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Inside the OES: Occupations and Wages in Wyoming

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Wyoming's average annual wage across all 22 major occupational groups in 2009 was \$40,381. The management occupations group had the highest annual average wage (\$78,506), while food preparation & serving related occupations had the lowest (\$20,520).

An estimated 8,120 people in Wyoming worked as retail salespersons in 2009, more than in any other occupation, according to the Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) Wage Survey. These workers earned an average annual wage of \$23,921, or \$11.50 per hour, the survey found.

In Wyoming, roughly 1 in 35 people worked as a retail salesperson in 2009. The occupation was also the largest detailed occupation nationally in 2009 with nearly 3.9 million workers, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (2009).

The two largest major groups, office & administrative support occupations and construction & extraction occupations, represented more than one-fourth of all occupations in the state, at 13.6% and 12.9%, respectively (see Figure 1, page 3). Third and fourth were transportation & material moving occupations (8.8%) and food preparation & serving-related occupations (8.6%).

The second largest occupation in the state was secretaries, except legal, medical, & executive, with an estimated 6,970 workers,

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Wyoming's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 7.1% in April. Since peaking in January at 7.6%, the unemployment rate has declined each month. ... [page 12](#)
- Teton County posted the highest unemployment rate (12.3%) in April, while Sublette County (4.7%) had the lowest. ... [page 17](#)
- Initial unemployment insurance claims increased slightly (7.8%) compared to March and declined by 20.2% compared to April 2009. ... [page 18](#)

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followed by truck drivers, heavy & tractor trailer, with 6,200. The top 10 occupations with the largest total employment accounted for an estimated 57,480 jobs, or 20.4% of all jobs in the state (see Table 1, page 4).

Retail salespersons was the occupation with the largest total employment in the Casper and Cheyenne metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) and the Northwest Region (see Tables 2-7, pages 6-8). In the

Central-Southeast Region, the largest single occupation was secretaries, except legal, medical, & executive. In the Northeast Region, operating engineers & other construction equipment operators led the list of largest total employment by a large margin with 2,550 workers, compared to 1,350 workers in the next-largest occupation, secretaries, except legal, medical, & executive. Truck drivers, heavy & tractor-trailer, led the list in the Southwest Region.

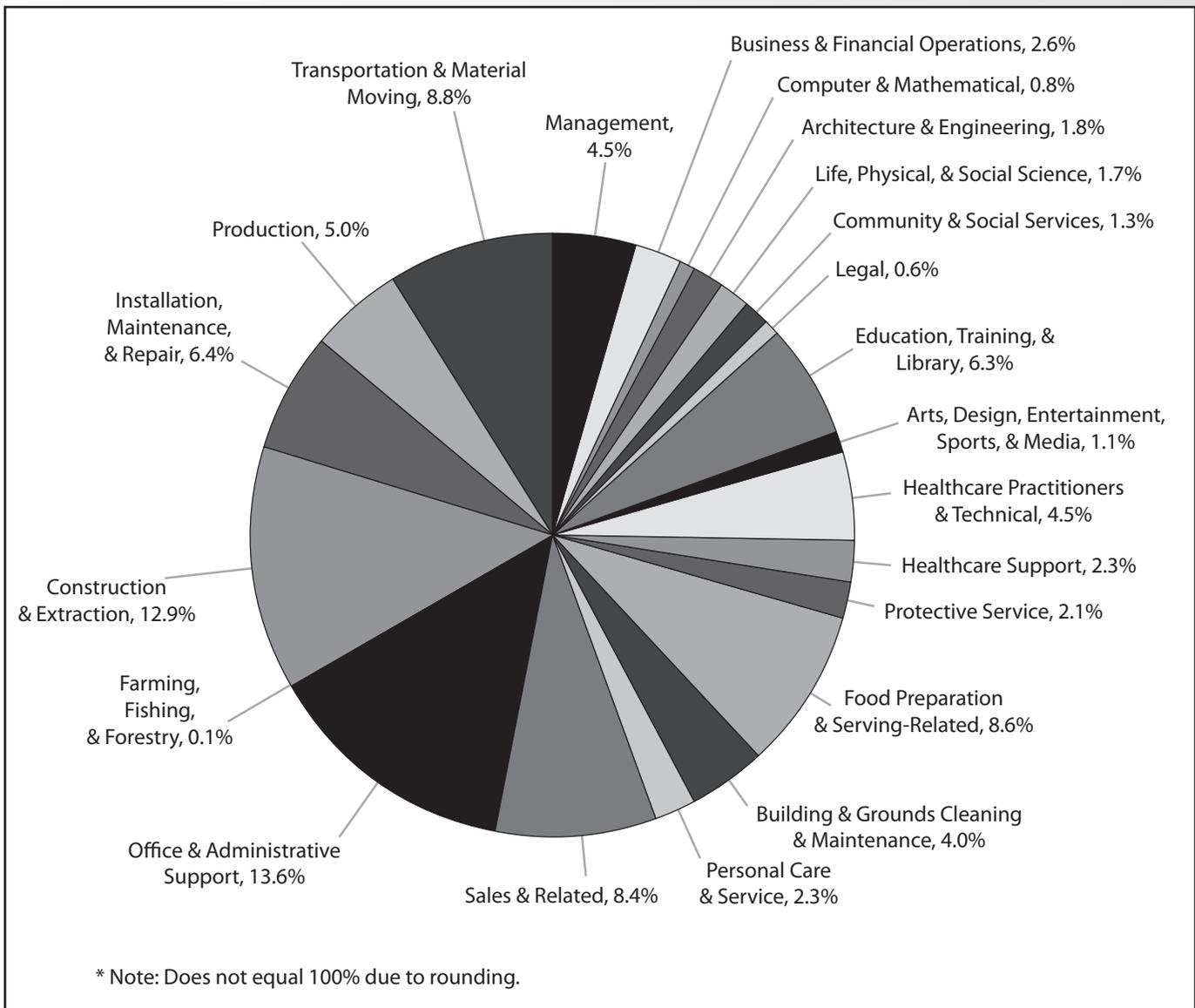


Figure 1: Major Occupational Groups in Wyoming by Percentage of All Occupations, 2009

Wages

Twelve of the 22 major occupational groups had an estimated average annual wage higher than the statewide average of \$40,381 (see Figure 2, page 5). The major groups ranged from an estimated annual average of \$78,506 for management occupations to \$20,520 for food preparation & serving-related occupations.

The Casper MSA and Northeast and Southwest regions each had an estimated average annual wage for all occupations that was higher than the statewide average (see Tables 2-7, pages 6-8).

Although the estimated average annual wage in healthcare practitioners & technical occupations major group

(\$67,450) was second highest of all major groups statewide, all of the top 10 highest paying occupations were from that group (see Table 8, page 9). The occupation that had the highest average annual wage was surgeons, at an estimated \$230,265 per year.

The average annual wage for all occupations in the Casper MSA was \$41,114, or 101.8% of the statewide annual average for all occupations (\$40,381; see Table 9, page 9). The average for the Cheyenne MSA, at \$39,616, was 98.3% of the statewide average. The Northeast and Southwest regions had averages that were higher than the statewide average, while the Central-Southeast and Northwest regions were lower than the statewide average. The highest average was in the Southwest Region (105.7% of the statewide average, or \$42,634), while the lowest average was in the Northwest Region (91.2%

Table 1: Top 10 Occupations With the Largest Total Employment in Wyoming, 2009

Rank	SOC ^a		Total Employment	Hourly	Annual
	Code	Title			
1	41-2031	Retail Salespersons	8,120	\$11.50	\$23,921
2	43-6014	Secretaries, Except Legal, Medical, & Executive	6,970	13.41	27,894
3	53-3032	Truck Drivers, Heavy & Tractor-Trailer	6,200	19.03	39,595
4	41-2011	Cashiers	6,170	9.26	19,270
5	43-3031	Bookkeeping, Accounting, & Auditing Clerks	5,560	15.91	33,087
6	11-1021	General & Operations Managers	5,170	43.01	89,473
7	35-3031	Waiters & Waitresses	5,150	8.40	17,471
8	47-2073	Operating Engineers & Other Construction Equipment Operators	4,740	20.93	43,530
9	29-1111	Registered Nurses	4,700	28.16	58,581
10	37-2011	Janitors & Cleaners, Except Maids & Housekeeping Cleaners	4,700	12.11	25,187
00-0000 Total all occupations (Statewide)			282,450	19.42	40,381

^aStandard Occupational Classification.

Note: Wages updated to March 2010. For an explanation, see http://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/oes.htm#wage_updating.

of the statewide average, or \$36,750).

