

# TRENDS

## Total Wages, Average Monthly Employment, and Average Monthly Wage Changes for Wyoming by Year/Quarter: 2005Q4 to 2015Q4

*Total wages, average monthly employment, and average monthly wage all decreased over the year from 2014Q4. This marked the third consecutive quarter of decline in Wyoming.*

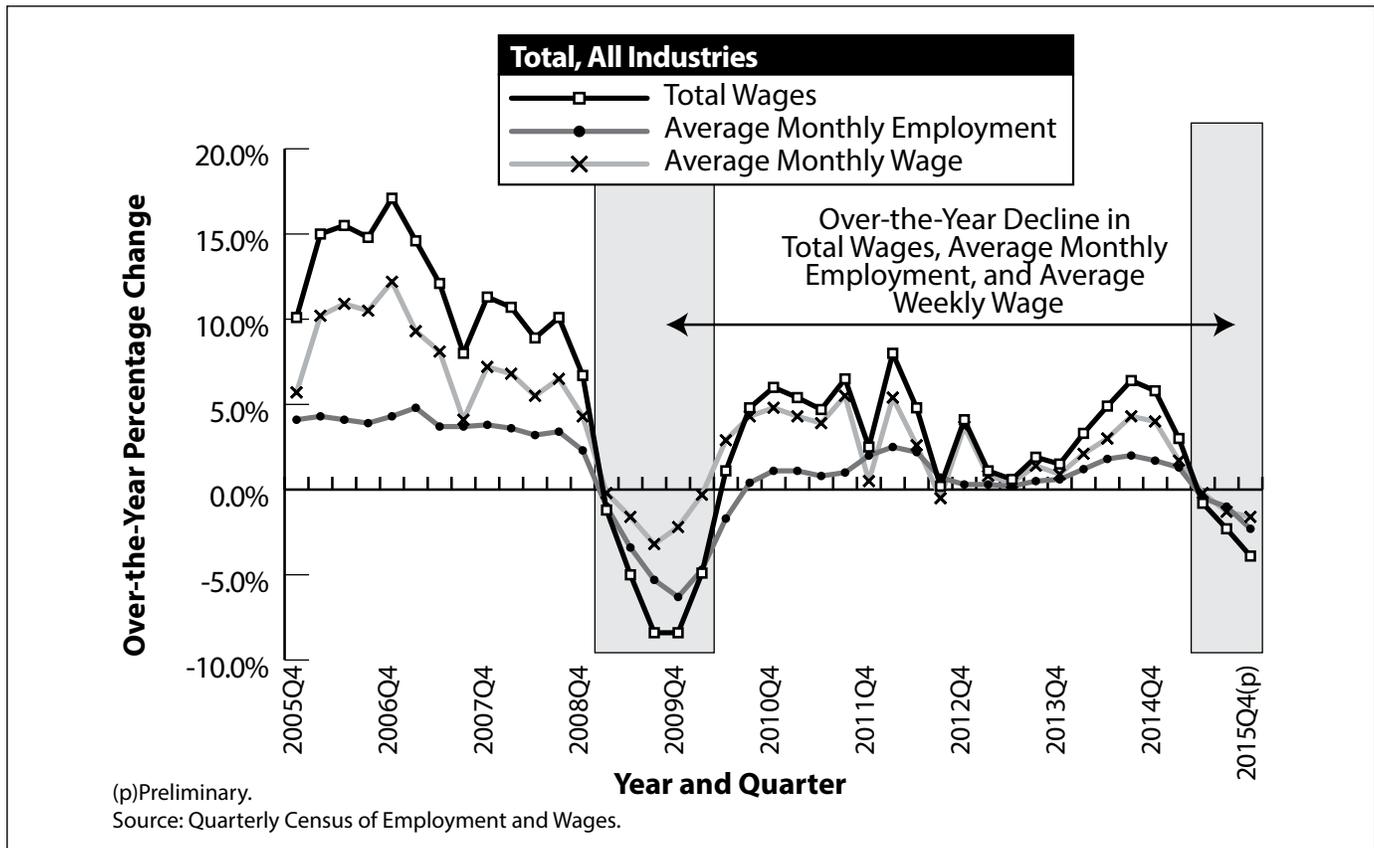
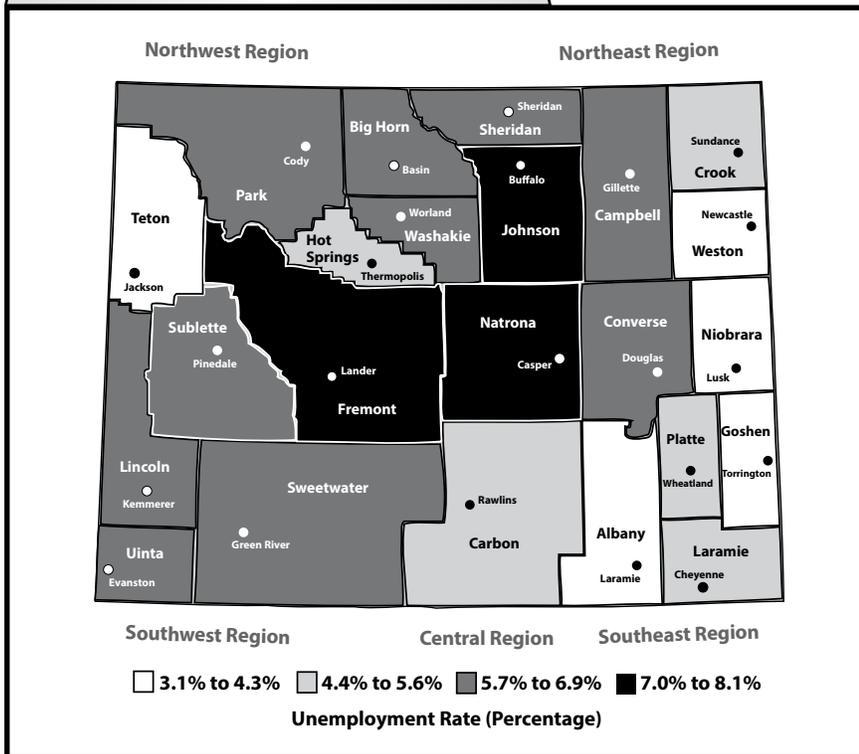


Figure: Over-the-Year Percentage Change for Total Wages, Average Monthly Employment, and Average Monthly Wage Across All Industries in Wyoming by Year and Quarter, 2005Q4 to 2015Q4

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- The April 2016 issue of *Wyoming Labor Force Trends* includes a special report on Wyoming's economy and labor market in 2016. The regularly monthly and quarterly tables and figures for April 2016 *Trends* are presented in this document and are available online at <http://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/trends/0416/toc.htm>.

Unemployment Rate by Wyoming County, February 2016 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



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## Total Wages, Average Monthly Employment, and Average Monthly Wage Changes for Wyoming by Year/Quarter: 2005Q4 to 2015Q4

