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2023Q2 Quarterly Update

Identifying Areas of Job Growth by County and Industry

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This article provides an overview of Wyoming’s employment and wages in second quarter 2023. The largest job growth occurred in professional & business services, local government (including public schools, colleges & hospitals), mining (including oil & gas), leisure & hospitality, and construction. Employment rose in 19 counties and fell in four counties.

Wyoming added more than 6,800 jobs and \$266.8 million in total wages over the year in second quarter 2023 (2023Q2; see Table 1). This marked the ninth consecutive quarter of over-the-year job growth, and the second quarter that Wyoming returned to pre-pandemic employment levels.

What industries are driving Wyoming's job growth, and where are they located? This article provides a look at 20 industry subsectors by county to gain a greater understanding of where job growth occurred from 2022Q2 to 2023Q2.

The data discussed in this article are from the Quarterly Census of Employment

and Wages (QCEW). Data from 2023Q2 are available at https://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/23Q2_QCEW/toc.htm.

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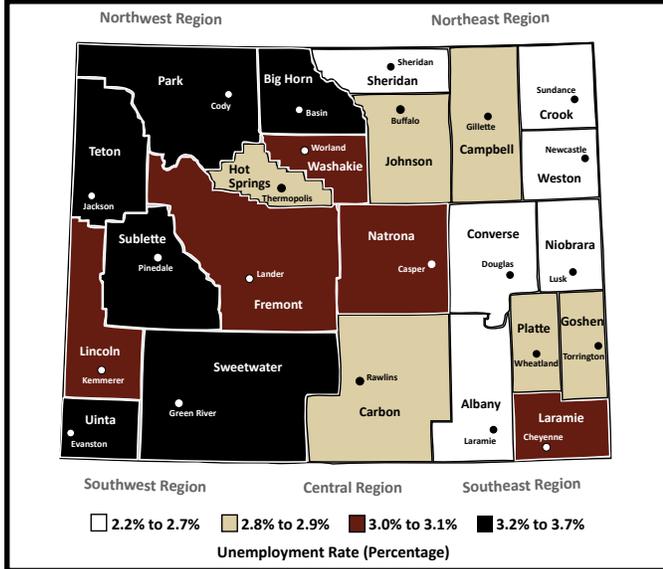
	2023Q2	2022Q2	Change, 2022Q2-2023Q2	
			N	%
Average Monthly Employment	279,992	273,178	6,814	2.5
Total Wages	\$4.0 Billion	\$3.7 Billion	\$266.8 Million	7.2
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,096	\$1,048	\$48	4.6

Source: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages. Prepared by M. Moore, Research & Planning, WY DWS, 10/31/23.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Wyoming had 17 growing industries in 2023Q2, which accounted for 21.0% of all industries and 14.1% of the state's total employment. ... page 12
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Unemployment Rate by Wyoming County, November 2023 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



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Introduction

Wyoming’s average monthly employment in 2023Q2 was 279,992, an increase of 6,814 jobs (2.5%) compared to 2022Q2 (see Table 2, page 4). The state had \$4.0 billion in total wages, up \$266.8 million (7.2%) over the year. Wyoming’s average weekly wage increased from \$1,048 to \$1,096 (\$48, or 4.6%).

Wyoming employment typically increases from first quarter to second, before peaking in third quarter (see Figure 1). The shaded areas in the figures in this article represent periods of economic downturn. The Research & Planning (R&P) section of the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services has defined an

economic downturn as a period of at least two consecutive quarters of over-the-year decreases in average monthly employment and total wages based on data from the QCEW. Wyoming has endured three such economic downturns since 2009: 2009Q1 to 2010Q1, 2015Q2 to 2016Q4, and 2020Q2 to 2021Q1. Wyoming’s most recent downturn was influenced by the COVID-19 pandemic and declines in the prices of and demand for the state’s energy resources. While each downturn had its own unique circumstances, declining energy prices preceded all three (Moore, 2019).

As illustrated in Figure 1, Wyoming’s average monthly employment fell to a decade low of 252,329 during 2020Q2 at the start of the pandemic. From 2020Q2 to 2023Q2, employment increased by 27,663

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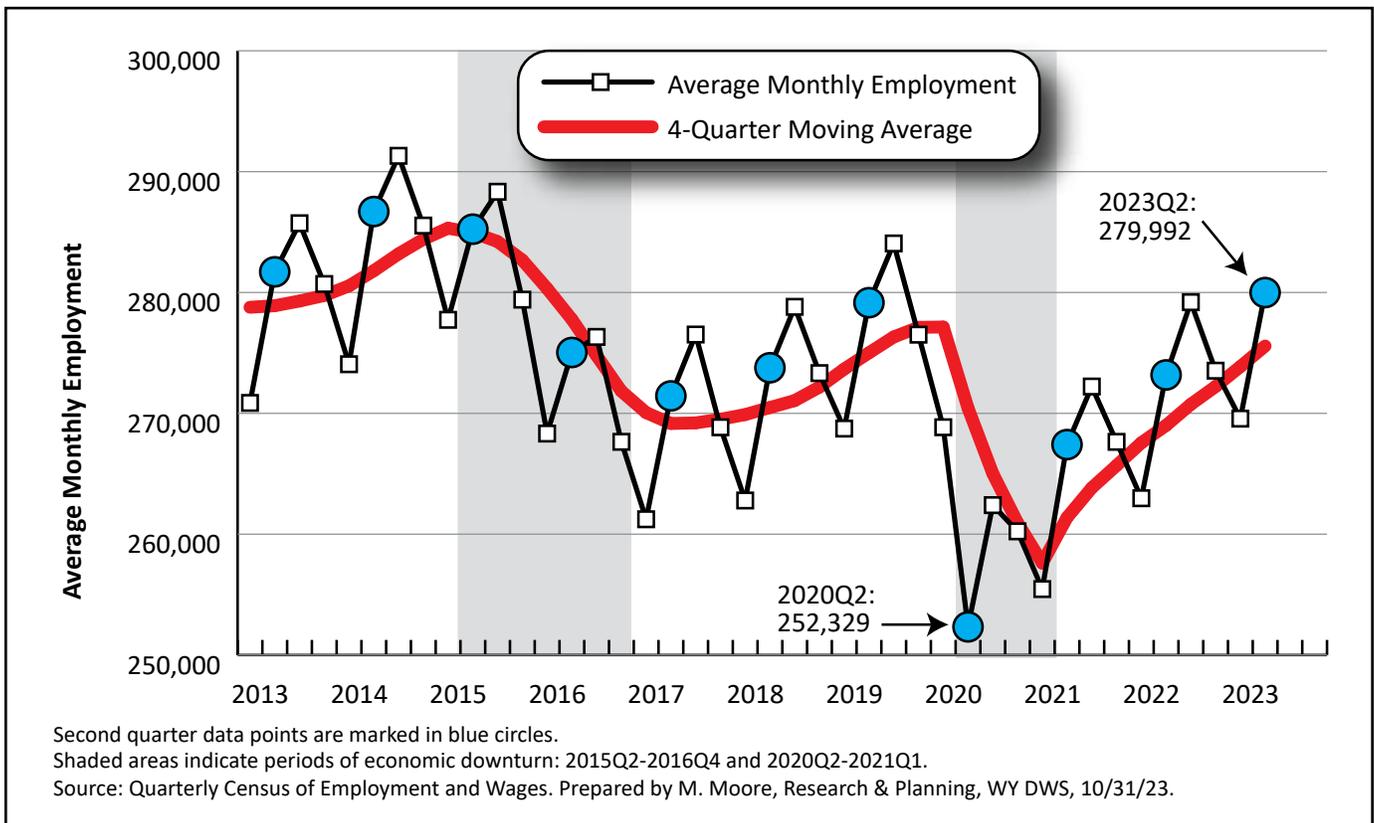


Figure 1: Average Monthly Employment in Wyoming, 2013Q1-2023Q2

Table 2: Average Monthly Employment, Total Wages, and Average Weekly Wage in Wyoming, 2013Q2-2023Q2

Year/ Quarter	Average Monthly Employment	Over-the-Year Change		Total Wages (in Millions)	Over-the-Year Change		Average Weekly Wage	Over-the-Year Change	
		N	%		\$	%		\$	%
2013Q2	281,708	518	0.2	\$3,093.2	\$18.9	0.6	\$845	\$4	0.4
2013Q3	285,730	1,550	0.5	\$3,119.3	\$59.1	1.9	\$840	\$11	1.4
2013Q4	280,701	1,833	0.7	\$3,344.4	\$50.9	1.5	\$916	\$8	0.9
2014Q1	274,063	3,202	1.2	\$3,124.2	\$100.0	3.3	\$877	\$18	2.1
2014Q2	286,699	4,991	1.8	\$3,243.7	\$150.5	4.9	\$870	\$26	3.0
2014Q3	291,309	5,579	2.0	\$3,317.6	\$198.4	6.4	\$876	\$36	4.3
2014Q4	285,540	4,839	1.7	\$3,536.9	\$192.5	5.8	\$953	\$36	4.0
2015Q1	277,738	3,675	1.3	\$3,221.1	\$96.8	3.1	\$892	\$15	1.7
2015Q2	285,239	-1,460	-0.5	\$3,219.5	-\$24.1	-0.7	\$868	-\$2	-0.2
2015Q3	288,335	-2,974	-1.0	\$3,242.2	-\$75.5	-2.3	\$865	-\$11	-1.3
2015Q4	279,408	-6,132	-2.1	\$3,406.8	-\$130.0	-3.7	\$938	-\$15	-1.6
2016Q1	268,325	-9,412	-3.4	\$2,971.2	-\$249.8	-7.8	\$852	-\$40	-4.5
2016Q2	275,036	-10,203	-3.6	\$3,035.6	-\$183.9	-5.7	\$849	-\$19	-2.2
2016Q3	276,323	-12,012	-4.2	\$3,107.2	-\$134.9	-4.2	\$865	\$0	0.0
2016Q4	267,641	-11,767	-4.2	\$3,111.4	-\$295.4	-8.7	\$894	-\$44	-4.7
2017Q1	261,234	-7,091	-2.6	\$2,988.8	\$17.6	0.6	\$880	\$28	3.3
2017Q2	271,441	-3,596	-1.3	\$3,089.1	\$53.5	1.8	\$875	\$26	3.1
2017Q3	276,520	197	0.1	\$3,118.5	\$11.2	0.4	\$868	\$3	0.3
2017Q4	268,845	1,203	0.4	\$3,273.7	\$162.3	5.2	\$937	\$42	4.7
2018Q1	262,788	1,554	0.6	\$3,121.6	\$132.8	4.4	\$914	\$34	3.8
2018Q2	273,771	2,331	0.9	\$3,205.4	\$116.3	3.8	\$901	\$25	2.9
2018Q3	278,812	2,292	0.8	\$3,277.9	\$159.5	5.1	\$904	\$37	4.2
2018Q4	273,327	4,482	1.7	\$3,475.3	\$201.6	6.2	\$978	\$41	4.4
2019Q1	268,739	5,951	2.3	\$3,314.0	\$192.4	6.2	\$949	\$35	3.8
2019Q2	279,155	5,383	2.0	\$3,379.7	\$174.3	5.4	\$931	\$31	3.4
2019Q3	284,060	5,248	1.9	\$3,482.6	\$204.7	6.2	\$943	\$39	4.3
2019Q4	276,508	3,181	1.2	\$3,646.3	\$171.0	4.9	\$1,014	\$36	3.7
2020Q1	268,850	111	0.0	\$3,351.2	\$37.2	1.1	\$959	\$10	1.1
2020Q2	252,329	-26,825	-9.6	\$3,164.0	-\$215.8	-6.4	\$965	\$33	3.6
2020Q3	262,404	-21,656	-7.6	\$3,201.3	-\$281.3	-8.1	\$938	-\$5	-0.5
2020Q4	260,235	-16,273	-5.9	\$3,587.8	-\$58.4	-1.6	\$1,061	\$46	4.6
2021Q1	255,457	-13,392	-5.0	\$3,162.1	-\$189.1	-5.6	\$952	-\$7	-0.7
2021Q2	267,414	15,085	6.0	\$3,429.3	\$265.3	8.4	\$986	\$22	2.3
2021Q3	272,220	9,816	3.7	\$3,519.6	\$318.3	9.9	\$995	\$56	6.0
2021Q4	267,639	7,404	2.8	\$3,976.3	\$388.4	10.8	\$1,143	\$82	7.8
2022Q1	262,975	7,518	2.9	\$3,629.3	\$467.2	14.8	\$1,062	\$109	11.5
2022Q2	273,178	5,764	2.2	\$3,723.4	\$294.1	8.6	\$1,048	\$62	6.3
2022Q3	279,197	6,977	2.6	\$3,937.5	\$417.9	11.9	\$1,085	\$90	9.1
2022Q4	273,530	5,891	2.2	\$4,041.2	\$64.9	1.6	\$1,136	-\$6	-0.6
2023Q1	269,562	6,587	2.5	\$4,014.1	\$384.8	10.6	\$1,145	\$84	7.9
2023Q2(p)	279,992	6,814	2.5	\$3,990.2	\$266.8	7.2	\$1,096	\$48	4.6

(p)Preliminary.

