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## Covered Employment and Wages for Third Quarter 2007: Payroll Growth Moderates Further

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*In third quarter 2007, payroll growth moderated from the rapid growth seen during 2006 and the first part of 2007. Employment and payroll increased in most areas of the state. These economic changes help us gauge the strength of Wyoming's economy and identify the fastest and slowest growing industries and geographic areas.*

While employment in Wyoming continued to grow faster than its five-year average, payroll growth moderated from the rapid growth seen during 2006 and the first part of 2007. From third quarter 2006 to third quarter 2007, total Unemployment Insurance (UI) covered payroll grew by \$198.2 million (7.9%), marginally slower than its five-year average (9.3%; see Table 1, page 3). UI covered payroll represents approximately 92% of all wage and salary disbursements and 45% of personal income in the state (U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, 2007). The average weekly wage rose by

\$29 (4.1%), also slower than its five-year average (6.2%). Employment increased by 10,039 jobs (3.7%), almost a full percentage point faster than its five-year average (2.8%).

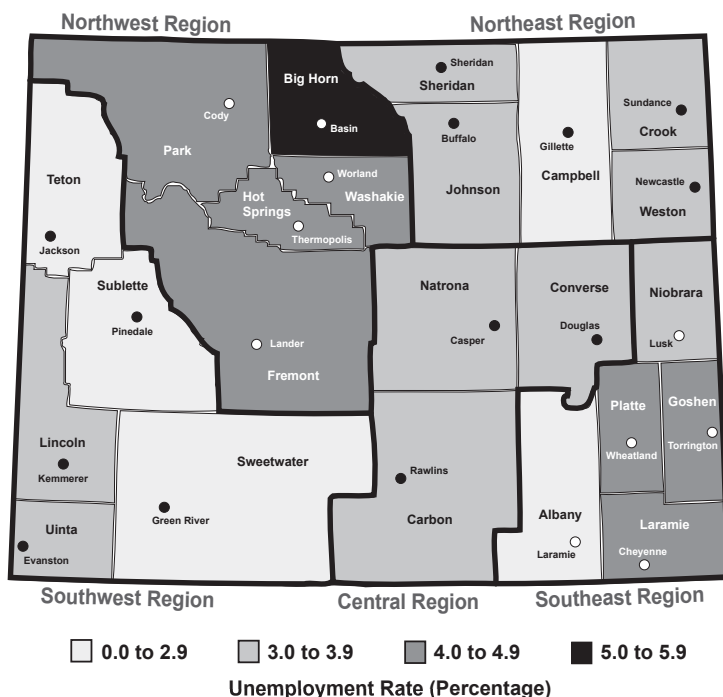
The covered payroll and employment data in this article are measured by place of work as compared to the labor force estimates (see page 21), which are a measure of employed and unemployed persons by place of residence.

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## HIGHLIGHTS

- **Persons working one job in Wyoming earned an average of \$10,083 during fourth quarter 2007, \$1,960 more than persons working two jobs, who earned average quarterly wages of \$8,123....page 12**
- **February marked the 59th consecutive month (4 years and 11 months) of over-the-year job growth in Wyoming. Compared to February 2007, Wyoming gained 8,100 jobs (2.9%). U.S. job growth remained much slower (0.6%)....page 16**

## Unemployment Rate by Wyoming County, February 2008 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



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The Figure shows that growth in total payroll peaked at 17.1% in fourth quarter 2006. It has since slowed to 7.9% in third quarter 2007 (see Table 2, page 4). Job growth, which averaged approximately 5% from first quarter 2006 to first quarter 2007, appears to have stabilized at 3.7% in both second and third quarter 2007. The slowdown in payroll growth may be related to a decrease in oil & gas drilling activity during 2007.

**Table 1: Percentage Change in Wyoming Covered Employment and Wages for Third Quarter 2003 (2003Q3) to Third Quarter 2007 (2007Q3)**

	Average Monthly Employment Percentage Change		Total Wages Percentage Change		Average Weekly Wage Percentage Change	
	Over the Previous Year	Over the Previous Quarter	Over the Previous Year	Over the Previous Quarter	Over the Previous Year	Over the Previous Quarter
2003Q3	1.2	2.6	4.8	2.6	3.5	0.0
2004Q3	2.0	1.7	7.1	2.6	5.0	0.9
2005Q3	2.7	2.4	11.7	5.8	8.7	3.3
2006Q3	4.6	2.0	14.8	5.1	9.8	3.1
2007Q3 <sup>a</sup>	3.7	1.7	7.9	0.9	4.1	-0.8
5-Year Average for Q3	2.8	2.1	9.3	3.4	6.2	1.3

<sup>a</sup>Preliminary.

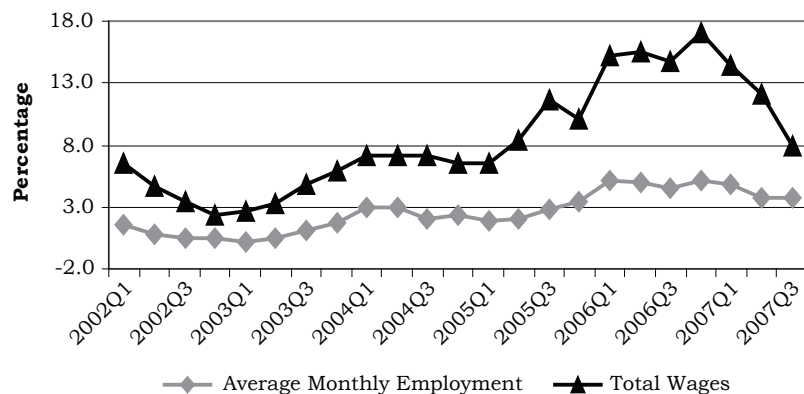
Source: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, developed through a cooperative program between Research & Planning and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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### Statewide Employment and Wages by Industry

The purpose of this article is to show employment and payroll changes between third quarter 2006 and third quarter 2007. These economic changes help us gauge the strength of Wyoming's economy and identify the fastest and slowest growing industries and geographic areas.

**Figure: Over-the-Year Percentage Change in Wyoming Covered Employment and Wages for First Quarter 2002 (2002Q1) to Third Quarter 2007 (2007Q3)**



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

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The largest job gains were found in construction, administrative & waste services, retail trade, local government (including public schools,

colleges, and hospitals), and transportation & warehousing (see Table 3, page 5).

Employment in

Wyoming's construction sector increased by 2,720 jobs (10.6%) and its total payroll grew by \$61.9 million (24.0%). Heavy & civil engineering

**Table 2: Over-the-Year Percentage Change in Wyoming Covered Employment and Wages for First Quarter 2002 (2002Q1) to Third Quarter 2007 (2007Q3)**

	Average Monthly Employment	Total Wages
2002Q1	1.6	6.5
2002Q2	0.7	4.7
2002Q3	0.5	3.5
2002Q4	0.4	2.4
2003Q1	0.2	2.7
2003Q2	0.5	3.3
2003Q3	1.2	4.8
2003Q4	1.7	5.9
2004Q1	3.0	7.2
2004Q2	2.9	7.1
2004Q3	2.0	7.1
2004Q4	2.4	6.5
2005Q1	1.9	6.6
2005Q2	2.1	8.3
2005Q3	2.7	11.7
2005Q4	3.4	10.1
2006Q1	5.1	15.1
2006Q2	5.0	15.5
2006Q3	4.6	14.8
2006Q4	5.1	17.1
2007Q1	4.8	14.5
2007Q2	3.7	12.1
2007Q3 <sup>a</sup>	3.7	7.9

<sup>a</sup>Preliminary.

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

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construction gained approximately 1,800 jobs, with nearly 1,200 of those jobs being in oil & gas pipeline and related structures construction. Employment fell slightly in construction of

buildings, but increased in specialty trade contractors (approximately 900 jobs).

Total payroll in administrative & waste services increased by \$11.2 million (23.3%) and employment increased by 1,101 jobs (13.9%). Strong job growth was seen in temporary help services and telephone call centers.

Retail trade added 1,073 jobs (3.4%) and its total payroll increased by \$14.7 million (8.1%). The largest job growth occurred in general merchandise stores (including warehouse clubs & supercenters), building material & garden equipment & supplies dealers, and motor vehicle & parts dealers.

Employment in local government increased by 1,039 jobs (2.9%) in third quarter. Total payroll grew by \$33.5 million (11.3%). Educational services (including school districts and community colleges) added approximately 300 jobs, public hospitals added approximately 300 jobs, and public administration (including cities, towns, and counties) added approximately 250 jobs. Arts, entertainment, & recreation (including gambling) gained approximately 100 jobs.

Transportation & warehousing added 888 jobs (10.3%) and its total payroll increased by \$12.0 million (14.0%). The largest job gains were found in warehousing & storage (nearly 600 jobs) and truck transportation (approximately 250 jobs). Employment fell slightly in transit & ground passenger transportation and pipeline transportation.

Employment fell in manufacturing, information, agriculture, and private educational services. Total payroll decreased in management of companies & enterprises and accommodation & food services.

Even though total payroll rose by \$8.1 million (7.6%) in manufacturing, employment decreased by 185 jobs (-1.8%). Modest job gains in petroleum & coal products manufacturing, fabricated metal product manufacturing, and machinery manufacturing were more than offset by job losses in wood product manufacturing, printing & related support activities, and transportation equipment manufacturing.

Employment fell by 141 jobs (-3.4%) in Wyoming's

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Table 3: Wyoming Average Monthly Employment, Total Payroll, and Average Weekly Wage for Third Quarter by Industry, 2006 and 2007<sup>a</sup>

NAICS <sup>b</sup> Industry Title	Average Monthly Employment			Total Payroll			Average Weekly Wage		
	Third Quarter		Change	Third Quarter		Change	Third Quarter		Change
	2006	2007	n	2006	2007	\$	2006	2007	\$
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>274,060</b>	<b>284,099</b>	<b>10,039</b>	<b>\$2,511,603,105</b>	<b>\$2,709,804,040</b>	<b>\$198,200,935</b>	<b>\$705</b>	<b>\$734</b>	<b>\$29</b>
<b>Total Private</b>	<b>217,703</b>	<b>226,489</b>	<b>8,786</b>	<b>\$1,975,965,222</b>	<b>\$2,124,083,803</b>	<b>\$148,118,581</b>	<b>\$698</b>	<b>\$721</b>	<b>\$23</b>
Agriculture	2,558	2,524	-34	14,806,835	15,140,244	333,409	445	461	16
Mining	27,385	27,517	132	459,116,406	479,352,016	20,235,610	1,290	1,340	50
Utilities	2,320	2,487	167	33,717,875	41,349,377	7,631,502	1,118	1,279	161
Construction	25,771	28,491	2,720	257,438,707	319,317,291	61,878,584	768	862	94
Manufacturing	10,294	10,109	-185	106,054,518	114,163,308	8,108,790	793	869	76
Wholesale Trade	8,320	8,816	496	95,567,819	106,440,192	10,872,373	884	929	45
Retail Trade	31,818	32,891	1,073	179,981,265	194,643,566	14,662,301	435	455	20
Transportation & Warehousing	8,644	9,532	888	85,568,725	97,539,401	11,970,676	761	787	26
Information	4,168	4,027	-141	34,227,452	35,995,615	1,768,163	632	688	56
Finance & Insurance	6,965	6,995	30	66,833,131	73,404,071	6,570,940	738	807	69
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	4,249	4,643	394	35,165,926	41,037,547	5,871,621	637	680	43
Professional & Technical Services	9,151	9,566	415	99,916,316	109,366,889	9,450,573	840	879	39
Mgmt. of Companies & Enterprises	890	939	49	20,961,036	17,398,267	-3,562,769	1,812	1,425	-387
Administrative & Waste Services	7,929	9,030	1,101	48,131,587	59,347,755	11,216,168	467	506	39
Educational Services	1,423	1,406	-17	9,702,073	10,098,701	396,628	524	553	29
Health Care & Social Assistance	20,213	21,026	813	171,962,372	188,729,366	16,766,994	654	690	36
Ambulatory Health Care Services	7,698	7,914	216	87,790,058	95,906,063	8,116,005	877	932	55
Hospitals	2,876	2,994	118	32,040,614	35,260,080	3,219,466	857	906	49
Nursing & Residential Care Facilities	4,469	4,509	40	27,866,907	29,034,008	1,167,101	480	495	15
Social Assistance	5,169	5,608	439	24,264,793	28,529,215	4,264,422	361	391	30
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	3,491	3,636	145	14,743,519	16,143,850	1,400,331	325	342	17
Accommodation & Food Services	33,630	34,246	616	184,917,275	139,851,007	-45,066,268	423	314	-109
Other Services	8,484	8,608	124	57,152,385	64,765,340	7,612,955	518	579	61
<b>Total Government</b>	<b>56,357</b>	<b>57,610</b>	<b>1,253</b>	<b>\$535,637,883</b>	<b>\$585,720,237</b>	<b>\$50,082,354</b>	<b>\$731</b>	<b>\$782</b>	<b>\$51</b>
Federal Government	7,934	7,935	1	105,025,983	108,159,222	3,133,239	1,018	1,049	31
State Government	12,413	12,625	212	134,514,153	147,934,696	13,420,543	834	901	67
Local Government	36,010	37,049	1,039	296,097,747	329,626,319	33,528,572	633	684	51