Year/Quarter	Total Wages	% Change	Avg. Monthly Employment	% Change	Avg. Monthly Wage	% Change
2005Q4	\$2,283,976,604		259,256		\$2,936.58	
2006Q4	\$2,674,775,271	17.1%	270,498	4.3%	\$3,296.11	12.2%
2006Q1	\$2,206,882,734		254,302		\$2,892.73	
2007Q1	\$2,528,871,913	14.6%	266,599	4.8%	\$3,161.89	9.3%
2006Q2	\$2,389,394,775		268,726		\$2,963.86	
2007Q2	\$2,679,641,341	12.1%	278,792	3.7%	\$3,203.87	8.1%
2006Q3	\$2,511,603,105		274,060		\$3,054.81	
2007Q3	\$2,712,325,140	8.0%	284,317	3.7%	\$3,179.93	4.1%
2006Q4	\$2,674,775,271		270,498		\$3,296.11	
2007Q4	\$2,976,397,551	11.3%	280,888	3.8%	\$3,532.13	7.2%
2007Q1	\$2,528,871,913		266,599		\$3,161.89	
2008Q1	\$2,798,237,273	10.7%	276,195	3.6%	\$3,377.13	6.8%
2007Q2	\$2,679,641,341		278,792		\$3,203.87	
2008Q2	\$2,918,008,721	8.9%	287,780	3.2%	\$3,379.91	5.5%
2007Q3	\$2,712,325,140		284,317		\$3,179.93	
2008Q3	\$2,985,771,294	10.1%	293,895	3.4%	\$3,386.44	6.5%
2007Q4	\$2,976,397,551		280,888		\$3,532.13	
2008Q4	\$3,177,223,682	6.7%	287,478	2.3%	\$3,684.02	4.3%
2008Q1	\$2,798,237,273		276,195		\$3,377.13	
2009Q1	\$2,764,364,307	-1.2%	273,471	-1.0%	\$3,369.48	-0.2%
2008Q2	\$2,918,008,721		287,780		\$3,379.91	
2009Q2	\$2,773,191,493	-5.0%	277,897	-3.4%	\$3,326.40	-1.6%
2008Q3	\$2,985,771,294		293,895		\$3,386.44	
2009Q3	\$2,736,056,780	-8.4%	278,234	-5.3%	\$3,277.88	-3.2%
2008Q4	\$3,177,223,682		287,478		\$3,684.02	
2009Q4	\$2,911,594,084	-8.4%	269,439	-6.3%	\$3,602.04	-2.2%
2009Q1	\$2,764,364,307		273,471		\$3,369.48	
2010Q1	\$2,627,558,836	-4.9%	260,726	-4.7%	\$3,359.29	-0.3%
2009Q2	\$2,773,191,493		277,897		\$3,326.40	
2010Q2	\$2,802,848,365	1.1%	273,044	-1.7%	\$3,421.73	2.9%
2009Q3	\$2,736,056,780		278,234		\$3,277.88	
2010Q3	\$2,866,694,334	4.8%	279,429	0.4%	\$3,419.71	4.3%
2009Q4	\$2,911,594,084		269,439		\$3,602.04	
2010Q4	\$3,087,069,661	6.0%	272,511	1.1%	\$3,776.08	4.8%
2010Q1	\$2,627,558,836		260,726		\$3,359.29	
2011Q1	\$2,769,072,169	5.4%	263,558	1.1%	\$3,502.17	4.3%
2010Q2	\$2,802,848,365		273,044		\$3,421.73	
2011Q2	\$2,933,492,659	4.7%	275,169	0.8%	\$3,553.56	3.9%
2010Q3	\$2,866,694,334		279,429		\$3,419.71	
2011Q3	\$3,053,914,162	6.5%	282,231	1.0%	\$3,606.87	5.5%
2010Q4	\$3,087,069,661		272,511		\$3,776.08	
2011Q4	\$3,165,745,021	2.5%	278,015	2.0%	\$3,795.65	0.5%
2011Q1	\$2,769,072,169		263,558		\$3,502.17	
2012Q1	\$2,991,246,352	8.0%	270,073	2.5%	\$3,691.90	5.4%
2011Q2	\$2,933,492,659		275,169		\$3,553.56	
2012Q2	\$3,074,207,136	4.8%	281,192	2.2%	\$3,644.26	2.6%
2011Q3	\$3,053,914,162		282,231		\$3,606.87	
2012Q3	\$3,060,122,560	0.2%	284,180	0.7%	\$3,589.42	-0.5%
2011Q4	\$3,165,745,021		278,015		\$3,795.65	
2012Q4	\$3,294,064,060	4.1%	278,934	0.3%	\$3,936.49	3.7%
2012Q1	\$2,991,246,352		270,073		\$3,691.90	
2013Q1	\$3,024,233,488	1.1%	270,881	0.3%	\$3,721.48	0.8%

(p) Preliminary.

Source: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages.

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## Total Wages, Average Monthly Employment, and Average Monthly Wage Changes for Wyoming by Year/Quarter: 2005Q4 to 2015Q4

Year/Quarter	Total Wages	% Change	Avg. Monthly Employment	% Change	Avg. Monthly Wage	% Change
2012Q2	\$3,074,207,136		281,192		\$3,644.26	
2013Q2	\$3,093,096,086	0.6%	281,707	0.2%	\$3,659.94	0.4%
2012Q3	\$3,060,122,560		284,180		\$3,589.42	
2013Q3	\$3,119,244,931	1.9%	285,726	0.5%	\$3,638.97	1.4%
2012Q4	\$3,294,064,060		278,934		\$3,936.49	
2013Q4	\$3,344,359,716	1.5%	280,701	0.6%	\$3,971.44	0.9%
2013Q1	\$3,024,233,488		270,881		\$3,721.48	
2014Q1	\$3,124,158,426	3.3%	274,050	1.2%	\$3,799.99	2.1%
2013Q2	\$3,093,096,086		281,707		\$3,659.94	
2014Q2	\$3,243,373,986	4.9%	286,669	1.8%	\$3,771.33	3.0%
2013Q3	\$3,119,244,931		285,726		\$3,638.97	
2014Q3	\$3,317,475,865	6.4%	291,299	2.0%	\$3,796.19	4.3%
2013Q4	\$3,344,359,716		280,701		\$3,971.44	
2014Q4	\$3,536,857,567	5.8%	285,540	1.7%	\$4,128.85	4.0%
2014Q1	\$3,124,158,426		274,050		\$3,799.99	
2015Q1	\$3,218,193,073	3.0%	277,691	1.3%	\$3,863.04	1.7%
2014Q2	\$3,243,373,986		286,669		\$3,771.33	
2015Q2	\$3,219,023,155	-0.8%	285,186	-0.5%	\$3,762.48	-0.2%
2014Q3	\$3,317,475,865		291,299		\$3,796.19	
2015Q3	\$3,242,027,718	-2.3%	288,316	-1.0%	\$3,748.23	-1.3%
2014Q4	\$3,536,857,567		285,540		\$4,128.85	
2015Q4(p)	\$3,398,724,786	-3.9%	278,879	-2.3%	\$4,062.36	-1.6%

(p) Preliminary.

Source: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages.

### Wyoming Seasonally Adjusted Statewide Labor Force Estimates

	February 2016	January 2016	February 2015	Change			
				Over the Month		Over the Year	
				N	%	N	%
Total Civilian Labor Force	298,686	299,497	303,743	-1,151	-0.4	-4,432	-1.4
Employed	281,877	282,008	290,509	-1,953	-0.7	-7,599	-2.6
Unemployed	16,809	17,489	13,234	802	5.7	3,167	26.8
Unemployment Rate	5.6	5.8	4.4				

Employed - All persons who, during the reference week, did any work at all as paid employees, worked in their own business, profession, or on their own farm, or worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers in a family business.

Unemployed - All persons who had no employment during the reference week, were available for work, and had made specific efforts to find employment sometime during the 4-week period ending with the reference week.

Labor Force - All persons who meet the criteria given above as either employed or unemployed.

Unemployment Rate - The number of unemployed as a percent of the labor force.

Seasonal Adjustment - A statistical procedure to remove the impact of normal regularly recurring events (such as weather, major holidays, and the opening and closing of schools) from economic time series to better understand changes in economic conditions from month to month.

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

# Persons Working in Jobs Covered by Wyoming State Unemployment Insurance, Fourth Quarter 2015

by: Tony Glover, Workforce Information Supervisor

The total number of persons working in Wyoming (-2.0%) and total wages (-3.2%) decreased from 2014Q4.

The number of new persons working in Wyoming decreased 23.1% from 2014Q4.

