

## Wyoming Unemployment Rises to 3.6% in November 2022

The Research & Planning section of the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services reported today that the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose slightly from 3.5% in October to 3.6% in November. Wyoming's unemployment rate was considerably lower than its November 2021 level of 4.0% and slightly lower than the current U.S. unemployment rate of 3.7%.

From October to November, unemployment rates fell in 15 counties, rose in five counties, and remained unchanged in three counties. The largest decreases occurred in Washakie (down from 3.4% to 3.1%), Sweetwater (down from 3.9% to 3.6%), and Converse (down from 2.6% to 2.3%) counties. Teton County's unemployment rate rose from 2.5% in October to 3.8% in November. Unemployment usually increases in Teton County in November, as tourist activity slows between the summer and winter seasons.

In November, most county unemployment rates decreased from their year-ago levels. The largest decreases were seen in Converse (down from 3.4% to 2.3%), Campbell (down from 3.9% to 3.0%), Natrona (down from 4.4% to 3.6%), Sublette (down from 4.2% to 3.6%), and Hot Springs (down from 3.0% to 2.4%) counties. Unemployment rates rose modestly in Carbon (up from 3.1% to 3.4%) and Niobrara (up from 2.6% to 2.9%) counties.

Weston County posted the lowest unemployment rate at 2.1% in November. It was followed by Converse County at 2.3%, Hot Springs County at 2.4%, and Crook County at 2.4%. The highest unemployment rates occurred in Teton County at 3.8%, and Natrona, Sublette, and Sweetwater counties (each at 3.6%).

Total nonfarm employment in Wyoming (not seasonally adjusted and measured by place of work) rose from 278,400 in November 2021 to 283,800 in November 2022, an increase of 5,400 jobs (1.9%).

Research & Planning has scheduled the December unemployment news release for January 25, 2023.

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

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployed Number			Unemployment Rate		
	Nov 2022 (p)	Oct 2022 (r)	Nov 2021 (b)	Nov 2022 (p)	Oct 2022 (r)	Nov 2021 (b)	Nov 2022 (p)	Oct 2022 (r)	Nov 2021 (b)	Nov 2022 (p)	Oct 2022 (r)	Nov 2021 (b)
Albany	21,756	21,278	21,750	21,195	20,687	21,206	561	591	544	2.6	2.8	2.5
Big Horn	5,080	5,199	5,163	4,917	5,024	4,975	163	175	188	3.2	3.4	3.6
Campbell	22,948	22,455	22,339	22,270	21,737	21,476	678	718	863	3.0	3.2	3.9
Carbon	7,296	7,502	7,762	7,050	7,249	7,520	246	253	242	3.4	3.4	3.1
Converse	7,612	7,554	7,607	7,434	7,356	7,347	178	198	260	2.3	2.6	3.4
Crook	3,721	3,904	3,692	3,630	3,805	3,591	91	99	101	2.4	2.5	2.7
Fremont	19,037	18,961	19,056	18,399	18,299	18,400	638	662	656	3.4	3.5	3.4
Goshen	6,314	6,450	6,377	6,151	6,276	6,200	163	174	177	2.6	2.7	2.8
Hot Springs	2,292	2,272	2,219	2,238	2,213	2,152	54	59	67	2.4	2.6	3.0
Johnson	4,138	4,245	4,144	4,011	4,122	4,007	127	123	137	3.1	2.9	3.3
Laramie	50,747	49,486	50,620	49,272	47,930	49,097	1,475	1,556	1,523	2.9	3.1	3.0
Lincoln	9,606	9,682	9,410	9,322	9,410	9,129	284	272	281	3.0	2.8	3.0
Natrona	39,367	38,310	39,853	37,969	36,868	38,097	1,398	1,442	1,756	3.6	3.8	4.4
Niobrara	1,175	1,228	1,210	1,141	1,198	1,179	34	30	31	2.9	2.4	2.6
Park	14,666	15,452	14,771	14,176	14,986	14,253	490	466	518	3.3	3.0	3.5
Platte	4,332	4,427	4,363	4,201	4,288	4,226	131	139	137	3.0	3.1	3.1
Sheridan	15,914	15,896	16,050	15,448	15,420	15,553	466	476	497	2.9	3.0	3.1
Sublette	3,767	3,888	3,897	3,633	3,748	3,735	134	140	162	3.6	3.6	4.2
Sweetwater	19,602	19,228	19,693	18,891	18,481	18,895	711	747	798	3.6	3.9	4.1
Teton	14,864	16,339	14,263	14,294	15,923	13,648	570	416	615	3.8	2.5	4.3
Uinta	8,904	8,750	8,782	8,601	8,455	8,448	303	295	334	3.4	3.4	3.8
Washakie	3,797	3,841	3,983	3,678	3,710	3,859	119	131	124	3.1	3.4	3.1
Weston	3,859	3,819	3,791	3,777	3,735	3,697	82	84	94	2.1	2.2	2.5
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>290,792</b>	<b>290,167</b>	<b>290,796</b>	<b>281,696</b>	<b>280,921</b>	<b>280,690</b>	<b>9,096</b>	<b>9,246</b>	<b>10,106</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>3.5</b>
<b>Statewide Seasonally Adjusted</b> .....										<b>3.6</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>4.0</b>
<b>U.S.</b> .....										<b>3.4</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>3.9</b>
<b>U.S. Seasonally Adjusted</b> .....										<b>3.7</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>4.2</b>

(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			
	November-22	October-22	November-21	Month		Year	
				absolute	percent	absolute	percent
Total Civilian Labor Force	289,414	289,283	289,808	131	0.0%	-394	-0.1%
Employed	279,067	279,240	278,252	-173	-0.1%	815	0.3%
Unemployed	10,347	10,043	11,556	304	3.0%	-1,209	-10.5%
Unemployment Rate	3.6	3.5	4.0				
<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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