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In fourth quarter 2025 (2025Q4), Wyoming had seven growing industries and seven declining industries. Since 2023Q4, Wyoming has had a fairly equal number of growing and declining industries during each quarter.

The Research & Planning (R&P) section of the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services has defined *growing* or *declining* industry as an industry's employment level increasing or decreasing for two consecutive quarters by 5% or more compared to the prior the year. For example, all industries that grew or declined in employment by at least 5% from 2024Q3 to 2025Q3 and subsequently from 2024Q4 to 2025Q4 were included in the respective tables in this report. Additionally, only subsectors with employment sizes of 100 or more are included in these tables. Consequently, while employment in other industries may meet the growth criteria, that growth is taking place in industries with employment of less than 100.

Industries are defined by the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). For this research, growing and declining industries were determined at the three-digit subsector level. For more information on NAICS, please see <https://www.census.gov/naics/>.

This research was prepared using data from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW). Growing and declining industry data are updated every quarter when new QCEW data become available.

Wyoming had seven growing industries in 2025Q4 (see Figure 1, page 4). Three of

Growing and Declining Industries

Historical growing and declining industry data for Wyoming are now available online at https://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/G_DInd/G_D_Industries.htm

the fastest growing industries were found within transportation & warehousing (NAICS 48-49). Support activities for transportation grew the most, with 325 jobs over-the-year in 2025Q4 (a 16.5% increase) and 291 jobs over the year 2025Q3 (a 15.5% increase; see Table 1, page 5). On average, this subsector added 308 jobs per quarter, with an average increase of 16.0%. Pipeline transportation grew by an average of 196 jobs per quarter (or 23.6%), followed by warehousing & storage with 164 jobs, or 8.7%. Growing industries added an average of 850 jobs per quarter, a 13.4% increase. Other growing industries included waste management & remediation services (70 jobs, or 8.2%) and primary metal manufacturing (51, or 45.4%).

Wyoming's seven growing industries in 2025Q4 accounted for 8.6% of all industries and 2.6% of the state's total employment (see Table 3 and Figure 2, page 7).