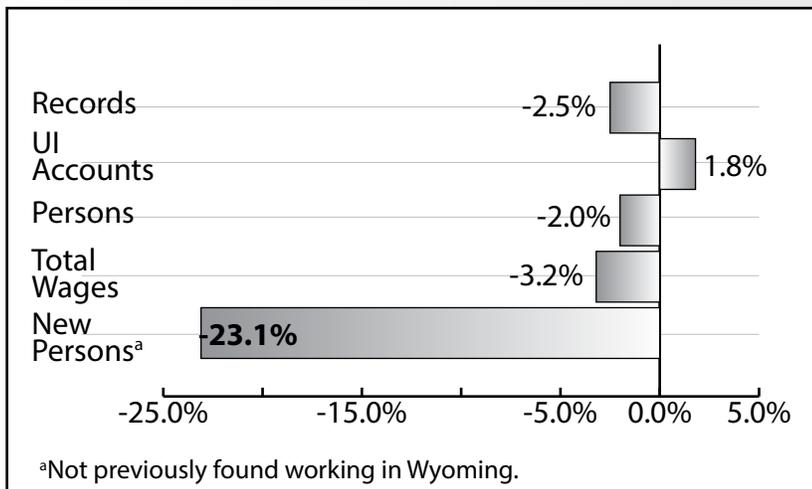


Figure 1: Percentage Change from Previous Year, Wyoming Wage Records, Fourth Quarter 2015

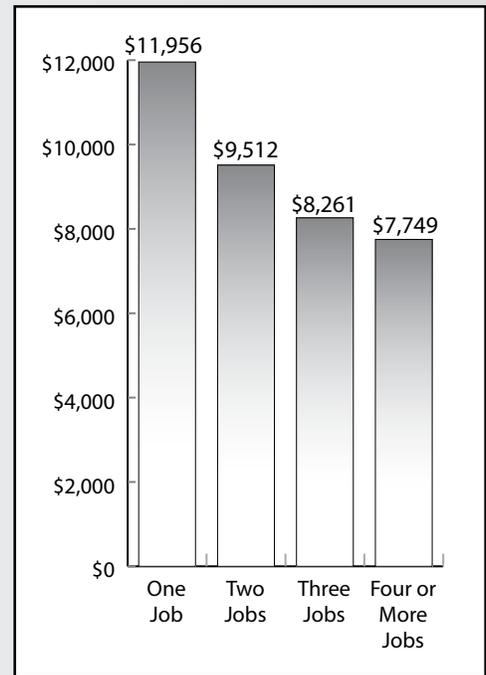


Figure 2: Mean Quarterly Wages in Wyoming by Number of Jobs, Fourth Quarter 2015

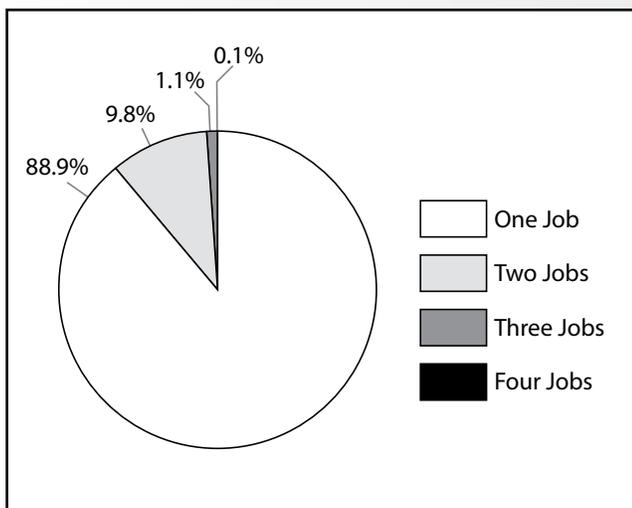


Figure 3: Percentage of Total Persons by Number of Jobs Worked in Wyoming, Fourth Quarter 2015

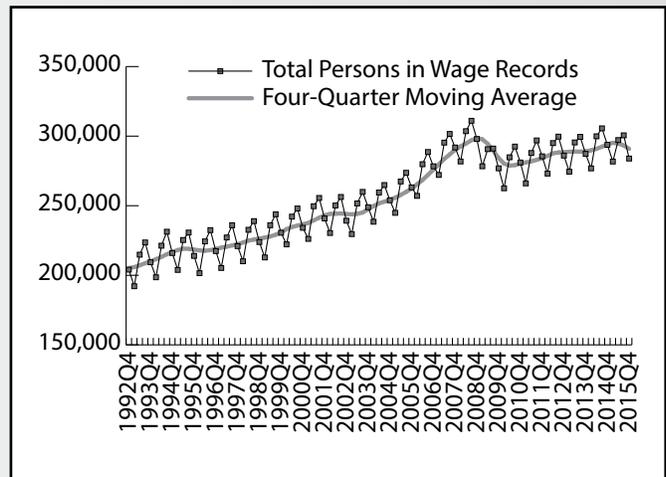


Figure 4: Running Total of Persons in Wyoming Wage Records, Fourth Quarter 1992 (1992Q4) to Fourth Quarter 2015 (2015Q4)

## Quarterly Turnover Statistics by Industry, Third Quarter 2015

*The number of exits in Wyoming's mining industry (2,534) was considerably higher than the number of hires (1,711) in 2015Q3.*

Major Sector	Industry		(H)	(H)+(B)	(B)	(E)	(E)+(B)	(C)	(H+E+B+C)	Turnover Rate <sup>a</sup>	Change Prior Year
			Hire Only	Total Hires	Both Hire and Exit	Exit Only	Total Exits	Continuous Employment	Total		
Goods Producing	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, & Hunting	Transactions <sup>b</sup>	355	682	327	671	998	2,253	3,606	37.5	0.5
		Rates	9.8	18.9	9.1	18.6	27.7	62.5	100.0		
	Mining	Transactions	1,711	2,317	606	2,534	3,140	19,471	24,322	19.9	-4.0
		Rates	7.0	9.5	2.5	10.4	12.9	80.1	100.0		
	Construction	Transactions	5,064	8,800	3,736	4,976	8,712	18,971	32,747	42.1	-1.6
		Rates	15.5	26.9	11.4	15.2	26.6	57.9	100.0		
	Manufacturing	Transactions	986	1,336	350	1,038	1,388	8,498	10,872	21.8	-2.8
		Rates	9.1	12.3	3.2	9.5	12.8	78.2	100.0		
	Wholesale Trade, Transp., Utilities, & Warehousing	Transactions	1,993	2,780	787	2,547	3,334	18,777	24,104	22.1	-2.8
		Rates	8.3	11.5	3.3	10.6	13.8	77.9	100.0		
Retail Trade	Transactions	6,122	9,112	2,990	6,554	9,544	25,701	41,367	37.9	-0.2	
	Rates	14.8	22.0	7.2	15.8	23.1	62.1	100.0			
Information	Transactions	415	575	160	561	721	3,816	4,952	22.9	2.0	
	Rates	8.4	11.6	3.2	11.3	14.6	77.1	100.0			
Financial Activities	Transactions	1,177	1,591	414	1,286	1,700	9,719	12,596	22.8	1.1	
	Rates	9.3	12.6	3.3	10.2	13.5	77.2	100.0			
Professional & Business Services	Transactions	2,989	5,543	2,554	3,699	6,253	15,089	24,331	38.0	-1.0	
	Rates	12.3	22.8	10.5	15.2	25.7	62.0	100.0			
Educational Services	Transactions	3,045	4,241	1,196	3,315	4,511	25,206	32,762	23.1	3.0	
	Rates	9.3	12.9	3.7	10.1	13.8	76.9	100.0			
Health Services	Transactions	3,940	4,988	1,048	4,018	5,066	28,677	37,683	23.9	0.0	
	Rates	10.5	13.2	2.8	10.7	13.4	76.1	100.0			
Leisure & Hospitality	Transactions	8,871	16,653	7,782	12,019	19,801	26,405	55,077	52.1	-1.6	
	Rates	16.1	30.2	14.1	21.8	36.0	47.9	100.0			
Other Services	Transactions	956	1,661	705	1,315	2,020	6,472	9,448	31.5	-0.4	
	Rates	10.1	17.6	7.5	13.9	21.4	68.5	100.0			
Public Admin.	Transactions	1,245	2,004	759	2,678	3,437	17,688	22,370	20.9	-0.2	
	Rates	5.6	9.0	3.4	12.0	15.4	79.1	100.0			
Unclassified	Transactions	1,238	2,292	1,054	1,226	2,280	2,799	6,317	55.7	2.2	
	Rates	19.6	36.3	16.7	19.4	36.1	44.3	100.0			
<b>Total</b>	<b>Transactions</b>	<b>40,107</b>	<b>64,575</b>	<b>24,468</b>	<b>48,437</b>	<b>72,905</b>	<b>229,542</b>	<b>342,554</b>	<b>33.0</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	
	<b>Rates</b>	<b>11.7</b>	<b>18.9</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>21.3</b>	<b>67.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>			

(H) Hire Only. (B) Both Hire and Exit. (E) Exit Only. (C) Continuous Employment.

