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2024Q3 Quarterly Update

Wyoming Sees 3-plus Years of Over-the-Year Job Gains

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This article provides an overview of Wyoming’s employment and wages in third quarter 2024 at the county and industry levels, in order to identify areas of over-the-year job growth. This also includes a discussion on growth at the subsector level to determine more specific job growth.

Third quarter 2024 (2024Q3) marked the 14th consecutive quarter of over-the-year job growth for Wyoming, as the state added more than 2,200 new jobs, an increase of 0.8% (see Table 1). Employment typically peaks in the third quarter each year, as Wyoming employers add more employees during the warm summer months (see Figure 1, page 3).

This article looks at quarterly employment and wages at the county and industry levels for 2024Q3 in Wyoming. As discussed in this article, several industries saw job losses compared to 2023Q3. However, even those industries saw some growth at the more detailed three-digit subsector level. This article looks at 20 subsectors with strong over-the-year job growth.

The data discussed in this article are from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW). Data from 2024Q3

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Table 1: Average Monthly Employment (Jobs Worked), Total Wages, and Average Weekly Wage for Wyoming, 2023Q3 and 2024Q3

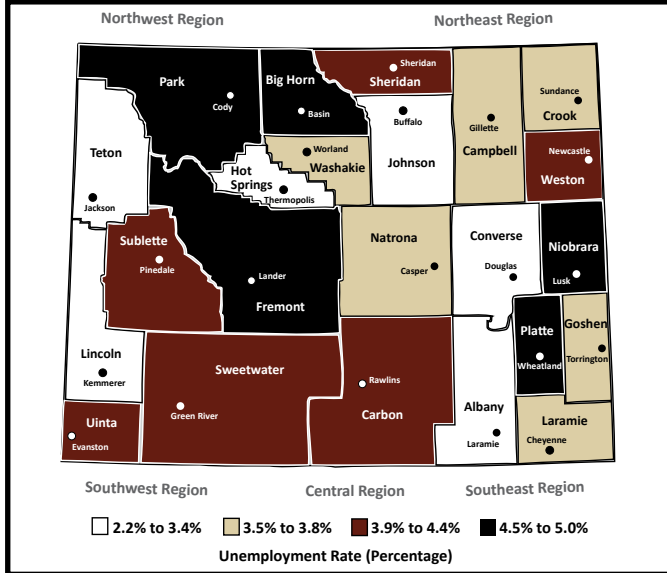
	2024Q3	2023Q3	Change, 2023Q3-2024Q3	
			N	%
Average Monthly Employment	288,030	285,799	2,231	0.8
Total Wages	\$4.4 Billion	\$4.1 Billion	\$300.8 Million	7.3
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,183	\$1,111	\$72	6.5

Source: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages. Prepared by M. Moore, Research & Planning, WY DWS, 1/24/25.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Wyoming had seven growing industries in 2024Q3, accounting for 4.9% of all industries and 3.9% of the state's total employment. ... page 11
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Introduction

Wyoming’s average monthly employment in 2024Q3 was 288,030, an increase of 2,231 jobs (0.8%) compared to 2023Q3 (see Table 2, page 4). The state had \$4.2 billion in total wages, up \$300.8 million (7.3%) over the year. Wyoming’s average weekly wage increased from \$1,111 to \$1,183 (\$72, or 6.5%).

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 (see Figure 2, page 5). 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).

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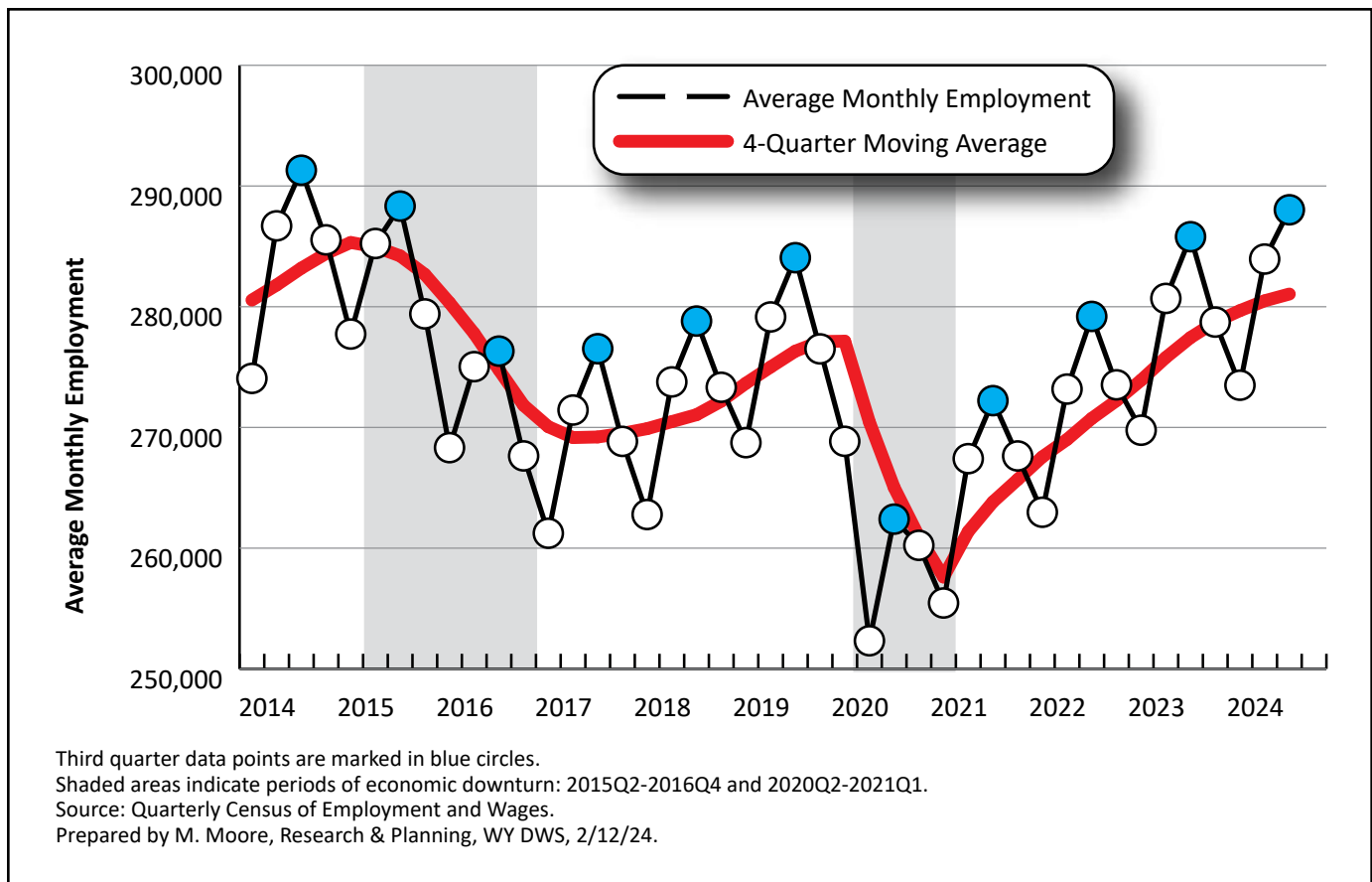


Figure 1: Average Monthly Employment in Wyoming, 2014Q1-2024Q3

Table 2: Average Monthly Employment, Total Wages, and Average Weekly Wage in Wyoming, 2014Q3-2024Q3

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	%		\$	%		\$	%
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	269,770	6,795	2.6	\$4,017.0	\$387.7	10.7	\$1,145	\$84	7.9
2023Q2	280,687	7,509	2.7	\$4,001.7	\$278.4	7.5	\$1,097	\$48	4.6
2023Q3	285,799	6,602	2.4	\$4,129.0	\$191.5	4.9	\$1,111	\$26	2.4
2023Q4	278,727	5,197	1.9	\$4,320.7	\$279.5	6.9	\$1,192	\$56	4.9
2024Q1	273,498	3,728	1.4	\$4,185.4	\$168.4	4.2	\$1,177	\$32	2.8
2024Q2	283,949	3,262	1.2	\$4,225.3	\$223.6	5.6	\$1,145	\$48	4.4
2024Q3(p)	288,030	2,231	0.8	\$4,429.8	\$300.8	7.3	\$1,183	\$72	6.5

(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 Construction (NAICS 23)

Level	NAICS Code	Title
Sector (2-Digit)	23	Construction
Subsector (3-Digit)	237	Heavy & Civil Engineering Construction
Industry Group (4-Digit)	2371	Utility System Construction
Detailed Industry (5-Digit)	23712	Oil & Gas Pipeline & Related Structures Construction
National Detailed Industry (6-Digit)	237120	Oil & Gas Pipeline & Related Structures Construction

Source: North American Industry Classification System (NAICS).

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Industry

Industries are organized by the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). A sample of the NAICS hierarchal structure for construction (NAICS 23) can be found in Box 1 on page 4. This article primarily discusses statewide employment and wages at the sector (or two-digit NAICS) level.

As shown in Table 3 (see page 6), construction led all industries with 1,230 new jobs, a 5.1% over-the-year

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increase. Smaller job gains were also seen in health care & social assistance (154, or 0.6%); other services, except public administration (46, or 0.6%); and agriculture (31, or 1.0%). Job losses were seen in retail trade (-253, or -0.8%), financial activities (-212, or -1.8%), and

