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In second quarter 2025 (2025Q2), Wyoming had eight growing industries and four declining industries. This marked the second consecutive quarter that Wyoming had more growing industries than declining.

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 2024Q1 to 2025Q1 and subsequently from 2024Q2 to 2025Q2 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/>.

The database used to generate this information was the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) file, which has roughly a half-year time lag from the distribution of this report. 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 eight growing industries in 2025Q2, equal to the prior quarter (see Figure 1, page 4). Specialty trade contractors grew the most, adding 593 jobs over the year in 2025Q1 (a 5.1% increase) and 748 jobs (6.0%) in 2025Q2 (see Table 1, page 5). On average, this subsector added 671 jobs, with an average increase of 5.6%. Other growing industries included support activities for transportation (231, or 13.1%); warehousing & storage (170, or 9.3%); pipeline transportation (165, or 19.9%); and food manufacturing (115, or 15.1%).

Wyoming's eight growing industries in 2025Q2 accounted for 9.9% of all industries and 7.0% of the state's total employment (see Table 3 and Figure 2, page 7).

The declining industries table (see Table 2, page 6) reads the same way, except with negative changes, and therefore, declining industries. There were four declining industries in 2025Q2, down from seven the prior quarter. The greatest decline was seen in sporting goods, hobby, musical instrument, book, & miscellaneous retailers (-190, or -6.3%). The other declining industries were machinery manufacturing (-106, or -14.7%), private households (-34, or -14.3%), and furniture & related product

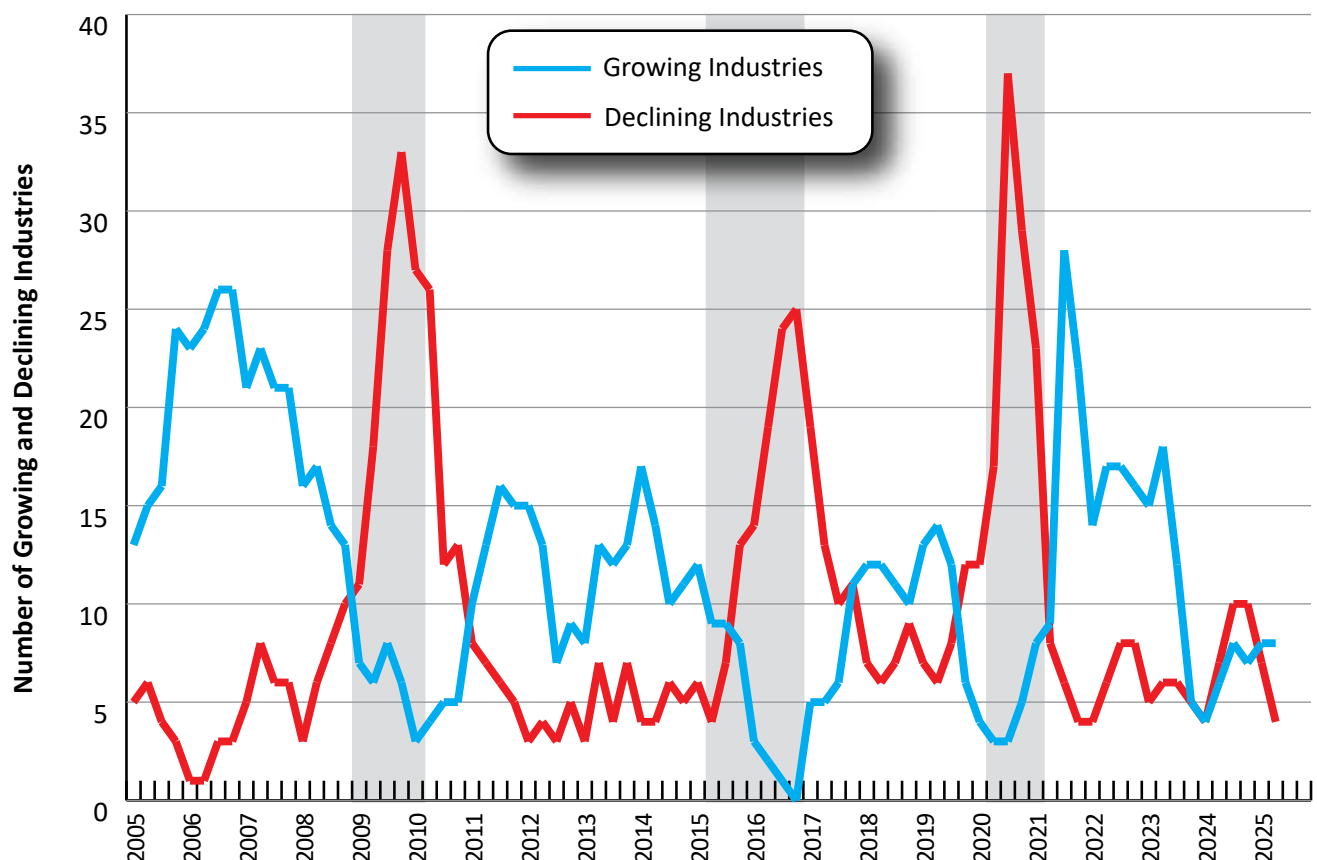
manufacturing (-12, or -7.8%). The four declining industries made up 4.9% of all industries and 1.3% of total employment.

