

## Wyoming Employment and Payroll in Second Quarter 2019: Continued Growth in Construction

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 second quarter 2018 and second quarter 2019, provides details by industry and county.

From second quarter 2018 to second quarter 2019, Wyoming employment rose by 5,051 jobs (1.8%) and total payroll increased by \$171.0 million (5.3%). More than half of the job gains in second quarter occurred in the construction sector, which grew by 2,835 jobs. Job growth was also seen in professional & business services (613 jobs), wholesale trade, transportation, & utilities (588 jobs), mining (including oil & gas; 506 jobs), manufacturing (467 jobs), and leisure & hospitality (272 jobs). Employment fell in retail trade (-467 jobs), information (-189 jobs), and other services (-166 jobs).

Converse County added 1,415 jobs (24.3%) and its total payroll rose by \$24.3 million (31.3%). The construction sector gained approximately 800 jobs, and smaller job gains were seen in transportation & warehousing, administrative & waste services, and professional & technical services.

Laramie County gained 837 jobs (1.8%) and its total payroll increased by \$28.0 million (5.3%). The largest job growth occurred in construction, transportation & warehousing, accommodation & food service, wholesale trade, and manufacturing.

Natrona County's employment grew by 509 jobs (1.3%) and its total payroll increased by \$31.3 million (6.7%). Strong job growth was seen in mining (including oil & gas), manufacturing, transportation & warehousing, construction, wholesale trade, and professional & technical services. Job losses occurred in retail trade, administrative & waste services, and health care & social assistance.

Campbell County added 373 jobs (1.5%) and its total payroll rose by \$11.0 million (3.1%). Large job gains occurred in transportation & warehousing, wholesale trade, mining (including oil & gas), manufacturing, and accommodation & food services.

Sweetwater County's employment rose by 348 jobs (1.6%) and its total payroll increased by \$15.8 million (4.8%). Job growth was seen in construction, health care & social assistance, transportation & warehousing, and manufacturing.

Table: Wyoming Covered Employment, Total Wages, & Average Weekly Wages by County, Second Quarter 2018 & 2019<sup>a</sup>

