

## Wyoming Unemployment Rises to 3.6% in July 2019

The Research & Planning section of the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services reported today that the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose slightly from 3.5% in June to 3.6% in July. Wyoming's unemployment rate was lower than its July 2018 level of 4.1% and slightly lower than the current U.S. unemployment rate of 3.7%.

Most county unemployment rates fell slightly or stayed the same from June to July. The largest decreases occurred in Niobrara (down from 3.3% to 2.9%), Uinta (down from 4.3% to 4.0%), Teton (down from 2.3% to 2.0%), Natrona (down from 4.2% to 3.9%), Goshen (down from 4.1% to 3.8%), and Converse (down from 3.2% to 2.9%) counties. Unemployment increased in Campbell County (up from 3.7% to 5.7%) and Crook County (up from 3.0% to 3.6%).

From July 2018 to July 2019, unemployment fell in 13 counties, rose in eight counties, and remained unchanged in two counties. The largest jobless rate decreases were seen in Converse (down from 3.7% to 2.9%), Fremont (down from 5.2% to 4.6%), and Natrona (down from 4.4% to 3.9%) counties. Unemployment increased in Campbell (up from 4.1% to 5.7%), Crook (up from 2.9% to 3.6%), Sublette (up from 3.6% to 4.1%), and Washakie (up from 3.9% to 4.4%) counties.

Campbell County had the highest unemployment rate in July at 5.7%. It was followed by Fremont County at 4.6%, Big Horn County at 4.4%, and Washakie County at 4.4%. The lowest unemployment rates were found in Teton County at 2.0%, Niobrara County at 2.9%, and Converse County at 2.9%.

Total nonfarm employment in Wyoming (not seasonally adjusted and measured by place of work) increased from 292,600 in July 2018 to 298,900 in July 2019, a gain of 6,300 jobs (2.2%).

Research & Planning has scheduled the August unemployment news release for September 24, 2019.

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

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployed Number			Unemployment Rate		
	Jul 2019 (p)	Jun 2019 (r)	Jul 2018 (b)	Jul 2019 (p)	Jun 2019 (r)	Jul 2018 (b)	Jul 2019 (p)	Jun 2019 (r)	Jul 2018 (b)	(p)	(r)	(b)
Albany	18,552	19,145	18,692	17,819	18,376	17,966	733	769	726	4.0	4.0	3.9
Big Horn	5,316	5,354	5,506	5,080	5,113	5,279	236	241	227	4.4	4.5	4.1
Campbell	22,958	22,968	22,762	21,657	22,115	21,831	1,301	853	931	5.7	3.7	4.1
Carbon	8,126	8,109	8,107	7,858	7,836	7,834	268	273	273	3.3	3.4	3.4
Converse	8,226	8,050	7,542	7,984	7,791	7,264	242	259	278	2.9	3.2	3.7
Crook	3,867	3,799	3,941	3,726	3,685	3,826	141	114	115	3.6	3.0	2.9
Fremont	18,325	18,496	18,693	17,482	17,621	17,724	843	875	969	4.6	4.7	5.2
Goshen	6,683	6,715	6,905	6,426	6,440	6,634	257	275	271	3.8	4.1	3.9
Hot Springs	2,257	2,273	2,256	2,179	2,189	2,178	78	84	78	3.5	3.7	3.5
Johnson	4,358	4,468	4,519	4,213	4,319	4,363	145	149	156	3.3	3.3	3.5
Laramie	48,137	47,382	48,313	46,415	45,596	46,518	1,722	1,786	1,795	3.6	3.8	3.7
Lincoln	9,078	9,164	8,913	8,784	8,848	8,615	294	316	298	3.2	3.4	3.3
Natrona	39,377	38,953	39,306	37,846	37,306	37,582	1,531	1,647	1,724	3.9	4.2	4.4
Niobrara	1,275	1,285	1,318	1,238	1,242	1,276	37	43	42	2.9	3.3	3.2
Park	16,857	16,622	17,285	16,272	16,018	16,699	585	604	586	3.5	3.6	3.4
Platte	4,863	4,694	4,799	4,685	4,519	4,613	178	175	186	3.7	3.7	3.9
Sheridan	15,884	15,940	16,075	15,336	15,362	15,511	548	578	564	3.5	3.6	3.5
Sublette	4,325	4,385	4,443	4,147	4,200	4,284	178	185	159	4.1	4.2	3.6
Sweetwater	20,915	21,230	20,718	20,067	20,361	19,839	848	869	879	4.1	4.1	4.2
Teton	17,710	16,829	17,717	17,352	16,445	17,372	358	384	345	2.0	2.3	1.9
Uinta	9,226	9,006	8,939	8,854	8,619	8,561	372	387	378	4.0	4.3	4.2
Washakie	4,017	3,991	4,098	3,842	3,819	3,937	175	172	161	4.4	4.3	3.9
Weston	3,643	3,753	3,689	3,528	3,636	3,562	115	117	127	3.2	3.1	3.4
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>293,975</b>	<b>292,616</b>	<b>294,534</b>	<b>282,791</b>	<b>281,459</b>	<b>283,267</b>	<b>11,184</b>	<b>11,157</b>	<b>11,267</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>3.8</b>
<b>Statewide Seasonally Adjusted</b> .....										<b>3.6</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>4.1</b>
<b>U.S.</b> .....										<b>4.0</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>4.1</b>
<b>U.S. Seasonally Adjusted</b> .....										<b>3.7</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>3.9</b>

(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			
	July-19	June-19	July-18	Month		Year	
				absolute	percent	absolute	percent
Total Civilian Labor Force	288,456	288,558	289,483	-102	0.0%	-1,027	-0.4%
Employed	278,068	278,491	277,569	-423	-0.2%	499	0.2%
Unemployed	10,388	10,067	11,914	321	3.2%	-1,526	-12.8%
Unemployment Rate	3.6	3.5	4.1				
<b>Definitions:</b>							
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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