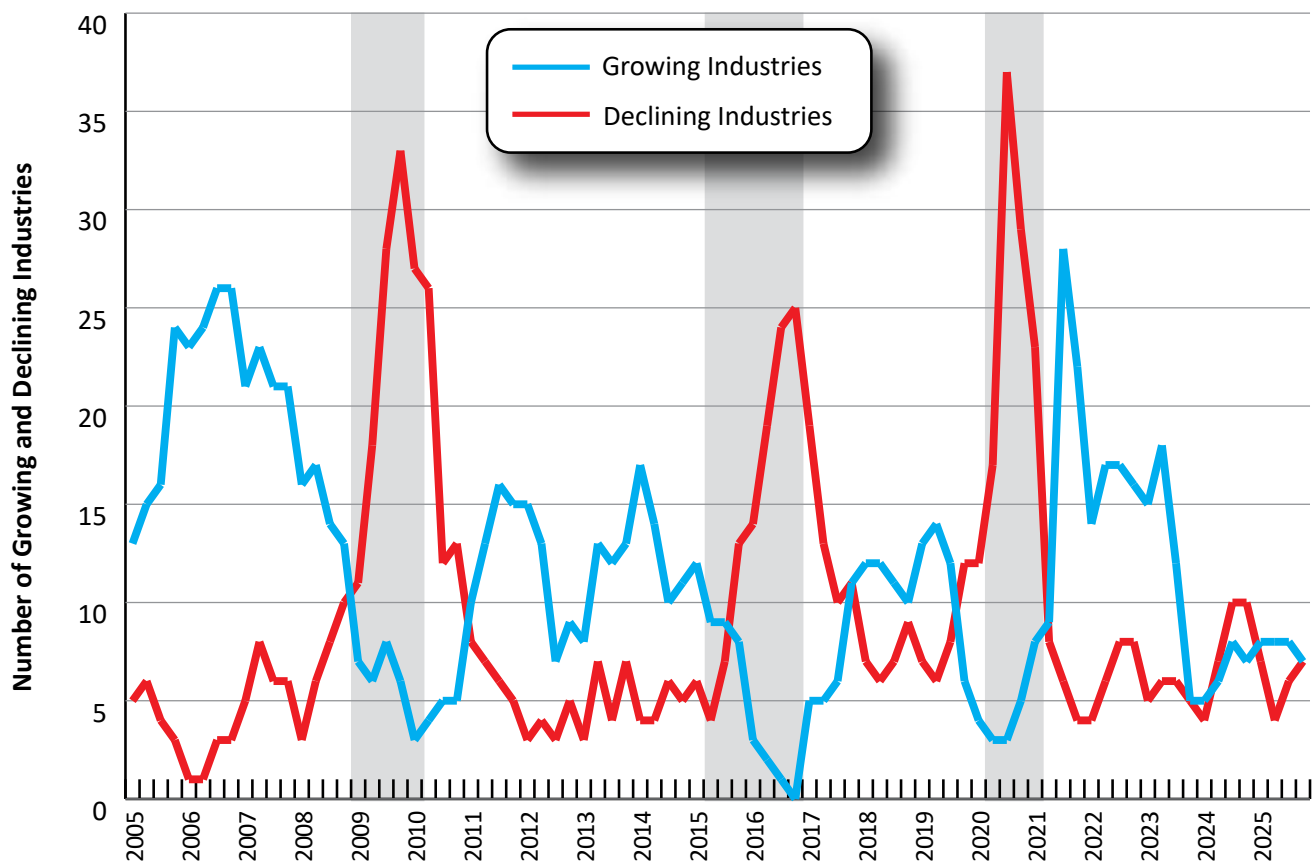
The declining industries table (see Table 2, page 6) displays negative change over the year. There were seven declining industries in 2025Q4 (see Figure 1, page 4), including heavy & civil engineering with an average loss of 1,428 jobs (-20.3%), support activities for mining (-431, or -6.4%), and couriers & messengers (-102, or -7.6%). Declining industries lost an average of 2,113 jobs (-12.9%) per quarter.

Wyoming's seven declining industries made up 8.6% of all industries and 5.0% of the state's total employment in 2025Q4.

The *average weekly wage* is calculated by dividing total wages for a particular subsector by the total number of jobs and the number of weeks in the observed quarter. In 2025Q4, the average weekly wage was \$1,574 for growing industries and \$1,728 for declining industries (see Table 3 and Figure 3, page 7). Overall, the state's average weekly wage for 2025Q4 was \$1,296.

During periods of economic expansion, the number of growing industries is much greater than the number of declining industries (see Figure 1). For example, the number of growing industries in Wyoming peaked at 26 in 2006Q3 and 2006Q4, compared to three and five declining industries, respectively.

But during economic downturns, there are far more declining industries than growing industries. R&P has defined an *economic downturn* as a period of at least two consecutive quarters of over-the-year



Shaded areas indicate periods of economic downturn: 2009Q1-2010Q1, 2015Q2-2016Q4, and 2020Q2-2021Q1.

Source: Growing and Declining Quarterly Industry Reports, based on data from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages.

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Figure 1: Number of Growing and Declining Industries in Wyoming by Year and Quarter, 2005Q1-2025Q4

decrease in average monthly employment and total wages based on data from the QCEW. Over the last 20 years, Wyoming has experienced three periods of economic downturn: 2009Q1-2010Q1, 2015Q2-2016Q4,

and 2020Q2-2021Q1. During the most recent economic downturn, which was driven by the COVID-19 pandemic and declining energy prices, Wyoming had 37 declining industries in 2020Q3 compared to just three growing.

