

Wyoming Unemployment Rises to 3.7% in August 2019

The Research & Planning section of the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services reported today that the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose slightly from 3.6% in July to 3.7% in August. Wyoming's unemployment rate remained lower than its year-ago level of 4.2%.

From July to August, most county unemployment rates followed their normal seasonal pattern and decreased. The largest decreases were seen in Campbell (down from 5.7% to 4.5%), Washakie (down from 4.3% to 3.5%), and Albany (down from 4.0% to 3.2%) counties.

From August 2018 to August 2019, unemployment rates fell in 15 counties, rose in seven counties, and remained unchanged in Big Horn County. The largest decreases occurred in Converse (down from 3.5% to 2.8%), Fremont (down from 4.7% to 4.1%), Sweetwater (down from 4.0% to 3.5%), and Natrona (down from 4.3% to 3.8%) counties. Unemployment rates increased in Campbell (up from 4.0% to 4.5%), Hot Springs (up from 3.1% to 3.5%), Goshen (up from 3.4% to 3.7%), and Platte (up from 3.3% to 3.6%) counties.

Teton County had the lowest unemployment rate in August at 2.0%. It was followed by Niobrara County at 2.6%, and Weston County, Converse County, and Carbon County, each at 2.8%. The highest unemployment rates were found in Campbell County at 4.5% and Fremont County at 4.1%.

Total nonfarm employment in Wyoming (not seasonally adjusted and measured by place of work) increased from 292,500 in August 2018 to 296,700 in August 2019, a gain of 4,200 jobs (1.4%).

Research & Planning has scheduled the September unemployment news release for October 22, 2019.

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

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployed Number			Unemployment Rate		
	Aug 2019 (p)	Jul 2019 (r)	Aug 2018 (b)	Aug 2019 (p)	Jul 2019 (r)	Aug 2018 (b)	Aug 2019 (p)	Jul 2019 (r)	Aug 2018 (b)	Aug 2019 (p)	Jul 2019 (r)	Aug 2018 (b)
Albany	18,455	18,540	18,660	17,858	17,807	17,996	597	733	664	3.2	4.0	3.6
Big Horn	5,243	5,312	5,365	5,036	5,076	5,156	207	236	209	3.9	4.4	3.9
Campbell	22,950	22,942	22,831	21,915	21,642	21,927	1,035	1,300	904	4.5	5.7	4.0
Carbon	8,019	8,121	8,267	7,795	7,853	8,010	224	268	257	2.8	3.3	3.1
Converse	8,234	8,222	7,608	8,003	7,979	7,341	231	243	267	2.8	3.0	3.5
Crook	3,772	3,865	3,786	3,656	3,723	3,676	116	142	110	3.1	3.7	2.9
Fremont	18,362	18,311	19,048	17,602	17,470	18,154	760	841	894	4.1	4.6	4.7
Goshen	6,596	6,678	6,745	6,349	6,421	6,515	247	257	230	3.7	3.8	3.4
Hot Springs	2,223	2,256	2,209	2,146	2,178	2,141	77	78	68	3.5	3.5	3.1
Johnson	4,272	4,355	4,353	4,143	4,210	4,206	129	145	147	3.0	3.3	3.4
Laramie	48,019	48,194	47,934	46,338	46,467	46,144	1,681	1,727	1,790	3.5	3.6	3.7
Lincoln	9,041	9,073	8,781	8,780	8,778	8,498	261	295	283	2.9	3.3	3.2
Natrona	39,056	39,393	38,813	37,563	37,863	37,156	1,493	1,530	1,657	3.8	3.9	4.3
Niobrara	1,243	1,274	1,292	1,211	1,237	1,253	32	37	39	2.6	2.9	3.0
Park	16,461	16,847	16,843	15,912	16,261	16,278	549	586	565	3.3	3.5	3.4
Platte	4,792	4,859	4,636	4,619	4,682	4,481	173	177	155	3.6	3.6	3.3
Sheridan	15,670	15,873	15,563	15,184	15,325	15,052	486	548	511	3.1	3.5	3.3
Sublette	4,270	4,321	4,364	4,104	4,144	4,203	166	177	161	3.9	4.1	3.7
Sweetwater	21,353	20,901	21,032	20,604	20,052	20,198	749	849	834	3.5	4.1	4.0
Teton	17,453	17,698	17,380	17,111	17,340	17,051	342	358	329	2.0	2.0	1.9
Uinta	9,303	9,221	9,019	8,969	8,848	8,665	334	373	354	3.6	4.0	3.9
Washakie	3,920	4,014	4,003	3,781	3,840	3,858	139	174	145	3.5	4.3	3.6
Weston	3,654	3,640	3,655	3,552	3,525	3,541	102	115	114	2.8	3.2	3.1
Statewide	292,361	293,911	292,187	282,228	282,720	281,500	10,133	11,191	10,687	3.5	3.8	3.7
Statewide Seasonally Adjusted.....										3.7	3.6	4.2
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U.S. Seasonally Adjusted.....										3.7	3.7	3.8

(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			
	August-19	July-19	August-18	Month		Year	
				absolute	percent	absolute	percent
Total Civilian Labor Force	288,542	288,445	289,411	97	0.0%	-869	-0.3%
Employed	277,847	278,055	277,370	-208	-0.1%	477	0.2%
Unemployed	10,695	10,390	12,041	305	2.9%	-1,346	-11.2%
Unemployment Rate	3.7	3.6	4.2				
Definitions:							
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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