<sup>a</sup>Turnover rate equals (H+E+B)/Total.

<sup>b</sup>Jobs worked at any time during the quarter.

Historical turnover data can be found online at <http://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/turnover.htm>.

# Wyoming Unemployment Rate Rises to 5.0% in February 2016

by: David Bullard, Senior Economist

The Research & Planning section of the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services reported that the state’s seasonally adjusted<sup>1</sup> unemployment rate increased significantly from 4.7% in January to 5.0% in February. Wyoming’s unemployment rate was much higher than its February 2015 level of 3.8% (a statistically significant increase) and was slightly higher than the current U.S. unemployment rate of 4.9%. Seasonally adjusted employment of Wyoming residents declined from January to February, falling by an estimated 1,953 individuals (-0.7%; a statistically significant decrease).

From January to February, most county unemployment rates changed very little. The largest increases occurred in Washakie (up from 5.3% to 5.7%), Campbell (up from 6.0% to 6.3%), and Carbon (up from 5.3% to 5.5%) counties. The largest declines were reported in Niobrara (down from 4.3% to 3.5%), Teton (down from 3.7%

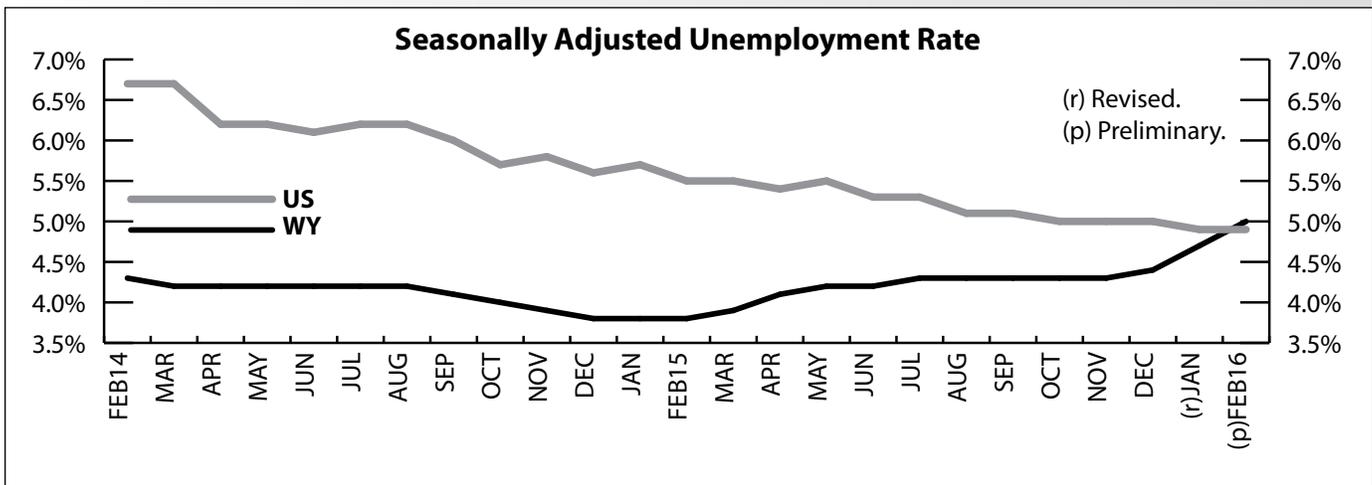
to 3.0%), Sheridan (down from 6.4% to 5.9%), and Laramie (down from 5.0% to 4.5%) counties.

In February 2016, unemployment rates were higher than a year earlier in 21 counties and lower in two counties. The largest over-the-year increases were seen in Natrona (up from 4.2% to 7.2%), Campbell (up from 3.6% to 6.3%), Converse (up from 3.4% to 5.8%), Fremont (up from 5.8% to 8.1%), and Sweetwater (up from 4.5% to 6.0%) counties. Unemployment rates fell in Teton (down from 3.7% to 3.0%) and Albany (down from 3.3% to 3.1%) counties.

The lowest unemployment rates were found in Teton (3.0%), Albany (3.1%), and Niobrara (3.5%) counties. The highest unemployment rates occurred in Fremont (8.1%), Natrona (7.2%), and Johnson (7.0%) counties.

Total nonfarm employment (measured by place of work) fell from 286,100 in February 2015 to 277,000 in February 2016, a decrease of 9,100 jobs (or -3.2%; a statistically significant decrease).

<sup>1</sup> Seasonal adjustment is a statistical procedure to remove the impact of normal regularly recurring events (such as weather, major holidays, and the opening and closing of schools) from economic time series to better understand changes in economic conditions from month to month.



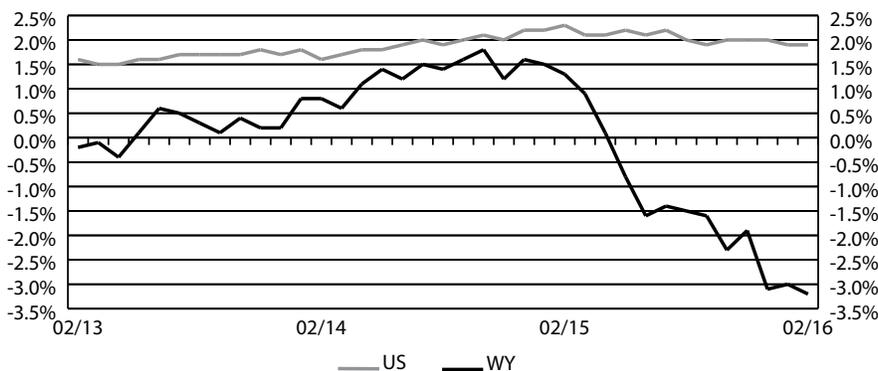
## Current Employment Statistics (CES) Estimates and Research & Planning's Short-Term Projections, February 2016

by: David Bullard, Senior Economist

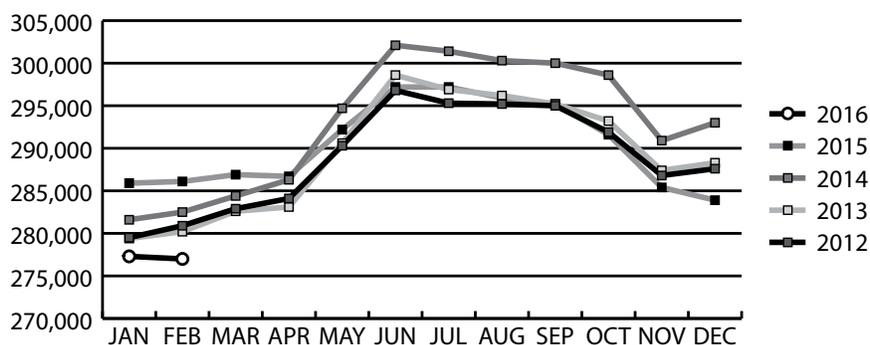
Industry Sector	Research & Planning's Short-Term Projections	Current Employment Statistics (CES) Estimates	N Difference	% Difference
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	<b>276,636</b>	<b>277,000</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>0.1%</b>
Natural Resources & Mining	21,082	21,200	118	0.6%
Construction	19,767	19,100	-667	-3.5%
Manufacturing	9,342	9,500	158	1.7%
Wholesale Trade	9,228	8,800	-428	-4.9%
Retail Trade	29,316	29,900	584	2.0%
Transportation & Utilities	15,175	15,000	-175	-1.2%
Information	3,705	3,700	-5	-0.1%
Financial Activities	10,782	10,700	-82	-0.8%
Professional & Business Services	17,032	17,600	568	3.2%
Educational & Health Services	27,164	27,400	236	0.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	33,045	31,700	-1,345	-4.2%
Other Services	9,762	10,000	238	2.4%
Government	71,236	72,400	1,164	1.6%

Projections were run in February 2016 and based on QCEW data through September 2015.

