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## New Long-Term Projections Show Continued Job Growth

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*The latest long-term industry and occupational employment projections show continued growth across most industries and many occupations over the next 10 years. These projections were completed during a period that included moderate job losses; as such, projected job growth slowed somewhat compared to earlier long-term projections. Never the less, Wyoming's overall employment is projected to grow by nearly 10% over the next 10 years.*

Wyoming is projected to add nearly 28,000 new jobs over the next 10 years, according to the new long-term industry and occupational employment projections for Wyoming from 2024 to 2034 from the Research & Planning (R&P) section of the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services. This marks an increase of 9.9% from 2024 to 2034, and equates to Wyoming adding almost 2,800 jobs each year during that 10-year period. The full projections discussed in this article are available at <https://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/projections/2026/LT/toc.htm>.

R&P publishes long-term industry and occupational projections for Wyoming each year. Long-term statewide projections are published during the even years,

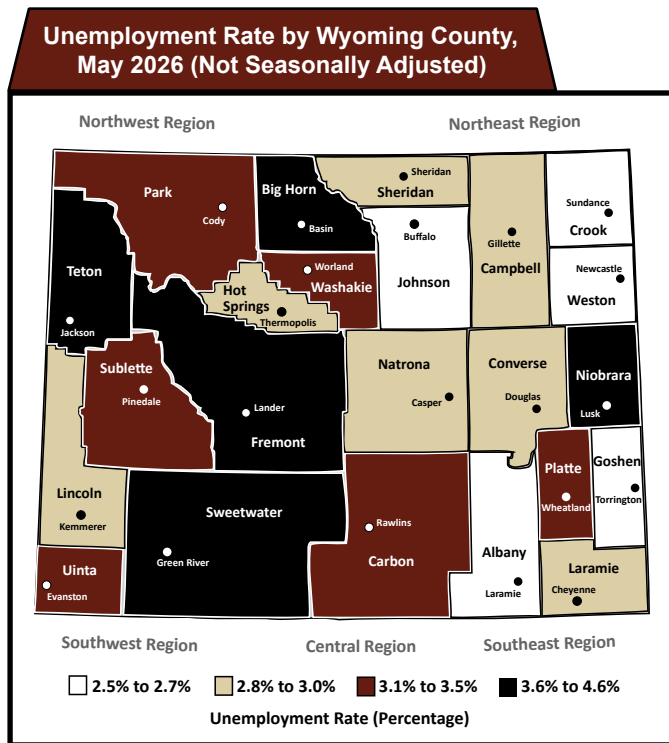
and projections for Wyoming's sub-state regions are published during the odd years. Projections are based on historic trends of how employment levels respond to market conditions such as natural gas and oil prices, building permits, mortgage rates and coal production, both within Wyoming and throughout the United States. Projections cannot account for large-scale disruptions, such as the national Great Recession and the Covid-19 pandemic.

Annual data from 1990 to 2024 were used in the creation of the 2024-2034 projections, with recent years given more weight in the projection analysis. The

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- The 2026 Wyoming Workforce Annual Report from the Research & Planning (R&P) section of the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services, in partnership with the Wyoming Workforce Development Council, is now online. ... page 11
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last few years of these projections reflect substantial job growth, but at a slightly slower rate compared to the previous projections for 2022-2032.

Over the last 20 years, Wyoming has experienced three periods of economic downturn, all of which were preceded by declining energy prices. An *economic downturn* is defined by R&P as a period of at least two consecutive quarters of over-the-year decrease in average monthly employment and total wages based on data from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW).

The shaded boxes in Figure 1 indicate Wyoming's three most recent economic downturns. The first of these downturns

lasted from first quarter 2009 to first quarter 2010 (2009Q1-2010Q1) and began during the national Great Recession. The second lasted from 2015 to 2016Q4, and was primarily driven by the collapse of energy prices and the demand for resources such as coal and oil; therefore, this downturn was more unique to Wyoming, and occurred during a period of national growth. The most recent downturn lasted from 2020 to 2021Q1 during the Covid-19 pandemic. These three downturns all represent examples for which projections cannot account. As shown in Figure 1, Wyoming's average monthly employment increased from prior-year levels for 17 consecutive quarters after the pandemic. However, this growth trended downward the last couple years and during 2025Q3 and 2025Q4, Wyoming lost jobs. Consequently, the 2024-2034 long-term projections indicate slower growth.

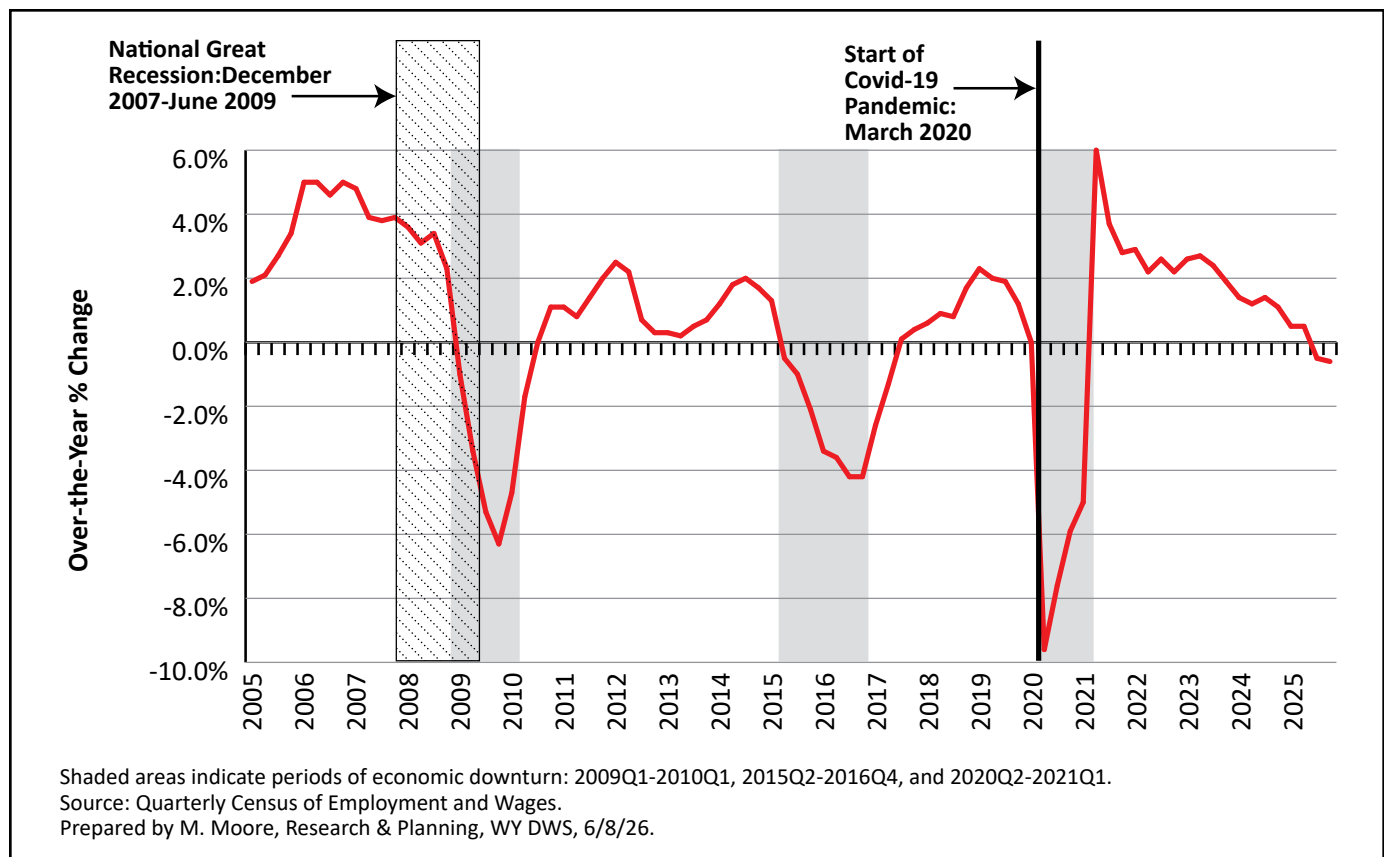


Figure 1: Over-the-Year Percent Change in Average Monthly Employment in Wyoming, 2005Q1-2025Q4

## Industry Projections

Industries are classified according to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). The industry projections are developed at the three-digit NAICS subsector level and then summed to the two-digit major industries shown in Table 1. The full industry projections table with three-digit NAICS subsectors can be found online at <https://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/projections/2026/LT/industry.htm>.

Long-term industry projections indicate that Wyoming's employment is expected to increase from 283,788 in 2024 to 311,770 in 2034, an increase of 27,982 jobs, or 9.9%. Health care & social assistance is projected to see the greatest growth (3,990 jobs, or 11.6%); this industry includes ambulatory health care services, hospitals, nursing & residential care facilities, and social assistance. Other industries projected to see job growth include accommodation & food services (3,931, or 11.6%), construction (3,696, or 15.6%), and educational services (3,056, or 10.7%). The only industry

**Table 1: Long-Term Industry Employment Projections for Wyoming by 2-Digit NAICS<sup>a</sup> Code, 2024-2034**

| NAICS <sup>a</sup> Code | Industry Name                                                         | Base<br>2024   | Projected<br>2034 | Change, 2024-2034 |            |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------|
|                         |                                                                       |                |                   | N                 | %          |
|                         | <b>Total, All Industries</b>                                          | <b>283,788</b> | <b>311,770</b>    | <b>27,982</b>     | <b>9.9</b> |
| 11                      | Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting                              | 2,782          | 3,082             | 300               | 10.8       |
| 21                      | Mining                                                                | 16,059         | 15,756            | -303              | -1.9       |
| 22                      | Utilities                                                             | 2,362          | 2,477             | 115               | 4.9        |
| 23                      | Construction                                                          | 23,679         | 27,375            | 3,696             | 15.6       |
| 31-33                   | Manufacturing                                                         | 10,251         | 11,405            | 1,154             | 11.3       |
| 42                      | Wholesale Trade                                                       | 8,047          | 8,791             | 744               | 9.2        |
| 44-45                   | Retail Trade                                                          | 30,225         | 31,977            | 1,752             | 5.8        |
| 48-49                   | Transportation & Warehousing                                          | 12,688         | 15,139            | 2,451             | 19.3       |
| 51                      | Information                                                           | 3,036          | 3,130             | 94                | 3.1        |
| 52                      | Finance & Insurance                                                   | 7,173          | 7,819             | 646               | 9.0        |
| 53                      | Real Estate & Rental & Leasing                                        | 4,108          | 4,617             | 509               | 12.4       |
| 54                      | Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services                        | 11,416         | 13,159            | 1,743             | 15.3       |
| 55                      | Management of Companies & Enterprises                                 | 978            | 1,224             | 246               | 25.2       |
| 56                      | Administrative & Support & Waste Management<br>& Remediation Services | 9,719          | 11,914            | 2,195             | 22.6       |
| 61                      | Educational Services                                                  | 28,598         | 31,654            | 3,056             | 10.7       |
| 62                      | Health Care & Social Assistance                                       | 34,392         | 38,382            | 3,990             | 11.6       |
| 71                      | Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation                                     | 4,389          | 5,071             | 682               | 15.5       |
| 72                      | Accommodation & Food Services                                         | 33,949         | 37,880            | 3,931             | 11.6       |
| 81                      | Other Services (except Government)                                    | 7,452          | 7,865             | 413               | 5.5        |
|                         | <b>Government</b>                                                     | <b>32,311</b>  | <b>32,896</b>     | <b>585</b>        | <b>1.8</b> |
|                         | Federal Government, Excluding Post Office                             | 7,103          | 7,347             | 244               | 3.4        |
|                         | State Government, Excluding Education &<br>Hospitals                  | 8,614          | 8,643             | 29                | 0.3        |
|                         | Local Government, Excluding Education &<br>Hospitals                  | 16,594         | 16,906            | 312               | 1.9        |

<sup>a</sup> North American Industry Classification System.