In the Casper and Cheyenne MSAs, as well as all four regions, occupations from

2 of the 22 major groups – management occupations and healthcare practitioners & technical occupations – made up

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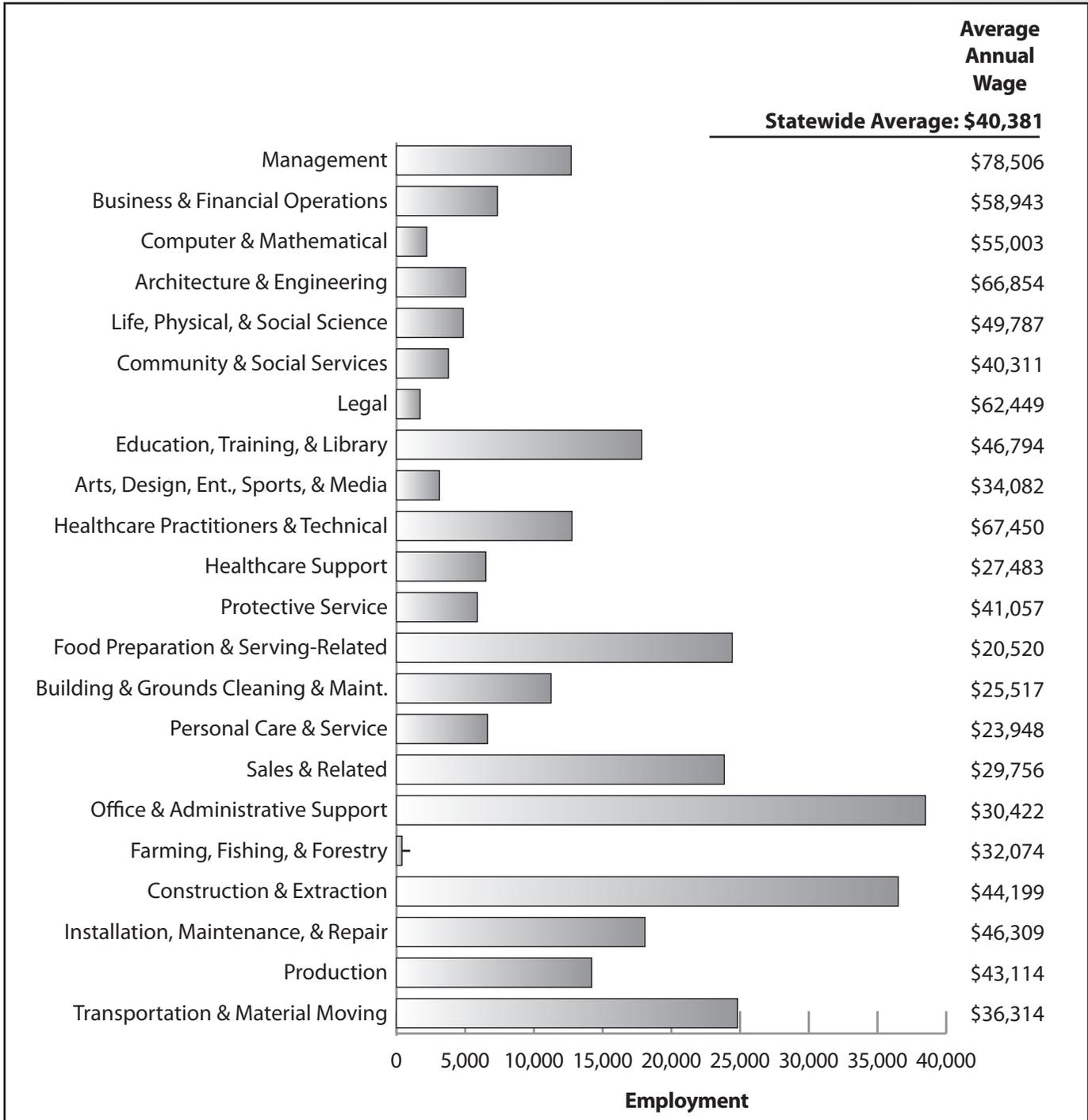


Figure 2: Employment and Average Annual Wages in Wyoming by Standard Occupational Classification Major Group, 2009

Table 2: Top 10 Occupations With the Largest Total Employment in the Casper Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), 2009

Rank	SOC ^a Code	Title	Total Employment	Hourly	Annual
1	41-2031	Retail Salespersons	1,600	\$11.13	\$23,140
2	43-6014	Secretaries, Except Legal, Medical, & Executive	1,110	13.18	27,413
3	43-3031	Bookkeeping, Accounting, & Auditing Clerks	950	16.60	34,532
4	11-1021	General & Operations Managers	920	45.73	95,127
5	29-1111	Registered Nurses	850	28.70	59,695
6	53-3032	Truck Drivers, Heavy & Tractor-Trailer	840	21.47	44,675
7	53-3033	Truck Drivers, Light or Delivery Services	810	14.97	31,125
8	37-2011	Janitors & Cleaners, Exc. Maids & Housekeeping Cleaners	790	9.86	20,510
9	35-3031	Waiters & Waitresses	740	7.84	16,294
10	41-2011	Cashiers	620	9.25	19,244
			Average		
	00-0000	Total all occupations (Statewide)	282,450	19.42	40,381
	00-0000	Total all occupations (Casper MSA)	39,990	19.77	41,114

^aStandard Occupational Classification.

Note: Wages updated to March 2010. For an explanation, see http://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/oes.htm#wage_updating.

Table 3: Top 10 Occupations With the Largest Total Employment in the Cheyenne Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), 2009

Rank	SOC ^a Code	Title	Total Employment	Hourly	Annual
1	41-2031	Retail Salespersons	1,390	\$10.50	\$21,836
2	29-1111	Registered Nurses	1,040	31.31	65,121
3	35-3031	Waiters & Waitresses	950	7.51	15,620
4	41-2011	Cashiers	830	9.63	20,031
5	37-2011	Janitors & Cleaners, Except Maids & Housekeeping Cleaners	790	11.62	24,180
6	43-3031	Bookkeeping, Accounting, & Auditing Clerks	750	15.30	31,832
7	53-3032	Truck Drivers, Heavy & Tractor-Trailer	720	17.10	35,560
8	11-1021	General & Operations Managers	670	40.28	83,789
9	53-7062	Laborers & Freight, Stock, & Material Movers, Hand	640	11.79	24,522
10	43-5081	Stock Clerks & Order Fillers	590	12.20	25,367
			Average		
	00-0000	Total all occupations (Statewide)	282,450	19.42	40,381
	00-0000	Total all occupations (Cheyenne MSA)	42,970	19.04	39,616

^aStandard Occupational Classification.

Note: Wages updated to March 2010. For an explanation, see http://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/oes.htm#wage_updating.

Table 4: Top 10 Occupations With the Largest Total Employment in the Central-Southeast Region, 2009

Rank	SOC ^a Code	Title	Total Employment	Hourly	Annual
1	43-6014	Secretaries, Except Legal, Medical, & Executive	1,080	\$13.79	\$28,676
2	41-2011	Cashiers	1,050	8.41	17,491
3	43-3031	Bookkeeping, Accounting, & Auditing Clerks	800	14.12	29,371
4	35-3031	Waiters & Waitresses	670	7.51	15,620
5	37-2011	Janitors & Cleaners, Except Maids & Housekeeping Cleaners	660	12.08	25,127
6	11-1021	General & Operations Managers	640	38.53	80,144
7	29-1111	Registered Nurses	630	28.22	58,689
8	25-9041	Teacher Assistants ^b	610		19,407
9	53-3032	Truck Drivers, Heavy & Tractor-Trailer	580	17.24	35,849
10	47-2031	Carpenters	480	18.02	37,487
			Average		
00-0000 Total all occupations (Statewide)			282,450	19.42	40,381
00-0000 Total all occupations (Central-Southeast Region)			37,370	18.35	38,171

^aStandard Occupational Classification.

^bOccupations that typically have a work year of less than 2,080 hours are reported only as an annual wage.

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Table 5: Top 10 Occupations With the Largest Total Employment in the Northeast Region, 2009

Rank	SOC ^a Code	Title	Total Employment	Hourly	Annual
1	47-2073	Operating Engineers & Other Const. Equipment Operators	2,550	\$20.79	\$43,247
2	43-6014	Secretaries, Except Legal, Medical, & Executive	1,350	13.38	27,834
3	53-3032	Truck Drivers, Heavy & Tractor-Trailer	1,320	17.79	37,015
4	41-2031	Retail Salespersons	1,310	11.79	24,522
5	47-1011	First-Line Sup./Mgrs. of Const. Trades & Extraction Workers	1,130	28.02	58,270
6	43-3031	Bookkeeping, Accounting, & Auditing Clerks	1,030	15.83	32,908
7	11-1021	General & Operations Managers	990	42.08	87,514
8	41-2011	Cashiers	960	9.46	19,690
9	51-4121	Welders, Cutters, Solderers, & Brazers	930	22.47	46,721
10	35-3031	Waiters & Waitresses	890	9.63	20,034
			Average		
00-0000 Total all occupations (Statewide)			282,450	19.42	40,381
00-0000 Total all occupations (Northeast Region)			51,930	19.53	40,613

^aStandard Occupational Classification.

Note: Wages updated to March 2010. For an explanation, see http://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/oes.htm#wage_updating.