### Nonagricultural Employment Growth (Percentage Change Over Previous Year)



### Wyoming Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment



### State Unemployment Rates February 2016 (Seasonally Adjusted)

State	Unemp. Rate
Puerto Rico	11.7
Alaska	6.6
District of Columbia	6.5
Mississippi	6.5
West Virginia	6.5
Illinois	6.4
New Mexico	6.4
Alabama	6.2
Louisiana	5.9
Nevada	5.9
Kentucky	5.8
Washington	5.8
Arizona	5.5
California	5.5
Connecticut	5.5
North Carolina	5.5
South Carolina	5.5
Georgia	5.4
Rhode Island	5.4
<b>Wyoming</b>	<b>5.0</b>
Florida	4.9
Ohio	4.9
Tennessee	4.9
<b>United States</b>	<b>4.9</b>
Michigan	4.8
New York	4.8
Oregon	4.8
Indiana	4.7
Maryland	4.7
Delaware	4.6
Pennsylvania	4.6
Wisconsin	4.6
Massachusetts	4.5
Texas	4.4
New Jersey	4.3
Arkansas	4.2
Missouri	4.2
Montana	4.2
Oklahoma	4.2
Virginia	4.1
Kansas	4.0
Idaho	3.9
Iowa	3.7
Minnesota	3.7
Maine	3.6
Utah	3.4
Vermont	3.4
Hawaii	3.1
Colorado	3.0
Nebraska	3.0
North Dakota	2.9
New Hampshire	2.7
South Dakota	2.7

# Wyoming Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

by: *David Bullard, Senior Economist*

## State Unemployment Rates February 2016 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Employment in Thousands			% Change Total Employment	
	Feb 16	Jan 16	Feb 15	Feb 16 Jan 16	Feb 16 Feb 15
	<b>CAMPBELL COUNTY</b>				
<b>TOTAL NONAG. WAGE &amp; SALARY EMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>27.0</b>	<b>27.0</b>	<b>28.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-5.9</b>
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b>	<b>21.7</b>	<b>21.8</b>	<b>23.5</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>-7.7</b>
<b>GOODS PRODUCING</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>-2.1</b>	<b>-12.8</b>
Natural Resources & Mining	6.7	6.9	7.9	-2.9	-15.2
Construction	2.2	2.2	2.4	0.0	-8.3
Manufacturing	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.0
<b>SERVICE PROVIDING</b>	<b>17.5</b>	<b>17.3</b>	<b>17.8</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>-1.7</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	5.6	5.6	5.7	0.0	-1.8
Information	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0
Professional & Business Services	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.0	0.0
Educational & Health Services	1.0	1.0	1.1	0.0	-9.1
Leisure & Hospitality	2.3	2.3	2.4	0.0	-4.2
Other Services	0.8	0.7	0.9	14.3	-11.1
<b>GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.9</b>

	Employment in Thousands			% Change Total Employment	
	Feb 16	Jan 16	Feb 15	Feb 16 Jan 16	Feb 16 Feb 15
	<b>SWEETWATER COUNTY</b>				
<b>TOTAL NONAG. WAGE &amp; SALARY EMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>23.2</b>	<b>23.3</b>	<b>24.5</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>-5.3</b>
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b>	<b>18.5</b>	<b>18.6</b>	<b>19.8</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>-6.6</b>
<b>GOODS PRODUCING</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>-1.3</b>	<b>-9.6</b>
Natural Resources & Mining	4.7	4.8	5.5	-2.1	-14.5
Construction	1.5	1.5	1.5	0.0	0.0
Manufacturing	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.0	0.0
<b>SERVICE PROVIDING</b>	<b>15.7</b>	<b>15.7</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-3.1</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	4.8	4.8	5.1	0.0	-5.9
Information	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.0	-11.1
Professional & Business Services	1.0	1.0	1.1	0.0	-9.1
Educational & Health Services	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.0	0.0
Leisure & Hospitality	2.3	2.3	2.3	0.0	0.0
Other Services	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.0
<b>GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

	Employment in Thousands			% Change Total Employment	
	Feb 16	Jan 16	Feb 15	Feb 16 Jan 16	Feb 16 Feb 15
	<b>TETON COUNTY</b>				
<b>TOTAL NONAG. WAGE &amp; SALARY EMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>18.7</b>	<b>18.6</b>	<b>18.1</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>3.3</b>
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>15.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>3.2</b>
<b>GOODS PRODUCING</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>5.6</b>
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	1.8	1.7	1.7	5.9	5.9
Manufacturing	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
<b>SERVICE PROVIDING</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>16.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>3.1</b>
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	2.7	2.7	2.5	0.0	8.0
Information	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.0	0.0
Professional & Business Services	1.7	1.7	1.6	0.0	6.2
Educational & Health Services	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.0	0.0
Leisure & Hospitality	7.1	7.2	7.0	-1.4	1.4
Other Services	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0
<b>GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>4.2</b>

State	Unemp. Rate
Puerto Rico	11.7
West Virginia	7.8
Alaska	7.7
Illinois	7.0
District of Columbia	6.9
Alabama	6.5
Kentucky	6.3
New Mexico	6.3
Washington	6.3
Mississippi	6.2
Rhode Island	6.2
Connecticut	6.0
Louisiana	5.8
California	5.7
Nevada	5.7
North Carolina	5.7
Georgia	5.6
Ohio	5.6
South Carolina	5.6
<b>Wyoming</b>	<b>5.6</b>
Wisconsin	5.5
Indiana	5.4
New York	5.4
Pennsylvania	5.3
Arizona	5.2
Oregon	5.2
<b>United States</b>	<b>5.2</b>
Montana	5.1
Michigan	5.0
Missouri	5.0
Maryland	4.9
Delaware	4.8
New Jersey	4.8
Arkansas	4.7
Florida	4.7
Massachusetts	4.7
Oklahoma	4.6
Idaho	4.5
Iowa	4.5
Maine	4.5
Tennessee	4.5
Minnesota	4.4
Kansas	4.3
Texas	4.3
Virginia	4.3
Utah	3.8
North Dakota	3.7
Vermont	3.6
Colorado	3.3
Nebraska	3.3
South Dakota	3.2
Hawaii	3.1
New Hampshire	3.1

## Economic Indicators

by: **David Bullard, Senior Economist**

*The amount of benefits paid by Wyoming Unemployment Insurance increased 58.3% from February 2015 to February 2016.*

