

Wyoming Unemployment Falls to 3.7% in November 2019

The Research & Planning section of the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services reported today that the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell slightly from 3.8% in October to 3.7% in November. Wyoming's unemployment rate was lower than its November 2018 level of 4.1%, but slightly higher than the current U.S. rate of 3.5%. From October to November, seasonally adjusted employment of Wyoming residents increased, rising by an estimated 1,309 individuals (0.5%).

From November 2018 to November 2019, unemployment rates fell in 17 counties, rose in three counties, and remained unchanged in three counties. The largest decreases occurred in Teton (down from 6.2% to 5.2%), Weston (down from 3.1% to 2.3%), Fremont (down from 4.8% to 4.1%), and Campbell (down from 3.8% to 3.1%) counties. Slight increases were seen in Goshen (up from 2.8% to 3.6%), Niobrara (up from 2.5% to 3.1%), and Sublette (up from 4.2% to 4.7%) counties.

Most county unemployment rates followed their normal seasonal pattern and increased from October to November. Unemployment often rises in November as colder weather brings seasonal job losses in leisure & hospitality, construction, and professional & business services. The largest increases in unemployment were seen in Teton (up from 2.7% to 5.2%), Park (up from 3.5% to 4.2%), and Sweetwater (up from 3.3% to 4.0%) counties. Unemployment rates fell slightly in Campbell (down from 3.4% to 3.1%), Washakie (down from 3.4% to 3.2%), and Weston (down from 2.4% to 2.3%) counties.

Teton County reported the highest unemployment rate in November at 5.2%. It was followed by Sublette County at 4.7% and Park County at 4.2%. The lowest unemployment rates were found in Weston County at 2.3%, Converse County at 2.8%, and Albany County at 2.8%.

Total nonfarm employment in Wyoming (not seasonally adjusted and measured by place of work) decreased from 285,000 in November 2018 to 283,900 in November 2019, a decline of 1,100 jobs (-0.4%).

Research & Planning has scheduled the December unemployment news release for January 28, 2020.

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

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployed Number			Unemployment Rate		
	Nov 2019 (p)	Oct 2019 (r)	Nov 2018 (b)	Nov 2019 (p)	Oct 2019 (r)	Nov 2018 (b)	Nov 2019 (p)	Oct 2019 (r)	Nov 2018 (b)	Nov 2019 (p)	Oct 2019 (r)	Nov 2018 (b)
Albany	20,811	20,609	21,360	20,232	20,039	20,693	579	570	667	2.8	2.8	3.1
Big Horn	5,410	5,397	5,333	5,196	5,205	5,101	214	192	232	4.0	3.6	4.4
Campbell	23,795	23,141	22,818	23,048	22,346	21,940	747	795	878	3.1	3.4	3.8
Carbon	8,121	8,162	7,794	7,856	7,931	7,507	265	231	287	3.3	2.8	3.7
Converse	8,764	8,659	7,759	8,515	8,425	7,502	249	234	257	2.8	2.7	3.3
Crook	3,788	3,712	3,738	3,674	3,613	3,626	114	99	112	3.0	2.7	3.0
Fremont	19,033	18,850	18,965	18,256	18,115	18,049	777	735	916	4.1	3.9	4.8
Goshen	6,820	6,644	7,052	6,576	6,410	6,854	244	234	198	3.6	3.5	2.8
Hot Springs	2,163	2,146	2,145	2,089	2,073	2,071	74	73	74	3.4	3.4	3.4
Johnson	4,241	4,252	4,229	4,104	4,131	4,073	137	121	156	3.2	2.8	3.7
Laramie	48,555	48,206	47,773	46,946	46,629	45,989	1,609	1,577	1,784	3.3	3.3	3.7
Lincoln	8,809	8,981	8,501	8,521	8,716	8,176	288	265	325	3.3	3.0	3.8
Natrona	39,687	39,291	39,147	38,152	37,844	37,428	1,535	1,447	1,719	3.9	3.7	4.4
Niobrara	1,273	1,259	1,276	1,234	1,227	1,244	39	32	32	3.1	2.5	2.5
Park	15,086	15,451	15,021	14,451	14,913	14,312	635	538	709	4.2	3.5	4.7
Platte	4,649	4,621	4,626	4,512	4,486	4,480	137	135	146	2.9	2.9	3.2
Sheridan	15,851	15,673	15,517	15,344	15,229	14,948	507	444	569	3.2	2.8	3.7
Sublette	4,248	4,227	4,328	4,048	4,048	4,146	200	179	182	4.7	4.2	4.2
Sweetwater	21,992	21,582	21,261	21,116	20,863	20,413	876	719	848	4.0	3.3	4.0
Teton	13,933	15,238	13,701	13,203	14,828	12,849	730	410	852	5.2	2.7	6.2
Uinta	9,367	9,289	8,884	9,020	8,968	8,503	347	321	381	3.7	3.5	4.3
Washakie	4,070	4,042	4,083	3,938	3,905	3,937	132	137	146	3.2	3.4	3.6
Weston	3,863	3,805	3,779	3,774	3,713	3,661	89	92	118	2.3	2.4	3.1
Statewide	294,329	293,236	289,088	283,805	283,656	277,501	10,524	9,580	11,587	3.6	3.3	4.0
Statewide Seasonally Adjusted.....										3.7	3.8	4.1
U.S.....										3.3	3.3	3.5
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(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			
	November-19	October-19	November-18	Month		Year	
				absolute	percent	absolute	percent
Total Civilian Labor Force	291,492	290,243	289,198	1,249	0.4%	2,294	0.8%
Employed	280,593	279,284	277,256	1,309	0.5%	3,337	1.2%
Unemployed	10,899	10,959	11,942	-60	-0.5%	-1,043	-8.7%
Unemployment Rate	3.7	3.8	4.1				
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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