

Wyoming Employment and Payroll in First Quarter 2019: Strong Growth in Construction Jobs

In recent months, Wyoming's unemployment rate has remained low and job growth has continued at a moderate pace. This report, which focuses on employment and wage growth between first quarter 2018 and first quarter 2019, provides details by industry and county.

From first quarter 2018 to first quarter 2019, Wyoming employment rose by 5,679 jobs (2.2%) and total payroll increased by \$192.1 million (6.2%). Approximately half of the job gains in first quarter occurred in the construction sector, which added 2,867 jobs. Job growth was also seen in professional & business services (730 jobs); manufacturing (557 jobs); leisure & hospitality (483 jobs); mining (including oil & gas; 478 jobs); and wholesale trade, transportation, warehousing, & utilities (449 jobs). Employment fell in information (-217 jobs), retail trade (-96 jobs), and other services (-62 jobs).

Converse County added 1,209 jobs (21.7%) and its total payroll rose by \$20.4 million (28.7%). Construction employment increased by nearly 700 jobs and mining employment (including oil & gas) increased by more than 200 jobs. Growth was also seen in administrative & waste services, accommodation & food services, transportation & warehousing, and professional & technical services.

Laramie County gained 1,112 jobs (2.5%) and its total payroll increased by \$30.0 million (5.8%). The construction sector added approximately 600 jobs, and smaller job gains were seen in transportation & warehousing, manufacturing, wholesale trade, accommodation & food services, health care & social assistance, federal government, and retail trade.

Teton County's employment grew by 655 jobs (3.3%) and its total payroll rose by \$29.8 million (12.5%). Job growth occurred in accommodation & food services, local government, retail trade, administrative & waste services, and other services.

Natrona County added 557 jobs (1.5%) and its total payroll grew by \$29.1 million (6.4%). The largest job gains were seen in mining (including oil & gas), manufacturing, wholesale trade, construction, transportation & warehousing, and other services.

Campbell County gained 391 jobs (1.6%) and its total payroll rose by \$13.0 million (3.7%). Employment increased in manufacturing, wholesale trade, transportation & warehousing, and accommodation & food services.

Table: Wyoming Covered Employment, Total Wages, & Average Weekly Wages by County, First Quarter 2018 & 2019^a

