

Wyoming Unemployment Rises to 3.6% in January 2025

The Research & Planning section of the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services reported today that the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose from 3.5% in December to 3.6% in January. Wyoming has recently completed a comprehensive annual revision of its unemployment data. Wyoming's unemployment rate is considerably higher than its January 2024 level of 2.8%, but lower than the January 2025 U.S. unemployment rate of 4.0%.

From December to January, most county unemployment rates followed their normal seasonal pattern and increased. Unemployment rates often rise in January as seasonal job losses occur in construction, retail trade, transportation & warehousing, and professional & business services. The largest unemployment rate increases were found in Niobrara (up from 4.5% to 6.1%), Crook (up from 3.1% to 4.1%), Fremont (up from 4.5% to 5.5%), and Sublette (up from 3.7% to 4.7%) counties. Teton County was the exception. Its unemployment rate fell from 3.0% to 2.7%.

From January 2024 to January 2025, unemployment rates rose in every county, suggesting that more individuals are available to fill job openings around the state. The largest unemployment rate increases occurred in Niobrara (up from 4.4% to 6.1%), Sublette (up from 3.4% to 4.7%), and Platte (up from 4.1% to 5.3%) counties.

The lowest unemployment rates in January were found in Teton County at 2.7%, Albany County at 3.7%, and Weston County at 3.9%. The highest unemployment rates were reported in Niobrara County at 6.1% and Fremont County at 5.5%.

Current Employment Statistics (CES) estimates show that total nonfarm employment in Wyoming (not seasonally adjusted and measured by place of work) rose from 285,300 in January 2024 to 289,300 in January 2025, an increase of 4,000 jobs (1.4%).

February unemployment data will be published on March 31, 2025.

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

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployed Number			Unemployment Rate		
	Jan 2025 (p)	Dec 2024 (b)	Jan 2024 (b)	Jan 2025 (p)	Dec 2024 (b)	Jan 2024 (b)	Jan 2025 (p)	Dec 2024 (b)	Jan 2024 (b)	Jan 2025 (p)	Dec 2024 (b)	Jan 2024 (b)
Albany	22,143	23,265	22,491	21,313	22,577	21,816	830	688	675	3.7	3.0	3.0
Big Horn	5,065	5,117	4,926	4,795	4,889	4,688	270	228	238	5.3	4.5	4.8
Campbell	24,238	24,085	24,775	23,270	23,282	23,986	968	803	789	4.0	3.3	3.2
Carbon	6,300	6,288	6,106	5,985	6,014	5,864	315	274	242	5.0	4.4	4.0
Converse	6,736	6,691	6,684	6,469	6,457	6,453	267	234	231	4.0	3.5	3.5
Crook	3,902	3,901	3,800	3,741	3,780	3,680	161	121	120	4.1	3.1	3.2
Fremont	17,738	17,730	17,781	16,770	16,930	16,976	968	800	805	5.5	4.5	4.5
Goshen	5,470	5,537	5,410	5,243	5,332	5,216	227	205	194	4.1	3.7	3.6
Hot Springs	2,270	2,279	2,275	2,179	2,189	2,199	91	90	76	4.0	3.9	3.3
Johnson	4,354	4,392	4,310	4,179	4,251	4,148	175	141	162	4.0	3.2	3.8
Laramie	49,704	49,313	49,211	47,512	47,493	47,373	2,192	1,820	1,838	4.4	3.7	3.7
Lincoln	10,911	10,832	10,627	10,478	10,470	10,257	433	362	370	4.0	3.3	3.5
Natrona	42,577	42,403	42,096	40,764	40,842	40,585	1,813	1,561	1,511	4.3	3.7	3.6
Niobrara	885	883	879	831	843	840	54	40	39	6.1	4.5	4.4
Park	14,154	14,255	14,044	13,436	13,648	13,437	718	607	607	5.1	4.3	4.3
Platte	3,518	3,543	3,502	3,330	3,378	3,358	188	165	144	5.3	4.7	4.1
Sheridan	15,875	15,920	15,650	15,183	15,340	15,083	692	580	567	4.4	3.6	3.6
Sublette	4,337	4,332	4,247	4,134	4,170	4,101	203	162	146	4.7	3.7	3.4
Sweetwater	20,479	20,444	20,864	19,481	19,605	20,047	998	839	817	4.9	4.1	3.9
Teton	16,919	16,880	16,352	16,468	16,382	15,980	451	498	372	2.7	3.0	2.3
Uinta	10,138	10,168	10,298	9,683	9,783	9,937	455	385	361	4.5	3.8	3.5
Washakie	3,967	3,993	3,981	3,807	3,846	3,839	160	147	142	4.0	3.7	3.6
Weston	3,251	3,255	3,195	3,123	3,143	3,093	128	112	102	3.9	3.4	3.2
Statewide	294,930	295,505	293,503	282,174	284,644	282,954	12,756	10,861	10,549	4.3	3.7	3.6
Statewide Seasonally Adjusted.....										3.6	3.5	2.8
U.S.....										4.4	3.8	4.1
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(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			
	January-25	December-24	January-24	Month		Year	
				absolute	percent	absolute	percent
Total Civilian Labor Force	297,538	297,566	295,624	-28	0.0%	1,914	0.6%
Employed	286,882	287,007	287,265	-125	0.0%	-383	-0.1%
Unemployed	10,656	10,559	8,359	97	0.9%	2,297	27.5%
Unemployment Rate	3.6	3.5	2.8				
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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