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Covered Employment and Wages for Fourth Quarter 2006: Strong Growth in Total Payroll Continues

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Wyoming's total payroll grew twice as fast as its five-year average from fourth quarter 2005 to fourth quarter 2006, spurred in large part by Mining (including oil & gas) and Construction. Total payroll increased in every county and every sector during fourth quarter 2006, and all but four counties experienced increases in employment.

From fourth quarter 2005 to fourth quarter 2006, total Unemployment Insurance (UI) covered payroll grew by \$383.6 million or 16.8%, twice as fast as its five-year average (8.3%, see Table 1, page 3). UI covered payroll represents approximately 92% of all wage and salary disbursements in the state and 45% of personal income (U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, 2007). Average weekly wage rose by \$77 or 11.3%, much faster than its five-year average (5.6%). Employment increased by 12,692 jobs or 4.9%.

of work as compared to the labor force estimates (see page 17) that are a measure of employed and unemployed persons by place of residence.

The Figure (see page 3) shows that job growth accelerated from 0.1% in first quarter 2003 to 5.0% in second quarter 2006 and remained at roughly the same level during the last two quarters of 2006. Total payroll growth has continued to increase, rising from 2.4% in fourth quarter 2002 to 16.8% in fourth quarter 2006 (see Table 2, page 4). The current

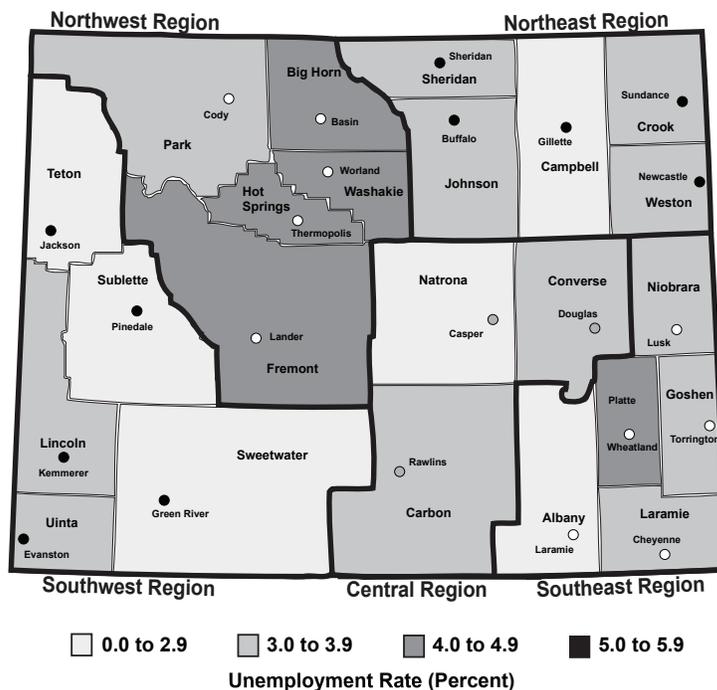
The covered payroll and employment data in this article are measured by place

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HIGHLIGHTS

- **The number of people who were marginally attached to the United States labor force, including discouraged workers, declined from June 2006 to June 2007....page 12**
- **Wyoming's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased from April to May. It has steadily increased each month since its recent low in February and is now the same level as in May 2006. Despite these increases, the Wyoming unemployment rate remains below the U.S. rate....page 12**

Unemployment Rate by Wyoming County, May 2007 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



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Table 1: Percentage Change in Wyoming Covered Employment and Wages for Fourth Quarter 2002 to Fourth Quarter 2006 (2002Q4 to 2006Q4)

	Average Monthly Employment Percent Change		Total Wages Percent Change		Average Weekly Wage Percent Change	
	Over the Previous Year	Over the Previous Quarter	Over the Previous Year	Over the Previous Quarter	Over the Previous Year	Over the Previous Quarter
2002Q4	0.4	-3.2	2.4	5.4	2.0	8.9
2003Q4	1.7	-2.8	5.9	6.5	4.1	9.5
2004Q4	2.4	-2.4	6.5	5.9	4.0	8.5
2005Q4	3.4	-1.7	10.1	4.4	6.5	6.3
2006Q4 ^a	4.9	-1.4	16.8	6.2	11.3	7.7
5-Year Average for Q4	2.6	-2.3	8.3	5.7	5.6	8.2

^aPreliminary.

Source: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, developed through a cooperative program between Research & Planning and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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expansion appears to be driven by job growth in Mining (including oil & gas) and Construction.

fourth quarter 2005 and fourth quarter 2006. These economic changes help us gauge the strength of Wyoming's economy and identify the fastest and slowest growing industries and geographic areas.

Statewide Employment and Wages by Industry

The purpose of this article is to show employment and payroll changes between

The largest job gains occurred in Mining (including oil & gas), Construction, Local Government (including public schools, colleges, and hospitals), Professional & Technical Services, Accommodation & Food Services, and

Figure: Over-the-Year Percentage Change in Wyoming Covered Employment and Wages for First Quarter 2002 (2002Q1) to Fourth Quarter 2006 (2006Q4)

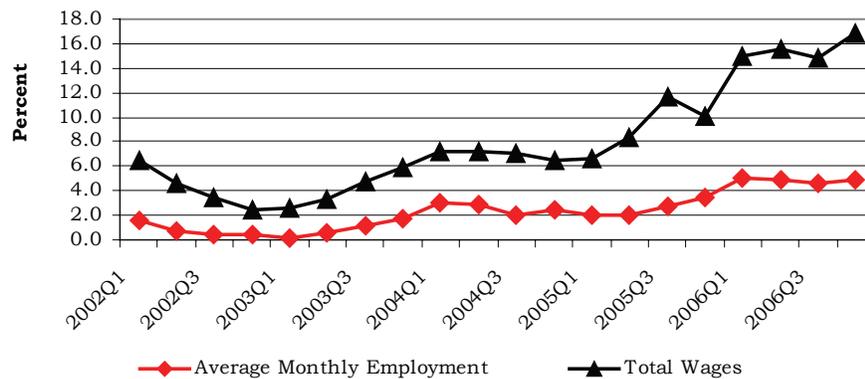


Table 2: Over-the-Year Percentage Change in Wyoming Covered Employment and Wages for First Quarter 2002 (2002Q1) to Fourth Quarter 2006 (2006Q4)

	Average Monthly Employment	Total Wages
2002Q1	1.6	6.5
2002Q2	0.7	4.7
2002Q3	0.5	3.5
2002Q4	0.4	2.4
2003Q1	0.1	2.6
2003Q2	0.5	3.3
2003Q3	1.2	4.8
2003Q4	1.7	5.9
2004Q1	3.0	7.2
2004Q2	2.9	7.1
2004Q3	2.0	7.1
2004Q4	2.4	6.5
2005Q1	1.9	6.6
2005Q2	2.1	8.3
2005Q3	2.7	11.7
2005Q4	3.4	10.1
2006Q1	5.0	15.0
2006Q2	5.0	15.5
2006Q3	4.6	14.8
2006Q4 ^a	4.9	16.8

^aPreliminary.

Source: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, developed through a cooperative program between Research & Planning and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.
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Other Services (see Table 3, page 5).

Mining employment grew by 3,462 jobs or 14.5% and its total payroll increased by \$108.8 million or 28.3%. Oil & gas extraction added about 250 jobs; Mining, except oil & gas, added about 900 jobs; and support activities for mining added more than 2,200 jobs.

Total payroll in Construction increased

by \$72.0 million or 33.6% and employment increased by 3,328 jobs (15.1%). In the fourth quarter there were notable job gains in construction of buildings (about 350 jobs), heavy & civil engineering construction (over 2,000 jobs), and specialty trade contractors (about 900 jobs). One particularly fast-growing sector was construction of oil & gas pipelines and refineries.

Local Government added 897 jobs or 2.2% in fourth quarter. Its total payroll rose by \$39.9 million or 12.3%. Public schools and colleges added about 600 jobs and \$26 million in payroll.

Professional & Technical Services saw its total payroll increase by \$15.4 million or 14.9% and employment rose by 817 jobs (9.8%). The largest job gains were in management & technical consulting services, architectural & engineering services, and other professional & technical services.

Accommodation & Food Services added 769 jobs (2.8%) and its total payroll increased by \$11.1 million (11.9%).

Fourth quarter total payroll in Other Services increased by \$13.7

million or 28.8% and employment increased by 718 jobs (9.5%). Repair & maintenance services gained more than 600 jobs.

Health Care & Social Assistance gained 458 jobs or 2.3%. Its total payroll increased by \$11.6 million or 6.5%. Ambulatory health care services (the sector that includes offices of physicians) added 273 jobs (3.6%) and social assistance added 111 jobs (2.1%). Private hospitals and nursing & residential care facilities both grew at a slower pace (1.0%).

Employment fell slightly in Agriculture, Information, Private Educational Services, Federal Government, and State Government. However, total payroll increased in every sector during fourth quarter.

Agriculture employment fell by 112 jobs or -4.9%, but total payroll increased by \$1.8 million or 10.1%. Job losses were about evenly split between crop production, animal production, and agriculture & forestry support activities.