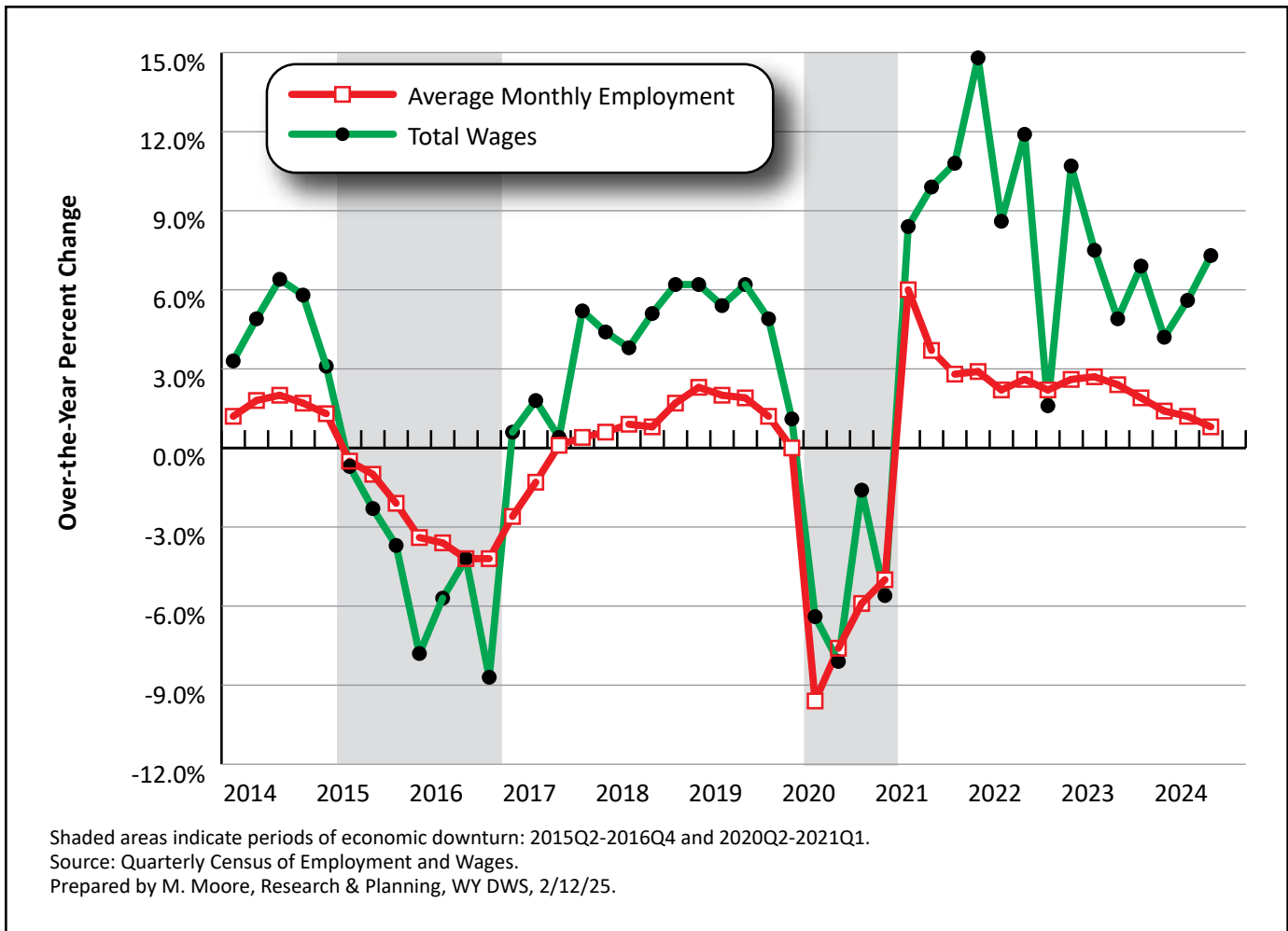


Figure 2: Over-the-Year Percent Change in Average Monthly Employment and Total Wages in Wyoming, 2014Q1-2024Q3

leisure & hospitality (-162, or -0.4%), among others. Wyoming's mining sector lost 1,142 jobs (-6.7%); however, several of these job losses were due to non-economic code changes, as were job gains in local government (Moore, 2024).

Local government (including schools and hospitals) accounted for the largest share (15.5%) of Wyoming's total employment in 2024Q3. Local government

comprises employment and wages in Wyoming's counties, cities, towns, school districts, community colleges, tribal governments, and other municipalities. Other industries that accounted for substantial shares of employment included leisure & hospitality (15.0%), retail trade (10.6%), health care & social assistance (9.0%), and construction (8.8%).

Wyoming had \$4.4 billion in total

Table 3: Average Monthly Employment and Total Wages in Wyoming by 2-Digit NAICS^a Sector and Ownership, 2023Q3-2024Q3

NAICS ^a Code	Industry	Average Monthly Employment				Total Wages (in Millions)			
		2024Q3	2023Q3	Change		2024Q3	2023Q3	Change	
				N	%	\$	\$	\$	%
Ownership - Total		288,030	285,799	2,231	0.8	\$4,429.8	\$4,129.0	\$300.8	7.3
Ownership - Private		221,947	222,546	-599	-0.3	\$3,378.0	\$3,168.1	\$209.9	6.6
11	Agriculture	3,032	3,001	31	1.0	\$31.2	\$29.4	\$1.8	6.0
21	Mining, Including Oil & Gas*	16,023	17,165	-1,142	-6.7	\$415.1	\$432.5	-\$17.4	-4.0
211	Oil & Gas Extraction	2,327	2,319	8	0.4	\$74.5	\$72.5	\$2.1	2.9
212	Mining, Except Oil & Gas	7,068	7,788	-721	-9.3	\$183.7	\$198.2	-\$14.5	-7.3
213	Support Activities For Mining	6,628	7,058	-430	-6.1	\$156.9	\$161.8	-\$4.9	-3.0
23	Construction	25,291	24,061	1,230	5.1	\$451.8	\$405.0	\$46.8	11.6
31-33	Manufacturing	10,500	10,508	-8	-0.1	\$203.1	\$207.5	-\$4.4	-2.1
42, 48-49, 22	Wholesale Trade, Trans., Warehousing, & Utilities	20,515	20,647	-132	-0.6	\$398.5	\$374.7	\$23.8	6.3
44-45	Retail Trade	30,613	30,866	-253	-0.8	\$296.4	\$290.3	\$6.1	2.1
51	Information	2,994	3,214	-220	-6.8	\$57.9	\$55.8	\$2.1	3.7
52-53	Financial Activities	11,396	11,608	-212	-1.8	\$223.9	\$210.9	\$13.0	6.2
54-56	Pro. & Business Services	22,808	22,685	123	0.5	\$501.0	\$402.3	\$98.7	24.5
61	Educational Services	2,157	2,178	-21	-1.0	\$27.1	\$25.8	\$1.3	5.0
62	Health Care & Social Assist.	26,001	25,848	154	0.6	\$348.4	\$331.6	\$16.8	5.1
71-72	Leisure & Hospitality	43,117	43,280	-162	-0.4	\$330.5	\$313.8	\$16.8	5.3
81	Other Services, Except Public Administration	7,477	7,431	46	0.6	\$92.5	\$87.2	\$5.3	6.1
99	Unclassified	23	56	-33	-59.3	\$0.5	\$1.3	-\$0.8	-60.6
Total Government		66,083	63,253	2,830	4.5	\$1,051.8	\$960.9	\$90.9	9.5
Federal Government		8,531	8,402	129	1.5	\$197.8	\$174.6	\$23.1	13.2
State Government		13,003	12,296	707	5.7	\$220.8	\$210.6	\$10.2	4.8
Local Government*		44,549	42,555	1,994	4.7	\$633.2	\$575.6	\$57.6	10.0
61	Educational Services	19,339	19,002	337	1.8	\$239.2	\$225.3	\$13.9	6.2
62	Health Care & Social Assist.	9,472	8,939	533	6.0	\$188.3	\$176.0	\$12.3	7.0

^aNorth American Industry Classification System.

*Some changes in employment in mining and local government are due to non-economic code changes. Non-economic code changes result when employers are reclassified to better reflect their ownership and/or their industry.

Source: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages.

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wages in 2024Q3, an over-the-year increase of \$300.8 million, or 7.3%. The greatest over-the-year increases in wages were seen in professional & business services (\$98.7 million, or 24.5%), construction (\$46.8 million, or 11.6%), and wholesale trade, transportation, & utilities (\$23.8 million, or 6.3%).

Local government contributed the greatest share (14.3%) of all wages, followed by professional & business services (11.3%); construction (10.2%); mining, including oil & gas (9.4%); and wholesale trade, transportation, & utilities (9.0%).

Wyoming's average weekly wage in 2024Q3 was \$1,183 (see Figure 3). The highest wages were seen in mining, including oil & gas (\$1,993); federal government (\$1,783); professional & business services (\$1,690); and financial activities (\$1,511). The industries with the lowest wages were leisure & hospitality (\$590), retail trade (\$745), and agriculture (\$792).

Table 4 (see page 8) shows the 15 industry subsectors (three-digit NAICS) with the greatest over-the-year job growth

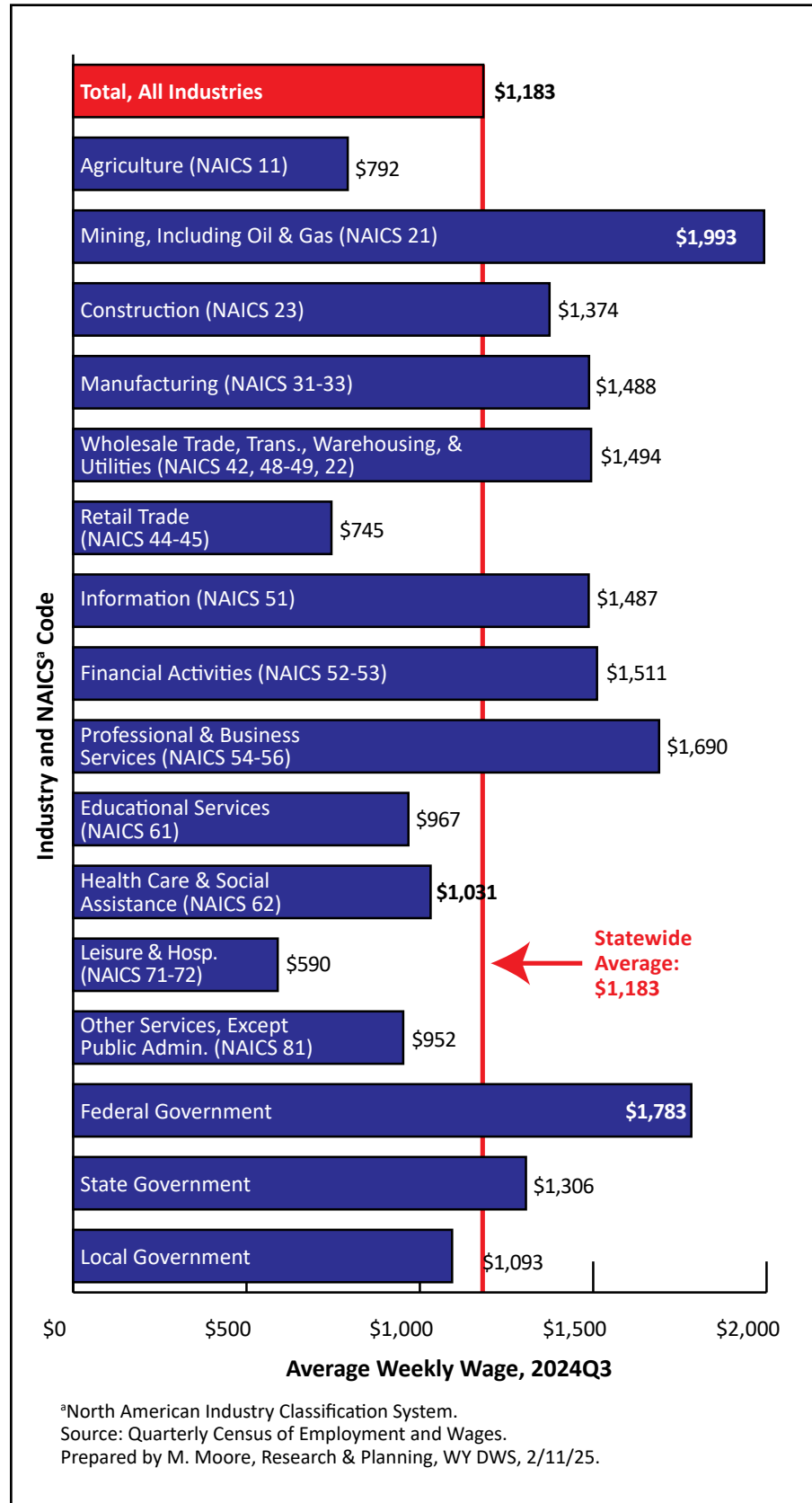


Figure 3: Average Weekly Wage in Wyoming by Industry Sector (2-Digit NAICS^a), 2024Q3

