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Wyoming Unemployment Insurance Claims Report, January 2024 Initial and Continued Claims Increase Over the Year

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Initial and continued Unemployment Insurance (UI) claims (see Definitions, page 9) followed their normal seasonal pattern and increased from December 2023 to January 2024. Initial and continued claims also increased compared to January 2023.

Initial Claims

There were 2,320 initial claims in January 2024, an increase of 157 (7.3%) compared to January 2023. This marked the single largest over-the-year increase in initial claims since 2021 during the Covid-19 pandemic. The seasonal patterns of initial claims can be seen in Figure 1.

Construction increased the most with

UI Claims Online

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72 more claims (8.7%) over the year (see Table 1, page 5, and Figure 3, page 6). The industries with the largest numbers of initial claims included construction (904), professional & business services (284), trade, transportation, & utilities (280), and leisure & hospitality (234).

Government had the greatest over-the-year decrease in initial claims (-31, or -19.1%). There were small over-the-year decreases in trade, transportation,

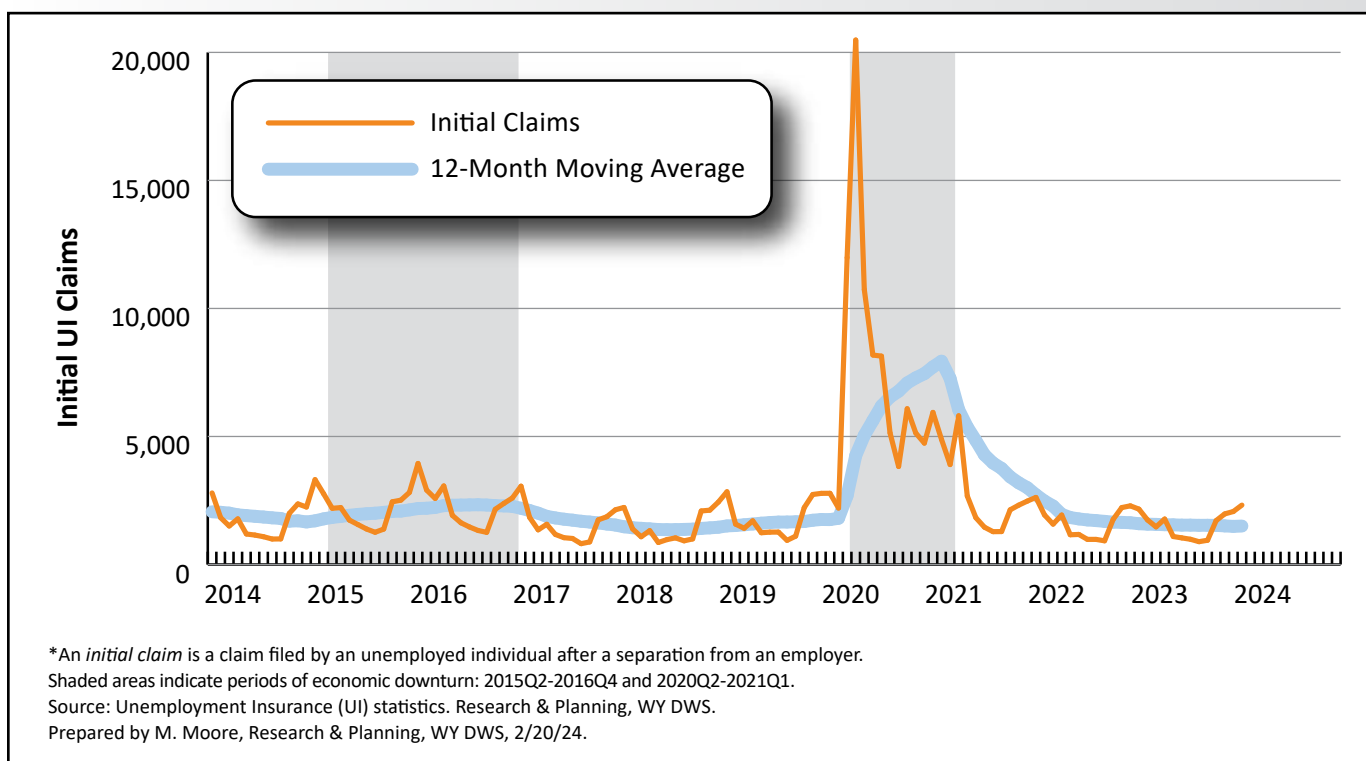


Figure 1: Total Number of Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims for Wyoming by Year and Month, January 2014 to January 2024