Table 6: Top 10 Occupations With the Largest Total Employment in the Northwest Region, 2009

Rank	SOC ^a		Total Employment	Hourly	Annual
	Code	Title			
1	41-2031	Retail Salespersons	1,250	\$11.32	\$23,548
2	43-6014	Secretaries, Except Legal, Medical, & Executive	1,150	12.83	26,669
3	41-2011	Cashiers	1,020	8.75	18,218
4	53-3032	Truck Drivers, Heavy & Tractor-Trailer	940	17.12	35,595
5	43-3031	Bookkeeping, Accounting, & Auditing Clerks	900	14.45	30,067
6	25-9041	Teacher Assistants ^b	810		22,547
7	29-1111	Registered Nurses	770	24.96	51,912
8	37-2011	Janitors & Cleaners, Except Maids & Housekeeping Cleaners	740	12.39	25,787
9	31-1012	Nursing Aides, Orderlies, & Attendants	690	12.55	26,086
10	11-1021	General & Operations Managers	680	40.21	83,637
			Average		
00-0000 Total all occupations (Statewide)			282,450	19.42	40,381
00-0000 Total all occupations (Northwest Region)			40,270	17.67	36,750

^aStandard Occupational Classification.

^bOccupations that typically have a work year of less than 2,080 hours are reported only as an annual wage.

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Table 7: Top 10 Occupations With the Largest Total Employment in the Southwest Region, 2009

Rank	SOC ^a		Total Employment	Hourly	Annual
	Code	Title			
1	53-3032	Truck Drivers, Heavy & Tractor-Trailer	1,760	\$21.18	\$44,065
2	41-2031	Retail Salespersons	1,710	12.50	25,998
3	41-2011	Cashiers	1,680	9.82	20,412
4	37-2012	Maids & Housekeeping Cleaners	1,560	9.63	20,023
5	43-6014	Secretaries, Except Legal, Medical, & Executive	1,300	13.85	28,792
6	35-3031	Waiters & Waitresses	1,260	8.68	18,055
7	11-1021	General & Operations Managers	1,230	46.43	96,591
8	49-9042	Maintenance & Repair Workers, General	1,160	23.17	48,208
9	43-3031	Bookkeeping, Accounting, & Auditing Clerks	1,110	18.19	37,824
10	47-1011	First-Line Sup./Mgrs. of Const. Trades & Extraction Workers	1,100	31.07	64,625
			Average		
00-0000 Total all occupations (Statewide)			282,450	19.42	40,381
00-0000 Total all occupations (Southwest Region)			64,300	20.5	42,634

^aStandard Occupational Classification.

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the majority of top 10 highest paying occupations (see Tables 10-15 at http://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/0610/a1_top10.htm). All four regions and both MSAs had average annual wages below the national mean of \$43,460.

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Table 9: Comparison of Average Annual Wages for All Occupations by Area in Wyoming, 2009

Area	Average Annual Wage for All Occupations	Percentage of Statewide Average Annual Wage for All Occupations
Casper MSA	\$41,114	101.8%
Cheyenne MSA	\$39,616	98.3%
Central-Southeast Region	\$38,171	94.7%
Northeast Region	\$40,613	100.7%
Northwest Region	\$36,750	91.2%
Southwest Region	\$42,634	105.7%
Statewide	\$40,381	

Note: Wages updated to March 2010. For an explanation, see <http://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/oes.htm#wage Updating>.

Table 8: Top 10 Occupations With the Highest Annual Wages in Wyoming, 2009

Rank	SOC ^a Code	Title	Total Employment	Hourly	Annual
1	29-1067	Surgeons	110	\$110.70	\$230,265
2	29-1066	Psychiatrists	40	102.13	212,429
3	29-1061	Anesthesiologists	10	96.23	200,155
4	29-1062	Family & General Practitioners	390	94.44	196,423
5	29-1069	Physicians & Surgeons, All Other	210	93.34	194,152
6	29-1081	Podiatrists	30	76.45	159,017
7	29-1064	Obstetricians & Gynecologists	50	74.94	155,875
8	29-1021	Dentists, General	180	72.52	150,842
9	29-1065	Pediatricians, General	40	71.24	148,182
10	29-1063	Internists, General	ND	70.07	145,745

^aStandard Occupational Classification.

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Note: Wages updated to March 2010. For an explanation, see <http://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/oes.htm#wage Updating>.

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About the OES

The Occupational Employment Statistics Wage Survey, conducted by Research & Planning in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, samples and contacts approximately 900 businesses in the state in May and November. These data are used to estimate occupational employment and wage rates for Unemployment Insurance covered jobs in non-farm establishments.

Hourly wage estimates are calculated using a year-round, full-time figure of 2,080 hours per year (52 weeks times 40 hours). Occupations that typically have a work year of less than 2,080 hours (such as musical and entertainment occupations, flight attendants, pilots, and teachers) are reported only as an annual wage.

Every state conducts an identical OES wage survey using standard techniques. This facilitates comparison of data among states, as well as comparisons with national figures. National and state wage estimates are located on the BLS website (www.bls.gov/oes).

The survey categorizes workers into 801 detailed occupations. These are combined to form 23 major groups (including the military group), 96 minor groups, and 449 broad groups. An example of this hierarchy would be:

- Major Group: 49-0000 – Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations
 - Minor Group: 49-2000 – Electrical and Electronic Equipment Mechanics, Installers, and Repairers
 - Broad Group: 49-2090 – Installers, and Repairers
 - Detailed Occupation: 49-2098 –

Security and Fire Alarm Systems Installers

The data obtained have many uses. Businesses use this information to compare the wages offered for a particular occupation to the state average (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2009), while career counselors, colleges, and students can use it in making career decisions. The data are also used to develop occupational projections and estimate staffing patterns in industries.

Wage estimates were calculated using information from the 2006 through 2009 surveys. Using three or more years of data reduces sampling error, particularly for small geographic areas and less common occupations. R&P has used wage updating factors for later time periods to further update the data from all three survey years to a more current time period subsequent to the most recent OES survey reference period, second quarter 2009. As a result, wage-updating factors for March 2010 have been applied to all of the data included in these estimates.

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Examples from the Occupational Employment Statistics Survey

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program estimates are available for the nation as a whole, for individual states, and for metropolitan and nonmetropolitan areas.

For more information, see the Wyoming Wage Survey website, http://doe.state.wy.us/lmi/OES_toc.htm.

Table 1: Estimated and Projected Employment of Carpenters in Selected Industries in the United States (in thousands)

NAICS ^a Code	Industry Title	2008 Employment (Estimated)	2018 Employment (Projected)	Change %	n
230000	Construction	721.0	830.3	15.2	109.2
236000	Construction of Buildings	413.7	478.6	15.7	64.9
237000	Heavy & Civil Engineering Const.	28.0	30.9	10.4	2.9
238000	Specialty Trade Contractors	279.4	320.8	14.8	41.4

^aNorth American Industry Classification System. Source: Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2010-2011 edition. Retrieved July 15 from http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos202.htm#projections_data.

Table 2: Median Wage by Occupation Across States for Dental Hygienists

The following shows the median wage across states for Dental Hygienists. Rankings are by hourly wage from highest to lowest.

Median Average Wage (2009)			Median Average Wage (2009)				
Rank	Location	Hourly	Annual	Rank	Location	Hourly	Annual
1	Alaska	\$47.30	\$98,400	27	New York	\$31.33	\$65,200
2	Washington	\$44.11	\$91,700	28	Missouri	\$31.16	\$64,800
3	California	\$43.12	\$89,700	29	Vermont	\$31.10	\$64,700
4	Nevada	\$39.62	\$82,400	30	Nebraska	\$31.00	\$64,500
5	Massachusetts	\$38.37	\$79,800	31	Maine	\$30.86	\$64,200
6	New Jersey	\$37.56	\$78,100	32	Iowa	\$30.60	\$63,600
7	Oregon	\$37.33	\$77,600	33	Oklahoma	\$30.47	\$63,400
8	Arizona	\$36.79	\$76,500	34	North Carolina	\$29.99	\$62,400
9	Colorado	\$36.77	\$76,500	35	Arkansas	\$29.90	\$62,200
10	Connecticut	\$36.73	\$76,400	36	Ohio	\$29.86	\$62,100
11	Virginia	\$36.71	\$76,400	37	Illinois	\$29.84	\$62,100
12	New Mexico	\$36.32	\$75,500	38	Wisconsin	\$29.37	\$61,100
13	New Hampshire	\$36.21	\$75,300	39	South Dakota	\$29.15	\$60,600
14	District of Columbia	\$36.12	\$75,100	40	WYOMING	\$28.90	\$60,100
15	Delaware	\$35.84	\$74,500	41	Tennessee	\$28.80	\$59,900
16	Maryland	\$35.72	\$74,300	42	Florida	\$28.77	\$59,800
17	Minnesota	\$34.00	\$70,700	43	Michigan	\$28.75	\$59,800
18	Rhode Island	\$33.80	\$70,300	44	North Dakota	\$28.62	\$59,500
19	Texas	\$33.13	\$68,900	45	Pennsylvania	\$28.16	\$58,600
20	Kansas	\$32.66	\$67,900	46	Kentucky	\$26.99	\$56,100
	UNITED STATES	\$32.38	\$67,400	47	South Carolina	\$26.77	\$55,700
21	Montana	\$32.35	\$67,300	48	Louisiana	\$25.86	\$53,800
22	Utah	\$32.31	\$67,200	49	Mississippi	\$24.22	\$50,400
23	Idaho	\$31.97	\$66,500	50	West Virginia	\$22.60	\$47,000
24	Hawaii	\$31.93	\$66,400	51	Alabama	\$20.42	\$42,500
25	Indiana	\$31.65	\$65,800	52	Guam	\$16.72	\$34,800
26	Georgia	\$31.60	\$65,700	53	Puerto Rico	\$11.86	\$24,700

National Data Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics Survey.

