

Wyoming Unemployment Unchanged at 2.9% in September 2023

The Research & Planning section of the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services reported today that the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained unchanged from August to September at 2.9%. Wyoming's unemployment rate was much lower than its year-ago level of 3.8% and lower than the current U.S. rate of 3.8%. Seasonally adjusted employment of Wyoming residents fell slightly (-403 individuals, or -0.1%) from August to September. However, compared to a year ago, employment was up by 7,745 people (2.7%).

From August to September, most county unemployment rates followed their normal seasonal pattern and fell modestly. The largest decreases occurred in Fremont (down from 3.2% to 2.7%), Big Horn (down from 3.2% to 2.7%), Platte (down from 2.9% to 2.5%), and Crook (down from 2.3% to 1.9%) counties.

In September 2023, unemployment rates were lower than their year-ago levels in every county of the state. Large decreases were seen in Carbon (down from 3.5% to 2.4%), Washakie (down from 3.6% to 2.6%), and Niobrara (down from 2.9% to 2.0%) counties.

The highest unemployment rates in September 2023 were found in Sublette and Sweetwater counties, each at 2.9%. The lowest unemployment rates were reported in Teton County at 1.5% and Weston and Crook counties, each at 1.9%.

Total nonfarm employment in Wyoming (not seasonally adjusted and measured by place of work) rose from 290,800 in September 2022 to 297,800 in September 2023, an increase of 7,000 jobs (2.4%).

October unemployment data will be released on November 20, 2023.

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

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployed Number			Unemployment Rate		
	Sep 2023 (p)	Aug 2023 (r)	Sep 2022 (b)	Sep 2023 (p)	Aug 2023 (r)	Sep 2022 (b)	Sep 2023 (p)	Aug 2023 (r)	Sep 2022 (b)	Sep 2023 (p)	Aug 2023 (r)	Sep 2022 (b)
Albany	21,953	20,977	21,618	21,447	20,448	20,973	506	529	645	2.3	2.5	3.0
Big Horn	5,159	5,198	5,216	5,019	5,034	5,036	140	164	180	2.7	3.2	3.5
Campbell	23,405	23,307	22,808	22,838	22,684	22,077	567	623	731	2.4	2.7	3.2
Carbon	7,327	7,409	7,531	7,152	7,215	7,267	175	194	264	2.4	2.6	3.5
Converse	7,866	7,818	7,691	7,703	7,645	7,481	163	173	210	2.1	2.2	2.7
Crook	3,875	3,902	3,949	3,800	3,812	3,850	75	90	99	1.9	2.3	2.5
Fremont	19,233	19,292	19,090	18,705	18,666	18,417	528	626	673	2.7	3.2	3.5
Goshen	6,397	6,405	6,511	6,252	6,252	6,328	145	153	183	2.3	2.4	2.8
Hot Springs	2,263	2,299	2,292	2,208	2,236	2,233	55	63	59	2.4	2.7	2.6
Johnson	4,347	4,402	4,335	4,249	4,292	4,206	98	110	129	2.3	2.5	3.0
Laramie	49,488	49,994	49,051	48,175	48,571	47,416	1,313	1,423	1,635	2.7	2.8	3.3
Lincoln	9,951	9,902	9,827	9,715	9,663	9,532	236	239	295	2.4	2.4	3.0
Natrona	40,104	40,281	39,530	38,979	39,061	38,115	1,125	1,220	1,415	2.8	3.0	3.6
Niobrara	1,166	1,146	1,222	1,143	1,121	1,187	23	25	35	2.0	2.2	2.9
Park	16,219	16,749	16,139	15,869	16,342	15,674	350	407	465	2.2	2.4	2.9
Platte	4,281	4,256	4,408	4,176	4,134	4,274	105	122	134	2.5	2.9	3.0
Sheridan	16,341	16,516	16,274	15,973	16,113	15,791	368	403	483	2.3	2.4	3.0
Sublette	3,937	3,965	3,967	3,824	3,839	3,830	113	126	137	2.9	3.2	3.5
Sweetwater	19,938	20,004	19,795	19,358	19,376	19,064	580	628	731	2.9	3.1	3.7
Teton	17,934	19,136	17,519	17,657	18,841	17,179	277	295	340	1.5	1.5	1.9
Uinta	9,189	9,278	9,022	8,932	9,003	8,705	257	275	317	2.8	3.0	3.5
Washakie	3,867	3,871	3,847	3,766	3,758	3,708	101	113	139	2.6	2.9	3.6
Weston	3,918	3,853	3,810	3,843	3,768	3,726	75	85	84	1.9	2.2	2.2
Statewide	298,159	299,961	295,451	290,783	291,874	286,069	7,376	8,087	9,382	2.5	2.7	3.2
Statewide Seasonally Adjusted.....										2.9	2.9	3.8
U.S.....										3.6	3.9	3.3
U.S. Seasonally Adjusted.....										3.8	3.8	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			
	September-23	August-23	September-22	Month		Year	
				absolute	percent	absolute	percent
Total Civilian Labor Force	298,626	299,071	293,412	-445	-0.1%	5,214	1.8%
Employed	289,929	290,332	282,184	-403	-0.1%	7,745	2.7%
Unemployed	8,697	8,739	11,228	-42	-0.5%	-2,531	-22.5%
Unemployment Rate	2.9	2.9	3.8				
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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