& utilities; manufacturing; and financial activities.

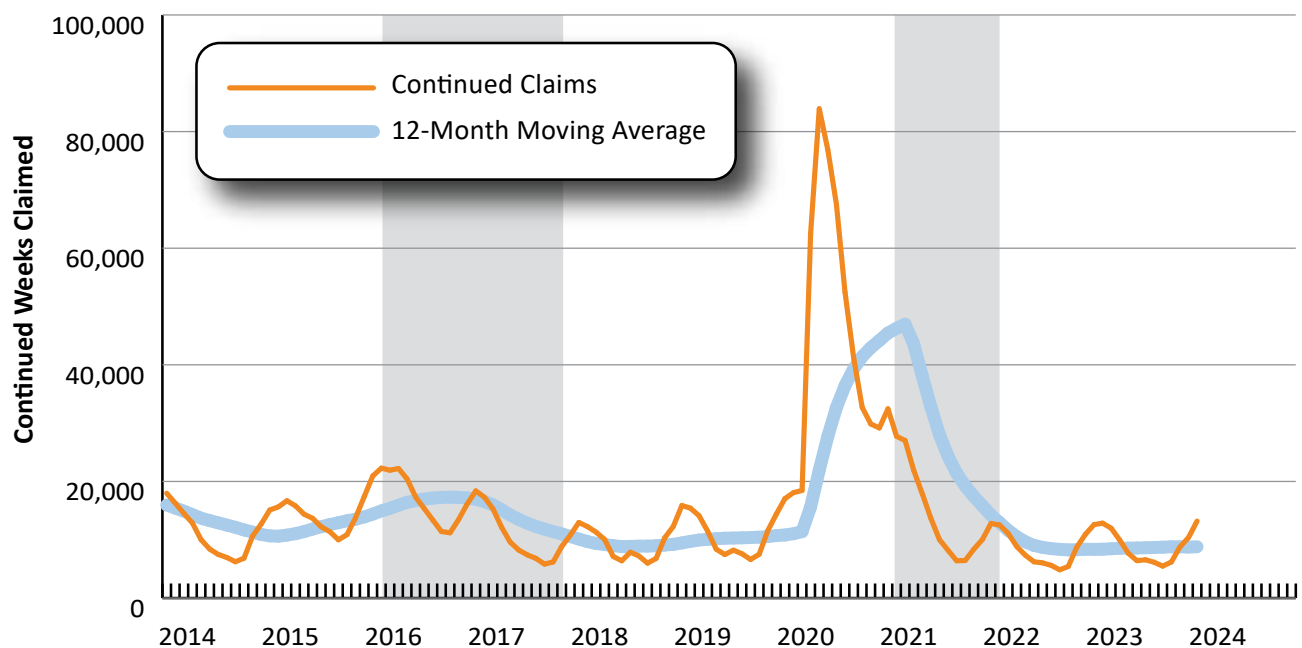
Laramie County had the most initial claims with 407, followed by Natrona (340), Sweetwater (168), Campbell (166), and Park (151) counties (see Figure 4, page 6, and Table 3, page 9). There were also 278 out-of-state claimants.

Continued Claims

The total number of continued weeks claimed increased from 12,597 in January 2023 to 13,200 in January 2024 (603, or 4.8%). Continued claims followed their typical seasonal pattern and increased over the month (see Figure 2 and Table 2, page 7). The number of unique claimants decreased from 4,306 to 3,796 (-510, or -11.8%) over the year.

