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Wyoming Growing and Declining Industries Report, 2026Q1

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In first quarter 2026 (2026Q1), Wyoming had 11 growing industries and five declining industries. Since 2023Q4, Wyoming has had a fairly equal number of growing and declining industries during each quarter.

The Research & Planning (R&P) section of the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services has defined *growing* or *declining* industry as an industry's employment level increasing or decreasing for two consecutive quarters by 5% or more compared to the prior the year. For example, all industries that grew or declined in employment by at least 5% from 2024Q4 to 2025Q4 and subsequently from 2025Q1 to 2026Q1 were included in the respective tables in this report. Additionally, only subsectors with employment sizes of 100 or more are included in these tables. Consequently, while employment in other industries may meet the growth criteria, that growth is taking place in industries with employment of less than 100.

Industries are defined by the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). For this research, growing and declining industries were determined at the three-digit subsector level. For more information on NAICS, please see https://www.census.gov/naics/.

This research was prepared using data from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW). Growing and declining industry data are updated every quarter when new QCEW data become available.

Growing and Declining Industries

Historical growing and declining industry data for Wyoming are now available online at https://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/G_DInd/G_D_Industries.htm

Wyoming had 11 growing industries in 2026Q1, up from seven in 2025Q4 (see Figure 1, page 4). The greatest growth was seen in construction of buildings, with 323 new jobs over the year in 2025Q4 and 392 in 2026Q1, for an average of 358 new jobs, or a 7.6% increase (see Table 1, page 5). Four growing industries were found in the manufacturing sector: plastics & rubber product manufacturing, primary metal manufacturing, transportation equipment manufacturing, and furniture & related product manufacturing. In addition, three growing industries were found in the transportation & warehousing sector: air transportation, transit & ground passenger transportation, and pipeline transportation. Other growing industries included animal production, waste management & remediation services, and performing & spectator arts. Growing industries added an average of 905 jobs per quarter, an 8.7% increase.

Wyoming's 11 growing industries in 2026Q1 accounted for 13.6% of all industries and 4.1% of the state's total employment (see Table 3 and Figure 2, page 7).

The declining industries table (see Table 2, page 6) displays negative change over the year. There were five declining industries in 2026Q1 (see Figure 1, page 4), including heavy & civil engineering

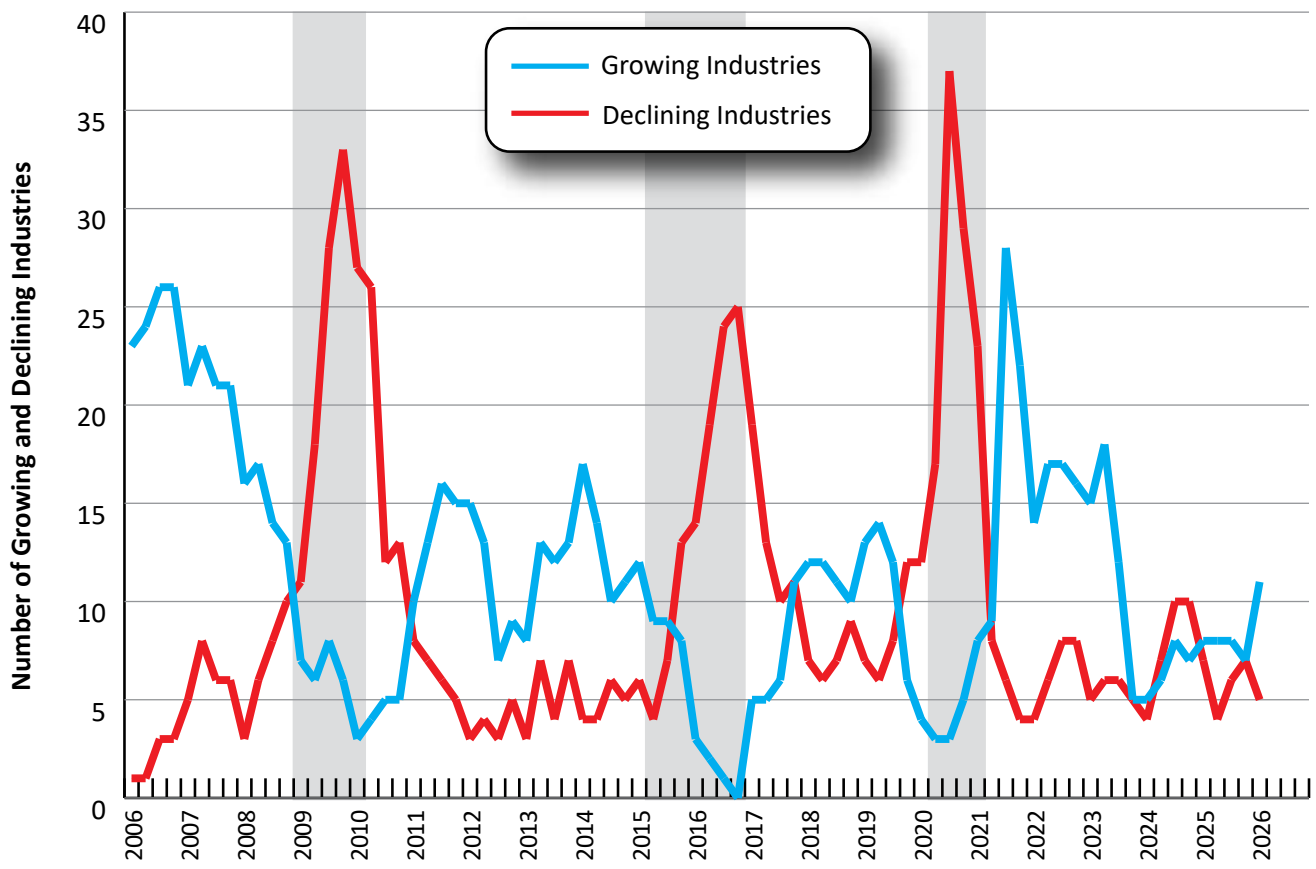
with an average loss of 817 jobs (-13.4%), couriers & messengers (-112, or -8.0%), electrical & appliance manufacturing (-102, or -16.8%), textile product mills (-40, or -22.9%), and private households (-24, or -11.3%). Declining industries lost an average of 1,094 jobs (-13.1%) per quarter.