Source: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages.

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Box 1: North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Structure of Selected Levels for Mining (NAICS 21)

Level	NAICS Code	Title
Sector (2-Digit)	21	Mining
Subsector (3-Digit)	212	Mining, Except Oil & Gas
Industry Group (4-Digit)	2121	Coal Mining
Detailed Industry (4-Digit)	2122	Metal Ore Mining
National Detailed Industry (5-Digit)	21229	Other Metal Ore Mining
National Detailed Industry (6-Digit)	212291	Uranium-Radium-Vandaleium Ore Mining

Source: North American Industry Classification System (NAICS).

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jobs, or 11.0%. Also, 2023Q2 marked the second consecutive quarter of Wyoming returning to pre-pandemic employment levels. The state's average monthly employment of 279,992 was slightly higher than the 279,155 in 2019Q2 prior to the pandemic.

Industry

Industries are organized by the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). A sample of the NAICS hierarchal structure for mining (NAICS 21) can be found in Box 1 on page 4. This section of

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the article discusses statewide employment at the sector (or two-digit NAICS) level.

Table 3 (see page 6) shows employment and wages at the two-digit sector level. Nearly all industries showed substantial over-the-year employment gains, led by professional & business services (1,249, or 6.0%), local government, including public

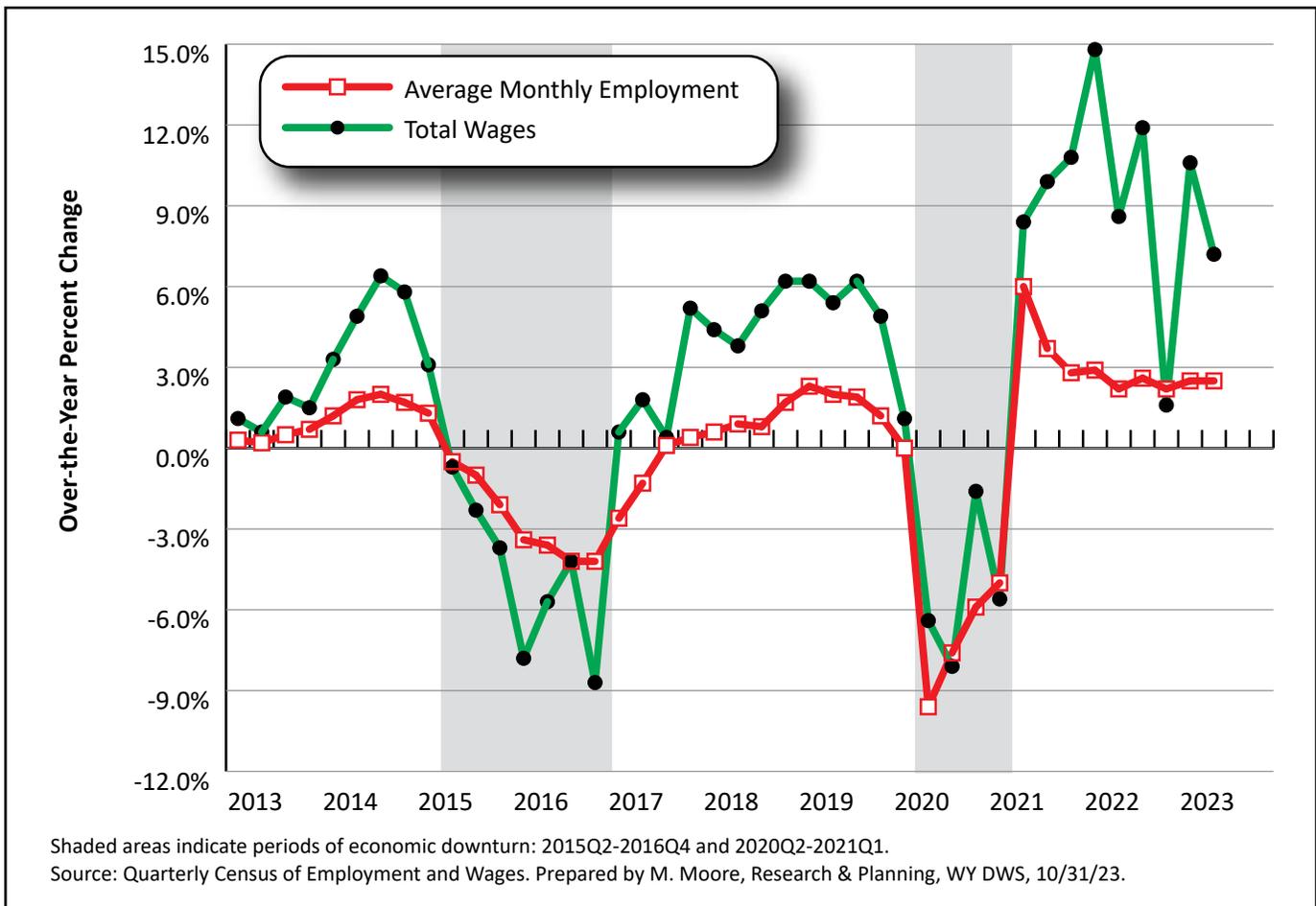


Figure 2: Over-the-Year Percent Change in Average Monthly Employment and Total Wages in Wyoming, 2013Q1-2023Q2

schools, colleges, & hospitals (1,105, or 2.5%), mining, including oil & gas (916, or 5.7%), leisure & hospitality (729, or 1.9%), and construction (693, or 3.2%). Within the mining sector, all three subsectors saw over-the-year job growth, with the greatest in support activities for mining (670, or 10.7%).

The only notable over-the-year job losses were seen in retail trade (-322, or -1.1%).

Wyoming's total wages increased from \$3.7 billion in 2022Q2 to \$4.0 billion in 2023Q2 (\$266.8 million, or 7.2%). The greatest increases in total wages were seen in professional & business services (\$51.3 million, or 13.8%), mining, including oil & gas (\$37.5 million, or 9.6%), local government (\$35.2 million, or 5.9%), and construction (\$34.3 million, or 10.4%).

Across all industries, Wyoming's

Table 3: Average Monthly Employment and Total Wages in Wyoming by 2-Digit NAICS^a Sector and Ownership, 2022Q2-2023Q2

NAICS ^a Code	Industry	Average Monthly Employment				Total Wages (in Millions)			
		2023Q2	2022Q2	Change		2023Q2	2022Q2	Change	
				N	%	\$	\$	\$	%
	Ownership - Total	279,992	273,178	6,814	2.5	\$3,990.2	\$3,723.4	\$266.8	7.2
	Ownership - Private	213,565	208,323	5,242	2.5	\$3,004.5	\$2,790.9	\$213.6	7.7
11	Agriculture	2,828	2,754	74	2.7	\$27.2	\$26.4	\$0.8	3.0
21	Mining, Including Oil & Gas	17,029	16,114	916	5.7	\$426.3	\$388.8	\$37.5	9.6
211	Oil & Gas Extraction	2,309	2,193	116	5.3	\$74.9	\$66.7	\$8.2	12.3
212	Mining, Except Oil & Gas	7,770	7,641	130	1.7	\$198.1	\$190.9	\$7.1	3.7
213	Support Activities For Mining	6,950	6,280	670	10.7	\$153.3	\$131.1	\$22.1	16.9
23	Construction	22,379	21,686	693	3.2	\$362.4	\$328.1	\$34.3	10.4
31-33	Manufacturing	10,333	10,064	269	2.7	\$183.5	\$179.1	\$4.4	2.5
42, 48-49, 22	Wholesale Trade, Trans., Warehousing, & Utilities	20,363	19,702	661	3.4	\$361.1	\$336.5	\$24.7	7.3
44-45	Retail Trade	30,078	30,400	-322	-1.1	\$266.6	\$259.5	\$7.1	2.7
51	Information	3,177	3,098	79	2.6	\$56.6	\$51.3	\$5.3	10.4
52-53	Financial Activities	11,494	11,462	32	0.3	\$209.4	\$201.7	\$7.7	3.8
54-56	Pro. & Business Services	22,013	20,764	1,249	6.0	\$423.2	\$371.8	\$51.3	13.8
61	Educational Services	2,205	2,080	125	6.0	\$22.9	\$20.9	\$2.0	9.6
62	Health Care & Social Assist.	25,935	25,406	529	2.1	\$331.8	\$315.0	\$16.8	5.3
71-72	Leisure & Hospitality	38,341	37,613	729	1.9	\$247.4	\$229.9	\$17.5	7.6
81	Other Services, Except Public Administration	7,306	7,115	191	2.7	\$84.1	\$80.2	\$4.0	4.9
99	Unclassified	84	66	18	26.8	\$2.1	\$1.8	\$0.3	14.9
	Total Government	66,427	64,855	1,572	2.4	\$985.7	\$932.5	\$53.2	5.7
	Federal Government	7,959	7,657	302	3.9	\$159.8	\$156.1	\$3.7	2.4
	State Government	12,274	12,108	166	1.4	\$194.7	\$180.3	\$14.3	8.0
	Local Government	46,194	45,089	1,105	2.5	\$631.2	\$596.1	\$35.2	5.9
61	Educational Services	23,143	22,768	374	1.6	\$302.1	\$290.6	\$11.6	4.0
62	Health Care & Social Assist.	8,901	8,620	281	3.3	\$164.8	\$155.6	\$9.1	5.9

^aNorth American Industry Classification System.

Source: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages.

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average weekly wage in 2023Q2 was \$1,096 (see Figure 3). The highest weekly wages were found in mining, including oil & gas (\$1,925), federal government (\$1,544), professional & business services (\$1,479), and financial activities (\$1,402). The industries with the lowest average weekly wages were leisure & hospitality (\$496), retail trade (\$682), and agriculture (\$739).

County

All but four of Wyoming's 23 counties experienced over the-year job growth in 2023Q2 (see Table 4, page 8). Natrona County added the greatest number of jobs (1,477, or 3.9%), followed by Laramie (1,096, or 2.4%), Teton (935, or 4.3%), and Campbell (880, or 3.6%) counties. These four counties have mostly shown job growth over the last eight quarters (Research & Planning, 2023; see Figure 4, page 9).

