

Wyoming Employment and Payroll: Job Growth in Fourth Quarter 2021

From fourth quarter 2020 to fourth quarter 2021, Wyoming added 7,017 jobs (2.7%) and total payroll rose by \$382.5 million (10.7%). Despite the recent job growth, employment has not returned to pre-pandemic levels. Total employment in fourth quarter 2021 was down approximately 9,300 jobs from fourth quarter 2019.

In fourth quarter 2021, the largest job growth occurred in leisure & hospitality (2,555 jobs, or 8.0%), professional & business services (1,289 jobs, or 6.9%), construction (945 jobs, or 4.6%), and mining (including oil & gas; 840 jobs, or 5.8%). Smaller job gains were seen in retail trade (697 jobs, or 2.4%), financial activities (462 jobs, or 4.2%), and manufacturing (373 jobs, or 3.9%). Job losses occurred in state government (-234 jobs, or -1.9%), health care & social assistance (-226 jobs, or -0.9%), federal government (-213 jobs, or -2.8%), and local government (-167 jobs, or -0.4%). Employment grew in 16 of Wyoming's 23 counties.

Teton County added 1,369 jobs (7.3%) and its total payroll grew by \$138.3 million (37.6%). Large job gains were seen in accommodation & food services, construction, professional & technical services, and real estate & rental & leasing. Employment also grew in administrative & waste services, retail trade, and educational services.

Laramie County gained 1,304 jobs (2.8%) and its total payroll increased by \$54.5 million (8.7%). The largest growth occurred in construction (approximately 650 jobs). Growth was also seen in accommodation & food services, retail trade, transportation & warehousing, and professional & technical services.

Employment in Natrona County grew by 1,129 jobs (3.1%) and its total payroll rose by \$40.1 million (8.1%). Job growth was seen in accommodation & food services; construction; manufacturing; arts, entertainment & recreation; and other services. Employment fell in health care & social assistance.

Albany County added 645 jobs (4.1%) and its total payroll increased by \$10.7 million (5.9%). Job gains occurred in accommodation & food services, retail trade, professional & technical services, and administrative & waste services.

Campbell County added 538 jobs (2.4%) and its total payroll grew by \$25.5 million (7.3%). Mining (including oil & gas) gained nearly 500 jobs, and smaller job gains were seen in accommodation & food services and health care & social

Table: Wyoming Covered Employment, Total Wages, & Average Weekly Wages by County, Fourth Quarter 2020 & 2021