<sup>a</sup>Preliminary.

<sup>b</sup>North American Industry Classification System.

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information sector. This employment decrease was partially related to noneconomic code changes, including the introduction of the North American Industry Classification System 2007 (see article, page 11). Some firms previously classified in this sector were moved to administrative & waste services.

Agriculture employment fell slightly (-34 jobs, or -1.3%) and its total payroll increased marginally (\$333,409, or 2.3%). Job losses were seen in crop production and support activities for agriculture & forestry.

In private educational services, employment decreased by 17 jobs (-1.2%). Job losses in elementary & secondary schools and technical & trade schools were almost offset by job gains in other schools & instruction.

Management of companies & enterprises added 49 jobs (5.5%), but its total payroll fell by \$3.6 million (-17.0%). A large bonus paid in third quarter 2006 was not repeated in third quarter 2007.

Accommodation & food services gained 616 jobs (1.8%) in third quarter. Its total payroll, however, decreased by \$45.1 million (-24.4%). This decrease was related to a large bonus paid in third quarter 2006.

### **Employment and Wages by County**

Table 4 (see page 7) shows that employment and payroll increased in most areas of the state. Employment fell in only three counties (Big Horn, Goshen, and

Platte) and total payroll decreased in only two (Big Horn and Laramie).

Campbell County added 1,427 jobs (5.5%; see the Map, page 8) and its total payroll grew by \$24.4 million (8.0%). Employment fell slightly in mining, but grew rapidly in construction, retail trade, other services, and local government.

Employment grew by 1,056 jobs (16.2%) in Lincoln County and total payroll increased by \$28.8 million (53.6%). Construction was responsible for the largest part of the increase in employment (approximately 950 jobs).

Sublette County's employment also rose rapidly, increasing by 879 jobs (19.2%) in third quarter. Large job gains were seen in mining (including oil & gas; approximately 550 jobs) and construction (more than 100 jobs). Total payroll grew by \$21.7 million (46.5%).

Fremont County added 797 jobs (5.1%) and its total payroll grew by \$11.4 million (9.7%). Mining, construction, and local government posted the largest job gains.

In Sheridan County, employment rose by 571 jobs (4.4%) and total payroll increased by \$15.8 million (15.5%). Strong job growth was seen in construction, retail trade, local government, and mining (including oil & gas).

Natrona County's total payroll increased by \$34.6 million (9.7%) and employment grew by 844 jobs (2.2%; see Table 5, page 9). Large job gains were seen in construction (306 jobs, or 10.8%), accommodation & food services (199 jobs, or 5.9%), retail trade (195 jobs, or 3.9%),

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Table 4: Wyoming Average Monthly Employment, Total Payroll, and Average Weekly Wage for Third Quarter by County, 2006 and 2007<sup>a</sup>

County	Average Monthly Employment			Total Payroll			Average Weekly Wage				
	Third Quarter		Change n	Third Quarter		Change \$	Third Quarter		Change \$		
	2006	2007		2006	2007		2006	2007		%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>274,060</b>	<b>284,099</b>	<b>10,039</b>	<b>\$2,511,603,105</b>	<b>\$2,709,804,040</b>	<b>\$198,200,935</b>	<b>\$705</b>	<b>\$734</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>\$29</b>	<b>4.1</b>
Albany	14,876	15,095	218	114,646,402	123,704,666	9,058,264	593	630	7.9	38	6.3
Big Horn	4,826	4,366	-460	39,441,678	32,879,145	-6,562,533	629	579	-16.6	-49	-7.9
Campbell	25,812	27,239	1,427	303,853,856	328,219,538	24,365,682	906	927	8.0	21	2.4
Carbon	7,582	7,903	320	61,636,599	72,519,123	10,882,524	625	706	17.7	81	12.9
Converse	4,817	4,999	182	39,405,989	44,900,433	5,494,444	629	691	13.9	62	9.8
Crook	2,329	2,367	38	17,059,882	18,741,344	1,681,462	563	609	9.9	46	8.1
Fremont	15,494	16,291	797	117,426,523	128,839,512	11,412,989	583	608	9.7	25	4.4
Goshen	4,140	4,091	-49	26,344,247	27,758,198	1,413,951	490	522	5.4	32	6.6
Hot Springs	1,963	2,013	50	12,443,725	14,149,506	1,705,781	488	541	13.7	53	10.9
Johnson	3,482	3,606	124	25,091,402	27,147,878	2,056,476	554	579	8.2	25	4.5
Laramie	41,983	43,596	1,613	412,978,659	391,460,220	-21,518,439	757	691	-5.2	-66	-8.7
Lincoln	6,510	7,566	1,056	53,786,968	82,611,055	28,824,087	636	840	53.6	204	32.2
Natrona	38,648	39,492	844	358,009,614	392,567,512	34,557,898	713	765	9.7	52	7.3
Niobrara	796	829	34	4,986,637	5,367,696	381,059	482	498	7.6	16	3.3
Park	14,643	14,899	256	107,603,735	114,432,424	6,828,689	565	591	6.3	26	4.5
Platte	3,309	3,297	-12	23,689,206	24,714,448	1,025,242	551	577	4.3	26	4.7
Sheridan	13,055	13,626	571	102,255,912	118,077,093	15,821,181	603	667	15.5	64	10.6
Sublette	4,580	5,458	879	46,661,330	68,337,365	21,676,035	784	963	46.5	179	22.9
Sweetwater	24,422	24,804	383	278,036,117	292,000,972	13,964,855	876	906	5.0	30	3.4
Teton	20,799	21,130	331	179,384,848	186,484,392	7,099,544	663	679	4.0	15	2.3
Uinta	9,491	9,859	368	77,516,614	89,022,422	11,505,808	628	695	14.8	66	10.6
Washakie	3,918	4,004	87	30,199,827	32,772,569	2,572,742	593	630	8.5	37	6.2
Weston	2,130	2,259	129	15,051,639	17,793,488	2,741,849	543	606	18.2	62	11.5
Nonclassified <sup>b</sup>	4,455	5,308	853	64,091,696	75,303,041	11,211,345	1,107	1,091	17.5	-15	-1.4

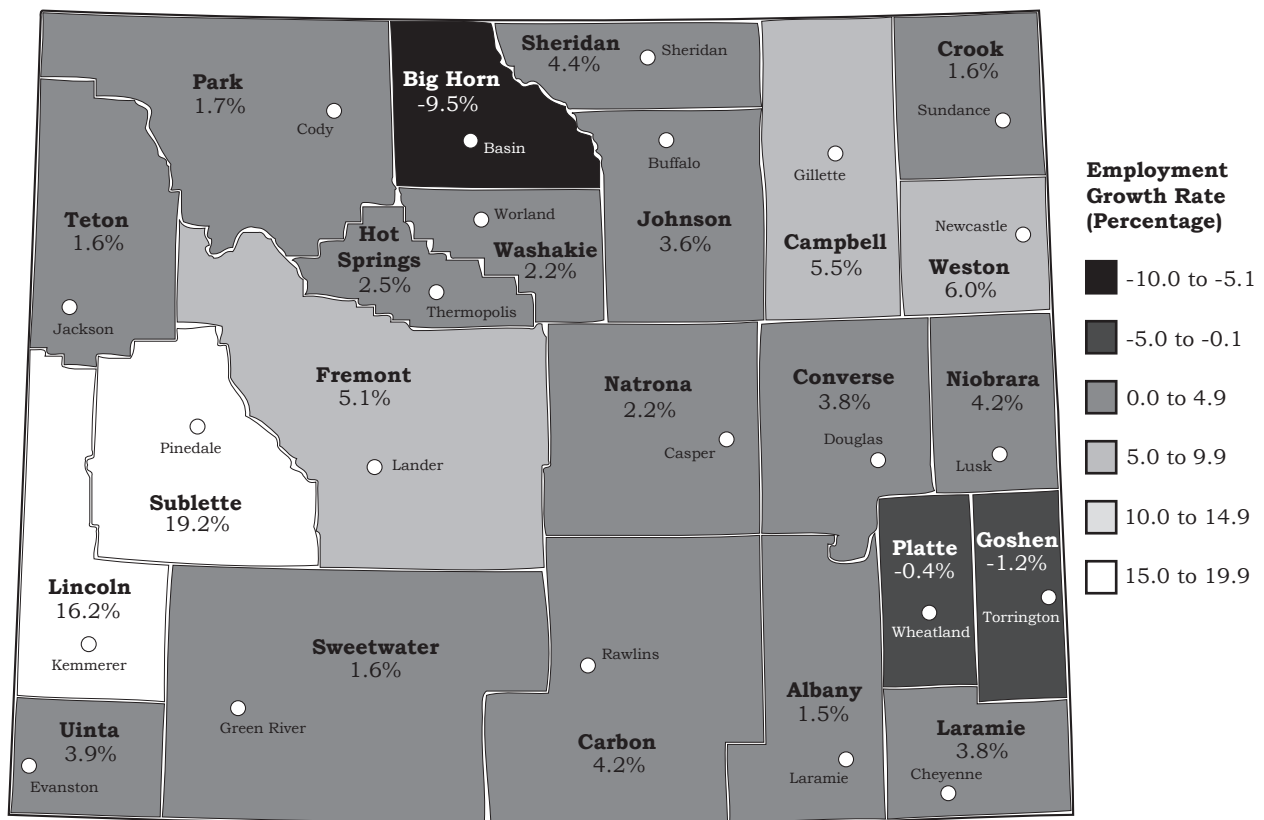
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<sup>b</sup>The employer may be located statewide or in more than one county.