The industries with the most continued weeks claimed included construction (4,930), professional & business services (1,711), leisure & hospitality (1,518), and trade, transportation, & utilities (1,486). Like initial claims, government showed a considerable over-the-year decrease in continued claims (-159, or -16.2%). Construction showed the second greatest over-the-year decrease in continued claims (-140, or -2.8%). There were smaller over-the-year decreases in manufacturing and financial activities (see Figure 5, page 8).

There were more continued claimants from out of state (2,544) than any single county (see Figure 6, page 8, and Table 4, page 9). Laramie (2,058), Natrona (1,764), and Sweetwater (960) were the counties with the greatest numbers of continued weeks claimed.



*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 January 2024

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

Industry	Initial Claims Filed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Jan 2024	Dec 2023	Jan 2023	N	%	N	%
Total Claims Filed	2,320	2,069	2,163	251	12.1	157	7.3
Goods-Producing	1,158	1,083	1,054	75	6.9	104	9.9
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	151	111	112	40	36.0	39	34.8
Mining (21)	139	96	93	43	44.8	46	49.5
Construction (23)	904	877	832	27	3.1	72	8.7
Manufacturing (31-33)	103	94	109	9	9.6	-6	-5.5
Service-Providing	1,004	845	927	159	18.8	77	8.3
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	280	229	283	51	22.3	-3	-1.1
Wholesale Trade (42)	46	34	46	12	35.3	0	0.0
Retail Trade (44-45)	127	112	137	15	13.4	-10	-7.3
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	106	82	99	24	29.3	7	7.1
Information (51)	19	6	11	13	216.7	8	72.7
Financial Activities (52-53)	46	38	55	8	21.1	-9	-16.4
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	284	248	276	36	14.5	8	2.9
Education & Health Services (61-62)	107	79	74	28	35.4	33	44.6
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	234	218	199	16	7.3	35	17.6
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	32	23	27	9	39.1	5	18.5
Government	131	114	162	17	14.9	-31	-19.1
Federal Government	58	59	79	-1	-1.7	-21	-26.6
State Government	10	12	21	-2	-16.7	-11	-52.4
Local Government	62	42	61	20	47.6	1	1.6
Local Education	12	9	14	3	33.3	-2	-14.3
Unclassified	25	25	19	0	0.0	6	31.6
Laramie County							
Total Claims Filed	407	327	358	80	24.5	49	13.7
Goods-Producing	213	190	191	23	12.1	22	11.5
Construction	190	177	178	13	7.3	12	6.7
Service-Providing	172	127	150	45	35.4	22	14.7
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	48	50	59	-2	-4.0	-11	-18.6
Financial Activities (52, 53)	6	9	9	-3	-33.3	-3	-33.3
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	58	29	38	29	100.0	20	52.6
Educational & Health Services (61-62)	19	16	8	3	18.8	11	137.5
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	26	15	23	11	73.3	3	13.0
Government	14	8	11	6	75.0	3	27.3
Natrona County							
Total Claims Filed	340	316	308	24	7.6	32	10.4
Goods-Producing	159	173	141	-14	-8.1	18	12.8
Construction	127	142	116	-15	-10.6	11	9.5
Service-Providing	176	132	158	44	33.3	18	11.4
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	39	32	50	7	21.9	-11	-22.0
Financial Activities (52, 53)	13	6	7	7	116.7	6	85.7
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	55	45	51	10	22.2	4	7.8
Educational & Health Services (61-62)	25	18	20	7	38.9	5	25.0
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	31	23	22	8	34.8	9	40.9
Government	3	8	6	-5	-62.5	-3	-50.0

N/D = Not discloseable due to confidentiality.

Source: Unemployment Insurance claims database.

