

Wyoming Employment and Payroll: Strong Job Growth in the Mining Sector in Fourth Quarter 2022

From fourth quarter 2021 to fourth quarter 2022, Wyoming added 5,292 jobs (2.0%) and total payroll rose by \$58.8 million (1.5%). Despite the recent job growth, employment has not fully returned to pre-pandemic levels. Total employment in fourth quarter 2022 was down approximately 3,600 jobs from fourth quarter 2019.

In fourth quarter 2022, the largest job gains occurred in mining (including oil & gas; 1,454 jobs, or 9.4%). Substantial growth was also seen in leisure & hospitality (798 jobs, or 2.3%), local government (including public schools, colleges, & hospitals; 733 jobs, or 1.6%), professional & business services (728 jobs, or 3.6%), and manufacturing (509 jobs, or 5.1%). Employment fell in construction (-153 jobs, or -0.7%) and state government (-113 jobs, or -0.9%). Employment rose in 17 counties, fell in five counties, and remained unchanged in Washakie County.

Natrona County gained 1,434 jobs (3.8%) and its total payroll grew by \$48.3 million (9.0%). Mining (including oil & gas) added more than 500 jobs. Large job gains were also seen in professional & business services, wholesale trade, manufacturing, transportation & warehousing, financial activities, and education & health services. Employment fell in retail trade.

Teton County added 1,154 jobs (5.7%), but its total payroll fell by \$73.7 million (-14.5%). It appears that the decrease in total payroll is related to large bonuses paid in fourth quarter 2021, but not repeated in 2022. Accommodation & food services added nearly 500 jobs and notable growth also occurred in construction, local government, professional & business services, and retail trade.

Employment in Campbell County rose by 1,045 jobs (4.5%) and its total payroll grew by \$25.6 million (6.8%). The mining sector (including oil & gas) gained more than 550 jobs and job gains were also seen in wholesale trade, professional & business services, local government, construction, and other services.

Table: Wyoming Covered Employment, Total Wages, & Average Weekly Wages by County, Fourth Quarter 2021 & 2022

County	Average Monthly Employment				Total Wages (\$)				Average Weekly Wage			
	Fourth Quarter		Change		Fourth Quarter		Change		Fourth Quarter		Change	
	2022	2021	N	%	2022	2021	\$	%	2022	2021	\$	%
Total Statewide	272,931	267,639	5,292	2.0	\$4,035,052,895	\$3,976,273,192	\$58,779,703	1.5	\$1,137	\$1,143	-\$6	-0.5
Albany	16,775	16,326	449	2.8	\$205,163,201	\$193,545,068	\$11,618,133	6.0	\$941	\$912	\$29	3.2
Big Horn	4,026	4,148	-121	-2.9	\$52,496,310	\$51,589,553	\$906,757	1.8	\$1,003	\$957	\$46	4.8
Campbell	24,510	23,465	1,045	4.5	\$399,769,178	\$374,168,090	\$25,601,088	6.8	\$1,255	\$1,227	\$28	2.3
Carbon	6,422	6,517	-95	-1.5	\$100,378,623	\$88,244,824	\$12,133,799	13.8	\$1,202	\$1,042	\$161	15.4
Converse	6,266	6,133	133	2.2	\$101,418,096	\$98,994,930	\$2,423,166	2.4	\$1,245	\$1,242	\$3	0.3
Crook	2,612	2,500	112	4.5	\$34,223,596	\$32,175,481	\$2,048,115	6.4	\$1,008	\$990	\$18	1.8
Fremont	15,423	15,129	294	1.9	\$190,851,999	\$182,560,268	\$8,291,731	4.5	\$952	\$928	\$24	2.5
Goshen	4,158	4,126	32	0.8	\$45,691,369	\$45,228,064	\$463,305	1.0	\$845	\$843	\$2	0.2
Hot Springs	1,967	1,910	57	3.0	\$24,307,477	\$22,551,384	\$1,756,093	7.8	\$951	\$908	\$42	4.7
Johnson	3,289	3,220	70	2.2	\$39,223,970	\$37,681,769	\$1,542,201	4.1	\$917	\$900	\$17	1.9
Laramie	46,680	47,376	-695	-1.5	\$672,939,449	\$684,608,259	-\$11,668,810	-1.7	\$1,109	\$1,112	-\$3	-0.2
Lincoln	6,909	6,824	85	1.2	\$103,659,944	\$99,460,876	\$4,199,068	4.2	\$1,154	\$1,121	\$33	2.9
Natrona	38,838	37,404	1,434	3.8	\$584,912,771	\$536,629,939	\$48,282,832	9.0	\$1,158	\$1,104	\$55	5.0
Niobrara	833	856	-22	-2.6	\$8,858,250	\$9,290,996	-\$432,746	-4.7	\$818	\$835	-\$18	-2.1
Park	13,419	13,192	227	1.7	\$171,340,314	\$165,503,433	\$5,836,881	3.5	\$982	\$965	\$17	1.8
Platte	3,350	3,359	-9	-0.3	\$42,312,586	\$43,581,892	-\$1,269,306	-2.9	\$971	\$998	-\$27	-2.7
Sheridan	13,826	13,628	199	1.5	\$190,060,443	\$187,893,866	\$2,166,577	1.2	\$1,057	\$1,061	-\$3	-0.3
Sublette	3,712	3,687	25	0.7	\$56,651,610	\$52,950,672	\$3,700,938	7.0	\$1,174	\$1,105	\$69	6.3
Sweetwater	20,642	20,011	631	3.2	\$334,806,877	\$315,146,348	\$19,660,529	6.2	\$1,248	\$1,211	\$36	3.0
Teton	21,327	20,173	1,154	5.7	\$433,673,489	\$507,352,533	-\$73,679,044	-14.5	\$1,564	\$1,935	-\$370	-19.1
Uinta	8,358	7,891	467	5.9	\$98,404,222	\$93,978,069	\$4,426,153	4.7	\$906	\$916	-\$10	-1.1
Washakie	3,567	3,567	0	0.0	\$44,533,635	\$44,175,441	\$358,194	0.8	\$960	\$953	\$8	0.8
Weston	2,391	2,303	88	3.8	\$29,588,711	\$27,257,262	\$2,331,449	8.6	\$952	\$910	\$42	4.6
Nonclassified ^a	3,628	3,894	-266	-6.8	\$69,786,775	\$81,704,175	-\$11,917,400	-14.6	\$1,480	\$1,614	-\$134	-8.3

^aThe employer may be located statewide or in more than one county. Extract Date: April 2023

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Sweetwater County gained 631 jobs (3.2%) and its total payroll increased by \$19.7 million (6.2%). The construction sector added more than 400 jobs and growth also occurred in manufacturing and wholesale trade.

Uinta County added 467 jobs (5.9%) and its total payroll rose by \$4.4 million (4.7%). The largest job gains were in construction and local government.

Laramie County lost 695 jobs (-1.5%) and its total payroll fell by \$11.7 million (-1.7%). Construction employment decreased by approximately 900 jobs and smaller job losses were seen in transportation & warehousing; local government; real estate, rental, & leasing; and retail trade. Job losses were partially offset by growth in mining (including oil & gas), leisure & hospitality, manufacturing, and health care & social assistance.

Employment in Big Horn County fell by 121 jobs (-2.9%), but its total payroll rose by \$0.9 million (1.8%). Job losses were seen in construction, accommodation & food services, and health care & social assistance.

Visit our website at https://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/22Q4_QCEW/toc.htm for detailed tables for each county.

Employment and wages data for first quarter 2023 are scheduled to be published on August 3, 2023.

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