Total payroll increased by \$1.9 million or 5.6% in the Information sector, but employment fell by 156 jobs

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Table 3: Wyoming Average Monthly Employment, Total Payroll, and Average Weekly Wage for Fourth Quarter by Industry, 2005 and 2006^a

North American Industry Classification System Sector	Average Monthly Employment		Total Payroll		Change		Average Weekly Wage	
	Fourth Quarter		Fourth Quarter		Change		Fourth Quarter	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	\$	%	2005	2006
Total, All Industries	257,490	270,182	\$2,283,976,604	\$2,667,554,458	\$383,577,854	16.8	\$682	\$759
Total Private	197,310	209,429	\$1,743,977,422	\$2,077,713,944	\$333,736,522	19.1	\$680	\$763
Agriculture	2,300	2,188	17,436,057	19,192,483	1,756,426	10.1	583	675
Mining	23,861	27,322	383,949,240	492,741,374	108,792,134	28.3	1,238	1,387
Utilities	2,276	2,323	38,510,758	45,871,873	7,361,115	19.1	1,302	1,519
Construction	22,008	25,336	214,392,150	286,428,216	72,036,066	33.6	749	870
Manufacturing	10,056	10,488	105,765,074	117,399,795	11,634,721	11.0	809	861
Wholesale Trade	7,939	8,369	94,260,208	114,203,738	19,943,530	21.2	913	1,050
Retail Trade	30,787	31,323	175,363,623	193,264,993	17,901,370	10.2	438	475
Transportation & Warehousing	8,042	8,640	75,926,598	90,406,122	14,479,524	19.1	726	805
Information	4,286	4,130	33,857,274	35,737,029	1,879,755	5.6	608	666
Finance & Insurance	6,823	6,951	72,957,409	78,231,979	5,274,570	7.2	822	866
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	4,030	4,231	34,871,821	44,133,136	9,261,315	26.6	666	802
Professional & Technical Services	8,357	9,174	103,662,341	119,112,270	15,449,929	14.9	954	999
Mgmt. of Companies & Enterprises	752	855	14,566,065	18,817,562	4,251,497	29.2	1,490	1,693
Administrative & Waste Services	6,862	7,215	41,168,948	47,806,154	6,637,206	16.1	462	510
Educational Services	1,385	1,380	8,304,018	8,357,620	53,602	0.6	461	466
Health Care & Social Assistance	19,996	20,454	177,782,543	189,375,396	11,592,853	6.5	684	712
Ambulatory health care svcs.	7,498	7,771	102,097,044	108,222,739	6,125,695	6.0	1,047	1,071
Hospitals	2,854	2,882	26,723,070	28,480,190	1,757,120	6.6	720	760
Nursing & residential care	4,449	4,495	25,842,476	27,538,507	1,696,031	6.6	447	471
Social assistance	5,195	5,306	23,119,953	25,133,960	2,014,007	8.7	342	364
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	2,420	2,435	10,262,191	10,908,891	646,700	6.3	326	345
Accommodation & Food Services	27,608	28,377	93,583,460	104,711,455	11,127,995	11.9	261	284
Other Services	7,521	8,239	47,357,644	61,013,858	13,656,214	28.8	484	570
Total Government	60,181	60,753	\$539,999,182	\$589,840,514	\$49,841,332	9.2	\$690	\$747
Federal Government	7,138	7,031	91,271,128	94,049,076	2,777,948	3.0	984	1,029
State Government	12,514	12,297	125,121,760	132,311,258	7,189,498	5.7	769	828
Local Government	40,529	41,425	323,606,294	363,480,180	39,873,886	12.3	614	675

^aPreliminary.

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(-3.6%). The largest job losses occurred in Internet service providers, search portals, & data processing, while employment increased in telecommunications.

Federal Government employment fell by 107 jobs (-1.5%) mostly because of modest job losses at many different agencies. Total payroll increased by \$2.8 million or 3.0%.

Employment in State Government decreased by 218 jobs or 1.7% in fourth quarter. Its total payroll grew by \$7.2 million or 5.7%. Minor job losses were seen in a number of state agencies and institutions.

Employment and Wages by County

Total payroll increased in every county, with the increases ranging from 3.7% in Platte County to 41.0% in Sublette County (see Table 4, page 7). Employment increased in all but four counties (Albany, Converse, Washakie, and Weston), suggesting widespread growth throughout the state.

Campbell County's total payroll increased by \$62.0 million or 22.2%. Employment rose by 2,443 jobs or 10.2%. Substantial job gains were seen in Mining (including oil & gas, approximately 500 jobs), Construction (approximately 500 jobs), and Retail Trade (approximately 300 jobs). Employment also rose in Manufacturing, Wholesale Trade, Transportation & Warehousing, Accommodation & Food Services, Other Services, and Local Government.

In fourth quarter Sweetwater County added 2,026 jobs (9.0%) and its total payroll increased by \$49.6 million (19.6%). Mining (including oil & gas) created

the largest number of new jobs (more than 800) followed by Other Services (more than 300). Strong job growth was also seen in Construction, Wholesale Trade, Transportation & Warehousing, Professional & Technical Services, and Administrative & Waste Services.

Natrona County added 1,616 jobs (4.3%) and its total payroll increased by \$56.8 million or 16.1% (see Table 5, page 8). The largest job gains were found in Mining (including oil & gas), Construction, Accommodation & Food Services, and Other Services. The largest increases in total payroll were in Mining (\$15.7 million), Local Government (\$6.0 million), and Wholesale Trade (\$5.9 million). Employment fell in Administrative & Waste Services; Information; Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation; Private Educational Services; Federal Government; and State Government.

Table 6 (see page 9) shows Laramie County's total payroll increased by \$26.8 million or 7.8% and employment rose by 935 jobs or 2.3%. Notable job gains were seen in Transportation & Warehousing (151 jobs or 8.7%), Accommodation & Food Services (146 jobs or 3.6%), Construction (144 jobs or 4.9%), Health Care & Social Assistance (116 jobs or 3.6%), and Local Government (112 jobs or 1.8%). Job losses occurred in Retail Trade (-120 jobs or -2.1%), Federal Government (-35 jobs or -1.4%) and Finance & Insurance (-14 jobs or -1.0%).

Carbon County added 860 jobs or 13.1% and its total payroll increased by \$18.0 million or 35.2%. Construction created the largest number of new jobs (more than 500), but growth also occurred in Mining, Manufacturing, and Transportation & Warehousing.

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Table 4: Wyoming Average Monthly Employment, Total Payroll, and Average Weekly Wage for Fourth Quarter by County, 2005 and 2006^a

County	Average Monthly Employment			Total Payroll			Average Weekly Wage		
	Fourth Quarter 2005	Fourth Quarter 2006	Change n %	Fourth Quarter 2005	Fourth Quarter 2006	Change \$ %	Fourth Quarter 2005	Fourth Quarter 2006	Change \$ %
Total	257,490	270,182	12,692 4.9	\$2,283,976,604	\$2,667,554,458	\$383,577,854 16.8	\$682	\$759	\$77 11.3
Albany	15,566	15,351	-216 -1.4	115,656,749	122,449,781	\$6,793,032 5.9	572	614	42 7.4
Big Horn	4,524	4,666	142 3.1	35,598,413	41,341,385	5,742,972 16.1	605	682	76 12.6
Campbell	23,962	26,405	2,443 10.2	279,692,506	341,724,784	62,032,278 22.2	898	996	98 10.9
Carbon	6,556	7,416	860 13.1	51,319,308	69,363,321	18,044,013 35.2	602	719	117 19.5
Converse	4,783	4,750	-33 -0.7	40,097,994	46,088,855	5,990,861 14.9	645	746	101 15.7
Crook	2,149	2,323	174 8.1	16,749,688	19,199,209	2,449,521 14.6	600	636	36 6.0
Fremont	15,435	15,696	261 1.7	114,233,291	130,984,289	16,750,998 14.7	569	642	73 12.8
Goshen	4,149	4,326	177 4.3	26,611,546	29,214,892	2,603,346 9.8	493	519	26 5.3
Hot Springs	1,863	1,931	68 3.7	12,877,430	13,993,273	1,115,843 8.7	532	558	26 4.8
Johnson	3,191	3,375	183 5.7	22,088,702	28,126,728	6,038,026 27.3	532	641	109 20.4
Laramie	41,134	42,069	935 2.3	345,914,548	372,755,543	26,840,995 7.8	647	682	35 5.4
Lincoln	5,968	6,767	798 13.4	47,431,683	65,071,397	17,639,714 37.2	611	740	128 21.0
Natrona	37,299	38,915	1,616 4.3	352,138,560	408,938,035	56,799,475 16.1	726	808	82 11.3
Niobrara	760	812	52 6.8	4,698,834	5,261,397	562,563 12.0	475	498	23 4.8
Park	12,281	12,485	204 1.7	90,002,788	101,299,015	11,296,227 12.6	564	624	60 10.7
Platte	3,304	3,376	71 2.2	25,428,256	26,365,302	937,046 3.7	592	601	9 1.5
Sheridan	12,305	13,134	830 6.7	100,002,389	115,484,056	15,481,667 15.5	625	676	51 8.2
Sublette	3,781	4,420	639 16.9	38,753,254	54,640,976	15,887,722 41.0	788	951	162 20.6
Sweetwater	22,442	24,468	2,026 9.0	252,908,126	302,520,176	49,612,050 19.6	867	951	84 9.7
Teton	16,205	16,653	448 2.8	144,985,776	164,852,594	19,866,818 13.7	688	761	73 10.6
Uinta	9,199	9,780	581 6.3	73,712,717	87,738,694	14,025,977 19.0	616	690	74 12.0
Washakie	3,933	3,889	-44 -1.1	29,888,001	32,131,444	2,243,443 7.5	585	636	51 8.7
Weston	2,267	2,176	-91 -4.0	15,355,830	16,686,023	1,330,193 8.7	521	590	69 13.2
Nonclassified^b	4,433	5,001	568 12.8	47,830,215	71,323,289	23,493,074 49.1	830	1,097	267 32.2

^aPreliminary.

