

## Wyoming Unemployment Steady at 4.1% in October

The Research & Planning section of the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services reported today that the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained unchanged from September to October at 4.1%. Wyoming's unemployment rate is slightly lower than its year-ago level of 4.2%, but higher than the current U.S. rate of 3.7%.

At the county level, most unemployment rates remained fairly stable from September to October. Small decreases were seen in Platte (down from 3.4% to 2.8%), Niobrara (down from 3.1% to 2.5%), Sweetwater (down from 4.0% to 3.5%), and Converse (down from 3.6% to 3.1%) counties, while Teton County's unemployment rate rose slightly from 2.2% to 2.6%.

Unemployment rates were lower than a year ago in most Wyoming counties. The largest decreases occurred in Converse (down from 3.9% to 3.1%), Weston (down from 3.6% to 3.1%), Sweetwater (down from 4.0% to 3.5%), and Platte (down from 3.3% to 2.8%) counties. Unemployment rates rose modestly in Big Horn (up from 3.5% to 3.8%), Albany (up from 2.7% to 2.9%), Goshen (up from 2.6% to 2.8%), and Niobrara (up from 2.3% to 2.5%) counties.

Niobrara County had the lowest unemployment rate at 2.5% in October. It was followed by Teton County at 2.6%, and Platte, Goshen, and Crook counties, all at 2.8%. The highest unemployment rates were reported in Fremont County at 4.4% and Natrona County at 4.2%.

Total nonfarm employment (not seasonally adjusted and measured by place of work) increased from 284,400 in October 2017 to 290,800 in October 2018, a gain of 6,400 jobs (or 2.3%).

Research & Planning has scheduled the November employment news release for December 21, 2018.

### Civilian Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment--by place of residence

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployed Number			Unemployment Rate		
	Oct 2018 (p)	Sep 2018 (r)	Oct 2017 (b)	Oct 2018 (p)	Sep 2018 (r)	Oct 2017 (b)	Oct 2018 (p)	Sep 2018 (r)	Oct 2017 (b)	Oct 2018 (p)	Sep 2018 (r)	Oct 2017 (b)
Albany	20,968	20,166	20,785	20,369	19,521	20,228	599	645	557	2.9	3.2	2.7
Big Horn	5,242	5,282	5,491	5,043	5,073	5,297	199	209	194	3.8	4.0	3.5
Campbell	22,819	22,401	22,781	21,965	21,494	21,856	854	907	925	3.7	4.0	4.1
Carbon	7,778	7,822	8,041	7,515	7,561	7,760	263	261	281	3.4	3.3	3.5
Converse	7,489	7,417	7,445	7,254	7,153	7,156	235	264	289	3.1	3.6	3.9
Crook	3,636	3,799	3,716	3,534	3,688	3,609	102	111	107	2.8	2.9	2.9
Fremont	18,795	18,626	19,301	17,967	17,793	18,408	828	833	893	4.4	4.5	4.6
Goshen	6,796	6,737	7,145	6,607	6,534	6,962	189	203	183	2.8	3.0	2.6
Hot Springs	2,136	2,169	2,249	2,070	2,099	2,174	66	70	75	3.1	3.2	3.3
Johnson	4,154	4,226	4,242	4,008	4,084	4,089	146	142	153	3.5	3.4	3.6
Laramie	46,896	45,904	47,665	45,271	44,199	45,994	1,625	1,705	1,671	3.5	3.7	3.5
Lincoln	8,776	8,832	8,709	8,509	8,553	8,428	267	279	281	3.0	3.2	3.2
Natrona	38,348	37,580	39,376	36,724	35,882	37,587	1,624	1,698	1,789	4.2	4.5	4.5
Niobrara	1,284	1,342	1,343	1,252	1,301	1,312	32	41	31	2.5	3.1	2.3
Park	15,245	15,929	15,555	14,680	15,369	14,990	565	560	565	3.7	3.5	3.6
Platte	4,615	4,752	4,805	4,488	4,591	4,647	127	161	158	2.8	3.4	3.3
Sheridan	15,464	15,449	15,614	14,964	14,915	15,078	500	534	536	3.2	3.5	3.4
Sublette	4,223	4,350	4,371	4,071	4,186	4,214	152	164	157	3.6	3.8	3.6
Sweetwater	20,996	20,481	21,447	20,251	19,657	20,589	745	824	858	3.5	4.0	4.0
Teton	14,809	15,853	15,182	14,419	15,498	14,729	390	355	453	2.6	2.2	3.0
Uinta	9,038	8,961	9,055	8,697	8,593	8,713	341	368	342	3.8	4.1	3.8
Washakie	4,070	4,030	4,134	3,939	3,886	3,995	131	144	139	3.2	3.6	3.4
Weston	3,715	3,704	3,734	3,601	3,577	3,601	114	127	133	3.1	3.4	3.6
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>287,291</b>	<b>285,812</b>	<b>292,185</b>	<b>277,197</b>	<b>275,207</b>	<b>281,414</b>	<b>10,094</b>	<b>10,605</b>	<b>10,771</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>3.7</b>
<b>Statewide Seasonally Adjusted.....</b>										<b>4.1</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>4.2</b>
<b>U.S.....</b>										<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>3.9</b>
<b>U.S. Seasonally Adjusted.....</b>										<b>3.7</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>4.1</b>

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

Data are not seasonally adjusted except where otherwise specified.

Labor Force = Employment + Unemployment Number

Unemployment Rate = Unemployment Number/Labor Force

	Wyoming Seasonally Adjusted Statewide Labor Force Estimates			Change			
	October-18	September-18	October-17	Month absolute	percent	Year absolute	percent
Total Civilian Labor Force	285,519	285,315	292,348	204	0.1%	-6,829	-2.3%
Employed	273,794	273,722	280,189	72	0.0%	-6,395	-2.3%
Unemployed	11,725	11,593	12,159	132	1.1%	-434	-3.6%
Unemployment Rate	4.1	4.1	4.2				
<b>Definitions:</b>							
Employed	All persons who, during the reference week, did any work at all as paid employees, worked in their own business, profession, or on their own farm, or worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers in a family business.						
Unemployed	All persons who had no employment during the reference week, were available for work, and had made specific efforts to find employment sometime during the 4-week period ending with the reference week.						
Labor Force	All persons who meet the criteria given above as either employed or unemployed.						
Unemployment Rate	The number of unemployed as a percent of the labor force.						
Seasonal Adjustment	A statistical procedure to remove the impact of normal regularly recurring events (such as weather, major holidays, and the opening and closing of schools) from economic time series to better understand changes in economic conditions from month to month.						

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