Table 1: Growing Industries Report for Wyoming, Fourth Quarter 2025^a

Subsector ^a (3-Digit NAICS ^b)	Sector (2-Digit NAICS)	Employment (Current Quarter)				Employment (Prior Quarter)				Growing Industries		
		Over-the-Year Change				Over-the-Year Change				Average Change		Average Weekly Wage
		2025Q4	2024Q4	N	%	2025Q3	2024Q3	N	%	N	% ^c	
Plastics & Rubber Product Manufacturing (326)	Manufacturing (31-33)	384	328	56	17.1%	365	339	26	7.7%	41	12.4	\$1,212
Primary Metal Manufacturing (331)	Manufacturing (31-33)	165	110	55	50.0%	159	113	46	40.7%	51	45.4	\$1,733
Air Transportation (481)	Transportation & Warehousing (48-49)	418	396	22	5.6%	434	413	21	5.1%	22	5.3	\$1,383
Pipeline Transportation (486)	Transportation & Warehousing (48-49)	1,043	830	213	25.7%	1,005	827	178	21.5%	196	23.6	\$2,566
Support Activities for Transportation (488)	Transportation & Warehousing (48-49)	2,300	1,975	325	16.5%	2,163	1,872	291	15.5%	308	16.0	\$1,845
Warehousing & Storage (493)	Transportation & Warehousing (48-49)	2,119	1,972	147	7.5%	1,978	1,798	180	10.0%	164	8.7	\$1,014
Waste Management & Remediation Services (562)	Admin. & Waste Services (56)	898	830	68	8.2%	942	870	72	8.3%	70	8.2	\$1,260
Total	Total	7,324	6,439	885	13.7%	7,045	6,230	815	13.1%	850	13.4	\$1,574

^aIncludes both public & privately owned firms.

^bNorth American Industry Classification System.

^cThe percentage for average change is the employment-weighted average percentage change of the current & prior quarters (employment change current quarter + employment change prior quarter) divided by the employment for the current & prior quarters (employment current quarter + employment prior quarter).

Source: Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages.

The average weekly wage is calculated by dividing the total wage for the industry group by the total number of jobs for the industry group & the number of weeks in the observed quarter. Please be aware that average weekly wages at the industry group level are susceptible to wage bias due to sample size, occupational distributions, seasonal pay & bonuses, & keying error.

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Table 2: Declining Industries Report for Wyoming, Fourth Quarter 2025^a

Subsector ^a (3-Digit NAICS ^b)	Sector (2-Digit NAICS)	Employment (Current Quarter)				Employment (Prior Quarter)				Declining Industries		
				Over-the-Year Change				Over-the-Year Change		Average Change		Average Weekly Wage
		2025Q4	2024Q4	N	%	2025Q3	2024Q3	N	%	N	% ^c	
Support Activities for Mining (213)	Mining, Including Oil & Gas (21)	6,237	6,715	-478	-7.1	6,296	6,679	-383	-5.7	-431	-6.4	\$1,923
Heavy & Civil Engineering Construction (237)	Construction (23)	5,302	6,546	-1,244	-19.0	5,879	7,491	-1,612	-21.5	-1,428	-20.3	\$1,764
Textile Product Mills (314)	Manufacturing (31-33)	138	177	-39	-22.0	154	184	-30	-16.3	-35	-19.2	\$1,020
Electrical Equipment & Appliance Mfg.	Manufacturing (31-33)	509	581	-72	-12.4	542	603	-61	-10.1	-67	-11.3	\$1,587
Couriers & Messengers (492)	Transportation & Warehousing (48-49)	1,325	1,436	-111	-7.7	1,157	1,250	-93	-7.4	-102	-7.6	\$1,055
Internet Publishing & Broadcasting (516)	Information (51)	295	316	-21	-6.6	296	314	-18	-5.7	-20	-6.2	\$993
Private Households (814)	Other Services, Except Public Admin. (81)	186	214	-28	-13.1	200	235	-35	-14.9	-32	-14.0	\$1,030
Total	Total	13,991	15,984	-1,993	-12.5	14,521	16,754	-2,233	-13.3	-2,113	-12.9	\$1,728