Wyoming's five declining industries made up 6.2% of all industries and 2.4% of the state's total employment in 2026Q1.

The *average weekly wage* is calculated by dividing total wages for a particular subsector by the total number of jobs and the number of weeks in the observed quarter. In 2026Q1, the average weekly wage was $1,398 for growing industries and $1,386 for declining industries (see Table 3 and Figure 3, page 7). Overall, the state's average weekly wage for 2026Q1 was $1,280.

During periods of economic expansion, the number of growing industries is much greater than the number of declining

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Shaded areas indicate periods of economic downturn: 2009Q1-2010Q1, 2015Q2-2016Q4, and 2020Q2-2021Q1.
Source: Growing and Declining Quarterly Industry Reports, based on data from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages.
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Figure 1: Number of Growing and Declining Industries in Wyoming by Year and Quarter, 2006Q1-2026Q1

Table 1: Growing Industries Report for Wyoming, First Quarter 2026[a]

Subsector[a] (3-Digit NAICS[b])	Sector (2-Digit NAICS)	Employment (Current Quarter)		Over-the-Year Change		Employment (Prior Quarter)		Over-the-Year Change		Growing Industries: Average Change		Average Weekly Wage
		2026Q1	2025Q1	N	%	2025Q4	2024Q4	N	%	N	%[c]	
Animal Production (112)	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting (11)	1,935	1,834	101	5.5	2,047	1,947	100	5.1	101	5.3	$902
Construction of Buildings (236)	Construc-tion (23)	5,009	4,617	392	8.5	5,114	4,791	323	6.7	358	7.6	$1,445
Plastics & Rubber Product Mfg. (326)	Mfg. (31-33)	408	338	70	20.7	384	328	56	17.1	63	18.9	$1,007
Primary Metal Mfg. (331)	Mfg. (31-33)	165	153	12	7.8	165	110	55	50.0	34	28.9	$1,896
Transportaion Equipment & Mfg. (336)	Mfg. (31-33)	238	208	30	14.4	225	211	14	6.6	22	10.5	$1,292
Furniture & Related Product Mfg. (337)	Mfg. (31-33)	149	138	11	8.0	149	141	8	5.7	10	6.8	$785
Air Transportation (481)	Transpor-tation & Ware-housing (48-49)	437	413	24	5.8	418	396	22	5.6	23	5.7	$1,287
Transit & Ground Passenger Transportation (485)	Transpor-tation & Ware-housing (48-49)	433	408	25	6.1	423	396	27	6.8	26	6.5	$695
Pipeline Transportation (486)	Transpor-tation & Ware-housing (48-49)	1,061	977	84	8.6	1,043	830	213	25.7	149	17.1	$3,031
Waste Management & Remediation Services (562)	Admin. & Waste Services (56)	880	826	54	6.5	898	830	68	8.2	61	7.4	$1,260
Performing Arts & Spectator Sports (711)	Arts, Ent., & Recreation (71)	478	419	59	14.1	480	418	62	14.8	61	14.5	$687
Total	**Total**	**11,190**	**10,327**	**863**	**8.4**	**11,342**	**10,395**	**947**	**9.1**	**905**	**8.7**	**$1,398**

[a]Includes both public & privately owned firms.