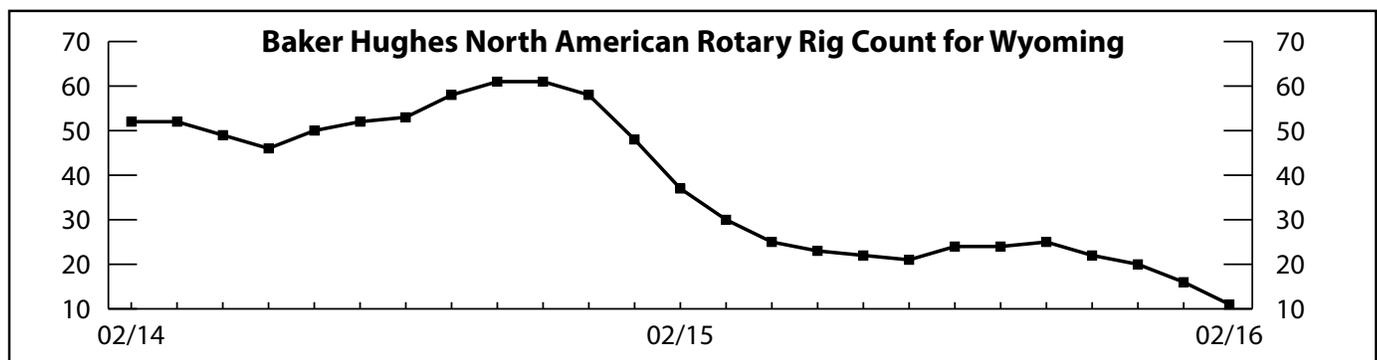
	Feb 2016 (p)	Jan 2016 (r)	Feb 2015 (b)	Percent Change Month	Year
<b>Wyoming Total Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>277,000</b>	<b>277,300</b>	<b>286,100</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-3.2</b>
Wyoming State Government	15,800	15,400	15,700	2.6	0.6
Laramie County Nonfarm Employment	46,600	46,200	46,500	0.9	0.2
Natrona County Nonfarm Employment	39,800	40,000	43,300	-0.5	-8.1
<b>Selected U.S. Employment Data</b>					
U.S. Multiple Jobholders	7,454,000	7,314,000	7,221,000	1.9	3.2
As a percent of all workers	5.0%	4.9%	4.9%	N/A	N/A
U.S. Discouraged Workers	599,000	623,000	732,000	-3.9	-18.2
U.S. Part Time for Economic Reasons	6,106,000	6,406,000	6,772,000	-4.7	-9.8
<b>Wyoming Unemployment Insurance</b>					
Weeks Compensated	29,447	26,441	19,638	11.4	49.9
Benefits Paid	\$11,745,479	\$10,492,866	\$7,420,775	11.9	58.3
Average Weekly Benefit Payment	\$398.87	\$396.84	\$377.88	0.5	5.6
State Insured Covered Jobs <sup>1</sup>	264,665	264,479	266,686	0.1	-0.8
Insured Unemployment Rate	4.0%	3.6%	2.7%	N/A	N/A
<b>Consumer Price Index (U) for All U.S. Urban Consumers</b> (1982 to 1984 = 100)					
All Items	237.1	236.9	234.7	0.1	1.0
Food & Beverages	248.5	248.2	246.3	0.1	0.9
Housing	241.0	240.4	236.0	0.2	2.1
Apparel	125.6	121.9	124.5	3.0	0.9
Transportation	187.3	190.2	193.9	-1.5	-3.4
Medical Care	458.3	454.2	442.8	0.9	3.5
Recreation (Dec. 1997=100)	116.6	116.1	115.6	0.5	0.9
Education & Communication (Dec. 1997=100)	139.2	139.5	137.6	-0.2	1.2
Other Goods & Services	419.6	419.1	411.8	0.1	1.9
Producer Prices (1982 to 1984 = 100)					
All Commodities	181.5	182.5	191.1	-0.5	-5.0
<b>Wyo. Bldg. Permits (New Privately Owned Housing Units Authorized)</b>					
Total Units	89	93	98	-4.3	-9.2
Valuation	\$37,225,000	\$19,531,000	\$33,392,000	90.6	11.5
Single Family Homes	87	65	95	33.8	-8.4
Valuation	\$36,932,000	\$17,973,000	\$33,017,000	105.5	11.9
Casper MSA <sup>2</sup> Building Permits	11	8	14	37.5	-21.4
Valuation	\$2,469,000	\$1,982,000	\$3,054,000	24.6	-19.2
Cheyenne MSA Building Permits	13	21	19	-38.1	-31.6
Valuation	\$2,671,000	\$3,827,000	\$3,643,000	-30.2	-26.7
<b>Baker Hughes North American Rotary Rig Count for Wyoming</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>-31.3</b>	<b>-70.3</b>

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<sup>1</sup>Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program estimates.

<sup>2</sup>Metropolitan Statistical Area.

Note: Production worker hours and earnings data have been dropped from the Economic Indicators page because of problems with accuracy due to a small sample size and high item nonresponse. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics will continue to publish these data online at <http://www.bls.gov/eag/eag.wy.htm>.



# Wyoming County Unemployment Rates

by: *Carola Cowan, BLS Programs Supervisor*

*In February 2016, the highest unemployment rates occurred in Fremont (8.1%), Natrona (7.2%), and Johnson (7.0%) counties.*

REGION	Labor Force			Employed			Unemployed			Unemployment Rates		
	Feb 2016	Jan 2016	Feb 2015	Feb 2016	Jan 2016	Feb 2015	Feb 2016	Jan 2016	Feb 2015	Feb 2016	Jan 2016	Feb 2015
County	(p)	(r)	(b)	(p)	(r)	(b)	(p)	(r)	(b)	(p)	(r)	(b)
<b>NORTHWEST</b>	<b>46,891</b>	<b>47,162</b>	<b>46,776</b>	<b>43,687</b>	<b>43,907</b>	<b>44,305</b>	<b>3,204</b>	<b>3,255</b>	<b>2,471</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>5.3</b>
Big Horn	5,273	5,372	5,372	4,959	5,047	5,113	314	325	259	6.0	6.0	4.8
Fremont	20,271	20,224	20,253	18,639	18,597	19,080	1,632	1,627	1,173	8.1	8.0	5.8
Hot Springs	2,339	2,340	2,383	2,208	2,207	2,277	131	133	106	5.6	5.7	4.4
Park	14,814	14,966	14,602	13,927	14,022	13,868	887	944	734	6.0	6.3	5.0
Washakie	4,194	4,260	4,166	3,954	4,034	3,967	240	226	199	5.7	5.3	4.8
<b>NORTHEAST</b>	<b>52,230</b>	<b>52,525</b>	<b>53,669</b>	<b>49,097</b>	<b>49,356</b>	<b>51,419</b>	<b>3,133</b>	<b>3,169</b>	<b>2,250</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>4.2</b>
Campbell	25,314	25,253	26,310	23,709	23,735	25,371	1,605	1,518	939	6.3	6.0	3.6
Crook	3,475	3,601	3,532	3,303	3,410	3,384	172	191	148	4.9	5.3	4.2
Johnson	3,967	4,032	4,099	3,688	3,744	3,857	279	288	242	7.0	7.1	5.9
Sheridan	15,600	15,743	15,766	14,679	14,736	14,992	921	1,007	774	5.9	6.4	4.9
Weston	3,874	3,896	3,962	3,718	3,731	3,815	156	165	147	4.0	4.2	3.7
<b>SOUTHWEST</b>	<b>58,008</b>	<b>58,496</b>	<b>60,004</b>	<b>54,895</b>	<b>55,122</b>	<b>57,212</b>	<b>3,113</b>	<b>3,374</b>	<b>2,792</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>4.7</b>
Lincoln	8,182	8,247	8,227	7,693	7,732	7,745	489	515	482	6.0	6.2	5.9
Sublette	4,423	4,522	4,608	4,127	4,216	4,333	296	306	275	6.7	6.8	6.0
Sweetwater	22,266	22,362	23,326	20,930	20,920	22,280	1,336	1,442	1,046	6.0	6.4	4.5
Teton	13,928	14,086	13,958	13,510	13,571	13,446	418	515	512	3.0	3.7	3.7
Uinta	9,209	9,279	9,885	8,635	8,683	9,408	574	596	477	6.2	6.4	4.8
<b>SOUTHEAST</b>	<b>83,036</b>	<b>82,696</b>	<b>82,928</b>	<b>79,624</b>	<b>78,915</b>	<b>79,677</b>	<b>3,412</b>	<b>3,781</b>	<b>3,251</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>3.9</b>
Albany	21,494	21,115	20,975	20,827	20,352	20,277	667	763	698	3.1	3.6	3.3
Goshen	6,916	7,092	6,916	6,669	6,816	6,693	247	276	223	3.6	3.9	3.2
Laramie	48,594	48,350	48,987	46,402	45,925	46,900	2,192	2,425	2,087	4.5	5.0	4.3
Niobrara	1,226	1,269	1,269	1,183	1,215	1,230	43	54	39	3.5	4.3	3.1
Platte	4,806	4,870	4,781	4,543	4,607	4,577	263	263	204	5.5	5.4	4.3
<b>CENTRAL</b>	<b>58,519</b>	<b>58,618</b>	<b>60,366</b>	<b>54,573</b>	<b>54,707</b>	<b>57,895</b>	<b>3,946</b>	<b>3,911</b>	<b>2,471</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>4.1</b>
Carbon	8,547	8,642	7,946	8,075	8,185	7,594	472	457	352	5.5	5.3	4.4
Converse	8,259	8,294	8,386	7,778	7,825	8,105	481	469	281	5.8	5.7	3.4
Natrona	41,713	41,682	44,034	38,720	38,697	42,196	2,993	2,985	1,838	7.2	7.2	4.2
<b>STATEWIDE</b>	<b>298,686</b>	<b>299,497</b>	<b>303,743</b>	<b>281,877</b>	<b>282,008</b>	<b>290,509</b>	<b>16,809</b>	<b>17,489</b>	<b>13,234</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>4.4</b>