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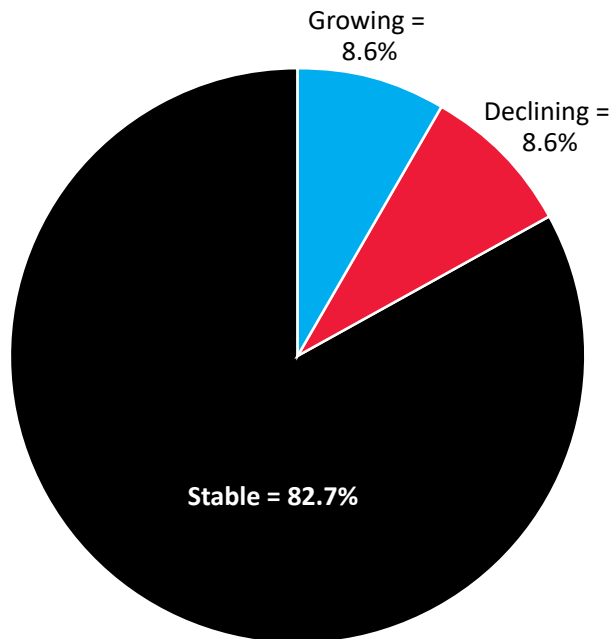
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**Distribution of Subsectors
(3-Digit NAICS^a)**



Distribution of Employment

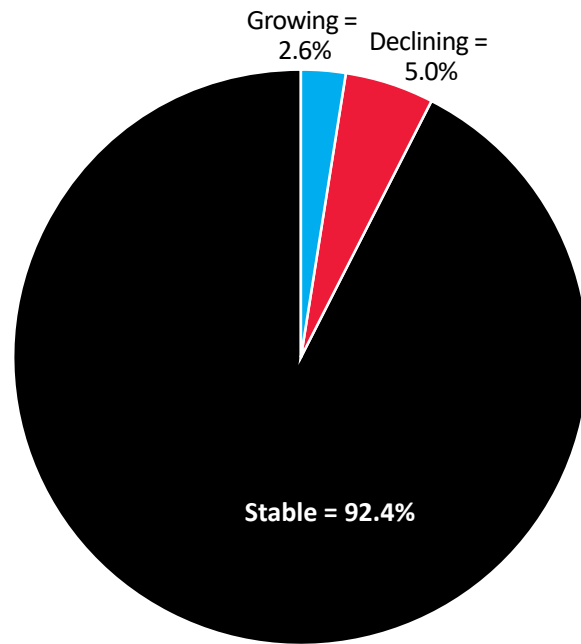
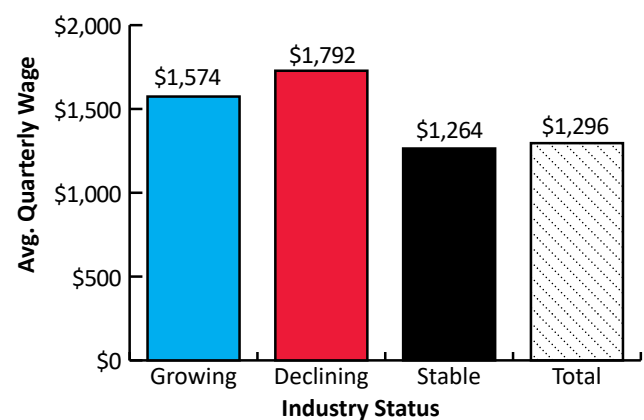


Figure 2: Distribution of Growing and Declining Industries (NAICS 3-Digit Subsector) in Wyoming, 2025Q4

Table 3: Distribution of Sectors and Employment by Growing/Declining Status in Wyoming, 2025Q4

Status	Subsectors (3-Digit NAICS)		Employment		Average Weekly Wage
	N	%	N	%	
Growing	7	8.6	7,327	2.6	\$1,574
Declining	7	8.6	13,992	5.0	\$1,728
Stable	67	82.7	258,573	92.4	\$1,264
Total	81	100.0	279,892	100.0	\$1,296

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Figure 3: Average Weekly Wage of Growing and Declining Industries in Wyoming, 2025Q3

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