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Map: Wyoming Employment Growth Rate by County, Third Quarter 2006 to Third Quarter 2007<sup>a</sup>



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and health care & social assistance (166 jobs, or 3.6%). The apparent large job loss in mining (-681 jobs, or -16.0%) was actually the result of the reclassification of a large firm out of Natrona County into the nonclassified region.

Table 6 (see page 10) shows that Laramie County's employment rose by 1,613 jobs (3.8%) in third quarter. Total payroll fell by \$21.5 million (-5.2%), mostly because of a large lump sum payment, or bonus, in accommodation & food services that was paid in third quarter 2006 but not repeated in 2007. The largest job gains occurred in

transportation & warehousing (628 jobs, or 34.2%), health care & social assistance (277 jobs, or 8.4%), local government (including public schools, colleges, and hospitals; 195 jobs, or 3.2%), and retail trade (161 jobs, or 2.9%). Large increases in total payroll were seen in local government (\$5.4 million, or 9.6%), transportation & warehousing (\$5.0 million, or 31.0%), state government (\$4.9 million, or 10.9%), construction (\$4.3 million, or 14.7%), and health care & social assistance (\$3.6 million, or 12.4%).

Big Horn County's employment fell by 460 jobs (-9.5%) and payroll fell by

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Table 5: Natrona County Average Monthly Employment, Total Payroll, and Average Weekly Wage for Third Quarter by Industry, 2006 and 2007<sup>a</sup>

NAICS <sup>b</sup> Industry Title	Average Monthly Employment			Total Payroll			Average Weekly Wage			
	Third Quarter		Change n	Third Quarter		Change \$	Third Quarter		Change \$	
	2006	2007		2006	2007		2006	2007		
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>38,648</b>	<b>39,492</b>	<b>844</b>	<b>\$358,009,614</b>	<b>\$392,567,512</b>	<b>\$34,557,898</b>	<b>\$713</b>	<b>\$765</b>	<b>\$52</b>	<b>7.3</b>
<b>Total Private</b>	<b>33,635</b>	<b>34,320</b>	<b>685</b>	<b>\$313,862,435</b>	<b>\$339,758,810</b>	<b>\$25,896,375</b>	<b>\$718</b>	<b>\$762</b>	<b>\$44</b>	<b>6.1</b>
Agriculture	136	140	4	829,217	791,730	-37,487	469	435	-34	-7.2
Mining	4,260	3,579	-681	68,337,930	67,753,400	-584,530	1,234	1,456	222	18.0
Utilities	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Construction	2,837	3,143	306	27,475,790	33,796,205	6,320,415	745	827	82	11.0
Manufacturing	1,935	1,962	27	19,585,986	20,694,513	1,108,527	779	811	32	4.1
Wholesale Trade	2,521	2,633	112	30,609,765	33,154,015	2,544,250	934	969	35	3.7
Retail Trade	5,029	5,224	195	30,050,755	32,926,623	2,875,868	460	485	25	5.4
Transportation & Warehousing	1,028	1,040	12	11,017,194	11,832,785	815,591	824	875	51	6.2
Information	568	556	-12	4,398,382	4,682,882	284,500	596	648	52	8.7
Finance & Insurance	1,055	1,060	5	12,173,366	12,312,457	139,091	888	894	6	0.7
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	1,008	1,072	64	9,407,269	11,269,437	1,862,168	718	809	91	12.7
Professional & Technical Services	1,345	1,450	105	14,382,069	16,718,977	2,336,908	823	887	64	7.8
Mgmt. of Companies & Enterprises	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Administrative & Waste Services	1,532	1,560	28	9,017,389	9,293,162	275,773	453	458	5	1.1
Educational Services	71	84	13	278,080	357,261	79,181	301	327	26	8.6
Health Care & Social Assistance	4,657	4,823	166	47,109,692	50,786,254	3,676,562	778	810	32	4.1
Ambulatory Health Care Services	1,642	1,663	21	22,136,275	23,326,066	1,189,791	1,037	1,079	42	4.1
Hospitals and Nursing & Residential Care Facilities	2,191	2,263	72	21,215,310	23,281,684	2,066,374	745	791	47	6.2
Social Assistance	824	898	74	3,758,107	4,178,504	420,397	351	358	7	2.0
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	535	556	21	2,158,307	1,808,566	-349,741	310	250	-60	-19.4
Accommodation & Food Services	3,373	3,572	199	11,176,392	12,441,744	1,265,352	255	268	13	5.1
Other Services	1,580	1,688	108	12,349,652	15,015,442	2,665,790	601	684	83	13.8
<b>Total Government</b>	<b>5,013</b>	<b>5,172</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>\$44,147,179</b>	<b>\$52,808,702</b>	<b>\$8,661,523</b>	<b>\$677</b>	<b>\$785</b>	<b>\$108</b>	<b>16.0</b>
Federal Government	662	663	1	10,377,802	10,159,618	-218,184	1,206	1,179	-27	-2.2
State Government	692	709	17	7,565,361	8,463,586	898,225	841	918	77	9.2
Local Government	3,659	3,801	142	26,204,016	34,185,498	7,981,482	551	692	141	25.6

<sup>a</sup>Preliminary.

<sup>b</sup>North American Industry Classification System.

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

Extract date: January 2008.

Table 6: Laramie County Average Monthly Employment, Total Payroll, and Average Weekly Wage for Third Quarter by Industry, 2006 and 2007<sup>a</sup>

NAICS <sup>b</sup> Industry Title	Average Monthly Employment			Total Payroll			Average Weekly Wage			
	Third Quarter		Change	Third Quarter		Change	Third Quarter		Change	
	2006	2007	n	2006	2007	\$	2006	2007	\$	
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>41,983</b>	<b>43,596</b>	<b>1,613</b>	<b>\$412,978,659</b>	<b>\$391,460,220</b>	<b>-\$21,518,439</b>	<b>\$757</b>	<b>\$691</b>	<b>-\$66</b>	<b>-8.7</b>
<b>Total Private</b>	<b>29,519</b>	<b>30,771</b>	<b>1,252</b>	<b>\$276,949,338</b>	<b>\$242,071,199</b>	<b>-\$34,878,139</b>	<b>\$722</b>	<b>\$605</b>	<b>-\$117</b>	<b>-16.2</b>
Agriculture	210	222	12	1,206,454	1,461,757	255,303	442	506	64	14.5
Mining	88	96	8	2,678,871	1,286,039	-1,392,832	2,342	1,030	-1,312	-56.0
Utilities	124	141	17	1,901,293	2,190,298	289,005	1,179	1,195	16	1.4
Construction	3,351	3,365	14	29,071,785	33,354,928	4,283,143	667	762	95	14.2
Manufacturing	1,662	1,630	-32	16,950,143	19,197,846	2,247,703	785	906	121	15.4
Wholesale Trade	814	810	-4	8,893,411	9,256,898	363,487	840	879	39	4.6
Retail Trade	5,602	5,763	161	32,862,005	33,741,991	879,986	451	450	-1	-0.2
Transportation & Warehousing	1,834	2,462	628	16,017,910	20,982,804	4,964,894	672	656	-16	-2.4
Information	1,008	1,039	31	9,979,272	10,743,234	763,962	762	795	33	4.3
Finance & Insurance	1,502	1,486	-16	14,623,159	15,893,018	1,269,859	749	823	74	9.9
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	547	550	3	3,890,218	4,209,341	319,123	547	589	42	7.7
Professional & Technical Services	1,515	1,478	-37	17,125,592	19,371,173	2,245,581	870	1,008	138	15.9
Mgmt. of Companies & Enterprises	237	161	-76	3,199,518	2,454,415	-745,103	1,038	1,173	135	13.0
Administrative & Waste Services	1,642	1,799	157	7,934,249	9,176,043	1,241,794	372	392	20	5.4
Educational Services	184	199	15	1,129,155	1,242,403	113,248	472	480	8	1.7
Health Care & Social Assistance	3,298	3,575	277	29,058,265	32,664,193	3,605,928	678	703	25	3.7
Ambulatory Health Care Services	1,580	1,619	39	18,702,566	20,966,429	2,263,863	911	996	85	9.3
Nursing & Residential Care Facilities	918	931	13	6,101,679	5,975,171	-126,508	511	494	-17	-3.3
Hospitals & Social Assistance	800	1,024	224	4,254,020	5,722,593	1,468,573	409	430	21	5.1
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	282	336	54	843,474	1,027,440	183,966	230	235	5	2.2
Accommodation & Food Services	4,310	4,379	69	71,381,304	15,317,533	-56,063,771 <sup>c</sup>	1,274	269	-1,005	-78.9
Other Services	1,309	1,279	-30	8,203,260	8,499,845	296,585	482	511	29	6.0
<b>Total Government</b>	<b>12,464</b>	<b>12,825</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>\$136,029,321</b>	<b>\$149,389,021</b>	<b>\$13,359,700</b>	<b>\$840</b>	<b>\$896</b>	<b>\$56</b>	<b>6.7</b>
Federal Government	2,470	2,555	85	34,288,529	37,308,848	3,020,319	1,068	1,123	55	5.1
State Government	3,849	3,930	81	45,482,017	50,420,166	4,938,149	909	987	78	8.6
Local Government	6,145	6,340	195	56,258,775	61,660,007	5,401,232	704	748	44	6.3

<sup>a</sup>Preliminary.<sup>b</sup>North American Industry Classification System.<sup>c</sup>Total wages return to normal from "unidentified lump sum payment and/or bonuses/executive pay."

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

Extract date: January 2008.

## Quality Improvement in the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) Program and Its Implications for Comparability Over Time

by: *David Bullard, Senior Economist*

The changes introduced in the 2007 revision to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) are relatively small and primarily affect the information sector.

Each year approximately one-fourth of employers with four or more employees covered by Unemployment Insurance (UI) in Wyoming are contacted by mail questionnaire to confirm that they have been assigned to the correct county and industry category (e.g., mining, construction, manufacturing) based on NAICS (U.S. Census Bureau, 2007). If it is found that an employer has changed primary business activity, a different NAICS code is assigned to reflect that change. If the primary work location has moved to another county, the county code is changed. These are known as noneconomic code changes. Research staff also review employers' NAICS codes if the business is sold, becomes incorporated, or otherwise changes ownership. In this manner, Research & Planning continually ensures that employers are assigned to the correct industry category. However, these noneconomic code changes also make it difficult for data users to make direct comparisons across years. Sometimes, large employers may move from one NAICS sector to another.

QCEW data are usually published

six to nine months after the end of the reference quarter. The deadline for employers to file their quarterly unemployment insurance contributions report is one month after the end of the quarter (third quarter ended September 30 and the taxes were due October 31). Then the data must be electronically scanned, edited, and cleaned up. Missing reports must be researched and errors corrected. Despite the time lag, QCEW provides employment and wage data at the county and industry level that are not available from any other source.

**Research & Planning continually ensures that employers are assigned to the correct industry category.**

Each quarter, QCEW data are revised to reflect the receipt of late

reports and corrections from employers. At the total level, these revisions are usually quite small. For example, when data for third quarter 2006 were first published in April 2007 *Wyoming Labor Force Trends*, total employment was shown in the tables as 273,700. However, the tables accompanying the article beginning on page 1 show third quarter 2006 total employment as 274,060, a revision of 360 jobs (0.1%).