Job losses were seen in Carbon (-181, or -2.7%), Platte (-165, or -4.7%), Niobrara (-30, or -3.5%), and Big Horn (-24, or -0.6%) counties. These four counties have seen persistent over-the-year job losses, even as the state

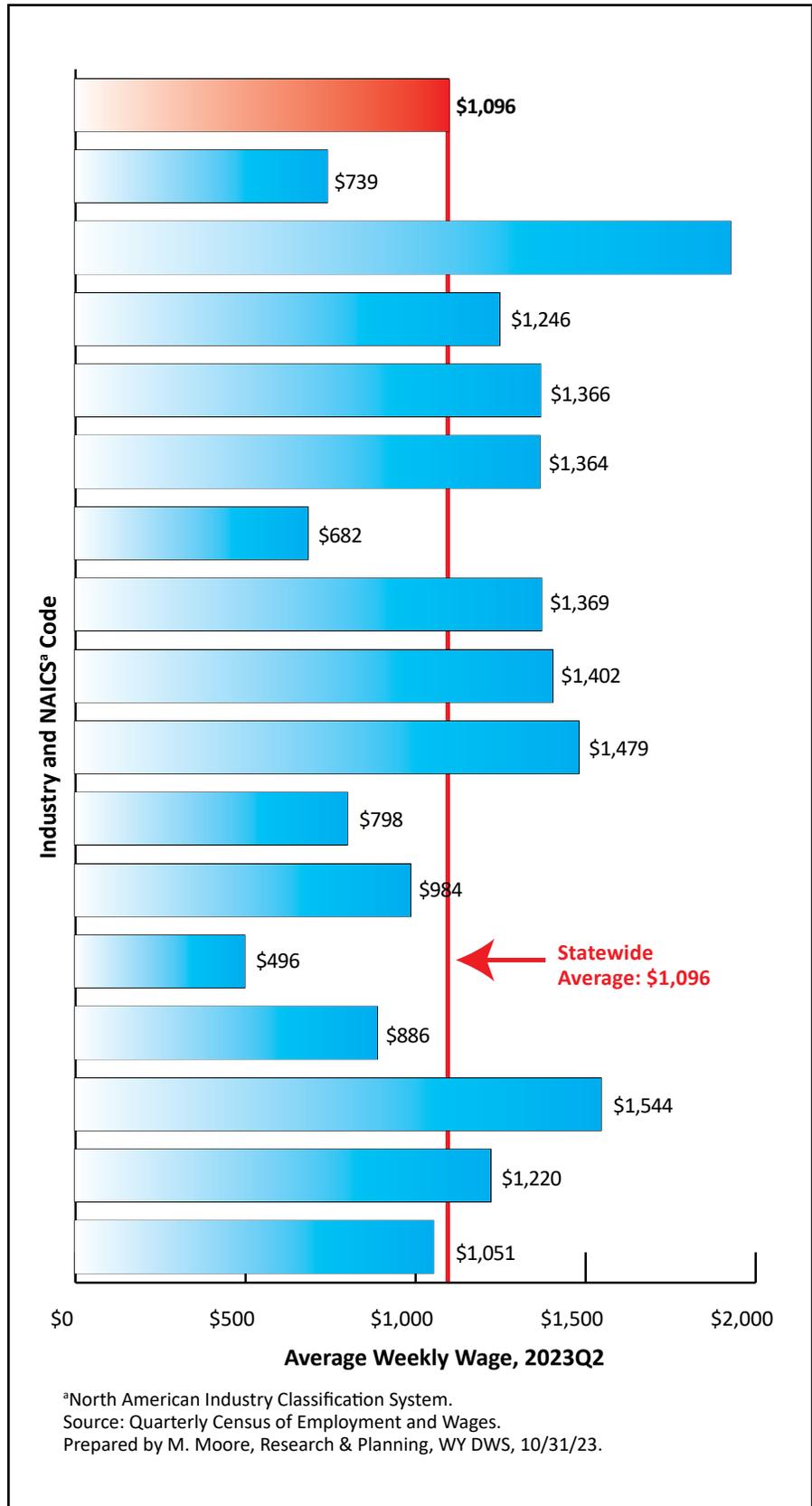


Figure 3: Average Weekly Wage in Wyoming by Industry Sector (2-Digit NAICS^a), 2023Q2

has continued to add jobs (Research & Planning, 2023; see Figure 5, page 9). For example, Big Horn and Carbon counties have both seen over-the-year job losses in each of the last eight quarters.

Natrona County also saw the greatest increase in total wages (\$44.6 million, or 8.7%), followed by Teton (\$43.1 million, or 11.3%), Laramie (\$41.8 million, or 6.7%), Campbell (\$24.9 million, or 6.6%), and Sweetwater (\$23.4 million, or 7.3%) counties.

Over-the-year decreases in total wages

were seen in Platte (-\$3.2 million, or -7.1%), Carbon (-\$1.8 million, or -2.0%), and Niobrara (-\$0.2 million, or -2.3%) counties.

Where is the Job Growth?

Wyoming's job growth is often driven by a specific industry, such as mining (including oil & gas), construction, or leisure & hospitality. In the years since the pandemic, however, job growth has

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Table 4: Average Monthly Employment and Total Wages in Wyoming by County of Employment, 2022Q2 & 2023Q2

County	Average Monthly Employment				Total Wages (in Millions of Dollars)			
	2023Q2	2022Q2	Over-the-Year Change		2023Q2	2022Q2	Over-the-Year Change	
			N	%			\$	%
Total	279,992	273,178	6,814	2.5	\$3,990.2	\$3,723.4	\$266.8	7.2
Albany	16,648	16,557	91	0.6	\$205.2	\$196.2	\$9.0	4.6
Big Horn	4,125	4,149	-24	-0.6	\$53.2	\$49.1	\$4.1	8.3
Campbell	25,120	24,240	880	3.6	\$400.0	\$375.0	\$24.9	6.6
Carbon	6,614	6,795	-181	-2.7	\$88.8	\$90.6	-\$1.8	-2.0
Converse	6,173	6,108	65	1.1	\$95.1	\$94.0	\$1.1	1.2
Crook	2,683	2,663	20	0.8	\$35.2	\$33.9	\$1.3	4.0
Fremont	15,786	15,443	343	2.2	\$188.8	\$177.9	\$10.9	6.1
Goshen	4,171	4,143	28	0.7	\$46.0	\$45.0	\$1.0	2.3
Hot Springs	2,044	2,010	33	1.7	\$22.6	\$21.5	\$1.1	5.2
Johnson	3,464	3,327	136	4.1	\$39.9	\$35.7	\$4.1	11.5
Laramie	47,442	46,346	1,096	2.4	\$665.3	\$623.5	\$41.8	6.7
Lincoln	7,135	7,119	16	0.2	\$105.2	\$94.5	\$10.7	11.3
Natrona	39,620	38,143	1,477	3.9	\$555.3	\$510.7	\$44.6	8.7
Niobrara	837	867	-30	-3.5	\$9.3	\$9.5	-\$0.2	-2.3
Park	14,684	14,279	405	2.8	\$170.2	\$157.4	\$12.8	8.1
Platte	3,342	3,506	-165	-4.7	\$41.9	\$45.1	-\$3.2	-7.1
Sheridan	14,247	13,889	357	2.6	\$188.9	\$176.0	\$12.9	7.3
Sublette	3,827	3,712	115	3.1	\$59.9	\$52.8	\$7.0	13.3
Sweetwater	20,949	20,402	546	2.7	\$345.5	\$322.1	\$23.4	7.3
Teton	22,752	21,817	935	4.3	\$423.1	\$380.1	\$43.1	11.3
Uinta	8,354	8,012	341	4.3	\$100.1	\$90.6	\$9.5	10.5
Washakie	3,591	3,522	69	1.9	\$43.0	\$41.6	\$1.4	3.4
Weston	2,427	2,392	35	1.4	\$29.6	\$28.9	\$0.7	2.5
Nonclassified ^a	3,958	3,734	224	6.0	\$78.2	\$71.6	\$6.6	9.2

^aThe employer may be located statewide or in more than one county.

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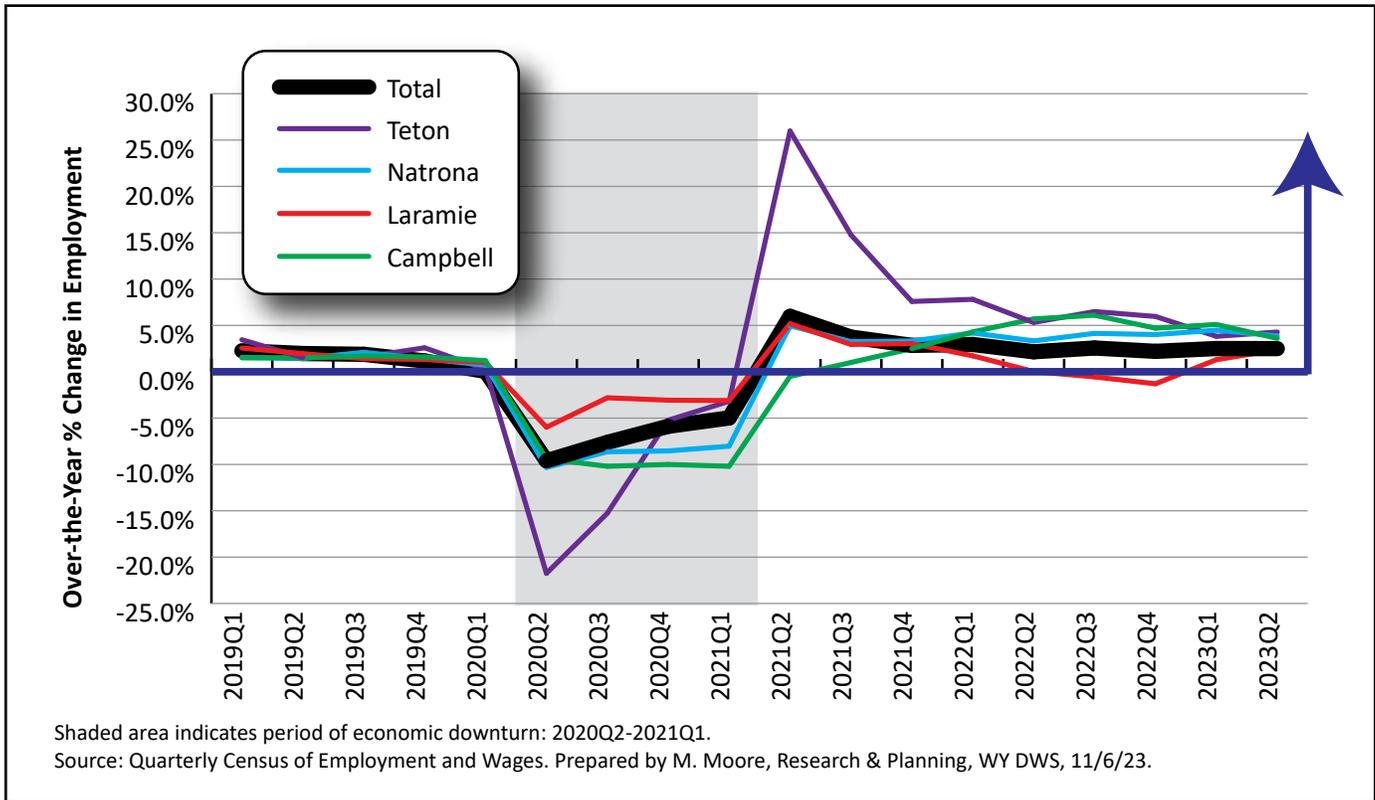


Figure 4: Over-the-Year Percent Change in Employment in Campbell, Laramie, Natrona, and Teton Counties, 2019Q1-2023Q2