in Wyoming. The greatest job growth was found in heavy & civil engineering construction (999 new jobs, or 15.5%), followed by amusements, gambling, & recreation (407, or 10.7%). Other private subsectors that showed over-the-year job growth included electrical equipment, appliance, & component manufacturing (154, or 34.5%); administrative & support services (138, or 1.4%); specialty trade contractors (136, or 1.1%); and ambulatory health care services (105, or 0.9%).

Local government subsectors that showed substantial over-the-year job growth included executive, legislative, & general government (399, or 3.8%); educational services (337, or 1.8%); and hospitals (330, or 4.4%). State government

employment increased in educational services (208, or 5.6%), administration of economic programs (159, or 6.8%), and justice, public order, & safety activities (95, or 6.4%).

County

Over-the-year job growth occurred in 15 of Wyoming's 23 counties (see Table 5, page 9). Laramie County added the greatest number of jobs (562, or 1.2%), followed by Teton (398, or 1.5%), Albany (338, or 2.0%), Lincoln (255, or 3.6%), and Carbon (231, or 3.4%) counties.

The counties that lost jobs over the

Table 4: Top 15 Industry Subsectors (3-Digit NAICS) with the Greatest Over-the-Year Job Growth, 2023Q3-2024Q3

Ownership	NAICS ^a Code	Title	Average Monthly Employment				Average Weekly Wage, 2024Q3
			2024Q3	2023Q3	N Change	% Change	
		Total, All Industries	288,030	285,799	2,231	0.8	\$1,183
Private	237	Heavy & Civil Engineering Construction	7,457	6,459	999	15.5	\$1,684
Private	713	Amusements, Gambling, & Recreation	4,209	3,802	407	10.7	\$625
Local Government	921	Executive, Legislative & General Gov.	10,843	10,444	399	3.8	\$1,025
Local Government	611	Educational Services	19,339	19,002	337	1.8	\$951
Local Government	622	Hospitals	7,893	7,563	330	4.4	\$1,613
State Government	611	Educational Services	3,916	3,708	208	5.6	\$1,295
State Government	926	Administration of Economic Programs	2,506	2,347	159	6.8	\$1,223
Private	335	Electrical Equipment, Appliance, & Component Manufacturing	600	446	154	34.5	\$1,300
Private	561	Administrative & Support Services	9,650	9,513	138	1.4	\$1,496
Private	238	Specialty Trade Contractors	12,915	12,779	136	1.1	\$1,237
Local Government	621	Ambulatory Health Care Services	909	796	113	14.2	\$1,376
Private	621	Ambulatory Health Care Services	11,288	11,183	105	0.9	\$1,274
State Government	922	Justice, Public Order, & Safety Activities	1,595	1,499	95	6.4	\$1,447
Private	236	Construction of Buildings	4,919	4,824	95	2.0	\$1,264
Private	455	General Merchandise Retailers	6,173	6,080	93	1.5	\$641

^aNorth American Industry Classification System

Source: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages.

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year included Sweetwater (-420, or -2.0%), Fremont (-267, or -1.7%), Campbell (-212, or -0.9%), and Park (-112, or -0.7%) counties.

The counties with the greatest over-the-year growth in total wages were Teton (\$89.2 million, or 20.1%), Albany (\$29.9 million, or 13.8%), Natrona (\$29.5 million, or 5.1%), and Laramie (\$27.9 million, or 3.9%) counties.

Teton County had the highest average weekly wage (\$1,513), followed by Sweetwater (\$1,288), Campbell (\$1,271), Converse (\$1,211), and Sublette (\$1,196) counties.

Conclusion

Third quarter 2024 marked the 14th consecutive quarter of over-the-year job growth for Wyoming, as the state added more than 2,200 jobs and \$300.8 million in total wages. Construction drove the state's job growth, with 1,230 new jobs. Job gains also were seen in health care & social assistance; other services, except public administration; and agriculture. However, those job gains were partially offset by job losses in mining, retail trade, financial activities, and leisure & hospitality, among others.

Table 5: Average Monthly Employment and Total Wages in Wyoming by County of Employment, 2023Q3 & 2024Q3

County	Average Monthly Employment				Total Wages (in Millions of Dollars)				Average Weekly Wage			
	2024Q3	2023Q3	Change		2024Q3	2023Q3	Change		2024Q3	2023Q3	Change	
			N	%			\$	%			\$	%
Total	288,030	285,799	2,231	0.8	\$4,429.8	\$4,129.0	\$300.8	7.3	\$1,183	\$1,111	\$72	6.5
Albany	16,979	16,641	338	2.0	\$247.1	\$217.2	\$29.9	13.8	\$1,119	\$1,004	\$115	11.5
Big Horn	4,309	4,201	108	2.6	\$53.7	\$51.6	\$2.1	4.1	\$958	\$944	\$14	1.5
Campbell	24,621	24,832	-212	-0.9	\$406.9	\$405.0	\$1.9	0.5	\$1,271	\$1,255	\$17	1.3
Carbon	6,970	6,738	231	3.4	\$105.1	\$93.4	\$11.7	12.5	\$1,160	\$1,066	\$94	8.8
Converse	6,336	6,201	135	2.2	\$99.8	\$91.8	\$8.0	8.7	\$1,211	\$1,139	\$73	6.4
Crook	2,765	2,700	65	2.4	\$40.7	\$37.3	\$3.3	8.9	\$1,131	\$1,064	\$67	6.3
Fremont	15,515	15,782	-267	-1.7	\$198.7	\$196.0	\$2.8	1.4	\$985	\$955	\$30	3.2
Goshen	4,014	4,076	-62	-1.5	\$48.6	\$46.3	\$2.3	4.9	\$931	\$874	\$57	6.5
Hot Springs	1,924	2,028	-105	-5.2	\$22.5	\$22.9	-\$0.4	-1.7	\$898	\$867	\$31	3.6
Johnson	3,553	3,528	25	0.7	\$43.6	\$38.2	\$5.3	13.9	\$943	\$834	\$110	13.1
Laramie	48,455	47,893	562	1.2	\$749.2	\$721.2	\$27.9	3.9	\$1,189	\$1,158	\$31	2.7
Lincoln	7,381	7,127	255	3.6	\$113.0	\$103.2	\$9.8	9.5	\$1,177	\$1,114	\$63	5.7
Natrona	40,140	39,933	207	0.5	\$609.3	\$579.9	\$29.5	5.1	\$1,168	\$1,117	\$51	4.5
Niobrara	775	791	-17	-2.1	\$8.6	\$8.1	\$0.5	6.1	\$851	\$785	\$66	8.4
Park	15,393	15,505	-112	-0.7	\$192.3	\$181.4	\$10.9	6.0	\$961	\$900	\$61	6.8
Platte	3,323	3,278	45	1.4	\$44.1	\$41.1	\$3.0	7.3	\$1,020	\$964	\$56	5.8
Sheridan	14,574	14,347	228	1.6	\$211.5	\$189.7	\$21.7	11.5	\$1,116	\$1,017	\$99	9.7
Sublette	4,027	4,020	7	0.2	\$62.6	\$60.4	\$2.2	3.6	\$1,196	\$1,156	\$39	3.4
Sweetwater	20,668	21,088	-420	-2.0	\$346.1	\$346.2	-\$0.1	0.0	\$1,288	\$1,263	\$25	2.0
Teton	27,108	26,710	398	1.5	\$533.0	\$443.9	\$89.2	20.1	\$1,513	\$1,278	\$234	18.3
Uinta	8,178	8,173	5	0.1	\$101.2	\$97.6	\$3.6	3.7	\$952	\$919	\$33	3.6
Washakie	3,626	3,640	-14	-0.4	\$47.4	\$43.8	\$3.6	8.3	\$1,006	\$925	\$81	8.7
Weston	2,423	2,401	22	0.9	\$33.5	\$29.1	\$4.5	15.5	\$1,065	\$931	\$134	14.4
Nonclassified ^a	4,975	4,168	807	19.4	\$111.6	\$83.8	\$27.8	33.2	\$1,725	\$1,546	\$179	11.5

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

Source: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages.

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Wyoming's over-the-year job growth has slowed in recent quarters, from 2.4% in 2023Q3 to 0.8% in 2024Q3. However, slowing job growth is not unique to Wyoming. As shown in Figure 4, job growth also slowed nationally and in many of Wyoming's surrounding states. The exceptions were Idaho and Montana, which grew at faster rates during the first three quarters of 2024. Colorado's over-the-year job growth especially decreased in recent quarters, from 2.3% in 2023Q4 to 0.5% and 0.6% in 2024Q2 and 2024Q3, respectively.

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 2024Q4 will be released on May 9, 2025, with a feature article planned for the July 2025 issue of *Wyoming Labor Force Trends*.

