

## Wyoming Unemployment Falls to 7.6% in June 2020

The Research & Planning section of the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services reported today that the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell from 8.8% in May to 7.6% in June. This decrease in unemployment suggests that Wyoming's economy continues to recover from the sharp contraction seen in April. It appears that the lifting of some COVID-19 pandemic restrictions and the reopening of businesses have resulted in many individuals returning to work. While still elevated, Wyoming's unemployment rate was significantly lower than the U.S. rate of 11.1%.

Unemployment rates fell from May to June in most Wyoming counties, suggesting some improvement in local labor markets. The largest unemployment rate decreases occurred in Teton County (down from 15.0% to 9.3%), Park County (down from 8.4% to 6.3%), Sheridan County (down from 7.7% to 5.8%), and Sublette County (down from 9.8% to 8.4%).

From June 2019 to June 2020, unemployment rates rose in every county. The largest increases were seen in Teton County (up from 2.2% to 9.3%), Natrona County (up from 4.1% to 11.0%), Campbell County (up from 3.5% to 9.5%), and Sweetwater County (up from 3.9% to 9.4%).

Natrona County had the highest unemployment rate in June at 11.0%. It was followed by Campbell County at 9.5%, Sweetwater County at 9.4%, and Teton County at 9.3%. The lowest unemployment rates were found in Albany County at 4.5%, Niobrara and Goshen counties, both at 4.8%, and Crook County at 4.9%.

Total nonfarm employment in Wyoming (not seasonally adjusted and measured by place of work) decreased from 298,500 in June 2019 to 277,500 in June 2020, a decline of 21,000 jobs (-7.0%).

Research & Planning has scheduled the July unemployment news release for August 25, 2020.

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

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployed Number			Unemployment Rate		
	Jun 2020 (p)	May 2020 (r)	Jun 2019 (b)	Jun 2020 (p)	May 2020 (r)	Jun 2019 (b)	Jun 2020 (p)	May 2020 (r)	Jun 2019 (b)	Jun 2020 (p)	May 2020 (r)	Jun 2019 (b)
Albany	22,056	21,256	19,308	21,067	20,214	18,556	989	1,042	752	4.5	4.9	3.9
Big Horn	5,406	5,118	5,555	5,105	4,820	5,323	301	298	232	5.6	5.8	4.2
Campbell	24,587	23,642	23,369	22,255	21,334	22,541	2,332	2,308	828	9.5	9.8	3.5
Carbon	7,958	7,634	8,290	7,500	7,100	8,029	458	534	261	5.8	7.0	3.1
Converse	9,353	8,944	8,752	8,666	8,287	8,502	687	657	250	7.3	7.3	2.9
Crook	3,873	3,595	3,909	3,683	3,410	3,796	190	185	113	4.9	5.1	2.9
Fremont	19,604	18,899	18,767	18,072	17,295	17,920	1,532	1,604	847	7.8	8.5	4.5
Goshen	6,756	6,340	6,720	6,432	6,006	6,452	324	334	268	4.8	5.3	4.0
Hot Springs	2,252	2,172	2,232	2,115	2,023	2,152	137	149	80	6.1	6.9	3.6
Johnson	4,262	4,077	4,453	3,967	3,746	4,308	295	331	145	6.9	8.1	3.3
Laramie	50,385	49,664	48,383	47,052	45,730	46,635	3,333	3,934	1,748	6.6	7.9	3.6
Lincoln	9,068	8,798	9,342	8,464	8,115	9,034	604	683	308	6.7	7.8	3.3
Natrona	40,001	39,607	39,460	35,619	35,022	37,860	4,382	4,585	1,600	11.0	11.6	4.1
Niobrara	1,281	1,188	1,279	1,219	1,133	1,239	62	55	40	4.8	4.6	3.1
Park	15,289	14,825	16,952	14,320	13,584	16,370	969	1,241	582	6.3	8.4	3.4
Platte	4,900	4,649	4,786	4,628	4,347	4,616	272	302	170	5.6	6.5	3.6
Sheridan	16,246	15,770	16,060	15,309	14,561	15,502	937	1,209	558	5.8	7.7	3.5
Sublette	4,217	4,002	4,309	3,864	3,609	4,127	353	393	182	8.4	9.8	4.2
Sweetwater	21,932	21,155	21,386	19,879	19,097	20,544	2,053	2,058	842	9.4	9.7	3.9
Teton	14,737	15,049	16,961	13,364	12,786	16,586	1,373	2,263	375	9.3	15.0	2.2
Uinta	9,296	8,959	9,221	8,506	8,159	8,843	790	800	378	8.5	8.9	4.1
Washakie	3,966	3,796	4,015	3,705	3,526	3,849	261	270	166	6.6	7.1	4.1
Weston	3,910	3,730	3,899	3,715	3,542	3,784	195	188	115	5.0	5.0	2.9
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>301,336</b>	<b>292,873</b>	<b>297,410</b>	<b>278,504</b>	<b>267,447</b>	<b>286,570</b>	<b>22,832</b>	<b>25,426</b>	<b>10,840</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>3.6</b>
<b>Statewide Seasonally Adjusted</b> .....										<b>7.6</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>3.6</b>
<b>U.S.</b> .....										<b>11.2</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>3.8</b>
<b>U.S. Seasonally Adjusted</b> .....										<b>11.1</b>	<b>13.3</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			
	June-20	May-20	June-19	Month		Year	
				absolute	percent	absolute	percent
Total Civilian Labor Force	296,430	294,481	292,490	1,949	0.7%	3,940	1.3%
Employed	273,767	268,691	281,906	5,076	1.9%	-8,139	-2.9%
Unemployed	22,663	25,790	10,584	-3,127	-12.1%	12,079	114.1%
Unemployment Rate	7.6	8.8	3.6				
<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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