[b]North American Industry Classification System.

[c]The percentage for average change is the employment-weighted average percentage change of the current & prior quarters (employment change current quarter + employment change prior quarter) divided by the employment for the current & prior quarters (employment current quarter + employment prior quarter).

Source: Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages.

The average weekly wage is calculated by dividing the total wage for the industry group by the total number of jobs for the industry group & the number of weeks in the observed quarter. Please be aware that average weekly wages at the industry group level are suceptible to wage bias due to sample size, occupational distributions, seasonal pay & bonuses, & keying error.

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industries (see Figure 1). For example, the number of growing industries in Wyoming peaked at 26 in 2006Q3 and 2006Q4, compared to three and five declining industries, respectively.

But during economic downturns, there are far more declining industries than growing industries. R&P has defined an *economic downturn* as a period of at least two consecutive quarters of over-the-year decrease in average monthly employment and total wages based on data from the QCEW. Over the last 20 years, Wyoming has experienced three periods of economic downturn: 2009Q1-2010Q1, 2015Q2-2016Q4, and 2020Q2-2021Q1. During the most recent economic downturn, which was driven by the COVID-19 pandemic and declining energy prices, Wyoming had 37 declining industries in 2020Q3 compared to just three growing.

Table 2: Declining Industries Report for Wyoming, First Quarter 2026[a]

		Employment (Current Quarter)				Employment (Prior Quarter)				Declining Industries		
				Over-the-Year Change				Over-the-Year Change		Average Change		
Subsector[a] (3-Digit NAICS[b])	Sector (2-Digit NAICS)	2026Q1	2025Q1	N	%	2025Q4	2024Q4	N	%	N	%[c]	Average Weekly Wage
Heavy & Civil Engineering Construction (237)	Construction (23)	4,558	4,947	-389	-7.9	5,302	6,546	-1,244	-19.0	-817	-13.4	$1,521
Textile Product Mills (314)	Mfg. (31-33)	131	172	-41	-23.8	138	177	-39	-22.0	-40	-22.9	$909
Electrical Equipment & Appliance Mfg. (335)	Mfg. (31-33)	488	619	-131	-21.2	509	581	-72	-12.4	-102	-16.8	$1,361
Couriers & Messengers (492)	Transportation & Warehousing (48-49)	1,253	1,365	-112	-8.2	1,325	1,436	-111	-7.7	-112	-8.0	$1,005
Private Households (814)	Other Services, Except Public Admin. (81)	181	200	-19	-9.5	186	214	-28	-13.1	-24	-11.3	$1,043
Total	**Total**	**6,610**	**7,303**	**-693**	**-9.5**	**7,460**	**8,954**	**-1,494**	**-16.7**	**-1,094**	**-13.1**	**$1,386**

[a]Includes both public & privately owned firms.