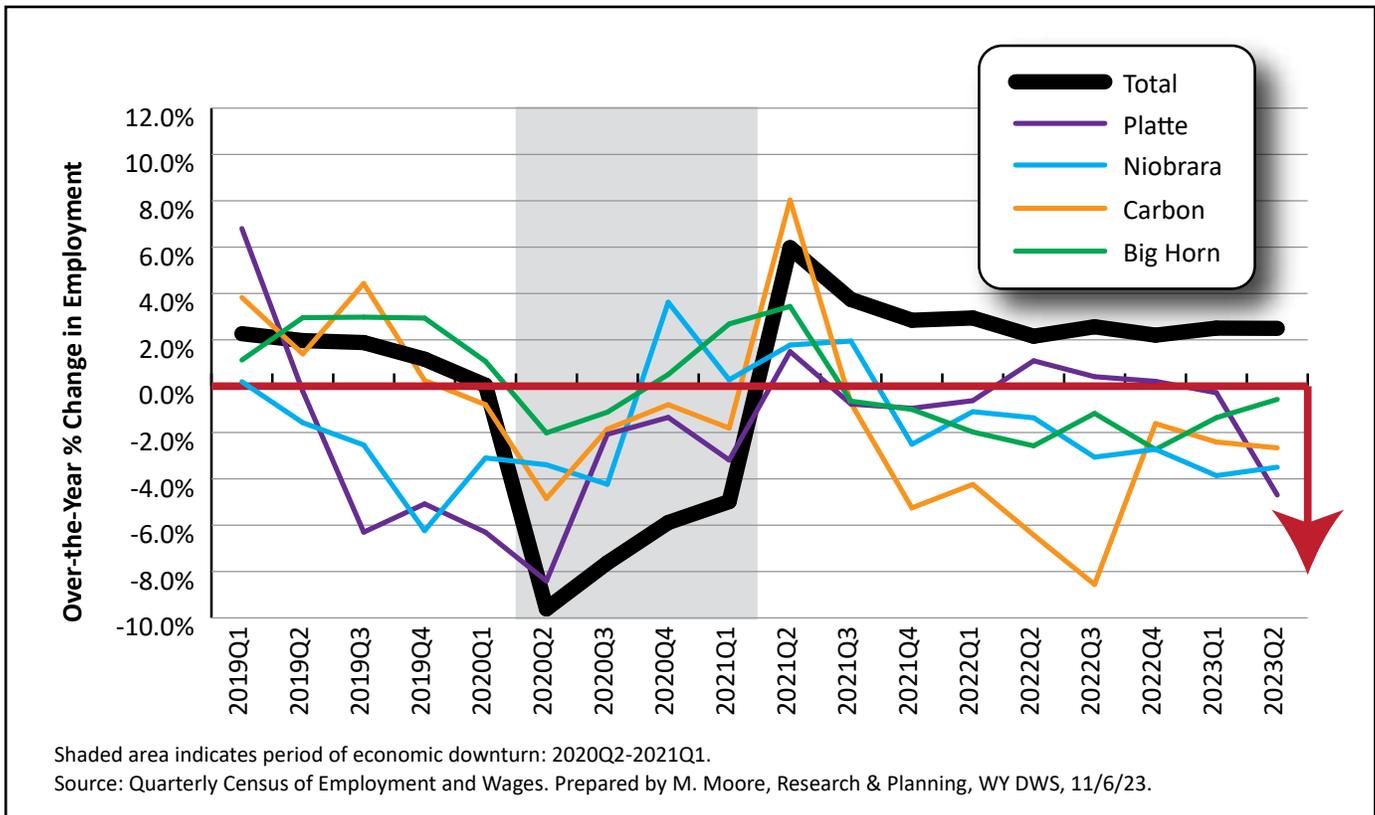


Figure 5: Over-the-Year Percent Change in Employment in Big Horn, Carbon, Niobrara, and Platte Counties, 2019Q1-2023Q2

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been more widespread. This section of the article looks to pinpoint that growth by examining the 20 industry subsectors (three-digit NAICS) that added the most jobs and the counties in which they were located.

For example, Natrona County's support activities for transportation subsector (NAICS 488) added the most new jobs over the year (337, or an increase of 111.5%; see Table 5). This subsector falls within the transportation & utilities sector (NAICS

48-49); according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (2023), businesses in this subsector "provide services which support transportation. These services may be provided to transportation carrier establishments or to the general public. This subsector includes a wide array of establishments, including air traffic control services, marine cargo handling, and motor vehicle towing."

Substantial job growth was seen in support activities for mining in three different counties: Natrona (270, or 19.3%), Laramie (253, or 88.9%), and Campbell

Table 5: Average Monthly Employment and Average Weekly Wage for 20 Industry Subsectors with the Greatest Job Growth with County of Employment, 2022Q2-2023Q2

County	NAICS ^a Code	Subsector Title	Average Monthly Employment				Average Weekly Wage
			2023Q2	2022Q2	N Change	% Change	2023Q2
Total	Total		279,992	273,178	6,814	2.5	\$1,096
Natrona	488	Support Activities for Transportation	640	303	337	111.5	\$1,359
Teton	721	Accommodation	5,019	4,709	310	6.6	\$820
Natrona	213	Support Activities for Mining	1,670	1,399	270	19.3	\$2,035
Laramie	213	Support Activities for Mining	538	285	253	88.9	\$1,996
Campbell	213	Support Activities for Mining	1,758	1,533	225	14.7	\$1,678
Campbell	921	Executive, Legislative & General Government (Local Government)	1,053	841	211	25.1	\$1,058
Laramie	561	Administrative & Support Services	2,040	1,878	162	8.6	\$789
Laramie	541	Pro., Scientific, & Technical Services	2,212	2,055	156	7.6	\$1,512
Nonclassified ^b	237	Heavy & Civil Engineering Construction	558	412	146	35.4	\$1,570
Natrona	541	Pro., Scientific, & Technical Services	1,527	1,387	139	10.0	\$1,425
Albany	611	Educational Services (State Gov.)	3,537	3,402	135	4.0	\$1,208
Teton	561	Administrative & Support Services	1,115	998	117	11.8	\$2,903
Sweetwater	213	Support Activities for Mining	819	705	114	16.2	\$1,485
Laramie	722	Food Services & Drinking Places	3,930	3,828	102	2.7	\$439
Campbell	423	Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	1,095	993	102	10.2	\$1,778
Uinta	238	Specialty Trade Contractors	236	137	99	72.0	\$1,876
Campbell	621	Ambulatory Health Care Services	779	681	98	14.4	\$1,169
Laramie	622	Hospitals (Federal Government)	911	815	96	11.8	\$1,844
Natrona	237	Heavy & Civil Engineering Construction	672	577	95	16.4	\$1,475
Laramie	811	Repair & Maintenance	592	500	92	18.4	\$1,000

Private industry unless otherwise noted.

^aNorth American Industry Classification System.

^bThe employer may be located statewide or in more than one county.

Source: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages.

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(225, or 14.7%). Job growth in Laramie County also was seen in administrative & support services (162, or 8.6%) and professional, scientific, & technical services (156, or 7.6%). Heavy & civil engineering construction added 146 jobs (35.4%) and was listed in a nonclassified county; this indicates that many of these were large employers that were located statewide or in more than one county.

While the majority of job growth in Table 5 occurred in private industry, there were some exceptions. Campbell County's local government executive, legislative, & general government subsector added 211 jobs (25.1%). State government educational services in Albany County added 135 jobs (4.0%), while federal government hospitals in Laramie County added 96 (11.8%).

It is worth noting that the majority of the industries in Table 5 had higher wages than the statewide average of \$1,096. For example, the average weekly wage for administrative & support services in Teton County was \$2,903. In Natrona County's support activities for mining subsector, the average weekly wage was \$2,035. The only subsectors in Table 5 with noticeably lower wages were administrative & support services in Laramie County (\$789) and accommodation in Teton County (\$820). The weighted average weekly wage for the industry subsectors in Table 5 was \$1,255.

Conclusion

Second quarter 2023 marked the ninth consecutive quarter of over-the-year job growth for Wyoming, as the state added more than 6,800 jobs and \$266 million in total wages. Job growth was seen in various industries around

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the state. In addition, 2023Q2 was the second consecutive quarter during which the state's average monthly employment returned to pre-pandemic levels.

Quarterly employment and wage data for Wyoming from the QCEW are available online at https://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/toc_202.htm. Data for 2023Q3 will be released on February 2, 2024, with a feature article planned for the April 2024 issue of *Wyoming Labor Force Trends*.

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Growing and Declining Industries in Wyoming, 2023Q2

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The Research & Planning (R&P) section of the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services publishes quarterly reports on growing and declining industries in Wyoming online at https://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/G_DInd/G_D_Industries.htm. The most recent report available is for second quarter 2023 (2023Q2).

A *growing* or *declining* industry is defined as an industry's employment level increasing or decreasing for two quarters by 5% or more over the year based on data from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages. For example, all industries that grew or declined in employment by at least 5% from 2022Q1 to 2023Q1 and subsequently from 2022Q2 to 2023Q2 were included in the respective tables in this article. Only subsectors with employment of 100 or

more are included in the growing and declining industries for Wyoming.

Industries are defined by the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). For this research, growing and declining industries are determined at the three-digit subsector level.

Wyoming had 17 growing industries in 2023Q2 (see Table 1), which accounted for 21.0% of all industries and 14.1% of the state's total employment. Growing industries included support activities for mining; professional & technical services; support activities for transportation; and merchant wholesalers, durable goods.

There were nine declining industries in 2023Q2, accounting for 7.4% of all industries and 2.0% of the state's total employment.

Table 1: Growing Industries Report for Wyoming, Second Quarter 2023^a

Subsector ^a (3-Digit NAICS ^b)	Sector (2-Digit NAICS)	Employment (Current Quarter)				Employment (Prior Quarter)				Growing Industries		
		2023Q2	2022Q2	Over-the-Year Change		2023Q1	2022Q1	Over-the-Year Change		Average Change		Average Weekly Wage
				N	%			N	%	N	%	
Oil & Gas Extraction (211)	Mining (21)	2,309	2,193	116	5.3	2,303	2,178	125	5.7	121	5.5	\$2,495
Support Activities for Mining (213)	Mining (21)	6,951	6,280	671	10.7	6,917	5,973	944	15.8	808	13.2	\$1,696
Wood Product Mfg. (321)	Manufac- turing (31-33)	498	451	47	10.4	507	474	33	7.0	40	8.7	\$950
Chemical Manufacturing (325)	Manufac- turing (31- 33)	1,832	1,703	129	7.6	1,806	1,604	202	12.6	166	10.1	\$2,124
Plastics & Rubber Products Mfg. (326)	Manufac- turing (31- 33)	432	384	48	12.5	447	395	52	13.2	50	12.8	\$936

^aIncludes both public & privately owned firms.

^bNorth American Industry Classification System.

Source: Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages.

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Subsector ^a (3-Digit NAICS ^b)	Sector (2-Digit NAICS)	Employment (Current Quarter)				Employment (Prior Quarter)				Growing Industries		
		2023Q2	2022Q2	Over-the-Year Change		2023Q1	2022Q1	Over-the-Year Change		Average Change		Average Weekly Wage
				N	%			N	%	N	%	
Fabricated Metal Product Mfg. (332)	Manufac- turing (31- 33)	1,884	1,767	117	6.6	1,865	1,709	156	9.1	137	7.9	\$1,187
Machinery Manufacturing (333)	Manufac- turing (31- 33)	723	668	55	8.2	724	656	68	10.4	62	9.3	\$1,160
Electrical Equipment & Appliance Mfg. (335)	Manufac- turing (31- 33)	432	381	51	13.4	419	365	54	14.8	53	14.1	\$1,356
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods (423)	Wholesale Trade (42)	5,078	4,762	316	6.6	4,974	4,643	331	7.1	324	6.9	\$1,489
Transit & Ground Passenger Transportation (485)	Transpor- tation & Ware- housing (48-49)	437	389	48	12.3	425	397	28	7.1	38	9.7	\$649
Support Activities for Transportation (488)	Transpor- tation & Ware- housing (48-49)	2,051	1,596	455	28.5	1,964	1,680	284	16.9	370	22.7	\$1,327
ISPs, Search Portals, & Data (518)	Information (51)	193	171	22	12.9	197	163	34	20.9	28	16.9	\$3,223
Other Information Services (519)	Information (51)	572	538	34	6.3	568	525	43	8.2	39	7.3	\$780
Rental & Leasing Services (532)	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing (53)	1,600	1,519	81	5.3	1,585	1,499	86	5.7	84	5.5	\$1,184
Professional & Technical Services (541)	Professional & Technical Svc. (54)	11,455	10,769	686	6.4	11,079	10,402	677	6.5	682	6.4	\$1,535
Management of Companies & Enterprises (551)	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter- prises (55)	998	931	67	7.2	986	903	83	9.2	75	8.2	\$4,135
Membership Associations & Organizations (813)	Other Services, Except Public Admin. (81)	2,004	1,866	138	7.4	1,830	1,717	113	6.6	126	7.0	\$797
Total	Total	39,442	36,365	3,077	8.5	38,591	35,277	3,314	9.4	3,196	8.9	\$1,593

^aIncludes both public & privately owned firms.

^bNorth American Industry Classification System.

Source: Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages.

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R&P Publishes New Summary Statistics Tables by County

by: *Michael Moore, Research Supervisor*

The Research & Planning (R&P) section of the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services has published new tables and figures with data from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW). These new tables and figures provide summary employment and wage statistics for Wyoming by county of employment from first quarter 2001 (2001Q1) to the most current quarter; in this case, second quarter 2023 (2023Q2).