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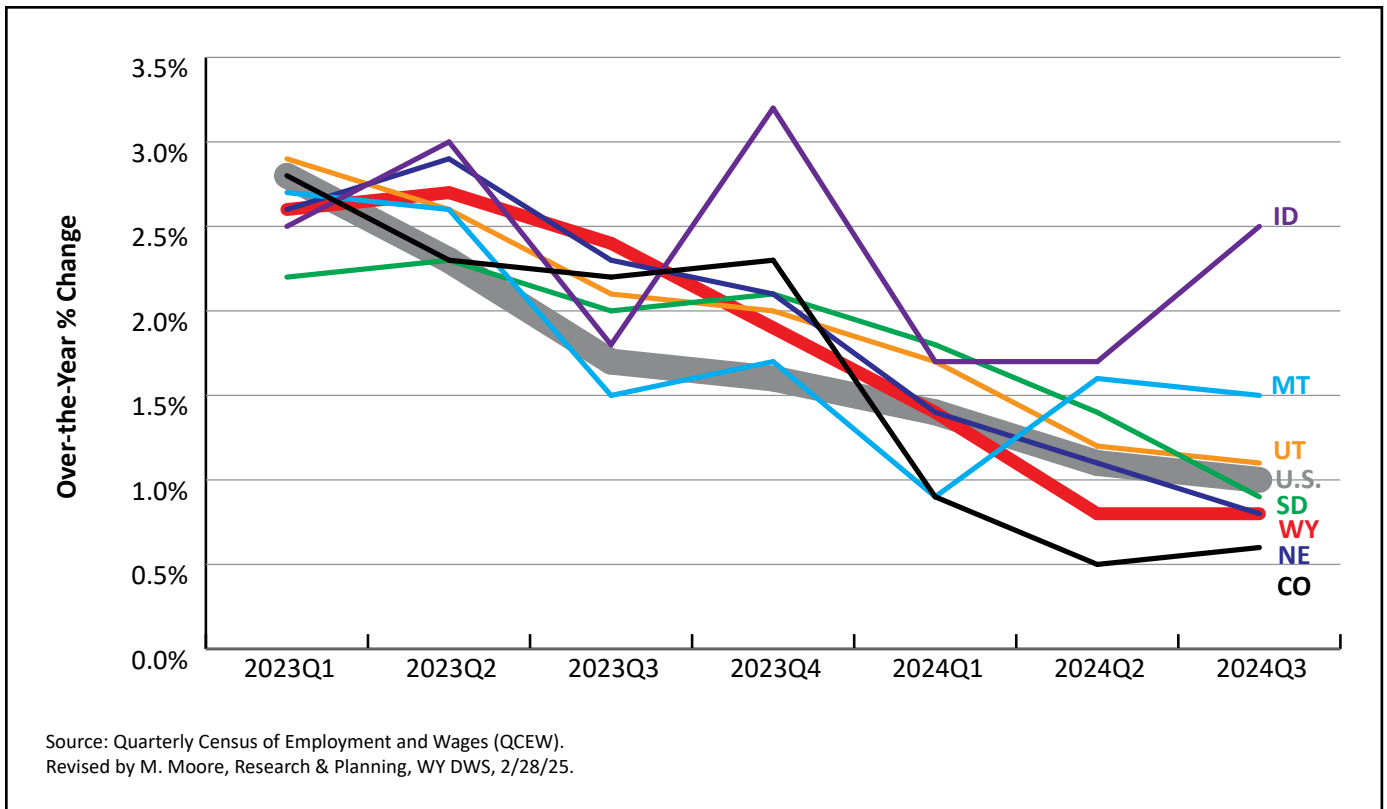


Figure 4: Over-the-Year Percent Change in Average Monthly Employment (Number of Jobs Worked) in Wyoming, Surrounding States, and the U.S., 2023Q1-2024Q3

Growing and Declining Industries in Wyoming, 2024Q3

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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.

This article provides excerpts and selected data from the full report for third

quarter 2024 (2024Q3), which is available at https://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/G_DInd/Report_24Q3.pdf.

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

Table 1: Selected Growing Industries for Wyoming, Third Quarter 2024^a

Subsector ^a (3-Digit NAICS ^b)	Sector (2-Digit NAICS)	Employment (Current Quarter)				Employment (Prior Quarter)				Growing Industries		
		2024Q3	2023Q3	Over the Year Change		2024Q2	2023Q2	Over the Year Change		Average Change		Average Weekly Wage
				N	%			N	%	N	% ^c	
Agriculture & Forestry Support Activities (115)	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, & Hunting (11)	330	283	47	16.6	252	221	31	14.0	39	15.3	\$1,022
Heavy & Civil Engineering Construction (237)	Construction (23)	7,458	6,459	999	15.5	6,380	5,526	854	15.5	927	15.5	\$1,684
Electrical Equipment & Appliance Mfg. (335)	Manufacturing (31-33)	601	447	154	34.5	558	432	126	29.2	140	31.8	\$1,300
Air Transportation (481)	Transportation & Warehousing (48-49)	411	380	31	8.2	407	367	40	10.9	36	9.5	\$1,443
Pipeline Transportation (486)	Transportation & Warehousing (48-49)	827	781	46	5.9	824	773	51	6.6	49	6.2	\$2,123
Amusements, Gambling, & Rec. (713)	Arts, Ent., & Recreation (71)	4,341	3,936	405	10.3	3,716	3,325	391	11.8	398	11.0	\$620
Administration of Economic Programs (926)	Public Admin. (92)	3,320	3,146	174	5.5	3,210	3,018	192	6.4	183	5.9	\$1,250
Total	Total	17,284	15,430	1,854	12.0	15,345	13,659	1,686	12.3	1,770	12.2	\$1,323

^aIncludes both public & privately owned firms.

^bNorth American Industry Classification System.

Source: Wyoming Growing and Declining Industries Report, Third Quarter 2024.

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that grew or declined in employment by at least 5% from 2023Q2 to 2024Q2 and subsequently from 2023Q3 to 2024Q3 were included in the respective tables in this report. 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.

As shown in Table 1 (see page 11), Wyoming had seven growing industries in 2024Q3, accounting for 4.9% of all industries and 3.9% of the state's total employment. Heavy & civil engineering construction showed the greatest growth

of the seven growing industries, increasing by an average of 927 jobs, or 15.5%. Other growing industries included amusements, gambling, & recreation (398, or 11.0%); administration of economic programs (183, or 5.9%), and electrical equipment & appliance manufacturing (140, or 31.8%).

Table 2 shows five of the 10 declining industries in 2024Q3; the full list is available online. The 10 declining industries made up 12.3% of all industries and 4.4% of total employment.

The greatest declines were seen in support activities for mining (-416, or -5.9%), support activities for transportation (-227, or -11.0%), telecommunications (-95, or -6.2%), and wood product manufacturing (-63, or -12.1%).

Table 2: Selected Declining Industries for Wyoming, Third Quarter 2024^a

Subsector ^a (3-Digit NAICS ^b)	Sector (2-Digit NAICS)	Employment (Current Quarter)				Employment (Prior Quarter)				Growing Industries		Average Weekly Wage
		2024Q3	2023Q3	Over the Year Change		2024Q2	2023Q2	Over the Year Change		Average Change		
				N	%			N	%	N	% ^c	
Support Activities for Mining (213)	Mining, Including Oil & Gas (21)	6,628	7,058	-430	-6.1	6,579	6,981	-402	-5.8	-416	-5.9	\$1,821
Wood Product Manufacturing (321)	Manufac- turing (31- 33)	454	529	-75	-14.2	448	498	-50	-10.0	-63	-12.1	\$1,050
Plastics & Rubber Products Mfg. (326)	Manufac- turing (31- 33)	339	395	-56	-14.2	369	432	-63	-14.6	-60	-14.4	\$1,178
Support Activities For Transportation (488)	Transpor- tation & Ware- housing (48-49)	1,869	2,070	-201	-9.7	1,790	2,042	-252	-12.3	-227	-11.0	\$1,544
Telecom. (517)	Informa- tion (51)	1,421	1,514	-93	-6.1	1,420	1,516	-96	-6.3	-95	-6.2	\$1,553
Total	Total	12,522	13,567	-1,045	-7.7	12,442	13,463	-1,021	-7.6	-1,033	-7.6	\$1,582

^aIncludes both public & privately owned firms.

^bNorth American Industry Classification System.

Source: Wyoming Growing and Declining Industries Report, Third Quarter 2024.

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Table 1: Quarterly Turnover Statistics by Industry, Second Quarter 2024

Leisure & hospitality led all industries in total hires with 21,214 in 2024Q2.

Sector	Major Industry	Transactions ^b Rates	(H)	(H)+(B)	(B)	(E)	(E)+(B)	(C)	(H+E+B+C)	Turnover	Change Prior Year
			Hire Only	Total Hires	Both Hire and Exit	Exit Only	Total Exits	Con- tinuous Employ- ment	Total	Rate ^a	
Goods Producing	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, & Hunting	Transactions	785	968	183	254	437	2,367	3,589	34.0	-0.2
		Rates	21.9	27.0	5.1	7.1	12.2	66.0	100.0		
	Mining	Transactions	1,496	1,966	470	1,548	2,018	14,845	18,359	19.1	-2.1
		Rates	8.1	10.7	2.6	8.4	11.0	80.9	100.0		
	Construction	Transactions	6,173	8,645	2,472	3,538	6,010	18,104	30,287	40.2	-1.5
		Rates	20.4	28.5	8.2	11.7	19.8	59.8	100.0		
Manufacturing	Transactions	1,161	1,506	345	1,282	1,627	9,375	12,163	22.9	2.0	
	Rates	9.5	12.4	2.8	10.5	13.4	77.1	100.0			
Wholesale Trade, Transp., Utilities, & Warehousing	Transactions	2,478	3,199	721	2,092	2,813	17,409	22,700	23.3	-3.0	
	Rates	10.9	14.1	3.2	9.2	12.4	76.7	100.0			
Retail Trade	Transactions	5,903	7,726	1,823	5,029	6,852	24,933	37,688	33.8	-0.3	
	Rates	15.7	20.5	4.8	13.3	18.2	66.2	100.0			
Information	Transactions	326	390	64	339	403	3,169	3,898	18.7	-0.9	
	Rates	8.4	10.0	1.6	8.7	10.3	81.3	100.0			
Financial Activities	Transactions	1,178	1,507	329	998	1,327	9,888	12,393	20.2	-0.5	
	Rates	9.5	12.2	2.7	8.1	10.7	79.8	100.0			
Professional & Business Services	Transactions	4,671	6,428	1,757	3,013	4,770	17,191	26,632	35.4	-2.0	
	Rates	17.5	24.1	6.6	11.3	17.9	64.6	100.0			
Educational Services	Transactions	2,133	3,107	974	3,699	4,673	25,883	32,689	20.8	1.3	
	Rates	6.5	9.5	3.0	11.3	14.3	79.2	100.0			
Health Services	Transactions	4,084	5,022	938	3,814	4,752	31,244	40,080	22.0	-0.2	
	Rates	10.2	12.5	2.3	9.5	11.9	78.0	100.0			
Leisure & Hospitality	Transactions	16,399	21,214	4,815	9,455	14,270	25,335	56,004	54.8	0.4	
	Rates	29.3	37.9	8.6	16.9	25.5	45.2	100.0			
Other Services	Transactions	1,345	1,867	522	989	1,511	6,121	8,977	31.8	0.1	
	Rates	15.0	20.8	5.8	11.0	16.8	68.2	100.0			
Public Admin.	Transactions	2,638	2,938	300	1,304	1,604	18,391	22,633	18.7	-0.1	
	Rates	11.7	13.0	1.3	5.8	7.1	81.3	100.0			
Unclassified	Transactions	14	21	7	7	14	16	44	63.6	0.7	
	Rates	31.8	47.7	15.9	15.9	31.8	36.4	100.0			
Total	Transactions	50,784	66,504	15,720	37,361	53,081	224,271	328,136	31.7	-0.5	
	Rates	15.5	20.3	4.8	11.4	16.2	68.3	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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Table 2: Wyoming Turnover Statistics by County, Second Quarter 2024*The highest turnover rates in 2024Q2 were found in Teton (43.9%) and Park (41.5%) counties.*