State Data Source: Wyoming Wage Survey. 2009 Wage Data. Retrieved July 15, 2010, from O*NET/CareerOneStop <http://online.onetcenter.org/link/summary/29-2021.00>.

Occupation Spotlight

There are an estimated 460 pharmacists working in Wyoming.

According to the Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) survey, these pharmacists earn a mean wage of \$49.90 per hour across the state, with an average entry wage of \$41.66 per hour. Those in the 90th percentile earn as much as \$62.95 per hour.



Pharmacists

Wage data for specific occupations are available online at <http://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/oes.htm>. Click on the "County and Regional Wages (estimates for Wyoming wages for March 2010)" link.

Wyoming Unemployment Rate Decreases Again in April 2010

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The Research & Planning section of the Wyoming Department of Employment has reported that for the third month in a row, the state's seasonally adjusted¹ unemployment rate decreased. Wyoming's unemployment rate was 7.6% in January and has steadily decreased to 7.1% in April. Nonfarm job losses have slowed in recent months.

Over the year, total nonfarm employment decreased by 6,200 jobs (-2.2%). Construction posted the largest job losses (-1,900 jobs, or -8.2%) followed by leisure & hospitality (-1,800 jobs, or -6.0%). Job losses were also seen in other services (-1,100 jobs, or -9.2%), natural resources & mining (-1,000 jobs, or -3.9%), professional & business services (-700 jobs, or -4.1%), and financial activities (-400 jobs, or -3.6%). Employment increased slightly in manufacturing (500 jobs, or 5.6%), educational &

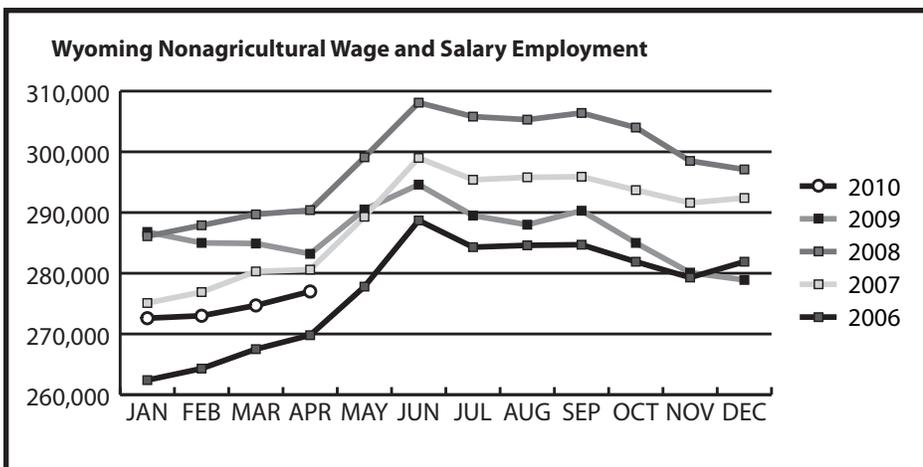
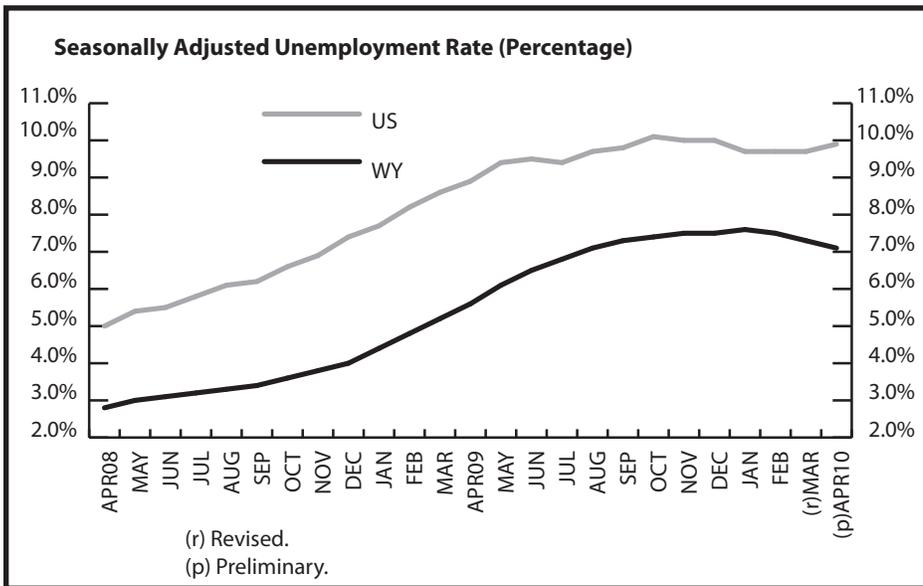
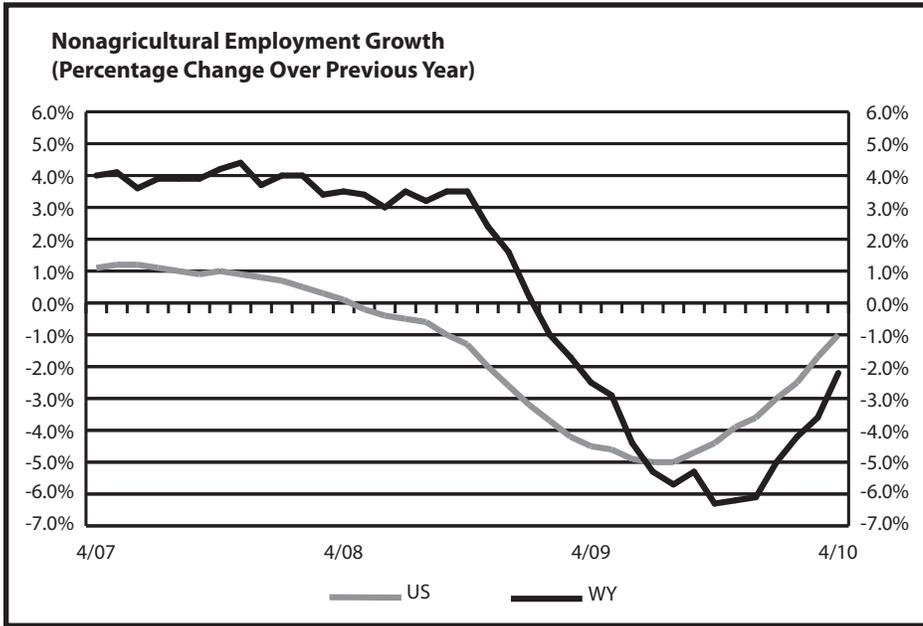
health services (500 jobs, or 2.0%), and government (200 jobs, or 0.3%).

From March to April, Wyoming added 2,300 jobs (0.8%). This level of increase is consistent with normal seasonal patterns. The largest job gains occurred in construction (2,400 jobs, or 12.7%) followed by professional & business services (600 jobs, or 3.8%), natural resources & mining (200 jobs, or 0.8%), retail trade (200 jobs, or 0.7%), educational & health services (200 jobs, or 0.8%), and other services (200 jobs, or 1.9%). Over-the-month job losses were seen in leisure & hospitality (-1,000 jobs, or -3.4%) and government (-500 jobs, or -0.7%).

Most county unemployment rates followed their normal seasonal pattern and decreased from March to April. Teton County posted the highest unemployment rate (12.3%) followed by Lincoln (10.5%), Johnson (8.5%), and Fremont (8.0%) counties. In two counties (Big Horn and Hot Springs) unemployment rates were lower than in April 2009.



¹ 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 in order to obtain a better understanding of changes in economic conditions from month to month.



State Unemployment Rates April 2010 (Seasonally Adjusted)

State	Unemp. Rate
Puerto Rico	17.2
Michigan	14.0
Nevada	13.7
California	12.6
Rhode Island	12.5
Florida	12.0
South Carolina	11.6
Mississippi	11.5
Illinois	11.2
Alabama	11.0
District of Columbia	11.0
Ohio	10.9
North Carolina	10.8
Kentucky	10.6
Oregon	10.6
Tennessee	10.5
Georgia	10.4
Indiana	10.0
United States	9.9
New Jersey	9.8
Arizona	9.5
Missouri	9.4
Massachusetts	9.2
Washington	9.2
West Virginia	9.2
Idaho	9.1
Connecticut	9.0
Delaware	9.0
Pennsylvania	9.0
New Mexico	8.7
Wisconsin	8.5
Alaska	8.4
New York	8.4
Texas	8.3
Maine	8.1
Colorado	8.0
Arkansas	7.8
Maryland	7.5
Utah	7.3
Minnesota	7.2
Virginia	7.2
Montana	7.1
Wyoming	7.1
Iowa	6.9
Hawaii	6.7
Louisiana	6.7
New Hampshire	6.7
Oklahoma	6.6
Kansas	6.5
Vermont	6.4
Nebraska	5.0
South Dakota	4.7
North Dakota	3.8

Wyoming Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

by: David Bullard, Senior Economist

From April 2009 to April 2010, employment increased slightly in manufacturing (5.6%), educational & health services (2.0%), and government (0.3%).