N/D = Not discloseable due to confidentiality.

Source: Wyoming Long-Term Industry and Occupational Employment Projections, 2024-2034.

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projected to lose jobs over the next 10 years is mining, including oil & gas (-303, or -1.9%).

## Occupational Projections

Staffing patterns from the Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics (OEWS) program are used for occupational projections. These staffing patterns are done in partnership with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) to produce the OEWS survey twice a year. This survey collects wage and salary information for all full- and part-time Wyoming workers in nonfarm industries, producing occupational estimates by metropolitan, non-metropolitan area, industry, and ownership. These estimates are then combined with the industry projections in the Projections Managing Partnership software program to cross-reference industry and occupational codes by the occupational job projection. Occupations are classified using the Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) system. The 2024-2034 long-term projections include occupational projections tables for each two-digit major group and by educational requirement.

In addition to growth or decline, long-term occupational projections also take into consideration anticipated openings due to workers leaving the workforce (*exits*) or changing occupations (*transfers*) from 2024 to 2034. *Total openings* are the sum of projected growth or decline in the number of jobs in a given occupation, plus the number of exits and transfers.

The newest long-term occupational projections show Wyoming employment increasing by 29,342 jobs. This is slightly

higher than the projected growth at the industry level, due to differences in the methodology. One key difference is that the industry projections are limited to wage and salary jobs, while the occupational projections also include estimates of the number of self-employed. The percent change of 9.9% is the same for both industry and occupational projections.

Projected growth or decline is a small component of total openings. In addition to the 29,342 job openings due to growth, Wyoming is projected to have 147,620 openings due to exits and 188,177 openings due to transfers, or 365,139 total openings.

Table 2 (see page 6) shows the 10 occupations with the greatest total projected openings from 2024 to 2034. Many of these are relatively low-paying jobs with high rates of turnover. For example, fast food & counter workers is projected to grow by 817 jobs, along with 7,632 openings due to exits and 9,058 openings due to transfers, with a total of 17,507 openings over the next 10 years. Other examples of these types of occupations include retail salespersons (14,735 total openings), stockers & order fillers (9,099), and waiters & waitresses (8,211). Interestingly, cashiers is projected to have the third highest number of total openings (10,116), despite a projected decline of 110 positions from 2024 to 2034. This could be an indication that Wyoming has an abundance of cashier positions that continuously need to be filled without adding new positions.

Of the top 10 occupations with the greatest number of total projected openings, only two require any education beyond a high school diploma. Heavy & tractor-trailer truck drivers requires



a postsecondary non-degree award (certificate), and is projected to have 8,345 total openings. General & operations managers requires a bachelor's degree and is projected to have 6,726 total openings.

As shown in Table 3 and Figure 2 (see page 7), nearly three in every four (72.3%) of the 365,139 total projected openings require a high school diploma or less. Occupations requiring a bachelor's degree account for 14.1% of the total projected

openings, followed by 9.2% that require a post-secondary non-degree award, or some college, no degree. The remaining occupations require an associate's degree (1.9%), master's degree (1.5%), or doctoral or professional degree (1.1%).

Table 4 (see pages 8-9) shows the top five occupations by total projected openings for each type of educational requirement.

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**Table 2: Long-Term Occupational Employment Projections for the Top 10 Occupations in Wyoming with the Greatest Number of Total Projected Openings, 2024-2034**

| SOC <sup>a</sup> Code | SOC Title                                                 | Base Employment (2024) | Projected Employment (2034) | Change (Growth) |      | Types of Openings |           |                    | Requirements                      |                 |                |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|------|-------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
|                       |                                                           |                        |                             | N               | %    | Exits             | Transfers | Total <sup>b</sup> | Education                         | Ex-perience     | Training       |
| 00-0000               | Total, All Occupations                                    | 297,295                | 326,637                     | 29,342          | 9.9  | 147,620           | 188,177   | 365,139            |                                   |                 |                |
| 35-3023               | Fast Food & Counter Workers                               | 7,004                  | 7,821                       | 817             | 11.7 | 7,632             | 9,058     | 17,507             | No formal educational credential  | None            | Short-term OJT |
| 41-2031               | Retail Salespersons                                       | 9,567                  | 10,237                      | 670             | 7.0  | 6,597             | 7,468     | 14,735             | No formal educational credential  | None            | Short-term OJT |
| 41-2011               | Cashiers                                                  | 5,400                  | 5,290                       | -110            | -2.0 | 5,228             | 4,998     | 10,116             | No formal educational credential  | None            | Short-term OJT |
| 53-7065               | Stockers & Order Fillers                                  | 4,712                  | 5,702                       | 990             | 21.0 | 3,463             | 4,646     | 9,099              | No formal educational credential  | None            | Short-term OJT |
| 43-9061               | Office Clerks, General                                    | 7,072                  | 7,137                       | 65              | 0.9  | 4,158             | 4,182     | 8,405              | High school diploma or equivalent | None            | Short-term OJT |
| 53-3032               | Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers                     | 6,967                  | 7,870                       | 903             | 13.0 | 3,266             | 4,176     | 8,345              | Postsecondary non-degree award    | None            | Short-term OJT |
| 35-3031               | Waiters & Waitresses                                      | 3,903                  | 4,157                       | 254             | 6.5  | 3,320             | 4,637     | 8,211              | No formal educational credential  | None            | Short-term OJT |
| 37-2011               | Janitors & Cleaners, Except Maids & Housekeeping Cleaners | 5,002                  | 5,672                       | 670             | 13.4 | 3,768             | 3,715     | 8,153              | No formal educational credential  | None            | Short-term OJT |
| 11-1021               | General & Operations Managers                             | 7,144                  | 8,027                       | 883             | 12.4 | 1,756             | 4,087     | 6,726              | Bachelor's degree                 | 5 years or more | None           |
| 31-1120               | Home Health & Personal Care Aides                         | 3,432                  | 4,114                       | 682             | 19.9 | 3,230             | 2,303     | 6,215              | High school diploma or equivalent | None            | Short-term OJT |

<sup>a</sup>Standard Occupational Classification.

<sup>b</sup>Total openings is the sum of change (growth), exits, and transfers.

<sup>c</sup>On-the-job training.

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Source: Wyoming Long-Term Industry and Occupational Employment Projections, 2024-2034.

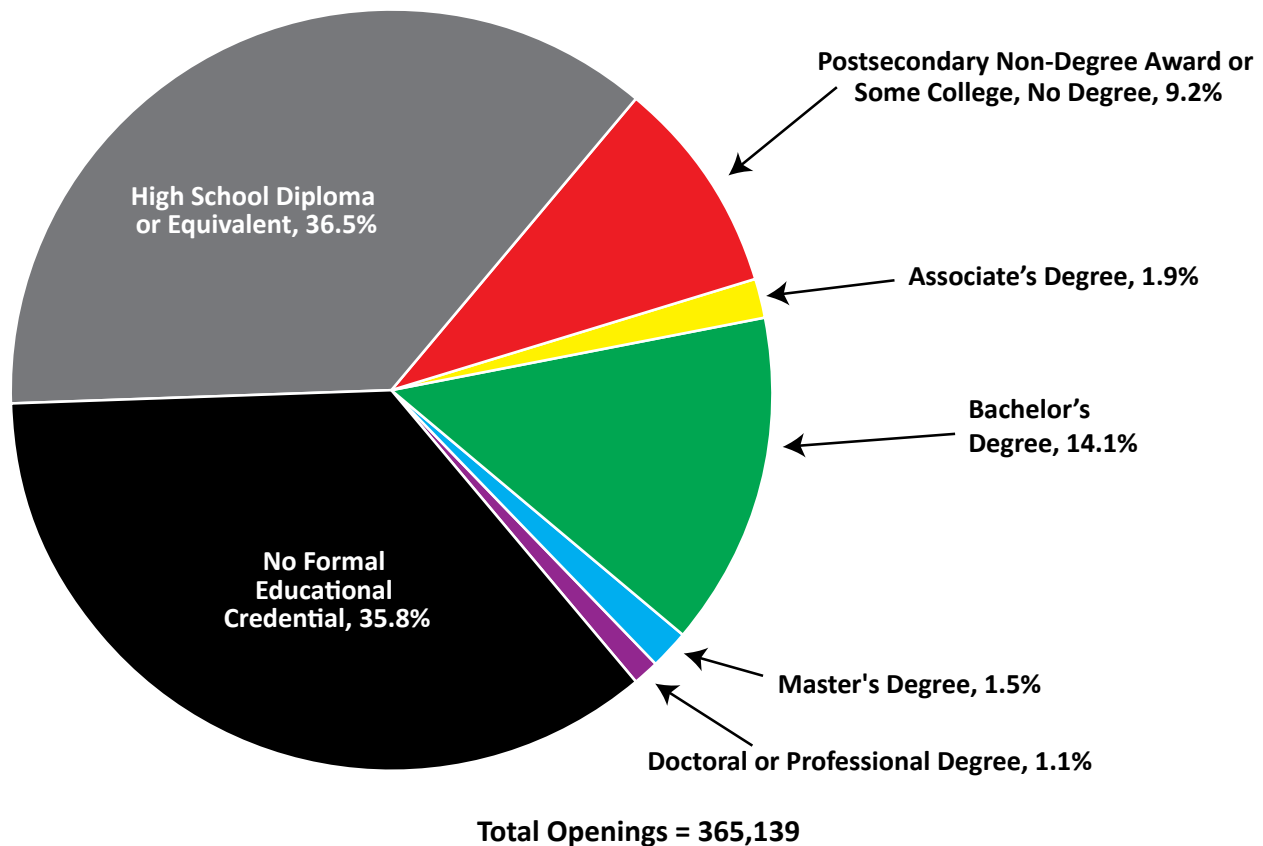
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Table 3: Long-Term Occupational Employment Projections by Educational Requirement for Wyoming, 2024-2034

