

## Wyoming Unemployment Unchanged at 3.7% in January 2020

The Research & Planning section of the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services reported today that the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained unchanged from December to January at 3.7%. Wyoming's unemployment rate was slightly higher than its January 2019 level of 3.5% and very similar to the U.S. unemployment rate of 3.6%. The state's labor force grew by an estimated 1,772 people, or 0.6% from a year earlier.

From January 2019 to January 2020, unemployment rates fell in 13 counties, rose in eight counties and were unchanged in Campbell and Fremont counties. The largest increases occurred in Sweetwater (up from 4.5% to 5.4%), Platte (up from 3.8% to 4.6%), and Sublette (up from 5.1% to 5.9%) counties. The largest decreases were seen in Johnson (down from 5.1% to 4.5%) and Crook (down from 3.6% to 3.1%) counties.

Most county unemployment rates followed their normal seasonal pattern and increased from December to January. Colder weather and the end of the holiday shopping season often bring seasonal job losses in January in many sectors, including construction, retail trade, government, and professional & business services. Large increases in unemployment were seen in Big Horn (up from 3.7% to 5.4%), Washakie (up from 3.6% to 4.6%), Sheridan (up from 3.4% to 4.3%), Sublette (up from 5.0% to 5.9%), and Sweetwater (up from 4.5% to 5.4%) counties. Teton County's unemployment rate fell from 2.9% to 2.7%.

Sublette County posted the highest unemployment rate in January at 5.9%. It was followed by Fremont County at 5.6%, and Big Horn and Sweetwater counties, each at 5.4%. The lowest unemployment rates occurred in Teton County at 2.7%, Converse County at 3.0%, Crook County at 3.1%, and Weston County at 3.2%.

Total nonfarm employment in Wyoming (not seasonally adjusted and measured by place of work) decreased from 280,900 in January 2019 to 280,500 in January 2020, a slight decline of 400 jobs (-0.1%).

Research & Planning has scheduled the February unemployment news release for March 31, 2020.

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

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployed Number			Unemployment Rate		
	Jan 2020 (p)	Dec 2019 (b)	Jan 2019 (b)	Jan 2020 (p)	Dec 2019 (b)	Jan 2019 (b)	Jan 2020 (p)	Dec 2019 (b)	Jan 2019 (b)	Jan 2020 (p)	Dec 2019 (b)	Jan 2019 (b)
Albany	20,341	20,632	19,716	19,679	20,072	19,042	662	560	674	3.3	2.7	3.4
Big Horn	5,315	5,262	5,063	5,028	5,066	4,787	287	196	276	5.4	3.7	5.5
Campbell	23,768	23,483	22,885	22,857	22,744	22,020	911	739	865	3.8	3.1	3.8
Carbon	7,973	7,891	7,623	7,634	7,605	7,290	339	286	333	4.3	3.6	4.4
Converse	9,045	8,928	8,158	8,770	8,662	7,908	275	266	250	3.0	3.0	3.1
Crook	3,676	3,660	3,620	3,561	3,551	3,488	115	109	132	3.1	3.0	3.6
Fremont	18,861	18,735	18,545	17,813	17,841	17,502	1,048	894	1,043	5.6	4.8	5.6
Goshen	6,644	6,680	6,665	6,401	6,453	6,447	243	227	218	3.7	3.4	3.3
Hot Springs	2,147	2,137	2,189	2,055	2,051	2,096	92	86	93	4.3	4.0	4.2
Johnson	4,094	4,073	4,138	3,908	3,921	3,929	186	152	209	4.5	3.7	5.1
Laramie	48,863	48,232	48,645	46,919	46,586	46,672	1,944	1,646	1,973	4.0	3.4	4.1
Lincoln	8,878	8,707	8,757	8,507	8,400	8,373	371	307	384	4.2	3.5	4.4
Natrona	39,314	39,229	38,959	37,462	37,593	37,206	1,852	1,636	1,753	4.7	4.2	4.5
Niobrara	1,224	1,217	1,268	1,182	1,176	1,232	42	41	36	3.4	3.4	2.8
Park	14,790	14,721	14,535	14,019	14,074	13,732	771	647	803	5.2	4.4	5.5
Platte	4,537	4,486	4,795	4,328	4,303	4,611	209	183	184	4.6	4.1	3.8
Sheridan	15,657	15,540	15,441	14,987	15,011	14,726	670	529	715	4.3	3.4	4.6
Sublette	4,237	4,098	4,046	3,988	3,892	3,838	249	206	208	5.9	5.0	5.1
Sweetwater	21,378	21,232	21,213	20,213	20,272	20,263	1,165	960	950	5.4	4.5	4.5
Teton	15,484	14,971	15,217	15,067	14,530	14,790	417	441	427	2.7	2.9	2.8
Uinta	8,835	8,880	8,941	8,422	8,528	8,562	413	352	379	4.7	4.0	4.2
Washakie	3,946	3,953	3,988	3,764	3,811	3,798	182	142	190	4.6	3.6	4.8
Weston	3,835	3,793	3,839	3,714	3,696	3,709	121	97	130	3.2	2.6	3.4
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>292,840</b>	<b>290,539</b>	<b>288,249</b>	<b>280,278</b>	<b>279,838</b>	<b>276,023</b>	<b>12,562</b>	<b>10,701</b>	<b>12,226</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>4.2</b>
<b>Statewide Seasonally Adjusted.....</b>										<b>3.7</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>3.5</b>
<b>U.S.....</b>										<b>4.0</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>4.4</b>
<b>U.S. Seasonally Adjusted.....</b>										<b>3.6</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>4.0</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			
	January-20	December-19	January-19	Month		Year	
				absolute	percent	absolute	percent
Total Civilian Labor Force	293,284	292,662	291,512	622	0.2%	1,772	0.6%
Employed	282,546	281,857	281,239	689	0.2%	1,307	0.5%
Unemployed	10,738	10,805	10,273	-67	-0.6%	465	4.5%
Unemployment Rate	3.7	3.7	3.5				
<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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