

## Wyoming Unemployment Falls to 3.1% in June 2023

The Research & Planning section of the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services reported today that the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell from 3.3% in May to 3.1% in June. Wyoming's unemployment rate is slightly lower than its June 2022 level of 3.4% and lower than the current U.S. rate of 3.6%. From May to June, seasonally adjusted employment of Wyoming residents rose by 1,031 individuals (0.4%) as people went back to work.

At the county level, most unemployment rates increased slightly from May to June. It is not unusual for unemployment rates to increase in June as young people get out of school and start searching for work. The largest increases were seen in Albany (up from 2.4% to 3.1%), Uinta (up from 2.9% to 3.4%), Fremont (up from 3.1% to 3.5%), Goshen (up from 2.4% to 2.8%), Sublette (up from 3.0% to 3.4%), and Sweetwater (up from 3.2% to 3.6%) counties. Teton County's unemployment rate fell from 2.8% in May to 1.7% in June as the summer tourist season got into full swing.

In June, jobless rates were lower than their year-ago levels in every county, suggesting that the state's labor market is tightening. The largest decreases occurred in Lincoln (down from 4.3% to 2.9%), Big Horn (down from 4.2% to 3.2%), Platte (down from 3.5% to 2.6%), and Natrona (down from 4.1% to 3.2%) counties.

Teton County, at 1.7%, had the lowest unemployment rate in June. It was followed by Niobrara County at 2.0%, Weston County at 2.2%, and Crook County at 2.4%. The highest unemployment rates were found in Sweetwater County at 3.6% and Fremont County at 3.5%.

Total nonfarm employment in Wyoming (not seasonally adjusted and measured by place of work) rose from 290,900 in June 2022 to 300,900 in June 2023, an increase of 10,000 jobs (3.4%).

July unemployment data will be released on August 23, 2023.

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

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployed Number			Unemployment Rate		
	Jun 2023 (p)	May 2023 (r)	Jun 2022 (b)	Jun 2023 (p)	May 2023 (r)	Jun 2022 (b)	Jun 2023 (p)	May 2023 (r)	Jun 2022 (b)	Jun 2023 (p)	May 2023 (r)	Jun 2022 (b)
Albany	21,103	22,096	20,185	20,449	21,573	19,416	654	523	769	3.1	2.4	3.8
Big Horn	5,353	5,264	5,439	5,181	5,111	5,213	172	153	226	3.2	2.9	4.2
Campbell	23,290	23,078	22,618	22,626	22,488	21,772	664	590	846	2.9	2.6	3.7
Carbon	7,650	7,421	7,856	7,428	7,220	7,584	222	201	272	2.9	2.7	3.5
Converse	7,912	7,866	7,644	7,718	7,692	7,399	194	174	245	2.5	2.2	3.2
Crook	4,126	4,175	4,093	4,029	4,085	3,973	97	90	120	2.4	2.2	2.9
Fremont	19,617	19,274	19,208	18,930	18,679	18,402	687	595	806	3.5	3.1	4.2
Goshen	6,592	6,753	6,644	6,406	6,594	6,425	186	159	219	2.8	2.4	3.3
Hot Springs	2,368	2,315	2,349	2,304	2,256	2,279	64	59	70	2.7	2.5	3.0
Johnson	4,574	4,411	4,478	4,449	4,292	4,328	125	119	150	2.7	2.7	3.3
Laramie	50,298	49,675	48,590	48,802	48,290	46,781	1,496	1,385	1,809	3.0	2.8	3.7
Lincoln	10,283	9,645	10,251	9,984	9,377	9,811	299	268	440	2.9	2.8	4.3
Natrona	39,978	39,589	39,008	38,691	38,445	37,405	1,287	1,144	1,603	3.2	2.9	4.1
Niobrara	1,238	1,260	1,271	1,213	1,234	1,237	25	26	34	2.0	2.1	2.7
Park	17,115	16,345	16,852	16,668	15,937	16,296	447	408	556	2.6	2.5	3.3
Platte	4,592	4,620	4,661	4,472	4,503	4,500	120	117	161	2.6	2.5	3.5
Sheridan	16,651	16,485	16,330	16,201	16,067	15,774	450	418	556	2.7	2.5	3.4
Sublette	4,041	4,012	4,041	3,905	3,893	3,873	136	119	168	3.4	3.0	4.2
Sweetwater	19,852	19,723	19,335	19,144	19,100	18,488	708	623	847	3.6	3.2	4.4
Teton	18,707	16,349	17,932	18,392	15,887	17,495	315	462	437	1.7	2.8	2.4
Uinta	9,290	9,249	8,874	8,971	8,977	8,498	319	272	376	3.4	2.9	4.2
Washakie	3,984	3,920	3,950	3,848	3,799	3,789	136	121	161	3.4	3.1	4.1
Weston	3,900	3,903	3,838	3,813	3,830	3,731	87	73	107	2.2	1.9	2.8
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>302,513</b>	<b>297,422</b>	<b>295,446</b>	<b>293,622</b>	<b>289,326</b>	<b>284,469</b>	<b>8,891</b>	<b>8,096</b>	<b>10,977</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>3.7</b>
<b>Statewide Seasonally Adjusted.....</b>										<b>3.1</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>3.4</b>
<b>U.S.....</b>										<b>3.8</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>3.8</b>
<b>U.S. Seasonally Adjusted.....</b>										<b>3.6</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>3.6</b>

(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-23	May-23	June-22	Month		Year	
				absolute	percent	absolute	percent
Total Civilian Labor Force	298,984	298,591	291,985	393	0.1%	6,999	2.4%
Employed	289,707	288,676	282,155	1,031	0.4%	7,552	2.7%
Unemployed	9,277	9,915	9,830	-638	-6.4%	-553	-5.6%
Unemployment Rate	3.1	3.3	3.4				
<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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