This brief article discusses the data that have been made available in these new tables and figures by using Teton County as an example. As shown in Table 1 (see page 15), the average monthly employment in Teton County for 2023Q2 was 22,752, up 4.3% over the year. This marked the ninth consecutive quarter of over-the-year job growth in Teton County. In addition, Teton County had \$423.1 million in total wages

(up 11.3% over the year) and an average weekly wage of \$1,431 (up 6.8%).

The average monthly employment data presented in Table 1 were used to create Figure 1. This figure clearly illustrates the seasonal nature of Teton County's employment, which peaks during the third quarter of each year. Figure 1 also illustrates how employment declined substantially during the early months of the Covid-19 pandemic, but has consistently increased since.

Summary tables and figures are available for each county at https://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/QCEW_OTY_County/county_toc.htm.

Similar tables and figures are available by industry at https://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/QCEW_OTY/toc.htm.

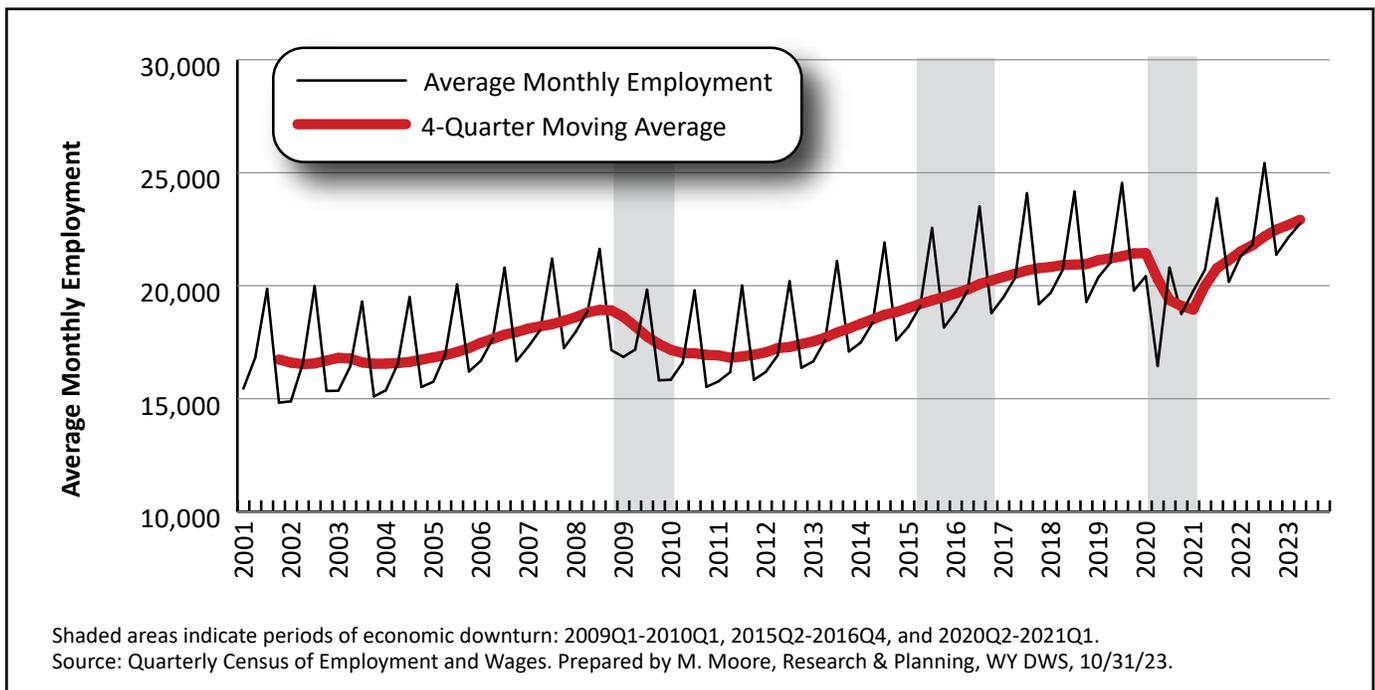


Figure 1: Average Monthly Employment in Teton County, Wyoming, 2001Q1-2023Q2.

Table 1: Over-the-Year Change in Average Monthly Employment, Total Wages, and Average Weekly Wage in Teton County, WY, 2013Q1-2023Q2

Year/Quarter	Average Monthly Employment		Total Wages		Average Weekly Wage	
	N	% Change	\$	% Change	\$	% Change
2013Q1	16,652	2.9	\$178,565,826	13.7	\$825	10.5
2013Q2	17,594	4.0	\$167,236,762	4.4	\$731	0.4
2013Q3	21,095	4.4	\$196,430,269	4.1	\$716	-0.3
2013Q4	17,091	4.4	\$190,809,478	-0.6	\$859	-4.8
2014Q1	17,485	5.0	\$173,288,848	-3.0	\$762	-7.6
2014Q2	18,372	4.4	\$179,071,038	7.1	\$750	2.5
2014Q3	21,907	3.9	\$222,313,765	13.2	\$781	9.0
2014Q4	17,584	2.9	\$225,490,376	18.2	\$986	14.9
2015Q1	18,181	4.0	\$189,547,678	9.4	\$802	5.2
2015Q2	19,097	3.9	\$192,939,877	7.7	\$777	3.7
2015Q3	22,557	3.0	\$225,918,905	1.6	\$770	-1.3
2015Q4	18,152	3.2	\$220,807,551	-2.1	\$936	-5.1
2016Q1	18,850	3.7	\$207,272,405	9.4	\$846	5.5
2016Q2	19,787	3.6	\$205,821,881	6.7	\$800	3.0
2016Q3	23,504	4.2	\$252,792,805	11.9	\$827	7.4
2016Q4	18,787	3.5	\$225,177,230	2.0	\$922	-1.5
2017Q1	19,477	3.3	\$227,325,292	9.7	\$898	6.1
2017Q2	20,351	2.8	\$218,966,195	6.4	\$828	3.4
2017Q3	24,095	2.5	\$259,114,496	2.5	\$827	0.0
2017Q4	19,185	2.1	\$241,720,271	7.3	\$969	5.1
2018Q1	19,688	1.1	\$239,251,498	5.2	\$935	4.1
2018Q2	20,700	1.7	\$229,686,415	4.9	\$854	3.1
2018Q3	24,162	0.3	\$282,636,893	9.1	\$900	8.8
2018Q4	19,287	0.5	\$257,915,374	6.7	\$1,029	6.1
2019Q1	20,368	3.5	\$269,350,936	12.6	\$1,017	8.8
2019Q2	21,015	1.5	\$240,506,369	4.7	\$880	3.1
2019Q3	24,546	1.6	\$307,263,196	8.7	\$963	7.0
2019Q4	19,785	2.6	\$287,991,054	11.7	\$1,120	8.8
2020Q1	20,421	0.3	\$268,045,025	-0.5	\$1,010	-0.7
2020Q2	16,444	-21.8	\$227,454,050	-5.4	\$1,064	20.9
2020Q3	20,800	-15.3	\$281,662,176	-8.3	\$1,042	8.2
2020Q4	18,752	-5.2	\$367,661,776	27.7	\$1,508	34.7
2021Q1	19,771	-3.2	\$322,398,896	20.3	\$1,254	24.2
2021Q2	20,715	26.0	\$334,955,080	47.3	\$1,244	16.9
2021Q3	23,872	14.8	\$377,941,915	34.2	\$1,218	16.9
2021Q4	20,173	7.6	\$507,352,533	38.0	\$1,935	28.3
2022Q1	21,315	7.8	\$433,638,224	34.5	\$1,565	24.8
2022Q2	21,817	5.3	\$380,077,023	13.5	\$1,340	7.7
2022Q3	25,423	6.5	\$418,762,685	10.8	\$1,267	4.0
2022Q4	21,376	6.0	\$434,387,117	-14.4	\$1,563	-19.2
2023Q1	22,130	3.8	\$480,360,813	10.8	\$1,670	6.7
2023Q2 ^a	22,752	4.3	\$423,145,817	11.3	\$1,431	6.8

^aPreliminary.

Source: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages.

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Quarterly Turnover Statistics by Industry, First Quarter 2023

The total number of persons working in Wyoming in first quarter 2023 was 299,252. This marked the largest number of persons working in first quarter since 2020, just prior to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Sector	Major Industry		(H)	(H)+(B)	(B)	(E)	(E)+(B)	(C)	(H+E+B+C)	Turnover	
			Hire Only	Total Hires	Both Hire and Exit	Exit Only	Total Exits	Continuous Employment	Total	Rate ^a	Change Prior Year
Goods Producing	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, & Hunting	Transactions ^b	255	319	64	207	271	2,210	2,736	19.2	-1.3
		Rates	9.3	11.7	2.3	7.6	9.9	80.8	100.0		
	Mining	Transactions	1,775	2,490	715	1,503	2,218	14,651	18,644	21.4	-6.8
		Rates	9.5	13.4	3.8	8.1	11.9	78.6	100.0		
	Construction	Transactions	3,170	4,359	1,189	2,796	3,985	16,759	23,914	29.9	-0.9
		Rates	13.3	18.2	5.0	11.7	16.7	70.1	100.0		
	Manufacturing	Transactions	1,198	1,495	297	1,001	1,298	9,514	12,010	20.8	-7.1
		Rates	10.0	12.4	2.5	8.3	10.8	79.2	100.0		
	Wholesale Trade, Transp., Utilities, & Warehousing	Transactions	2,050	2,719	669	2,130	2,799	17,497	22,346	21.7	-0.5
		Rates	9.2	12.2	3.0	9.5	12.5	78.3	100.0		
Service Providing	Retail Trade	Transactions	4,094	5,493	1,399	4,485	5,884	25,623	35,601	28.0	-1.8
		Rates	11.5	15.4	3.9	12.6	16.5	72.0	100.0		
	Information	Transactions	297	364	67	279	346	3,298	3,941	16.3	-5.4
		Rates	7.5	9.2	1.7	7.1	8.8	83.7	100.0		
	Financial Activities	Transactions	939	1,165	226	1,003	1,229	10,106	12,274	17.7	-1.8
		Rates	7.7	9.5	1.8	8.2	10.0	82.3	100.0		
	Professional & Business Services	Transactions	3,186	4,626	1,440	2,939	4,379	16,367	23,932	31.6	-1.4
		Rates	13.3	19.3	6.0	12.3	18.3	68.4	100.0		
	Educational Services	Transactions	2,266	2,876	610	1,306	1,916	27,444	31,626	13.2	-1.4
		Rates	7.2	9.1	1.9	4.1	6.1	86.8	100.0		
Health Services	Transactions	3,671	4,603	932	3,255	4,187	30,682	38,540	20.4	-3.8	
	Rates	9.5	11.9	2.4	8.4	10.9	79.6	100.0			
Leisure & Hospitality	Transactions	6,847	10,208	3,361	6,640	10,001	27,913	44,761	37.6	-2.0	
	Rates	15.3	22.8	7.5	14.8	22.3	62.4	100.0			
Other Services	Transactions	991	1,359	368	822	1,190	5,914	8,095	26.9	-0.4	
	Rates	12.2	16.8	4.5	10.2	14.7	73.1	100.0			
Public Admin.	Transactions	1,106	1,332	226	1,112	1,338	17,704	20,148	12.1	-1.8	
	Rates	5.5	6.6	1.1	5.5	6.6	87.9	100.0			
Unclassified	Transactions	483	555	72	24	96	105	684	84.6	18.3	
	Rates	70.6	81.1	10.5	3.5	14.0	15.4	100.0			
Total	Transactions	32,328	43,963	11,635	29,502	41,137	225,787	299,252	24.5	-2.3	
	Rates	10.8	14.7	3.9	9.9	13.7	75.5	100.0			

(H) Hire Only. (B) Both Hire and Exit. (E) Exit Only. (C) Continuous Employment.

^aTurnover rate equals (H+E+B)/Total.

^bJobs worked at any time during the quarter.

Historical turnover data can be found online at <https://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/turnover.htm>.

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Wyoming Unemployment Rises to 3.0% in November 2023

by: *David Bullard, Senior Economist*

The Research & Planning section of the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services reported that the state’s seasonally adjusted¹ unemployment rate rose slightly from 2.9% in October to 3.0% in November. Wyoming’s unemployment rate was much lower than its year-ago level of 3.9% and lower than the current U.S. unemployment rate of 3.7%.