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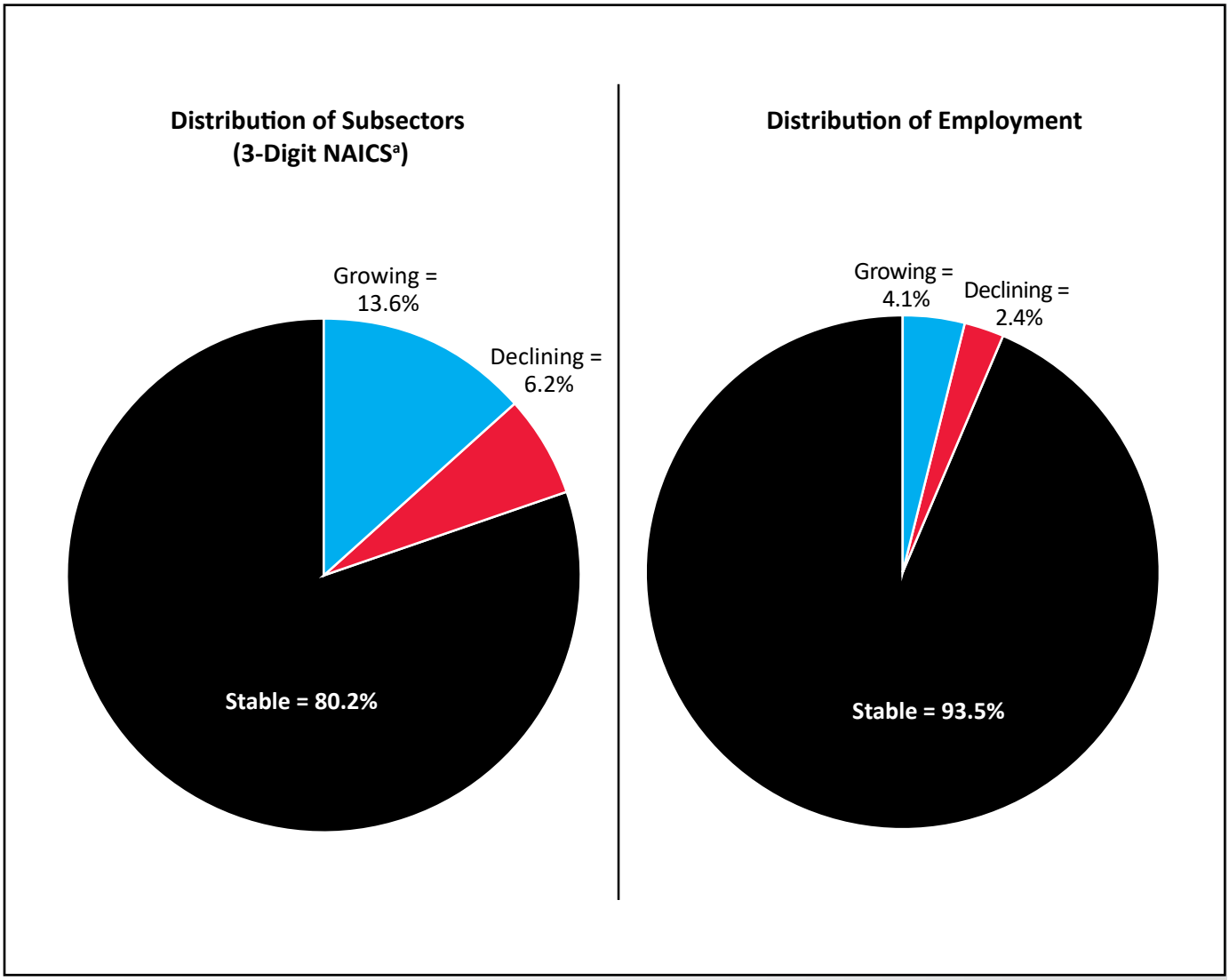
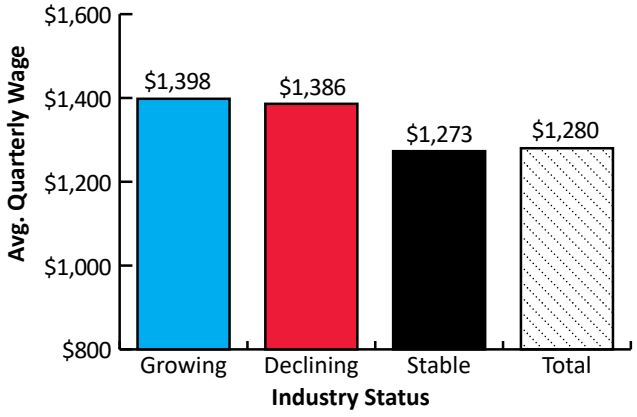


Figure 2: Distribution of Growing and Declining Industries (NAICS 3-Digit Subsector) in Wyoming, 2026Q1

Table 3: Distribution of Sectors and Employment by Growing/Declining Status in Wyoming, 2026Q1

	Subsectors (3-Digit NAICS)		Employment		
Status	N	%	N	%	Average Weekly Wage
Growing	11	13.6	11,193	4.1	$1,398
Declining	5	6.2	6,611	2.4	$1,386
Stable	65	80.2	256,255	93.5	$1,273
Total	**81**	**100.0**	**274,059**	**100.0**	**$1,280**

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Figure 3: Average Weekly Wage of Growing and Declining Industries in Wyoming, 2026Q1

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