	% Change						% Change				
	Employment in Thousands			Total Employment Mar 10 Apr 09			Employment in Thousands			Total Employment Mar 10 Apr 09	
	Apr 10(p)	Mar 10(r)	Apr 09	Apr 10	Apr 10		Apr 10(p)	Mar 10(r)	Apr 09	Apr 10	Apr 10
WYOMING STATEWIDE											
TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT	277.0	274.7	283.2	0.8	-2.2						
TOTAL PRIVATE	203.9	201.1	210.3	1.4	-3.0						
GOODS PRODUCING	55.5	52.9	57.9	4.9	-4.1						
Natural Resources & Mining	24.8	24.6	25.8	0.8	-3.9						
Mining	24.6	24.5	25.8	0.4	-4.7						
Oil & Gas Extraction	4.0	4.0	4.1	0.0	-2.4						
Mining Except Oil & Gas	9.7	9.7	9.6	0.0	1.0						
Coal Mining	7.2	7.1	7.0	1.4	2.9						
Support Activities for Mining	10.9	10.8	12.1	0.9	-9.9						
Support Act. for Oil & Gas	7.5	7.7	9.3	-2.6	-19.4						
Construction	21.3	18.9	23.2	12.7	-8.2						
Construction of Buildings	3.6	3.2	4.3	12.5	-16.3						
Heavy & Engineering Constr.	6.4	5.8	7.4	10.3	-13.5						
Specialty Trade Contractors	11.3	9.9	11.5	14.1	-1.7						
Manufacturing	9.4	9.4	8.9	0.0	5.6						
Durable Goods	4.7	4.8	4.7	-2.1	0.0						
Nondurable Goods	4.7	4.6	4.2	2.2	11.9						
SERVICE PROVIDING	221.5	221.8	225.3	-0.1	-1.7						
Trade, Trans., Warehousing, & Util.	52.4	52.2	52.8	0.4	-0.8						
Wholesale Trade	8.7	8.7	8.8	0.0	-1.1						
Merch. Wholesalers, Durable	5.4	5.4	5.7	0.0	-5.3						
Retail Trade	29.7	29.5	30.0	0.7	-1.0						
Motor Vehicle & Parts Dealers	4.0	4.0	4.2	0.0	-4.8						
Food & Beverage Stores	4.5	4.5	4.5	0.0	0.0						
Grocery Stores	3.9	3.9	3.9	0.0	0.0						
Gasoline Stations	3.7	3.6	3.9	2.8	-5.1						
General Merchandise Stores	6.2	6.4	6.5	-3.1	-4.6						
Miscellaneous Store Retailers	1.7	1.7	1.7	0.0	0.0						
Trans., Warehousing, & Utilities	14.0	14.0	14.0	0.0	0.0						
Utilities	2.5	2.5	2.5	0.0	0.0						
Transp. & Warehousing	11.5	11.5	11.5	0.0	0.0						
Truck Transportation	3.8	3.8	4.0	0.0	-5.0						
Information	3.8	3.8	3.9	0.0	-2.6						
Financial Activities	10.8	10.8	11.2	0.0	-3.6						
Finance & Insurance	7.0	7.0	7.1	0.0	-1.4						
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	3.8	3.8	4.1	0.0	-7.3						
Professional & Business Services	16.4	15.8	17.1	3.8	-4.1						
Prof., Scientific, & Tech. Services	8.7	8.4	9.4	3.6	-7.4						
Architect., Engineering, & Rel.	2.7	2.6	2.8	3.8	-3.6						
Mgmt. of Co.s & Enterprises	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0						
Admin., Support, & Waste Svcs.	7.0	6.7	7.0	4.5	0.0						
Educational & Health Services	25.9	25.7	25.4	0.8	2.0						
Educational Services	2.7	2.7	2.6	0.0	3.8						
Health Care & Social Assistance	23.2	23.0	22.8	0.9	1.8						
Ambulatory Health Care	8.7	8.6	8.3	1.2	4.8						
Offices of Physicians	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.2						
Hospitals	3.3	3.3	3.3	0.0	0.0						
Nursing & Res. Care Facilities	4.5	4.4	4.6	2.3	-2.2						
Social Assistance	6.7	6.7	6.6	0.0	1.5						
Leisure & Hospitality	28.3	29.3	30.1	-3.4	-6.0						
Arts, Entertainment, & Rec.	2.3	2.3	2.4	0.0	-4.2						
Accommodation & Food Svcs.	26.0	27.0	27.7	-3.7	-6.1						
Accommodation	8.3	9.3	9.6	-10.8	-13.5						
Food Svcs. & Drinking Places	17.7	17.7	18.1	0.0	-2.2						
Other Services	10.8	10.6	11.9	1.9	-9.2						
Repair & Maintenance	3.7	3.6	4.0	2.8	-7.5						
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	73.1	73.6	72.9	-0.7	0.3						
Federal Government	7.3	7.5	7.6	-2.7	-3.9						
State Government	16.8	16.6	17.0	1.2	-1.2						
State Government Education	7.3	7.2	7.5	1.4	-2.7						
Local Government	49.0	49.5	48.3	-1.0	1.4						
Local Government Education	25.7	26.2	25.4	-1.9	1.2						
Hospitals	6.7	6.7	6.5	0.0	3.1						
LARAMIE COUNTY											
TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT	43.3	43.3	43.6	0.0	-0.7						
TOTAL PRIVATE	29.2	29.1	29.6	0.3	-1.4						
GOODS PRODUCING	4.1	3.9	4.3	5.1	-4.7						
Natural Res., Mining, & Const.	2.7	2.5	2.8	8.0	-3.6						
Manufacturing	1.4	1.4	1.5	0.0	-6.7						
SERVICE PROVIDING	39.2	39.4	39.3	-0.5	-0.3						
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	8.9	8.9	9.0	0.0	-1.1						
Wholesale Trade	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0						
Retail Trade	5.1	5.1	5.2	0.0	-1.9						
Trans., Warehousing, & Utilities	3.0	3.0	3.0	0.0	0.0						
Information	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0						
Financial Activities	2.2	2.2	2.2	0.0	0.0						
Professional & Business Services	3.1	3.1	3.1	0.0	0.0						
Educational & Health Services	4.1	4.1	4.0	0.0	2.5						
Leisure & Hospitality	4.1	4.2	4.3	-2.4	-4.7						
Other Services	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.0	0.0						
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	14.1	14.2	14.0	-0.7	0.7						
Federal Government	2.7	2.7	2.7	0.0	0.0						
State Government	4.0	4.1	4.1	-2.4	-2.4						
Local Government	7.4	7.4	7.2	0.0	2.8						
Local Education	3.9	3.9	3.8	0.0	2.6						
NATRONA COUNTY											
TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT	37.5	37.2	39.2	0.8	-4.3						
TOTAL PRIVATE	31.3	30.9	33.1	1.3	-5.4						
GOODS PRODUCING	6.7	6.5	7.5	3.1	-10.7						
Natural Resources & Mining	2.6	2.6	3.2	0.0	-18.8						
Construction	2.6	2.4	2.6	8.3	0.0						
Manufacturing	1.5	1.5	1.7	0.0	-11.8						
SERVICE PROVIDING	30.8	30.7	31.7	0.3	-2.8						
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	8.4	8.3	8.7	1.2	-3.4						
Wholesale Trade	2.3	2.3	2.5	0.0	-8.0						
Retail Trade	5.0	4.9	5.0	2.0	0.0						
Trans., Warehousing, & Utilities	1.1	1.1	1.2	0.0	-8.3						
Information	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0						
Financial Activities	1.9	1.9	2.0	0.0	-5.0						
Professional & Business Services	2.6	2.5	2.8	4.0	-7.1						
Educational & Health Services	5.6	5.6	5.5	0.0	1.8						
Leisure & Hospitality	3.7	3.7	3.9	0.0	-5.1						
Other Services	1.9	1.9	2.2	0.0	-13.6						
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	6.2	6.3	6.1	-1.6	1.6						
Federal Government	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.0	14.3						
State Government	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0						
Local Government	4.7	4.8	4.7	-2.1	0.0						
Local Education	3.2	3.3	3.2	-3.0	0.0						

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. Data for Wyoming, Laramie County, and Natrona 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		% Change Total Employment		
	Apr 10(p)	Mar 10(r)	Mar 09	Apr 10	Apr 10
CAMPBELL COUNTY					
TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT	28.6	28.4	29.3	0.7	-2.4
TOTAL PRIVATE	24.0	23.9	24.9	0.4	-3.6
GOODS PRODUCING	11.7	11.7	12.3	0.0	-4.9
Natural Resources & Mining	7.5	7.6	7.9	-1.3	-5.1
Construction	3.7	3.6	3.8	2.8	-2.6
Manufacturing	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.0	-16.7
SERVICE PROVIDING	16.9	16.7	17.0	1.2	-0.6
Trade, Transport., & Utilities	5.5	5.5	5.6	0.0	-1.8
Information	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	0.8	0.7	0.7	14.3	14.3
Professional & Bus. Services	1.8	1.8	1.9	0.0	-5.3
Educational & Health Serv.	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Leisure & Hospitality	2.0	2.0	2.1	0.0	-4.8
Other Services	1.0	1.0	1.1	0.0	-9.1
GOVERNMENT	4.6	4.5	4.4	2.2	4.5