County	Average Monthly Employment				Total Wages (\$)				Average Weekly Wage			
	Fourth Quarter		Change		Fourth Quarter		Change		Fourth Quarter		Change	
	2021	2020	N	%	2021	2020	\$	%	2021	2020	\$	%
Total Statewide	267,251	260,235	7,017	2.7	\$3,970,276,591	\$3,587,823,712	\$382,452,879	10.7	\$1,143	\$1,061	\$82	7.8
Albany	16,319	15,673	645	4.1	\$193,374,496	\$182,627,425	\$10,747,071	5.9	\$912	\$896	\$15	1.7
Big Horn	4,139	4,190	-51	-1.2	\$51,521,584	\$49,858,908	\$1,662,676	3.3	\$958	\$915	\$42	4.6
Campbell	23,429	22,891	538	2.4	\$373,943,540	\$348,415,302	\$25,528,238	7.3	\$1,228	\$1,171	\$57	4.9
Carbon	6,479	6,879	-400	-5.8	\$88,090,981	\$93,756,721	-\$5,665,740	-6.0	\$1,046	\$1,048	-\$3	-0.2
Converse	6,127	5,699	428	7.5	\$98,842,183	\$83,947,543	\$14,894,640	17.7	\$1,241	\$1,133	\$108	9.5
Crook	2,494	2,496	-2	-0.1	\$31,934,986	\$31,794,252	\$140,734	0.4	\$985	\$980	\$5	0.5
Fremont	15,125	14,706	419	2.8	\$182,318,402	\$172,798,599	\$9,519,803	5.5	\$927	\$904	\$23	2.6
Goshen	4,117	4,038	79	2.0	\$45,197,876	\$43,515,575	\$1,682,301	3.9	\$844	\$829	\$16	1.9
Hot Springs	1,904	1,870	35	1.9	\$22,393,870	\$19,608,083	\$2,785,787	14.2	\$905	\$807	\$98	12.1
Johnson	3,239	3,125	114	3.6	\$37,715,481	\$34,366,295	\$3,349,186	9.7	\$896	\$846	\$50	5.9
Laramie	47,281	45,977	1,304	2.8	\$683,311,566	\$628,822,106	\$54,489,460	8.7	\$1,112	\$1,052	\$60	5.7
Lincoln	6,811	6,693	118	1.8	\$99,104,396	\$91,836,987	\$7,267,409	7.9	\$1,119	\$1,055	\$64	6.0
Natrona	37,332	36,203	1,129	3.1	\$535,997,505	\$495,898,904	\$40,098,601	8.1	\$1,104	\$1,054	\$51	4.8
Niobrara	851	878	-27	-3.1	\$9,275,804	\$8,904,400	\$371,404	4.2	\$839	\$780	\$58	7.5
Park	13,152	12,907	245	1.9	\$165,206,071	\$155,449,715	\$9,756,356	6.3	\$966	\$926	\$40	21.5
Platte	3,361	3,391	-30	-0.9	\$43,585,573	\$40,940,020	\$2,645,553	6.5	\$997	\$929	\$69	4.3
Sheridan	13,613	13,285	328	2.5	\$187,810,114	\$168,162,944	\$19,647,170	11.7	\$1,061	\$974	\$88	7.4
Sublette	3,683	3,656	27	0.7	\$52,963,060	\$51,180,517	\$1,782,543	3.5	\$1,106	\$1,077	\$29	9.0
Sweetwater	20,031	20,009	22	0.1	\$315,099,070	\$304,518,603	\$10,580,467	3.5	\$1,210	\$1,171	\$39	2.7
Teton	20,120	18,752	1,369	7.3	\$505,989,141	\$367,661,776	\$138,327,365	37.6	\$1,934	\$1,508	\$426	3.4
Uinta	7,892	7,965	-73	-0.9	\$93,911,488	\$89,426,768	\$4,484,720	5.0	\$915	\$864	\$52	28.3
Washakie	3,557	3,552	5	0.1	\$44,052,236	\$41,816,961	\$2,235,275	5.3	\$953	\$906	\$47	6.0
Weston	2,301	2,351	-50	-2.1	\$27,197,915	\$30,027,660	-\$2,829,745	-9.4	\$909	\$983	-\$73	5.2
Nonclassified ^a	3,894	3,049	845	27.7	\$81,439,253	\$52,487,648	\$28,951,605	55.2	\$1,609	\$1,324	\$285	-7.5

^aThe employer may be located statewide or in more than one county. Extract Date: April 2022

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assistance. Employment fell in local government and retail trade.

Employment in Converse County rose by 428 jobs (7.5%) and its total payroll grew by \$14.9 million (17.7%). Large job gains were seen in mining (including oil & gas; nearly 300 jobs). Employment also grew in accommodation & food services, transportation & warehousing, retail trade, and manufacturing.

Fremont County gained 419 jobs (2.8%) and its total payroll rose by \$9.5 million (5.5%). Job gains were seen in local government, accommodation & food services, and manufacturing.

Sheridan County added 328 jobs (2.5%) and its total payroll increased by \$19.6 million (11.7%). Manufacturing employment grew by more than 150 jobs and smaller gains were seen in professional & technical services, accommodation & food services, management of companies & enterprises, and retail trade.

Carbon County lost 400 jobs (-5.8%) and its total payroll fell by \$5.7 million (-6.0%). Large job losses in the construction sector were partially offset by job gains in accommodation & food services and administrative & waste services.

Visit our website at https://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/21Q4_QCEW/toc.htm for detailed tables for each county.

Employment and wages data for first quarter 2022 are scheduled to be released on August 12, 2022.

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