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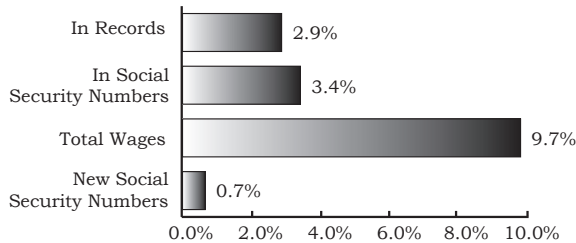
# Persons Working in Jobs Covered by Wyoming State Unemployment Insurance, Fourth Quarter 2007

by: Sylvia D. Jones, Senior Research Analyst

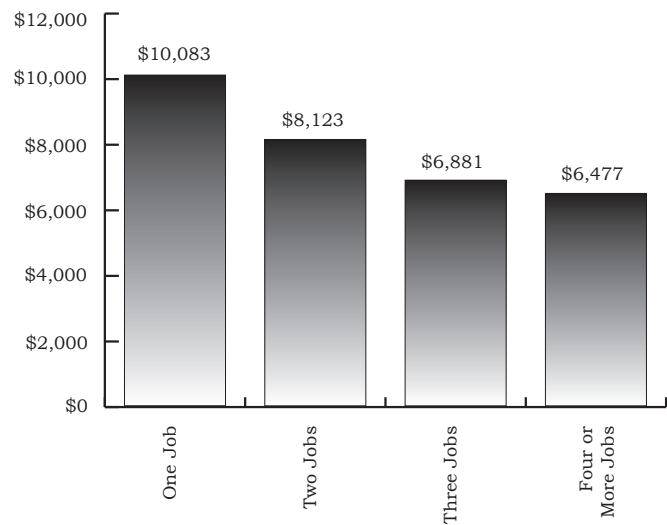
Persons working one job in Wyoming earned an average of \$10,083 during fourth quarter 2007, \$1,960 more than persons working two jobs, who earned average quarterly wages of \$8,123.

From fourth quarter 2006 to fourth quarter 2007, the number of total wage records in Wyoming increased by 2.9%. Social security numbers in wage records rose by 3.4%, and there was a 0.7% increase in new social security numbers. Total wages increased by 9.7%.

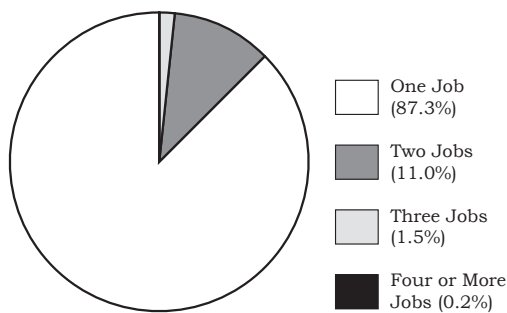
**Figure 1: Percentage Change from Previous Year, Wyoming Wage Records, Fourth Quarter 2007**



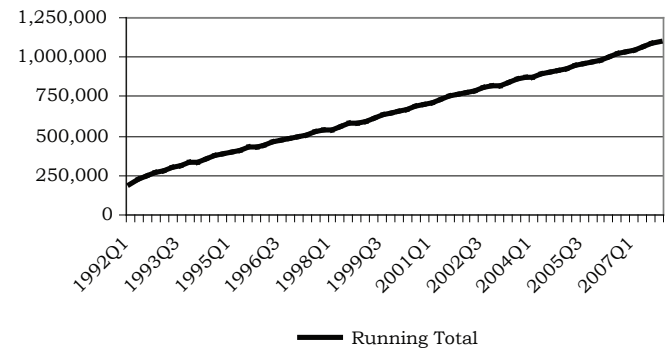
**Figure 2: Mean Quarterly Wages in Wyoming by Number of Jobs, Fourth Quarter 2007**



**Figure 3: Percentage of Total Social Security Numbers by Number of Jobs Worked in Wyoming, Fourth Quarter 2007**



**Figure 4: Running Total of Unique Social Security Numbers in Wyoming, First Quarter 1992 (1992Q1) to Fourth Quarter 2007 (2007Q4)**



## Quarterly Turnover Statistics by Industry, Second Quarter 2007

by: Douglas W. Leonard, Senior Economist

Turnover in second quarter 2007 was 0.1% less than in second quarter 2006. All goods-producing industries had over-the-year declines in turnover, with the largest decline occurring in mining (-4.0%). Among service industries, retail trade had the greatest increase (3.9%).

Sector	Major Industry		(H)	(H)+(B)	(B)	(E)	(E)+(B)	(C)	(H+E+B+C)	Turnover	
			Hire Only	Total Hires	Both Hire and Exit	Exit Only	Total Exits	Continuous Employment	Total	Rate <sup>a</sup>	Change Prior Year
Goods Producing	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, & Hunting	Transactions <sup>b</sup>	760	1,070	310	260	570	1,723	3,053	43.6%	-1.6%
		Rates	24.8%	34.9%	10.1%	8.5%	18.6%	56.4%	100.0%		
	Mining	Transactions	3,853	5,301	1,448	3,241	4,689	22,843	31,385	27.3%	-4.0%
		Rates	12.2%	16.8%	4.6%	10.3%	14.9%	72.7%	100.0%		
	Construction	Transactions	8,806	14,361	5,555	5,446	11,001	17,865	37,672	52.6%	-0.3%
		Rates	23.3%	38.0%	14.7%	14.4%	29.1%	47.4%	100.0%		
Manufacturing	Transactions	1,421	2,099	678	1,397	2,075	8,987	12,483	28.1%	-0.2%	
	Rates	11.3%	16.7%	5.4%	11.1%	16.5%	71.9%	100.0%			
Service Providing	Wholesale Trade, Transportation, Utilities, & Warehousing	Transactions	2,846	4,024	1,178	2,302	3,480	17,262	23,588	26.9%	-1.3%
		Rates	12.0%	16.9%	4.9%	9.7%	14.6%	73.1%	100.0%		
	Retail Trade	Transactions	8,170	13,437	5,267	6,402	11,669	24,071	43,910	45.2%	3.9%
		Rates	18.6%	30.5%	11.9%	14.5%	26.4%	54.8%	100.0%		
	Information	Transactions	583	747	164	511	675	4,063	5,321	23.7%	-0.2%
		Rates	10.9%	13.9%	3.0%	9.6%	12.6%	76.3%	100.0%		
	Financial Activities	Transactions	1,644	2,171	527	1,221	1,748	9,589	12,981	26.2%	-0.1%
		Rates	12.6%	16.6%	4.0%	9.4%	13.4%	73.8%	100.0%		
	Professional & Business Services	Transactions	5,290	8,597	3,307	3,578	6,885	13,092	25,267	48.2%	0.6%
		Rates	20.9%	33.9%	13.0%	14.1%	27.1%	51.8%	100.0%		
	Educational Services	Transactions	1,606	2,849	1,243	4,116	5,359	23,490	30,455	22.9%	-1.4%
		Rates	5.2%	9.2%	4.0%	13.5%	17.5%	77.1%	100.0%		
	Health Services	Transactions	3,498	4,447	949	3,188	4,137	23,968	31,603	24.2%	0.1%
		Rates	11.0%	14.0%	3.0%	10.0%	13.0%	75.8%	100.0%		
	Leisure & Hospitality	Transactions	15,402	22,556	7,154	9,214	16,368	19,545	51,315	62.0%	-0.4%
		Rates	30.0%	43.9%	13.9%	17.9%	31.8%	38.0%	100.0%		
Other Services	Transactions	1,769	2,854	1,085	1,449	2,534	6,447	10,750	40.1%	-0.6%	
	Rates	16.4%	26.4%	10.0%	13.4%	23.4%	59.9%	100.0%			
Public Administration	Transactions	2,935	3,593	658	1,402	2,060	18,111	23,106	21.7%	0.8%	
	Rates	12.7%	15.5%	2.8%	6.0%	8.8%	78.3%	100.0%			
Unclassified	Transactions	170	180	10	93	103	130	403	67.8%	6.3%	
	Rates	42.1%	44.5%	2.4%	23.0%	25.4%	32.2%	100.0%			
<b>Total</b>	<b>Transactions</b>	<b>58,753</b>	<b>88,286</b>	<b>29,533</b>	<b>43,820</b>	<b>73,353</b>	<b>211,186</b>	<b>343,292</b>	<b>38.5%</b>	<b>-0.1%</b>	
	<b>Rates</b>	<b>17.1%</b>	<b>25.7%</b>	<b>8.6%</b>	<b>12.7%</b>	<b>21.3%</b>	<b>61.5%</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.

## Covered Employment and Wages for Third Quarter 2007: Payroll Growth Moderates Further

(Text continued from page 8)

\$6.6 million (-16.6%), but this was mostly related to a noneconomic code change.

A large firm was reclassified to Sublette County, where a majority of its employees were working.

In third quarter, employment fell by 49 jobs (-1.2%) in Goshen County. Total payroll increased by \$1.4 million (5.4%). Minor job losses were seen in a number of sectors including construction; retail trade; transportation & warehousing; and arts, entertainment, & recreation.

In Platte County, employment decreased by 12 jobs (-0.4%) but total payroll grew by \$1.0 million (4.3%). Employment fell slightly in wholesale

trade, transportation & warehousing, administrative & waste services, and health care & social assistance.

In summary, payroll growth has moderated from the rapid pace set during 2006. Strong job growth continues in many sectors, especially construction, and in most areas of the state.

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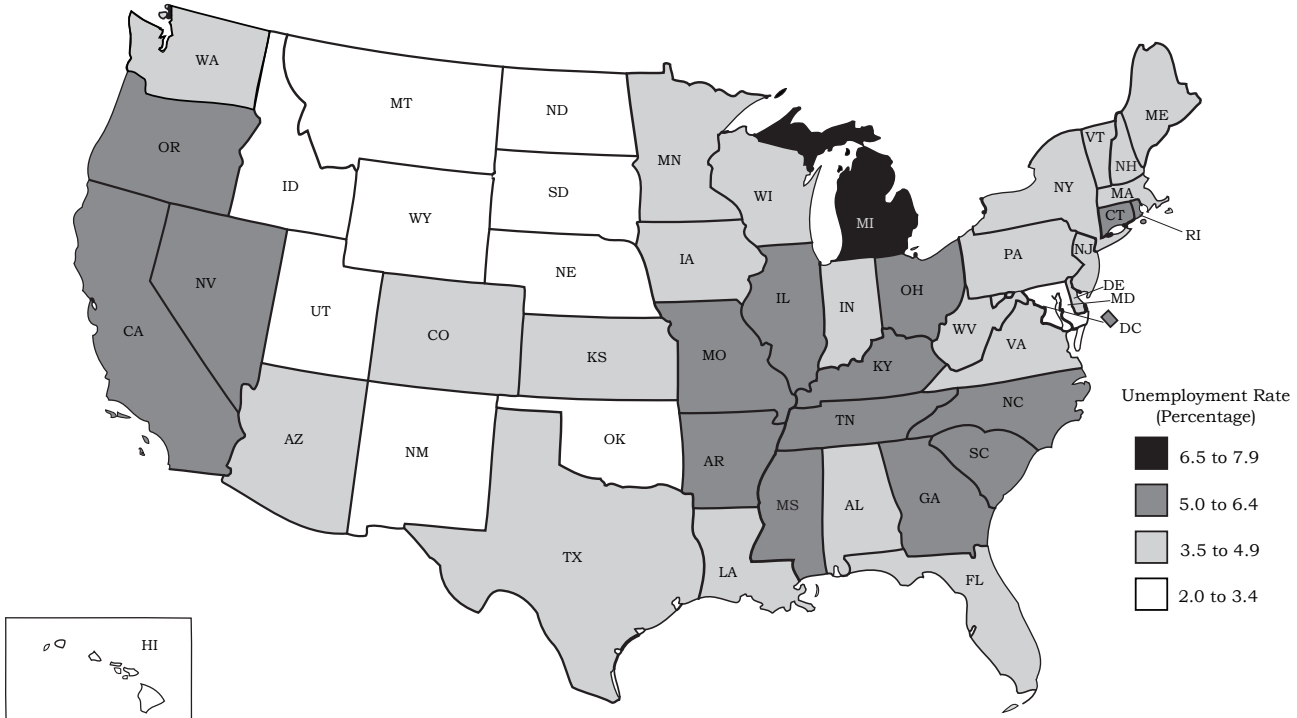
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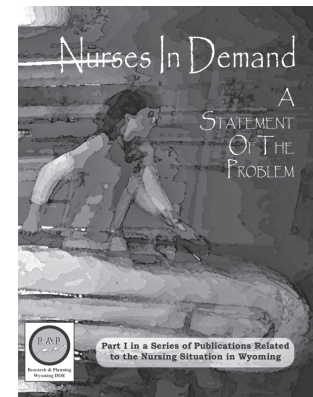
**Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates by State, February 2008<sup>a</sup>**  
 U.S. Rate = 4.8%



<sup>a</sup>Preliminary.  
 Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics program. Extracted April 9, 2008.