^bThe employer may be located statewide or in more than one county.

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Table 5: Natrona County Average Monthly Employment, Total Payroll, and Average Weekly Wage for Fourth Quarter by Industry, 2005 and 2006^a

North American Industry Classification System Sector	Average Monthly Employment				Total Payroll				Average Weekly Wage			
	Fourth Quarter		Change		Fourth Quarter		Change		Fourth Quarter		Change	
	2005	2006	n	%	2005	2006	\$	%	2005	2006	\$	%
Total, All Industries	37,299	38,915	1,616	4.3	\$352,138,560	\$408,938,035	\$56,799,475	16.1	\$726	\$808	\$82	11.3
Total Private	31,887	33,440	1,553	4.9	\$301,534,018	\$351,698,738	\$50,164,720	16.6	\$727	\$809	\$82	11.2
Agriculture	114	125	11	9.3	826,560	767,887	-58,673	-7.1	556	473	-84	-15.0
Mining	3,760	4,194	434	11.6	60,037,404	75,730,885	15,693,481	26.1	1,228	1,389	161	13.1
Utilities	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Construction	2,480	2,683	202	8.2	25,647,502	31,605,012	5,957,510	23.2	795	906	111	13.9
Manufacturing	1,812	1,957	146	8.0	18,237,051	21,186,696	2,949,645	16.2	774	833	58	7.5
Wholesale Trade	2,439	2,574	135	5.5	31,012,040	36,936,097	5,924,057	19.1	978	1,104	126	12.8
Retail Trade	5,049	5,194	145	2.9	31,301,092	35,342,839	4,041,747	12.9	477	523	47	9.8
Transportation & Warehousing	1,033	1,050	18	1.7	11,416,204	12,166,946	750,742	6.6	850	891	41	4.8
Information	569	553	-16	-2.8	4,602,823	4,596,252	-6,571	-0.1	623	640	17	2.7
Finance & Insurance	1,034	1,060	26	2.5	11,906,310	13,481,078	1,574,768	13.2	885	978	93	10.5
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	937	1,032	95	10.1	8,866,870	11,429,641	2,562,771	28.9	728	852	124	17.0
Professional & Technical Services	1,291	1,376	85	6.6	16,794,183	19,176,501	2,382,318	14.2	1,001	1,072	71	7.1
Mgmt. of Companies & Enterprises	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Administrative & Waste Services	1,546	1,381	-165	-10.7	8,457,842	8,653,070	195,228	2.3	421	482	61	14.5
Educational Services	101	80	-21	-20.7	362,753	323,869	-38,884	-10.7	275	310	35	12.6
Health Care & Social Assistance	4,561	4,711	149	3.3	46,497,154	49,463,886	2,966,732	6.4	784	808	24	3.0
Ambulatory health care services	1,587	1,646	59	3.7	24,564,399	26,316,793	1,752,394	7.1	1,190	1,230	39	3.3
Hospitals & Nursing & residential care facilities	2,166	2,217	50	2.3	18,162,099	19,136,944	974,845	5.4	645	664	19	3.0
Social assistance	808	848	40	5.0	3,770,656	4,010,149	239,493	6.4	359	364	5	1.3
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	408	396	-12	-2.9	1,548,513	1,838,749	290,236	18.7	292	357	65	22.3
Accommodation & Food Services	3,201	3,357	156	4.9	9,985,859	11,579,519	1,593,660	16.0	240	265	25	10.6
Other Services	1,398	1,551	153	10.9	11,027,259	13,014,694	1,987,435	18.0	607	646	39	6.4
Total Government	5,412	5,475	63	1.2	\$50,604,542	\$57,239,297	\$6,634,755	13.1	\$719	\$804	\$85	11.8
Federal Government	676	640	-36	-5.3	9,457,540	9,685,425	227,885	2.4	1,076	1,164	88	8.2
State Government	697	688	-9	-1.3	7,131,307	7,532,720	401,413	5.6	787	842	56	7.1
Local Government	4,039	4,147	108	2.7	34,015,695	40,021,152	6,005,457	17.7	648	742	95	14.6

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Table 6: Laramie County Average Monthly Employment, Total Payroll, and Average Weekly Wage for Fourth Quarter by Industry, 2005 and 2006^a

North American Industry Classification System Title	Average Monthly Employment			Total Payroll			Change			Average Weekly Wage		
	Fourth Quarter		Change	Fourth Quarter		Change	Fourth Quarter		Change	Fourth Quarter		Change
	2005	2006	n	2005	2006	\$	2005	2006	\$	2005	2006	%
Total, All Industries	41,134	42,069	935	\$345,914,548	\$372,755,543	\$26,840,995	\$647	\$682	\$35	\$35	5.4	
Total Private	28,519	29,320	800	\$215,167,168	\$234,355,162	\$19,187,994	\$580	\$615	\$34	\$34	5.9	
Agriculture	196	214	17	1,243,998	1,410,810	166,812	487	508	21	4.2		
Mining	85	86	1	954,826	1,150,996	196,170	861	1,030	169	19.6		
Utilities	132	137	4	1,918,162	1,936,701	18,539	1,115	1,090	-25	-2.2		
Construction	2,961	3,105	144	26,589,301	31,750,943	5,161,642	691	787	96	13.9		
Manufacturing	1,598	1,642	44	16,680,254	17,513,530	833,276	803	820	17	2.2		
Wholesale Trade	793	822	29	8,694,361	9,182,528	488,167	843	859	16	1.9		
Retail Trade	5,800	5,681	-120	34,709,328	34,737,436	28,108	460	470	10	2.2		
Transportation & Warehousing	1,727	1,878	151	13,609,278	15,865,567	2,256,289	606	650	44	7.2		
Information	982	1,019	37	8,952,870	10,201,190	1,248,320	702	770	69	9.8		
Finance & Insurance	1,503	1,489	-14	16,203,435	16,674,464	471,029	829	861	32	3.9		
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	484	512	28	3,636,816	3,966,793	329,977	578	596	18	3.0		
Professional & Technical Services	1,538	1,556	18	19,857,499	21,067,597	1,210,098	993	1,042	48	4.8		
Mgmt. of Companies & Enterprises	201	217	17	2,109,119	2,791,295	682,176	809	988	179	22.2		
Administrative & Waste Services	1,605	1,606	1	7,953,776	8,160,483	206,707	381	391	10	2.6		
Educational Services	160	206	46	834,530	1,098,227	263,697	402	411	9	2.2		
Health Care & Social Assistance	3,209	3,325	116	30,338,834	33,319,653	2,980,819	727	771	44	6.0		
Ambulatory health care services	1,566	1,614	48	21,016,125	23,096,563	2,080,438	1,033	1,101	68	6.6		
Nursing & residential care facilities	874	898	24	5,401,311	5,793,999	392,688	475	496	21	4.4		
Hospitals & social assistance	769	813	45	3,921,398	4,429,091	507,693	392	419	26	6.7		
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	231	273	41	751,947	803,468	51,521	250	227	-23	-9.3		
Accommodation & Food Services	4,056	4,202	146	12,791,951	13,669,040	877,089	243	250	8	3.1		
Other Services	1,257	1,350	93	7,336,883	9,054,441	1,717,558	449	516	67	14.9		
Total Government	12,615	12,749	134	\$130,747,380	\$138,400,381	\$7,653,001	\$797	\$835	\$38	4.7		
Federal Government	2,513	2,479	-35	33,459,174	34,535,735	1,076,561	1,024	1,072	48	4.7		
State Government	3,809	3,866	57	42,024,556	45,714,268	3,689,712	849	910	61	7.2		
Local Government	6,292	6,404	112	55,263,650	58,150,378	2,886,728	676	698	23	3.4		

^aPreliminary.

Source: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, developed through a cooperative program between Research & Planning and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.
Extract Date: April 2007.

Quality Improvement in the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) Program and Its Implications for Comparability Over Time

by: *David Bullard, Senior Economist*

Each year, approximately one-third of employers covered by Unemployment Insurance (UI) in Wyoming are contacted by mail questionnaire to confirm that they have been assigned to the correct industry category (e.g., Mining, Construction, Manufacturing) based on the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS; U.S. Census Bureau, 2002). If it is found that an employer has changed primary business activity, a different NAICS code is assigned to reflect that change. This is known as a noneconomic code change. In Fiscal Year 2006, there were 386 noneconomic code changes. Research staff also review employers' NAICS codes if the business is sold, becomes incorporated, or otherwise changes ownership. In this manner, Research & Planning continuously ensures that employers are assigned to the correct industry category. However, these noneconomic code changes also make it difficult for data users to make direct comparisons across years. Sometimes, large employers may move from one NAICS sector to another.

Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages data are usually published six to nine months after the end of the reference

quarter. The deadline for employers to file their quarterly unemployment insurance contributions report is one month after the end of the quarter (fourth quarter ended December 31 and the taxes were due on January 31). Then the data must be

scanned, edited, and cleaned up. Missing reports must be researched and errors corrected. Despite the time lag, QCEW provides employment and wage data at the county and industry level that are not available from any other source.

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Each quarter, QCEW data are revised to reflect the receipt of late reports and corrections from employers. At the total level, these revisions are usually quite small. For example, when data for fourth quarter 2005 were first published, total employment was shown in the tables as 258,820, but the tables accompanying this article show fourth quarter 2005 total employment as 257,490, a revision of 1,330 jobs or 0.5%.

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Sheridan County’s total payroll increased by \$15.5 million or 15.5% and employment grew by 830 jobs or 6.7%. Strong job growth occurred in Mining (including oil & gas), Construction, Retail Trade, and Professional & Technical Services.

Albany County’s employment fell by 216 jobs (-1.4%). Its total payroll, however, increased by \$6.8 million or 5.9%. Job losses in State Government, Local Government, and Retail Trade were partially offset by gains in Construction, Manufacturing, and Professional & Technical Services.

In Converse County employment decreased by 33 jobs (-0.7%). Total payroll rose by \$6.0 million or 14.9%. Modest job losses occurred in Manufacturing; Transportation & Warehousing; Health Care & Social Assistance; and Local Government. Employment increased in Mining and Construction.

Washakie County’s total payroll increased by \$2.2 million or 7.5%, but employment fell by 44 jobs (-1.1%). Employment fell marginally in a number of

sectors including Agriculture, Construction, Retail Trade, Health Care & Social Assistance, and Accommodation & Food Services.

Employment fell by 91 jobs (-4.0%) in Weston County during fourth quarter, but total payroll increased by \$1.3 million or 8.7%. Job losses were seen in Mining and Accommodation & Food Services.

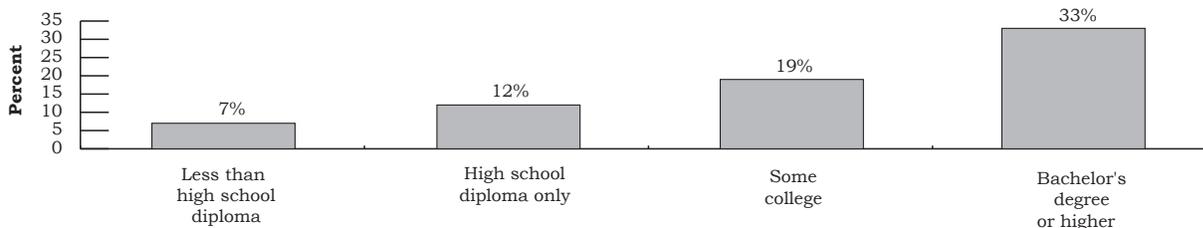
In summary, total payroll continued to grow rapidly in Wyoming. The most new jobs were created by Mining (including oil & gas) and Construction. The counties with the largest job growth were those directly impacted by energy development (Campbell and Sweetwater counties).

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Percentage of Employed Persons in United States who Worked at Home on an Average Workday in 2006, by Education Level



Note: Data include all employed persons age 25 and over on days they worked. Data include all days of the week and are an average for 2003-05. Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, American Time Use Survey website (<http://www.bls.gov/tus/#overview>). Extracted July 31, 2007.

Workers Marginally Attached to Labor Force Decline

The number of people who were marginally attached to the United States labor force declined from an estimated 1.6 million in June 2006 to 1.5 million in June 2007. Those people include an estimated 401,000 discouraged workers, down from 481,000 a year earlier. Discouraged workers are those who are not currently looking for work specifically

because they believe no jobs are available for them. The remaining 1.1 million had not searched for work in the previous 4 months for reasons such as family responsibilities, but wanted jobs and were available, and had searched for work in the previous 12 months.

Source: <http://www.bls.gov/news.release/empsit.nr0.htm>

Wyoming Unemployment Increases in May

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Wyoming's seasonally adjusted* unemployment rate increased from 2.9% in April to 3.3% in May. It has steadily increased each month since its recent low of 2.3% in February of this year and is now the same level as in May 2006. Despite these increases, the Wyoming unemployment rate remains below the U.S. rate of 4.5%. Job growth continued in May (up 8,400 jobs or 3.0% from a year earlier).

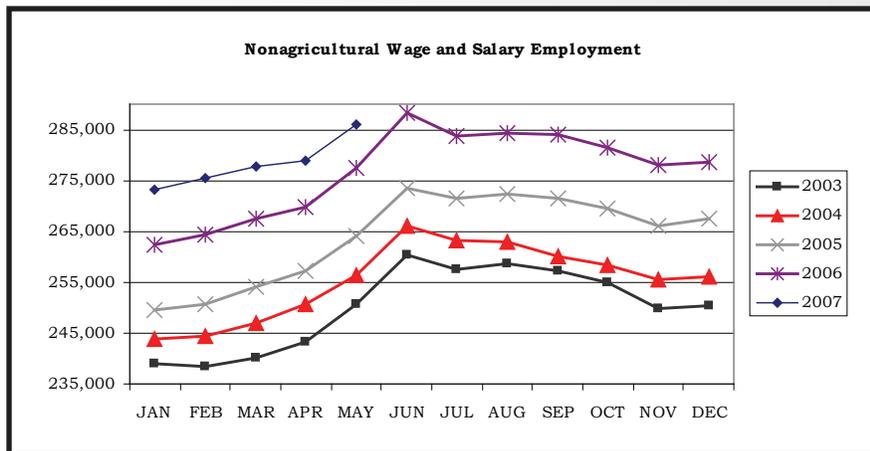
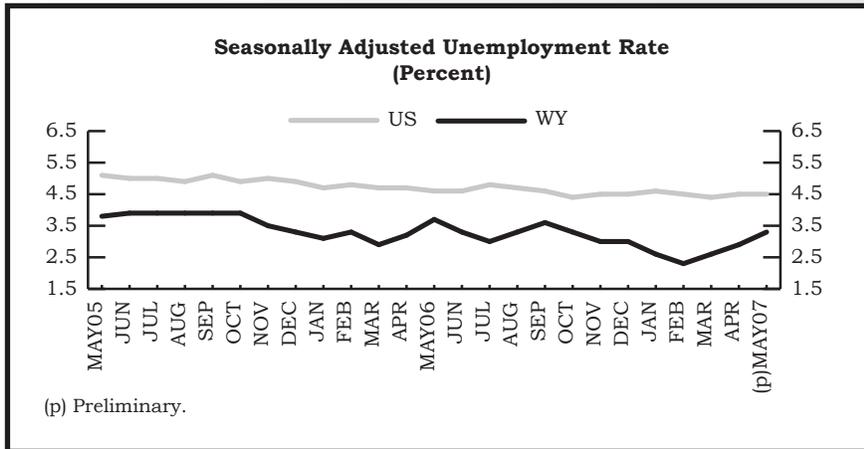
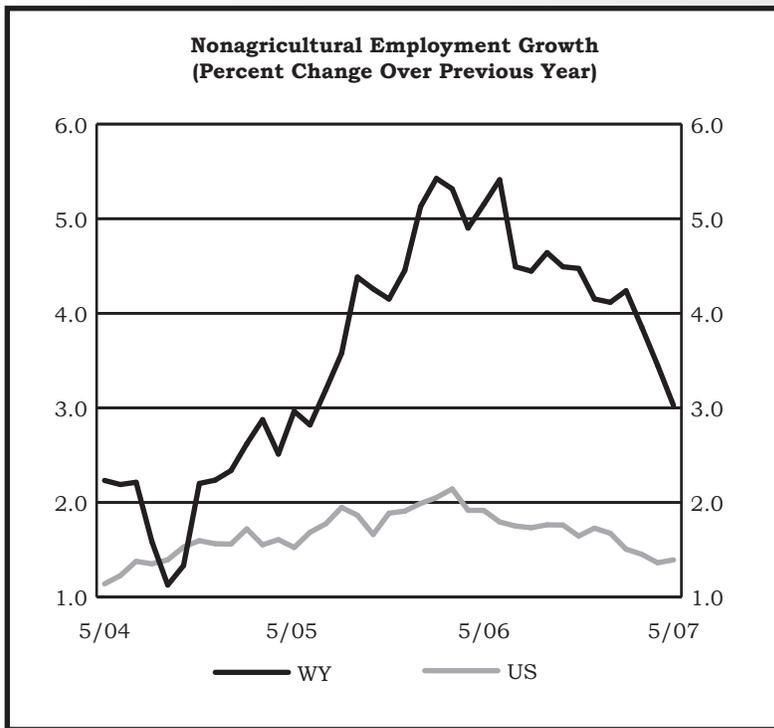
From April to May Wyoming added 7,000 jobs or 2.5%. This level of increase is consistent with normal seasonal patterns. Seasonal job gains were seen in Construction (1,600 jobs or 6.7%), Retail Trade (1,100 jobs or 3.7%), Professional & Business Services (600 jobs or 3.4%), Leisure & Hospitality (1,900 jobs or 6.2%), and Government (1,000 jobs or 1.5%).

