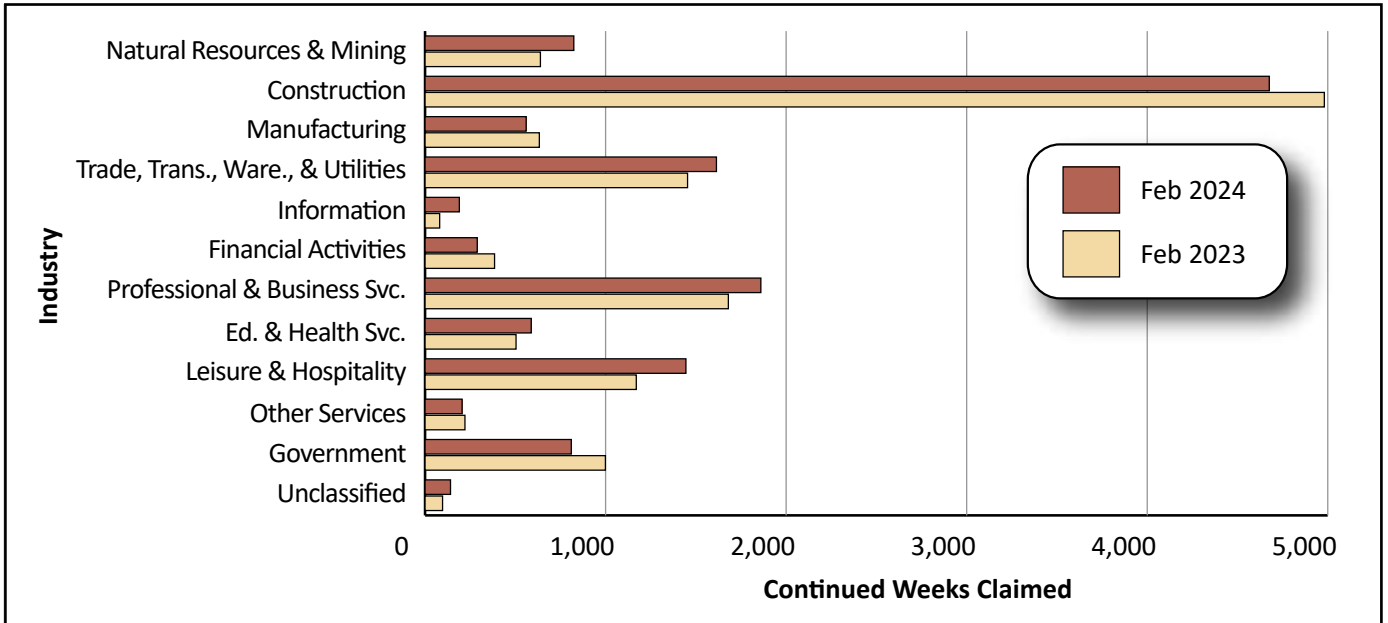


Figure 5: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, February 2023 and February 2024

