

Wyoming Unemployment Rises to 3.3% in September 2022

The Research & Planning section of the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services reported today that the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose from 3.1% in August to 3.3% in September. Wyoming's unemployment rate has stayed in the narrow range of 3.0% to 3.4% in each of the past seven months and is slightly lower than the current U.S. rate of 3.5%. From September 2021 to September 2022, Wyoming's unemployment rate fell from 4.2% to 3.3%.

From August to September most county unemployment rates changed very little. Jobless rates fell in Crook (down from 3.5% to 2.4%), Platte (down from 3.2% to 2.9%), and Big Horn (down from 3.4% to 3.1%) counties. Slight increases were seen in Goshen County (up from 2.5% to 2.7%) and Teton County (up from 1.7% to 1.9%).

From September 2021 to September 2022, unemployment rates fell in most counties. The largest decreases were seen in Natrona (down from 4.7% to 3.7%), Campbell (down from 4.2% to 3.3%), Sublette (down from 4.2% to 3.4%), and Converse (down from 3.5% to 2.7%) counties.

In September, the lowest unemployment rates were found in Teton County at 1.9% and Weston County at 2.2%. The highest rates were reported in Sweetwater County at 3.8%, Natrona County at 3.7%, and Uinta County at 3.5%.

Total nonfarm employment in Wyoming (not seasonally adjusted and measured by place of work) rose from 283,800 in September 2021 to 291,500 in September 2022, an increase of 7,700 jobs (2.7%). Employment was unusually low in 2021 because of economic disruptions related to the pandemic.

Research & Planning has scheduled the October unemployment news release for November 21, 2022.

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

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployed Number			Unemployment Rate		
	Sep 2022 (p)	Aug 2022 (r)	Sep 2021 (b)	Sep 2022 (p)	Aug 2022 (r)	Sep 2021 (b)	Sep 2022 (p)	Aug 2022 (r)	Sep 2021 (b)	Sep 2022 (p)	Aug 2022 (r)	Sep 2021 (b)
Albany	21,656	20,514	21,101	21,064	19,959	20,556	592	555	545	2.7	2.7	2.6
Big Horn	5,304	5,295	5,313	5,138	5,114	5,142	166	181	171	3.1	3.4	3.2
Campbell	21,897	21,575	21,755	21,180	20,854	20,841	717	721	914	3.3	3.3	4.2
Carbon	7,681	7,674	8,072	7,433	7,436	7,823	248	238	249	3.2	3.1	3.1
Converse	7,568	7,443	7,471	7,364	7,236	7,210	204	207	261	2.7	2.8	3.5
Crook	3,910	4,003	3,892	3,818	3,862	3,792	92	141	100	2.4	3.5	2.6
Fremont	18,895	18,684	18,942	18,258	18,015	18,271	637	669	671	3.4	3.6	3.5
Goshen	6,330	6,319	6,485	6,160	6,163	6,299	170	156	186	2.7	2.5	2.9
Hot Springs	2,243	2,251	2,188	2,189	2,192	2,122	54	59	66	2.4	2.6	3.0
Johnson	4,308	4,337	4,280	4,186	4,215	4,157	122	122	123	2.8	2.8	2.9
Laramie	49,711	49,572	49,002	48,182	48,072	47,423	1,529	1,500	1,579	3.1	3.0	3.2
Lincoln	9,761	9,523	9,595	9,488	9,270	9,327	273	253	268	2.8	2.7	2.8
Natrona	38,576	38,362	38,460	37,137	36,883	36,658	1,439	1,479	1,802	3.7	3.9	4.7
Niobrara	1,225	1,221	1,275	1,195	1,190	1,238	30	31	37	2.4	2.5	2.9
Park	16,064	16,502	16,167	15,627	16,052	15,685	437	450	482	2.7	2.7	3.0
Platte	4,380	4,326	4,497	4,253	4,188	4,360	127	138	137	2.9	3.2	3.0
Sheridan	16,036	16,003	15,954	15,583	15,553	15,453	453	450	501	2.8	2.8	3.1
Sublette	3,966	3,984	4,059	3,833	3,849	3,889	133	135	170	3.4	3.4	4.2
Sweetwater	18,984	18,666	19,169	18,268	17,948	18,348	716	718	821	3.8	3.8	4.3
Teton	17,120	17,900	16,580	16,799	17,598	16,236	321	302	344	1.9	1.7	2.1
Uinta	8,694	8,628	8,586	8,393	8,329	8,249	301	299	337	3.5	3.5	3.9
Washakie	3,853	3,811	3,967	3,722	3,678	3,844	131	133	123	3.4	3.5	3.1
Weston	3,753	3,643	3,715	3,672	3,562	3,623	81	81	92	2.2	2.2	2.5
Statewide	291,918	290,235	290,526	282,945	281,216	280,546	8,973	9,019	9,980	3.1	3.1	3.4
Statewide Seasonally Adjusted.....										3.3	3.1	4.2
U.S.....										3.3	3.8	4.6
U.S. Seasonally Adjusted.....										3.5	3.7	4.7

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

Data are not seasonally adjusted except where otherwise specified.

Labor Force = Employment + Unemployed Number

Unemployment Rate = Unemployed Number/Labor Force

	Wyoming Seasonally Adjusted Statewide Labor Force Estimates			Change			
	September-22	August-22	September-21	Month		Year	
				absolute	percent	absolute	percent
Total Civilian Labor Force	289,349	289,642	289,705	-293	-0.1%	-356	-0.1%
Employed	279,863	280,571	277,650	-708	-0.3%	2,213	0.8%
Unemployed	9,486	9,071	12,055	415	4.6%	-2,569	-21.3%
Unemployment Rate	3.3	3.1	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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