Wyoming Employment and Payroll: Jobs Down Slightly, But Total Payroll Up in First Quarter 2026

The Research & Planning section of the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services reported today that from first quarter 2025 to first quarter 2026, total employment in the state fell by 505 jobs (-0.2%), but total payroll rose by $233.0 million (5.4%). Employment rose in nine counties and fell in 14 counties. Total payroll increased in 18 counties and decreased in five counties.

Sheridan County added 378 jobs (2.7%) and its total payroll grew by $43.4 million (20.7%). The largest job gains occurred in construction (365 jobs) and smaller gains were seen in professional & technical services, wholesale trade, and agriculture. Employment fell in federal government, administrative & waste services, and health care & social assistance.

Albany County gained 282 jobs (1.7%) and its total payroll rose by $15.0 million (6.7%). Substantial job growth was seen in health care & social assistance, administrative & waste services, construction, and information.

Employment in Converse County rose by 245 jobs (3.9%) and its total payroll increased by $10.1 million (9.5%). Job gains were reported in construction, health care & social assistance, and local government. Job losses were seen in accommodation & food services, and professional & technical services.

Campbell County gained 181 jobs (0.7%) and its total payroll grew by $11.6 million (2.7%). The largest job growth occurred in health care & social assistance, accommodation & food services, construction, and administrative & waste services. Employment fell in mining (including oil & gas), wholesale trade, and retail trade.

Sweetwater County's employment fell by 443 jobs (-2.2%) and its total payroll decreased by $6.0 million (-1.7%). Sizeable job losses were seen in mining (including oil & gas), construction, retail trade, manufacturing, and transportation & warehousing. These job losses were partially offset by job gains in professional & technical services.

Sublette county lost 208 jobs (-5.6%) and its total payroll fell by $4.0 million (-6.2%). The largest job losses

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Table: Wyoming Covered Employment, Total Wages, & Average Weekly Wages by County, First Quarter 2025 & 2026

	Average Monthly Employment				Total Wages ($)				Average Weekly Wage			
	First Quarter		Change		First Quarter		Change		First Quarter		Change	
County	2026	2025	N	%	2026	2025	$	%	2026	2025	$	%
Total Statewide	**274,418**	**274,923**	**-505**	**-0.2**	**$4,574,446,296**	**$4,341,467,106**	**$232,979,190**	**5.4**	**$1,282**	**$1,215**	**$68**	**5.6**
Albany	17,162	16,880	282	1.7	$240,094,237	$225,115,548	$14,978,689	6.7	$1,076	$1,026	$50	4.9
Big Horn	4,158	4,172	-14	-0.3	$54,361,592	$52,826,641	$1,534,951	2.9	$1,006	$974	$32	3.3
Campbell	24,587	24,406	181	0.7	$432,583,277	$421,030,660	$11,552,617	2.7	$1,353	$1,327	$26	2.0
Carbon	6,107	5,972	136	2.3	$94,984,643	$86,740,512	$8,244,131	9.5	$1,196	$1,117	$79	7.1
Converse	6,518	6,273	245	3.9	$116,816,877	$106,694,022	$10,122,855	9.5	$1,379	$1,308	$70	5.4
Crook	2,434	2,532	-98	-3.9	$36,292,650	$36,710,980	-$418,330	-1.1	$1,147	$1,115	$32	2.8
Fremont	15,010	15,187	-177	-1.2	$195,705,665	$191,033,730	$4,671,935	2.4	$1,003	$968	$35	3.7
Goshen	4,084	4,086	-2	-0.1	$50,671,639	$48,582,407	$2,089,232	4.3	$954	$915	$40	4.4
Hot Springs	1,791	1,843	-52	-2.8	$21,449,434	$21,509,531	-$60,097	-0.3	$921	$898	$23	2.6
Johnson	3,135	3,174	-38	-1.2	$41,818,864	$40,761,740	$1,057,124	2.6	$1,026	$988	$38	3.8
Laramie	48,521	48,396	126	0.3	$793,283,582	$757,290,945	$35,992,637	4.8	$1,258	$1,204	$54	4.5
Lincoln	7,062	7,130	-68	-0.9	$119,345,147	$113,032,158	$6,312,989	5.6	$1,300	$1,220	$80	6.6
Natrona	39,477	39,526	-49	-0.1	$624,566,758	$602,463,892	$22,102,866	3.7	$1,217	$1,172	$45	3.8
Niobrara	754	774	-19	-2.5	$8,656,252	$8,661,714	-$5,462	-0.1	$883	$861	$22	2.5
Park	12,821	12,702	118	0.9	$175,002,000	$169,359,294	$5,642,706	3.3	$1,050	$1,026	$24	2.4
Platte	3,284	3,245	38	1.2	$47,400,249	$44,571,620	$2,828,629	6.3	$1,110	$1,056	$54	5.1
Sheridan	14,621	14,244	378	2.7	$253,687,807	$210,243,663	$43,444,144	20.7	$1,335	$1,135	$199	17.5
Sublette	3,506	3,714	-208	-5.6	$60,604,748	$64,631,932	-$4,027,184	-6.2	$1,330	$1,339	-$9	-0.7
Sweetwater	19,827	20,270	-443	-2.2	$348,066,511	$354,016,714	-$5,950,203	-1.7	$1,350	$1,343	$7	0.5
Teton	22,333	22,487	-154	-0.7	$580,875,418	$512,184,285	$68,691,133	13.4	$2,001	$1,752	$249	14.2
Uinta	8,069	8,147	-77	-0.9	$111,379,069	$103,871,250	$7,507,819	7.2	$1,062	$981	$81	8.3
Washakie	3,516	3,482	34	1.0	$45,590,363	$43,818,425	$1,771,938	4.0	$997	$968	$29	3.0
Weston	2,242	2,304	-62	-2.7	$33,034,109	$31,651,312	$1,382,797	4.4	$1,133	$1,057	$76	7.2
Nonclassified[a]	3,397	3,978	-582	-14.6	$88,175,405	$94,664,131	-$6,488,726	-6.9	$1,997	$1,830	$166	9.1

[a]The employer may be located statewide or in more than one county. Extract Date: October 2026.

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were reported in mining (including oil & gas); arts, entertainment, & recreation; administrative & waste services; and local government (including public schools). On the other hand, the construction sector added jobs.

Employment in Fremont County fell by 177 jobs (-1.2%), but its total payroll rose by $4.7 million (2.4%). Substantial job losses occurred in local government (including public schools & colleges) and federal government.

Teton County lost 154 jobs (-0.7%), but its total payroll rose by $68.7 million (13.4%). The largest job losses were reported in construction, accommodation & food services, local government, and health care & social assistance. In contrast, job gains were seen in retail trade, administrative & waste services, management of companies & enterprises, and real estate & rental & leasing.

Crook County's employment fell by 98 jobs (-3.9%) and its total payroll fell by $418,330 (-1.1%). Large job losses were seen in mining and construction.

Visit our website at https://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/26Q1_QCEW/toc.htm for detailed tables for each county.

Employment and wages data for second quarter 2026 are scheduled to be published on February 5, 2027.

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