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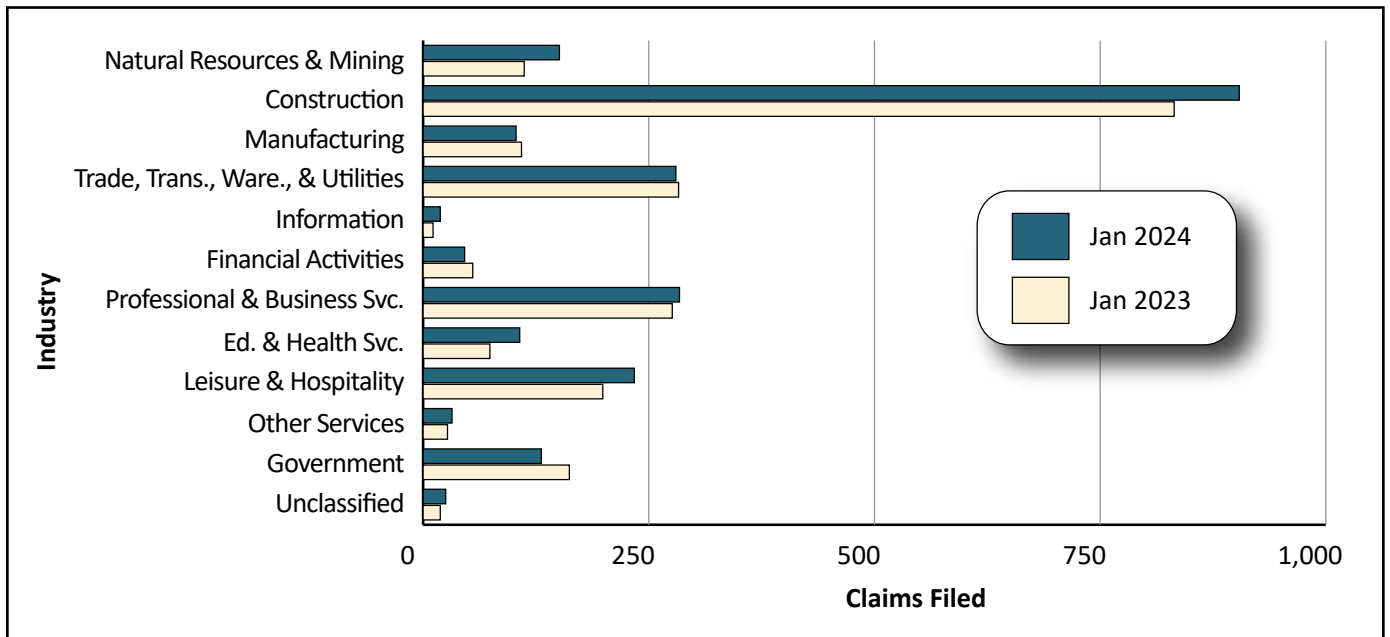


Figure 3: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, January 2023 and January 2024