## ***Nurses in Demand: A Statement of the Problem Now Available Online***

**R**esearch & Planning recently published *Nurses in Demand: A Statement of the Problem*, detailing the situation of nursing and health care in Wyoming. The report includes projections for future employment demand, demographic changes by county, and current employment and wages. Both a summary document and the full-length report are available in PDF format at <http://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/nursing.htm>.



## **Wyoming Job Growth Continues in February 2008**

*by: David Bullard, Senior Economist*

**F**ebruary marked the 59th consecutive month (4 years and 11 months) of over-the-year job growth in Wyoming. Compared to February 2007, Wyoming gained 8,100 jobs (2.9%). U.S. job growth remained much slower (0.6%). Wyoming's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate held steady at 2.7%, markedly lower than the U.S. rate (4.8%).

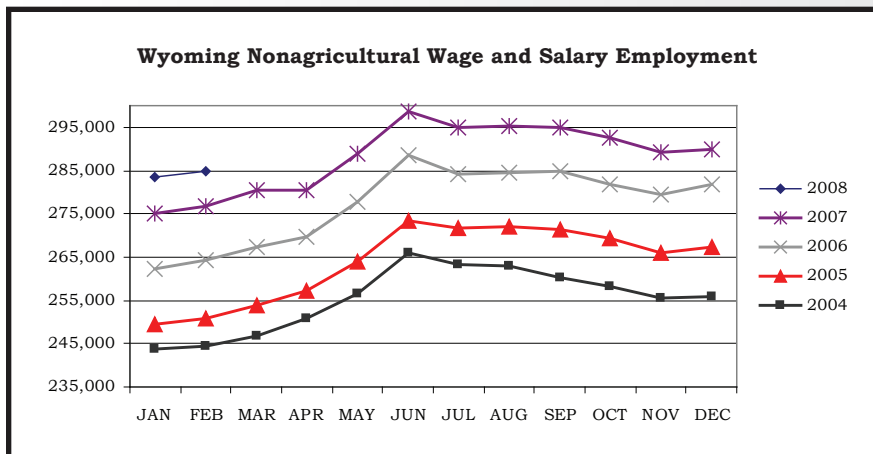
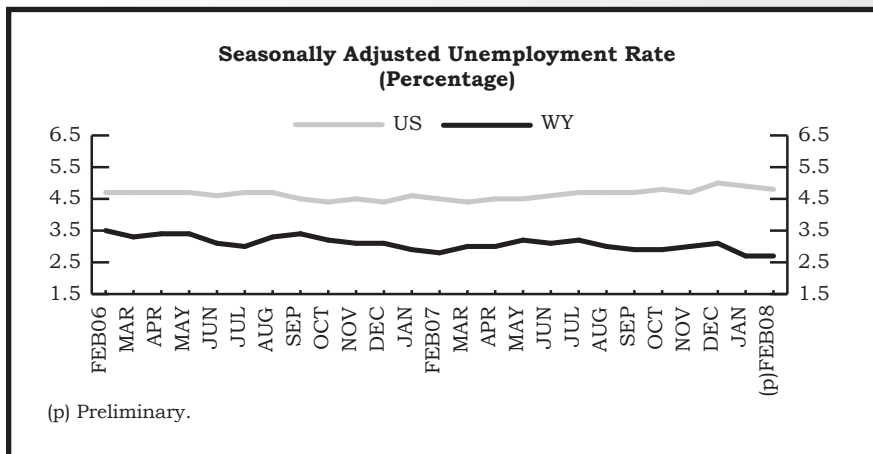
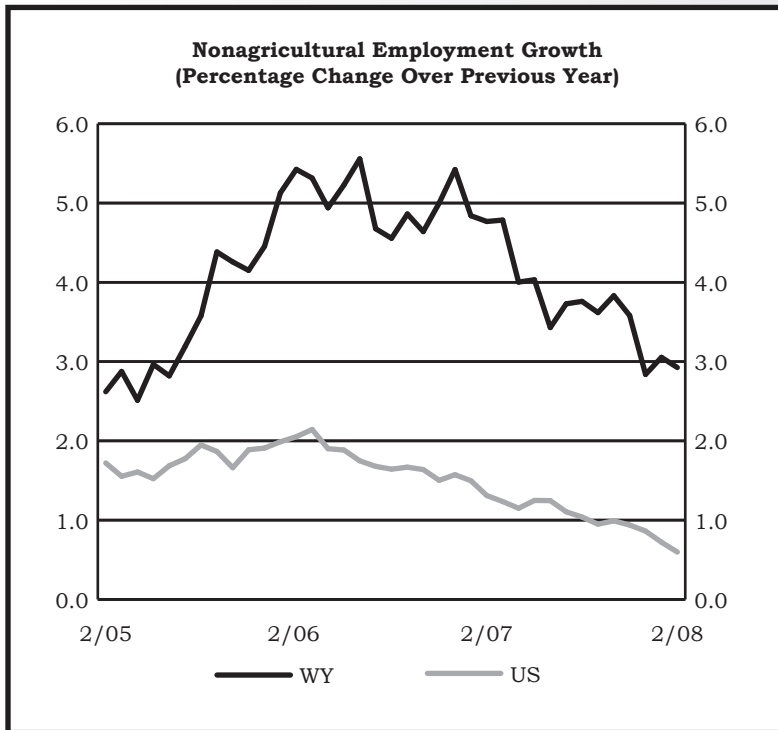
From January to February, Wyoming added 1,500 jobs (0.5%). This level of increase is consistent with normal seasonal patterns. Seasonal job losses in natural resources & mining (-400 jobs, or -1.4%) and construction (-700 jobs, or -2.9%) were more than offset by seasonal gains in educational & health services (500 jobs, or 2.1%), leisure & hospitality (400 jobs, or 1.3%), and government (including public schools, colleges, and hospitals; 1,700 jobs, or 2.5%).

Over the year Wyoming added 8,100 jobs (2.9%). Large job gains were seen in construction (1,300 jobs, or 5.8%); transportation, warehousing, & utilities (1,200 jobs, or 8.6%); educational & health services (1,000 jobs, or 4.4%);

and government (1,600 jobs, or 2.4%). Employment also grew in wholesale trade (600 jobs, or 7.1%), retail trade (600 jobs, or 1.9%), and financial activities (500 jobs, or 4.5%). Manufacturing employment was unchanged from February 2007 and information employment (including publishing, motion pictures, broadcasting, and telecommunications) decreased slightly (-100 jobs, or -2.5%).

Most county unemployment rates followed their normal seasonal pattern and decreased from January to February. The highest unemployment rates were found in Big Horn County (5.1%), Fremont County (4.9%), and Washakie and Goshen counties (both 4.5%). Sublette County posted the lowest unemployment rate (1.6%), followed by Campbell (2.1%) and Teton (2.3%) counties. Compared to February 2007, most unemployment rates were unchanged or slightly lower. Two notable exceptions were Niobrara County, where unemployment increased from 2.9% in February 2007 to 3.9% in February 2008, and Goshen County, where unemployment increased from 3.7% to 4.5%.





### State Unemployment Rates February 2008 (Seasonally Adjusted)

State	Unemp. Rate
Puerto Rico	11.2
Michigan	7.2
Alaska	6.6
District of Columbia	5.9
Mississippi	5.9
Rhode Island	5.8
California	5.7
Illinois	5.5
Nevada	5.5
Oregon	5.5
South Carolina	5.5
Missouri	5.3
Ohio	5.3
Tennessee	5.3
Georgia	5.2
Kentucky	5.2
Arkansas	5.0
Connecticut	5.0
North Carolina	5.0
Pennsylvania	4.9
Wisconsin	4.9
Maine	4.8
New Jersey	4.8
<b>United States</b>	<b>4.8</b>
Florida	4.6
Indiana	4.6
Minnesota	4.6
West Virginia	4.6
Massachusetts	4.5
New York	4.5
Washington	4.5
Colorado	4.4
Vermont	4.3
Texas	4.1
Arizona	4.0
Alabama	3.7
Delaware	3.7
Kansas	3.7
Louisiana	3.7
New Hampshire	3.7
Iowa	3.5
Virginia	3.5
Maryland	3.4
Montana	3.3
Hawaii	3.2
New Mexico	3.2
Oklahoma	3.1
North Dakota	3.0
Utah	3.0
Idaho	2.8
Nebraska	2.8
<b>Wyoming</b>	<b>2.7</b>
South Dakota	2.6

## Wyoming Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

by: David Bullard, Senior Economist

*Seasonal job losses in natural resources & mining and construction were more than offset by seasonal gains in educational & health services, leisure & hospitality, and government.*