County of Employment	Row	(H)	(H)+(B)	(B)	(E)	(E)+(B)	(C)	(H+E+B+C)	Turnover Rate ^a	Change Prior Year
		Hire Only	Total Hires	Both Hire and Exit	Exit Only	Total Exits	Continuous Employment	Total		
Albany	Transactions	2,660	3,434	774	2,464	3,238	13,300	19,198	30.7	1.7
	Rates	13.9	17.9	4.0	12.8	16.9	69.3	100.0		
Big Horn	Transactions	698	896	198	478	676	3,491	4,865	28.2	-1.2
	Rates	14.3	18.4	4.1	9.8	13.9	71.8	100.0		
Campbell	Transactions	3,376	4,698	1,322	3,291	4,613	21,281	29,270	27.3	-2.5
	Rates	11.5	16.1	4.5	11.2	15.8	72.7	100.0		
Carbon	Transactions	1,522	2,007	485	831	1,316	4,902	7,740	36.7	0.0
	Rates	19.7	25.9	6.3	10.7	17.0	63.3	100.0		
Converse	Transactions	846	1,098	252	738	990	4,819	6,655	27.6	-3.3
	Rates	12.7	16.5	3.8	11.1	14.9	72.4	100.0		
Crook	Transactions	526	654	128	312	440	2,285	3,251	29.7	-1.8
	Rates	16.2	20.1	3.9	9.6	13.5	70.3	100.0		
Fremont	Transactions	2,514	3,212	698	1,821	2,519	12,549	17,582	28.6	-2.4
	Rates	14.3	18.3	4.0	10.4	14.3	71.4	100.0		
Goshen	Transactions	509	691	182	633	815	3,496	4,820	27.5	0.8
	Rates	10.6	14.3	3.8	13.1	16.9	72.5	100.0		
Hot Springs	Transactions	319	403	84	246	330	1,591	2,240	29.0	-1.0
	Rates	14.2	18.0	3.8	11.0	14.7	71.0	100.0		
Johnson	Transactions	809	981	172	447	619	2,628	4,056	35.2	1.6
	Rates	19.9	24.2	4.2	11.0	15.3	64.8	100.0		
Laramie	Transactions	7,365	10,281	2,916	6,243	9,159	40,093	56,617	29.2	-0.4
	Rates	13.0	18.2	5.2	11.0	16.2	70.8	100.0		
Lincoln	Transactions	1,683	2,072	389	898	1,287	5,936	8,906	33.3	1.0
	Rates	18.9	23.3	4.4	10.1	14.5	66.7	100.0		
Natrona	Transactions	6,148	8,516	2,368	5,505	7,873	33,158	47,179	29.7	-0.5
	Rates	13.0	18.1	5.0	11.7	16.7	70.3	100.0		
Niobrara	Transactions	109	136	27	99	126	616	851	27.6	0.8
	Rates	12.8	16.0	3.2	11.6	14.8	72.4	100.0		
Park	Transactions	4,844	5,899	1,055	1,601	2,656	10,592	18,092	41.5	5.4
	Rates	26.8	32.6	5.8	8.8	14.7	58.5	100.0		
Platte	Transactions	584	770	186	454	640	2,655	3,879	31.6	2.6
	Rates	15.1	19.9	4.8	11.7	16.5	68.4	100.0		
Sheridan	Transactions	2,398	3,062	664	1,802	2,466	11,029	15,893	30.6	-0.4
	Rates	15.1	19.3	4.2	11.3	15.5	69.4	100.0		
Sublette	Transactions	726	861	135	463	598	3,169	4,493	29.5	-2.0
	Rates	16.2	19.2	3.0	10.3	13.3	70.5	100.0		
Sweetwater	Transactions	3,037	4,136	1,099	2,503	3,602	17,581	24,220	27.4	-0.8
	Rates	12.5	17.1	4.5	10.3	14.9	72.6	100.0		
Teton	Transactions	7,179	8,552	1,373	4,547	5,920	16,721	29,820	43.9	-3.7
	Rates	24.1	28.7	4.6	15.2	19.9	56.1	100.0		
Uinta	Transactions	1,437	1,945	508	1,156	1,664	6,861	9,962	31.1	1.0
	Rates	14.4	19.5	5.1	11.6	16.7	68.9	100.0		
Washakie	Transactions	468	596	128	374	502	2,944	3,914	24.8	-1.5
	Rates	12.0	15.2	3.3	9.6	12.8	75.2	100.0		
Weston	Transactions	361	466	105	259	364	1,953	2,678	27.1	-2.3
	Rates	13.5	17.4	3.9	9.7	13.6	72.9	100.0		
Nonclassified	Transactions	666	1,138	472	196	668	621	1,955	68.2	7.7
	Rates	34.1	58.2	24.1	10.0	34.2	31.8	100.0		
Total	Transactions	50,784	66,504	15,720	37,361	53,081	224,271	328,136	31.7	-0.5
	Rates	15.5	20.3	4.8	11.4	16.2	68.3	100.0		

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Wyoming Unemployment Falls to 3.5% in February 2025

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 fell slightly from 3.6% in January to 3.5% in February. Wyoming’s unemployment rate is considerably higher than its February 2024 level of 2.8%, but lower than the current U.S. rate of 4.1%.

From January to February, most county unemployment rates followed their normal seasonal pattern and decreased. Unemployment rates often fall in February as seasonal job gains occur. The largest unemployment rate decreases occurred in Niobrara (down from 6.1% to 4.8%), Sweetwater (down from 4.9% to 3.9%), and Platte (down from 5.5% to 4.5%) counties. Weston County’s unemployment held steady at 3.9%.

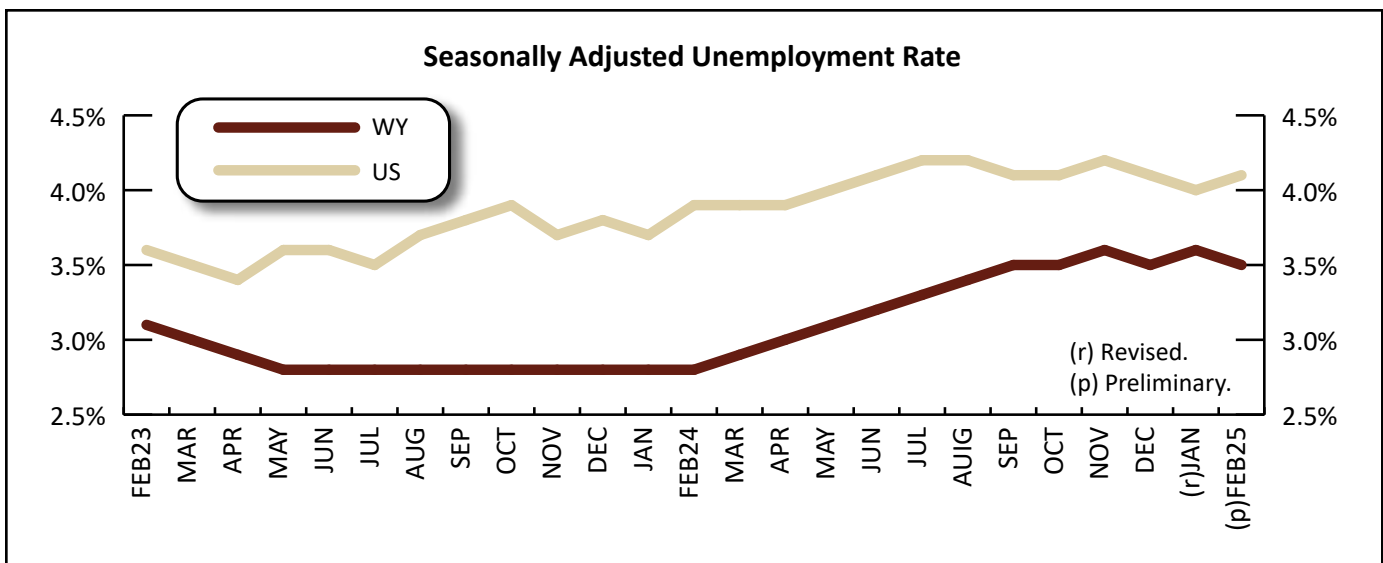
2025, unemployment rates rose in 14 counties, remained unchanged in three counties, and fell in six counties. The largest increases were found in Niobrara (up from 3.6% to 4.8%), Crook (up from 2.9% to 3.7%), and Sublette (up from 3.5% to 4.3%) counties. Unemployment rates fell in Washakie (down from 4.2% to 3.5%), Johnson (down from 3.7% to 3.4%), and Hot Springs (down from 3.7% to 3.4%) counties.

Big Horn County, at 5.0%, had the highest unemployment rate in February. It was followed by Niobrara County at 4.8%, and Park County at 4.7%. The lowest unemployment rates were found in Teton County at 2.2% and Albany County at 2.8%.

Current Employment Statistics (CES) estimates show that total nonfarm employment in Wyoming (not seasonally adjusted and measured by place of work) rose from 286,300 in February 2024 to 291,100 in February 2025, an increase of 4,800 jobs (1.7%).