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 2025Q2, the average weekly wage was \$1,307 for growing industries and \$689 for declining industries (see Table 3 and Figure 3, page 7). Overall, the state's average weekly wage for 2025Q1 was \$1,174.

During periods of economic expansion,

the number of growing industries is much greater than the number of declining 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



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, 2005Q1-2025Q2

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 1: Growing Industries Report for Wyoming, Second Quarter 2025^a

Subsector ^a (3-Digit NAICS ^b)	Sector (2-Digit NAICS)	Employment (Current Quarter)				Employment (Prior Quarter)				Growing Industries		
		Over-the-Year Change				Over-the-Year Change				Average Change		Average Weekly Wage
		2025Q2	2024Q2	N	%	2025Q1	2024Q1	N	%	N	% ^c	
Specialty Trade Contractors (238)	Construction (23)	13,252	12,504	748	6.0	12,112	11,519	593	5.1	671	5.6	\$1,277
Food Mfg. (311)	Manufacturing (31-33)	815	733	82	11.2	919	772	147	19.0	115	15.1	\$773
Primary Metal Mfg. (331)	Manufacturing (31-33)	152	122	30	24.6	153	124	29	23.4	30	24.0	\$1,601
Computer & Electronic Product Mfg. (334)	Manufacturing (31-33)	414	359	55	15.3	405	357	48	13.4	52	14.4	\$1,306
Air Transportation (481)	Transportation & Warehousing (48-49)	434	407	27	6.6	415	380	35	9.2	31	7.9	\$1,393
Pipeline Transportation (486)	Transportation & Warehousing (48-49)	1,002	824	178	21.6	977	826	151	18.3	165	19.9	\$2,262
Support Activities for Transportation (488)	Transportation & Warehousing (48-49)	1,990	1,790	200	11.2	2,002	1,741	261	15.0	231	13.1	\$1,580
Warehousing & Storage (493)	Transportation & Warehousing (48-49)	1,961	1,811	150	8.3	2,024	1,834	190	10.4	170	9.3	\$929
Total	Total	20,017	18,547	1,470	7.9	19,005	17,550	1,455	8.3	1,463	8.1	\$1,307

^aIncludes both public & privately owned firms.

^bNorth American Industry Classification System.

^cThe 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 susceptible to wage bias due to sample size, occupational distributions, seasonal pay & bonuses, & keying error.

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Table 2: Declining Industries Report for Wyoming, Second Quarter 2025^a

Subsector ^a (3-Digit NAICS ^b)	Sector (2-Digit NAICS)	Employment (Current Quarter)				Employment (Prior Quarter)				Declining Industries		
		2025Q2	2024Q2	Over-the-Year Change		2025Q1	2024Q1	Over-the-Year Change		Average Change		Average Weekly Wage
				N	%			N	%	N	% ^c	
Machinery Mfg. (333)	Manufac- turing (31- 33)	620	719	-99	-13.8	606	718	-112	-15.6	-106	-14.7	\$1,239
Furniture & Related Product Mfg. (337)	Manufac- turing (31- 33)	144	156	-12	-7.7	138	150	-12	-8.0	-12	-7.8	\$836
Sporting Goods, Hobby, Musical Instrument, Book, & Misc. Retailers (459)	Retail Trade (44-45)	2,874	3,061	-187	-6.1	2,763	2,955	-192	-6.5	-190	-6.3	\$545
Private Households (814)	Other Services, Except Public Admin. (81)	198	239	-41	-17.2	200	226	-26	-11.5	-34	-14.3	\$950
Total	Total	3,834	4,174	-340	-8.1	3,706	4,047	-341	-8.4	-341	-8.3	\$689

^aIncludes both public & privately owned firms.