WYOMING STATEWIDE	Employment in Thousands		Percent Change Total Employment			LARAMIE COUNTY	Employment in Thousands		Percent Change Total Employment		
	Feb08(p)	Jan08(r)	Feb07	Feb08	Feb08		Feb08(p)	Jan08(r)	Feb07	Feb08	Feb08
<b>TOTAL NONAG. WAGE &amp; SALARY EMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>285.0</b>	<b>283.5</b>	<b>276.9</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>TOTAL NONAG. WAGE &amp; SALARY EMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>44.2</b>	<b>43.8</b>	<b>42.9</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>3.0</b>
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b>	<b>216.5</b>	<b>216.7</b>	<b>210.0</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b>	<b>30.6</b>	<b>30.5</b>	<b>29.7</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>3.0</b>
<b>GOODS PRODUCING</b>	<b>61.1</b>	<b>62.4</b>	<b>59.4</b>	<b>-2.1</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>GOODS PRODUCING</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>7.1</b>
Natural Resources & Mining	27.3	27.7	26.9	-1.4	1.5	Nat. Res., Mining, & Construction	2.9	2.9	2.6	0.0	11.5
Mining	27.2	27.6	26.8	-1.4	1.5	Manufacturing	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.0	0.0
Oil & Gas Extraction	4.5	4.5	4.2	0.0	7.1	<b>SERVICE PROVIDING</b>	<b>39.7</b>	<b>39.3</b>	<b>38.7</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>2.6</b>
Mining Except Oil & Gas	9.3	9.3	8.8	0.0	5.7	Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	9.9	9.9	9.5	0.0	4.2
Coal Mining	6.4	6.4	6.1	0.0	4.9	Wholesale Trade	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Support Activities for Mining	13.4	13.8	13.8	-2.9	-2.9	Retail Trade	5.7	5.7	5.6	0.0	1.8
Support Act. for Oil & Gas	10.1	10.1	10.1	0.0	0.0	Trans, Warehouse, & Utilities	3.4	3.4	3.1	0.0	9.7
Construction	23.7	24.4	22.4	-2.9	5.8	Information	1.1	1.0	1.0	10.0	10.0
Construction of Buildings	4.4	4.5	4.4	-2.2	0.0	Financial Activities	2.0	2.0	2.0	0.0	0.0
Heavy & Engineering Constr.	8.2	8.4	7.2	-2.4	13.9	Professional & Business Services	3.3	3.3	3.2	0.0	3.1
Specialty Trade Contractors	11.1	11.5	10.8	-3.5	2.8	Educational & Health Services	3.9	3.9	3.7	0.0	5.4
Manufacturing	10.1	10.3	10.1	-1.9	0.0	Leisure & Hospitality	4.3	4.3	4.4	0.0	-2.3
Durable Goods	5.4	5.4	5.5	0.0	-1.8	Other Services	1.6	1.6	1.7	0.0	-5.9
Non-Durable Goods	4.7	4.9	4.6	-4.1	2.2	<b>TOTAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>3.0</b>
<b>SERVICE PROVIDING</b>	<b>223.9</b>	<b>221.1</b>	<b>217.5</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>2.9</b>	Federal Government	2.5	2.5	2.5	0.0	0.0
Trade, Trans., Warehouse, & Util.	55.6	55.6	53.2	0.0	4.5	State Government	4.1	4.0	4.0	2.5	2.5
Wholesale Trade	9.1	9.0	8.5	1.1	7.1	Local Government	7.0	6.8	6.7	2.9	4.5
Merchant Whlsrns., Durable	5.5	5.5	5.2	0.0	5.8	Local Education	3.6	3.5	3.5	2.9	2.9
Retail Trade	31.4	31.6	30.8	-0.6	1.9	<b>NATRONA COUNTY</b>					
Motor Vehicle & Parts Dealers	4.7	4.6	4.6	2.2	2.2	<b>TOTAL NONAG. WAGE &amp; SALARY EMPLOYMENT</b>					
Food & Beverage Stores	4.5	4.5	4.6	0.0	-2.2	<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b>					
Grocery Stores	3.8	3.9	3.9	-2.6	-2.6	<b>GOODS PRODUCING</b>					
Gasoline Stations	3.9	3.9	3.9	0.0	0.0	Natural Resources & Mining					
General Merchandise Stores	6.5	6.5	6.1	0.0	6.6	Construction					
Miscellaneous Store Retailers	1.9	1.9	1.9	0.0	0.0	Manufacturing					
Transport., Warehouse, & Util.	15.1	15.0	13.9	0.7	8.6	<b>SERVICE PROVIDING</b>					
Utilities	2.5	2.5	2.4	0.0	4.2	Trade, Transportation, & Utilities					
Transportation & Warehousing	12.6	12.5	11.5	0.8	9.6	Wholesale Trade					
Truck Transportation	4.3	4.3	4.1	0.0	4.9	Retail Trade					
Information	3.9	3.9	4.0	0.0	-2.5	Transport., Warehouse, & Util.					
Financial Activities	11.5	11.5	11.0	0.0	4.5	Information					
Finance & Insurance	7.0	7.0	6.8	0.0	2.9	Financial Activities					
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	4.5	4.5	4.2	0.0	7.1	Professional & Business Services					
Professional & Business Services	17.4	17.3	17.1	0.6	1.8	Educational & Health Services					
Prof., Scientific & Tech. Services	9.7	9.7	9.3	0.0	4.3	Leisure & Hospitality					
Architect., Engineering & Rel.	2.8	2.8	2.6	0.0	7.7	Other Services					
Mgmt. of Companies & Enterpr.	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0	<b>TOTAL GOVERNMENT</b>					
Admin., Support & Waste Svcs.	6.9	6.8	7.0	1.5	-1.4	Federal Government					
Educational & Health Services	23.9	23.4	22.9	2.1	4.4	State Government					
Educational Services	2.3	2.2	2.3	4.5	0.0	Local Government					
Health Care & Social Assistance	21.6	21.2	20.6	1.9	4.9	Local Education					
Ambulatory Health Care	8.1	7.9	7.7	2.5	5.2	<b>Federal Funding Cuts Lead to Discontinuation of MSA Employment Statistics</b>					
Offices of Physicians	3.2	3.2	3.1	0.0	3.2	Effective with the release of					
Hospitals	3.1	3.0	2.9	3.3	6.9	January 2008 data on March					
Nursing & Res. Care Facilities	4.5	4.5	4.5	0.0	0.0	11, 2008, the Bureau of Labor					
Social Assistance	5.9	5.8	5.5	1.7	7.3	Statistics (BLS) discontinued					
Leisure & Hospitality	31.4	31.0	31.0	1.3	1.3	publication of all nonfarm					
Arts, Entertainment, & Rec.	2.4	2.4	2.4	0.0	0.0	employment series for 65 small					
Accommodation & Food Services	29.0	28.6	28.6	1.4	1.4	metropolitan areas. In Wyoming,					
Accommodation	10.4	10.3	10.3	1.0	1.0	this funding cut affects the					
Food Serv. & Drinking Places	18.6	18.3	18.3	1.6	1.6	Casper metropolitan statistical					
Other Services	11.7	11.6	11.4	0.9	2.6	area (MSA) and Natrona					
Repair & Maintenance	3.9	3.9	4.0	0.0	-2.5	County. These cutbacks are due					
<b>TOTAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>68.5</b>	<b>66.8</b>	<b>66.9</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.4</b>	to a reduction in BLS funding					
Federal Government	6.7	6.8	6.7	-1.5	0.0	from the 2008 Consolidated					
State Government	15.9	15.1	15.6	5.3	1.9	Appropriations Act enacted on					
State Govt. Education	6.6	5.9	6.5	11.9	1.5	December 26, 2007. For more					
Local Government	45.9	44.9	44.6	2.2	2.9	details, see <a href="http://www.bls.gov/sae/msareductions.htm">http://www.bls.gov/sae/msareductions.htm</a> .					
Local Govt. Education	24.1	23.4	23.7	3.0	1.7						
Hospitals	6.3	6.3	6.1	0.0	3.3						

Note: Current Employment Statistics (CES) estimates include all full- and part-time wage and salary workers in nonagricultural establishments who worked or received pay during the week that includes the 12th of the month. Self-employed, domestic services, and personnel of the armed forces are excluded. Data are not seasonally adjusted. Wyoming and Laramie County are published in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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## Wyoming Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

(Continued)

	Employment in Thousands		Percent Change Total Employment		
	Feb08	Jan08	Feb07	Jan08	Feb07
				Feb08	Feb08
<b>CAMPBELL COUNTY</b>					
<b>TOTAL NONAG. WAGE &amp; SALARY EMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>27.8</b>	<b>27.7</b>	<b>27.4</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>1.5</b>
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b>	<b>23.7</b>	<b>23.6</b>	<b>23.3</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>1.7</b>
<b>GOODS PRODUCING</b>	<b>11.7</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>1.7</b>
Natural Resources & Mining	7.8	7.7	7.5	1.3	4.0
Construction	3.2	3.2	3.3	0.0	-3.0
Manufacturing	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0
<b>SERVICE PROVIDING</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>15.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.3</b>
Trade, Transport., & Utilities	5.4	5.4	5.3	0.0	1.9
Information	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0
Professional & Bus. Services	1.9	1.9	1.8	0.0	5.6
Educational & Health Serv.	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.0	12.5
Leisure & Hospitality	1.9	1.9	2.0	0.0	-5.0
Other Services	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
<b>TOTAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>SWEETWATER COUNTY</b>					
<b>TOTAL NONAG. WAGE &amp; SALARY EMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>24.8</b>	<b>24.6</b>	<b>24.8</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>20.4</b>	<b>20.6</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>-0.5</b>
<b>GOODS PRODUCING</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>-4.5</b>
Natural Resources & Mining	5.4	5.4	5.6	0.0	-3.6
Construction	1.7	1.6	1.9	6.2	-10.5
Manufacturing	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.0	0.0
<b>SERVICE PROVIDING</b>	<b>16.4</b>	<b>16.3</b>	<b>16.0</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>2.5</b>
Trade, Transport., & Utilities	5.3	5.3	5.1	0.0	3.9
Information	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.0	12.5
Professional & Bus. Services	1.4	1.4	1.3	0.0	7.7
Educational & Health Serv.	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Leisure & Hospitality	2.4	2.4	2.4	0.0	0.0
Other Services	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.0	-10.0
<b>TOTAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.4</b>
<b>TETON COUNTY</b>					
<b>TOTAL NONAG. WAGE &amp; SALARY EMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>17.3</b>	<b>17.5</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>-1.1</b>	<b>0.6</b>
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>15.3</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>-1.3</b>	<b>0.7</b>
<b>GOODS PRODUCING</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>-4.3</b>	<b>-4.3</b>
Nat. Res., Mining & Const.	2.1	2.2	2.2	-4.5	-4.5
Manufacturing	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
<b>SERVICE PROVIDING</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>14.9</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>1.3</b>
Trade, Transport., & Utilities	2.4	2.5	2.4	-4.0	0.0
Information	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.0	11.1
Professional & Bus. Services	1.7	1.7	1.5	0.0	13.3
Educational & Health Serv.	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Leisure & Hospitality	6.3	6.3	6.4	0.0	-1.6
Other Services	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0
<b>TOTAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

## State Unemployment Rates February 2008 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

State	Unemp. Rate
Puerto Rico	10.6
Alaska	7.8
Michigan	7.8
Rhode Island	6.7
Oregon	6.4
Kentucky	6.2
California	6.1
Illinois	6.0
Missouri	6.0
Ohio	6.0
Mississippi	5.9
South Carolina	5.9
District of Columbia	5.8
Maine	5.8
Tennessee	5.8
West Virginia	5.8
Wisconsin	5.8
Arkansas	5.7
Nevada	5.7
Pennsylvania	5.6
Connecticut	5.5
North Carolina	5.4
Washington	5.4
Georgia	5.3
New Jersey	5.3
Indiana	5.2
Minnesota	5.2
<b>United States</b>	<b>5.2</b>
Massachusetts	5.0
New York	5.0
Vermont	5.0
Colorado	4.7
Florida	4.5
Texas	4.3
Delaware	4.2
Iowa	4.2
Montana	4.2
New Hampshire	4.2
Alabama	4.1
Arizona	4.0
Kansas	4.0
Idaho	3.9
Maryland	3.8
Virginia	3.8
North Dakota	3.7
Louisiana	3.5
New Mexico	3.5
Oklahoma	3.5
<b>Wyoming</b>	<b>3.4</b>
Utah	3.3
Nebraska	3.2
South Dakota	3.1
Hawaii	3.0

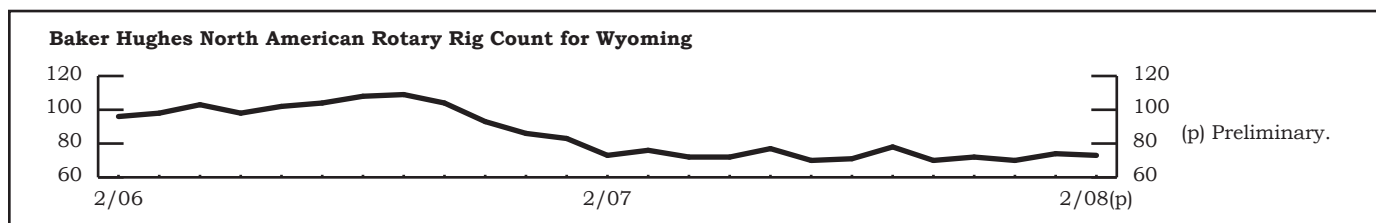
## Economic Indicators

by: *Margaret Hiatt, Administrative/Survey Support Specialist*

*The number of persons working part-time for economic reasons increased by 15.8% from February 2007 to February 2008, possibly signaling a slowdown in the U.S. economy.*