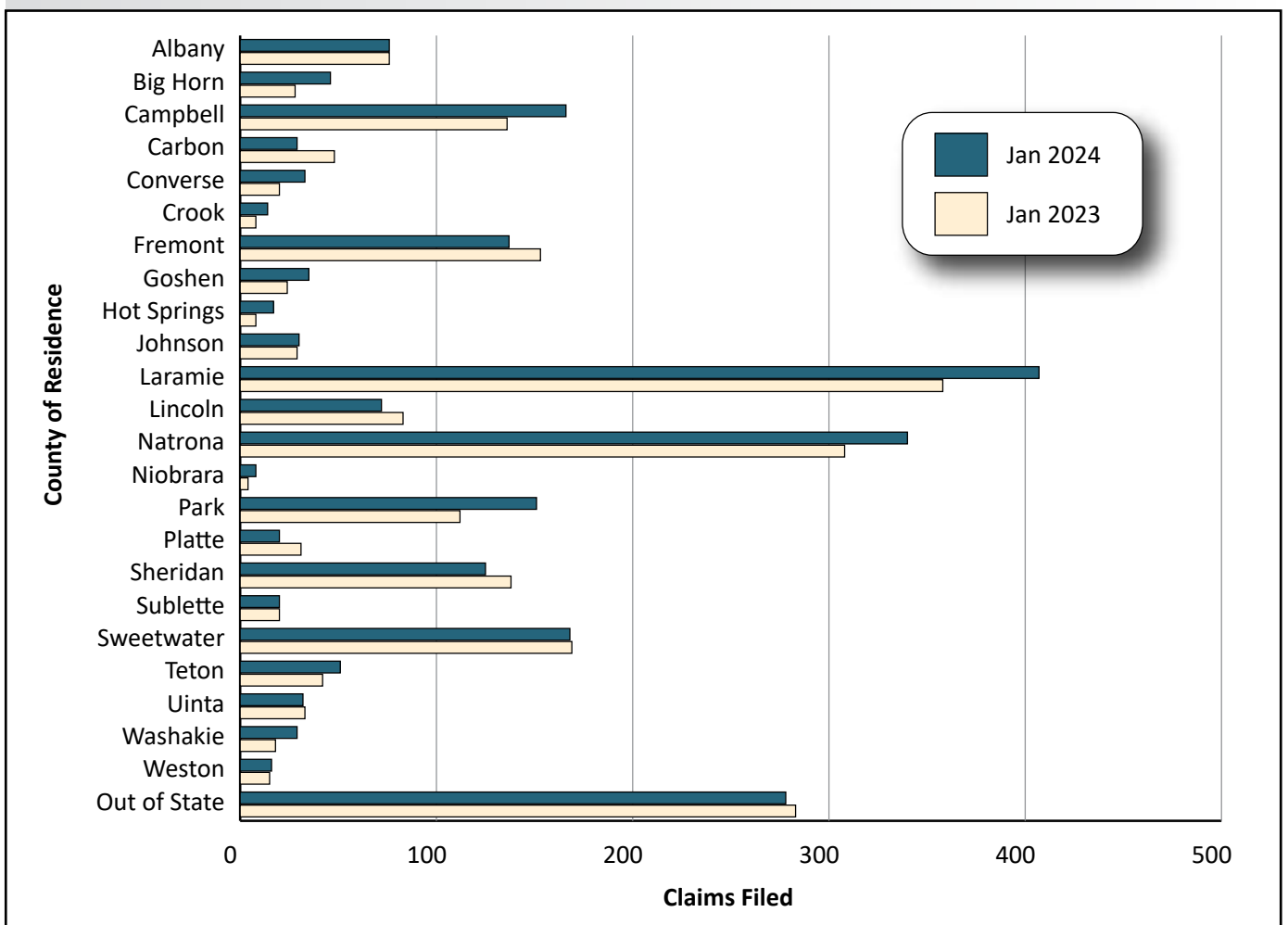


Figure 4: Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence, January 2023 and January 2024