| Required Education                                   | Base Employment (2024) | Projected Employment (2034) | Change (Growth) |            | Types of Openings |                | Total Projected Openings |              |
|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------------------|--------------|
|                                                      |                        |                             | N               | %          | Exits             | Transfers      | N                        | Column %     |
|                                                      |                        |                             |                 |            |                   |                |                          |              |
| <b>Total, All Occupations</b>                        | <b>297,295</b>         | <b>326,637</b>              | <b>29,342</b>   | <b>9.9</b> | <b>147,620</b>    | <b>188,177</b> | <b>365,139</b>           | <b>100.0</b> |
| No Formal Educational Credential                     | 77,650                 | 85,560                      | 7,910           | 10.2       | 55,694            | 66,954         | 130,558                  | 35.8         |
| High School Diploma or Equivalent                    | 115,211                | 124,662                     | 9,451           | 8.2        | 53,678            | 70,199         | 133,328                  | 36.5         |
| Postsecondary Certificate or Some College, No Degree | 27,969                 | 30,617                      | 2,648           | 9.5        | 14,126            | 16,846         | 33,620                   | 9.2          |
| Associate's Degree                                   | 6,387                  | 7,038                       | 651             | 10.2       | 2,155             | 4,035          | 6,841                    | 1.9          |
| Bachelor's Degree                                    | 57,876                 | 64,734                      | 6,858           | 11.8       | 18,123            | 26,579         | 51,560                   | 14.1         |
| Master's Degree                                      | 5,801                  | 6,813                       | 1,012           | 17.4       | 1,995             | 2,357          | 5,364                    | 1.5          |
| Doctoral or Professional Degree                      | 6,401                  | 7,213                       | 812             | 12.7       | 1,849             | 1,207          | 3,868                    | 1.1          |

Source: Wyoming Short-Term Industry and Occupational Employment Projections, 2024-2034.

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Source: Wyoming Short-Term Occupational Projections, 2024-2034.

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Figure 2: Projected Total Job Openings in Wyoming by Educational Requirement, 2024-2034

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Occupations with no formal educational requirement make up more than one in three (35.8%) total job openings. The occupations with the greatest projected openings in this group include fast food & counter workers (17,507), retail salespersons (14,735), cashiers (10,116), and stockers & order fillers (9,099).

Occupations requiring a high school

diploma or equivalent account for the largest proportion of total openings (36.5%). The greatest projected openings can be seen in occupations such as office clerks, general (8,405); home health & personal care aides (6,215); and maintenance & repair workers, general (4,495).

Occupations requiring a post-secondary non-degree award or some college, no degree, make up nearly one

**Table 4: Top 5 Occupations by Total Projected Openings for Wyoming by Educational Requirement, 2024-2034**

| SOC <sup>a</sup> Code                                                             | Occupation                                                   | Employment |         | Openings Due to: |           |        |         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|------------|---------|------------------|-----------|--------|---------|
|                                                                                   |                                                              | 2024       | 2034    | Exits            | Transfers | Growth | Total   |
| No Formal Educational Credential                                                  |                                                              |            |         |                  |           |        |         |
| 35-3023                                                                           | Fast Food & Counter Workers                                  | 7,004      | 7,821   | 7,632            | 9,058     | 817    | 17,507  |
| 41-2031                                                                           | Retail Salespersons                                          | 9,567      | 10,237  | 6,597            | 7,468     | 670    | 14,735  |
| 41-2011                                                                           | Cashiers                                                     | 5,400      | 5,290   | 5,228            | 4,998     | -110   | 10,116  |
| 53-7065                                                                           | Stockers & Order Fillers                                     | 4,712      | 5,702   | 3,463            | 4,646     | 990    | 9,099   |
| 35-3031                                                                           | Waiters & Waitresses                                         | 3,903      | 4,157   | 3,320            | 4,637     | 254    | 8,211   |
| Occupations with No Formal Educational Requirement                                |                                                              | 77,650     | 85,560  | 55,694           | 66,954    | 7,910  | 130,558 |
| High School Diploma or Equivalent                                                 |                                                              |            |         |                  |           |        |         |
| 43-9061                                                                           | Office Clerks, General                                       | 7,072      | 7,137   | 4,158            | 4,182     | 65     | 8,405   |
| 31-1120                                                                           | Home Health & Personal Care Aides                            | 3,432      | 4,114   | 3,230            | 2,303     | 682    | 6,215   |
| 49-9071                                                                           | Maintenance & Repair Workers, General                        | 4,141      | 4,596   | 2,023            | 2,017     | 455    | 4,495   |
| 35-1012                                                                           | First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation & Serving Workers | 2,565      | 2,849   | 1,355            | 2,466     | 284    | 4,105   |
| 41-1011                                                                           | First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers               | 4,037      | 4,178   | 1,569            | 2,323     | 141    | 4,033   |
| Occupations Requiring a High School Diploma or Equivalent                         |                                                              | 115,211    | 124,662 | 53,678           | 70,199    | 9,451  | 133,328 |
| Postsecondary Non-Degree Award or Some College, No Degree                         |                                                              |            |         |                  |           |        |         |
| 53-3032                                                                           | Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers                        | 6,967      | 7,870   | 3,266            | 4,176     | 903    | 8,345   |
| 25-9045                                                                           | Teaching Assistants, Except Postsecondary                    | 3,489      | 3,779   | 2,092            | 2,346     | 290    | 4,728   |
| 43-3031                                                                           | Bookkeeping, Accounting, & Auditing Clerks                   | 3,660      | 3,740   | 2,380            | 1,858     | 80     | 4,318   |
| 31-1131                                                                           | Nursing Assistants                                           | 2,770      | 2,992   | 1,903            | 2,065     | 222    | 4,190   |
| 49-3023                                                                           | Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics                   | 1,739      | 1,874   | 579              | 884       | 135    | 1,598   |
| Occupations Requiring a Postsecondary Non-Degree Award or Some College, No Degree |                                                              | 27,969     | 30,617  | 14,126           | 16,846    | 2,648  | 33,620  |

<sup>a</sup>Standard Occupational Classification.

Source: Wyoming Long-Term Occupational Projections, 2024-2034.

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in 10 (9.2%) total projected openings. Of the 33,620 total projected openings in this group, nearly one in four (8,345) are heavy & tractor-trailer truck drivers.

Other occupations requiring a post-secondary certificate or some college that have relatively large numbers of total projected openings include teaching

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**Table 4: Top 5 Occupations by Total Projected Openings for Wyoming by Educational Requirement, 2024-2034**

|                                                         |                                                                  | Employment |         | Openings Due to: |           |        |         |
|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|---------|------------------|-----------|--------|---------|
| SOC <sup>a</sup> Code                                   | Occupation                                                       | 2024       | 2034    | Exits            | Transfers | Growth | Total   |
| Associate's Degree                                      |                                                                  |            |         |                  |           |        |         |
| 25-2011                                                 | Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education                     | 737        | 796     | 362              | 493       | 59     | 914     |
| 19-4071                                                 | Forest & Conservation Technicians                                | 573        | 584     | 135              | 569       | 11     | 715     |
| 23-2011                                                 | Paralegals & Legal Assistants                                    | 539        | 570     | 176              | 401       | 31     | 608     |
| 31-2021                                                 | Physical Therapist Assistants                                    | 214        | 272     | 127              | 214       | 58     | 399     |
| 29-1292                                                 | Dental Hygienists                                                | 488        | 529     | 190              | 114       | 41     | 345     |
| Occupations Requiring an Associate's Degree             |                                                                  | 6,387      | 7,038   | 2,155            | 4,035     | 651    | 6,841   |
| Bachelor's Degree                                       |                                                                  |            |         |                  |           |        |         |
| 11-1021                                                 | General & Operations Managers                                    | 7,144      | 8,027   | 1,756            | 4,087     | 883    | 6,726   |
| 29-1141                                                 | Registered Nurses                                                | 5,272      | 5,939   | 1,580            | 1,203     | 667    | 3,450   |
| 25-3031                                                 | Substitute Teachers, Short-Term                                  | 2,356      | 2,669   | 1,474            | 1,470     | 313    | 3,257   |
| 13-2011                                                 | Accountants & Auditors                                           | 2,752      | 3,038   | 889              | 1,204     | 286    | 2,379   |
| 25-2021                                                 | Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education             | 2,670      | 2,904   | 936              | 920       | 234    | 2,090   |
| Occupations Requiring a Bachelor's Degree               |                                                                  | 57,876     | 64,734  | 18,123           | 26,579    | 6,858  | 51,560  |
| Master's Degree                                         |                                                                  |            |         |                  |           |        |         |
| 21-1018                                                 | Substance Abuse, Behavioral Disorder, & Mental Health Counselors | 896        | 1,104   | 329              | 438       | 208    | 975     |
| 21-1012                                                 | Educational, Guidance, & Career Counselors & Advisors            | 748        | 858     | 268              | 353       | 110    | 731     |
| 29-1171                                                 | Nurse Practitioners                                              | 452        | 658     | 124              | 116       | 206    | 446     |
| 25-4022                                                 | Librarians & Media Collections Specialists                       | 367        | 394     | 201              | 150       | 27     | 378     |
| 29-1071                                                 | Physician Assistants                                             | 421        | 527     | 95               | 135       | 106    | 336     |
| Occupations Requiring a Master's Degree                 |                                                                  | 5,801      | 6,813   | 1,995            | 2,357     | 1,012  | 5,364   |
| Doctoral or Professional Degree                         |                                                                  |            |         |                  |           |        |         |
| 25-1199                                                 | Postsecondary Teachers, All Other                                | 540        | 610     | 224              | 186       | 70     | 480     |
| 23-1011                                                 | Lawyers                                                          | 1,086      | 1,191   | 202              | 158       | 105    | 465     |
| 29-1123                                                 | Physical Therapists                                              | 535        | 617     | 122              | 88        | 82     | 292     |
| 29-1051                                                 | Pharmacists                                                      | 523        | 601     | 132              | 74        | 78     | 284     |
| 25-1071                                                 | Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary                       | 199        | 258     | 89               | 74        | 59     | 222     |
| Occupations Requiring a Doctoral or Professional Degree |                                                                  | 6,401      | 7,213   | 1,849            | 1,207     | 812    | 3,868   |
| Total, All Occupations                                  |                                                                  |            |         |                  |           |        |         |
| Total, All Occupations                                  |                                                                  | 297,295    | 326,637 | 147,620          | 188,177   | 29,342 | 365,139 |

<sup>a</sup>Standard Occupational Classification.

Source: Wyoming Long-Term Occupational Projections, 2024-2034.

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assistants, except post-secondary (4,728); bookkeeping, accounting, & auditing clerks (4,318); and nursing assistants (4,190).

Occupations requiring an associate's degree account for 1.9% of total projected openings. The occupations with the greatest number of projected openings are preschool teachers, except special education (914); forest & conservation technicians (715), and paralegals & legal assistants (608).