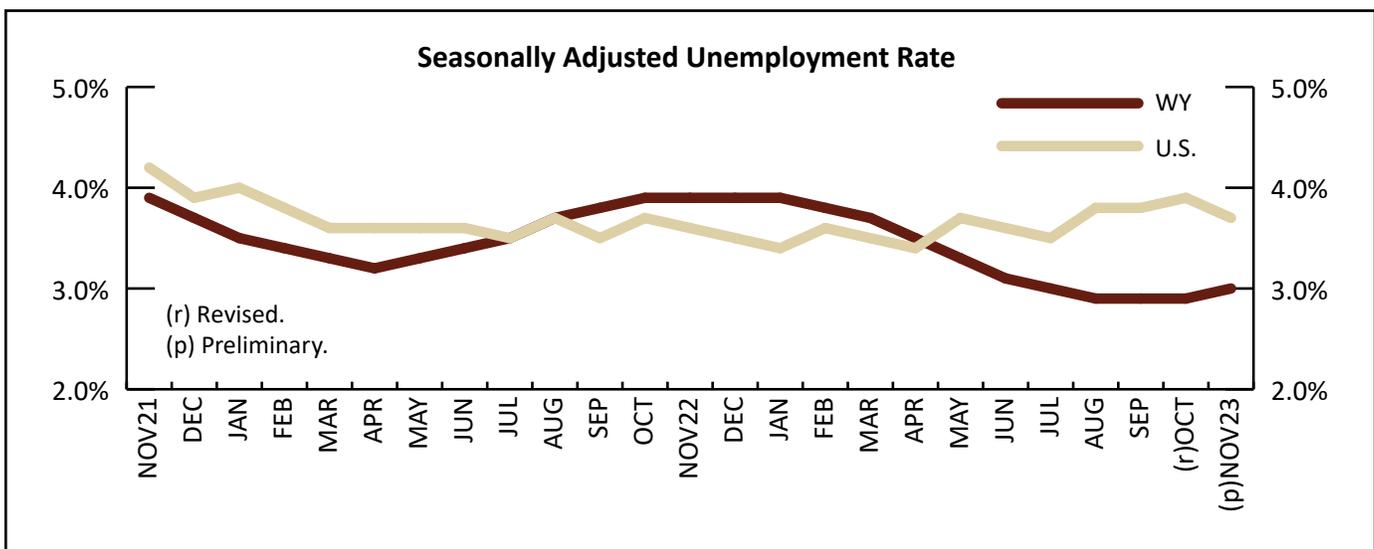
From October to November, all county unemployment rates followed their normal seasonal pattern and increased. Unemployment rates often increase in November as cooler weather and a seasonal slowdown in tourist activity cause job losses in many different sectors. The largest increases in unemployment occurred in Teton (up from 2.0% to 3.7%), Big Horn (up from 2.6% to 3.5%), and Park (up from 2.3% to 3.2%) counties.

From November 2022 to November 2023, unemployment rates fell in 22 of Wyoming’s 23 counties. Hot Springs County was the exception. Its unemployment rate increased marginally from 2.8% in November 2022 to 2.9% in November 2023. The largest decreases occurred in Carbon (down from 4.0% to 2.9%), Niobrara (down from 3.5% to 2.5%), Teton (down from 4.5% to 3.7%), and Fremont (down from 3.9% to 3.1%) counties.

Teton County, at 3.7%, had the highest unemployment rate in November. It was followed by Big Horn County and Sublette County, both at 3.5%. The lowest unemployment rates were found in Weston County at 2.2% and Converse and Crook counties, both at 2.4%.

Current Employment Statistics (CES) estimates show that total nonfarm employment in Wyoming (not seasonally adjusted and measured by place of work) rose from 284,800 in November 2022 to 293,200 in November 2023, an increase of 8,400 jobs (2.9%).

¹ Seasonal adjustment is a statistical procedure to remove the impact of normal regularly recurring events (such as weather, major holidays, and the opening and closing of schools) from economic time series to better understand changes in economic conditions from month to month.



Current Employment Statistics (CES) Estimates and Research & Planning’s Internal Estimates, November 2023

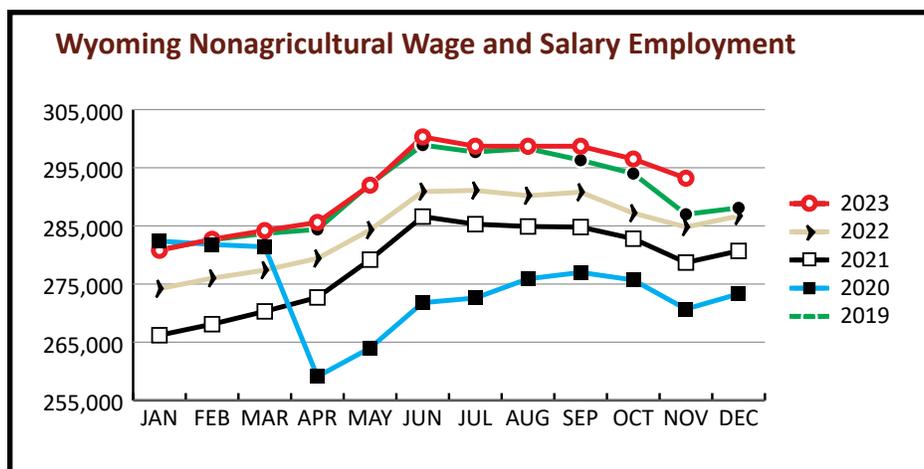
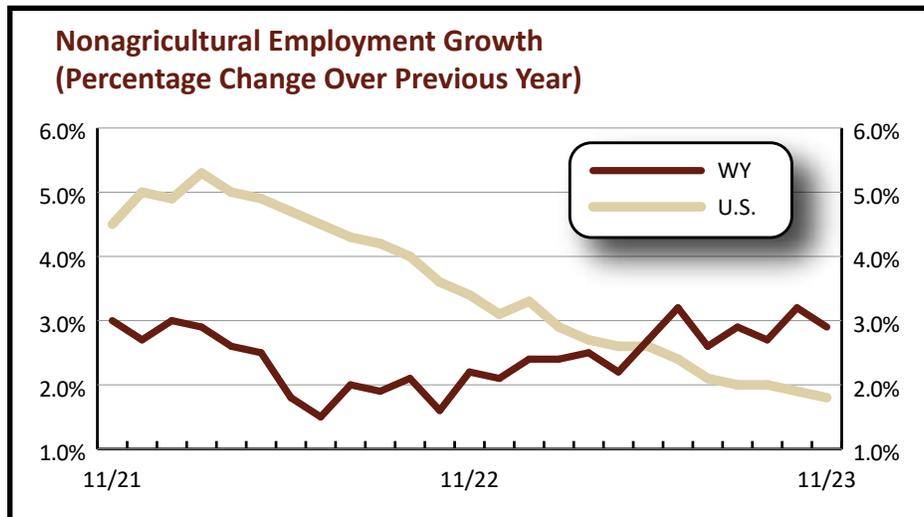
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Industry Sector	Research & Planning’s Internal Estimates	Current Employment Statistics (CES) Estimates	N Difference	% Difference
Total Nonfarm	289,610	293,200	3,590	1.2%
Natural Resources & Mining	17,279	16,700	-579	-3.5%
Construction	22,661	23,300	639	2.7%
Manufacturing	10,699	10,600	-99	-0.9%
Wholesale Trade	8,003	7,500	-503	-6.7%
Retail Trade	30,259	30,800	541	1.8%
Transportation & Utilities	14,534	14,600	66	0.5%
Information	3,213	3,100	-113	-3.6%
Financial Activities	11,442	11,600	158	1.4%
Professional & Business Services	21,826	21,800	-26	-0.1%
Educational & Health Services	29,522	31,000	1,478	4.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	34,494	36,900	2,406	6.5%
Other Services	16,258	15,800	-458	-2.9%
Government	69,420	69,500	80	0.1%

Internal Estimates were run in November 2023 and based on QCEW data through June 2023.

State Unemployment Rates November 2023 Seasonally Adjusted

State	Unemp. Rate
Puerto Rico	5.7
Nevada	5.4
District of Columbia	5.0
California	4.9
Illinois	4.7
New Jersey	4.7
Alaska	4.4
Arizona	4.3
Kentucky	4.3
Michigan	4.3
New York	4.3
Delaware	4.2
West Virginia	4.2
Texas	4.1
Washington	4.0
New Mexico	3.9
Indiana	3.7
United States	3.7
Connecticut	3.6
Ohio	3.6
Oregon	3.6
Louisiana	3.5
North Carolina	3.5
Tennessee	3.5
Georgia	3.4
Pennsylvania	3.4
Arkansas	3.3
Colorado	3.3
Idaho	3.3
Iowa	3.3
Mississippi	3.3
Oklahoma	3.3
Wisconsin	3.3
Missouri	3.2
Minnesota	3.1
Maine	3.0
Montana	3.0
South Carolina	3.0
Wyoming	3.0
Florida	2.9
Hawaii	2.9
Kansas	2.9
Massachusetts	2.9
Rhode Island	2.9
Virginia	2.9
Utah	2.8
Alabama	2.4
Nebraska	2.3
New Hampshire	2.3
Vermont	2.1
South Dakota	2.0
North Dakota	1.9
Maryland	1.8



Wyoming Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

by: David Bullard, Senior Economist

	Employment in Thousands			Percent Change Total Employment	
	Nov 23	Oct 23	Nov 22	Nov 23	Nov 23
				Oct 23	Nov 22
CAMPBELL COUNTY					
TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT	26.3	26.3	25.2	0.0	4.4
TOTAL PRIVATE	21.4	21.4	20.4	0.0	4.9
GOODS PRODUCING	9.0	9.0	8.1	0.0	11.1
Natural Resources & Mining	6.3	6.2	5.7	1.6	10.5
Construction	2.2	2.3	1.9	-4.3	15.8
Manufacturing	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0
SERVICE PROVIDING	17.3	17.3	17.1	0.0	1.2
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	5.2	5.2	5.2	0.0	0.0
Information	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0
Professional & Business Services	1.5	1.5	1.6	0.0	-6.3
Educational & Health Services	1.4	1.4	1.3	0.0	7.7
Leisure & Hospitality	2.5	2.5	2.4	0.0	4.2
Other Services	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
GOVERNMENT	4.9	4.9	4.8	0.0	2.1

	Employment in Thousands			Percent Change Total Employment	
	Nov 23	Oct 23	Nov 22	Nov 23	Nov 23
				Oct 23	Nov 22
SWEETWATER COUNTY					
TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT	21.6	21.8	21.4	-0.9	0.9
TOTAL PRIVATE	17.2	17.4	17.0	-1.1	1.2
GOODS PRODUCING	6.6	6.7	6.5	-1.5	1.5
Natural Resources & Mining	3.4	3.4	3.3	0.0	3.0
Construction	1.8	1.9	1.8	-5.3	0.0
Manufacturing	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.0	0.0
SERVICE PROVIDING	15.0	15.1	14.9	-0.7	0.7
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	4.6	4.6	4.5	0.0	2.2
Information	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.0
Professional & Business Services	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0
Educational & Health Services	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.0	0.0
Leisure & Hospitality	2.3	2.4	2.3	-4.2	0.0
Other Services	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.0
GOVERNMENT	4.4	4.4	4.4	0.0	0.0

	Employment in Thousands			Percent Change Total Employment	
	Nov 23	Oct 23	Nov 22	Nov 23	Nov 23
				Oct 23	Nov 22
TETON COUNTY					
TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT	19.9	22.7	19.5	-12.3	2.1
TOTAL PRIVATE	17.1	19.9	16.7	-14.1	2.4
GOODS PRODUCING	3.0	3.0	2.9	0.0	3.4
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	2.8	2.8	2.7	0.0	3.7
Manufacturing	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
SERVICE PROVIDING	16.9	19.7	16.6	-14.2	1.8
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	2.6	2.8	2.6	-7.1	0.0
Information	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	1.4	1.5	1.4	-6.7	0.0
Professional & Business Services	2.5	2.6	2.5	-3.8	0.0
Educational & Health Services	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.0	0.0
Leisure & Hospitality	5.6	8.0	5.3	-30.0	5.7
Other Services	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0
GOVERNMENT	2.8	2.8	2.8	0.0	0.0

