

Wyoming Unemployment Falls to 3.6% in April

The Research & Planning section of the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services reported today that the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell from 3.7% in March to 3.6% in April. Wyoming's unemployment rate was lower than its April 2018 level of 4.0% and the same as the current U.S. unemployment rate of 3.6%.

Most county unemployment rates followed their normal seasonal pattern and fell from March to April. Warmer spring weather often brings job gains in construction, professional & business services, and other sectors. Washakie County's unemployment rate fell from 5.0% to 3.6%, Crook County's rate fell from 4.2% to 3.1%, and Park County's rate fell from 4.9% to 3.9%. Teton County's unemployment rate rose from 2.4% in March to 3.8% in April as the ski season ended.

From April 2018 to April 2019, unemployment rates fell in nearly every county, suggesting a general tightening in the state's labor market. The largest unemployment rate decreases were seen in Lincoln (down from 4.3% to 3.1%), Fremont (down from 5.1% to 3.9%), Hot Springs (down from 4.0% to 2.9%), Natrona (down from 4.5% to 3.5%), and Converse (down from 3.6% to 2.6%) counties.

The highest unemployment rates in Wyoming were found in Big Horn County at 4.5% and Fremont, Park, and Uinta counties, all at 3.9%. The lowest unemployment rates were reported in Niobrara County at 2.2% and Albany and Converse counties, both at 2.6%.

Total nonfarm employment in Wyoming (not seasonally adjusted and measured by place of work) increased from 279,400 in April 2018 to 283,500 in April 2019, a gain of 4,100 jobs (1.5%).

Research & Planning has scheduled the May employment news release for June 25, 2019.

Civilian Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment--by place of residence

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployed Number			Unemployment Rate		
	Apr 2019 (p)	Mar 2019 (r)	Apr 2018 (b)	Apr 2019 (p)	Mar 2019 (r)	Apr 2018 (b)	Apr 2019 (p)	Mar 2019 (r)	Apr 2018 (b)	Apr 2019 (p)	Mar 2019 (r)	Apr 2018 (b)
Albany	20,805	20,994	20,866	20,264	20,393	20,243	541	601	623	2.6	2.9	3.0
Big Horn	5,049	5,070	5,079	4,822	4,837	4,834	227	233	245	4.5	4.6	4.8
Campbell	22,822	23,032	23,149	22,133	22,215	22,239	689	817	910	3.0	3.5	3.9
Carbon	7,499	7,475	7,472	7,255	7,193	7,182	244	282	290	3.3	3.8	3.9
Converse	7,952	7,679	7,445	7,745	7,450	7,179	207	229	266	2.6	3.0	3.6
Crook	3,480	3,500	3,501	3,373	3,354	3,383	107	146	118	3.1	4.2	3.4
Fremont	18,342	18,792	18,752	17,635	17,916	17,797	707	876	955	3.9	4.7	5.1
Goshen	6,512	6,589	6,700	6,297	6,357	6,482	215	232	218	3.3	3.5	3.3
Hot Springs	2,177	2,155	2,222	2,113	2,074	2,134	64	81	88	2.9	3.8	4.0
Johnson	4,108	4,097	3,982	3,965	3,915	3,816	143	182	166	3.5	4.4	4.2
Laramie	47,659	48,150	47,929	46,166	46,408	46,209	1,493	1,742	1,720	3.1	3.6	3.6
Lincoln	8,507	8,526	8,476	8,245	8,218	8,112	262	308	364	3.1	3.6	4.3
Natrona	39,181	39,461	39,295	37,822	37,865	37,538	1,359	1,596	1,757	3.5	4.0	4.5
Niobrara	1,213	1,210	1,223	1,186	1,175	1,191	27	35	32	2.2	2.9	2.6
Park	14,435	14,667	14,612	13,879	13,955	13,944	556	712	668	3.9	4.9	4.6
Platte	4,585	4,518	4,699	4,448	4,358	4,525	137	160	174	3.0	3.5	3.7
Sheridan	15,447	15,316	15,489	14,956	14,699	14,853	491	617	636	3.2	4.0	4.1
Sublette	4,003	4,157	4,059	3,854	3,971	3,888	149	186	171	3.7	4.5	4.2
Sweetwater	21,171	21,346	21,438	20,418	20,486	20,557	753	860	881	3.6	4.0	4.1
Teton	13,909	14,718	13,982	13,377	14,366	13,349	532	352	633	3.8	2.4	4.5
Uinta	8,838	8,623	9,054	8,497	8,268	8,661	341	355	393	3.9	4.1	4.3
Washakie	3,867	3,961	3,988	3,727	3,764	3,811	140	197	177	3.6	5.0	4.4
Weston	3,739	3,720	3,748	3,628	3,595	3,612	111	125	136	3.0	3.4	3.6
Statewide	285,303	287,758	287,157	275,806	276,831	275,538	9,497	10,927	11,619	3.3	3.8	4.0
Statewide Seasonally Adjusted.....										3.6	3.7	4.0
U.S.....										3.3	3.9	3.7
U.S. Seasonally Adjusted.....										3.6	3.8	3.9

(p) Preliminary, (r) Revised, (b) Benchmarked.

Data are not seasonally adjusted except where otherwise specified.

Labor Force = Employment + Unemployment Number

Unemployment Rate = Unemployment Number/Labor Force

	Wyoming Seasonally Adjusted Statewide Labor Force Estimates			Change			
	April-19	March-19	April-18	Month		Year	
				absolute	percent	absolute	percent
Total Civilian Labor Force	289,549	289,805	289,672	-256	-0.1%	-123	0.0%
Employed	279,259	279,067	278,221	192	0.1%	1,038	0.4%
Unemployed	10,290	10,738	11,451	-448	-4.2%	-1,161	-10.1%
Unemployment Rate	3.6	3.7	4.0				
Definitions:							
Employed	All persons who, during the reference week, did any work at all as paid employees, worked in their own business, profession, or on their own farm, or worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers in a family business.						
Unemployed	All persons who had no employment during the reference week, were available for work, and had made specific efforts to find employment sometime during the 4-week period ending with the reference week.						
Labor Force	All persons who meet the criteria given above as either employed or unemployed.						
Unemployment Rate	The number of unemployed as a percent of the labor force.						
Seasonal Adjustment	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 to better understand changes in economic conditions from month to month.						

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