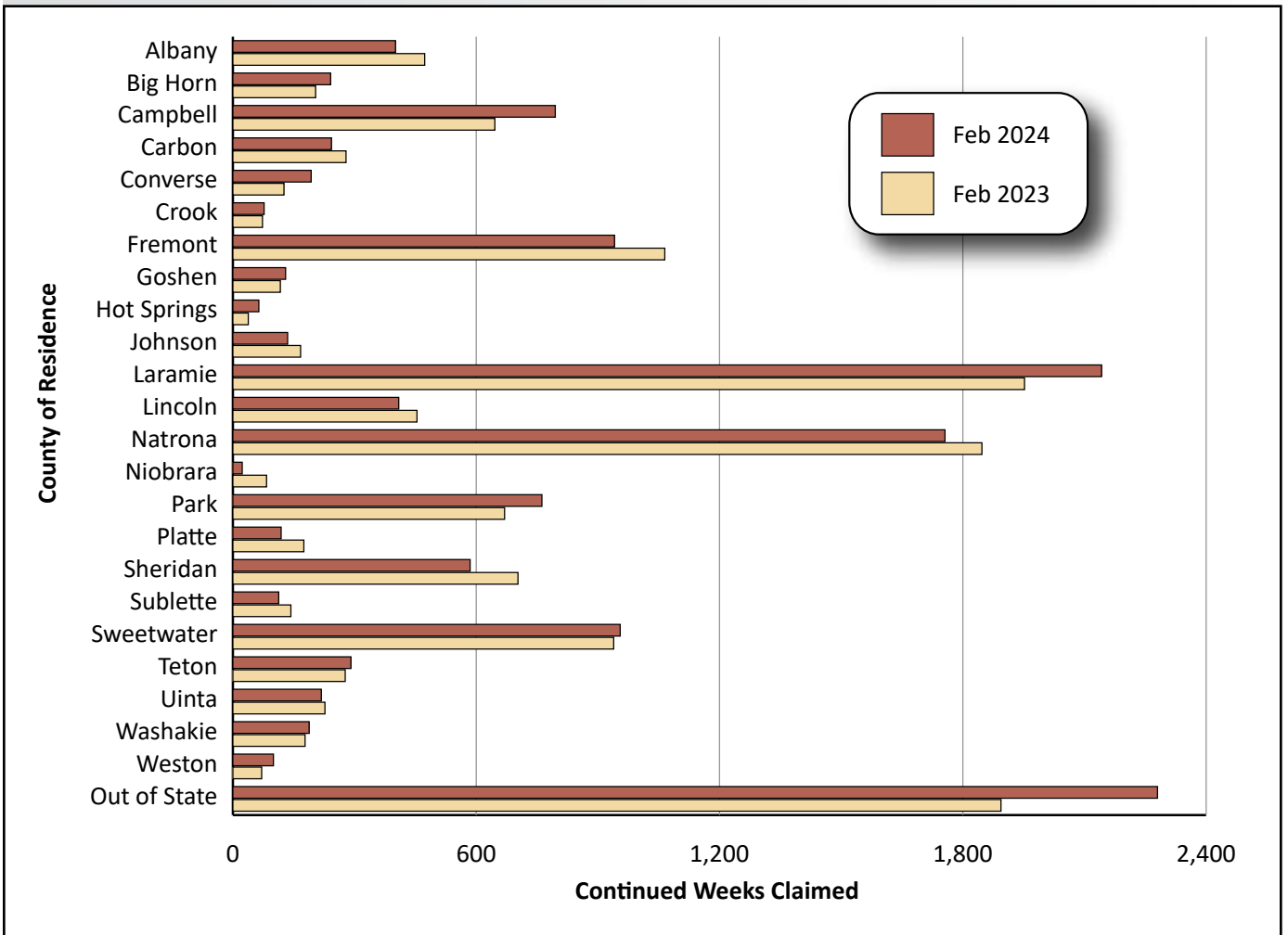


Figure 6: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence in Wyoming, February 2023 and February 2024

Table 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by County of Residence, February 2023 and February 2024

County	Feb 2024	Feb 2023	Change	
			N	%
Albany	55	67	-12	-17.9
Big Horn	33	43	-10	-23.3
Campbell	122	103	19	18.4
Carbon	23	36	-13	-36.1
Converse	20	29	-9	-31.0
Crook	6	11	-5	-45.5
Fremont	93	99	-6	-6.1
Goshen	7	12	-5	-41.7
Hot Springs	8	5	3	60.0
Johnson	20	18	2	11.1
Laramie	266	289	-23	-8.0
Lincoln	38	54	-16	-29.6
Natrona	235	256	-21	-8.2
Niobrara	6	N/D	N/D	N/D
Park	72	97	-25	-25.8
Platte	7	30	-23	-76.7
Sheridan	77	116	-39	-33.6
Sublette	22	16	6	37.5
Sweetwater	85	123	-38	-30.9
Teton	41	41	0	0.0
Uinta	32	38	-6	-15.8
Washakie	23	28	-5	-17.9
Weston	10	10	0	0.0
Unknown	6	N/D	N/D	N/D
Out of State	180	203	-23	-11.3
Total	1,501	1,741	-240	-13.8

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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, February 2023 and February 2024

County	Feb 2024	Feb 2023	Change	
			N	%
Albany	401	473	-72	-15.2
Big Horn	241	204	37	18.1
Campbell	795	646	149	23.1
Carbon	243	279	-36	-12.9
Converse	193	126	67	53.2
Crook	77	73	4	5.5
Fremont	941	1,065	-124	-11.6
Goshen	130	117	13	11.1
Hot Springs	64	38	26	68.4
Johnson	135	167	-32	-19.2
Laramie	2,142	1,952	190	9.7
Lincoln	409	454	-45	-9.9
Natrona	1,756	1,847	-91	-4.9
Niobrara	23	83	-60	-72.3
Park	762	670	92	13.7
Platte	119	175	-56	-32
Sheridan	585	703	-118	-16.8
Sublette	113	143	-30	-21
Sweetwater	955	939	16	1.7
Teton	291	277	14	5.1
Uinta	218	227	-9	-4
Washakie	188	178	10	5.6
Weston	100	71	29	40.8
Unknown	33	35	-2	-5.7
Out of State	2,280	1,894	386	20.4
Normalized Total^a	13,208	12,849	359	2.8

^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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