State Unemployment Rates November 2023 Not Seasonally Adjusted

State	Unemp. Rate
Puerto Rico	5.7
California	4.9
District of Columbia	4.8
Nevada	4.8
Alaska	4.4
New Jersey	4.3
Illinois	4.2
Washington	4.2
Arizona	4.0
New York	4.0
Kentucky	3.9
Delaware	3.8
New Mexico	3.7
Michigan	3.6
West Virginia	3.6
Connecticut	3.5
Louisiana	3.5
Texas	3.5
United States	3.5
Indiana	3.4
North Carolina	3.4
Oregon	3.4
Tennessee	3.4
Colorado	3.2
Maine	3.2
Oklahoma	3.2
Rhode Island	3.2
Arkansas	3.1
Idaho	3.1
Georgia	3.0
Montana	3.0
Ohio	3.0
Wyoming	3.0
Florida	2.9
Hawaii	2.9
Iowa	2.9
Missouri	2.9
Pennsylvania	2.9
South Carolina	2.9
Virginia	2.9
Massachusetts	2.8
Wisconsin	2.7
Mississippi	2.6
Utah	2.6
Alabama	2.5
New Hampshire	2.5
Kansas	2.1
Nebraska	2.0
Vermont	2.0
Minnesota	1.9
Maryland	1.8
South Dakota	1.7
North Dakota	1.4

Economic Indicators

by: **David Bullard, Senior Economist**

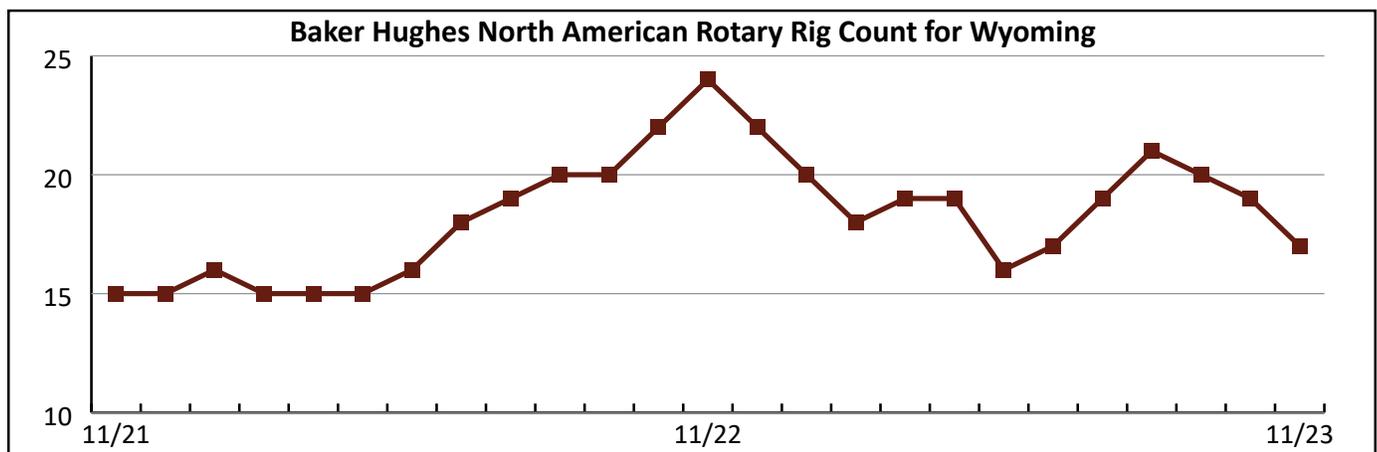
Benefits paid by Wyoming Unemployment Insurance fell 3.1% from November 2022 to November 2023.

	Nov 2023 (p)	Oct 2023 (r)	Nov 2022 (b)	Percent Change Month	Percent Change Year
Wyoming Total Nonfarm Employment	293,200	296,500	284,800	-1.1	2.9
Wyoming State Government	14,600	14,500	14,400	0.7	1.4
Laramie County Nonfarm Employment	47,900	48,300	47,600	-0.8	0.6
Natrona County Nonfarm Employment	40,000	40,000	39,300	0.0	1.8
Selected U.S. Employment Data					
U.S. Multiple Jobholders	8,463,000	8,542,000	7,782,000	-0.9	8.8
As a percent of all workers	5.2%	5.3%	4.9%	N/A	N/A
U.S. Discouraged Workers	455,000	428,000	430,000	6.3	5.8
U.S. Part Time for Economic Reasons	3,871,000	3,973,000	3,580,000	-2.6	8.1
Wyoming Unemployment Insurance					
Weeks Compensated	7,819	6,244	8,653	25.2	-9.6
Benefits Paid	\$3,625,752	\$2,893,540	\$3,743,380	25.3	-3.1
Average Weekly Benefit Payment	\$463.71	\$463.41	\$432.61	0.1	7.2
Consumer Price Index (U) for All U.S. Urban Consumers (1982 to 1984 = 100)					
All Items	307.1	307.7	297.7	-0.2	3.1
Food & Beverages	322.7	323.3	313.5	-0.2	2.9
Housing	324.7	324.0	308.7	0.2	5.2
Apparel	128.1	132.8	126.7	-3.5	1.1
Transportation	267.0	270.0	264.7	-1.1	0.9
Medical Care	551.8	549.8	550.8	0.4	0.2
Recreation (Dec. 1997=100)	136.3	136.7	133.0	-0.3	2.5
Education & Communication (Dec. 1997=100)	144.7	145.3	144.9	-0.4	-0.1
Other Goods & Services	548.0	546.8	518.7	0.2	5.6
Producer Prices (1982 to 1984 = 100)					
All Commodities	253.8	255.0	263.2	-0.5	-3.6
Wyo. Bldg. Permits (New Privately Owned Housing Units Authorized)					
Total Units	116	153	133	-24.2	-12.8
Valuation	\$55,083,000	\$41,227,000	\$48,666,000	33.6	13.2
Single Family Homes	84	101	103	-16.8	-18.4
Valuation	\$51,501,000	\$36,272,000	\$45,907,000	42.0	12.2
Casper MSA ² Building Permits	10	9	11	11.1	-9.1
Valuation	\$2,872,000	\$3,531,000	\$2,111,000	-18.7	36.0
Cheyenne MSA Building Permits	39	37	28	5.4	39.3
Valuation	\$5,276,000	\$6,190,000	\$4,812,000	-14.8	9.6
Baker Hughes North American Rotary Rig Count for Wyoming	17	19	24	-10.5	-29.2

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¹Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program estimates.

²Metropolitan Statistical Area.



Wyoming County Unemployment Rates

by: Carola Cowan, BLS Programs Supervisor

Unemployment rates often increase in November as cooler weather and a seasonal slowdown in tourist activity cause job losses in many different sectors.

REGION County	Labor Force			Employed			Unemployed			Unemployment Rates		
	Nov 2023	Oct 2023	Nov 2022	Nov 2023	Oct 2023	Nov 2022	Nov 2023	Oct 2023	Nov 2022	Nov 2023	Oct 2023	Nov 2022
	(p)	(r)	(b)	(p)	(r)	(b)	(p)	(r)	(b)	(p)	(r)	(b)
NORTHWEST	46,049	46,493	44,873	44,588	45,332	43,175	1,461	1,161	1,698	3.2	2.5	3.8
Big Horn	5,105	5,159	5,042	4,928	5,027	4,855	177	132	187	3.5	2.6	3.7
Fremont	19,580	19,374	19,029	18,965	18,858	18,294	615	516	735	3.1	2.7	3.9
Hot Springs	2,331	2,301	2,300	2,263	2,248	2,236	68	53	64	2.9	2.3	2.8
Park	15,166	15,780	14,681	14,681	15,420	14,110	485	360	571	3.2	2.3	3.9
Washakie	3,867	3,879	3,821	3,751	3,779	3,680	116	100	141	3.0	2.6	3.7
NORTHEAST	52,490	51,944	51,386	51,086	50,773	49,735	1,404	1,171	1,651	2.7	2.3	3.2
Campbell	23,908	23,294	23,333	23,239	22,749	22,574	669	545	759	2.8	2.3	3.3
Crook	3,818	3,947	3,751	3,727	3,867	3,644	91	80	107	2.4	2.0	2.9
Johnson	4,290	4,370	4,189	4,167	4,263	4,041	123	107	148	2.9	2.4	3.5
Sheridan	16,499	16,424	16,260	16,067	16,053	15,716	432	371	544	2.6	2.3	3.3
Weston	3,975	3,909	3,853	3,886	3,841	3,760	89	68	93	2.2	1.7	2.4
SOUTHWEST	59,042	59,847	57,717	57,049	58,313	55,415	1,993	1,534	2,302	3.4	2.6	4.0
Lincoln	9,695	9,748	9,535	9,390	9,506	9,201	305	242	334	3.1	2.5	3.5
Sublette	3,927	4,004	3,816	3,789	3,887	3,664	138	117	152	3.5	2.9	4.0
Sweetwater	20,555	20,114	20,107	19,891	19,535	19,314	664	579	793	3.2	2.9	3.9
Teton	15,559	16,864	15,111	14,989	16,523	14,438	570	341	673	3.7	2.0	4.5
Uinta	9,306	9,117	9,148	8,990	8,862	8,798	316	255	350	3.4	2.8	3.8
SOUTHEAST	84,852	83,502	84,123	82,396	81,411	81,347	2,456	2,091	2,776	2.9	2.5	3.3
Albany	22,572	22,040	22,169	21,968	21,559	21,503	604	481	666	2.7	2.2	3.0
Goshen	6,488	6,524	6,392	6,308	6,376	6,199	180	148	193	2.8	2.3	3.0
Laramie	50,540	49,587	50,101	49,016	48,253	48,380	1,524	1,334	1,721	3.0	2.7	3.4
Niobrara	1,130	1,174	1,165	1,102	1,150	1,124	28	24	41	2.5	2.0	3.5
Platte	4,122	4,177	4,296	4,002	4,073	4,141	120	104	155	2.9	2.5	3.6
CENTRAL	55,901	55,038	55,369	54,217	53,564	53,363	1,684	1,474	2,006	3.0	2.7	3.6
Carbon	7,148	7,311	7,156	6,940	7,137	6,869	208	174	287	2.9	2.4	4.0
Converse	7,798	7,708	7,755	7,609	7,543	7,557	189	165	198	2.4	2.1	2.6
Natrona	40,955	40,019	40,458	39,668	38,884	38,937	1,287	1,135	1,521	3.1	2.8	3.8
STATEWIDE	298,334	296,820	293,469	289,336	289,392	283,035	8,998	7,428	10,434	3.0	2.5	3.6
Statewide Seasonally Adjusted										3.0	2.9	3.9
U.S.										3.5	3.6	3.4
U.S. Seasonally Adjusted										3.7	3.9	3.6

