

Wyoming Unemployment Falls to 3.0% in July 2023

The Research & Planning section of the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services reported today that the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell from 3.1% in June to 3.0% in July. Wyoming's unemployment rate is lower than its July 2022 level of 3.5% and lower than the current U.S. rate of 3.5%. From June to July, seasonally adjusted employment of Wyoming residents rose by 616 people (0.2%).

From June to July, most county unemployment rates followed their normal seasonal pattern and decreased. July usually marks the peak of the tourist season with large job gains in leisure & hospitality. Employment also typically rises in the construction sector. The largest decreases in unemployment occurred in Uinta (down from 3.5% to 3.1%), Lincoln (down from 2.9% to 2.5%), Sublette (down from 3.3% to 3.0%), Sheridan (down from 2.7% to 2.4%), Crook (down from 2.4% to 2.1%), and Albany (down from 3.1% to 2.8%) counties. Platte County was the exception. Its unemployment rate rose slightly from 2.6% in June to 2.9% in July.

County jobless rates were lower than their year-ago levels in every area of the state. The largest decreases were seen in Niobrara (down from 2.7% to 1.8%), Campbell (down from 3.5% to 2.6%), Big Horn (down from 3.8% to 3.0%), and Sheridan (down from 3.1% to 2.4%) counties.

Fremont County and Sweetwater County reported the highest unemployment rates in July (both at 3.5%). The lowest rates were seen in Teton County at 1.5% and Niobrara County at 1.8%.

Total nonfarm employment in Wyoming (not seasonally adjusted and measured by place of work) rose from 291,100 in July 2022 to 298,600 in July 2023, an increase of 7,500 jobs (2.6%).

August unemployment data will be released on September 20, 2023.

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

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployed Number			Unemployment Rate		
	Jul 2023 (p)	Jun 2023 (r)	Jul 2022 (b)	Jul 2023 (p)	Jun 2023 (r)	Jul 2022 (b)	Jul 2023 (p)	Jun 2023 (r)	Jul 2022 (b)	Jul 2023 (p)	Jun 2023 (r)	Jul 2022 (b)
Albany	20,757	20,873	20,124	20,180	20,221	19,476	577	652	648	2.8	3.1	3.2
Big Horn	5,380	5,394	5,492	5,220	5,223	5,284	160	171	208	3.0	3.2	3.8
Campbell	23,251	23,537	22,249	22,641	22,874	21,479	610	663	770	2.6	2.8	3.5
Carbon	7,493	7,599	7,753	7,291	7,377	7,507	202	222	246	2.7	2.9	3.2
Converse	7,836	7,952	7,720	7,645	7,757	7,489	191	195	231	2.4	2.5	3.0
Crook	4,069	4,088	4,202	3,984	3,991	4,096	85	97	106	2.1	2.4	2.5
Fremont	19,191	19,546	18,753	18,526	18,861	17,988	665	685	765	3.5	3.5	4.1
Goshen	6,627	6,608	6,783	6,453	6,422	6,597	174	186	186	2.6	2.8	2.7
Hot Springs	2,345	2,350	2,334	2,285	2,286	2,271	60	64	63	2.6	2.7	2.7
Johnson	4,584	4,605	4,504	4,470	4,479	4,371	114	126	133	2.5	2.7	3.0
Laramie	50,411	50,107	48,718	48,995	48,614	47,079	1,416	1,493	1,639	2.8	3.0	3.4
Lincoln	10,073	10,332	9,841	9,817	10,031	9,546	256	301	295	2.5	2.9	3.0
Natrona	40,128	39,943	39,124	38,893	38,659	37,659	1,235	1,284	1,465	3.1	3.2	3.7
Niobrara	1,217	1,237	1,267	1,195	1,212	1,233	22	25	34	1.8	2.0	2.7
Park	17,259	17,107	16,958	16,829	16,659	16,452	430	448	506	2.5	2.6	3.0
Platte	4,426	4,562	4,591	4,297	4,443	4,430	129	119	161	2.9	2.6	3.5
Sheridan	16,808	16,748	16,597	16,402	16,300	16,084	406	448	513	2.4	2.7	3.1
Sublette	4,082	4,084	4,112	3,960	3,949	3,964	122	135	148	3.0	3.3	3.6
Sweetwater	19,536	19,949	18,903	18,856	19,243	18,140	680	706	763	3.5	3.5	4.0
Teton	19,483	18,503	18,733	19,192	18,186	18,391	291	317	342	1.5	1.7	1.8
Uinta	9,165	9,274	8,759	8,884	8,954	8,445	281	320	314	3.1	3.5	3.6
Washakie	3,999	4,020	3,929	3,869	3,883	3,779	130	137	150	3.3	3.4	3.8
Weston	3,837	3,949	3,728	3,755	3,863	3,634	82	86	94	2.1	2.2	2.5
Statewide	301,955	302,369	295,171	293,638	293,488	285,393	8,317	8,881	9,778	2.8	2.9	3.3
Statewide Seasonally Adjusted.....										3.0	3.1	3.5
U.S.....										3.8	3.8	3.8
U.S. Seasonally Adjusted.....										3.5	3.6	3.5

(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			
	July-23	June-23	July-22	Month		Year	
				absolute	percent	absolute	percent
Total Civilian Labor Force	299,183	298,957	292,652	226	0.1%	6,531	2.2%
Employed	290,298	289,682	282,321	616	0.2%	7,977	2.8%
Unemployed	8,885	9,275	10,331	-390	-4.2%	-1,446	-14.0%
Unemployment Rate	3.0	3.1	3.5				
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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