

## Local Jobs and Wyoming Payroll in First Quarter 2018: Mining Sector Continues to Grow

Wyoming's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate has remained between 3.7% and 4.2% in each of the past 18 months, but the state's labor force has continued to decrease. This report, which focuses on changes in the number of jobs between first quarter 2017 and first quarter 2018, is based on employers' quarterly unemployment insurance tax filings. It provides details on job growth and decline by industry and county.

From first quarter 2017 to first quarter 2018, employment rose by 1,491 jobs (0.6%) and total payroll increased by \$132.6 million (4.4%). The largest job gains occurred in mining (including oil & gas; 1,805 jobs, or 9.7%), health care & social assistance (626 jobs, or 2.5%), accommodation & food services (438 jobs, or 1.5%), transportation & warehousing (328 jobs, or 3.5%), manufacturing (292 jobs, or 3.2%), and professional & technical services (247 jobs, or 2.8%). Job losses were seen in local government (including public schools, colleges, & hospitals; -1,164 jobs, or -2.5%), retail trade (-588 jobs, or -2.0%), state government (-328 jobs, or -2.6%), and construction (-164 jobs, or -0.9%). Employment grew in 13 counties and declined in 10 counties. Total payroll rose in 21 counties and fell in two counties.

Natrona County added 545 jobs (1.5%) and its total payroll rose by \$30.6 million (7.2%). Large job gains were seen in mining (including oil & gas), manufacturing, administrative & waste services, transportation & warehousing, wholesale trade, and accommodation & food services. Employment fell in local government, construction, retail trade, and health care & social assistance.

Campbell County gained 493 jobs (2.1%) and its total payroll grew by \$23.4 million (7.1%). Job growth occurred in mining (including oil & gas), wholesale trade, real estate & rental & leasing, accommodation & food services, and other services.

In Sublette County employment rose by 246 jobs (6.6%) and total payroll increased by \$5.2 million (9.4%). Job gains were seen in mining (including oil & gas), transportation & warehousing, construction, wholesale trade, and retail trade.

Teton County added 201 jobs (1.0%) and its total payroll rose by \$11.6 million (5.1%). Employment grew in retail trade; accommodation & food services; arts, entertainment & recreation; professional & technical services; and manufacturing.

Sweetwater County gained 156 jobs (0.7%) and its total payroll grew by \$8.1 million (2.6%). Job gains in mining (including oil & gas), administrative & waste services, professional & technical services, and transportation & warehousing were partially offset by job losses in construction, local government (including public schools), and manufacturing.

Laramie County lost 204 jobs (-0.5%), but its total payroll increased by \$20.0 million (4.0%). Job losses in retail trade and local

### Wyoming Average Monthly Employment, Total Payroll, and Average Weekly Wage for First Quarter by County, 2017 and 2018<sup>a</sup>