	Employment in Thousands		% Change Total Employment		
	Apr 10(p)	Mar 10(r)	Mar 09	Apr 10	Apr 10
SWEETWATER COUNTY					
TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT	23.2	23.1	25.1	0.4	-7.6
TOTAL PRIVATE	18.4	18.3	20.4	0.5	-9.8
GOODS PRODUCING	7.6	7.5	8.8	1.3	-13.6
Natural Resources & Mining	4.9	5.0	5.7	-2.0	-14.0
Construction	1.5	1.3	1.8	15.4	-16.7
Manufacturing	1.2	1.2	1.3	0.0	-7.7
SERVICE PROVIDING	15.6	15.6	16.3	0.0	-4.3
Trade, Transport., & Utilities	4.7	4.8	5.2	-2.1	-9.6
Information	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.0	0.0
Professional & Bus. Services	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Educational & Health Serv.	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0
Leisure & Hospitality	2.2	2.1	2.4	4.8	-8.3
Other Services	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.0	-12.5
GOVERNMENT	4.8	4.8	4.7	0.0	2.1

	Employment in Thousands		% Change Total Employment		
	Apr 10(p)	Mar 10(r)	Mar 09	Apr 10	Apr 10
TETON COUNTY					
TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT	14.9	16.2	15.1	-8.0	-1.3
TOTAL PRIVATE	12.7	13.9	12.8	-8.6	-0.8
GOODS PRODUCING	1.7	1.7	2.1	0.0	-19.0
Nat. Res., Mining & Const.	1.6	1.6	2.0	0.0	-20.0
Manufacturing	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
SERVICE PROVIDING	13.2	14.5	13.0	-9.0	1.5
Trade, Transport., & Utilities	2.2	2.3	2.2	-4.3	0.0
Information	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Professional & Bus. Services	1.5	1.4	1.5	7.1	0.0
Educational & Health Serv.	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.0	0.0
Leisure & Hospitality	5.0	6.1	4.7	-18.0	6.4
Other Services	0.4	0.5	0.4	-20.0	0.0
GOVERNMENT	2.2	2.3	2.3	-4.3	-4.3

State Unemployment Rates April 2010 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

State	Unemp. Rate
Puerto Rico	16.9
Nevada	14.0
Michigan	13.7
Rhode Island	12.4
California	12.3
Florida	11.2
Illinois	10.8
Oregon	10.8
Mississippi	10.7
Ohio	10.7
South Carolina	10.4
Alabama	10.3
Tennessee	10.3
Kentucky	10.2
North Carolina	10.0
District of Columbia	9.8
Georgia	9.8
Indiana	9.8
New Jersey	9.6
United States	9.5
Arizona	9.1
Idaho	9.1
Massachusetts	9.1
West Virginia	8.9
Missouri	8.8
Delaware	8.7
Pennsylvania	8.7
Washington	8.7
Alaska	8.5
Connecticut	8.5
Maine	8.4
New York	8.2
Wisconsin	8.2
New Mexico	8.1
Texas	8.1
Colorado	7.8
Arkansas	7.5
Wyoming	7.2
Montana	7.1
Iowa	7.0
Minnesota	7.0
Utah	7.0
Maryland	6.9
Vermont	6.7
Virginia	6.7
Hawaii	6.3
Kansas	6.3
New Hampshire	6.3
Oklahoma	6.3
Louisiana	6.2
Nebraska	4.9
South Dakota	4.5
North Dakota	3.8

Economic Indicators

by: Margaret Hiatt, Administrative/Survey Support Specialist

The Baker Hughes rig count for Wyoming was 36 in April 2010, unchanged from a year earlier.

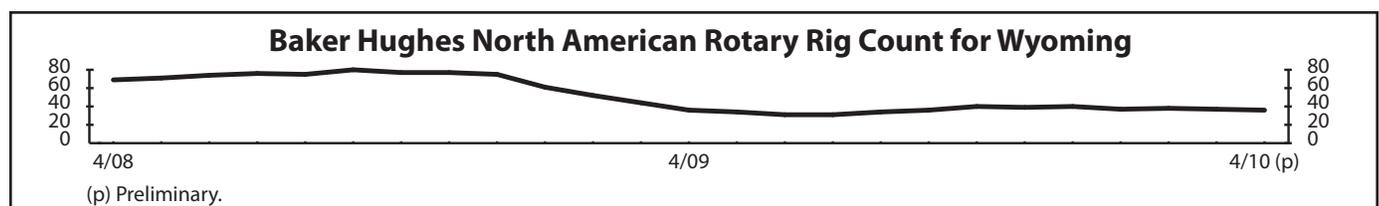
	Apr 2010 (p)	Mar 2010 (r)	Apr 2009 (b)	Percent Change Month	Percent Change Year
Wyoming Total Civilian Labor Force¹	290,938	290,767	291,823	0.1	-0.3
Unemployed	20,964	22,459	16,119	-6.7	30.1
Employed	269,974	268,308	275,704	0.6	-2.1
Wyoming Unemployment Rate/Seas. Adj.	7.2%/7.1	7.7%/7.3%	5.5%/5.6%	N/A	N/A
U.S. Unemployment Rate/Seas. Adj.	9.5%/9.9%	10.2%/9.7%	8.6%/8.9%	N/A	N/A
U.S. Multiple Jobholders	7,105,000	7,063,000	7,781,000	0.6	-8.7
As a percent of all workers	5.1%	5.1%	5.5%	N/A	N/A
U.S. Discouraged Workers	1,197,000	994,000	740,000	20.4	61.8
U.S. Part Time for Economic Reasons	8,921,000	9,343,000	8,648,000	-4.5	3.2
Hours & Earnings for Production Workers					
Wyoming Manufacturing Hours & Earnings					
Average Weekly Earnings	\$836.09	\$810.43	\$834.55	3.2	0.2
Average Weekly Hours	40.1	40.3	40.2	-0.5	-0.2
U.S. Manufacturing Hours & Earnings					
Average Weekly Earnings	\$759.94	\$752.35	\$706.42	1.0	7.6
Average Weekly Hours	41.1	40.8	38.9	0.7	5.7
Wyoming Unemployment Insurance					
Weeks Compensated	38,237	51,158	46,076	-25.3	-17.0
Benefits Paid	\$12,783,320	\$17,210,435	\$15,928,628	-25.7	-19.7
Average Weekly Benefit Payment	\$334.32	\$336.42	\$345.70	-0.6	-3.3
State Insured Covered Jobs ¹	258,498	258,114	259,348	0.1	-0.3
Insured Unemployment Rate	4.0%	4.5%	3.7%	N/A	N/A
Consumer Price Index (U) for All U.S. Urban Consumers (1982 to 1984 = 100)					
All Items	218.0	217.6	213.2	0.2	2.2
Food & Beverages	219.5	219.4	218.4	0.1	0.5
Housing	215.8	216.0	217.1	-0.1	-0.6
Apparel	122.1	122.1	123.2	0.1	-0.9
Transportation	194.0	192.1	172.0	1.0	12.8
Medical Care	387.7	378.1	374.2	2.5	3.6
Recreation (Dec. 1997=100)	113.8	113.3	114.3	0.4	-0.4
Education & Communication (Dec. 1997=100)	129.3	129.2	126.3	0.1	2.4
Other Goods & Services	378.9	378.8	370.6	0.0	2.2
Producer Prices (1982 to 1984 = 100)					
All Commodities	184.4	183.3	169.1	0.6	9.0
Wyo. Bldg. Permits (New Privately Owned Housing Units Authorized)					
Total Units	142	176	116	-19.3	22.4
Valuation	\$30,710,000	\$38,210,000	\$23,964,000	-19.6	28.2
Single Family Homes	137	173	99	-20.8	38.4
Valuation	\$30,395,000	\$37,377,000	\$22,586,000	-18.7	34.6
Casper MSA ² Building Permits	19	29	10	-34.5	90.0
Valuation	\$3,306,000	\$4,689,000	\$1,226,000	-29.5	169.7
Cheyenne MSA Building Permits	32	28	6	14.3	433.3
Valuation	\$4,525,000	\$4,307,000	\$1,015,000	5.1	345.8
Baker Hughes North American Rotary Rig Count for Wyoming	36	37	36	-2.7	0.0

(p) Preliminary. (r) Revised. (b) Benchmarked.

¹Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program estimates.

²Metropolitan Statistical Area.

Note: Hours and earnings data for mining have been dropped from the Economics Indicators page as data for Wyoming mining are no longer available.



Wyoming County Unemployment Rates

by: Carola Cowan, BLS Programs Supervisor

Teton County posted the highest unemployment rate (12.3%) followed by Lincoln (10.5), Johnson (8.5%), and Fremont (8.0%) counties.

