

Wyoming Unemployment Falls to 3.5% in April 2023

The Research & Planning section of the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services reported today that the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell from 3.7% in March to 3.5% in April. Wyoming's unemployment rate was higher than its April 2022 level of 3.2% and slightly higher than the current U.S. unemployment rate of 3.4%. Seasonally adjusted employment of Wyoming residents rose by 1,376 individuals (0.5%) from March to April as people went back to work.

From March to April, most county unemployment rates followed their normal seasonal pattern and decreased. Jobless rates often fall in April as warmer weather brings seasonal job gains in construction, professional & business services, and other sectors. The largest unemployment rate decreases occurred in Washakie (down from 5.7% to 3.9%), Big Horn (down from 4.8% to 3.6%), and Sweetwater (down from 5.0% to 3.8%) counties. Teton County's unemployment rate rose from 2.7% in March to 3.9% in April as the ski season ended.

From April 2022 to April 2023, unemployment rates rose modestly in 11 counties, fell in nine counties, and remained unchanged in three counties. The largest increases were seen in Niobrara (up from 2.0% to 2.8%) and Goshen (up from 2.4% to 2.8%) counties. Unemployment rates fell in Weston (down from 2.8% to 2.2%), Converse (down from 3.1% to 2.6%), and Teton (down from 4.4% to 3.9%) counties.

Weston County, at 2.2%, had the lowest unemployment rate in April. It was followed by Albany, Converse, and Crook counties, each at 2.6%. The highest unemployment rates were found in Sublette, Teton, and Washakie counties, each at 3.9%.

Total nonfarm employment in Wyoming (not seasonally adjusted and measured by place of work) rose from 279,400 in April 2022 to 285,300 in April 2023, an increase of 5,900 jobs (2.1%).

May unemployment data will be released on June 19, 2023.

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

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployed Number			Unemployment Rate		
	Apr 2023 (p)	Mar 2023 (r)	Apr 2022 (b)	Apr 2023 (p)	Mar 2023 (r)	Apr 2022 (b)	Apr 2023 (p)	Mar 2023 (r)	Apr 2022 (b)	(p)	(r)	(b)
Albany	22,287	22,660	21,446	21,697	21,901	20,901	590	759	545	2.6	3.3	2.5
Big Horn	5,157	5,075	5,200	4,969	4,831	4,990	188	244	210	3.6	4.8	4.0
Campbell	23,219	23,368	22,328	22,526	22,511	21,600	693	857	728	3.0	3.7	3.3
Carbon	7,219	7,192	7,369	6,964	6,872	7,112	255	320	257	3.5	4.4	3.5
Converse	7,848	7,854	7,590	7,643	7,605	7,358	205	249	232	2.6	3.2	3.1
Crook	4,020	3,911	3,920	3,914	3,775	3,819	106	136	101	2.6	3.5	2.6
Fremont	19,337	19,453	18,813	18,593	18,498	18,114	744	955	699	3.8	4.9	3.7
Goshen	6,709	6,628	6,558	6,519	6,406	6,400	190	222	158	2.8	3.3	2.4
Hot Springs	2,302	2,320	2,248	2,235	2,230	2,190	67	90	58	2.9	3.9	2.6
Johnson	4,285	4,245	4,174	4,136	4,063	4,037	149	182	137	3.5	4.3	3.3
Laramie	49,735	50,592	48,112	48,121	48,603	46,570	1,614	1,989	1,542	3.2	3.9	3.2
Lincoln	9,579	9,715	9,340	9,240	9,297	9,040	339	418	300	3.5	4.3	3.2
Natrona	40,117	40,762	38,796	38,681	38,936	37,272	1,436	1,826	1,524	3.6	4.5	3.9
Niobrara	1,235	1,198	1,235	1,201	1,156	1,210	34	42	25	2.8	3.5	2.0
Park	15,339	15,098	14,858	14,796	14,402	14,328	543	696	530	3.5	4.6	3.6
Platte	4,581	4,461	4,525	4,434	4,281	4,390	147	180	135	3.2	4.0	3.0
Sheridan	16,426	16,467	15,938	15,913	15,786	15,458	513	681	480	3.1	4.1	3.0
Sublette	3,907	3,870	3,863	3,753	3,684	3,698	154	186	165	3.9	4.8	4.3
Sweetwater	19,932	20,277	19,423	19,170	19,257	18,702	762	1,020	721	3.8	5.0	3.7
Teton	16,241	16,859	15,310	15,604	16,412	14,639	637	447	671	3.9	2.7	4.4
Uinta	9,194	9,354	8,604	8,867	8,942	8,313	327	412	291	3.6	4.4	3.4
Washakie	3,918	3,922	3,833	3,767	3,698	3,678	151	224	155	3.9	5.7	4.0
Weston	3,874	3,867	3,814	3,788	3,763	3,708	86	104	106	2.2	2.7	2.8
Statewide	296,460	299,146	287,297	286,530	286,909	277,527	9,930	12,237	9,770	3.3	4.1	3.4
Statewide Seasonally Adjusted.....										3.5	3.7	3.2
U.S.....										3.1	3.6	3.3
U.S. Seasonally Adjusted.....										3.4	3.5	3.6

(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			
	April-23	March-23	April-22	Month		Year	
				absolute	percent	absolute	percent
Total Civilian Labor Force	297,800	296,759	290,533	1,041	0.4%	7,267	2.5%
Employed	287,245	285,869	281,196	1,376	0.5%	6,049	2.2%
Unemployed	10,555	10,890	9,337	-335	-3.1%	1,218	13.0%
Unemployment Rate	3.5	3.7	3.2				
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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