County	Average Monthly Employment				Total Payroll				Average Weekly Wage			
	First Quarter		Change		First Quarter		Change		First Quarter		Change	
	2017	2018	n	%	2017	2018	\$	%	2017	2018	\$	%
<b>Total</b>	<b>261,245</b>	<b>262,736</b>	<b>1,491</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>\$2,988,935,161</b>	<b>\$3,121,526,005</b>	<b>\$132,590,844</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>\$880</b>	<b>\$914</b>	<b>\$34</b>	<b>3.8</b>
Albany	15,258	15,230	-28	-0.2	\$146,669,197	\$150,202,186	\$3,532,989	2.4	\$739	\$759	\$19	2.6
Big Horn	3,854	3,790	-64	-1.7	\$38,210,081	\$37,881,442	-\$328,639	-0.9	\$763	\$769	\$6	0.8
Campbell	23,755	24,249	493	2.1	\$330,573,041	\$353,923,182	\$23,350,141	7.1	\$1,070	\$1,123	\$52	4.9
Carbon	6,519	6,343	-176	-2.7	\$83,675,150	\$84,078,366	\$403,216	0.5	\$987	\$1,020	\$32	3.3
Converse	5,527	5,601	74	1.3	\$67,728,463	\$71,406,084	\$3,677,621	5.4	\$943	\$981	\$38	4.0
Crook	2,166	2,311	145	6.7	\$21,955,202	\$24,073,881	\$2,118,679	9.7	\$780	\$801	\$22	2.8
Fremont	14,979	14,834	-145	-1.0	\$146,532,867	\$151,069,118	\$4,536,251	3.1	\$753	\$783	\$31	4.1
Goshen	4,353	4,302	-51	-1.2	\$38,752,868	\$39,404,337	\$651,469	1.7	\$685	\$705	\$20	2.9
Hot Springs	1,918	1,852	-67	-3.5	\$16,242,788	\$16,506,855	\$264,067	1.6	\$651	\$686	\$34	5.3
Johnson	2,940	3,005	65	2.2	\$27,901,823	\$31,253,735	\$3,351,912	12.0	\$730	\$800	\$70	9.6
Laramie	45,147	44,942	-204	-0.5	\$499,547,827	\$519,569,222	\$20,021,395	4.0	\$851	\$889	\$38	4.5
Lincoln	5,943	6,091	148	2.5	\$69,284,458	\$68,836,886	-\$447,572	-0.6	\$897	\$869	-\$27	-3.1
Natrona	37,141	37,686	545	1.5	\$427,457,428	\$458,025,493	\$30,568,065	7.2	\$885	\$935	\$50	5.6
Niobrara	869	870	1	0.1	\$7,551,940	\$7,644,768	\$92,828	1.2	\$668	\$676	\$7	1.1
Park	12,251	12,324	73	0.6	\$125,057,974	\$125,442,838	\$384,864	0.3	\$785	\$783	-\$2	-0.3
Platte	3,365	3,413	48	1.4	\$35,219,268	\$36,468,185	\$1,248,917	3.5	\$805	\$822	\$17	2.1
Sheridan	12,886	12,836	-50	-0.4	\$126,874,344	\$129,701,360	\$2,827,016	2.2	\$757	\$777	\$20	2.6
Sublette	3,755	4,001	246	6.6	\$55,169,190	\$60,370,244	\$5,201,054	9.4	\$1,130	\$1,161	\$30	2.7
Sweetwater	21,845	22,001	156	0.7	\$315,372,415	\$323,476,102	\$8,103,687	2.6	\$1,111	\$1,131	\$20	1.8
Teton	19,479	19,680	201	1.0	\$227,693,222	\$239,250,505	\$11,557,283	5.1	\$899	\$935	\$36	4.0
Uinta	7,998	7,962	-36	-0.5	\$78,735,210	\$79,965,980	\$1,230,770	1.6	\$757	\$773	\$15	2.0
Washakie	3,532	3,546	14	0.4	\$34,959,769	\$35,390,557	\$430,788	1.2	\$761	\$768	\$6	0.8
Weston	2,231	2,196	-35	-1.6	\$20,183,367	\$21,419,384	\$1,236,017	6.1	\$696	\$750	\$54	7.8
Nonclassified <sup>b</sup>	3,534	3,673	139	3.9	\$47,587,269	\$56,165,295	\$8,578,026	18.0	\$1,036	\$1,176	\$140	13.5

<sup>a</sup> preliminary <sup>b</sup> The employer may be located statewide or in more than one county. Extract Date: October 2018

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government more than offset job gains in health care & social assistance, mining (including oil & gas), and accommodation & food services.

Carbon County's employment fell by 176 jobs (-2.7%), but its payroll increased slightly (+0.4 million, or 0.5%). Small job losses were seen in many sectors, including construction, state government, retail trade, local government, and health care & social assistance.

Fremont County lost 145 jobs (-1.0%), but its total payroll grew by \$4.5 million (3.1%). Job losses were seen in retail trade, state government, and local government.

Visit our website at [http://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/18Q1\\_QCEW/toc.htm](http://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/18Q1_QCEW/toc.htm) for detailed tables for each county.

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### **Preview—Second Quarter (April through June) 2018 Covered Employment & Wages**

According to preliminary data, employment rose by approximately 1,500 jobs (0.6%) from second quarter 2017 to second quarter 2018. Total payroll increased by \$108.8 million (3.5%). The largest job gains occurred in mining (including oil & gas; approximately 970 jobs), health care & social assistance (approximately 600 jobs), manufacturing (approximately 400 jobs), transportation & warehousing (approximately 330 jobs), accommodation & food services (approximately 300 jobs), and professional & technical services (approximately 300 jobs). Job losses were seen in local government (including public schools, colleges, & hospitals; approximately 1,000 jobs), state government (approximately 340 jobs), and retail trade (approximately 300 jobs).

Industry employment and wages data for second quarter 2018 are available at [http://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/QCEW\\_OTY/toc.htm](http://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/QCEW_OTY/toc.htm)

County level employment and wages data for second quarter 2018 are scheduled to be released on February 8, 2019.

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