

Wyoming Unemployment Unchanged at 5.4% in June 2021

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 5.4%. Wyoming's unemployment rate has stayed within the narrow range of 5.1% to 5.4% in each of the past nine months and is slightly lower than the current U.S. unemployment rate of 5.9%. Wyoming's current unemployment rate is much lower than its year-ago level of 7.4%.

Most county unemployment rates followed their normal seasonal pattern and increased slightly from May to June. Jobless rates sometimes increase in June as young people join the labor force and start searching for work. The largest unemployment rates increases were seen in Campbell (up from 6.2% to 6.8%), Uinta (up from 6.0% to 6.6%), Albany (up from 4.4% to 4.9%), Crook (up from 3.9% to 4.4%), and Niobrara (up from 4.1% to 4.6%) counties. Jobless rates fell in Teton (down from 6.0% to 3.9%), Weston (down from 4.0% to 3.8%), Lincoln (down from 4.7% to 4.5%), and Park (down from 4.6% to 4.5%) counties.

From June 2020 to June 2021, unemployment rates fell in most counties. The COVID-19 pandemic caused unemployment rates to be unusually high in June 2020, but in 2021 unemployment rates seem to be approaching more typical levels as the economy recovers. The largest decreases occurred in Teton (down from 8.3% to 3.9%), Natrona (down from 10.3% to 7.4%), Campbell (down from 9.4% to 6.8%), and Sweetwater (down from 9.3% to 7.1%) counties. Jobless rates increased very slightly in Big Horn (up from 5.1% to 5.2%) and Niobrara (up from 4.5% to 4.6%) counties.

The highest unemployment rates in June 2021 were reported in Natrona County at 7.4%, Sweetwater County at 7.1%, and Sublette County at 6.9%. The lowest unemployment rates were found in Weston County at 3.8%, Teton County at 3.9%, and Crook and Carbon counties, each at 4.4%.

Total nonfarm employment in Wyoming (not seasonally adjusted and measured by place of work) rose from 271,100 in June 2020 to 280,700 in June 2021, an increase of 9,600 jobs (3.5%). Nonfarm employment was unusually low in June 2020 because of widespread economic disruptions related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Research & Planning has scheduled the July unemployment news release for August 23, 2021.

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

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployed Number			Unemployment Rate		
	Jun 2021 (p)	May 2021 (r)	Jun 2020 (b)	Jun 2021 (p)	May 2021 (r)	Jun 2020 (b)	Jun 2021 (p)	May 2021 (r)	Jun 2020 (b)	Jun 2021 (p)	May 2021 (r)	Jun 2020 (b)
Albany	19,611	19,382	19,289	18,654	18,532	18,337	957	850	952	4.9	4.4	4.9
Big Horn	5,832	5,697	5,615	5,528	5,408	5,328	304	289	287	5.2	5.1	5.1
Campbell	22,335	22,371	23,764	20,809	20,979	21,521	1,526	1,392	2,243	6.8	6.2	9.4
Carbon	8,470	8,189	8,359	8,100	7,833	7,922	370	356	437	4.4	4.3	5.2
Converse	7,802	7,794	8,133	7,335	7,339	7,478	467	455	655	6.0	5.8	8.1
Crook	4,263	4,197	4,139	4,076	4,035	3,951	187	162	188	4.4	3.9	4.5
Fremont	19,256	19,223	19,473	18,085	18,128	18,012	1,171	1,095	1,461	6.1	5.7	7.5
Goshen	6,686	6,795	6,701	6,385	6,517	6,386	301	278	315	4.5	4.1	4.7
Hot Springs	2,346	2,305	2,259	2,225	2,194	2,130	121	111	129	5.2	4.8	5.7
Johnson	4,659	4,470	4,466	4,441	4,258	4,183	218	212	283	4.7	4.7	6.3
Laramie	51,230	51,150	51,073	48,663	48,723	47,867	2,567	2,427	3,206	5.0	4.7	6.3
Lincoln	9,943	9,475	9,762	9,495	9,034	9,182	448	441	580	4.5	4.7	5.9
Natrona	40,635	40,408	40,752	37,643	37,597	36,564	2,992	2,811	4,188	7.4	7.0	10.3
Niobrara	1,389	1,390	1,348	1,325	1,333	1,288	64	57	60	4.6	4.1	4.5
Park	17,224	16,199	16,239	16,446	15,452	15,317	778	747	922	4.5	4.6	5.7
Platte	4,905	4,908	4,876	4,671	4,685	4,615	234	223	261	4.8	4.5	5.4
Sheridan	16,763	16,555	16,689	15,914	15,737	15,794	849	818	895	5.1	4.9	5.4
Sublette	4,223	4,119	4,283	3,931	3,844	3,942	292	275	341	6.9	6.7	8.0
Sweetwater	20,165	20,194	20,948	18,724	18,836	19,001	1,441	1,358	1,947	7.1	6.7	9.3
Teton	14,346	12,531	15,845	13,780	11,783	14,522	566	748	1,323	3.9	6.0	8.3
Uinta	9,288	9,280	9,399	8,672	8,719	8,655	616	561	744	6.6	6.0	7.9
Washakie	4,128	4,094	4,077	3,920	3,899	3,830	208	195	247	5.0	4.8	6.1
Weston	3,941	3,993	3,823	3,792	3,832	3,637	149	161	186	3.8	4.0	4.9
Statewide	299,440	294,720	301,308	282,615	278,699	279,459	16,825	16,021	21,849	5.6	5.4	7.3
Statewide Seasonally Adjusted.....										5.4	5.4	7.4
U.S.....										6.1	5.5	11.2
U.S. Seasonally Adjusted.....										5.9	5.8	11.1

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

Data are not seasonally adjusted except where otherwise specified.

Labor Force = Employment + Unemployed Number

Unemployment Rate = Unemployed Number/Labor Force

Wyoming Seasonally Adjusted Statewide Labor Force Estimates

				Change			
	June-21	May-21	June-20	Month		Year	
				absolute	percent	absolute	percent
Total Civilian Labor Force	296,354	296,376	297,883	-22	0.0%	-1,529	-0.5%
Employed	280,236	280,290	275,846	-54	0.0%	4,390	1.6%
Unemployed	16,118	16,086	22,037	32	0.2%	-5,919	-26.9%
Unemployment Rate	5.4	5.4	7.4				

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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