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

Industry	Continued Weeks Claimed			Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
	Jan 2024	Dec 2023	Jan 2023	N	%	N	%
Total Continued Weeks Claimed	13,200	10,374	12,597	2,826	27.2	603	4.8
Total Unique Claimants	3,796	3,735	4,306	61	1.6	-510	-11.8
Goods-Producing	6,234	3,829	6,195	2,405	62.8	39	0.6
Natural Resources & Mining (11, 21)	753	506	543	247	48.8	210	38.7
Mining (21)	637	407	390	230	56.5	247	63.3
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	36	35	38	1	2.9	-2	-5.3
Construction (23)	4,930	2,973	5,070	1,957	65.8	-140	-2.8
Manufacturing (31-33)	550	349	581	201	57.6	-31	-5.3
Service-Providing	5,988	5,587	5,326	401	7.2	662	12.4
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22, 42, 44-45, 48-49)	1,486	1,210	1,382	276	22.8	104	7.5
Wholesale Trade (42)	208	168	182	40	23.8	26	14.3
Retail Trade (44-45)	741	618	746	123	19.9	-5	-0.7
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities (22, 44-49)	536	423	452	113	26.7	84	18.6
Information (51)	197	189	64	8	4.2	133	207.8
Financial Activities (52-53)	311	293	339	18	6.1	-28	-8.3
Professional & Business Services (54-56)	1,711	1,278	1,511	433	33.9	200	13.2
Education & Health Services (61-62)	576	584	532	-8	-1.4	44	8.3
Leisure & Hospitality (71-72)	1,518	1,832	1,274	-314	-17.1	244	19.2
Other Services, except Public Admin. (81)	186	199	221	-13	-6.5	-35	-15.8
Government	821	814	980	7	0.9	-159	-16.2
Federal Government	416	464	513	-48	-10.3	-97	-18.9
State Government	87	85	100	2	2.4	-13	-13.0
Local Government	317	264	366	53	20.1	-49	-13.4
Local Education	54	49	74	5	10.2	-20	-27.0
Unclassified	155	142	94	13	9.2	61	64.9
Laramie County							
Total Claims Filed	2,058	1,475	1,861	583	39.5	197	10.6
Total Unique Claimants	601	533	613	68	12.8	-12	-2.0
Goods-Producing	1,021	571	1,076	450	78.8	-55	-5.1
Construction	916	492	1,013	424	86.2	-97	-9.6
Service-Providing	956	824	724	132	16.0	232	32.0
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	310	250	253	60	24.0	57	22.5
Financial Activities (52, 53)	64	63	43	1	1.6	21	48.8
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	263	214	205	49	22.9	58	28.3
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	114	121	85	-7	-5.8	29	34.1
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	80	64	94	16	25.0	-14	-14.9
Government	51	53	46	-2	-3.8	5	10.9
Unclassified	27	25	15	2	8.0	12	80.0
Natrona County							
Total Claims Filed	1,764	1,289	1,747	475	36.9	17	1.0
Total Unique Claimants	532	475	610	57	12.0	-78	-12.8
Goods-Producing	801	492	808	309	62.8	-7	-0.9
Construction	654	365	684	289	79.2	-30	-4.4
Service-Providing	889	724	866	165	22.8	23	2.7
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities (22,42,44-45,48-49)	206	171	260	35	20.5	-54	-20.8
Financial Activities (52, 53)	62	60	70	2	3.3	-8	-11.4
Professional & Business Services (54 - 56)	274	165	219	109	66.1	55	25.1
Educational & Health Services (61 - 62)	134	130	124	4	3.1	10	8.1
Leisure & Hospitality (71 - 72)	171	138	120	33	23.9	51	42.5
Government	55	54	68	1	1.9	-13	-19.1
Unclassified	18	18	4	0	0.0	14	350.0

Source: Unemployment Insurance claims database.