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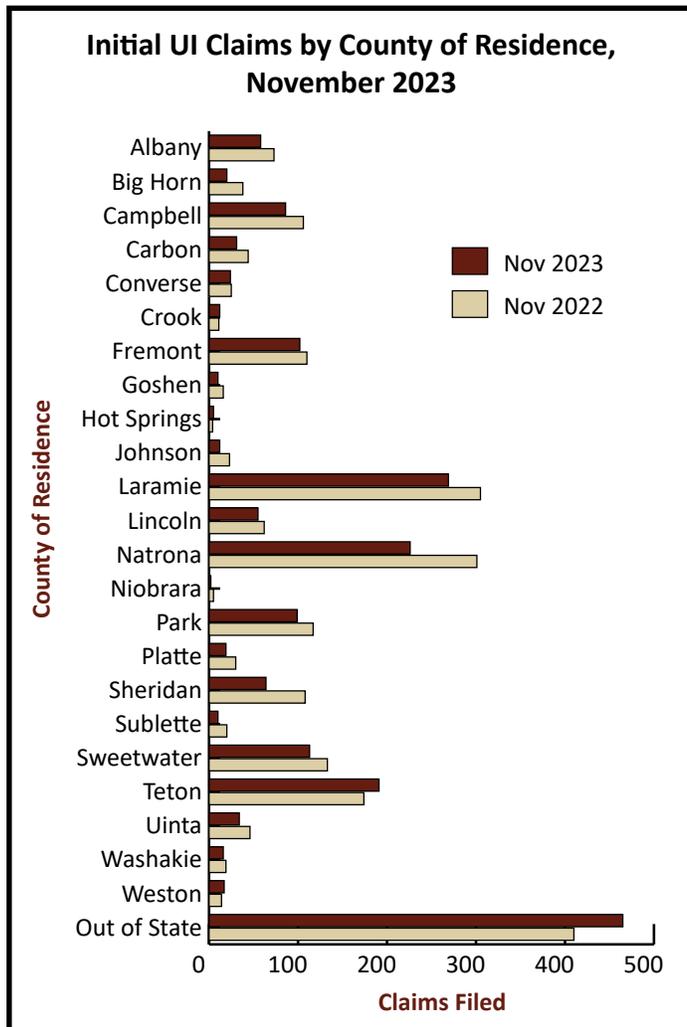
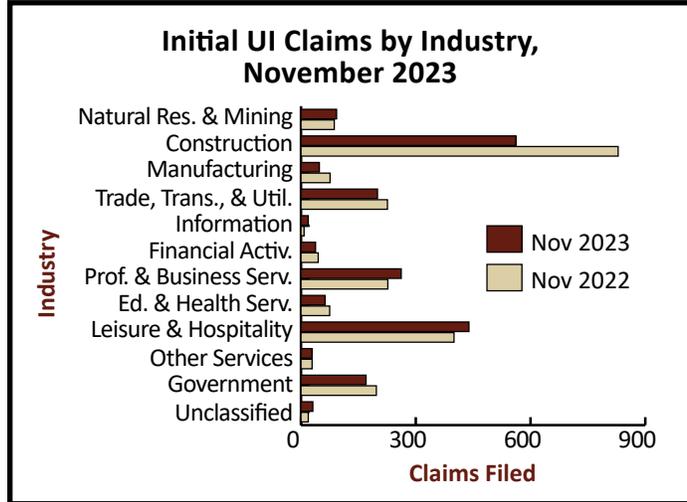
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Wyoming Normalized^a Unemployment Insurance Statistics: Initial Claims

by: *Laura Yetter, Senior Economist*

There were 1,958 initial claims in November 2023, down from 2,223 in November 2022 (-265, or -11.9%).



Initial Claims	Claims Filed			% Change	
	Nov 23	Oct 23	Nov 22	Over the Month	Over the Year
Wyoming Statewide					
Total Claims Filed	1,958	1,715	2,223	14.2	-11.9
TOTAL GOODS-PRODUCING	704	398	993	76.9	-29.1
Natural Resources & Mining	93	60	87	55.0	6.9
Mining	74	49	61	51.0	21.3
Construction	562	289	829	94.5	-32.2
Manufacturing	48	48	76	0.0	-36.8
TOTAL SERVICE-PROVIDING	1,052	1,149	1,013	-8.4	3.8
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	200	200	226	0.0	-11.5
Wholesale Trade	25	24	32	4.2	-21.9
Retail Trade	99	119	109	-16.8	-9.2
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	75	56	84	33.9	-10.7
Information	19	12	8	58.3	137.5
Financial Activities	38	41	45	-7.3	-15.6
Professional & Business Services	262	171	227	53.2	15.4
Educational & Health Services	63	102	75	-38.2	-16.0
Leisure & Hospitality	439	583	400	-24.7	9.8
Other Services, except Public Admin.	29	37	29	-21.6	0.0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	170	143	197	18.9	-13.7
Federal Government	112	90	124	24.4	-9.7
State Government	11	11	13	0.0	-15.4
Local Government	46	41	58	12.2	-20.7
Local Education	4	6	9	-33.3	-55.6
UNCLASSIFIED	31	23	19	34.8	63.2
Laramie County					
Total Claims Filed	269	210	305	28.1	-11.8
TOTAL GOODS-PRODUCING	103	57	185	80.7	-44.3
Construction	92	47	174	95.7	-47.1
TOTAL SERVICE-PROVIDING	147	134	105	9.7	40.0
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	36	34	38	5.9	-5.3
Financial Activities	7	10	6	-30.0	16.7
Professional & Business Services	62	41	29	51.2	113.8
Educational & Health Services	10	19	12	-47.4	-16.7
Leisure & Hospitality	14	15	11	-6.7	27.3
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	8	15	12	-46.7	-33.3
Natrona County					
Total Claims Filed	226	189	301	19.6	-24.9
TOTAL GOODS-PRODUCING	98	45	147	117.8	-33.3
Construction	76	35	127	117.1	-40.2
TOTAL SERVICE-PROVIDING	116	127	145	-8.7	-20.0
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	32	32	50	0.0	-36.0
Financial Activities	6	10	10	-40.0	-40.0
Professional & Business Services	28	24	36	16.7	-22.2
Educational & Health Services	16	21	14	-23.8	14.3
Leisure & Hospitality	25	27	27	-7.4	-7.4
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	10	14	6	-28.6	66.7

N/D = Not discloseable due to confidentiality.
^aAn average month is considered 4.33 weeks. If a month has four weeks, the normalization factor is 1.0825. If the month has five weeks, the normalization factor is 0.866. The number of raw claims is multiplied by the normalization factor to achieve the normalized claims counts.

The full UI claims report for November 2023 is available at https://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/UI/1123_UI.pdf.

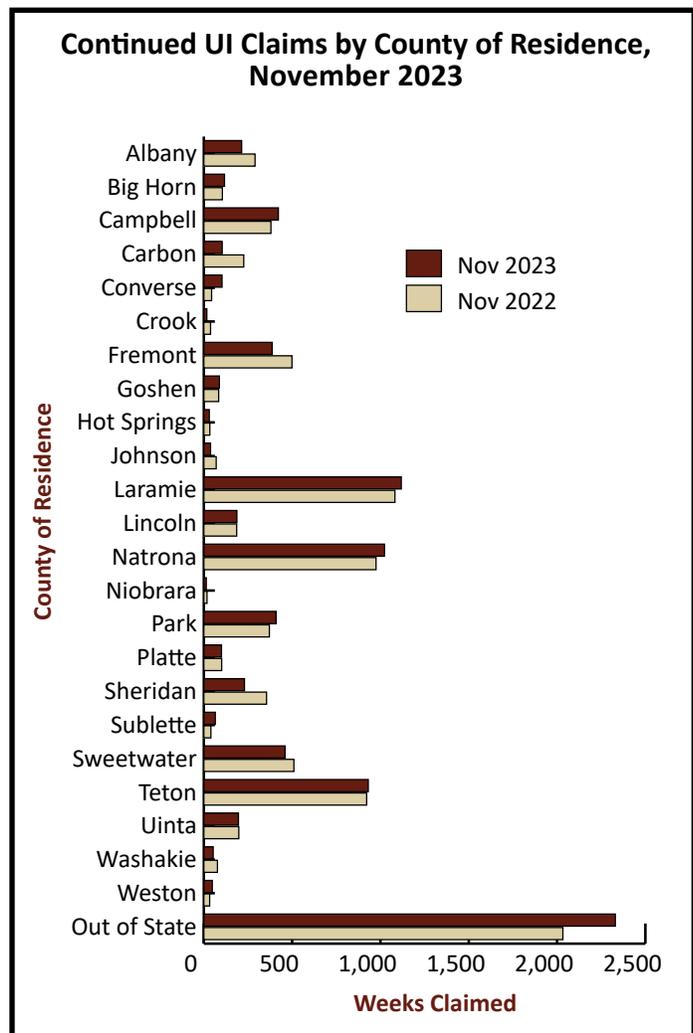
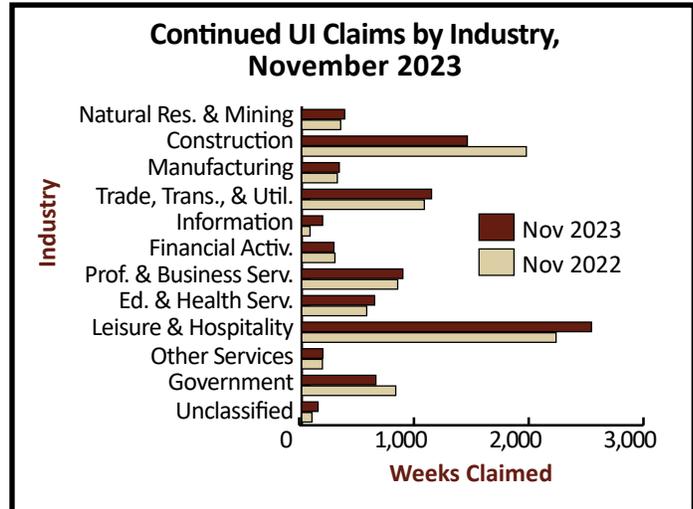
Wyoming Normalized^a Unemployment Insurance Statistics: Continued Claims

by: *Laura Yetter, Senior Economist*

The total number of continued weeks claimed remained largely unchanged over the year (an increase of 10, or 0.1%).

Continued Claims	Claims Filed			% Change	
	Nov 23	Oct 23	Nov 22	Over the Month	Over the Year
Wyoming Statewide					
Total Weeks Claimed	8,754	6,179	8,744	41.7	0.1
Total Unique Claimants	2,715	2,331	2,789	16.5	-2.7
TOTAL GOODS-PRODUCING	2,144	1,586	2,606	35.2	-17.7
Natural Resources & Mining	373	307	339	21.5	10.0
Mining	326	283	292	15.2	11.6
Oil & Gas Extraction	23	29	32	-20.7	-28.1
Construction	1,443	1,002	1,957	44.0	-26.3
Manufacturing	327	277	310	18.1	5.5
TOTAL SERVICE-PROVIDING	5,820	4,088	5,229	42.4	11.3
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	1,131	1,067	1,068	6.0	5.9
Wholesale Trade	176	178	167	-1.1	5.4
Retail Trade	607	531	587	14.3	3.4
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	347	357	314	-2.8	10.5
Information	182	159	72	14.5	152.8
Financial Activities	280	265	289	5.7	-3.1
Professional & Business Services	881	685	836	28.6	5.4
Educational & Health Services	635	650	566	-2.3	12.2
Leisure & Hospitality	2,524	1,099	2,216	129.7	13.9
Other Services, except Public Admin.	183	161	180	13.7	1.7
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	646	410	819	57.6	-21.1
Federal Government	321	94	374	241.5	-14.2
State Government	86	93	89	-7.5	-3.4
Local Government	239	222	355	7.7	-32.7
Local Education	47	58	80	-19.0	-41.3
UNCLASSIFIED	142	94	89	51.1	59.6
Laramie County					
Total Weeks Claimed	1,118	1,069	1,082	4.6	3.3
Total Unique Claimants	358	386	372	-7.3	-3.8
TOTAL GOODS-PRODUCING	284	220	412	29.1	-31.1
Construction	211	162	372	30.2	-43.3
TOTAL SERVICE-PROVIDING	744	759	593	-2.0	25.5
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	197	226	187	-12.8	5.3
Financial Activities	42	49	38	-14.3	10.5
Professional & Business Services	194	217	138	-10.6	40.6
Educational & Health Services	131	136	112	-3.7	17.0
Leisure & Hospitality	93	67	62	38.8	50.0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	63	68	48	-7.4	31.3
UNCLASSIFIED	25	20	28	25.0	-10.7
Natrona County					
Total Weeks Claimed	1,023	963	975	6.2	4.9
Total Unique Claimants	327	343	320	-4.7	2.2
TOTAL GOODS-PRODUCING	252	252	303	0.0	-16.8
Construction	145	143	193	1.4	-24.9
TOTAL SERVICE-PROVIDING	694	654	633	6.1	9.6
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	187	207	186	-9.7	0.5
Financial Activities	71	61	58	16.4	22.4
Professional & Business Services	117	71	135	64.8	-13.3
Educational & Health Services	122	132	118	-7.6	3.4
Leisure & Hospitality	138	113	77	22.1	79.2
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	51	33	38	54.5	34.2
UNCLASSIFIED	25	22	0	13.6	2,500.0

^aAn average month is considered 4.33 weeks. If a month has four weeks, the normalization factor is 1.0825. If the month has five weeks, the normalization factor is 0.866. The number of raw claims is multiplied by the normalization factor to achieve the normalized claims counts.



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