REGION County	Labor Force			Employed			Unemployed			Unemployment Rates		
	Apr 2010	Mar 2010	Apr 2009	Apr 2010	Mar 2010	Apr 2009	Apr 2010	Mar 2010	Apr 2009	Apr 2010	Mar 2010	Apr 2009
	(p)	(r)	(b)	(p)	(r)	(b)	(p)	(r)	(b)	(p)	(r)	(b)
NORTHWEST	44,834	44,832	44,206	41,473	41,051	41,311	3,361	3,781	2,895	7.5	8.4	6.5
Big Horn	4,987	4,996	4,921	4,603	4,550	4,466	384	446	455	7.7	8.9	9.2
Fremont	18,995	19,014	18,751	17,471	17,314	17,454	1,524	1,700	1,297	8.0	8.9	6.9
Hot Springs	2,444	2,436	2,451	2,316	2,290	2,321	128	146	130	5.2	6.0	5.3
Park	14,128	14,097	13,818	13,094	12,948	13,032	1,034	1,149	786	7.3	8.2	5.7
Washakie	4,280	4,289	4,265	3,989	3,949	4,038	291	340	227	6.8	7.9	5.3
NORTHEAST	54,824	55,289	54,886	51,103	51,079	51,953	3,721	4,210	2,933	6.8	7.6	5.3
Campbell	28,010	28,435	28,038	26,321	26,523	26,781	1,689	1,912	1,257	6.0	6.7	4.5
Crook	3,479	3,483	3,488	3,270	3,251	3,296	209	232	192	6.0	6.7	5.5
Johnson	3,966	3,961	3,938	3,628	3,579	3,633	338	382	305	8.5	9.6	7.7
Sheridan	16,188	16,203	16,171	14,913	14,764	15,170	1,275	1,439	1,001	7.9	8.9	6.2
Weston	3,181	3,207	3,251	2,971	2,962	3,073	210	245	178	6.6	7.6	5.5
SOUTHWEST	61,929	61,665	63,487	56,705	56,752	59,486	5,224	4,913	4,001	8.4	8.0	6.3
Lincoln	8,117	8,111	8,371	7,261	7,231	7,756	856	880	615	10.5	10.8	7.3
Sublette	7,078	7,095	7,039	6,744	6,722	6,769	334	373	270	4.7	5.3	3.8
Sweetwater	22,882	22,895	24,191	21,254	21,112	22,916	1,628	1,783	1,275	7.1	7.8	5.3
Teton	12,888	12,606	12,579	11,299	11,618	11,386	1,589	988	1,193	12.3	7.8	9.5
Uinta	10,964	10,958	11,307	10,147	10,069	10,659	817	889	648	7.5	8.1	5.7
SOUTHEAST	74,839	74,506	73,556	70,049	69,161	70,288	4,790	5,345	3,268	6.4	7.2	4.4
Albany	20,229	20,051	19,596	19,284	19,005	18,996	945	1,046	600	4.7	5.2	3.1
Goshen	6,252	6,215	6,215	5,879	5,818	5,942	373	397	273	6.0	6.4	4.4
Laramie	43,057	42,928	42,225	39,911	39,436	40,061	3,146	3,492	2,164	7.3	8.1	5.1
Niobrara	1,268	1,261	1,271	1,204	1,183	1,218	64	78	53	5.0	6.2	4.2
Platte	4,033	4,051	4,249	3,771	3,719	4,071	262	332	178	6.5	8.2	4.2
CENTRAL	54,514	54,477	55,686	50,645	50,266	52,665	3,869	4,211	3,021	7.1	7.7	5.4
Carbon	7,484	7,462	7,673	6,907	6,833	7,189	577	629	484	7.7	8.4	6.3
Converse	7,406	7,418	7,480	6,971	6,940	7,104	435	478	376	5.9	6.4	5.0
Natrona	39,624	39,597	40,533	36,767	36,493	38,372	2,857	3,104	2,161	7.2	7.8	5.3
STATEWIDE	290,938	290,767	291,823	269,974	268,308	275,704	20,964	22,459	16,119	7.2	7.7	5.5
Statewide Seasonally Adjusted										7.1	7.3	5.6
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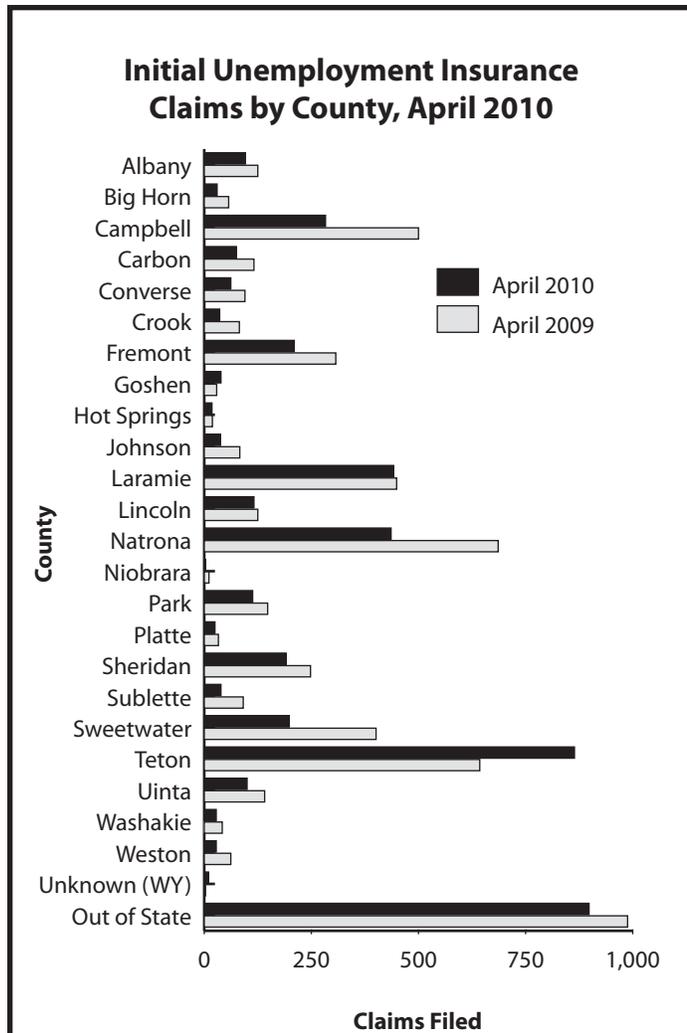
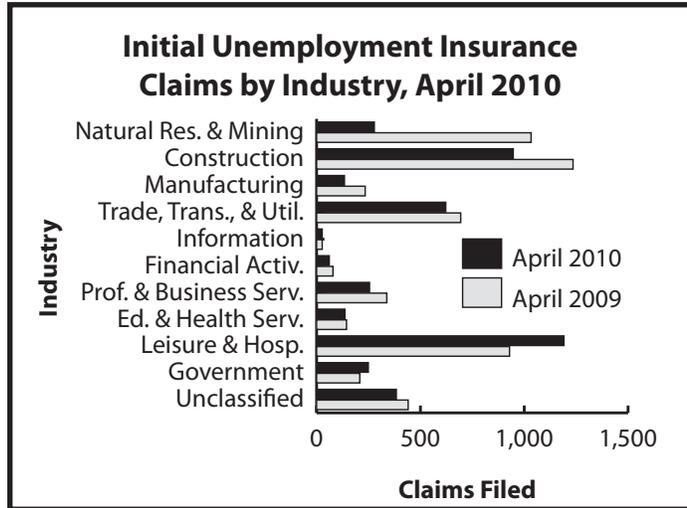
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Wyoming Normalized^a Unemployment Insurance Statistics: Initial Claims

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Initial claims increased slightly (7.8%) compared to March and declined by 20.2% compared to April 2009. All of the reportable goods-producing industries showed substantial declines in claims over the month and year.



Initial Claims	Claims Filed		Percent Change Claims Filed		
	Apr 10	Mar 10	Apr 10	Apr 09	
	Apr 10	Mar 10	Apr 09	Mar 10	
Wyoming Statewide	4,375	4,060	5,483	7.8	-20.2
TOTAL CLAIMS FILED	4,375	4,060	5,483	7.8	-20.2
TOTAL GOODS-PRODUCING	1,359	1,664	2,502	-18.3	-45.7
Natural Res. & Mining	278	347	1,033	-19.9	-73.1
Mining	259	302	1,002	-14.2	-74.2
Oil & Gas Extraction	12	14	74	-14.3	-83.8
Construction	947	1,120	1,235	-15.4	-23.3
Manufacturing	134	197	234	-32.0	-42.7
TOTAL SERVICE-PROVIDING	2,383	1,750	2,332	36.2	2.2
Trade, Transp., & Utilities	622	504	694	23.4	-10.4
Wholesale Trade	82	68	136	20.6	-39.7
Retail Trade	350	282	326	24.1	7.4
Transp., Warehousing & Utilities	190	154	232	23.4	-18.1
Information	27	23	27	17.4	0.0
Financial Activities	61	69	79	-11.6	-22.8
Prof. and Business Svcs.	255	228	338	11.8	-24.6
Educational & Health Svcs.	136	163	144	-16.6	-5.6
Leisure & Hospitality	1,191	682	929	74.6	28.2
Other Svcs., exc. Public Admin.	91	81	121	12.3	-24.8
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	249	242	208	2.9	19.7
Federal Government	106	89	62	19.1	71.0
State Government	25	29	30	-13.8	-16.7
Local Government	118	124	116	-4.8	1.7
Local Education	21	25	19	-16.0	10.5
UNCLASSIFIED	384	404	441	-5.0	-12.9