Occupations requiring a bachelor's degree make up the greatest proportion of all occupations that require some post-secondary education, and account for 14.1% of all projected openings. General & operations managers show the greatest number of projected openings (6,726), followed by registered nurses (3,450) and short-term substitute teachers (3,257).

Occupations requiring a master's degree account for 1.5% of total projected openings. The occupations with the greatest projected openings are substance abuse, behavioral disorder, & mental health

counselors (975); educational, guidance, school, & vocational counselors (731); and nurse practitioners (446).

Finally, occupations requiring a doctoral or professional degree represent the fewest projected openings (3,868) of all educational groups and make up 1.1% of all projected openings. Postsecondary teachers, all other have the greatest number of projected openings (480), followed by lawyers (465) and physical therapists (292).

Occupational projections also make it possible to look at job growth openings by the type of training typically required to enter that job. As an example, Table 5 shows the top five occupations that require an apprenticeship with the greatest number of total openings. All of these occupations require a high school diploma or equivalent. In total, Wyoming is projected to have 9,047 total openings in occupations requiring an apprenticeship over the next 10 years. The occupations with the greatest number of total openings are electricians (3,487), carpenters (2,869), and plumbers, pipefitters, & steamfitters (1,386).

**Table 5: Long-Term Occupational Employment Projections for the Top 5 Occupations Requiring an Internship in Wyoming, 2024-2034**

|                          |                                                   | Base<br>Employ-<br>ment<br>(2024) | Projected<br>Employ-<br>ment<br>(2034) | Change (Growth) |      | Types of Openings |           |         |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------|------|-------------------|-----------|---------|
| SOC <sup>a</sup><br>Code | SOC Title                                         |                                   |                                        | N               | %    | Exits             | Transfers | Total   |
|                          | Total, All Occupations                            | 297,295                           | 326,637                                | 29,342          | 9.9  | 147,620           | 188,177   | 365,139 |
|                          | Subtotal, Occupations Requiring an Apprenticeship | 8,902                             | 10,380                                 | 1,478           | 16.6 | 2,921             | 4,648     | 9,047   |
| 47-2111                  | Electricians                                      | 2,980                             | 3,640                                  | 660             | 22.2 | 1,043             | 1,784     | 3,487   |
| 47-2031                  | Carpenters                                        | 3,349                             | 3,708                                  | 359             | 10.7 | 1,002             | 1,508     | 2,869   |
| 47-2152                  | Plumbers, Pipefitters, & Steamfitters             | 1,269                             | 1,525                                  | 256             | 20.2 | 426               | 704       | 1,386   |
| 47-2132                  | Insulation Workers, Mechanical                    | 342                               | 396                                    | 54              | 15.8 | 105               | 188       | 347     |
| 47-2021                  | Brickmasons & Blockmasons                         | 276                               | 332                                    | 56              | 20.3 | 86                | 131       | 273     |

<sup>a</sup>Standard Occupational Classification.

N/D = Not discloseable due to confidentiality.

Source: Wyoming Long-Term Industry and Occupational Employment Projections, 2024-2034.

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## New from R&P: 2026 Wyoming Workforce Annual Report

by: Michael Moore, Research Supervisor

The 2026 Wyoming Workforce Annual Report from the Research & Planning (R&P) section of the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services, in partnership with the Wyoming Workforce Development Council, provides a wealth of information on Wyoming's labor market.

The annual report's authors looked at Wyoming's labor market in 2025 by using data from numerous sources, including the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW), Wyoming Wage Records, Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS), Unemployment Insurance claims, and more.

As noted in Chapter 2 of the report, data from the QCEW show that Wyoming saw the first signs of job losses during third and fourth quarter 2025 (2025Q3 and 2025Q4) after 17 consecutive quarters (or more than four years) of over-the-year job growth. At the annual level, Wyoming's average monthly employment for 2025 was 282,123, down slightly (81 jobs, or 0.0%) compared to 2024 (see Table 1). Wyoming employers paid \$17.9 billion in total wages in 2025, an increase of \$520.1 million (3.0%) over the year. Wyoming's average annual wage in 2025 was \$63,501, up \$1,861 (3.0%) compared to 2024.

Wyoming's *labor force* (the sum of all employed and unemployed individuals) was down in 2025, while the unemployment rate was up, according to LAUS data in Chapter 4. The total labor force in 2025 was 289,017, with a 3.4% unemployment rate; this marked the first decrease in the labor force after three consecutive years of growth.

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#### 2026 Wyoming Workforce Annual Report

[https://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/annual\\_report.htm](https://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/annual_report.htm)

As noted in Chapter 6 of the report, Wage Records show a total of 347,129 total persons working in Wyoming at any time during the year, a decrease of 1.7%. In recent years, Wyoming has seen a decrease in resident male and female workers, and an increase of nonresident workers, or those for whom demographic data are not available. Nonresidents are typically individuals who commute to Wyoming from another state or country for work, or individuals who moved to Wyoming for work but did not yet establish residency.

Figure 1 (see page 12) provides a snapshot of Wyoming's labor market over the last 10 years by using data from a variety of the sources discussed in the annual report. The shaded areas represent periods of *economic downturn*, which R&P defines as a period of at least

**Table 1: Average Monthly Employment (Jobs Worked), Total Wages, and Average Annual Wage for Wyoming, 2024 and 2025**

|                            | 2025           | 2024           | Change, 2024-2025 |     |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|-----|
|                            |                |                | N                 | %   |
| Average Monthly Employment | 282,123        | 282,204        | -81               | 0.0 |
| Total Wages                | \$17.9 Billion | \$17.4 Billion | \$520.1 Million   | 3.0 |
| Average Annual Wage        | \$63,501       | \$61,639       | \$1,861           | 3.0 |

Source: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages.

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two consecutive quarters of over-the-year decline in average monthly employment (the number of jobs worked) and total wages based on data from the QCEW. The black line at the top represents Wyoming's estimated population, which has grown each year since 2020. The red line represents the total number of persons working based on Wage Records, and the blue line indicates Wyoming's resident labor force, based on LAUS estimates. Finally, the green line represents Wyoming's average monthly employment (total jobs worked) based on the QCEW.

As is evident in Figure 1, the number of jobs worked from the QCEW (green line) and the total number of persons working from Wage Records (red line) follow very similar patterns and decrease substantially during economic downturns. When Wyoming loses jobs, there are far fewer opportunities for people to work in the state. Both of these metrics steadily increased from 2021 on, but decreased slightly during the second half of 2025.

The new report is available online at [https://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/annual\\_report.htm](https://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/annual_report.htm).

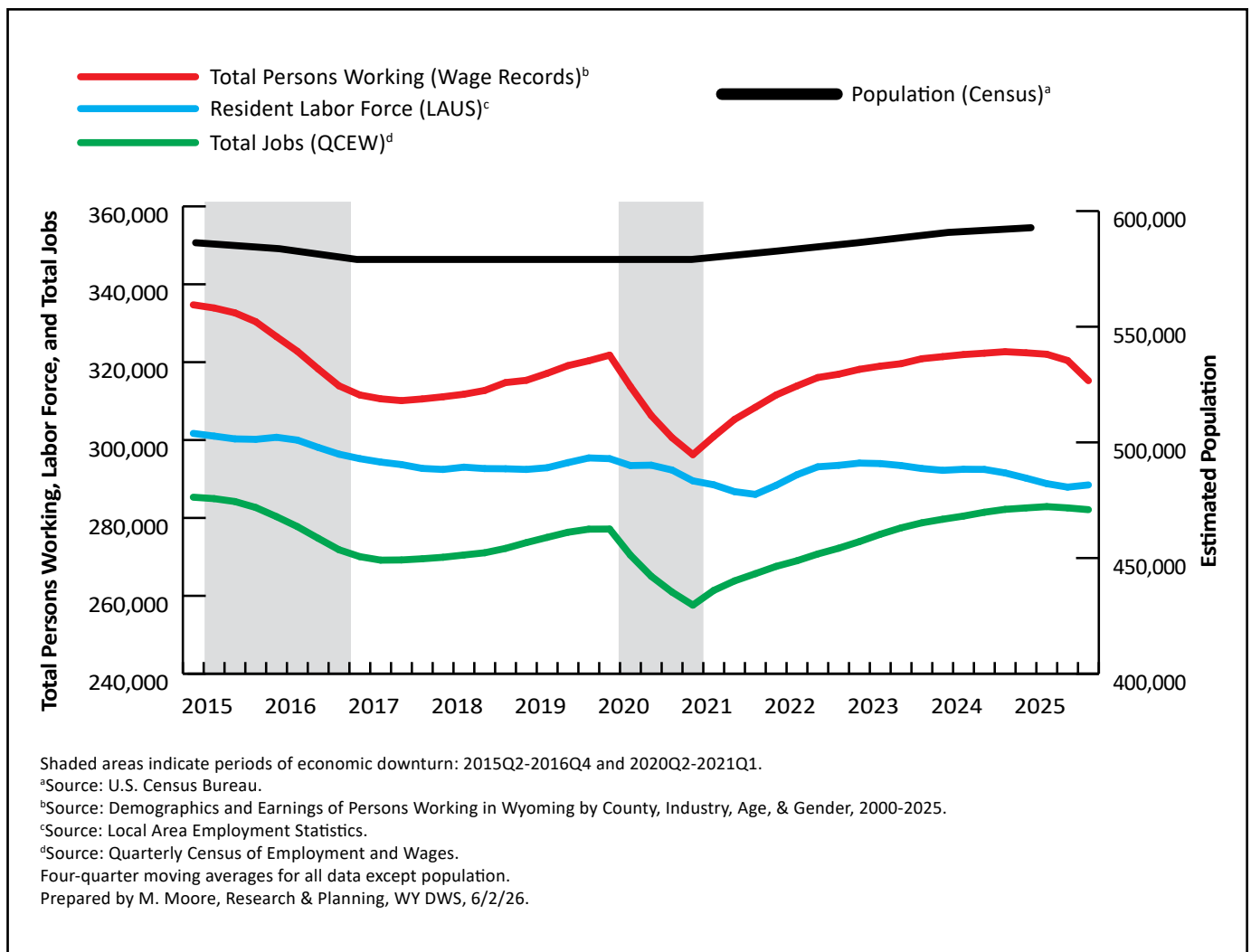


Figure 1: Selected Components of Wyoming's Labor Market, 2015-2025

# Wyoming Unemployment Rate Falls to 3.4% in May 2026

by: David Bullard, Senior Economist

The Research & Planning section of the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services reported that the state's seasonally adjusted<sup>1</sup> unemployment rate fell slightly from 3.5% in April to 3.4% in May. Wyoming's unemployment rate remains much lower than the current U.S. rate of 4.3%.

