

Wyoming Unemployment Unchanged at 2.9% in July 2024

The Research & Planning section of the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services reported today that the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate held steady at 2.9% from June to July. Wyoming's unemployment rate has remained low while the U.S. unemployment rate has increased in each of the past three months, rising from 3.8% in March to 4.3% in July.

From June to July, most county unemployment rates followed their normal seasonal pattern and fell slightly. Seasonal job gains are often seen in July in many different sectors, including leisure & hospitality, construction, and professional & business services. The largest decreases in unemployment occurred in Niobrara (down from 2.1% to 1.8%), Johnson (down from 2.8% to 2.5%), and Albany (down from 3.0% to 2.7%) counties.

Unemployment rates were higher than year-ago levels in every county, indicating that labor markets were not quite as tight as this time last year. Most counties saw unemployment rate increases of two-tenths of a percentage point or less, but larger increases were found in Big Horn (up from 2.7% to 3.3%), Uinta (up from 2.8% to 3.4%), Campbell (up from 2.4% to 2.9%), Laramie (up from 2.6% to 3.1%), and Weston (up from 2.0% to 2.5%) counties.

The highest unemployment rates in July were reported in Uinta County at 3.4%, Big Horn County at 3.3%, Fremont County at 3.3%, and Sweetwater County at 3.3%. The areas with the lowest unemployment rates were Teton County at 1.5%, Niobrara County at 1.8%, and Crook County at 2.1%.

Current Employment Statistics (CES) estimates show that total nonfarm employment in Wyoming (not seasonally adjusted and measured by place of work) rose from 297,500 in July 2023 to 298,700 in July 2024, an increase of 1,200 jobs (0.4%).

August unemployment data will be published on September 23, 2024.

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

| County | Labor Force | | | Employment | | | Unemployed Number | | | Unemployment Rate | | |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Jul 2024 (p) | Jun 2024 (r) | Jul 2023 (b) | Jul 2024 (p) | Jun 2024 (r) | Jul 2023 (b) | Jul 2024 (p) | Jun 2024 (r) | Jul 2023 (b) | Jul 2024 (p) | Jun 2024 (r) | Jul 2023 (b) |
| Albany | 20,181 | 20,640 | 20,311 | 19,627 | 20,030 | 19,793 | 554 | 610 | 518 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 2.6 |
| Big Horn | 5,485 | 5,520 | 5,353 | 5,304 | 5,334 | 5,208 | 181 | 186 | 145 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 2.7 |
| Campbell | 23,090 | 23,361 | 22,937 | 22,419 | 22,652 | 22,388 | 671 | 709 | 549 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 2.4 |
| Carbon | 7,494 | 7,610 | 7,592 | 7,286 | 7,388 | 7,410 | 208 | 222 | 182 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 2.4 |
| Converse | 7,861 | 7,919 | 7,675 | 7,660 | 7,717 | 7,503 | 201 | 202 | 172 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.2 |
| Crook | 4,065 | 4,162 | 4,016 | 3,980 | 4,066 | 3,939 | 85 | 96 | 77 | 2.1 | 2.3 | 1.9 |
| Fremont | 18,942 | 19,300 | 19,053 | 18,315 | 18,666 | 18,454 | 627 | 634 | 599 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.1 |
| Goshen | 6,449 | 6,509 | 6,444 | 6,283 | 6,336 | 6,284 | 166 | 173 | 160 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 2.5 |
| Hot Springs | 2,296 | 2,301 | 2,369 | 2,236 | 2,237 | 2,312 | 60 | 64 | 57 | 2.6 | 2.8 | 2.4 |
| Johnson | 4,537 | 4,589 | 4,540 | 4,422 | 4,460 | 4,438 | 115 | 129 | 102 | 2.5 | 2.8 | 2.2 |
| Laramie | 49,227 | 48,979 | 48,832 | 47,704 | 47,432 | 47,555 | 1,523 | 1,547 | 1,277 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 2.6 |
| Lincoln | 10,086 | 10,288 | 10,017 | 9,830 | 10,009 | 9,787 | 256 | 279 | 230 | 2.5 | 2.7 | 2.3 |
| Natrona | 39,861 | 39,506 | 39,520 | 38,613 | 38,228 | 38,409 | 1,248 | 1,278 | 1,111 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 2.8 |
| Niobrara | 1,191 | 1,233 | 1,176 | 1,169 | 1,207 | 1,156 | 22 | 26 | 20 | 1.8 | 2.1 | 1.7 |
| Park | 17,066 | 16,991 | 17,122 | 16,652 | 16,546 | 16,735 | 414 | 445 | 387 | 2.4 | 2.6 | 2.3 |
| Platte | 4,301 | 4,414 | 4,332 | 4,185 | 4,295 | 4,218 | 116 | 119 | 114 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.6 |
| Sheridan | 16,764 | 16,752 | 16,474 | 16,336 | 16,297 | 16,108 | 428 | 455 | 366 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 2.2 |
| Sublette | 4,093 | 4,137 | 4,155 | 3,972 | 4,005 | 4,044 | 121 | 132 | 111 | 3.0 | 3.2 | 2.7 |
| Sweetwater | 19,598 | 19,866 | 19,780 | 18,944 | 19,196 | 19,169 | 654 | 670 | 611 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 3.1 |
| Teton | 19,581 | 18,510 | 19,663 | 19,295 | 18,187 | 19,400 | 286 | 323 | 263 | 1.5 | 1.7 | 1.3 |
| Uinta | 8,844 | 8,893 | 8,915 | 8,543 | 8,585 | 8,664 | 301 | 308 | 251 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 2.8 |
| Washakie | 3,908 | 3,915 | 3,917 | 3,782 | 3,791 | 3,800 | 126 | 124 | 117 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.0 |
| Weston | 3,788 | 3,905 | 3,751 | 3,693 | 3,801 | 3,677 | 95 | 104 | 74 | 2.5 | 2.7 | 2.0 |
| Statewide | 298,711 | 299,303 | 297,945 | 290,250 | 290,468 | 290,451 | 8,461 | 8,835 | 7,494 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 2.5 |
| Statewide Seasonally Adjusted..... | | | | | | | | | | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.8 |
| U.S..... | | | | | | | | | | 4.5 | 4.3 | 3.8 |
| U.S. Seasonally Adjusted..... | | | | | | | | | | 4.3 | 4.1 | 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

| | July-24 | June-24 | July-23 | Change | | Change | |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|----------|---------|----------|---------|
| | | | | Month | | Year | |
| | | | | absolute | percent | absolute | percent |
| Total Civilian Labor Force | 294,461 | 293,728 | 295,409 | 733 | 0.2% | -948 | -0.3% |
| Employed | 285,828 | 285,285 | 287,185 | 543 | 0.2% | -1,357 | -0.5% |
| Unemployed | 8,633 | 8,443 | 8,224 | 190 | 2.3% | 409 | 5.0% |
| Unemployment Rate | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.8 | | | | |

Definitions:

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| 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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