County	Average Monthly Employment				Total Wages (\$)				Average Weekly Wage			
	First Quarter		Change		First Quarter		Change		First Quarter		Change	
	2019	2018	N	%	2019	2018	\$	%	2019	2018	\$	%
Total Statewide	268,467	262,788	5,679	2.2	\$3,313,653,440	\$3,121,596,314	\$192,057,126	6.2	\$949	\$914	\$36	3.9
Albany	15,342	15,231	111	0.7	\$154,740,287	\$150,224,019	\$4,516,268	3.0	\$776	\$759	\$17	2.3
Big Horn	3,833	3,790	43	1.1	\$38,735,938	\$37,881,442	\$854,496	2.3	\$777	\$769	\$9	1.1
Campbell	24,657	24,266	391	1.6	\$367,122,151	\$354,083,213	\$13,038,938	3.7	\$1,145	\$1,122	\$23	2.0
Carbon	6,591	6,351	239	3.8	\$88,090,123	\$84,328,048	\$3,762,075	4.5	\$1,028	\$1,021	\$7	0.7
Converse	6,788	5,579	1,209	21.7	\$91,691,030	\$71,268,541	\$20,422,489	28.7	\$1,039	\$983	\$56	5.7
Crook	2,320	2,312	8	0.4	\$24,465,858	\$24,076,359	\$389,499	1.6	\$811	\$801	\$10	1.3
Fremont	14,767	14,843	-75	-0.5	\$153,154,378	\$151,166,876	\$1,987,502	1.3	\$798	\$783	\$14	1.8
Goshen	4,164	4,301	-137	-3.2	\$39,277,394	\$39,407,380	-\$129,986	-0.3	\$726	\$705	\$21	2.9
Hot Springs	1,825	1,854	-29	-1.6	\$17,140,976	\$16,519,280	\$621,696	3.8	\$723	\$685	\$37	5.4
Johnson	3,066	3,006	60	2.0	\$29,325,683	\$31,269,173	-\$1,943,490	-6.2	\$736	\$800	-\$64	-8.1
Laramie	46,049	44,937	1,112	2.5	\$549,107,874	\$519,078,570	\$30,029,304	5.8	\$917	\$889	\$29	3.2
Lincoln	6,250	6,094	156	2.6	\$74,794,226	\$68,901,222	\$5,893,004	8.6	\$921	\$870	\$51	5.8
Natrona	38,219	37,662	557	1.5	\$486,244,932	\$457,144,130	\$29,100,802	6.4	\$979	\$934	\$45	4.8
Niobrara	870	870	0	0.0	\$7,894,536	\$7,644,768	\$249,768	3.3	\$698	\$676	\$22	3.3
Park	12,340	12,336	4	0.0	\$132,134,805	\$125,479,721	\$6,655,084	5.3	\$824	\$782	\$41	5.3
Platte	3,649	3,416	232	6.8	\$46,360,774	\$36,587,005	\$9,773,769	26.7	\$977	\$824	\$154	18.6
Sheridan	13,023	12,845	178	1.4	\$137,796,401	\$129,830,952	\$7,965,449	6.1	\$814	\$777	\$36	4.7
Sublette	3,812	4,002	-190	-4.7	\$56,332,415	\$60,412,109	-\$4,079,694	-6.8	\$1,137	\$1,161	-\$24	-2.1
Sweetwater	22,102	22,015	87	0.4	\$332,485,870	\$323,785,591	\$8,700,279	2.7	\$1,157	\$1,131	\$26	2.3
Teton	20,343	19,688	655	3.3	\$269,053,179	\$239,251,498	\$29,801,681	12.5	\$1,017	\$935	\$83	8.8
Uinta	8,131	7,978	153	1.9	\$84,836,244	\$80,424,311	\$4,411,933	5.5	\$803	\$775	\$27	3.5
Washakie	3,453	3,548	-94	-2.7	\$36,282,649	\$35,436,163	\$846,486	2.4	\$808	\$768	\$40	5.2
Weston	2,263	2,196	67	3.1	\$23,177,681	\$21,419,384	\$1,758,297	8.2	\$788	\$750	\$38	5.0
Nonclassified ^b	4,608	3,665	942	25.7	\$73,408,036	\$55,976,559	\$17,431,477	31.1	\$1,226	\$1,175	\$51	4.3

^aPreliminary. ^bThe employer may be located statewide or in more than one county. Extract Date: October 2019

Source: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, developed through a cooperative program between Research & Planning and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Sublette County lost 190 jobs (-4.7%) and its total payroll fell by \$4.1 million (-6.8%). Job losses were seen in mining (including oil & gas), transportation & warehousing, construction, and administrative & waste services.

Goshen County's employment fell by 137 jobs (-3.2%) and its total payroll decreased by \$129,986 (-0.3%). Job losses occurred in manufacturing, construction, wholesale trade, and finance & insurance.

Washakie County lost 94 jobs (-2.7%), but its total payroll rose by \$846,486 (2.4%). Employment fell in accommodation & food services and information.

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Preview—Second Quarter (April through June) 2019 Local Jobs and Payroll

Preliminary data show that from second quarter 2018 to second quarter 2019, employment rose by approximately 5,100 jobs (1.9%) and total payroll grew by \$175 million (5.5%). The largest job gains occurred in construction (approximately 3,000 jobs); professional & business services (approximately 600 jobs); wholesale trade, transportation, warehousing, & utilities (approximately 550 jobs); manufacturing (approximately 450 jobs); mining (including oil & gas; approximately 400 jobs); and leisure & hospitality (approximately 250 jobs). Job losses were seen in retail trade (approximately 400 jobs) and information (approximately 200 jobs).

Industry employment and wages data for second quarter 2019 are available at https://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/QCEW_OTY/toc.htm

County level employment and wages data for second quarter 2019 are scheduled to be released on February 7, 2020.

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