Over the year the largest job increases were in Natural Resources & Mining (1,400 jobs or 5.3%), Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities (1,000 jobs or 7.5%), and Government (including public schools, colleges, and hospitals; 1,000 jobs or 1.5%). Substantial job gains were also seen in Construction (900 jobs or 3.7%), Professional & Business Services (700 jobs or 4.0%),

Educational & Health Services (700 jobs or 3.1%), and Leisure & Hospitality (900 jobs or 2.9%). Employment was unchanged in Manufacturing and Information.

Across Wyoming's 23 counties unemployment rates remained low. Platte County posted the highest unemployment rate (4.2%) followed by Fremont and Big Horn counties (both 4.1%). When compared to May 2006, most unemployment rates increased slightly. The largest increases were found in Johnson (up from 3.1% to 3.9%), Platte (up from 3.7% to 4.2%), and Washakie (up from 3.5% to 4.0%) counties. Unemployment decreased slightly in Carbon (down from 3.5% to 3.3%), Goshen (down from 4.0% to 3.8%), Lincoln (down from 3.4% to 3.2%), and Teton (down from 3.0% to 2.8%) counties.

**Seasonal adjustment* is a statistical procedure to remove the impact of normal regularly recurring events (such as weather, major holidays, and the opening and closing of schools) from economic time series in order to obtain a better understanding of changes in economic conditions from month to month.



State Unemployment Rates May 2007 (Seasonally Adjusted)

State	Unemp. Rate
Puerto Rico	10.4
Michigan	6.9
Mississippi	6.0
Alaska	5.9
Ohio	5.7
District of Columbia	5.6
Kentucky	5.5
South Carolina	5.4
Arkansas	5.2
California	5.2
Massachusetts	5.1
Oregon	5.0
Wisconsin	4.9
Illinois	4.8
Louisiana	4.8
North Carolina	4.8
Rhode Island	4.8
Tennessee	4.7
Kansas	4.6
Minnesota	4.6
Missouri	4.6
Nevada	4.6
Washington	4.6
Connecticut	4.5
Indiana	4.5
Maine	4.5
Oklahoma	4.5
United States	4.5
West Virginia	4.5
New York	4.4
Georgia	4.3
New Jersey	4.3
Pennsylvania	4.2
Texas	4.1
New Hampshire	3.9
Vermont	3.8
New Mexico	3.7
Arizona	3.6
Colorado	3.6
Iowa	3.6
Maryland	3.6
Alabama	3.5
Florida	3.4
Delaware	3.3
North Dakota	3.3
Wyoming	3.3
South Dakota	3.2
Nebraska	3.1
Virginia	2.9
Hawaii	2.5
Utah	2.5
Idaho	2.3
Montana	2.3

Wyoming Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

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From May 2006 to May 2007, the largest job increases were in Natural Resources & Mining (1,400 jobs or 5.3%) and Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities (1,000 jobs or 7.5%).

WYOMING STATEWIDE	Employment in Thousands		Percent Change Total Employment			LARAMIE COUNTY	Employment in Thousands		Percent Change Total Employment		
	May07(p)	Apr07(r)	May06	Apr07	May06		May07(p)	Apr07(r)	May06	Apr07	May06
TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT	286.0	279.0	277.6	2.5	3.0	TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT	44.5	43.7	43.0	1.8	3.5
TOTAL PRIVATE	217.9	211.9	210.5	2.8	3.5	TOTAL PRIVATE	31.4	30.7	30.2	2.3	4.0
GOODS PRODUCING	63.1	61.3	60.8	2.9	3.8	GOODS PRODUCING	5.2	5.0	5.2	4.0	0.0
Natural Resources & Mining	27.6	27.4	26.2	0.7	5.3	Nat. Res., Mining, & Construction	3.5	3.3	3.6	6.1	-2.8
Mining	27.5	27.3	26.0	0.7	5.8	Manufacturing	1.7	1.7	1.6	0.0	6.2
Oil & Gas Extraction	4.2	4.2	4.1	0.0	2.4						
Mining Except Oil & Gas	9.1	9.1	8.6	0.0	5.8	SERVICE PROVIDING	39.3	38.7	37.8	1.6	4.0
Coal Mining	6.3	6.3	5.8	0.0	8.6	Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	9.7	9.4	9.1	3.2	6.6
Support Activities for Mining	14.2	14.0	13.3	1.4	6.8	Wholesale Trade	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Support Act. for Oil & Gas	10.2	10.0	9.3	2.0	9.7	Retail Trade	5.6	5.4	5.5	3.7	1.8
Construction	25.5	23.9	24.6	6.7	3.7	Trans, Warehouse, & Utilities	3.3	3.2	2.8	3.1	17.9
Construction of Buildings	5.0	4.6	5.0	8.7	0.0	Information	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Heavy & Engineering Constr.	8.1	7.7	6.9	5.2	17.4	Financial Activities	2.0	2.0	2.1	0.0	-4.8
Specialty Trade Contractors	12.4	11.6	12.7	6.9	-2.4	Professional & Business Services	3.5	3.6	3.3	-2.8	6.1
Manufacturing	10.0	10.0	10.0	0.0	0.0	Educational & Health Services	3.7	3.6	3.4	2.8	8.8
Durable Goods	5.4	5.5	5.5	-1.8	-1.8	Leisure & Hospitality	4.6	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.5
Non-Durable Goods	4.6	4.5	4.5	2.2	2.2	Other Services	1.7	1.7	1.7	0.0	0.0
SERVICE PROVIDING	222.9	217.7	216.8	2.4	2.8	TOTAL GOVERNMENT	13.1	13.0	12.8	0.8	2.3
Trade, Trans., Warehouse, & Util.	54.4	53.0	52.1	2.6	4.4	Federal Government	2.5	2.5	2.5	0.0	0.0
Wholesale Trade	8.8	8.8	8.2	0.0	7.3	State Government	3.9	3.9	3.8	0.0	2.6
Merchant Whlsrns., Durable	5.4	5.3	5.0	1.9	8.0	Local Government	6.7	6.6	6.5	1.5	3.1
Retail Trade	31.2	30.1	30.5	3.7	2.3	Local Education	3.4	3.5	3.4	-2.9	0.0
Motor Vehicle & Parts Dealers	4.6	4.6	4.5	0.0	2.2						
Food & Beverage Stores	4.6	4.5	4.5	2.2	2.2	NATRONA COUNTY					
Grocery Stores	3.9	3.8	3.8	2.6	2.6	TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT	40.4	39.9	39.3	1.3	2.8
Gasoline Stations	4.0	4.0	4.1	0.0	-2.4	TOTAL PRIVATE	34.4	34.1	33.4	0.9	3.0
General Merchandise Stores	6.5	6.3	5.8	3.2	12.1	GOODS PRODUCING	9.0	9.0	8.8	0.0	2.3
Miscellaneous Store Retailers	1.9	1.8	1.9	5.6	0.0	Natural Resources & Mining	4.3	4.3	4.2	0.0	2.4
Transport., Warehouse, & Util.	14.4	14.1	13.4	2.1	7.5	Construction	2.8	2.7	2.7	3.7	3.7
Utilities	2.3	2.3	2.3	0.0	0.0	Manufacturing	1.9	2.0	1.9	-5.0	0.0
Transportation & Warehousing	12.1	11.8	11.1	2.5	9.0						
Truck Transportation	4.2	4.2	3.9	0.0	7.7	SERVICE PROVIDING	31.4	30.9	30.5	1.6	3.0
Information	4.1	4.1	4.1	0.0	0.0	Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	9.1	8.8	8.6	3.4	5.8
Financial Activities	11.3	11.3	11.1	0.0	1.8	Wholesale Trade	2.6	2.6	2.5	0.0	4.0
Finance & Insurance	7.0	7.0	6.9	0.0	1.4	Retail Trade	5.2	5.0	4.9	4.0	6.1
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	4.3	4.3	4.2	0.0	2.4	Transport., Warehouse, & Util.	1.3	1.2	1.2	8.3	8.3
Professional & Business Services	18.0	17.4	17.3	3.4	4.0	Information	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.0
Prof., Scientific & Tech. Services	9.5	9.5	8.9	0.0	6.7	Financial Activities	2.1	2.1	2.1	0.0	0.0
Architect., Engineering & Rel.	2.7	2.5	2.6	8.0	3.8	Professional & Business Services	2.9	2.9	3.0	0.0	-3.3
Mgmt. of Companies & Enterpr.	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.0	12.5	Educational & Health Services	4.9	4.9	4.7	0.0	4.3
Admin., Support & Waste Svcs.	7.6	7.0	7.6	8.6	0.0	Leisure & Hospitality	3.8	3.8	3.7	0.0	2.7
Educational & Health Services	23.3	23.1	22.6	0.9	3.1	Other Services	2.0	2.0	1.9	0.0	5.3
Educational	2.5	2.4	2.5	4.2	0.0						
Health Care & Social Assistance	20.8	20.7	20.1	0.5	3.5	TOTAL GOVERNMENT	6.0	5.8	5.9	3.4	1.7
Ambulatory Health Care	7.9	7.8	7.6	1.3	3.9	Federal Government	0.7	0.6	0.7	16.7	0.0
Offices of Physicians	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.2	State Government	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0
Hospitals	2.9	3.0	2.8	-3.3	3.6	Local Government	4.6	4.5	4.5	2.2	2.2
Nursing & Res. Care Facilities	4.5	4.5	4.4	0.0	2.3	Local Education	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.2
Social Assistance	5.5	5.4	5.3	1.9	3.8						
Leisure & Hospitality	32.4	30.5	31.5	6.2	2.9	Note: Current Employment Statistics (CES) estimates include all full- and part-time wage and salary workers in nonagricultural establishments who worked or received pay during the week which includes the 12th of the month. Self-employed, domestic services, and personnel of the armed forces are excluded. Data are not seasonally adjusted. Wyoming, Laramie County, and Natrona County are published in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics.					
Arts, Entertainment, & Rec.	2.8	2.4	2.7	16.7	3.7	(p) Preliminary. (r) Revised.					
Accommodation & Food Services	29.6	28.1	28.8	5.3	2.8						
Accommodation	11.0	10.0	10.7	10.0	2.8						
Food Serv. & Drinking Places	18.6	18.1	18.1	2.8	2.8						
Other Services	11.3	11.2	11.0	0.9	2.7						
Repair & Maintenance	4.0	3.9	3.7	2.6	8.1						
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	68.1	67.1	67.1	1.5	1.5						
Federal Government	7.2	6.8	7.1	5.9	1.4						
State Government	15.7	15.7	15.7	0.0	0.0						
State Govt. Education	6.6	6.5	6.8	1.5	-2.9						
Local Government	45.2	44.6	44.3	1.3	2.0						
Local Govt. Education	23.7	23.5	23.1	0.9	2.6						
Hospitals	6.1	6.0	5.9	1.7	3.4						