	Feb 2008 (p)	Jan 2008 (r)	Feb 2007 (b)	Percent Month	Change Year
Wyoming Total Civilian Labor Force	287,764	287,747	282,417	0.0	1.9
Unemployed	9,725	10,809	9,779	-10.0	-0.6
Employed	278,039	276,938	272,638	0.4	2.0
Wyoming Unemp. Rate/Seasonally Adjusted	3.4%/2.7%	3.8%/2.7%	3.5%/2.8%	N/A	N/A
U.S. Unemployment Rate/Seasonally Adjusted	5.2%/4.8%	5.4%/4.9%	4.9%/4.5%	N/A	N/A
U.S. Multiple Jobholders	7,610,000	7,398,000	7,753,000	2.9	-1.8
As a percent of all workers	5.3%	5.1%	5.4%	N/A	N/A
U.S. Discouraged Workers	396,000	467,000	375,000	-15.2	5.6
U.S. Part-Time for Economic Reasons	5,114,000	5,340,000	4,417,000	-4.2	15.8
Hours & Earnings for Production Workers					
Wyoming Mining					
Average Weekly Earnings	Data not available; see box on page 18.				
Average Weekly Hours	Data not available; see box on page 18.				
U.S. Mining Hours & Earnings					
Average Weekly Earnings	\$1,016.93	\$1,021.93	\$974.78	-0.5	4.3
Average Weekly Hours	45.5	45.5	45.7	0.0	-0.4
Wyoming Manufacturing Hours & Earnings					
Average Weekly Earnings	Data not available; see box on page 18.				
Average Weekly Hours	Data not available; see box on page 18.				
U.S. Manufacturing Hours & Earnings					
Average Weekly Earnings	\$715.10	\$717.80	\$690.53	-0.4	3.6
Average Weekly Hours	40.7	40.9	40.5	-0.5	0.5
Wyoming Unemployment Insurance					
Weeks Compensated	16,649	17,849	13,745	-6.7	21.1
Benefits Paid	\$4,980,501	\$5,272,550	\$3,716,414	-5.5	34.0
Average Weekly Benefit Payment	\$299.15	\$295.40	\$270.38	1.3	10.6
State Insured Covered Jobs	263,781	262,691	254,178	0.4	3.8
Insured Unemployment Rate	1.4%	1.3%	1.1%	N/A	N/A
Consumer Price Index (U) for All U.S. Urban Consumers (1982 to 1984 = 100) – All Items					
Food & Beverages	211.7	211.1	203.5	0.3	4.0
Housing	209.5	208.8	200.4	0.3	4.5
Apparel	213.0	212.2	207.2	0.4	2.8
Transportation	117.8	115.8	119.0	1.8	-1.0
Medical Care	190.5	190.8	174.8	-0.2	9.0
Recreation (Dec. 1997 = 100)	362.2	360.5	346.5	0.5	4.5
Education & Comm. (Dec. 1997 = 100)	112.4	112.1	111.2	0.3	1.1
Other Goods & Services	121.8	121.8	118.0	0.0	3.2
Other Goods & Services	340.2	339.1	330.5	0.3	2.9
Producer Prices (1982 to 1984 = 100) – All Commodities					
	182.4	180.8	166.8	0.9	9.4
Wyoming Building Permits (New Privately Owned Housing Units Authorized)					
Total Units	118	123	166	-4.1	-28.9
Valuation	\$35,344,000	\$23,881,000	\$30,923,000	48.0	14.3
Single Family Homes	101	106	115	-4.7	-12.2
Valuation	\$33,324,000	\$21,991,000	\$27,139,000	51.5	22.8
Baker Hughes North American Rotary Rig Count for WY					
	73	74	73	-1.4	0.0

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## Wyoming County Unemployment Rates

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In February 2008, the highest unemployment rates were found in Big Horn County (5.1%), Fremont County (4.9%), and Washakie and Goshen counties (both 4.5%).

REGION County	Labor Force			Employed			Unemployed			Unemployment Rates		
	Feb 2008 (p)	Jan 2008 (r)	Feb 2007 (b)	Feb 2008 (p)	Jan 2008 (r)	Feb 2007 (b)	Feb 2008 (p)	Jan 2008 (r)	Feb 2007 (b)	Feb 2008 (p)	Jan 2008 (r)	Feb 2007 (b)
<b>NORTHWEST</b>	<b>43,007</b>	<b>43,082</b>	<b>41,704</b>	<b>41,022</b>	<b>40,918</b>	<b>39,777</b>	<b>1,985</b>	<b>2,164</b>	<b>1,927</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>4.6</b>
Big Horn	4,837	4,801	4,625	4,592	4,525	4,390	245	276	235	5.1	5.7	5.1
Fremont	18,108	18,232	17,698	17,228	17,262	16,868	880	970	830	4.9	5.3	4.7
Hot Springs	2,279	2,373	2,312	2,182	2,270	2,218	97	103	94	4.3	4.3	4.1
Park	13,523	13,438	13,003	12,950	12,797	12,434	573	641	569	4.2	4.8	4.4
Washakie	4,260	4,238	4,066	4,070	4,064	3,867	190	174	199	4.5	4.1	4.9
<b>NORTHEAST</b>	<b>52,421</b>	<b>52,527</b>	<b>51,442</b>	<b>50,942</b>	<b>50,858</b>	<b>49,915</b>	<b>1,479</b>	<b>1,669</b>	<b>1,527</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>3.0</b>
Campbell	26,461	26,296	25,803	25,898	25,632	25,213	563	664	590	2.1	2.5	2.3
Crook	3,344	3,485	3,320	3,222	3,347	3,206	122	138	114	3.6	4.0	3.4
Johnson	3,859	3,842	3,738	3,712	3,681	3,585	147	161	153	3.8	4.2	4.1
Sheridan	15,651	15,631	15,437	15,117	15,056	14,880	534	575	557	3.4	3.7	3.6
Weston	3,106	3,273	3,144	2,993	3,142	3,031	113	131	113	3.6	4.0	3.6
<b>SOUTHWEST</b>	<b>64,489</b>	<b>64,767</b>	<b>62,752</b>	<b>62,752</b>	<b>62,874</b>	<b>61,028</b>	<b>1,737</b>	<b>1,893</b>	<b>1,724</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>2.7</b>
Lincoln	8,996	8,973	8,199	8,685	8,651	7,886	311	322	313	3.5	3.6	3.8
Sublette	6,771	7,086	6,312	6,660	6,958	6,203	111	128	109	1.6	1.8	1.7
Sweetwater	23,745	23,380	23,731	23,130	22,675	23,106	615	705	625	2.6	3.0	2.6
Teton	14,138	14,083	13,506	13,814	13,755	13,178	324	328	328	2.3	2.3	2.4
Uinta	10,839	11,245	11,004	10,463	10,835	10,655	376	410	349	3.5	3.6	3.2
<b>SOUTHEAST</b>	<b>72,356</b>	<b>71,763</b>	<b>71,790</b>	<b>69,603</b>	<b>68,655</b>	<b>68,960</b>	<b>2,753</b>	<b>3,108</b>	<b>2,830</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>3.9</b>
Albany	18,854	18,331	19,061	18,367	17,761	18,538	487	570	523	2.6	3.1	2.7
Goshen	5,908	5,999	5,893	5,645	5,737	5,676	263	262	217	4.5	4.4	3.7
Laramie	42,548	42,336	41,848	40,758	40,329	39,987	1,790	2,007	1,861	4.2	4.7	4.4
Niobrara	1,190	1,214	1,148	1,143	1,154	1,115	47	60	33	3.9	4.9	2.9
Platte	3,856	3,883	3,840	3,690	3,674	3,644	166	209	196	4.3	5.4	5.1
<b>CENTRAL</b>	<b>55,488</b>	<b>55,608</b>	<b>54,727</b>	<b>53,718</b>	<b>53,632</b>	<b>52,957</b>	<b>1,770</b>	<b>1,976</b>	<b>1,770</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>3.2</b>
Carbon	8,053	7,993	7,842	7,748	7,670	7,562	305	323	280	3.8	4.0	3.6
Converse	6,877	6,874	6,752	6,649	6,622	6,511	228	252	241	3.3	3.7	3.6
Natrona	40,558	40,741	40,133	39,321	39,340	38,884	1,237	1,401	1,249	3.0	3.4	3.1
<b>STATEWIDE</b>	<b>287,764</b>	<b>287,747</b>	<b>282,417</b>	<b>278,039</b>	<b>276,938</b>	<b>272,638</b>	<b>9,725</b>	<b>10,809</b>	<b>9,779</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>3.5</b>
Statewide Seasonally Adjusted .....										2.7	2.7	2.8
U.S. ....										5.2	5.4	4.9
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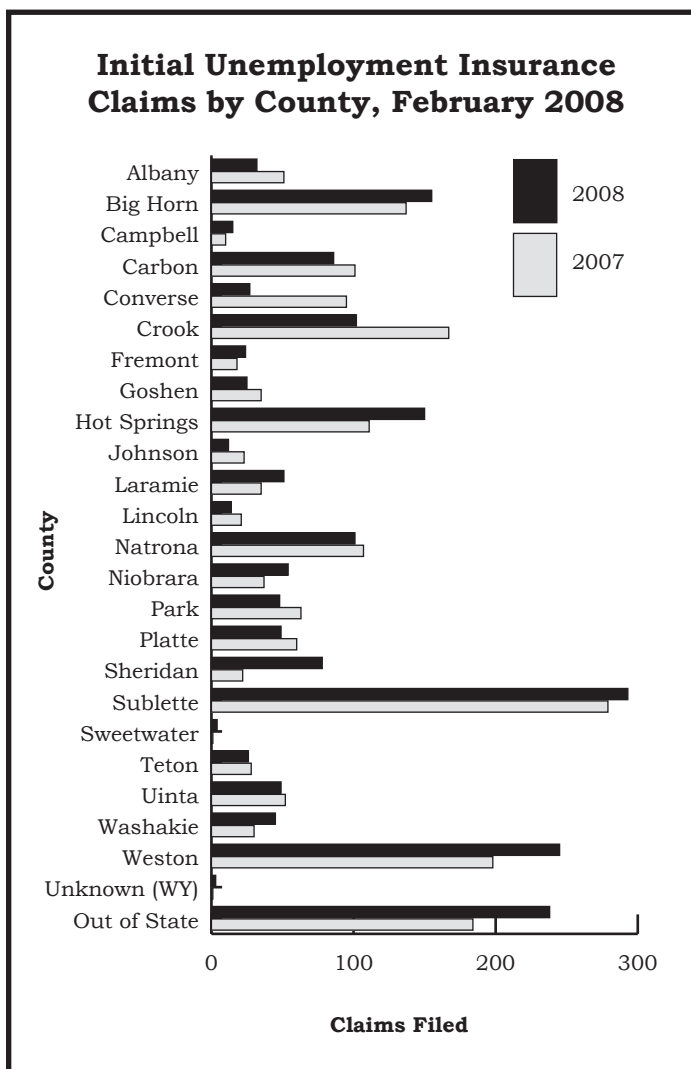
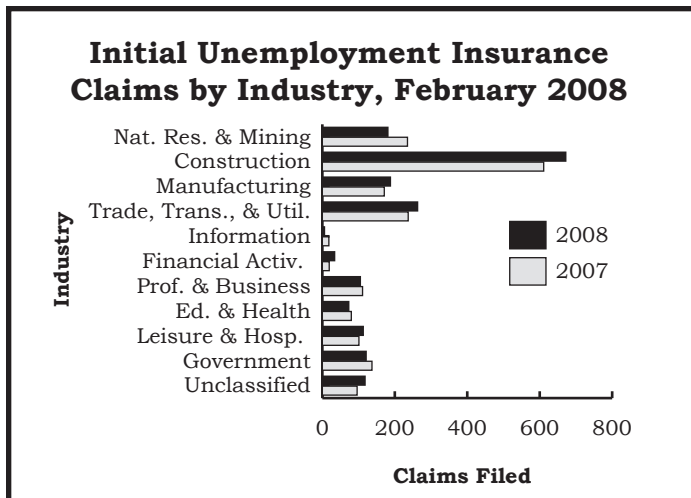
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## Wyoming Normalized Unemployment Insurance Statistics: Initial Claims

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February initial claims declined by more than one-third (-33.5%) compared to January 2008 and increased by 3.2% compared to February 2007.