Statewide Seasonally Adjusted .....	5.0	4.7	3.8
U.S.....	5.2	5.3	5.8
U.S. Seasonally Adjusted.....	4.9	4.9	5.5

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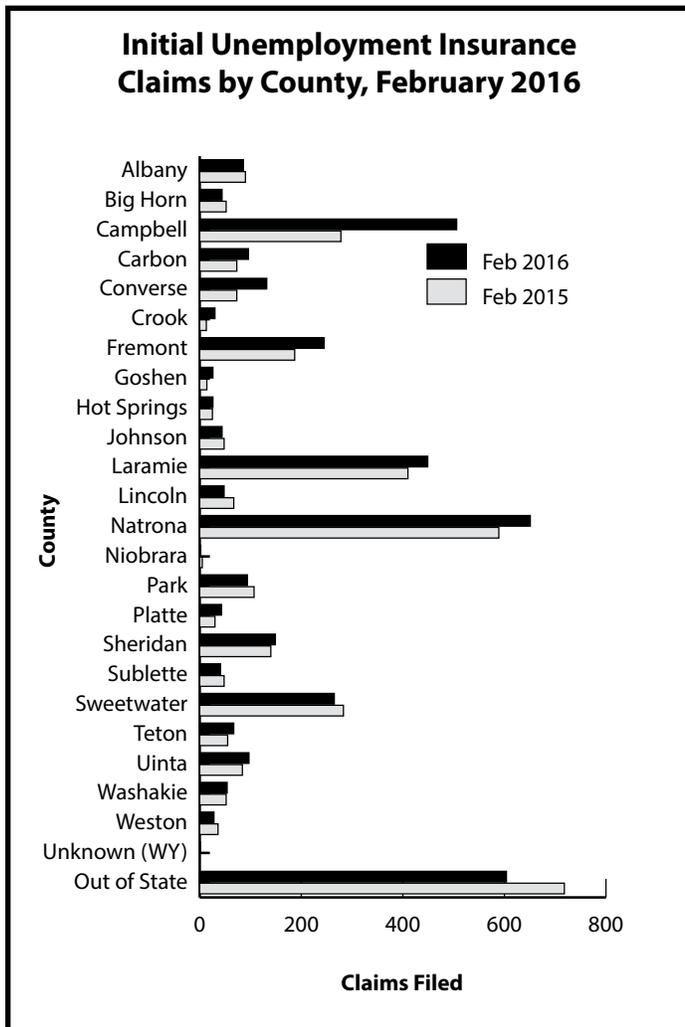
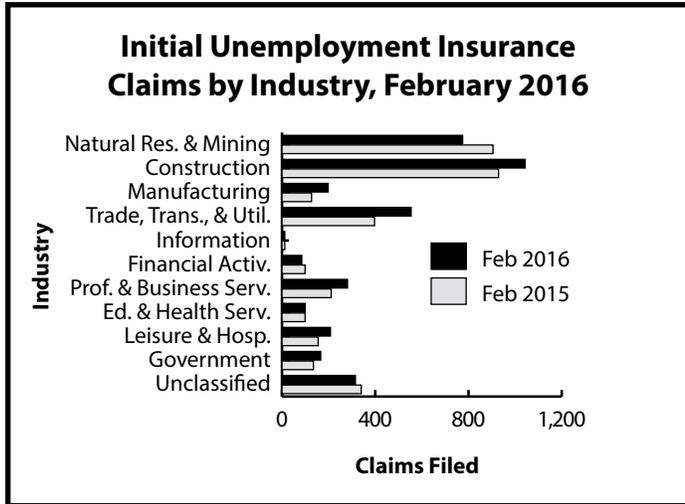
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# Wyoming Normalized<sup>a</sup> Unemployment Insurance Statistics: Initial Claims

by: *Sherry Wen, Principal Economist*

*Statewide initial claims increased 10.2% from February 2015, an increase of 354 claims.*



INITIAL CLAIMS	Claims Filed		% Change		
	Feb 16	Jan 16 Feb 15	Feb 16 Feb 15	Jan 16 Feb 15	
<b>Wyoming Statewide</b>					
<b>TOTAL CLAIMS FILED</b>	<b>3,829</b>	<b>4,874</b>	<b>3,475</b>	<b>-21.4</b>	<b>10.2</b>
<b>TOTAL GOODS-PRODUCING</b>	2,017	2,366	1,963	-14.8	2.8
Natural Res. & Mining	775	614	905	26.2	-14.4
Mining	758	592	899	28.0	-15.7
Oil & Gas Extraction	32	31	57	3.2	-43.9
Construction	1,043	1,517	929	-31.2	12.3
Manufacturing	198	233	127	-15.0	55.9
<b>TOTAL SERVICE-PROVIDING</b>	1,330	1,735	1,035	-23.3	28.5
Trade, Transp., & Utilities	554	651	397	-14.9	39.5
Wholesale Trade	156	138	72	13.0	116.7
Retail Trade	179	282	148	-36.5	20.9
Transp., Warehousing & Utilities	219	231	177	-5.2	23.7
Information	12	17	12	-29.4	0.0
Financial Activities	85	84	99	1.2	-14.1
Prof. & Business Svcs.	281	415	211	-32.3	33.2
Educational & Health Svcs.	99	110	99	-10.0	0.0
Leisure & Hospitality	208	349	155	-40.4	34.2
Other Svcs., exc. Public Admin.	84	102	57	-17.6	47.4
<b>TOTAL GOVERNMENT</b>	166	362	135	-54.1	23.0
Federal Government	51	125	60	-59.2	-15.0
State Government	19	32	11	-40.6	72.7
Local Government	95	204	62	-53.4	53.2
Local Education	16	21	16	-23.8	0.0
<b>UNCLASSIFIED</b>	315	410	340	-23.2	-7.4

Laramie County					
<b>TOTAL CLAIMS FILED</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>-9.7</b>	<b>9.5</b>
<b>TOTAL GOODS-PRODUCING</b>	217	261	208	-16.9	4.3
Construction	147	210	148	-30.0	-0.7
<b>TOTAL SERVICE-PROVIDING</b>	198	197	154	0.5	28.6
Trade, Transp., & Utilities	80	76	52	5.3	53.8
Financial Activities	7	14	10	-50.0	-30.0
Prof. & Business Svcs.	54	44	39	22.7	38.5
Educational & Health Svcs.	20	23	29	-13.0	-31.0
Leisure & Hospitality	20	22	13	-9.1	53.8
<b>TOTAL GOVERNMENT</b>	18	20	20	-10.0	-10.0
<b>UNCLASSIFIED</b>	15	18	25	-16.7	-40.0

Natrona County					
<b>TOTAL CLAIMS FILED</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>799</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>-18.6</b>	<b>10.5</b>
<b>TOTAL GOODS-PRODUCING</b>	346	434	370	-20.3	-6.5
Construction	162	279	147	-41.9	10.2
<b>TOTAL SERVICE-PROVIDING</b>	277	330	191	-16.1	45.0
Trade, Transp., & Utilities	123	144	73	-14.6	68.5
Financial Activities	23	12	16	91.7	43.8
Prof. & Business Svcs.	46	70	35	-34.3	31.4
Educational & Health Svcs.	21	17	23	23.5	-8.7
Leisure & Hospitality	24	52	27	-53.8	-11.1
<b>TOTAL GOVERNMENT</b>	9	14	15	-35.7	-40.0
<b>UNCLASSIFIED</b>	17	21	11	-19.0	54.5