Wyoming Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

(Continued)

	Employment in Thousands		Percent Change Total Employment		
	May07	Apr07	May06	Apr07	May06
				May07	May07
CAMPBELL COUNTY					
TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT	28.2	27.9	26.2	1.1	7.6
TOTAL PRIVATE	24.0	23.7	22.2	1.3	8.1
GOODS PRODUCING	11.9	11.7	11.0	1.7	8.2
Natural Resources & Mining	7.7	7.6	7.6	1.3	1.3
Construction	3.5	3.4	2.8	2.9	25.0
Manufacturing	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.0	16.7
SERVICE PROVIDING	16.3	16.2	15.2	0.6	7.2
Trade, Transport., & Utilities	5.6	5.5	4.9	1.8	14.3
Information	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0
Professional & Bus. Services	1.8	1.8	1.8	0.0	0.0
Educational & Health Serv.	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Leisure & Hospitality	2.0	2.0	1.9	0.0	5.3
Other Services	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.0	11.1
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	4.2	4.2	4.0	0.0	5.0
SWEETWATER COUNTY					
TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT	26.0	25.5	25.0	2.0	4.0
TOTAL PRIVATE	21.6	21.2	20.6	1.9	4.9
GOODS PRODUCING	9.7	9.5	9.1	2.1	6.6
Natural Resources & Mining	6.2	6.1	5.5	1.6	12.7
Construction	2.2	2.1	2.4	4.8	-8.3
Manufacturing	1.3	1.3	1.2	0.0	8.3
SERVICE PROVIDING	16.3	16.0	15.9	1.9	2.5
Trade, Transport., & Utilities	5.1	5.0	4.9	2.0	4.1
Information	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Professional & Bus. Services	1.3	1.3	1.2	0.0	8.3
Educational & Health Serv.	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.0	0.0
Leisure & Hospitality	2.6	2.5	2.4	4.0	8.3
Other Services	1.0	1.0	1.1	0.0	-9.1
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	4.4	4.3	4.4	2.3	0.0
TETON COUNTY					
TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT	17.5	16.2	16.5	8.0	6.1
TOTAL PRIVATE	15.2	14.1	14.3	7.8	6.3
GOODS PRODUCING	2.6	2.4	2.6	8.3	0.0
Nat. Res., Mining & Const.	2.5	2.3	2.4	8.7	4.2
Manufacturing	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	-50.0
SERVICE PROVIDING	14.9	13.8	13.9	8.0	7.2
Trade, Transport., & Utilities	2.5	2.3	2.3	8.7	8.7
Information	0.3	0.2	0.2	50.0	50.0
Financial Activities	1.0	0.9	0.9	11.1	11.1
Professional & Bus. Services	1.8	1.7	1.7	5.9	5.9
Educational & Health Serv.	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Leisure & Hospitality	5.7	5.3	5.3	7.5	7.5
Other Services	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	2.3	2.1	2.2	9.5	4.5

State Unemployment Rates May 2007 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

State	Unemp. Rate
Puerto Rico	10.6
Michigan	6.6
Mississippi	6.0
Alaska	5.7
District of Columbia	5.4
Kentucky	5.3
Ohio	5.3
Arkansas	5.0
South Carolina	5.0
California	4.9
Massachusetts	4.9
North Carolina	4.7
Oregon	4.7
Wisconsin	4.7
Illinois	4.6
Louisiana	4.5
Oklahoma	4.5
Rhode Island	4.5
Connecticut	4.4
West Virginia	4.4
Indiana	4.3
Kansas	4.3
Maine	4.3
Missouri	4.3
Nevada	4.3
United States	4.3
Washington	4.3
Minnesota	4.2
Tennessee	4.2
Georgia	4.1
New Jersey	4.1
New York	4.1
Pennsylvania	4.1
Texas	3.9
New Hampshire	3.8
New Mexico	3.6
Maryland	3.5
Vermont	3.5
Arizona	3.3
Colorado	3.3
Florida	3.2
Iowa	3.2
Wyoming	3.2
Nebraska	3.1
Alabama	3.0
North Dakota	3.0
South Dakota	3.0
Delaware	2.9
Virginia	2.8
Hawaii	2.3
Utah	2.3
Idaho	1.8
Montana	1.8

Economic Indicators

by: *Margaret Hiatt, Administrative/Survey Support Specialist*

The number of building permits issued for new privately owned housing units declined from 370 in May 2006 to 323 in May 2007.

	May 2007 (p)	April 2007 (r)	May 2006 (b)	Percent Change Month Year	
Wyoming Total Civilian Labor Force	287,865	285,668	282,671	0.8	1.8
Unemployed	9,217	9,103	8,857	1.3	4.1
Employed	278,648	276,565	273,814	0.8	1.8
Wyoming Unemp. Rate/Seasonally Adjusted	3.2%/3.3%	3.2%/2.9%	3.1%/3.3%	N/A	N/A
U.S. Unemployment Rate/Seasonally Adjusted	4.3%/4.5%	4.3%/4.5%	4.4%/4.6%	N/A	N/A
U.S. Multiple Jobholders	7,693,000	7,846,000	7,641,000	-2.0	0.7
As a percent of all workers	5.3%	5.4%	5.4%	N/A	N/A
U.S. Discouraged Workers	368,000	399,000	323,000	-7.8	13.9
U.S. Part-Time for Economic Reasons	4,315,000	4,205,000	3,968,000	2.6	8.7
Hours & Earnings for Production Workers					
Wyoming Mining					
Average Weekly Earnings	\$1,200.58	\$1,189.27	\$1,102.62	1.0	8.9
Average Weekly Hours	47.1	45.9	46.9	2.6	0.4
U.S. Mining Hours & Earnings					
Average Weekly Earnings	\$987.12	\$982.72	\$924.14	0.4	6.8
Average Weekly Hours	46.3	45.9	46.0	0.9	0.7
Wyoming Manufacturing Hours & Earnings					
Average Weekly Earnings	\$709.12	\$676.06	\$695.98	4.9	1.9
Average Weekly Hours	41.3	41.4	40.3	-0.2	2.5
U.S. Manufacturing Hours & Earnings					
Average Weekly Earnings	\$705.69	\$704.79	\$689.69	0.1	2.3
Average Weekly Hours	41.1	41.0	41.2	0.2	-0.2
Wyoming Unemployment Insurance					
Weeks Compensated	10,905	11,353	9,857	-3.9	10.6
Benefits Paid	\$2,979,783	\$3,092,424	\$2,443,102	-3.6	22.0
Average Weekly Benefit Payment	\$273.25	\$272.39	\$247.85	0.3	10.2
State Insured Covered Jobs	264,971	257,960	255,488	2.7	3.7
Insured Unemployment Rate	1.1%	1.3%	1.0%	N/A	N/A
Consumer Price Index (U) for All U.S. Urban Consumers (1982 to 1984 = 100) - All Items					
Food & Beverages	207.9	206.7	202.5	0.6	2.7
Housing	202.2	201.3	194.7	0.5	3.9
Apparel	208.9	208.5	202.2	0.2	3.3
Transportation	121.5	122.9	122.4	-1.2	-0.8
Medical Care	190.0	185.2	187.6	2.6	1.3
Recreation (Dec. 1997=100)	349.1	348.2	335.6	0.3	4.0
Education & Comm. (Dec. 1997=100)	111.7	111.5	111.2	0.2	0.4
Other Goods & Services	118.8	118.3	115.7	0.4	2.7
Other Goods & Services	332.8	331.7	320.2	0.3	3.9
Producer Prices (1982 to 1984 = 100) - All Commodities	173.4	171.2	165.8	1.3	4.6
Wyoming Building Permits (New Privately Owned Housing Units Authorized)					
Total Units	323	265	370	21.9	-12.7
Valuation	\$64,364,000	\$52,447,000	\$69,562,000	22.7	-7.5
Single Family Homes	288	252	287	14.3	0.3
Valuation	\$59,691,000	\$51,056,000	\$63,365,000	16.9	-5.8
Baker Hughes North American Rotary Rig Count for WY	72	72	98	0.0	-26.5

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Wyoming County Unemployment Rates

by: Roy Azar, Economist

Platte County posted the highest unemployment rate (4.2%), followed by Fremont and Big Horn counties (both 4.1%). When compared to May 2006, most unemployment rates increased slightly.