### Initial Claims

WYOMING STATEWIDE	Claims Filed		Percent Change	
	Feb08	Jan08	Feb08	Feb07
	Feb08	Jan08	Feb08	Feb07
<b>TOTAL CLAIMS FILED</b>	<b>1,922</b>	<b>2,891</b>	<b>-33.5</b>	<b>3.2</b>
<b>TOTAL GOODS PRODUCING</b>	1,041	1,583	-34.2	2.4
Natural Resources & Mining	181	266	-32.0	-23.0
Mining	164	237	-30.8	-26.8
Oil & Gas Extraction	18	18	0.0	-33.3
Construction	672	1,173	-42.7	10.0
Manufacturing	188	144	171	30.6
<b>TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDING</b>	642	960	613	-33.1
Trade, Trans., Storage, & Util.	263	353	237	-25.5
Wholesale Trade	29	49	43	-40.8
Retail Trade	160	183	122	-12.6
Trans., Storage, & Utilities	74	121	72	-38.8
Information	6	14	18	-57.1
Financial Activities	34	41	19	-17.1
Professional & Business Serv.	105	219	111	-52.1
Educational & Health Services	73	67	80	9.0
Leisure & Hospitality	113	227	101	-50.2
Other Services	48	39	47	23.1
<b>TOTAL GOVERNMENT</b>	121	170	137	-28.8
Federal Government	54	72	65	-25.0
State Government	14	20	19	-30.0
Local Government	53	78	53	-32.1
Local Education	13	14	15	-7.1
<b>UNCLASSIFIED</b>	118	178	96	-33.7

### LARAMIE COUNTY

TOTAL CLAIMS FILED	293	461	278	-36.4	5.4
<b>TOTAL GOODS PRODUCING</b>	144	254	146	-43.3	-1.4
Construction	120	212	126	-43.4	-4.8
<b>TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDING</b>	120	172	100	-30.2	20.0
Trade, Trans., Storage, & Util.	45	73	42	-38.4	7.1
Financial Activities	11	10	3	10.0	266.7
Professional & Business Serv.	22	38	14	-42.1	57.1
Educational & Health Services	16	12	18	33.3	-11.1
Leisure & Hospitality	16	26	13	-38.5	23.1
<b>TOTAL GOVERNMENT</b>	21	19	23	10.5	-8.7
<b>UNCLASSIFIED</b>	8	16	9	-50.0	-11.1

### NATRONA COUNTY

TOTAL CLAIMS FILED	242	396	196	-38.9	23.5
<b>TOTAL GOODS PRODUCING</b>	135	222	97	-39.2	39.2
Construction	96	171	63	-43.9	52.4
<b>TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDING</b>	96	160	91	-40.0	5.5
Trade, Trans., Storage, & Util.	32	58	37	-44.8	-13.5
Financial Activities	2	15	1	-86.7	100.0
Professional & Business Serv.	19	43	12	-55.8	58.3
Educational & Health Services	16	10	18	60.0	-11.1
Leisure & Hospitality	16	22	16	-27.3	0.0
<b>TOTAL GOVERNMENT</b>	3	7	4	-57.1	-25.0
<b>UNCLASSIFIED</b>	8	7	4	14.3	100.0

## Wyoming Normalized Unemployment Insurance Statistics: Continued Claims

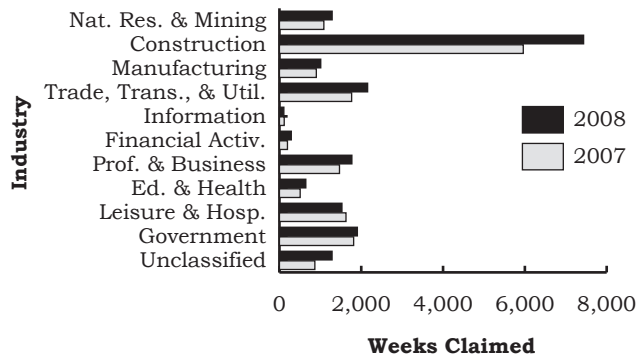
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Statewide continued claims increased from January to February 2008 (9.7%) and from February 2007 to February 2008 (18.6%).

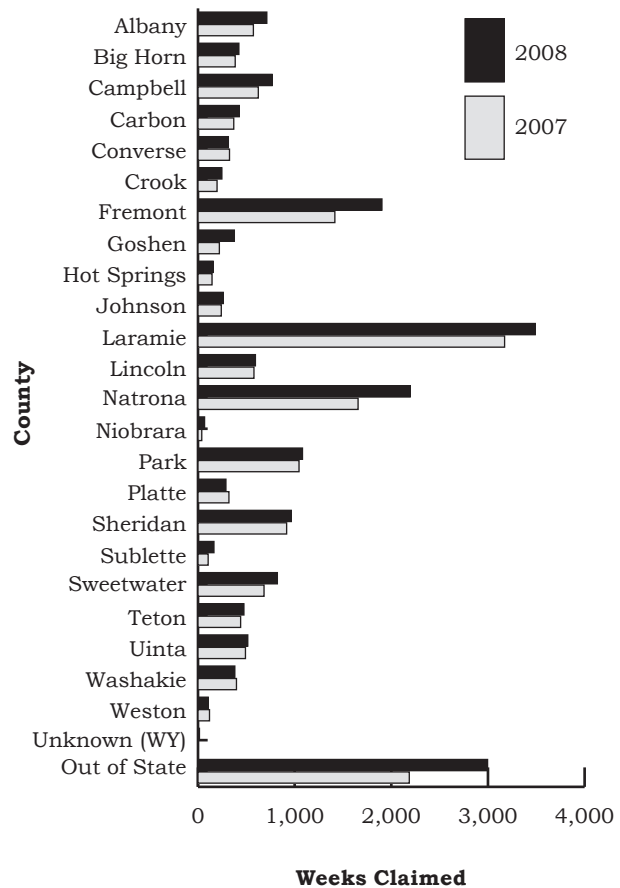
### Continued Claims

WYOMING STATEWIDE	Claims Filed		Percent Change Claims Filed		
	Feb08	Jan08	Feb07	Feb08	Feb08
	Feb08	Jan08	Feb07	Feb08	Feb08
<b>TOTAL WEEKS CLAIMED</b>	<b>19,742</b>	<b>17,996</b>	<b>16,650</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>18.6</b>
<b>TOTAL UNIQUE CLAIMANTS</b>	<b>5,653</b>	<b>4,658</b>	<b>4,868</b>	<b>21.4</b>	<b>16.1</b>
<b>TOTAL GOODS PRODUCING</b>	9,735	8,551	7,949	13.8	22.5
Natural Resources & Mining	1,289	1,152	1,086	11.9	18.7
Mining	1,098	1,006	934	9.1	17.6
Oil & Gas Extraction	100	57	117	75.4	-14.5
Construction	7,436	6,719	5,961	10.7	24.7
Manufacturing	1,010	680	902	48.5	12.0
<b>TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDING</b>	6,815	6,310	6,021	8.0	13.2
Trade, Trans., Storage, & Util.	2,156	1,848	1,765	16.7	22.2
Wholesale Trade	257	219	246	17.4	4.5
Retail Trade	1,181	1,056	953	11.8	23.9
Trans., Storage, & Utilities	718	573	566	25.3	26.9
Information	108	126	117	-14.3	-7.7
Financial Activities	290	219	196	32.4	48.0
Professional & Business Serv.	1,771	1,590	1,468	11.4	20.6
Educational & Health Services	645	714	507	-9.7	27.2
Leisure & Hospitality	1,528	1,559	1,627	-2.0	-6.1
Other Services	317	254	341	24.8	-7.0
<b>TOTAL GOVERNMENT</b>	1,905	1,923	1,814	-0.9	5.0
Federal Government	963	991	918	-2.8	4.9
State Government	206	228	211	-9.6	-2.4
Local Government	736	704	685	4.5	7.4
Local Education	127	113	96	12.4	32.3
<b>UNCLASSIFIED</b>	1,287	1,212	866	6.2	48.6
<b>LARAMIE COUNTY</b>					
<b>TOTAL WEEKS CLAIMED</b>	<b>3,488</b>	<b>3,299</b>	<b>3,171</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>10.0</b>
<b>TOTAL UNIQUE CLAIMANTS</b>	<b>1,012</b>	<b>857</b>	<b>928</b>	<b>18.1</b>	<b>9.1</b>
<b>TOTAL GOODS PRODUCING</b>	1,775	1,685	1,776	5.3	-0.1
Construction	1,518	1,473	1,563	3.1	-2.9
<b>TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDING</b>	1,353	1,241	1,108	9.0	22.1
Trade, Trans., Storage, & Util.	488	435	420	12.2	16.2
Financial Activities	94	66	46	42.4	104.3
Professional & Business Serv.	332	313	298	6.1	11.4
Educational & Health Services	185	214	125	-13.6	48.0
Leisure & Hospitality	189	163	101	16.0	87.1
<b>TOTAL GOVERNMENT</b>	221	233	188	-5.2	17.6
<b>UNCLASSIFIED</b>	139	140	99	-0.7	40.4
<b>NATRONA COUNTY</b>					
<b>TOTAL WEEKS CLAIMED</b>	<b>2,196</b>	<b>2,045</b>	<b>1,657</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>32.5</b>
<b>TOTAL UNIQUE CLAIMANTS</b>	<b>657</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>28.6</b>
<b>TOTAL GOODS PRODUCING</b>	1,183	1,135	882	4.2	34.1
Construction	963	913	705	5.5	36.6
<b>TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDING</b>	859	755	637	13.8	34.9
Trade, Trans., Storage, & Util.	275	230	208	19.6	32.2
Financial Activities	72	46	10	56.5	620.0
Professional & Business Serv.	272	235	186	15.7	46.2
Educational & Health Services	90	81	75	11.1	20.0
Leisure & Hospitality	79	118	79	-33.1	0.0
<b>TOTAL GOVERNMENT</b>	103	101	98	2.0	5.1
<b>UNCLASSIFIED</b>	51	54	40	-5.6	27.5

### Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Industry, February 2008



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