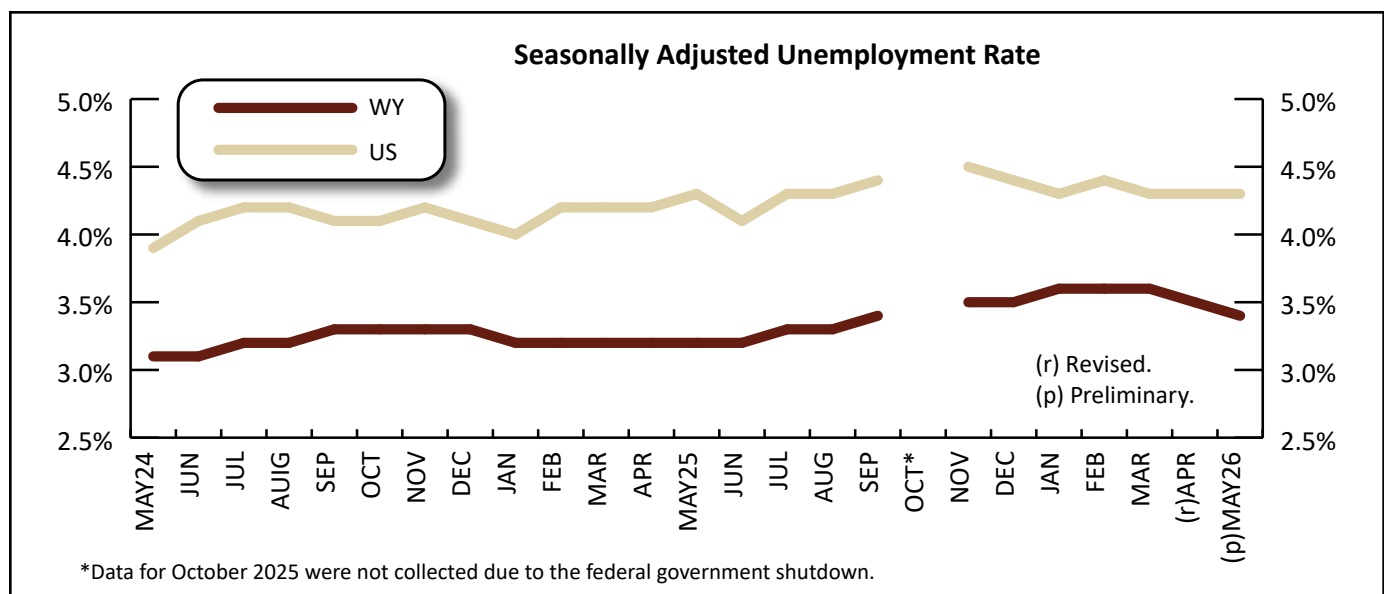
Most county unemployment rates followed their normal seasonal pattern and fell from April to May. Unemployment rates usually decrease in May as the warmer days of late spring bring seasonal job gains in leisure & hospitality, government, construction, professional & business services, and retail trade. The largest unemployment rate decreases occurred in Teton (down from 4.1% to 2.6%), Niobrara (down from 4.6% to 3.6%), Park (down from 3.4% to 2.7%), and Sublette (down from 3.5% to 2.9%) counties.

<sup>1</sup> 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.

From May 2025 to May 2026, jobless rates fell in nearly every county. The largest decreases were seen in Weston (down from 3.2% to 2.5%), Uinta (down from 3.4% to 2.7%), Sheridan (down from 3.1% to 2.5%), and Carbon (down from 3.4% to 2.8%) counties. Unemployment rates remained unchanged from their year-ago levels in Niobrara (3.6%) and Sweetwater (3.5%) counties.

In May, the highest unemployment rates were found in Niobrara County at 3.6%, Sweetwater County at 3.5%, and Big Horn County at 3.4%. The lowest rates were reported in Crook and Albany counties, both at 2.3%, and Johnson County 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 296,600 in May 2025 to 297,700 in May 2026, an increase of 1,100 jobs (0.4%).





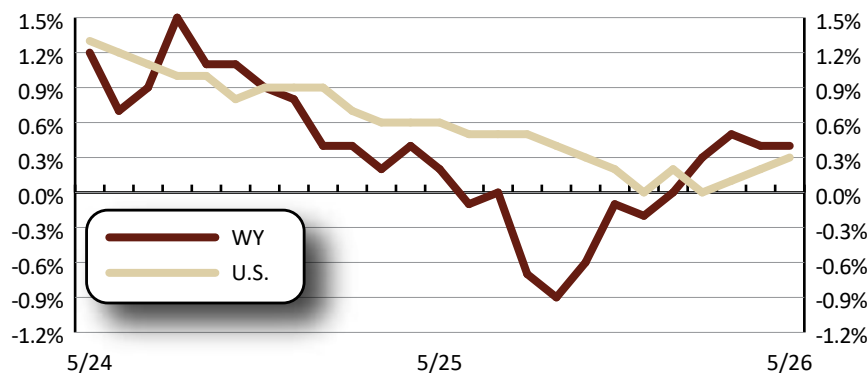
## Current Employment Statistics (CES) Estimates and Research & Planning's Internal Estimates, May 2026

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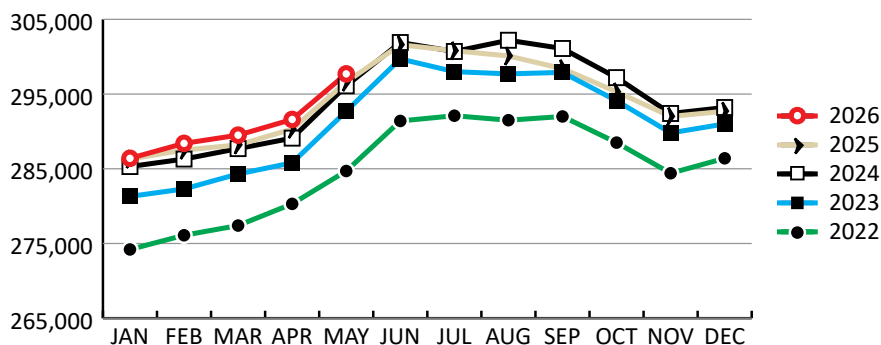
| Industry Sector                  | Research & Planning's Internal Estimates | Current Employment Statistics (CES) Estimates | N Difference | % Difference |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Total Nonfarm</b>             | <b>295,768</b>                           | <b>297,700</b>                                | <b>1,932</b> | <b>0.6%</b>  |
| Natural Resources & Mining       | 14,652                                   | 15,300                                        | 648          | 4.2%         |
| Construction                     | 23,445                                   | 24,300                                        | 855          | 3.5%         |
| Manufacturing                    | 10,360                                   | 10,400                                        | 40           | 0.4%         |
| Wholesale Trade                  | 8,005                                    | 8,000                                         | -5           | -0.1%        |
| Retail Trade                     | 30,062                                   | 30,200                                        | 138          | 0.5%         |
| Transportation & Utilities       | 14,615                                   | 14,000                                        | -615         | -4.4%        |
| Information                      | 3,004                                    | 3,000                                         | -4           | -0.1%        |
| Financial Activities             | 11,363                                   | 11,500                                        | 137          | 1.2%         |
| Professional & Business Services | 22,179                                   | 21,900                                        | -279         | -1.3%        |
| Educational & Health Services    | 30,170                                   | 30,100                                        | -70          | -0.2%        |
| Leisure & Hospitality            | 37,587                                   | 39,500                                        | 1,913        | 4.8%         |
| Other Services                   | 16,526                                   | 16,100                                        | -426         | -2.6%        |
| Government                       | 73,800                                   | 73,400                                        | -400         | -0.5%        |

Research & Planning's Internal Estimates were run in March 2026 and based on QCEW data through September 2025.

### Nonagricultural Employment Growth (Percentage Change Over Previous Year)



### Wyoming Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment



### State Unemployment Rates May 2026 (Seasonally Adjusted)

| State                | Unemp. Rate |
|----------------------|-------------|
| District of Columbia | 6.1         |
| Puerto Rico          | 5.6         |
| California           | 5.3         |
| Nevada               | 5.2         |
| Oregon               | 5.2         |
| Washington           | 5.2         |
| Connecticut          | 5.1         |
| Delaware             | 5.1         |
| Illinois             | 5.1         |
| Michigan             | 5.1         |
| New Mexico           | 4.9         |
| Arizona              | 4.8         |
| Florida              | 4.8         |
| New Jersey           | 4.7         |
| Alaska               | 4.6         |
| New York             | 4.6         |
| South Carolina       | 4.6         |
| Kentucky             | 4.5         |
| Louisiana            | 4.5         |
| Massachusetts        | 4.5         |
| Maryland             | 4.4         |
| Minnesota            | 4.4         |
| Rhode Island         | 4.3         |
| Texas                | 4.3         |
| <b>United States</b> | <b>4.3</b>  |
| West Virginia        | 4.3         |
| Arkansas             | 4.2         |
| Pennsylvania         | 4.2         |
| Oklahoma             | 4.1         |
| Colorado             | 3.9         |
| Kansas               | 3.8         |
| Mississippi          | 3.8         |
| Missouri             | 3.8         |
| Virginia             | 3.8         |
| Idaho                | 3.7         |
| North Carolina       | 3.7         |
| Ohio                 | 3.7         |
| Utah                 | 3.7         |
| Tennessee            | 3.6         |
| Georgia              | 3.4         |
| Montana              | 3.4         |
| Wisconsin            | 3.4         |
| <b>Wyoming</b>       | <b>3.4</b>  |
| Indiana              | 3.3         |
| Iowa                 | 3.2         |
| Maine                | 3.1         |
| Alabama              | 3.0         |
| Nebraska             | 3.0         |
| New Hampshire        | 3.0         |
| Vermont              | 2.6         |
| Hawaii               | 2.5         |
| North Dakota         | 2.4         |
| South Dakota         | 2.1         |