REGION County	Labor Force			Employed			Unemployed			Unemployment Rates		
	May 2007 (p)	Apr 2007 (p)	May 2006 (b)									
NORTHWEST	43,683	42,676	43,934	41,987	40,964	42,301	1,696	1,712	1,633	3.9	4.0	3.7
Big Horn	5,467	5,384	5,350	5,241	5,160	5,139	226	224	211	4.1	4.2	3.9
Fremont	17,474	17,428	17,745	16,751	16,687	17,037	723	741	708	4.1	4.3	4.0
Hot Springs	2,335	2,315	2,363	2,241	2,224	2,275	94	91	88	4.0	3.9	3.7
Park	14,228	13,404	14,260	13,742	12,917	13,783	486	487	477	3.4	3.6	3.3
Washakie	4,179	4,145	4,216	4,012	3,976	4,067	167	169	149	4.0	4.1	3.5
NORTHEAST	52,499	52,380	50,723	50,994	50,862	49,357	1,505	1,518	1,366	2.9	2.9	2.7
Campbell	26,451	26,615	24,832	25,837	26,028	24,287	614	587	545	2.3	2.2	2.2
Crook	3,401	3,326	3,375	3,295	3,212	3,276	106	114	99	3.1	3.4	2.9
Johnson	3,887	3,762	3,891	3,737	3,613	3,772	150	149	119	3.9	4.0	3.1
Sheridan	15,721	15,666	15,556	15,203	15,108	15,065	518	558	491	3.3	3.6	3.2
Weston	3,039	3,011	3,069	2,922	2,901	2,957	117	110	112	3.8	3.7	3.6
SOUTHWEST	63,499	62,382	61,443	61,781	60,614	59,760	1,718	1,768	1,683	2.7	2.8	2.7
Lincoln	8,475	8,239	8,084	8,205	7,971	7,808	270	268	276	3.2	3.3	3.4
Sublette	5,955	5,722	5,570	5,842	5,625	5,469	113	97	101	1.9	1.7	1.8
Sweetwater	24,462	24,434	23,654	23,851	23,865	23,063	611	569	591	2.5	2.3	2.5
Teton	13,791	13,194	13,272	13,402	12,688	12,875	389	506	397	2.8	3.8	3.0
Uinta	10,816	10,793	10,863	10,481	10,465	10,545	335	328	318	3.1	3.0	2.9
SOUTHEAST	72,237	72,135	71,963	69,638	69,630	69,441	2,599	2,505	2,522	3.6	3.5	3.5
Albany	18,729	18,765	19,111	18,207	18,285	18,604	522	480	507	2.8	2.6	2.7
Goshen	5,882	5,872	5,931	5,660	5,655	5,692	222	217	239	3.8	3.7	4.0
Laramie	42,398	42,544	41,472	40,749	40,922	39,891	1,649	1,622	1,581	3.9	3.8	3.8
Niobrara	1,111	1,090	1,115	1,076	1,060	1,081	35	30	34	3.2	2.8	3.0
Platte	4,117	3,864	4,334	3,946	3,708	4,173	171	156	161	4.2	4.0	3.7
CENTRAL	55,945	56,095	54,609	54,249	54,495	52,956	1,696	1,600	1,653	3.0	2.9	3.0
Carbon	8,350	8,205	7,630	8,071	7,941	7,362	279	264	268	3.3	3.2	3.5
Converse	6,939	6,876	6,825	6,711	6,662	6,604	228	214	221	3.3	3.1	3.2
Natrona	40,656	41,014	40,154	39,467	39,892	38,990	1,189	1,122	1,164	2.9	2.7	2.9
STATEWIDE	287,865	285,668	282,671	278,648	276,565	273,814	9,217	9,103	8,857	3.2	3.2	3.1
Statewide Seasonally Adjusted										3.3	2.9	3.3
U.S.....										4.3	4.3	4.4
U.S. Seasonally Adjusted.....										4.5	4.5	4.6

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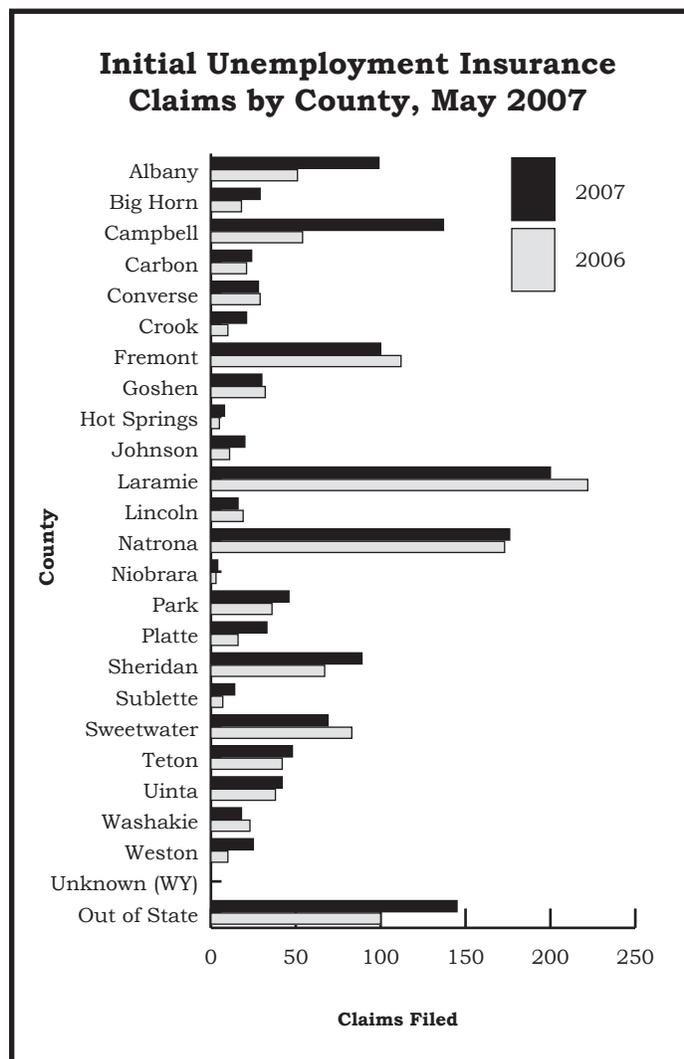
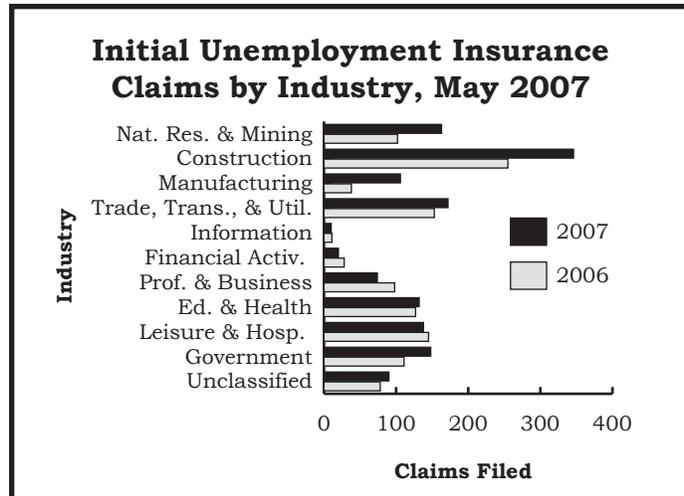
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Wyoming Normalized Unemployment Insurance Statistics: Initial Claims

by: Douglas W. Leonard, Senior Research Analyst

Initial claims in Mining increased 80.2% while claims in Professional & Business Services declined by 24.5%.