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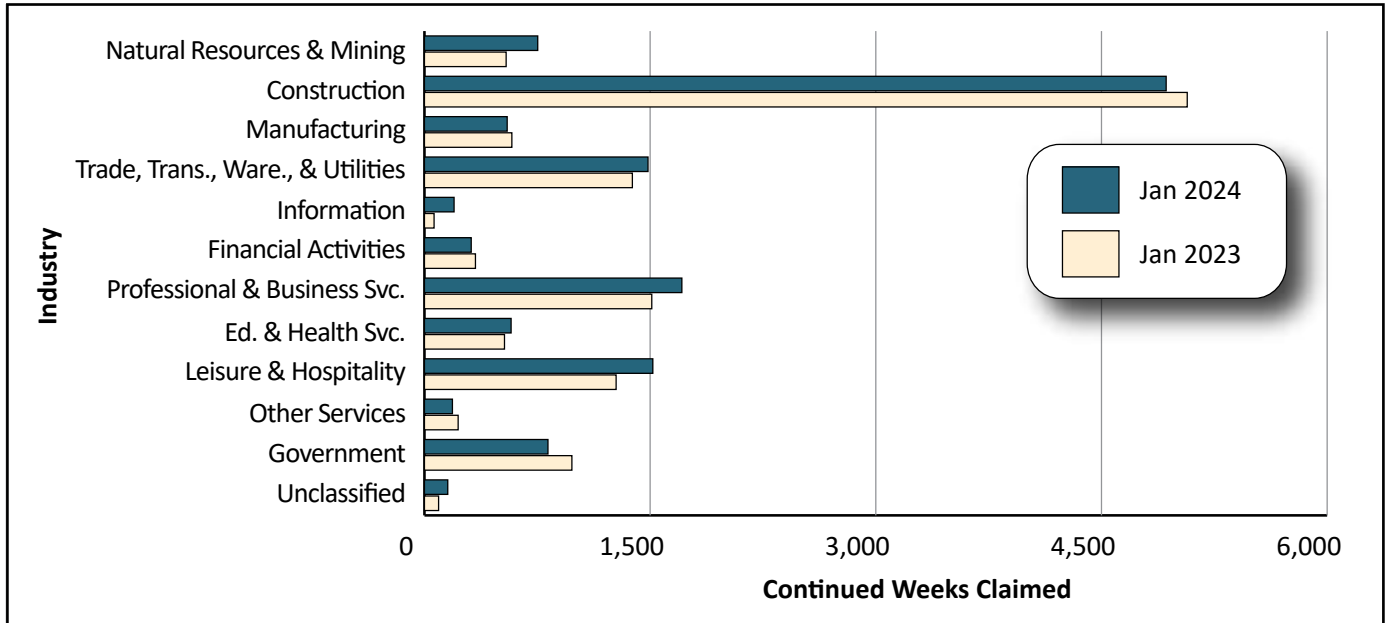


Figure 5: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Major Industry in Wyoming, January 2023 and January 2024