## Wyoming Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment by: David Bullard, Senior Economist

### State Unemployment Rates May 2026 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

|                                                  | Employment in<br>Thousands |             |             | % Change<br>Total Employment |                  |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------------------------|------------------|
|                                                  | May 26                     | Apr 26      | May 25      | Apr 26<br>May 26             | May 25<br>May 26 |
| <b>CAMPBELL COUNTY</b>                           |                            |             |             |                              |                  |
| <b>TOTAL NONAG. WAGE &amp; SALARY EMPLOYMENT</b> | <b>25.2</b>                | <b>24.7</b> | <b>25.7</b> | <b>2.0</b>                   | <b>-1.9</b>      |
| <b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b>                             | <b>19.9</b>                | <b>19.5</b> | <b>20.5</b> | <b>2.1</b>                   | <b>-2.9</b>      |
| <b>GOODS PRODUCING</b>                           | <b>7.3</b>                 | <b>7.1</b>  | <b>7.7</b>  | <b>2.8</b>                   | <b>-5.2</b>      |
| Natural Resources & Mining                       | 4.6                        | 4.6         | 4.9         | 0.0                          | -6.1             |
| Construction                                     | 2.2                        | 2.1         | 2.3         | 4.8                          | -4.3             |
| Manufacturing                                    | 0.5                        | 0.4         | 0.5         | 25.0                         | 0.0              |
| <b>SERVICE PROVIDING</b>                         | <b>17.9</b>                | <b>17.6</b> | <b>18.0</b> | <b>1.7</b>                   | <b>-0.6</b>      |
| Trade, Transportation, & Utilities               | 5.1                        | 5.1         | 5.3         | 0.0                          | -3.8             |
| 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                    | 1.7                        | 1.6         | 1.6         | 6.2                          | 6.2              |
| Leisure & Hospitality                            | 2.5                        | 2.4         | 2.5         | 4.2                          | 0.0              |
| Other Services                                   | 0.9                        | 0.9         | 0.9         | 0.0                          | 0.0              |
| <b>GOVERNMENT</b>                                | <b>5.3</b>                 | <b>5.2</b>  | <b>5.2</b>  | <b>1.9</b>                   | <b>1.9</b>       |

|                                                  | Employment in<br>Thousands |             |             | % Change<br>Total Employment |                  |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------------------------|------------------|
|                                                  | May 26                     | Apr 26      | May 25      | Apr 26<br>May 26             | May 25<br>May 26 |
| <b>SWEETWATER COUNTY</b>                         |                            |             |             |                              |                  |
| <b>TOTAL NONAG. WAGE &amp; SALARY EMPLOYMENT</b> | <b>20.9</b>                | <b>20.8</b> | <b>21.2</b> | <b>0.5</b>                   | <b>-1.4</b>      |
| <b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b>                             | <b>16.5</b>                | <b>16.3</b> | <b>16.7</b> | <b>1.2</b>                   | <b>-1.2</b>      |
| <b>GOODS PRODUCING</b>                           | <b>6.0</b>                 | <b>5.9</b>  | <b>6.1</b>  | <b>1.7</b>                   | <b>-1.6</b>      |
| Natural Resources & Mining                       | 3.3                        | 3.3         | 3.3         | 0.0                          | 0.0              |
| Construction                                     | 1.4                        | 1.3         | 1.4         | 7.7                          | 0.0              |
| Manufacturing                                    | 1.3                        | 1.3         | 1.4         | 0.0                          | -7.1             |
| <b>SERVICE PROVIDING</b>                         | <b>14.9</b>                | <b>14.9</b> | <b>15.1</b> | <b>0.0</b>                   | <b>-1.3</b>      |
| Trade, Transportation, & Utilities               | 4.3                        | 4.3         | 4.4         | 0.0                          | -2.3             |
| 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                 | 1.2                        | 1.2         | 1.2         | 0.0                          | 0.0              |
| Educational & Health Services                    | 1.4                        | 1.4         | 1.4         | 0.0                          | 0.0              |
| Leisure & Hospitality                            | 2.3                        | 2.2         | 2.3         | 4.5                          | 0.0              |
| Other Services                                   | 0.6                        | 0.6         | 0.6         | 0.0                          | 0.0              |
| <b>GOVERNMENT</b>                                | <b>4.4</b>                 | <b>4.5</b>  | <b>4.5</b>  | <b>-2.2</b>                  | <b>-2.2</b>      |

|                                                  | Employment in<br>Thousands |             |             | % Change<br>Total Employment |                  |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------------------------|------------------|
|                                                  | May 26                     | Apr 26      | May 25      | Apr 26<br>May 26             | May 25<br>May 26 |
| <b>TETON COUNTY</b>                              |                            |             |             |                              |                  |
| <b>TOTAL NONAG. WAGE &amp; SALARY EMPLOYMENT</b> | <b>22.9</b>                | <b>21.7</b> | <b>23.3</b> | <b>5.5</b>                   | <b>-1.7</b>      |
| <b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b>                             | <b>19.8</b>                | <b>18.7</b> | <b>20.3</b> | <b>5.9</b>                   | <b>-2.5</b>      |
| <b>GOODS PRODUCING</b>                           | <b>3.0</b>                 | <b>2.9</b>  | <b>3.1</b>  | <b>3.4</b>                   | <b>-3.2</b>      |
| Natural Resources, Mining & Construction         | 2.8                        | 2.7         | 2.9         | 3.7                          | -3.4             |
| Manufacturing                                    | 0.2                        | 0.2         | 0.2         | 0.0                          | 0.0              |
| <b>SERVICE PROVIDING</b>                         | <b>19.9</b>                | <b>18.8</b> | <b>20.2</b> | <b>5.9</b>                   | <b>-1.5</b>      |
| Trade, Transportation, & Utilities               | 2.7                        | 2.6         | 2.8         | 3.8                          | -3.6             |
| 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                 | 2.8                        | 2.5         | 2.7         | 12.0                         | 3.7              |
| Educational & Health Services                    | 1.3                        | 1.3         | 1.3         | 0.0                          | 0.0              |
| Leisure & Hospitality                            | 7.9                        | 7.3         | 8.3         | 8.2                          | -4.8             |
| Other Services                                   | 0.5                        | 0.5         | 0.5         | 0.0                          | 0.0              |
| <b>GOVERNMENT</b>                                | <b>3.1</b>                 | <b>3.0</b>  | <b>3.0</b>  | <b>3.3</b>                   | <b>3.3</b>       |

| State                | Unemp. Rate |
|----------------------|-------------|
| District of Columbia | 6.0         |
| Puerto Rico          | 5.5         |
| Michigan             | 5.2         |
| Connecticut          | 5.0         |
| Nevada               | 5.0         |
| Kentucky             | 4.8         |
| Oregon               | 4.8         |
| Washington           | 4.8         |
| Arizona              | 4.7         |
| California           | 4.7         |
| Illinois             | 4.7         |
| New Mexico           | 4.6         |
| Oklahoma             | 4.5         |
| Florida              | 4.4         |
| Louisiana            | 4.4         |
| Texas                | 4.3         |
| Delaware             | 4.2         |
| New Jersey           | 4.2         |
| New York             | 4.2         |
| Alaska               | 4.1         |
| Massachusetts        | 4.1         |
| <b>United States</b> | <b>4.1</b>  |
| Minnesota            | 4.0         |
| Maryland             | 3.9         |
| Pennsylvania         | 3.9         |
| South Carolina       | 3.8         |
| Arkansas             | 3.7         |
| Colorado             | 3.7         |
| Kansas               | 3.7         |
| Virginia             | 3.6         |
| West Virginia        | 3.6         |
| Idaho                | 3.5         |
| Mississippi          | 3.5         |
| North Carolina       | 3.5         |
| Alabama              | 3.4         |
| Missouri             | 3.4         |
| Utah                 | 3.4         |
| Rhode Island         | 3.3         |
| Georgia              | 3.2         |
| Indiana              | 3.2         |
| Maine                | 3.1         |
| Tennessee            | 3.1         |
| Ohio                 | 3.0         |
| Iowa                 | 2.9         |
| Montana              | 2.9         |
| Wisconsin            | 2.9         |
| Nebraska             | 2.8         |
| <b>Wyoming</b>       | <b>2.7</b>  |
| New Hampshire        | 2.6         |
| Hawaii               | 2.5         |
| Vermont              | 2.4         |
| North Dakota         | 1.9         |
| South Dakota         | 1.8         |