WYOMING STATEWIDE	Percent Change Claims Filed				
	Claims Filed		Claims Filed		
	May07	Apr07	May06	Apr07	May07
TOTAL CLAIMS FILED	1,424	2,079	1,182	-31.5	20.5
TOTAL GOODS PRODUCING	615	866	395	-29.0	55.7
Natural Resources & Mining	163	244	102	-33.2	59.8
Mining	146	233	81	-37.3	80.2
Oil & Gas Extraction	15	22	7	-31.8	114.3
Construction	346	508	255	-31.9	35.7
Manufacturing	106	114	38	-7.0	178.9
TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDING	571	993	598	-42.5	-4.5
Trade, Trans., Storage, & Util.	172	286	153	-39.9	12.4
Wholesale Trade	23	31	23	-25.8	0.0
Retail Trade	89	134	93	-33.6	-4.3
Trans., Storage, & Utilities	60	121	37	-50.4	62.2
Information	10	9	11	11.1	-9.1
Financial Activities	20	29	28	-31.0	-28.6
Professional & Business Serv.	74	90	98	-17.8	-24.5
Educational & Health Serv.	132	87	127	51.7	3.9
Leisure & Hospitality	138	462	145	-70.1	-4.8
Other Services	25	30	36	-16.7	-30.6
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	148	127	111	16.5	33.3
Federal Government	42	51	21	-17.6	100.0
State Government	19	26	17	-26.9	11.8
Local Government	87	50	73	74.0	19.2
Local Education	22	13	22	69.2	0.0
UNCLASSIFIED	90	93	78	-3.2	15.4

LARAMIE COUNTY

TOTAL CLAIMS FILED	198	257	223	-23.0	-11.2
TOTAL GOODS PRODUCING	59	109	64	-45.9	-7.8
Construction	42	84	54	-50.0	-22.2
TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDING	108	117	130	-7.7	-16.9
Trade, Trans., Storage, & Util.	39	58	39	-32.8	0.0
Financial Activities	6	6	8	0.0	-25.0
Professional & Business Serv.	14	12	28	16.7	-50.0
Educational & Health Services	25	17	13	47.1	92.3
Leisure & Hospitality	17	15	24	13.3	-29.2
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	24	25	19	-4.0	26.3
UNCLASSIFIED	7	6	10	16.7	-30.0

NATRONA COUNTY

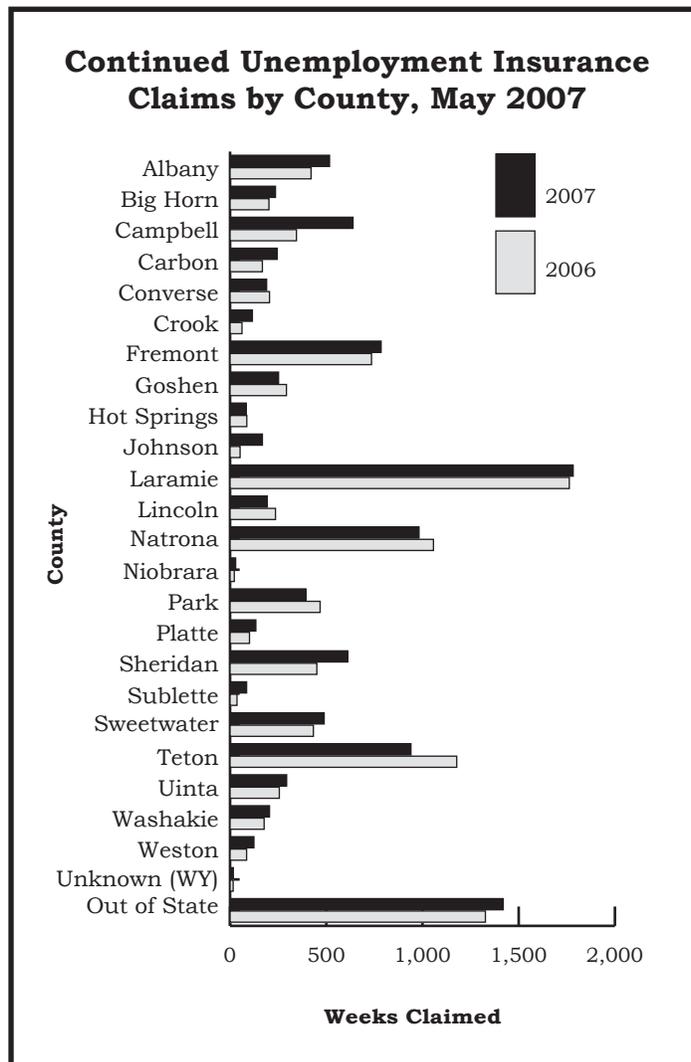
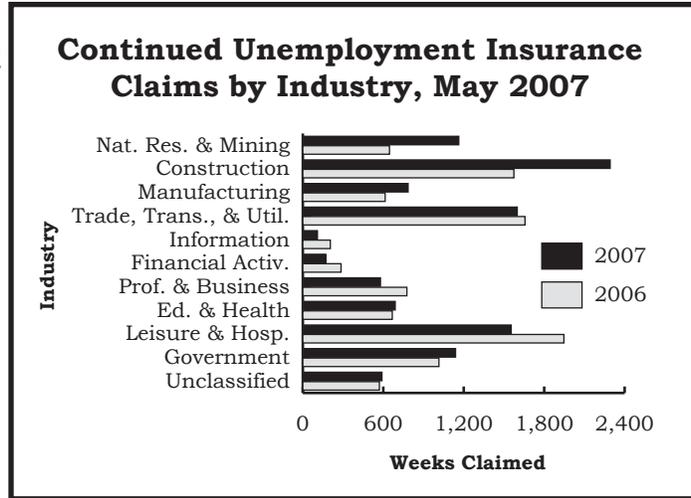
TOTAL CLAIMS FILED	176	165	174	6.7	1.1
TOTAL GOODS PRODUCING	70	67	61	4.5	14.8
Construction	44	36	40	22.2	10.0
TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDING	96	87	106	10.3	-9.4
Trade, Trans., Storage, & Util.	27	27	15	0.0	80.0
Financial Activities	3	5	3	-40.0	0.0
Professional & Business Serv.	11	10	36	10.0	-69.4
Educational & Health Services	31	23	26	34.8	19.2
Leisure & Hospitality	17	15	21	13.3	-19.0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	7	6	3	16.7	133.3
UNCLASSIFIED	3	5	4	-40.0	-25.0

Wyoming Normalized Unemployment Insurance Statistics: Continued Claims

by: Douglas W. Leonard, Senior Research Analyst

Continued claims increased 7.4% over the year compared to 7.7% at this time last year. Services sector claims fell by 13.8%, led by a 46.8% decline in Information.

WYOMING STATEWIDE	Percent Change Weeks Claimed				
	Weeks Claimed		Apr07 May06		
	May07	Apr07	May06	May07	May07
TOTAL WEEKS CLAIMED	10,928	14,051	10,176	-22.2	7.4
TOTAL UNIQUE CLAIMANTS	2,918	4,467	2,708	-34.7	7.8
TOTAL GOODS PRODUCING	4,240	6,183	2,834	-31.4	49.6
Natural Resources & Mining	1,163	1,458	646	-20.2	80.0
Mining	1,063	1,322	523	-19.6	103.3
Oil & Gas Extraction	97	144	68	-32.6	42.6
Construction	2,292	3,865	1,574	-40.7	45.6
Manufacturing	785	860	614	-8.7	27.9
TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDING	4,959	5,710	5,756	-13.2	-13.8
Trade, Trans., Storage, & Util.	1,599	1,697	1,657	-5.8	-3.5
Wholesale Trade	262	301	218	-13.0	20.2
Retail Trade	851	893	1,109	-4.7	-23.3
Trans., Storage, & Utilities	486	503	330	-3.4	47.3
Information	109	124	205	-12.1	-46.8
Financial Activities	171	175	285	-2.3	-40.0
Professional & Business Serv.	579	917	776	-36.9	-25.4
Educational & Health Serv.	689	605	667	13.9	3.3
Leisure & Hospitality	1,554	1,898	1,947	-18.1	-20.2
Other Services	258	294	219	-12.2	17.8
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	1,139	1,439	1,015	-20.8	12.2
Federal Government	431	665	397	-35.2	8.6
State Government	241	239	181	0.8	33.1
Local Government	467	535	437	-12.7	6.9
Local Education	76	92	100	-17.4	-24.0
UNCLASSIFIED	590	719	571	-17.9	3.3
LARAMIE COUNTY					
TOTAL WEEKS CLAIMED	1,783	2,250	1,762	-20.8	1.2
TOTAL UNIQUE CLAIMANTS	459	695	457	-34.0	0.4
TOTAL GOODS PRODUCING	585	928	431	-37.0	35.7
Construction	483	829	351	-41.7	37.6
TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDING	924	1,023	1,049	-41.7	-11.9
Trade, Trans., Storage, & Util.	414	400	407	2.8	1.7
Financial Activities	28	37	72	-24.3	-61.1
Professional & Business Serv.	148	211	213	-29.9	-30.5
Educational & Health Services	131	144	165	-9.0	-20.6
Leisure & Hospitality	92	111	105	-17.1	-12.4
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	226	225	211	0.4	7.1
UNCLASSIFIED	48	74	71	-35.1	-32.4
NATRONA COUNTY					
TOTAL WEEKS CLAIMED	980	1,165	1,055	-15.9	-7.1
TOTAL UNIQUE CLAIMANTS	269	379	270	-29.0	-0.4
TOTAL GOODS PRODUCING	296	530	339	-44.2	-12.7
Construction	168	336	171	-50.0	-1.8
TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDING	597	538	644	11.0	-7.3
Trade, Trans., Storage, & Util.	221	198	239	11.6	-7.5
Financial Activities	24	17	50	41.2	-52.0
Professional & Business Serv.	64	77	81	-16.9	-21.0
Educational & Health Services	174	122	129	42.6	34.9
Leisure & Hospitality	76	74	97	2.7	-21.6
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	63	69	55	-8.7	14.5
UNCLASSIFIED	24	28	17	-14.3	41.2



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