

Wyoming Employment and Payroll: Solid Job Growth in Third Quarter 2019

In recent weeks, Wyoming's economy has seen many layoffs and other disruptions related to the coronavirus. This report focuses on employment and wage growth between third quarter 2018 and third quarter 2019, well before the current disruptions began. It describes Wyoming's economic situation in late summer 2019 and provides detail by industry and county.

From third quarter 2018 to third quarter 2019, Wyoming added 5,030 jobs (1.8%) and its total payroll increased by \$200.8 million (6.1%). More than half of the job gains in third quarter occurred in the construction sector, which grew by 2,970 jobs. Job growth was also seen in local government (including public schools and hospitals; 1,028 jobs), leisure & hospitality (863 jobs), and transportation & warehousing (395 jobs). Employment fell in retail trade (-660 jobs), mining (including oil & gas; -186 jobs), and information (-118 jobs).

Converse County added 1,684 jobs (28.3%) and its total payroll rose by \$36.4 million (46.8%). Job gains occurred in construction, mining (including oil & gas), transportation & warehousing, local government, professional & technical services, and administrative & waste services.

Employment rose by 795 jobs (2.1%) and total payroll grew by \$23.0 million (4.8%) in Natrona County. Many different sectors added jobs, with the largest gains in manufacturing, local government (including public schools and colleges), leisure & hospitality, transportation & warehousing, health care & social assistance, and professional & technical services. Job losses occurred in retail trade, administrative & waste services, and information.

Laramie County saw growth of 575 jobs (1.2%) and \$28.1 million (5.2%) in total payroll. Jobs were added in leisure & hospitality, construction, transportation & warehousing, wholesale trade, professional & technical services, and manufacturing. Employment fell in administrative & waste services, retail trade, and information.

Campbell County added 407 jobs (1.6%) and its total payroll increased by \$14.6 million (4.2%). Job gains were seen in construction, transportation & warehousing, leisure & hospitality, wholesale trade, and manufacturing. The mining sector (including oil & gas) lost jobs.

Teton County added 380 jobs (1.6%) and its total payroll rose by \$24.6 million (8.7%). Employment grew in construction, leisure & hospitality, local government, administrative & waste services, and healthcare & social assistance.