## Economic Indicators

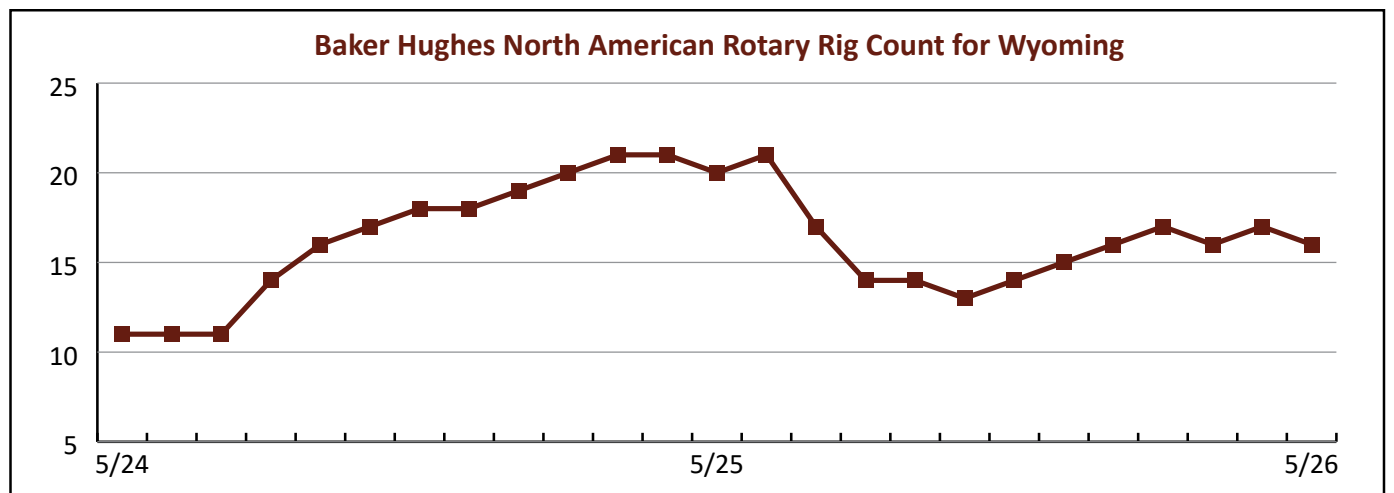
by: **David Bullard, Senior Economist**

*The Producer Price Index rose 13.1% from May 2025 to May 2026.*

|                                                                                   | May 2026 (p)   | Apr 2026 (r)   | May 2025 (b)   | Percent Change Month | Percent Change Year |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Wyoming Total Nonfarm Employment</b>                                           | <b>297,700</b> | <b>291,600</b> | <b>296,600</b> | <b>2.1</b>           | <b>0.4</b>          |
| Wyoming State Government                                                          | 15,900         | 15,700         | 15,700         | 1.3                  | 1.3                 |
| Laramie County Nonfarm Employment                                                 | 49,600         | 49,200         | 49,900         | 0.8                  | -0.6                |
| Natrona County Nonfarm Employment                                                 | 40,200         | 39,900         | 40,700         | 0.8                  | -1.2                |
| <b>Selected U.S. Employment Data</b>                                              |                |                |                |                      |                     |
| U.S. Multiple Jobholders                                                          | 8,361,000      | 8,399,000      | 8,501,000      | -0.5                 | -1.6                |
| As a percent of all workers                                                       | 5.1%           | 5.2%           | 5.2%           | N/A                  | N/A                 |
| U.S. Discouraged Workers                                                          | 449,000        | 478,000        | 352,000        | -6.1                 | 27.6                |
| U.S. Part Time for Economic Reasons                                               | 4,602,000      | 4,749,000      | 4,425,000      | -3.1                 | 4.0                 |
| <b>Wyoming Unemployment Insurance</b>                                             |                |                |                |                      |                     |
| Weeks Compensated                                                                 | 7,869          | 9,688          | 7,867          | -18.8                | 0.0                 |
| Benefits Paid                                                                     | \$4,161,950    | \$5,131,419    | \$4,052,612    | -18.9                | 2.7                 |
| Average Weekly Benefit Payment                                                    | \$528.90       | \$529.67       | \$515.14       | -0.1                 | 2.7                 |
| <b>Consumer Price Index (U) for All U.S. Urban Consumers (1982 to 1984 = 100)</b> |                |                |                |                      |                     |
| All Items                                                                         | 335.1          | 333.0          | 321.5          | 0.6                  | 4.2                 |
| Food & Beverages                                                                  | 345.8          | 345.3          | 335.7          | 0.1                  | 3.0                 |
| Housing                                                                           | 358.4          | 357.3          | 345.9          | 0.3                  | 3.6                 |
| Apparel                                                                           | 137.5          | 138.1          | 131.2          | -0.4                 | 4.8                 |
| Transportation                                                                    | 298.4          | 291.8          | 272.9          | 2.3                  | 9.3                 |
| Medical Care                                                                      | 593.2          | 591.7          | 578.3          | 0.3                  | 2.6                 |
| Recreation (Dec. 1997=100)                                                        | 144.3          | 143.9          | 140.6          | 0.3                  | 2.6                 |
| Education & Communication (Dec. 1997=100)                                         | 147.6          | 146.6          | 146.4          | 0.7                  | 0.8                 |
| Other Goods & Services                                                            | 606.4          | 601.8          | 578.0          | 0.8                  | 4.9                 |
| <b>Producer Prices (1982 to 1984 = 100)</b>                                       |                |                |                |                      |                     |
| All Commodities                                                                   | 292.5          | 282.7          | 258.7          | 3.5                  | 13.1                |
| <b>Wyo. Bldg. Permits (New Privately Owned Housing Units Authorized)</b>          |                |                |                |                      |                     |
| Total Units                                                                       | 169            | 220            | 204            | -23.2                | -17.2               |
| Valuation                                                                         | 66,674,000     | \$79,825,000   | \$72,682,000   | -16.5                | -8.3                |
| Single Family Homes                                                               | 164            | 164            | 188            | 0.0                  | -12.8               |
| Valuation                                                                         | 66,069,000     | \$71,369,000   | \$70,958,000   | -7.4                 | -6.9                |
| Casper MSA <sup>1</sup> Building Permits                                          | 11             | 13             | 37             | -15.4                | -70.3               |
| Valuation                                                                         | 3,576,000      | \$5,163,000    | \$7,594,000    | -30.7                | -52.9               |
| Cheyenne MSA Building Permits                                                     | 41             | 41             | 41             | 0.0                  | 0.0                 |
| Valuation                                                                         | 8,647,000      | \$7,239,000    | \$7,837,000    | 19.5                 | 10.3                |
| <b>Baker Hughes North American Rotary Rig Count for Wyoming</b>                   |                |                |                |                      |                     |
|                                                                                   | <b>16</b>      | <b>17</b>      | <b>20</b>      | <b>-5.9</b>          | <b>-20.0</b>        |

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<sup>1</sup>Metropolitan Statistical Area.



## Wyoming County Unemployment Rates

by: Carola Cowan, BLS Programs Supervisor

*From April to May most county unemployment rates followed their normal seasonal patterns and decreased.*

| REGION<br>County                    | Labor Force        |                    |                    | Employed           |                    |                    | Unemployed         |                    |                    | Unemployment Rates |                    |                    |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|                                     | May<br>2026<br>(p) | Apr<br>2026<br>(r) | May<br>2025<br>(b) | May<br>2026<br>(p) | Apr<br>2026<br>(r) | May<br>2025<br>(b) | May<br>2026<br>(p) | Apr<br>2026<br>(r) | May<br>2025<br>(b) | May<br>2026<br>(p) | Apr<br>2026<br>(r) | May<br>2025<br>(b) |
| <b>NORTHWEST</b>                    | <b>42,045</b>      | <b>41,431</b>      | <b>42,920</b>      | <b>40,769</b>      | <b>39,932</b>      | <b>41,465</b>      | <b>1,276</b>       | <b>1,499</b>       | <b>1,455</b>       | <b>3.0</b>         | <b>3.6</b>         | <b>3.4</b>         |
| Big Horn                            | 4,998              | 5,015              | 5,110              | 4,828              | 4,818              | 4,921              | 170                | 197                | 189                | 3.4                | 3.9                | 3.7                |
| Fremont                             | 16,798             | 16,918             | 17,274             | 16,250             | 16,258             | 16,661             | 548                | 660                | 613                | 3.3                | 3.9                | 3.5                |
| Hot Springs                         | 2,146              | 2,147              | 2,270              | 2,089              | 2,086              | 2,198              | 57                 | 61                 | 72                 | 2.7                | 2.8                | 3.2                |
| Park                                | 14,378             | 13,596             | 14,432             | 13,986             | 13,135             | 13,972             | 392                | 461                | 460                | 2.7                | 3.4                | 3.2                |
| Washakie                            | 3,725              | 3,755              | 3,834              | 3,616              | 3,635              | 3,713              | 109                | 120                | 121                | 2.9                | 3.2                | 3.2                |
| <b>NORTHEAST</b>                    | <b>50,055</b>      | <b>50,325</b>      | <b>50,801</b>      | <b>48,796</b>      | <b>48,930</b>      | <b>49,300</b>      | <b>1,259</b>       | <b>1,395</b>       | <b>1,501</b>       | <b>2.5</b>         | <b>2.8</b>         | <b>3.0</b>         |
| Campbell                            | 23,236             | 23,550             | 23,557             | 22,640             | 22,882             | 22,854             | 596                | 668                | 703                | 2.6                | 2.8                | 3.0                |
| Crook                               | 3,803              | 3,721              | 4,027              | 3,715              | 3,627              | 3,928              | 88                 | 94                 | 99                 | 2.3                | 2.5                | 2.5                |
| Johnson                             | 4,209              | 4,122              | 4,405              | 4,107              | 4,012              | 4,293              | 102                | 110                | 112                | 2.4                | 2.7                | 2.5                |
| Sheridan                            | 15,792             | 15,910             | 15,702             | 15,395             | 15,465             | 15,214             | 397                | 445                | 488                | 2.5                | 2.8                | 3.1                |
| Weston                              | 3,015              | 3,022              | 3,110              | 2,939              | 2,944              | 3,011              | 76                 | 78                 | 99                 | 2.5                | 2.6                | 3.2                |
| <b>SOUTHWEST</b>                    | <b>59,003</b>      | <b>59,209</b>      | <b>60,305</b>      | <b>57,295</b>      | <b>57,090</b>      | <b>58,421</b>      | <b>1,708</b>       | <b>2,119</b>       | <b>1,884</b>       | <b>2.9</b>         | <b>3.6</b>         | <b>3.1</b>         |
| Lincoln                             | 10,437             | 10,348             | 10,557             | 10,178             | 10,042             | 10,268             | 259                | 306                | 289                | 2.5                | 3.0                | 2.7                |
| Sublette                            | 4,160              | 4,072              | 4,305              | 4,039              | 3,931              | 4,176              | 121                | 141                | 129                | 2.9                | 3.5                | 3.0                |
| Sweetwater                          | 19,304             | 19,716             | 19,367             | 18,637             | 18,969             | 18,697             | 667                | 747                | 670                | 3.5                | 3.8                | 3.5                |
| Teton                               | 15,279             | 15,201             | 15,987             | 14,886             | 14,583             | 15,531             | 393                | 618                | 456                | 2.6                | 4.1                | 2.9                |
| Uinta                               | 9,823              | 9,872              | 10,089             | 9,555              | 9,565              | 9,749              | 268                | 307                | 340                | 2.7                | 3.1                | 3.4                |
| <b>SOUTHEAST</b>                    | <b>79,451</b>      | <b>80,288</b>      | <b>79,983</b>      | <b>77,330</b>      | <b>77,986</b>      | <b>77,562</b>      | <b>2,121</b>       | <b>2,302</b>       | <b>2,421</b>       | <b>2.7</b>         | <b>2.9</b>         | <b>3.0</b>         |
| Albany                              | 22,526             | 22,573             | 22,052             | 22,014             | 22,016             | 21,467             | 512                | 557                | 585                | 2.3                | 2.5                | 2.7                |
| Goshen                              | 5,208              | 5,268              | 5,467              | 5,069              | 5,124              | 5,294              | 139                | 144                | 173                | 2.7                | 2.7                | 3.2                |
| Laramie                             | 47,436             | 48,174             | 47,974             | 46,109             | 46,731             | 46,474             | 1,327              | 1,443              | 1,500              | 2.8                | 3.0                | 3.1                |
| Niobrara                            | 809                | 809                | 884                | 780                | 772                | 852                | 29                 | 37                 | 32                 | 3.6                | 4.6                | 3.6                |
| Platte                              | 3,472              | 3,464              | 3,606              | 3,358              | 3,343              | 3,475              | 114                | 121                | 131                | 3.3                | 3.5                | 3.6                |
| <b>CENTRAL</b>                      | <b>52,842</b>      | <b>53,478</b>      | <b>53,368</b>      | <b>51,415</b>      | <b>51,877</b>      | <b>51,695</b>      | <b>1,427</b>       | <b>1,601</b>       | <b>1,673</b>       | <b>2.7</b>         | <b>3.0</b>         | <b>3.1</b>         |
| Carbon                              | 6,015              | 5,870              | 6,193              | 5,846              | 5,669              | 5,985              | 169                | 201                | 208                | 2.8                | 3.4                | 3.4                |
| Converse                            | 6,518              | 6,584              | 6,562              | 6,349              | 6,401              | 6,367              | 169                | 183                | 195                | 2.6                | 2.8                | 3.0                |
| Natrona                             | 40,309             | 41,024             | 40,613             | 39,220             | 39,807             | 39,343             | 1,089              | 1,217              | 1,270              | 2.7                | 3.0                | 3.1                |
| <b>STATEWIDE</b>                    | <b>283,393</b>     | <b>284,729</b>     | <b>287,379</b>     | <b>275,605</b>     | <b>275,813</b>     | <b>278,444</b>     | <b>7,788</b>       | <b>8,916</b>       | <b>8,935</b>       | <b>2.7</b>         | <b>3.1</b>         | <b>3.1</b>         |
| Statewide Seasonally Adjusted ..... |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    | 3.4                | 3.5                | 3.2                |
| U.S. ....                           |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    | 4.1                | 4.0                | 4.0                |
| U.S. Seasonally Adjusted .....      |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    | 4.3                | 4.3                | 4.3                |

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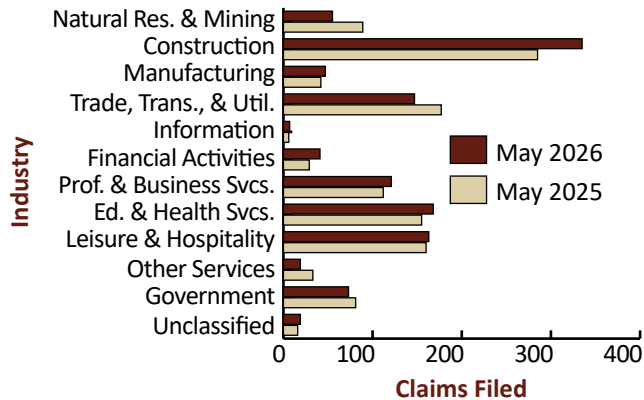
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## Wyoming Normalized<sup>a</sup> Unemployment Insurance Statistics: Initial Claims

