

## Wyoming Employment and Payroll: Job Losses Continued in Fourth Quarter

Wyoming's economy continued to be affected by the COVID-19 pandemic in fourth quarter 2020. From fourth quarter 2019 to fourth quarter 2020, Wyoming lost 16,273 jobs (-5.9%) and total payroll fell by \$58.4 million (-1.6%). The largest job losses occurred in mining (including oil & gas; 5,923 jobs), leisure & hospitality (-3,159 jobs), construction (-2,786 jobs), local government (including public schools, colleges, & hospitals; -1,257 jobs), wholesale trade (-1,036 jobs), professional & business services (-501 jobs), and manufacturing (-489 jobs). Employment in retail trade rose by 627 jobs. Job losses were seen in 17 of Wyoming's 23 counties.

Natrona County lost 3,382 jobs (-8.5%) and its total payroll fell by \$53.5 million (-9.7%). Large job losses were seen in mining (including oil & gas), wholesale trade, construction, leisure & hospitality, manufacturing, and other services.

Campbell County's employment fell by 2,533 jobs (-10.0%) and its total payroll decreased by \$54.6 million (-13.5%). Mining (including oil & gas) lost more than 1,300 jobs and smaller job losses were seen in wholesale trade, local government, construction, professional & business services, transportation & warehousing, and leisure & hospitality.

Converse County lost 2,015 jobs (-26.1%) and its total payroll fell by \$39.4 million (-32.0%). The construction sector accounted for approximately half of the job losses. Employment also fell in mining (including oil & gas), professional & business services, and transportation & warehousing.

Employment in Sweetwater County fell by 2,006 jobs (-9.1%) and its total payroll decreased by \$34.6 million (-10.2%). Sizeable job losses occurred in mining (including oil & gas), construction, transportation & warehousing, local government, leisure & hospitality, and wholesale trade.

Laramie County lost 1,455 jobs (-3.1%), but its total payroll grew by \$21.6 million (3.6%). Large job losses were seen in leisure & hospitality, mining (including oil & gas), local government, manufacturing, information, and construction.

Teton County's employment fell by 1,034 jobs (-5.2%), but its total payroll increased by \$79.7 million (27.7%). Leisure & hospitality lost more than 900 jobs and retail trade lost more than 150 jobs. Job gains were seen in construction,

Table: Wyoming Covered Employment, Total Wages, & Average Weekly Wages by County, Fourth Quarter 2019 & 2020

