

Wyoming Unemployment Rate Unchanged at 3.0% in August 2026

The Research & Planning section of the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services reported today that the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained unchanged from July to August at 3.0%. Wyoming's unemployment rate is somewhat lower than its August 2025 level of 3.3% and much lower than the current U.S. rate of 4.1%.

From July to August, most county jobless rates rose slightly. The largest increases were found in Niobrara (up from 3.1% to 4.0%), Platte (up from 3.0% to 3.5%), Carbon (up from 2.5% to 2.9%), and Hot Springs (up from 2.5% to 2.9%) counties. Fremont County's unemployment rate fell from 3.5% to 3.4%, and unemployment rates held steady in Sweetwater (3.4%), Converse (2.4%), and Albany (2.2%) counties.

Compared to a year earlier, unemployment rates rose in eight counties, fell in 14 counties and remained unchanged in Crook County. The largest increases occurred in Johnson (up from 2.2% to 2.5%) and Teton (up from 1.5% to 1.8%) counties. The largest decreases were seen in Goshen (down from 3.4% to 2.8%), Big Horn (down from 3.8% to 3.2%), and Uinta (down from 3.3% to 2.8%) counties.

In August, the lowest unemployment rates were reported in Teton County at 1.8% and Albany County at 2.2%. The highest unemployment rates were found in Niobrara County at 4.0% and Platte County at 3.5%.

Current Employment Statistics (CES) estimates show that total nonfarm employment in Wyoming (not seasonally adjusted and measured by place of work) rose from 300,100 in August 2025 to 300,600 in August 2026, an increase of 500 jobs, or 0.2%.

September unemployment data will be published on October 21, 2026.

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

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployed Number			Unemployment Rate		
	Aug 2026 (p)	Jul 2026 (r)	Aug 2025 (b)	Aug 2026 (p)	Jul 2026 (r)	Aug 2025 (b)	Aug 2026 (p)	Jul 2026 (r)	Aug 2025 (b)	Aug 2026 (p)	Jul 2026 (r)	Aug 2025 (b)
Albany	22,456	22,102	20,784	21,952	21,616	20,281	504	486	503	2.2	2.2	2.4
Big Horn	4,947	5,038	4,913	4,787	4,885	4,725	160	153	188	3.2	3.0	3.8
Campbell	23,441	23,291	23,467	22,816	22,703	22,847	625	588	620	2.7	2.5	2.6
Carbon	6,282	6,238	6,107	6,097	6,079	5,903	185	159	204	2.9	2.5	3.3
Converse	6,582	6,569	6,574	6,421	6,410	6,389	161	159	185	2.4	2.4	2.8
Crook	3,749	3,791	3,812	3,659	3,709	3,719	90	82	93	2.4	2.2	2.4
Fremont	16,936	16,767	17,100	16,363	16,184	16,532	573	583	568	3.4	3.5	3.3
Goshen	5,136	5,204	5,160	4,993	5,071	4,986	143	133	174	2.8	2.6	3.4
Hot Springs	2,136	2,160	2,196	2,074	2,107	2,124	62	53	72	2.9	2.5	3.3
Johnson	4,305	4,401	4,449	4,199	4,301	4,351	106	100	98	2.5	2.3	2.2
Laramie	46,987	47,161	48,084	45,607	45,916	46,639	1,380	1,245	1,445	2.9	2.6	3.0
Lincoln	10,345	10,475	10,410	10,101	10,248	10,172	244	227	238	2.4	2.2	2.3
Natrona	40,095	40,626	41,359	38,959	39,572	40,166	1,136	1,054	1,193	2.8	2.6	2.9
Niobrara	781	800	816	750	775	785	31	25	31	4.0	3.1	3.8
Park	15,221	15,364	15,177	14,818	14,984	14,772	403	380	405	2.6	2.5	2.7
Platte	3,415	3,557	3,451	3,295	3,451	3,319	120	106	132	3.5	3.0	3.8
Sheridan	15,897	15,871	15,666	15,494	15,498	15,252	403	373	414	2.5	2.4	2.6
Sublette	4,059	4,062	4,237	3,954	3,968	4,120	105	94	117	2.6	2.3	2.8
Sweetwater	19,223	18,841	19,632	18,572	18,208	18,986	651	633	646	3.4	3.4	3.3
Teton	18,331	18,432	18,424	18,009	18,146	18,141	322	286	283	1.8	1.6	1.5
Uinta	9,704	9,624	9,968	9,437	9,388	9,639	267	236	329	2.8	2.5	3.3
Washakie	3,795	3,849	3,842	3,683	3,745	3,724	112	104	118	3.0	2.7	3.1
Weston	2,963	2,943	3,027	2,883	2,871	2,949	80	72	78	2.7	2.4	2.6
Statewide	286,785	287,164	288,658	278,923	279,834	280,521	7,862	7,330	8,137	2.7	2.6	2.8
Statewide Seasonally Adjusted.....										3.0	3.0	3.3
U.S.....										4.3	4.4	4.5
U.S. Seasonally Adjusted.....										4.1	4.1	4.3

(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			
	August-26	July-26	August-25	Month absolute	percent	Year absolute	percent
Total Civilian Labor Force	284,980	285,207	287,825	-227	-0.1%	-2,845	-1.0%
Employed	276,474	276,564	278,299	-90	0.0%	-1,825	-0.7%
Unemployed	8,506	8,643	9,526	-137	-1.6%	-1,020	-10.7%
Unemployment Rate	3.0	3.0	3.3				
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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