

Wyoming Unemployment Unchanged at 3.5% in June 2019

The Research & Planning section of the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services reported today that the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained unchanged from May to June at 3.5%. Wyoming's unemployment rate decreased from its year-ago level of 4.1% and was slightly lower than the current U.S. unemployment rate of 3.7%.

Most county unemployment rates increased from May to June. Unemployment sometimes rises in June as young people get out of school and begin looking for work. The largest unemployment rate increases occurred in Albany (up from 3.0% to 4.0%), Fremont (up from 3.8% to 4.7%), Platte (up from 3.0% to 3.7%), Sweetwater (up from 3.5% to 4.2%), and Washakie (up from 3.6% to 4.3%) counties. Teton County's unemployment rate fell from 3.0% in May to 2.3% in June as seasonal tourist activity increased.

Compared to a year earlier, unemployment fell in 18 counties, rose slightly in three counties, and remained unchanged in two counties. The largest decreases were seen in Weston (down from 3.7% to 3.1%), Fremont (down from 5.3% to 4.7%), Converse, (down from 3.8% to 3.2%), and Campbell (down from 4.3% to 3.7%) counties. Small unemployment rate increases occurred in Sublette (up from 4.0% to 4.2%), Big Horn (up from 4.4% to 4.5%), and Goshen (up from 4.0% to 4.1%) counties.

Teton County had the lowest unemployment rate in June at 2.3%. It was followed by Crook County at 3.0%, Weston County at 3.1%, and Converse County at 3.2%. The highest unemployment rates were found in Fremont County at 4.7% and Big Horn County at 4.5%.

Total nonfarm employment in Wyoming (not seasonally adjusted and measured by place of work) increased from 293,000 in June 2018 to 299,800 in June 2019, a gain of 6,800 jobs (2.3%).

Research & Planning has scheduled the July unemployment news release for August 27, 2019.

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

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployed Number			Unemployment Rate		
	Jun 2019 (p)	May 2019 (r)	Jun 2018 (b)	Jun 2019 (p)	May 2019 (r)	Jun 2018 (b)	Jun 2019 (p)	May 2019 (r)	Jun 2018 (b)	Jun 2019 (p)	May 2019 (r)	Jun 2018 (b)
Albany	19,167	20,490	19,426	18,403	19,879	18,642	764	611	784	4.0	3.0	4.0
Big Horn	5,362	5,085	5,497	5,121	4,880	5,253	241	205	244	4.5	4.0	4.4
Campbell	22,939	22,673	22,844	22,086	21,943	21,871	853	730	973	3.7	3.2	4.3
Carbon	8,120	7,626	8,180	7,847	7,393	7,884	273	233	296	3.4	3.1	3.6
Converse	8,061	7,921	7,599	7,802	7,695	7,311	259	226	288	3.2	2.9	3.8
Crook	3,802	3,529	3,911	3,689	3,425	3,787	113	104	124	3.0	2.9	3.2
Fremont	18,523	18,247	18,993	17,647	17,559	17,993	876	688	1,000	4.7	3.8	5.3
Goshen	6,725	6,482	6,908	6,450	6,248	6,631	275	234	277	4.1	3.6	4.0
Hot Springs	2,277	2,189	2,295	2,193	2,118	2,203	84	71	92	3.7	3.2	4.0
Johnson	4,476	4,170	4,456	4,326	4,034	4,298	150	136	158	3.4	3.3	3.5
Laramie	47,648	47,215	47,609	45,863	45,696	45,691	1,785	1,519	1,918	3.7	3.2	4.0
Lincoln	9,168	8,662	9,279	8,852	8,392	8,942	316	270	337	3.4	3.1	3.6
Natrona	39,073	38,581	38,991	37,427	37,166	37,155	1,646	1,415	1,836	4.2	3.7	4.7
Niobrara	1,287	1,215	1,334	1,244	1,182	1,289	43	33	45	3.3	2.7	3.4
Park	16,646	15,147	17,106	16,042	14,611	16,459	604	536	647	3.6	3.5	3.8
Platte	4,701	4,680	4,951	4,526	4,539	4,768	175	141	183	3.7	3.0	3.7
Sheridan	15,962	15,419	16,070	15,384	14,937	15,452	578	482	618	3.6	3.1	3.8
Sublette	4,392	4,076	4,428	4,207	3,918	4,251	185	158	177	4.2	3.9	4.0
Sweetwater	20,958	20,955	21,046	20,088	20,218	20,113	870	737	933	4.2	3.5	4.4
Teton	16,761	14,460	16,822	16,376	14,029	16,417	385	431	405	2.3	3.0	2.4
Uinta	9,017	8,904	9,059	8,632	8,576	8,646	385	328	413	4.3	3.7	4.6
Washakie	3,997	3,860	4,141	3,825	3,721	3,958	172	139	183	4.3	3.6	4.4
Weston	3,757	3,729	3,760	3,640	3,622	3,621	117	107	139	3.1	2.9	3.7
Statewide	292,818	285,315	294,706	281,669	275,782	282,637	11,149	9,533	12,069	3.8	3.3	4.1
Statewide Seasonally Adjusted.....										3.5	3.5	4.1
U.S.....										3.8	3.4	4.2
U.S. Seasonally Adjusted.....										3.7	3.6	4.0

(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			
	June-19	May-19	June-18	Month		Year	
				absolute	percent	absolute	percent
Total Civilian Labor Force	288,595	289,002	289,504	-407	-0.1%	-909	-0.3%
Employed	278,530	278,967	277,773	-437	-0.2%	757	0.3%
Unemployed	10,065	10,035	11,731	30	0.3%	-1,666	-14.2%
Unemployment Rate	3.5	3.5	4.1				
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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