

Wyoming Occupational Employment and Wages, 2008

The Wyoming hourly mean wage for 2008 was \$18.35 across all industries and occupations, the National mean wage was \$20.32, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). These data are from the Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) program, which provides employment and wage estimates for wage and salary workers in 22 major occupational groups and 801 detailed occupations nationally. OES produces data by occupation for the nation, states, metropolitan areas, metropolitan divisions, and nonmetropolitan areas, and by occupation and industry for the nation. Complete data are available from the OES homepage at <http://www.bls.gov/oes/>.

In Wyoming, Office and administrative support was the largest occupational group overall, with total employment of 38,720, followed by Construction and extraction, with employment of 37,100, and Transportation and material moving occupations, with total employment of 25,810 as shown in the table below. The three occupations with the lowest employment for the State of Wyoming were Farming, fishing and forestry occupations, with employment of 380, Legal occupations, with total employment of 1,730 and Computer and mathematical science occupations, with employment of 2,210. While some occupational groups were highly concentrated in specific industry sectors others were distributed more evenly across sectors.

Occupational Groups by Employment for Wyoming

Occupational Title	Employment	Mean Wage
Office and administrative support occupations	38,720	\$13.96
Construction and extraction occupations	37,100	20.46
Transportation and material moving occupations	25,810	16.57
Food preparation and serving related occupations	24,810	9.23
Sales and related occupations	24,110	13.69
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	17,740	20.79
Education, training, and library occupations	17,570	20.95
Production occupations	14,830	19.47
Management occupations	12,770	36.16
Healthcare practitioners and technical occupations	12,000	29.97
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations	11,950	11.45
Business and financial operations occupations	7,290	26.72
Healthcare support occupations	6,670	12.27
Personal care and service occupations	6,150	10.93
Protective service occupations	5,750	18.65
Architecture and engineering occupations	5,150	30.98
Life, physical, and social science occupations	4,750	23.08
Community and social services occupations	3,610	18.55
Arts, design, entertainment, sports, and media occupations	2,900	15.43
Computer and mathematical science occupations	2,210	25.61
Legal occupations	1,730	30.77
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	380	15.45

The highest paying occupational groups in Wyoming included management occupations with an hourly mean wage of \$36.16, Architecture and engineering occupations with an hourly wage of \$30.98 and Legal occupations with a wage of \$30.77. The occupational groups with the lowest wages were Food preparation and serving related occupations with a mean hourly wage of \$9.23 (including tips), Personal care and service occupations at \$10.93 an hour, and Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations with an hourly mean wage of \$11.45.

The largest single occupation in Wyoming was Retail salespersons with 8,090 jobs and a mean wage of \$11.23. Retail sales persons were also the nation's largest overall occupation with 4.4 million jobs and a mean wage of \$12.04. The second largest occupation for Wyoming was Secretaries with employment of 7,030 and an hourly wage of \$11.23.

The two lowest paying occupations in Wyoming were Ushers, lobby attendants, and ticket takers at \$7.29 per hour and Counter attendants, cafeteria, food concessions, and coffee shop with an hourly mean wage of \$7.72.

Among the highest paying occupations for Wyoming were several specialty physician and dentist occupations. The highest paying occupations in Wyoming were Anesthesiologists at \$98.05 an hour and Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons at \$91.37 an hour.



**Wyoming Department of Employment
Research & Planning**

May 14, 2009

Internet Address: <http://doe.state.wy.us/LMI>

Contact: Deana Hauf, Senior Economist
(307) 473-3805

Email: dhauf@state.wy.us

Return in 5 days to
Wyoming Department of Employment
Research & Planning
PO Box 2760
Casper WY 82602-2760