From February 2024 to February

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, February 2025

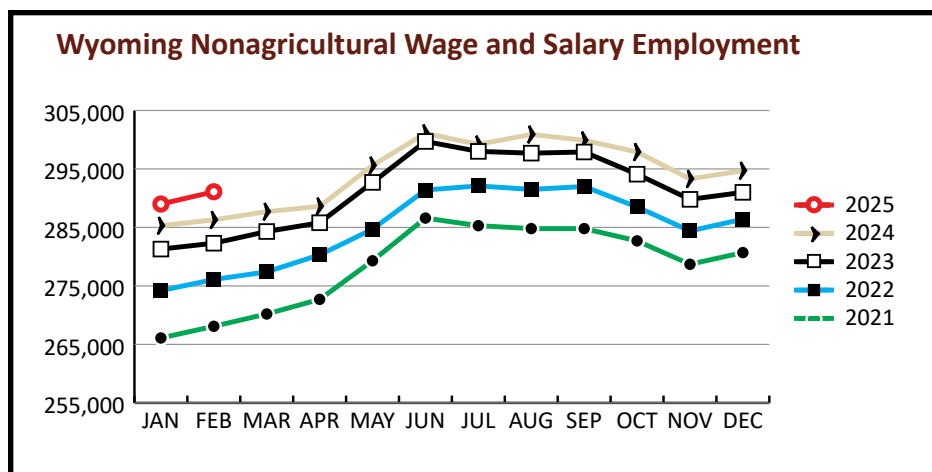
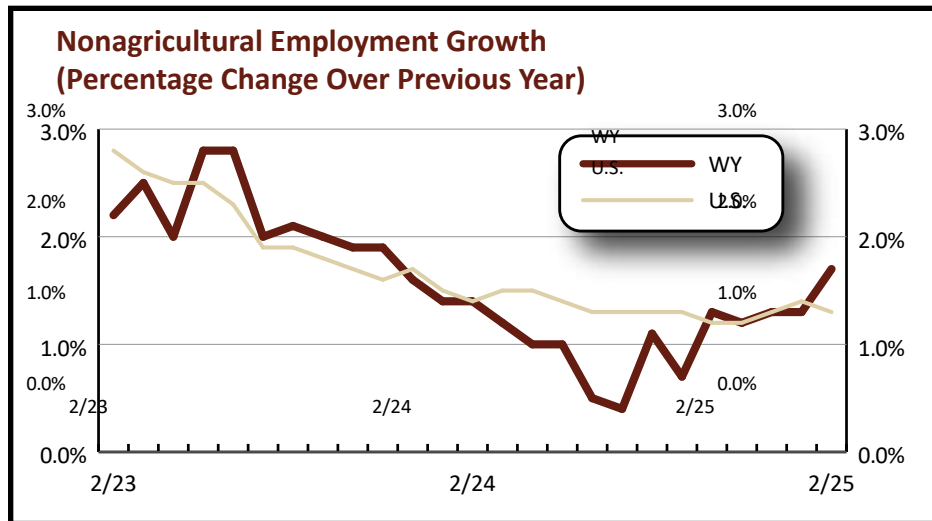
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Industry Sector	Research & Planning's Internal Estimates	Current Employment Statistics (CES) Estimates	N Difference	% Difference
Total Nonfarm	287,898	291,100	3,202	1.1%
Natural Resources & Mining	15,768	15,800	32	0.2%
Construction	20,902	22,700	1,798	7.9%
Manufacturing	10,347	10,500	153	1.5%
Wholesale Trade	8,071	7,900	-171	-2.2%
Retail Trade	29,212	30,300	1,088	3.6%
Transportation & Utilities	13,946	14,500	554	3.8%
Information	2,929	2,900	-29	-1.0%
Financial Activities	11,237	11,300	63	0.6%
Professional & Business Services	21,472	21,400	-72	-0.3%
Educational & Health Services	29,893	29,800	-93	-0.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	35,692	36,300	608	1.7%
Other Services	16,210	15,800	-410	-2.6%
Government	72,219	71,900	-319	-0.4%

Internal Estimates were run in February 2025 and based on QCEW data through September 2024.

State Unemployment Rates February 2025 Seasonally Adjusted

State	Unemp. Rate
Nevada	5.8
California	5.4
District of Columbia	5.4
Michigan	5.4
Puerto Rico	5.4
Kentucky	5.3
Illinois	4.8
Alaska	4.7
Colorado	4.7
Ohio	4.7
Rhode Island	4.7
New Jersey	4.6
Oregon	4.5
Louisiana	4.4
New Mexico	4.4
Washington	4.4
Indiana	4.3
Massachusetts	4.3
New York	4.3
South Carolina	4.2
Texas	4.1
United States	4.1
Arizona	4.0
West Virginia	3.9
Kansas	3.8
Mississippi	3.8
Pennsylvania	3.8
Idaho	3.7
Missouri	3.7
North Carolina	3.7
Tennessee	3.7
Arkansas	3.6
Delaware	3.6
Florida	3.6
Georgia	3.6
Maine	3.5
Wyoming	3.5
Connecticut	3.4
Alabama	3.3
Iowa	3.3
Oklahoma	3.3
Utah	3.2
Wisconsin	3.2
Virginia	3.1
Hawaii	3.0
Maryland	3.0
Minnesota	3.0
Nebraska	3.0
New Hampshire	3.0
Montana	2.8
North Dakota	2.6
Vermont	2.6
South Dakota	1.9



Wyoming Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

by: David Bullard, Senior Economist

	Employment in Thousands			Percent Change Total Employment	
	Feb 25	Jan 25	Feb 24	Jan 25	Feb 24
	Feb 25	Jan 25	Feb 24	Feb 25	Feb 25
CAMPBELL COUNTY					
TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT	24.8	24.8	25.5	0.0	-2.7
TOTAL PRIVATE	19.3	19.3	20.2	0.0	-4.5
GOODS PRODUCING	7.0	7.0	7.7	0.0	-9.1
Natural Resources & Mining	4.8	4.8	5.2	0.0	-7.7
Construction	1.7	1.7	2.0	0.0	-15.0
Manufacturing	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0
SERVICE PROVIDING	17.8	17.8	17.8	0.0	0.0
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	5.2	5.2	5.2	0.0	0.0
Information	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.0	-33.3
Financial Activities	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0
Professional & Business Services	1.5	1.5	1.5	0.0	0.0
Educational & Health Services	1.5	1.5	1.5	0.0	0.0
Leisure & Hospitality	2.4	2.4	2.4	0.0	0.0
Other Services	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.0	-11.1
GOVERNMENT	5.5	5.5	5.3	0.0	3.8

	Employment in Thousands			Percent Change Total Employment	
	Feb 25	Jan 25	Feb 24	Jan 25	Feb 24
	Feb 25	Jan 25	Feb 24	Feb 25	Feb 25
SWEETWATER COUNTY					
TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT	20.7	20.7	21.2	0.0	-2.4
TOTAL PRIVATE	16.0	16.1	16.6	-0.6	-3.6
GOODS PRODUCING	5.7	5.7	6.1	0.0	-6.6
Natural Resources & Mining	3.3	3.3	3.3	0.0	0.0
Construction	1.0	1.0	1.4	0.0	-28.6
Manufacturing	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.0	0.0
SERVICE PROVIDING	15.0	15.0	15.1	0.0	-0.7
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	4.4	4.5	4.5	-2.2	-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	1.0	1.0	1.1	0.0	-9.1
Educational & Health Services	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.0	0.0
Leisure & Hospitality	2.2	2.2	2.2	0.0	0.0
Other Services	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.0
GOVERNMENT	4.7	4.6	4.6	2.2	2.2

	Employment in Thousands			Percent Change Total Employment	
	Feb 25	Jan 25	Feb 24	Jan 25	Feb 24
	Feb 25	Jan 25	Feb 24	Feb 25	Feb 25
TETON COUNTY					
TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT	23.0	23.1	22.5	-0.4	2.2
TOTAL PRIVATE	20.1	20.3	19.6	-1.0	2.6
GOODS PRODUCING	3.0	3.0	3.0	0.0	0.0
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	2.8	2.8	2.8	0.0	0.0
Manufacturing	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
SERVICE PROVIDING	20.0	20.1	19.5	-0.5	2.6
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	2.6	2.6	2.7	0.0	-3.7
Information	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.0	0.0
Professional & Business Services	2.4	2.4	2.3	0.0	4.3
Educational & Health Services	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.0	0.0
Leisure & Hospitality	8.6	8.8	8.1	-2.3	6.2
Other Services	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0
GOVERNMENT	2.9	2.8	2.9	3.6	0.0

State Unemployment Rates February 2025 Not Seasonally Adjusted

State	Unemp. Rate
Rhode Island	6.2
Michigan	6.0
District of Columbia	5.8
Nevada	5.7
California	5.5
Kentucky	5.5
Alaska	5.4
Ohio	5.4
Puerto Rico	5.3
Colorado	5.2
Oregon	5.2
Illinois	5.1
Massachusetts	5.0
New Jersey	5.0
Washington	5.0
Connecticut	4.5
Indiana	4.5
South Carolina	4.5
United States	4.5
Missouri	4.4
New Mexico	4.3
New York	4.3
Texas	4.3
Arkansas	4.2
Idaho	4.2
Louisiana	4.2
Pennsylvania	4.2
West Virginia	4.2
Delaware	4.1
Kansas	4.1
Mississippi	4.1
Maine	4.0
Arizona	3.9
Minnesota	3.9
Iowa	3.8
Wisconsin	3.8
Florida	3.7
Georgia	3.7
North Carolina	3.7
Wyoming	3.7
New Hampshire	3.6
Oklahoma	3.6
Tennessee	3.5
Alabama	3.4
Maryland	3.4
Montana	3.4
Nebraska	3.4
Utah	3.3
Virginia	3.3
North Dakota	3.2
Vermont	3.1
Hawaii	2.8
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Economic Indicators

by: **David Bullard, Senior Economist**

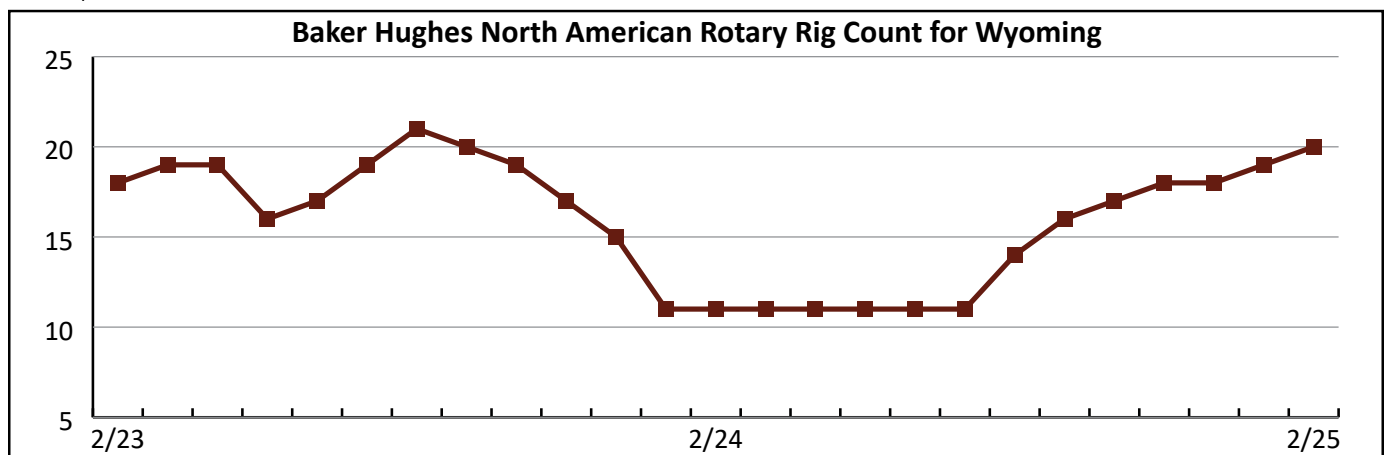
The housing component of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose 3.9% over the year.