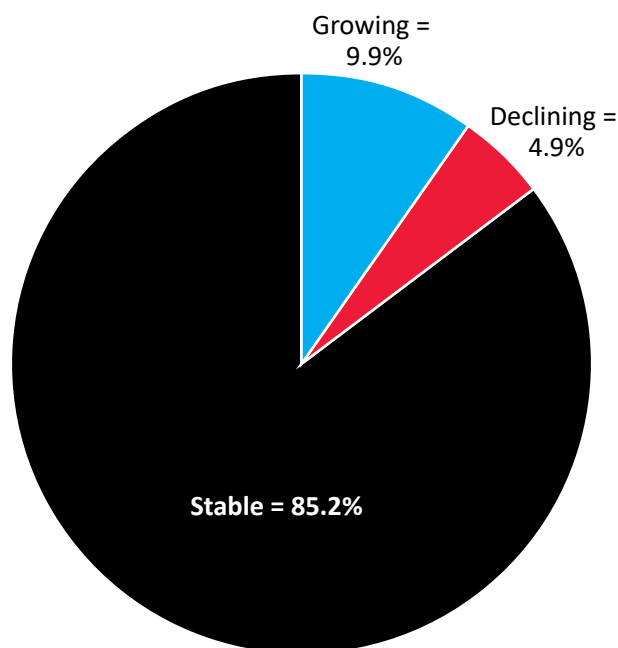
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Distribution of Subsectors
(3-Digit NAICS^a)

Distribution of Employment

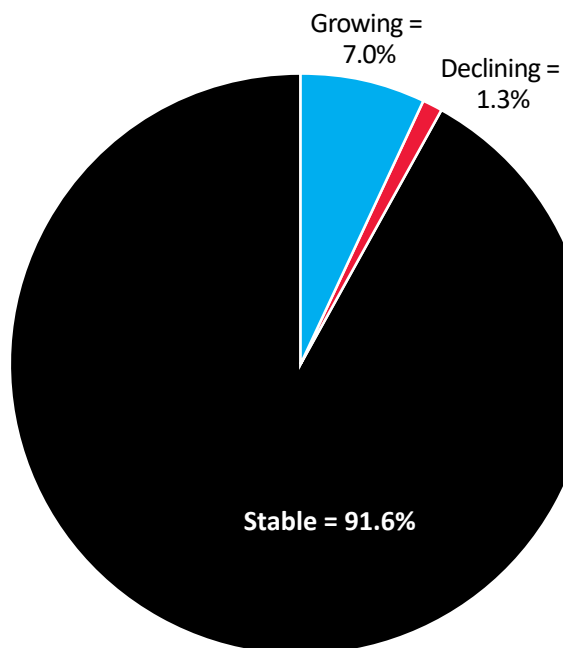
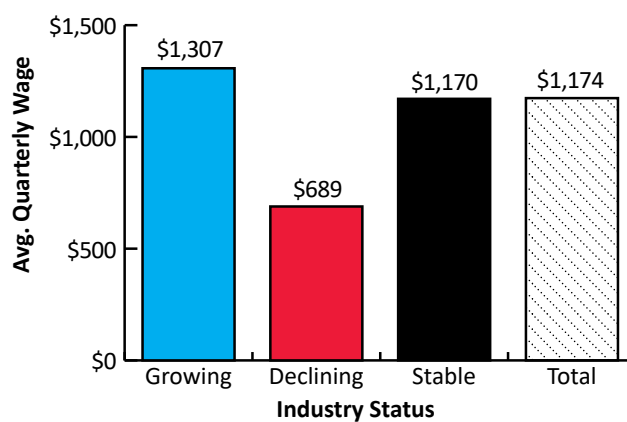


Figure 2: Distribution of Growing and Declining Industries (NAICS 3-Digit Subsector) in Wyoming, 2025Q2

Table 3: Distribution of Sectors and Employment by
Growing/Declining Status in Wyoming, 2025Q2

Status	Subsectors (3-Digit NAICS)		Employment		Average Weekly Wage
	N	%	N	%	
Growing	8	9.9	20,020	7.0	\$1,307
Declining	4	4.9	3,836	1.3	\$689
Stable	69	85.2	260,733	91.6	\$1,170
Total	81	100.0	284,589	100.0	\$1,174

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Figure 3: Average Weekly Wage of Growing and Declining
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