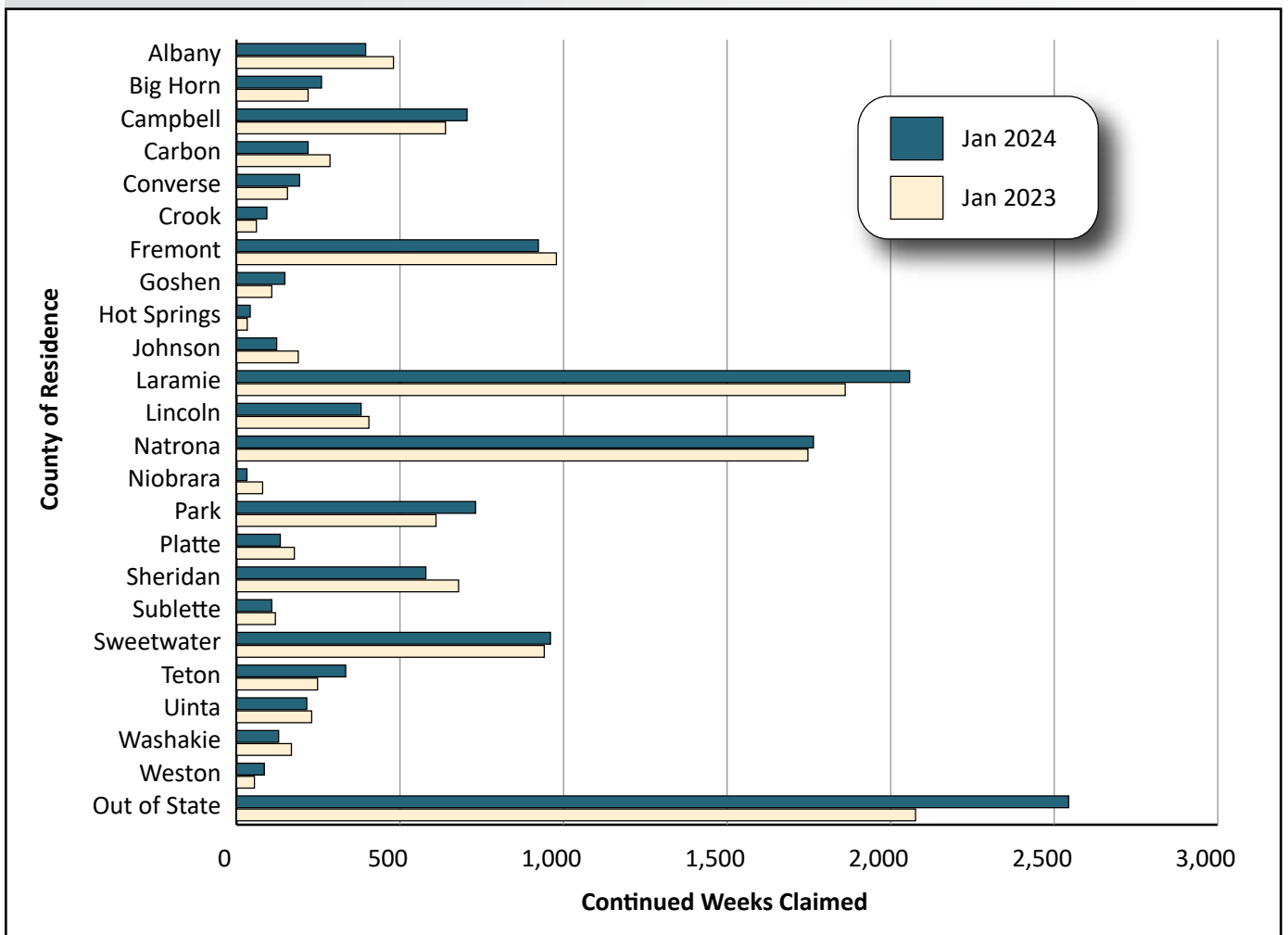


Figure 6: Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County of Residence in Wyoming, January 2023 and January 2024

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

County	Jan 2024	Jan 2023	Change	
			N	%
Albany	76	76	0	0.0
Big Horn	46	28	18	64.3
Campbell	166	136	30	22.1
Carbon	29	48	-19	-39.6
Converse	33	20	13	65.0
Crook	14	8	6	75.0
Fremont	137	153	-16	-10.5
Goshen	35	24	11	45.8
Hot Springs	17	8	9	112.5
Johnson	30	29	1	3.4
Laramie	407	358	49	13.7
Lincoln	72	83	-11	-13.3
Natrona	340	308	32	10.4
Niobrara	8	4	4	100.0
Park	151	112	39	34.8
Platte	20	31	-11	-35.5
Sheridan	125	138	-13	-9.4
Sublette	20	20	0	0.0
Sweetwater	168	169	-1	-0.6
Teton	51	42	9	21.4
Uinta	32	33	-1	-3.0
Washakie	29	18	11	61.1
Weston	16	15	1	6.7
Unknown	6	7	-1	-14.3
Out of State	278	283	-5	-1.8
Total	2,320	2,163	157	7.3

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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, January 2023 and January 2024

County	Jan 2024	Jan 2023	Change	
			N	%
Albany	395	480	-85	-17.7
Big Horn	260	219	41	18.7
Campbell	705	639	66	10.3
Carbon	219	286	-67	-23.4
Converse	193	156	37	23.7
Crook	93	61	32	52.5
Fremont	923	978	-55	-5.6
Goshen	148	108	40	37.0
Hot Springs	42	33	9	27.3
Johnson	123	189	-66	-34.9
Laramie	2,058	1,861	197	10.6
Lincoln	381	405	-24	-5.9
Natrona	1,764	1,747	17	1.0
Niobrara	32	80	-48	-60.0
Park	731	610	121	19.8
Platte	134	177	-43	-24.3
Sheridan	579	679	-100	-14.7
Sublette	108	119	-11	-9.2
Sweetwater	960	941	19	2.0
Teton	334	248	86	34.7
Uinta	215	230	-15	-6.5
Washakie	129	168	-39	-23.2
Weston	85	55	30	54.5
Unknown	34	37	-3	-8.1
Out of State	2,544	2,076	468	22.5
Normalized Total^a	13,200	12,597	603	4.8

^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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