

## Wyoming Unemployment Rises to 3.8% in September 2019

The Research & Planning section of the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services reported today that Wyoming's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased from 3.7% in August to 3.8% in September. It remained lower than its September 2018 level of 4.2%, but was slightly higher than the current U.S. unemployment rate of 3.5%. Wyoming's labor force (the sum of all employed and unemployed individuals) was essentially unchanged from a year earlier (a decrease of 75 individuals or 0.0%).

Most county unemployment rates followed their normal seasonal pattern and fell from August to September. The largest decreases occurred in Campbell County, where unemployment fell from 4.5% to 3.9%; Platte County, where unemployment fell from 3.6% to 3.1%; Goshen County, where unemployment fell from 3.7% to 3.4%; and Crook County, where unemployment fell from 3.1% to 2.8%.

From September 2018 to September 2019, unemployment fell in almost every county. Large decreases were seen in Uinta (down from 4.2% to 3.5%), Natrona (down from 4.4% to 3.7%), Weston (down from 3.3% to 2.7%), Sweetwater (down from 4.0% to 3.4%), Niobrara (down from 3.1% to 2.5%), Fremont (down from 4.5% to 3.9%), and Converse (down from 3.4% to 2.8%) counties. Goshen County's jobless rate rose from 3.0% in September 2018 to 3.4% in September 2019.

The highest unemployment rates occurred in Campbell and Fremont counties (both at 3.9%). The lowest rates were found in Teton County at 2.0%, Niobrara County at 2.5%, and Weston County at 2.7%.

Total nonfarm employment in Wyoming (not seasonally adjusted and measured by place of work) increased from 291,400 in September 2018 to 294,100 in September 2019, a gain of 2,700 jobs (0.9%).

Research & Planning has scheduled the October unemployment news release for November 19, 2019.

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

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployed Number			Unemployment Rate		
	Sep 2019 (p)	Aug 2019 (r)	Sep 2018 (b)	Sep 2019 (p)	Aug 2019 (r)	Sep 2018 (b)	Sep 2019 (p)	Aug 2019 (r)	Sep 2018 (b)	Sep 2019 (p)	Aug 2019 (r)	Sep 2018 (b)
Albany	19,655	18,467	20,096	19,059	17,870	19,441	596	597	655	3.0	3.2	3.3
Big Horn	5,333	5,246	5,407	5,131	5,039	5,197	202	207	210	3.8	3.9	3.9
Campbell	22,611	22,965	22,360	21,731	21,930	21,467	880	1,035	893	3.9	4.5	4.0
Carbon	8,071	8,023	7,996	7,838	7,800	7,736	233	223	260	2.9	2.8	3.3
Converse	8,296	8,238	7,707	8,061	8,008	7,443	235	230	264	2.8	2.8	3.4
Crook	3,818	3,774	3,881	3,713	3,658	3,769	105	116	112	2.8	3.1	2.9
Fremont	18,736	18,374	18,799	17,998	17,613	17,958	738	761	841	3.9	4.1	4.5
Goshen	6,760	6,600	6,919	6,530	6,353	6,711	230	247	208	3.4	3.7	3.0
Hot Springs	2,222	2,225	2,173	2,148	2,148	2,102	74	77	71	3.3	3.5	3.3
Johnson	4,287	4,274	4,378	4,163	4,145	4,231	124	129	147	2.9	3.0	3.4
Laramie	47,426	47,944	46,795	45,810	46,256	45,063	1,616	1,688	1,732	3.4	3.5	3.7
Lincoln	9,126	9,047	8,859	8,863	8,786	8,574	263	261	285	2.9	2.9	3.2
Natrona	38,985	39,092	38,365	37,527	37,598	36,659	1,458	1,494	1,706	3.7	3.8	4.4
Niobrara	1,299	1,244	1,344	1,267	1,212	1,303	32	32	41	2.5	2.6	3.1
Park	15,912	16,471	16,250	15,379	15,922	15,681	533	549	569	3.3	3.3	3.5
Platte	4,942	4,795	4,756	4,791	4,622	4,596	151	173	160	3.1	3.6	3.4
Sheridan	15,863	15,680	15,553	15,390	15,194	15,014	473	486	539	3.0	3.1	3.5
Sublette	4,290	4,273	4,447	4,131	4,107	4,278	159	166	169	3.7	3.9	3.8
Sweetwater	21,255	21,368	20,751	20,533	20,618	19,918	722	750	833	3.4	3.5	4.0
Teton	16,414	17,463	16,131	16,081	17,122	15,770	333	341	361	2.0	2.0	2.2
Uinta	9,370	9,309	8,838	9,041	8,975	8,468	329	334	370	3.5	3.6	4.2
Washakie	3,992	3,922	4,050	3,859	3,783	3,907	133	139	143	3.3	3.5	3.5
Weston	3,760	3,656	3,777	3,660	3,554	3,652	100	102	125	2.7	2.8	3.3
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>292,419</b>	<b>292,452</b>	<b>289,631</b>	<b>282,703</b>	<b>282,314</b>	<b>278,938</b>	<b>9,716</b>	<b>10,138</b>	<b>10,693</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.7</b>
<b>Statewide Seasonally Adjusted.....</b>										<b>3.8</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>4.2</b>
<b>U.S.....</b>										<b>3.3</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>3.6</b>
<b>U.S. Seasonally Adjusted.....</b>										<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>3.7</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			
	September-19	August-19	September-18	Month		Year	
				absolute	percent	absolute	percent
Total Civilian Labor Force	289,257	288,559	289,332	698	0.2%	-75	0.0%
Employed	278,349	277,863	277,263	486	0.2%	1,086	0.4%
Unemployed	10,908	10,696	12,069	212	2.0%	-1,161	-9.6%
Unemployment Rate	3.8	3.7	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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