County	Average Monthly Employment				Total Wages (\$)				Average Weekly Wage			
	Fourth Quarter		Change		Fourth Quarter		Change		Fourth Quarter		Change	
	2020	2019	N	%	2020	2019	\$	%	2020	2019	\$	%
<b>Total Statewide</b>	<b>260,235</b>	<b>276,508</b>	<b>-16,273</b>	<b>-5.9</b>	<b>\$3,587,823,712</b>	<b>\$3,646,269,732</b>	<b>-\$58,446,020</b>	<b>-1.6</b>	<b>\$1,061</b>	<b>\$1,014</b>	<b>\$46</b>	<b>4.6</b>
Albany	15,673	15,871	-198	-1.2	\$182,627,425	\$170,257,333	\$12,370,092	7.3	\$896	\$825	\$71	8.6
Big Horn	4,190	4,169	21	0.5	\$49,858,908	\$44,665,885	\$5,193,023	11.6	\$915	\$824	\$91	11.1
Campbell	22,891	25,424	-2,533	-10.0	\$348,415,302	\$402,972,284	-\$54,556,982	-13.5	\$1,171	\$1,219	-\$48	-4.0
Carbon	6,879	6,934	-55	-0.8	\$93,756,721	\$88,678,517	\$5,078,204	5.7	\$1,048	\$984	\$65	6.6
Converse	5,699	7,714	-2,015	-26.1	\$83,947,543	\$123,372,313	-\$39,424,770	-32.0	\$1,133	\$1,230	-\$97	-7.9
Crook	2,496	2,479	17	0.7	\$31,794,252	\$29,697,930	\$2,096,322	7.1	\$980	\$921	\$58	6.3
Fremont	14,706	15,305	-599	-3.9	\$172,798,599	\$171,196,074	\$1,602,525	0.9	\$904	\$860	\$43	5.0
Goshen	4,038	4,162	-123	-3.0	\$43,515,575	\$42,043,613	\$1,471,962	3.5	\$829	\$777	\$52	6.7
Hot Springs	1,870	1,866	4	0.2	\$19,608,083	\$19,085,763	\$522,320	2.7	\$807	\$787	\$20	2.5
Johnson	3,125	3,153	-28	-0.9	\$34,366,295	\$32,843,338	\$1,522,957	4.6	\$846	\$801	\$45	5.6
Laramie	45,977	47,432	-1,455	-3.1	\$628,822,106	\$607,260,998	\$21,561,108	3.6	\$1,052	\$985	\$67	6.8
Lincoln	6,693	6,590	103	1.6	\$91,836,987	\$82,017,054	\$9,819,933	12.0	\$1,055	\$957	\$98	10.2
Natrona	36,203	39,585	-3,382	-8.5	\$495,898,904	\$549,404,857	-\$53,505,953	-9.7	\$1,054	\$1,068	-\$14	-1.3
Niobrara	878	847	31	3.6	\$8,904,400	\$8,094,547	\$809,853	10.0	\$780	\$735	\$45	6.2
Park	12,907	13,178	-271	-2.1	\$155,449,715	\$149,034,735	\$6,414,980	4.3	\$926	\$870	\$56	6.5
Platte	3,391	3,438	-46	-1.3	\$40,940,020	\$40,682,981	\$257,039	0.6	\$929	\$910	\$18	2.0
Sheridan	13,285	13,465	-180	-1.3	\$168,162,944	\$158,713,155	\$9,449,789	6.0	\$974	\$907	\$67	7.4
Sublette	3,656	3,936	-280	-7.1	\$51,180,517	\$56,063,954	-\$4,883,437	-8.7	\$1,077	\$1,096	-\$19	-1.7
Sweetwater	20,009	22,016	-2,006	-9.1	\$304,518,603	\$339,129,396	-\$34,610,793	-10.2	\$1,171	\$1,185	-\$14	-1.2
Teton	18,752	19,785	-1,034	-5.2	\$367,661,776	\$287,991,054	\$79,670,722	27.7	\$1,508	\$1,120	\$389	34.7
Uinta	7,965	8,305	-340	-4.1	\$89,426,768	\$89,676,740	-\$249,972	-0.3	\$864	\$831	\$33	4.0
Washakie	3,552	3,532	20	0.6	\$41,816,961	\$39,576,655	\$2,240,306	5.7	\$906	\$862	\$44	5.1
Weston	2,351	2,372	-21	-0.9	\$30,027,660	\$26,276,205	\$3,751,455	14.3	\$983	\$852	\$130	15.3
Nonclassified <sup>a</sup>	3,049	4,951	-1,902	-38.4	\$52,487,648	\$87,534,351	-\$35,046,703	-40.0	\$1,324	\$1,360	-\$36	-2.6

<sup>a</sup>The employer may be located statewide or in more than one county. Extract Date: August 2021

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

financial activities, and professional & business services.

Lincoln County added 103 jobs (1.6%) and its total payroll increased by \$9.8 million (12.0%). Job gains were seen in construction, manufacturing, and retail trade.

Visit our website at [https://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/20Q4\\_QCEW/toc.htm](https://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/20Q4_QCEW/toc.htm) for detailed tables for each county.

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**Preview—First Quarter (January through March) 2021 Local Jobs and Payroll**

Preliminary data show that from first quarter 2020 to first quarter 2021, employment fell by approximately 14,500 jobs (-5.4%) and total payroll fell by \$197.6 million (-5.9%). Large job losses were seen in mining (including oil & gas; approximately 5,500 jobs), leisure & hospitality (approximately 2,800 jobs), construction (approximately 2,500 jobs), local government (including public schools, colleges, & hospitals; approximately 1,300 jobs), and wholesale trade (approximately 1,000 jobs). Retail trade added more than 700 jobs.

Industry employment data for first quarter 2021 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 first quarter 2021 are scheduled to be released on November 5, 2021.

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