

Wyoming Employment and Payroll: Broad-Based Growth in First Quarter 2023

The Research & Planning section of the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services reported today that from first quarter 2022 to first quarter 2023, total employment in the state rose by 6,337 jobs (2.4%) and total payroll increased by \$386.8 million (10.7%).

Growth in jobs and payroll was broad-based both geographically and across different industries. Total payroll grew in 21 of the state's 23 counties and employment grew in 19 counties.

Mining (including oil & gas) added the most jobs (1,259, or 8.0%) of any sector. However, substantial growth was seen in a long list of sectors, such as professional & business services (846 jobs, or 4.3%), local government (including public schools, colleges, & hospitals; 803 jobs, or 1.8%), leisure & hospitality (557 jobs, or 1.6%), construction (533 jobs, or 2.8%), manufacturing (516 jobs, or 5.3%), wholesale trade (350 jobs, or 4.7%), transportation & warehousing (310 jobs, or 3.2%), other services (309 jobs, or 4.6%), and health care & social assistance (291 jobs, or 1.1%). One of the few industries where employment fell was retail trade (-185 jobs, or -0.6%).

Natrona County added 1,459 jobs (4.0%) and its total payroll rose by \$64.5 million (13.2%). Mining (including oil & gas) added nearly 400 jobs and substantial growth was reported in transportation & warehousing, real estate & rental & leasing, professional & technical services, wholesale trade, and manufacturing.

Campbell County's employment grew by 1,124 jobs (4.8%) and its total payroll increased by \$60.4 million (16.7%). The largest job growth occurred in mining (including oil & gas; nearly 500 jobs), local government (including public schools & colleges), wholesale trade, health care & social assistance, and construction.

Teton County gained 856 jobs (4.0%) and its total payroll rose by \$46.3 million (10.7%). Accommodation & food services added approximately 400 jobs, and large growth was also seen in construction, retail trade, and local government.

Table: Wyoming Covered Employment, Total Wages, & Average Weekly Wages by County, First Quarter 2022 & 2023

County	Average Monthly Employment				Total Wages (\$)				Average Weekly Wage			
	First Quarter		Change		First Quarter		Change		First Quarter		Change	
	2023	2022	N	%	2023	2022	\$	%	2023	2022	\$	%
Total Statewide	269,312	262,975	6,337	2.4	\$4,016,091,849	\$3,629,263,075	\$386,828,774	10.7	\$1,147	\$1,062	\$86	8.1
Albany	16,465	16,387	77	0.5	\$204,743,185	\$181,477,506	\$23,265,679	12.8	\$957	\$852	\$105	12.3
Big Horn	3,839	3,899	-60	-1.5	\$46,265,070	\$42,388,454	\$3,876,616	9.1	\$927	\$836	\$91	10.9
Campbell	24,473	23,349	1,124	4.8	\$422,149,339	\$361,787,527	\$60,361,812	16.7	\$1,327	\$1,192	\$135	11.3
Carbon	6,035	6,151	-116	-1.9	\$83,354,486	\$117,782,916	-\$34,428,430	-29.2	\$1,062	\$1,473	-\$411	-27.9
Converse	6,159	5,976	183	3.1	\$94,442,089	\$84,009,992	\$10,432,097	12.4	\$1,179	\$1,081	\$98	9.1
Crook	2,431	2,411	20	0.8	\$32,377,946	\$28,152,859	\$4,225,087	15.0	\$1,025	\$898	\$126	14.1
Fremont	15,084	14,844	240	1.6	\$180,115,432	\$170,073,748	\$10,041,684	5.9	\$919	\$881	\$37	4.2
Goshen	4,089	3,989	99	2.5	\$44,392,403	\$40,938,789	\$3,453,614	8.4	\$835	\$789	\$46	5.8
Hot Springs	1,940	1,916	24	1.3	\$21,406,617	\$19,840,526	\$1,566,091	7.9	\$849	\$797	\$52	6.6
Johnson	3,187	3,100	87	2.8	\$35,100,083	\$31,988,993	\$3,111,090	9.7	\$847	\$794	\$54	6.7
Laramie	46,426	45,873	554	1.2	\$664,641,879	\$615,738,510	\$48,903,369	7.9	\$1,101	\$1,033	\$69	6.7
Lincoln	6,813	6,667	146	2.2	\$98,808,445	\$90,635,002	\$8,173,443	9.0	\$1,116	\$1,046	\$70	6.7
Natrona	38,366	36,907	1,459	4.0	\$551,642,041	\$487,135,447	\$64,506,594	13.2	\$1,106	\$1,015	\$91	8.9
Niobrara	803	838	-35	-4.1	\$8,105,542	\$8,609,292	-\$503,750	-5.9	\$776	\$791	-\$14	-1.8
Park	12,877	12,547	330	2.6	\$167,689,972	\$141,753,676	\$25,936,296	18.3	\$1,002	\$869	\$133	15.3
Platte	3,284	3,289	-5	-0.2	\$41,753,785	\$37,427,121	\$4,326,664	11.6	\$978	\$875	\$103	11.7
Sheridan	13,638	13,310	328	2.5	\$181,475,159	\$161,018,175	\$20,456,984	12.7	\$1,024	\$931	\$93	10.0
Sublette	3,574	3,514	60	1.7	\$59,859,590	\$52,363,103	\$7,496,487	14.3	\$1,288	\$1,146	\$142	12.4
Sweetwater	20,257	19,717	540	2.7	\$358,339,939	\$301,970,454	\$56,369,485	18.7	\$1,361	\$1,178	\$183	15.5
Teton	22,171	21,315	856	4.0	\$479,959,070	\$433,638,224	\$46,320,846	10.7	\$1,665	\$1,565	\$100	6.4
Uinta	8,164	7,761	403	5.2	\$97,866,899	\$84,786,032	\$13,080,867	15.4	\$922	\$840	\$82	9.7
Washakie	3,488	3,384	104	3.1	\$40,627,648	\$38,800,128	\$1,827,520	4.7	\$896	\$882	\$14	1.6
Weston	2,352	2,261	91	4.0	\$30,233,642	\$25,453,654	\$4,779,988	18.8	\$989	\$866	\$123	14.2
Nonclassified ^a	3,398	3,571	-172	-4.8	\$70,741,588	\$71,492,947	-\$751,359	-1.1	\$1,601	\$1,540	\$61	4.0

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

Source: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, developed through a cooperative program between Research & Planning and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Employment in Laramie County rose by 554 jobs (1.2%) and its total payroll grew by \$48.9 million (7.9%). Strong job growth occurred in mining (including oil & gas), professional & technical services, accommodation & food services, and manufacturing. Employment fell in retail trade and transportation & warehousing.

Sweetwater County added 540 jobs (2.7%) and its total payroll increased by \$56.4 million (18.7%). Solid job growth was seen in manufacturing, construction, and mining (including oil & gas).

Uinta County gained 403 jobs (5.2%) and its total payroll grew by \$13.1 million (15.4%). Construction employment rose by approximately 200 jobs and smaller gains were seen in local government and accommodation & food services.

Carbon County lost 116 jobs (-1.9%) and its total payroll fell by \$34.4 million (-29.2%). Modest job losses were reported in many different sectors, including mining, accommodation & food services, agriculture, and administrative & waste services.

Visit our website at https://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/23Q1_QCEW/toc.htm for detailed tables for each county.

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

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