County	Average Monthly Employment				Total Wages (\$)				Average Weekly Wage			
	Second Quarter		Change		Second Quarter		Change		Second Quarter		Change	
	2019	2018	N	%	2019	2018	\$	%	2019	2018	\$	%
<b>Total Statewide</b>	<b>278,822</b>	<b>273,771</b>	<b>5,051</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>\$3,376,433,129</b>	<b>\$3,205,416,980</b>	<b>\$171,016,149</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>\$932</b>	<b>\$901</b>	<b>\$31</b>	<b>3.4</b>
Albany	15,709	15,680	29	0.2	\$163,442,175	\$158,617,968	\$4,824,207	3.0	\$800	\$778	\$22	2.9
Big Horn	4,201	4,081	120	2.9	\$42,713,505	\$41,457,238	\$1,256,267	3.0	\$782	\$781	\$1	0.1
Campbell	25,422	25,049	373	1.5	\$365,748,103	\$354,788,374	\$10,959,729	3.1	\$1,107	\$1,090	\$17	1.6
Carbon	7,058	6,968	90	1.3	\$83,753,203	\$79,494,997	\$4,258,206	5.4	\$913	\$878	\$35	4.0
Converse	7,240	5,825	1,415	24.3	\$101,925,888	\$77,604,602	\$24,321,286	31.3	\$1,083	\$1,025	\$58	5.7
Crook	2,539	2,482	57	2.3	\$29,350,365	\$27,241,496	\$2,108,869	7.7	\$889	\$844	\$45	5.3
Fremont	15,225	15,297	-72	-0.5	\$160,735,671	\$156,921,877	\$3,813,794	2.4	\$812	\$789	\$23	2.9
Goshen	4,203	4,355	-153	-3.5	\$40,383,794	\$40,675,690	-\$291,896	-0.7	\$739	\$718	\$21	2.9
Hot Springs	1,868	1,915	-48	-2.5	\$16,940,629	\$17,084,231	-\$143,602	-0.8	\$698	\$686	\$12	1.7
Johnson	3,320	3,265	55	1.7	\$31,460,717	\$31,238,555	\$222,162	0.7	\$729	\$736	-\$7	-1.0
Laramie	46,795	45,957	837	1.8	\$558,602,021	\$530,640,539	\$27,961,482	5.3	\$918	\$888	\$30	3.4
Lincoln	6,577	6,435	142	2.2	\$76,515,668	\$75,213,620	\$1,302,048	1.7	\$895	\$899	-\$4	-0.5
Natrona	39,168	38,660	509	1.3	\$496,140,708	\$464,868,287	\$31,272,421	6.7	\$974	\$925	\$49	5.3
Niobrara	887	908	-21	-2.3	\$8,455,580	\$8,520,884	-\$65,304	-0.8	\$733	\$722	\$12	1.6
Park	14,289	14,266	23	0.2	\$140,668,448	\$137,061,111	\$3,607,337	2.6	\$757	\$739	\$18	2.5
Platte	3,728	3,739	-12	-0.3	\$46,095,341	\$44,267,463	\$1,827,878	4.1	\$951	\$911	\$41	4.5
Sheridan	13,651	13,513	138	1.0	\$146,381,147	\$140,002,823	\$6,378,324	4.6	\$825	\$797	\$28	3.5
Sublette	4,010	4,145	-135	-3.2	\$54,752,835	\$56,070,901	-\$1,318,066	-2.4	\$1,050	\$1,041	\$10	0.9
Sweetwater	22,648	22,300	348	1.6	\$344,513,970	\$328,713,573	\$15,800,397	4.8	\$1,170	\$1,134	\$36	3.2
Teton	21,009	20,700	309	1.5	\$240,446,180	\$229,686,415	\$10,759,765	4.7	\$880	\$854	\$27	3.1
Uinta	8,417	8,283	134	1.6	\$86,747,081	\$83,113,045	\$3,634,036	4.4	\$793	\$772	\$21	2.7
Washakie	3,566	3,642	-76	-2.1	\$36,412,528	\$36,540,435	-\$127,907	-0.4	\$785	\$772	\$14	1.8
Weston	2,375	2,292	82	3.6	\$25,577,897	\$24,031,938	\$1,545,959	6.4	\$829	\$806	\$22	2.7
Nonclassified <sup>b</sup>	4,917	4,014	903	22.5	\$78,669,675	\$61,560,918	\$17,108,757	27.8	\$1,231	\$1,180	\$51	4.3

<sup>a</sup>Preliminary. <sup>b</sup>The employer may be located statewide or in more than one county. Extract Date: January 2020

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

Goshen County lost 153 jobs (-3.5%) and its total payroll fell by \$291,896 (-0.7%). Employment fell in manufacturing, accommodation & food services, and construction.

Sublette County lost 135 jobs (-3.2%) and its total payroll decreased by \$1.3 million (-2.4%). Job losses were seen in mining (including oil & gas), transportation & warehousing, and administrative & waste services.

Employment in Washakie County fell by 76 jobs (-2.1%) and total payroll decreased by \$127,907 (-0.4%). Job losses occurred in accommodation & food services, retail trade, and arts, entertainment, & recreation.

Visit our website at [https://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/19Q2\\_QCEW/toc.htm](https://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/19Q2_QCEW/toc.htm) for detailed tables for each county.

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**Preview—Third Quarter (July through September) 2019 Local Jobs and Payroll**

Preliminary data show that from third 2018 to third quarter 2019, employment rose by approximately 4,750 jobs (1.7%) and total payroll increased by approximately \$199 million (6.1%). The largest job gains occurred in construction (nearly 2,900 jobs), accommodation & food services (nearly 600 jobs), professional & technical services (approximately 550 jobs), transportation & warehousing (nearly 400 jobs), and manufacturing (nearly 300 jobs). Employment fell in retail trade (approximately 700 jobs), mining (including oil & gas; approximately 200 jobs), administrative & waste services (nearly 200 jobs), and information (more than 150 jobs).

Industry employment and wages data for third quarter 2019 are available at [https://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/QCEW\\_OTY/toc.htm](https://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/QCEW_OTY/toc.htm)

County level employment and wages data for third quarter 2019 are scheduled to be released on May 8, 2020.

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