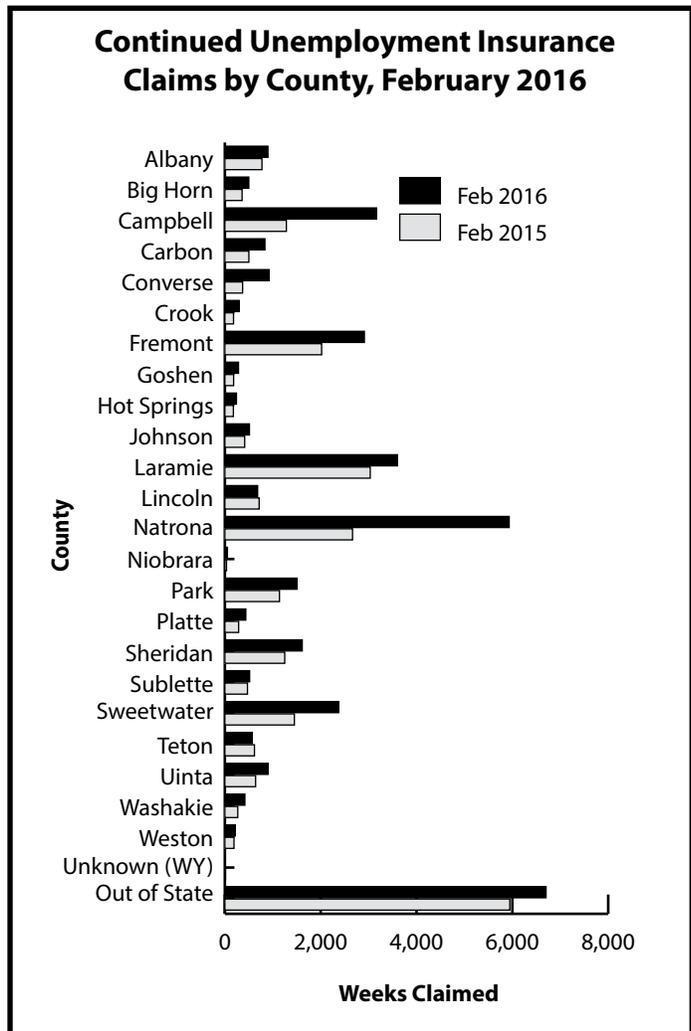
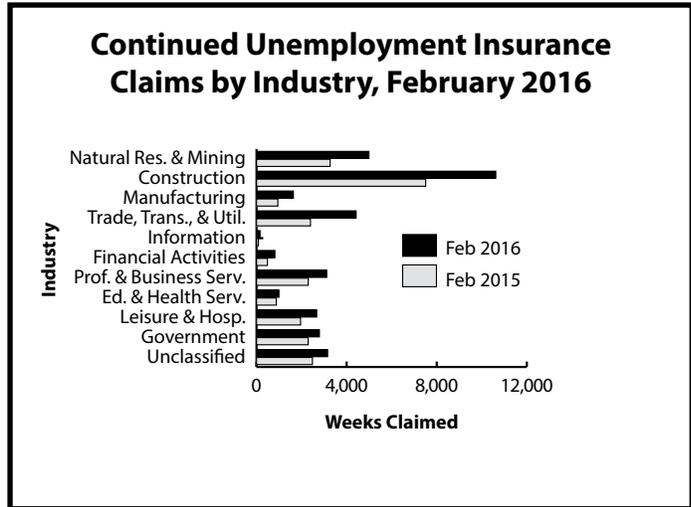
<sup>a</sup>An average month is considered 4.33 weeks. If a month has four weeks, the normalization factor is 1.0825. If the month has five weeks, the normalization factor is 0.866. The number of raw claims is multiplied by the normalization factor to achieve the normalized claims counts.

# Wyoming Normalized<sup>a</sup> Unemployment Insurance Statistics: Continued Claims

by: *Sherry Wen, Principal Economist*

Over the year, the number of unique claimants with continued claims increased by 3,059 individuals (42.3%). The total continued weeks claimed increased by 44.5% from February 2015.

CONTINUED CLAIMS	% Change Weeks Claimed				
	Continued Weeks Claimed Feb 16		Feb 16		Feb 15
	Feb 16	Jan 16	Feb 15	Jan 16	
<b>Wyoming Statewide</b>					
TOTAL WEEKS CLAIMED	36,124	33,056	24,997	9.3	44.5
TOTAL UNIQUE CLAIMANTS	10,297	9,756	7,238	5.5	42.3
Benefit Exhaustions	544	478	379	13.8	43.5
Benefit Exhaustion Rates	5.3%	4.9%	5.2%	0.4%	0.0%
TOTAL GOODS-PRODUCING	17,247	15,327	11,722	12.5	47.1
Natural Res. & Mining	4,990	4,159	3,267	20.0	52.7
Mining	4,793	3,957	3,087	21.1	55.3
Oil & Gas Extraction	491	464	261	5.8	88.1
Construction	10,621	9,853	7,508	7.8	41.5
Manufacturing	1,635	1,313	946	24.5	72.8
TOTAL SERVICE-PROVIDING	12,926	11,779	8,500	9.7	52.1
Trade, Transp. & Utilities	4,422	3,835	2,395	15.3	84.6
Wholesale Trade	1,059	840	408	26.1	159.6
Retail Trade	1,591	1,445	1,032	10.1	54.2
Transp., Warehousing & Utilities	1,772	1,550	955	14.3	85.5
Information	158	135	81	17.0	95.1
Financial Activities	816	736	484	10.9	68.6
Prof. & Business Services	3,116	2,733	2,294	14.0	35.8
Educational & Health Svcs.	997	1,044	877	-4.5	13.7
Leisure & Hospitality	2,672	2,729	1,956	-2.1	36.6
Other Svcs., exc. Public Adm.	736	560	407	31.4	80.8
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	2,792	2,704	2,291	3.3	21.9
Federal Government	1,104	1,202	1,230	-8.2	-10.2
State Government	286	253	227	13.0	26.0
Local Government	1,401	1,248	833	12.3	68.2
Local Education	166	187	111	-11.2	49.5
UNCLASSIFIED	3,157	3,245	2,482	-2.7	27.2
<b>Laramie County</b>					
TOTAL WEEKS CLAIMED	3,602	3,482	3,034	3.4	18.7
TOTAL UNIQUE CLAIMANTS	1,048	1,048	880	0.0	19.1
TOTAL GOODS-PRODUCING	1,993	1,920	1,444	3.8	38.0
Construction	1,639	1,589	1,172	3.1	39.8
TOTAL SERVICE-PROVIDING	1,215	1,150	1,224	5.7	-0.7
Trade, Transp. & Utilities	472	456	381	3.5	23.9
Financial Activities	105	105	79	0.0	32.9
Prof. & Business Svcs.	299	262	341	14.1	-12.3
Educational & Health Svcs.	149	140	245	6.4	-39.2
Leisure & Hospitality	110	120	108	-8.3	1.9
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	263	264	235	-0.4	11.9
UNCLASSIFIED	129	147	129	-12.2	0.0
<b>Natrona County</b>					
TOTAL WEEKS CLAIMED	5,934	5,344	2,665	11.0	122.7
TOTAL UNIQUE CLAIMANTS	1,725	1,584	807	8.9	113.8
TOTAL GOODS-PRODUCING	3,128	2,736	1,359	14.3	130.2
Construction	1,742	1,530	729	13.9	139.0
TOTAL SERVICE-PROVIDING	2,567	2,366	1,095	8.5	134.4
Trade, Transp. & Utilities	1,049	920	350	14.0	199.7
Financial Activities	187	209	53	-10.5	252.8
Professional & Business Svcs.	548	469	302	16.8	81.5
Educational & Health Svcs.	189	192	170	-1.6	11.2
Leisure & Hospitality	377	397	126	-5.0	199.2
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	96	109	108	-11.9	-11.1
UNCLASSIFIED	141	132	101	6.8	39.6



<sup>a</sup>An average month is considered 4.33 weeks. If a month has four weeks, the normalization factor is 1.0825. If the month has five weeks, the normalization factor is 0.866. The number of raw claims is multiplied by the normalization factor to achieve the normalized claims counts.

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