Laramie County					
Initial Claims	Claims Filed		Percent Change Claims Filed		
	Apr 10	Mar 10	Apr 10	Apr 09	
TOTAL CLAIMS FILED	441	445	449	-0.9	-1.8
TOTAL GOODS-PRODUCING	163	180	172	-9.4	-5.2
Construction	143	151	146	-5.3	-2.1
TOTAL SERVICE-PROVIDING	224	202	218	10.9	2.8
Trade, Transp., & Utilities	90	69	87	30.4	3.4
Financial Activities	14	14	8	0.0	75.0
Prof. & Business Svcs.	38	30	44	26.7	-13.6
Educational & Health Svcs.	31	24	28	29.2	10.7
Leisure & Hospitality	29	43	43	-32.6	-32.6
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	41	49	33	-16.3	24.2
UNCLASSIFIED	13	14	26	-7.1	-50.0

Natrona County					
Initial Claims	Claims Filed		Percent Change Claims Filed		
	Apr 10	Mar 10	Apr 10	Apr 09	
TOTAL CLAIMS FILED	437	451	687	-3.1	-36.4
TOTAL GOODS-PRODUCING	153	206	342	-25.7	-55.3
Construction	100	129	137	-22.5	-27.0
TOTAL SERVICE-PROVIDING	251	219	314	14.6	-20.1
Trade, Transp., & Utilities	102	80	129	27.5	-20.9
Financial Activities	10	9	16	11.1	-37.5
Prof. & Business Svcs.	41	32	47	28.1	-12.8
Educational & Health Svcs.	25	44	21	-43.2	19.0
Leisure & Hospitality	46	37	55	24.3	-16.4
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	21	14	16	50.0	31.3
UNCLASSIFIED	12	12	15	0.0	-20.0

^aAn 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^a Unemployment Insurance Statistics: Continued Claims

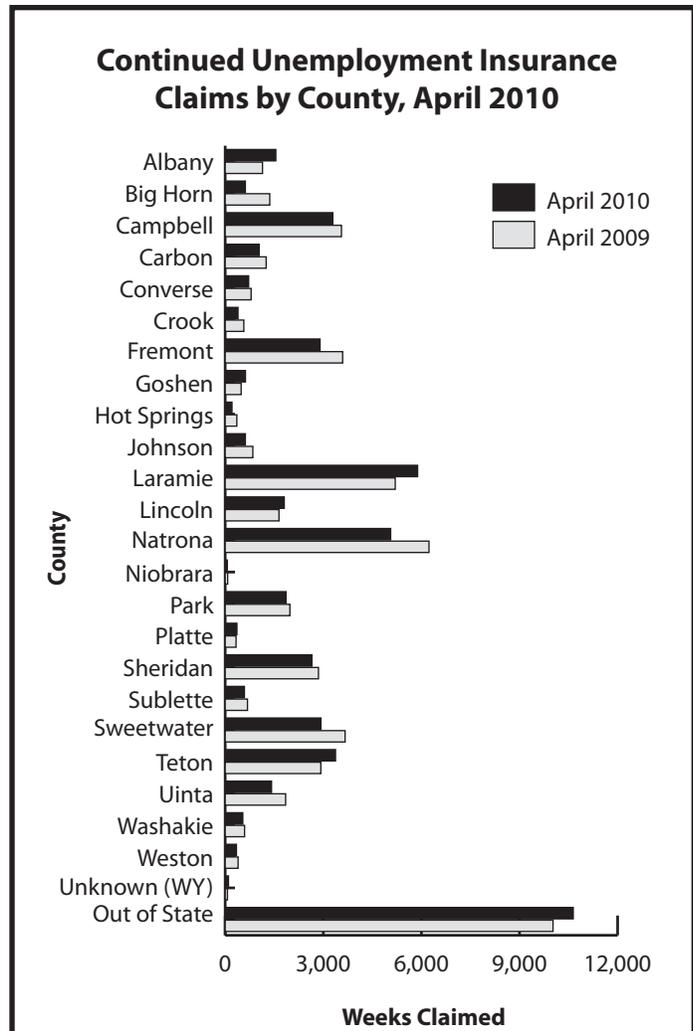
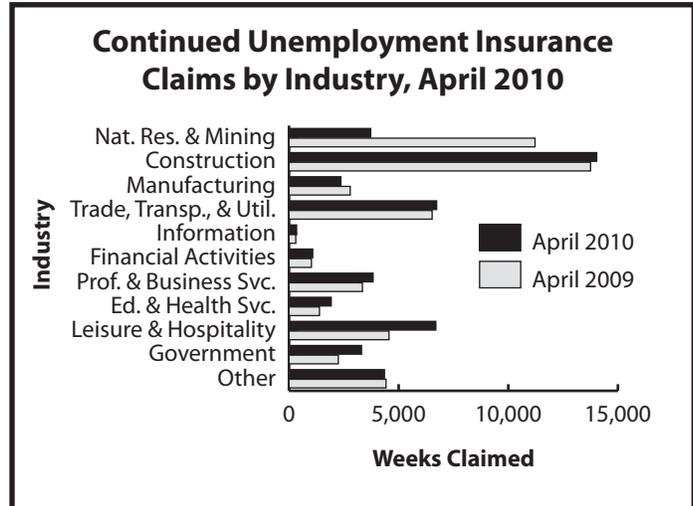
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Continued weeks claimed declined by 8.5% over the month and 5.5% over the year. Benefit exhaustion rates held steady compared to last month at 13.5%.

Continued Claims	Percent Change				
	Continued Weeks Claimed			Weeks Claimed	
	Apr 10	Mar 10	Apr 09	Mar 10	Apr 09
Wyoming Statewide					
TOTAL WEEKS CLAIMED	49,571	54,152	52,479	-8.5	-5.5
EXTENDED WEEKS CLAIMED	21,786	22,867	4,983	-4.7	337.2
TOTAL UNIQUE CLAIMANTS^b	14,592	12,969	12,942	12.5	12.7
<i>Benefit Exhaustions</i>	1,965	1,747	950	12.5	106.8
<i>Benefit Exhaustion Rates</i>	13.5%	13.5%	7.3%	0.0%	6.1%
TOTAL GOODS-PRODUCING	20,126	23,585	27,766	-14.7	-27.5
Natural Res. & Mining	3,725	3,841	11,221	-3.0	-66.8
Mining	3,389	3,463	10,927	-2.1	-69.0
Oil & Gas Extraction	205	241	801	-14.9	-74.4
Construction	14,035	17,102	13,753	-17.9	2.1
Manufacturing	2,366	2,642	2,792	-10.4	-15.3
TOTAL SERVICE-PROVIDING	21,784	21,997	18,040	-1.0	20.8
Trade, Transp., & Utilities	6,733	6,997	6,528	-3.8	3.1
Wholesale Trade	1,060	1,111	1,254	-4.6	-15.5
Retail Trade	4,020	4,106	3,004	-2.1	33.8
Transp., Warehousing & Utilities	1,653	1,780	2,270	-7.1	-27.2
Information	345	313	309	10.2	11.7
Financial Activities	1,082	1,089	1,022	-0.6	5.9
Prof. & Business Svcs.	3,835	4,745	3,347	-19.2	14.6
Educational & Health Svcs.	1,925	1,983	1,389	-2.9	38.6
Leisure and Hospitality	6,696	5,565	4,560	20.3	46.8
Other Svcs., exc. Public Admin.	1,168	1,305	885	-10.5	32.0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	3,308	3,637	2,248	-9.0	47.2
Federal Government	1,136	1,454	792	-21.9	43.4
State Government	380	337	283	12.8	34.3
Local Government	1,792	1,846	1,173	-2.9	52.8
Local Education	386	430	184	-10.2	109.8
UNCLASSIFIED	4,353	4,933	4,425	-11.8	-1.6
Laramie County					
TOTAL WEEKS CLAIMED	5,882	6,760	5,199	-13.0	13.1
TOTAL UNIQUE CLAIMANTS	1,724	1,654	1,309	4.2	31.7
Total Goods-Producing	2,222	2,847	2,073	-22.0	7.2
Construction	1,831	2,345	1,498	-21.9	22.2
Total Service-Providing	2,980	3,291	2,510	-9.5	18.7
Trade, Transp., and Utilities	1,152	1,196	1,038	-3.7	11.0
Financial Activities	220	237	130	-7.2	69.2
Prof. & Business Svcs.	582	805	435	-27.7	33.8
Educational and Health Svcs.	345	380	304	-9.2	13.5
Leisure & Hospitality	417	469	425	-11.1	-1.9
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	538	458	356	17.5	51.1
UNCLASSIFIED	142	164	260	-13.4	-45.4
Natrona County					
TOTAL WEEKS CLAIMED	5,060	5,682	6,231	-10.9	-18.8
TOTAL UNIQUE CLAIMANTS	1,480	1,367	1,536	8.3	-3.6
Total Goods-Producing	2,064	2,439	3,450	-15.4	-40.2
Construction	1,299	1,693	1,510	-23.3	-14.0
Total Service-Providing	2,640	2,866	2,475	-7.9	6.7
Trade, Transp., and Utilities	945	920	1,010	2.7	-6.4
Financial Activities	170	161	162	5.6	4.9
Professional & Business Svcs.	473	591	428	-20.0	10.5
Educational & Health Svcs.	392	388	249	1.0	57.4
Leisure & Hospitality	382	459	336	-16.8	13.7
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	223	246	115	-9.3	93.9
UNCLASSIFIED	133	131	191	1.5	-30.4

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^bDoes not include claimants receiving extended benefits.



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