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

County	Average Monthly Employment				Total Wages (\$)				Average Weekly Wage			
	Third Quarter		Change		Third Quarter		Change		Third Quarter		Change	
	2019	2018	N	%	2019	2018	\$	%	2019	2018	\$	%
Total Statewide	283,842	278,812	5,030	1.8	\$3,478,739,574	\$3,277,948,127	\$200,791,447	6.1	\$943	\$904	\$38	4.2
Albany	15,661	15,511	151	1.0	\$167,302,528	\$161,951,414	\$5,351,114	3.3	\$822	\$803	\$19	2.3
Big Horn	4,277	4,152	126	3.0	\$42,862,315	\$41,444,542	\$1,417,773	3.4	\$771	\$768	\$3	0.4
Campbell	25,215	24,808	407	1.6	\$361,260,171	\$346,668,454	\$14,591,717	4.2	\$1,102	\$1,075	\$27	2.5
Carbon	7,579	7,264	316	4.3	\$90,411,826	\$86,655,204	\$3,756,622	4.3	\$918	\$918	\$0	0.0
Converse	7,633	5,949	1,684	28.3	\$114,292,151	\$77,875,578	\$36,416,573	46.8	\$1,152	\$1,007	\$145	14.4
Crook	2,516	2,508	8	0.3	\$29,379,594	\$27,701,091	\$1,678,503	6.1	\$898	\$850	\$49	5.7
Fremont	15,310	15,362	-52	-0.3	\$155,387,760	\$150,964,266	\$4,423,494	2.9	\$781	\$756	\$25	3.3
Goshen	4,073	4,216	-142	-3.4	\$39,457,726	\$39,457,979	-\$253	0.0	\$745	\$720	\$25	3.5
Hot Springs	1,882	1,893	-11	-0.6	\$18,372,471	\$17,756,312	\$616,159	3.5	\$751	\$721	\$30	4.1
Johnson	3,366	3,423	-57	-1.7	\$31,920,981	\$31,673,611	\$247,370	0.8	\$729	\$712	\$18	2.5
Laramie	46,932	46,358	575	1.2	\$567,206,811	\$539,077,537	\$28,129,274	5.2	\$930	\$895	\$35	3.9
Lincoln	6,580	6,383	197	3.1	\$82,557,439	\$74,168,894	\$8,388,545	11.3	\$965	\$894	\$71	8.0
Natrona	39,463	38,669	795	2.1	\$502,991,854	\$479,992,974	\$22,998,880	4.8	\$980	\$955	\$26	2.7
Niobrara	854	880	-26	-3.0	\$8,055,707	\$7,575,352	\$480,355	6.3	\$726	\$662	\$64	9.6
Park	15,151	15,184	-32	-0.2	\$153,659,327	\$149,507,526	\$4,151,801	2.8	\$780	\$757	\$23	3.0
Platte	3,436	3,667	-231	-6.3	\$37,038,599	\$43,908,402	-\$6,869,803	-15.6	\$829	\$921	-\$92	-10.0
Sheridan	13,610	13,501	110	0.8	\$146,842,878	\$137,647,978	\$9,194,900	6.7	\$830	\$784	\$46	5.8
Sublette	4,143	4,189	-46	-1.1	\$56,193,731	\$56,947,736	-\$754,005	-1.3	\$1,043	\$1,046	-\$2	-0.2
Sweetwater	22,359	22,190	169	0.8	\$327,446,380	\$316,316,021	\$11,130,359	3.5	\$1,127	\$1,097	\$30	2.7
Teton	24,542	24,162	380	1.6	\$307,214,961	\$282,636,893	\$24,578,068	8.7	\$963	\$900	\$63	7.0
Uinta	8,324	8,272	52	0.6	\$86,986,319	\$81,415,920	\$5,570,399	6.8	\$804	\$757	\$47	6.2
Washakie	3,526	3,652	-126	-3.4	\$37,500,462	\$37,839,562	-\$339,100	-0.9	\$818	\$797	\$21	2.6
Weston	2,309	2,251	58	2.6	\$24,240,961	\$21,889,888	\$2,351,073	10.7	\$808	\$748	\$60	8.0
Nonclassified ^b	5,101	4,372	729	16.7	\$90,156,622	\$66,874,993	\$23,281,629	34.8	\$1,360	\$1,177	\$183	15.5

^aPreliminary. ^bThe employer may be located statewide or in more than one county. Extract Date: May 2020

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Platte County lost 231 jobs (-6.3%) and its total payroll fell by \$6.9 million (-15.6%). Employment fell in construction, state government, local government, and other sectors.

Employment fell by 142 jobs (-3.4%) in Goshen County and its total payroll decreased by \$253 (0.0%). Job losses were seen in manufacturing, leisure & hospitality, and other services.

Washakie County lost 126 jobs (-3.4%) and its total payroll fell by \$339,100 (-0.9%). Employment decreased in leisure & hospitality, real estate & rental & leasing, information, retail trade, and local government.

Visit our website at https://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/19Q3_QCEW/toc.htm for detailed tables for each county.

Preview—Fourth Quarter (October through December) 2019 Local Jobs and Payroll

Preliminary data show that from fourth quarter 2018 to fourth quarter 2019, employment rose by approximately 2,700 jobs (1.0%) and total payroll increased by \$160 million (4.6%). The largest job gains occurred in construction (approximately 1,550 jobs), leisure & hospitality (approximately 800 jobs), local government (including public schools and hospitals; approximately 700 jobs), and health care & social assistance (approximately 400 jobs). Job losses were seen in mining (including oil & gas; approximately 700 jobs), retail trade (approximately 400 jobs), and administrative & waste services (approximately 200 jobs).

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

County level employment and wages data for fourth quarter 2019 are scheduled to be released on August 14, 2020.

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