	Feb 2025 (p)	Jan 2025 (r)	Feb 2024 (b)	Percent Change Month	Percent Change Year
Wyoming Total Nonfarm Employment	291,100	289,000	286,300	0.7	1.7
Wyoming State Government	15,500	14,500	15,200	6.9	2.0
Laramie County Nonfarm Employment	48,200	48,000	48,100	0.4	0.2
Natrona County Nonfarm Employment	39,900	39,800	39,600	0.3	0.8
Selected U.S. Employment Data					
U.S. Multiple Jobholders	9,036,000	8,643,000	8,411,000	4.5	7.4
As a percent of all workers	5.6%	5.3%	5.2%	N/A	N/A
U.S. Discouraged Workers	463,000	630,000	425,000	-26.5	8.9
U.S. Part Time for Economic Reasons	5,166,000	4,935,000	4,592,000	4.7	12.5
Wyoming Unemployment Insurance					
Weeks Compensated	12,243	12,343	11,580	-0.8	5.7
Benefits Paid	\$6,204,102	\$6,214,993	\$5,543,813	-0.2	11.9
Average Weekly Benefit Payment	\$506.75	\$503.52	\$478.74	0.6	5.9
Consumer Price Index (U) for All U.S. Urban Consumers (1982 to 1984 = 100)					
All Items	319.1	317.7	310.3	0.4	2.8
Food & Beverages	333.5	332.7	325.2	0.2	2.6
Housing	342.4	340.9	329.7	0.4	3.9
Apparel	132.8	128.5	132.0	3.4	0.6
Transportation	271.0	270.4	266.6	0.2	1.7
Medical Care	573.3	571.9	557.2	0.2	2.9
Recreation (Dec. 1997=100)	140.8	140.1	138.3	0.5	1.8
Education & Communication (Dec. 1997=100)	146.4	146.1	146.0	0.3	0.3
Other Goods & Services	569.2	564.2	551.2	0.9	3.3
Producer Prices (1982 to 1984 = 100)					
All Commodities	259.7	257.2	254.9	1.0	1.9
Wyo. Bldg. Permits (New Privately Owned Housing Units Authorized)					
Total Units	139	139	122	0.0	13.9
Valuation	\$43,023,000	\$52,876,000	\$70,683,000	-18.6	-39.1
Single Family Homes	97	126	115	-23.0	-15.7
Valuation	\$38,282,000	\$50,872,000	\$69,983,000	-24.7	-45.3
Casper MSA ² Building Permits	16	10	7	60.0	128.6
Valuation	\$3,381,000	\$1,956,000	\$2,010,000	72.9	68.2
Cheyenne MSA Building Permits	58	38	30	52.6	93.3
Valuation	\$9,309,000	\$9,574,000	\$6,663,000	-2.8	39.7
Baker Hughes North American Rotary Rig Count for Wyoming	20	19	11	5.3	81.8

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¹Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program estimates.

²Metropolitan Statistical Area.



Wyoming County Unemployment Rates

by: *Carola Cowan, BLS Programs Supervisor*

From February 2024 to February 2025, unemployment rates rose in 14 counties, remained unchanged in three counties, and fell in six counties.

REGION	Labor Force			Employed			Unemployed			Unemployment Rates		
	Feb 2025	Jan 2025	Feb 2024	Feb 2025	Jan 2025	Feb 2024	Feb 2025	Jan 2025	Feb 2024	Feb 2025	Jan 2025	Feb 2024
County	(p)	(r)	(b)	(p)	(r)	(b)	(p)	(r)	(b)	(p)	(r)	(b)
NORTHWEST	42,314	43,172	43,213	40,400	40,968	41,311	1,914	2,204	1,902	4.5	5.1	4.4
Big Horn	4,921	5,060	4,962	4,674	4,790	4,743	247	270	219	5.0	5.3	4.4
Fremont	17,373	17,731	17,793	16,570	16,765	16,985	803	966	808	4.6	5.4	4.5
Hot Springs	2,207	2,267	2,302	2,132	2,177	2,217	75	90	85	3.4	4.0	3.7
Park	13,992	14,150	14,185	13,338	13,430	13,562	654	720	623	4.7	5.1	4.4
Washakie	3,821	3,964	3,971	3,686	3,806	3,804	135	158	167	3.5	4.0	4.2
NORTHEAST	50,787	51,612	51,915	48,858	49,491	50,164	1,929	2,121	1,751	3.8	4.1	3.4
Campbell	23,941	24,227	24,758	23,029	23,261	23,961	912	966	797	3.8	4.0	3.2
Crook	3,745	3,900	3,836	3,605	3,739	3,723	140	161	113	3.7	4.1	2.9
Johnson	4,181	4,351	4,296	4,037	4,177	4,137	144	174	159	3.4	4.0	3.7
Sheridan	15,725	15,884	15,803	15,118	15,192	15,226	607	692	577	3.9	4.4	3.7
Weston	3,195	3,250	3,222	3,069	3,122	3,117	126	128	105	3.9	3.9	3.3
SOUTHWEST	61,889	62,811	62,214	59,783	60,265	60,158	2,106	2,546	2,056	3.4	4.1	3.3
Lincoln	10,735	10,907	10,578	10,381	10,475	10,209	354	432	369	3.3	4.0	3.5
Sublette	4,264	4,335	4,329	4,082	4,131	4,178	182	204	151	4.3	4.7	3.5
Sweetwater	20,191	20,470	20,836	19,398	19,472	20,011	793	998	825	3.9	4.9	4.0
Teton	16,710	16,943	16,271	16,336	16,494	15,913	374	449	358	2.2	2.7	2.2
Uinta	9,989	10,156	10,200	9,586	9,693	9,847	403	463	353	4.0	4.6	3.5
SOUTHEAST	81,846	81,727	82,141	79,008	78,235	79,310	2,838	3,492	2,831	3.5	4.3	3.4
Albany	23,199	22,218	22,940	22,555	21,388	22,271	644	830	669	2.8	3.7	2.9
Goshen	5,330	5,467	5,547	5,142	5,240	5,357	188	227	190	3.5	4.2	3.4
Laramie	49,039	49,636	49,228	47,227	47,447	47,421	1,812	2,189	1,807	3.7	4.4	3.7
Niobrara	840	885	888	800	831	856	40	54	32	4.8	6.1	3.6
Platte	3,438	3,521	3,538	3,284	3,329	3,405	154	192	133	4.5	5.5	3.8
CENTRAL	54,715	55,574	54,952	52,745	53,183	52,992	1,970	2,391	1,960	3.6	4.3	3.6
Carbon	6,110	6,296	6,050	5,861	5,982	5,805	249	314	245	4.1	5.0	4.0
Converse	6,550	6,732	6,695	6,334	6,464	6,471	216	268	224	3.3	4.0	3.3
Natrona	42,055	42,546	42,207	40,550	40,737	40,716	1,505	1,809	1,491	3.6	4.3	3.5
STATEWIDE	291,550	294,896	294,436	280,793	282,142	283,939	10,757	12,754	10,497	3.7	4.3	3.6
Statewide Seasonally Adjusted										3.5	3.6	2.8
U.S.										4.5	4.4	4.2
U.S. Seasonally Adjusted										4.1	4.0	3.9

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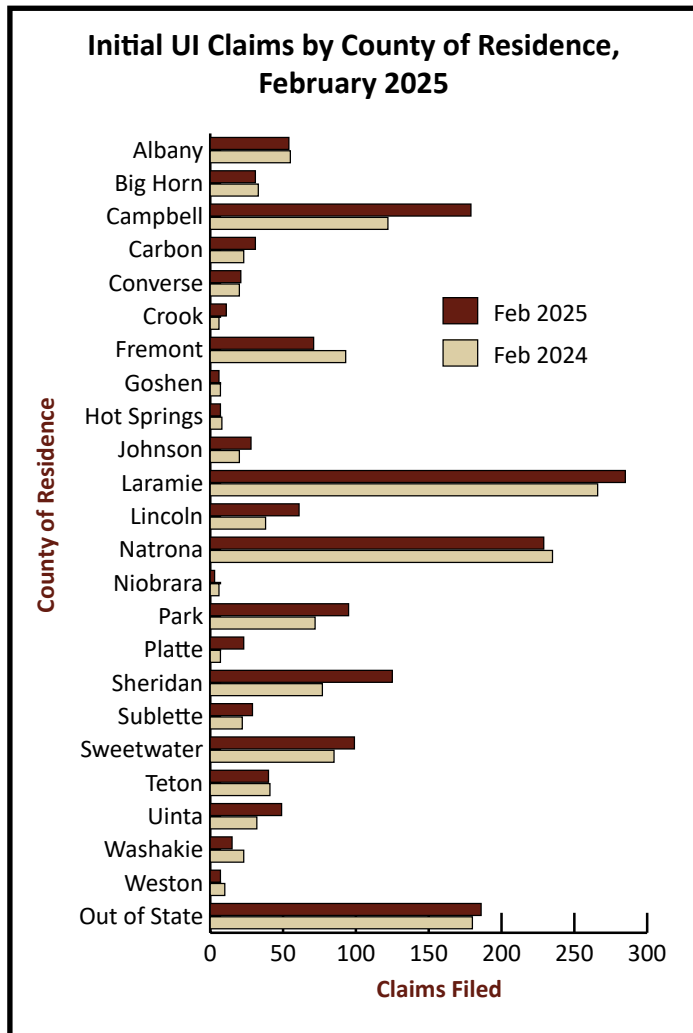
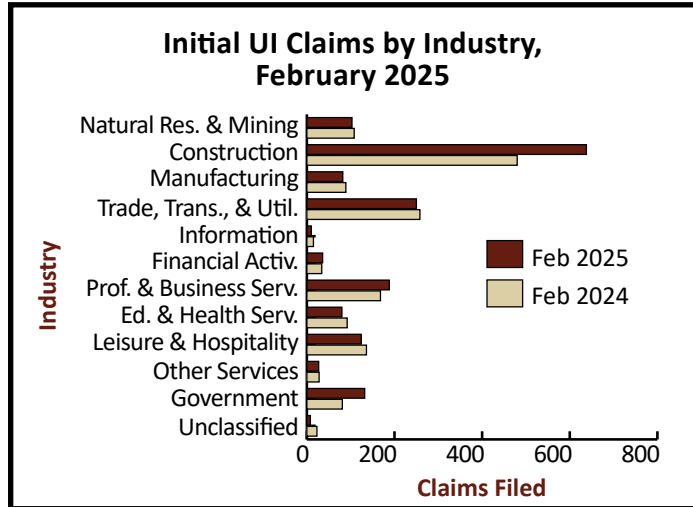
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Wyoming Normalized^a Unemployment Insurance Statistics: Initial Claims

by: *Laura Yetter, Senior Economist*

There were 1,699 initial claims in February 2025, up 198 (13.2%) from February 2024. Initial claims remained low compared to historical levels.



Initial Claims	Claims Filed			Over the Over the	
	Feb 25	Jan 25	Feb 24	Month	Year
Wyoming Statewide					
Total Claims Filed	1,699	2,245	1,501	-24.3	13.2
TOTAL GOODS-PRODUCING	824	1,226	678	-32.8	21.5
Natural Resources & Mining	103	193	108	-46.6	-4.6
Mining	93	173	90	-46.2	3.3
Construction	638	936	480	-31.8	32.9
Manufacturing	82	96	89	-14.6	-7.9
TOTAL SERVICE-PROVIDING	718	872	732	-17.7	-1.9
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	250	271	258	-7.7	-3.1
Wholesale Trade	41	39	31	5.1	32.3
Retail Trade	101	129	110	-21.7	-8.2
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	107	103	116	3.9	-7.8
Information	10	15	15	-33.3	-33.3
Financial Activities	36	35	34	2.9	5.9
Professional & Business Services	188	237	168	-20.7	11.9
Educational & Health Services	80	101	92	-20.8	-13.0
Leisure & Hospitality	124	181	136	-31.5	-8.8
Other Services, except Public Admin.	28	28	27	0.0	3.7
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	132	116	81	13.8	63.0
Federal Government	82	53	22	54.7	272.7
State Government	10	12	14	-16.7	-28.6
Local Government	38	51	44	-25.5	-13.6
Local Education	4	11	12	-63.6	-66.7
UNCLASSIFIED	23	30	8	-23.3	187.5

Laramie County					
Total Claims Filed	285	370	266	-23.0	7.1
TOTAL GOODS-PRODUCING	114	215	114	-47.0	0.0
Construction	99	200	103	-50.5	-3.9
TOTAL SERVICE-PROVIDING	148	138	138	7.2	7.2
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	36	41	49	-12.2	-26.5
Financial Activities	7	6	5	16.7	40.0
Professional & Business Services	55	34	45	61.8	22.2
Educational & Health Services	21	26	14	-19.2	50.0
Leisure & Hospitality	20	19	16	5.3	25.0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	17	10	11	70.0	54.5

Natrona County					
Total Claims Filed	229	311	235	-26.4	-2.6
TOTAL GOODS-PRODUCING	111	178	99	-37.6	12.1
Construction	87	151	79	-42.4	10.1
TOTAL SERVICE-PROVIDING	111	127	127	-12.6	-12.6
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	36	37	46	-2.7	-21.7
Financial Activities	8	N/D	14	N/D	-42.9
Professional & Business Services	27	41	19	-34.1	42.1
Educational & Health Services	14	14	23	0.0	-39.1
Leisure & Hospitality	16	17	15	-5.9	6.7
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	6	N/D	8	N/D	-25.0

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 February 2025 is available at https://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/UI/0225_UI.pdf.

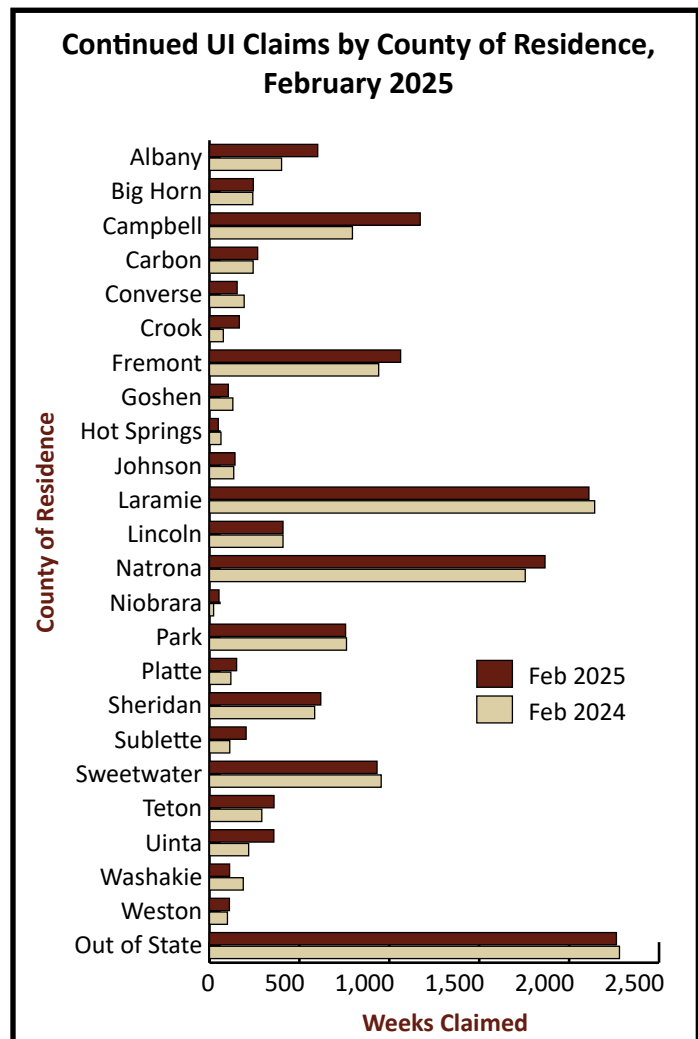
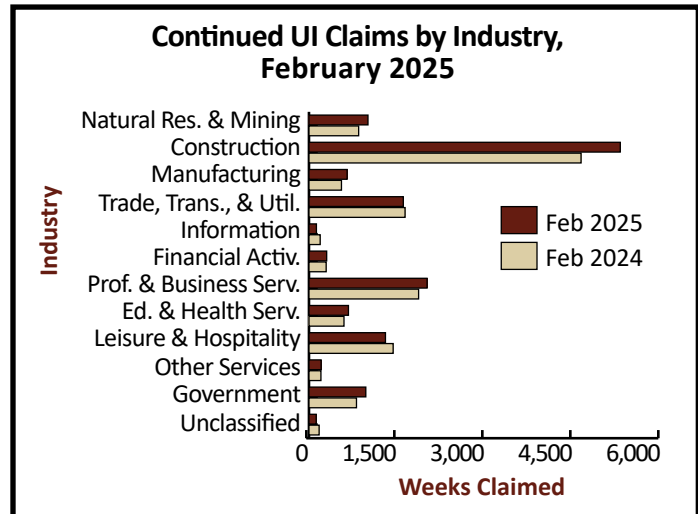
Wyoming Normalized^a Unemployment Insurance Statistics: Continued Claims

by: *Laura Yetter, Senior Economist*

The total number of unique claimants receiving continued UI benefits increased by 764 (19.6%) over the month and 380 (8.9%) over the year.

Continued Claims	Claims Filed			% Change	
	Feb 25	Jan 25	Feb 24	Over the Month	Over the Year
Wyoming Statewide					
Total Weeks Claimed	14,340	13,518	13,208	6.1	8.6
Total Unique Claimants	4,654	3,890	4,274	19.6	8.9
TOTAL GOODS-PRODUCING	6,963	6,163	6,040	13.0	15.3
Natural Resources & Mining	1,006	922	847	9.1	18.8
Mining	874	791	735	10.5	18.9
Oil & Gas Extraction	25	19	54	31.6	-53.7
Construction	5,306	4,634	4,638	14.5	14.4
Manufacturing	650	606	554	7.3	17.3
TOTAL SERVICE-PROVIDING	6,234	6,184	6,234	0.8	0.0
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	1,608	1,536	1,638	4.7	-1.8
Wholesale Trade	266	254	241	4.7	10.4
Retail Trade	819	821	760	-0.2	7.8
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	522	459	636	13.7	-17.9
Information	127	96	191	32.3	-33.5
Financial Activities	302	248	293	21.8	3.1
Professional & Business Services	2,013	1,950	1,869	3.2	7.7
Educational & Health Services	673	679	597	-0.9	12.7
Leisure & Hospitality	1,304	1,448	1,435	-9.9	-9.1
Other Services, except Public Admin.	204	223	207	-8.5	-1.4
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	969	1,009	810	-4.0	19.6
Federal Government	543	580	377	-6.4	44.0
State Government	112	96	83	16.7	34.9
Local Government	313	332	349	-5.7	-10.3
Local Education	66	67	55	-1.5	20.0
UNCLASSIFIED	173	161	123	7.5	40.7
Laramie County					
Total Weeks Claimed	2,110	1,995	2,142	5.8	-1.5
Total Unique Claimants	698	588	694	18.7	0.6
TOTAL GOODS-PRODUCING	1,043	976	960	6.9	8.6
Construction	953	876	887	8.8	7.4
TOTAL SERVICE-PROVIDING	943	903	1,100	4.4	-14.3
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	277	294	339	-5.8	-18.3
Financial Activities	83	55	61	50.9	36.1
Professional & Business Services	260	235	344	10.6	-24.4
Educational & Health Services	156	135	130	15.6	20.0
Leisure & Hospitality	95	109	106	-12.8	-10.4
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	94	90	59	4.4	59.3
UNCLASSIFIED	29	24	21	20.8	38.1
Natrona County					
Total Weeks Claimed	1,866	1,814	1,756	2.9	6.3
Total Unique Claimants	609	526	571	15.8	6.7
TOTAL GOODS-PRODUCING	912	870	767	4.8	18.9
Construction	730	711	588	2.7	24.1
TOTAL SERVICE-PROVIDING	890	875	932	1.7	-4.5
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	295	293	232	0.7	27.2
Financial Activities	59	58	61	1.7	-3.3
Professional & Business Services	278	248	272	12.1	2.2
Educational & Health Services	84	86	148	-2.3	-43.2
Leisure & Hospitality	110	128	162	-14.1	-32.1
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	42	52	51	-19.2	-17.6
UNCLASSIFIED	20	15	5	33.3	300.0

^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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