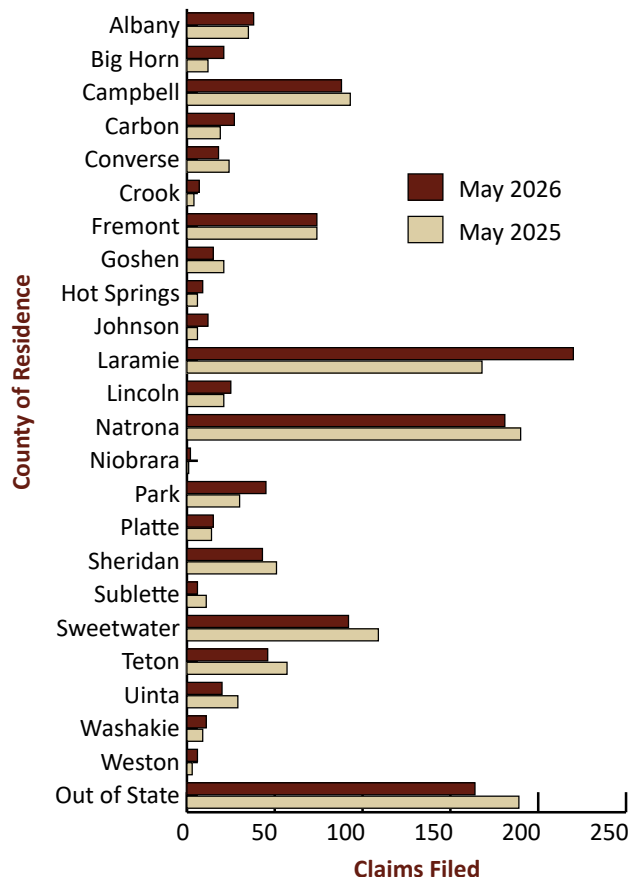
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*There were 1,200 initial claims in May 2026, down 455 (-27.5%) over the month as warm summer months brought more jobs.*

### Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by Industry, May 2026



### Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims by County, May 2026



### Initial Claims

|                                         | Claims Filed |        |        | % Change       |               |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------|--------|--------|----------------|---------------|
|                                         | May 26       | Apr 26 | May 25 | Over the Month | Over the Year |
| <b>Wyoming Statewide</b>                |              |        |        |                |               |
| Total Claims Filed                      | 1,200        | 1,655  | 1,190  | -27.5          | 0.8           |
| TOTAL GOODS-PRODUCING                   | 438          | 504    | 417    | -13.1          | 5.0           |
| Natural Resources & Mining              | 55           | 90     | 89     | -38.9          | -38.2         |
| Mining                                  | 49           | 79     | 85     | -38.0          | -42.4         |
| Construction                            | 335          | 340    | 285    | -1.5           | 17.5          |
| Manufacturing                           | 47           | 72     | 42     | -34.7          | 11.9          |
| TOTAL SERVICE-PROVIDING                 | 668          | 1,065  | 675    | -37.3          | -1.0          |
| Trade, Transportation, & Utilities      | 147          | 242    | 177    | -39.3          | -16.9         |
| Wholesale Trade                         | 25           | 25     | 34     | 0.0            | -26.5         |
| Retail Trade                            | 70           | 107    | 83     | -34.6          | -15.7         |
| Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities | 50           | 109    | 59     | -54.1          | -15.3         |
| Information                             | 7            | 13     | 6      | -46.2          | 16.7          |
| Financial Activities                    | 41           | 47     | 29     | -12.8          | 41.4          |
| Professional & Business Services        | 121          | 115    | 112    | 5.2            | 8.0           |
| Educational & Health Services           | 168          | 92     | 155    | 82.6           | 8.4           |
| Leisure & Hospitality                   | 163          | 519    | 160    | -68.6          | 1.9           |
| Other Services, except Public Admin.    | 19           | 33     | 33     | -42.4          | -42.4         |
| TOTAL GOVERNMENT                        | 73           | 58     | 81     | 25.9           | -9.9          |
| Federal Government                      | 5            | 13     | 4      | -61.5          | 25            |
| State Government                        | 14           | 6      | 16     | 133.3          | -12.5         |
| Local Government                        | 54           | 38     | 60     | 42.1           | -10           |
| Local Education                         | 17           | 11     | 18     | 54.5           | -5.6          |
| UNCLASSIFIED                            | 19           | 28     | 16     | -32.1          | 18.8          |

### Laramie County

|                                    |     |     |     |       |       |
|------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-------|-------|
| Total Claims Filed                 | 220 | 229 | 168 | -3.9  | 31.0  |
| TOTAL GOODS-PRODUCING              | 102 | 100 | 57  | 2.0   | 78.9  |
| Construction                       | 89  | 90  | 49  | -1.1  | 81.6  |
| TOTAL SERVICE-PROVIDING            | 108 | 115 | 98  | -6.1  | 10.2  |
| Trade, Transportation, & Utilities | 27  | 37  | 27  | -27.0 | 0.0   |
| Financial Activities               | 9   | 12  | 5   | -25.0 | 80.0  |
| Professional & Business Services   | 27  | 25  | 22  | 8.0   | 22.7  |
| Educational & Health Services      | 21  | 15  | 20  | 40.0  | 5.0   |
| Leisure & Hospitality              | 17  | 13  | 15  | 30.8  | 13.3  |
| TOTAL GOVERNMENT                   | 6   | 9   | 10  | -33.3 | -40.0 |

### Natrona County

|                                    |     |     |     |       |       |
|------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-------|-------|
| Total Claims Filed                 | 181 | 181 | 190 | 0.0   | -4.7  |
| TOTAL GOODS-PRODUCING              | 71  | 77  | 63  | -7.8  | 12.7  |
| Construction                       | 56  | 56  | 42  | 0.0   | 33.3  |
| TOTAL SERVICE-PROVIDING            | 100 | 98  | 117 | 2.0   | -14.5 |
| Trade, Transportation, & Utilities | 21  | 45  | 29  | -53.3 | -27.6 |
| Financial Activities               | 11  | 6   | 3   | 83.3  | 266.7 |
| Professional & Business Services   | 16  | 13  | 16  | 23.1  | 0.0   |
| Educational & Health Services      | 25  | 13  | 36  | 92.3  | -30.6 |
| Leisure & Hospitality              | 18  | 15  | 25  | 20.0  | -28.0 |
| TOTAL GOVERNMENT                   | 7   | 3   | 7   | 133.3 | 0.0   |

N/D = Not discloseable due to confidentiality.

<sup>a</sup>An 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 May 2026 is available at [https://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/UI/0526\\_UI.pdf](https://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/UI/0526_UI.pdf).



## Wyoming Normalized<sup>a</sup> Unemployment Insurance Statistics: Continued Claims

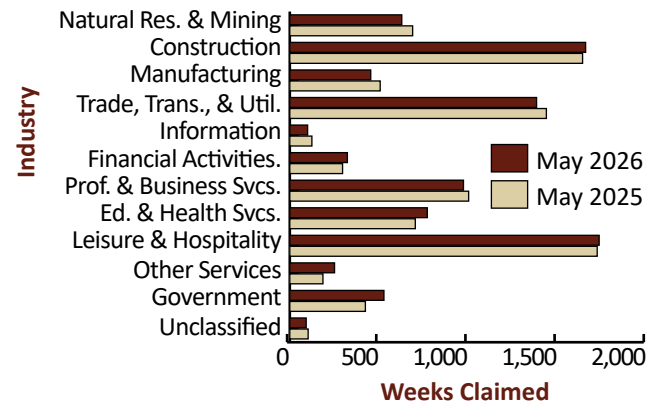
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*There were 8,904 total continued weeks claimed in May 2026, down 1,921 (-17.7%) over the month and largely unchanged over the year.*

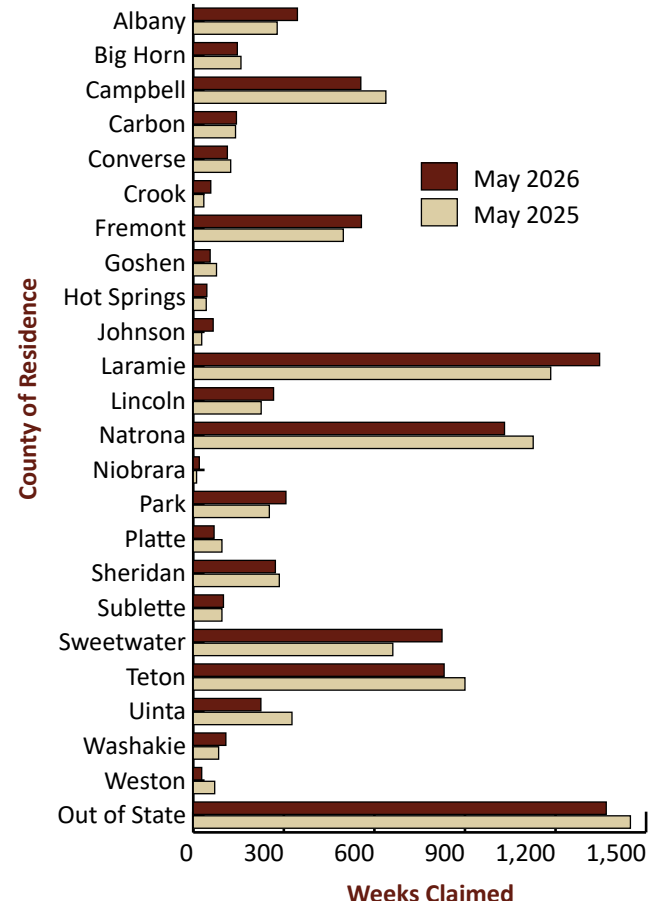
| Continued Claims                        | Claims Filed |        |        | % Change       |               |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------|--------|--------|----------------|---------------|
|                                         | May 26       | Apr 26 | Mar 25 | Over the Month | Over the Year |
| <b>Wyoming Statewide</b>                |              |        |        |                |               |
| Total Weeks Claimed                     | 8,904        | 10,825 | 8,847  | -17.7          | 0.6           |
| Total Unique Claimants                  | 3,210        | 3,406  | 3,195  | -5.8           | 0.5           |
| TOTAL GOODS-PRODUCING                   | 2,743        | 3,692  | 2,839  | -25.7          | -3.4          |
| Natural Resources & Mining              | 628          | 722    | 689    | -13.0          | -8.9          |
| Mining                                  | 572          | 655    | 653    | -12.7          | -12.4         |
| Oil & Gas Extraction                    | 37           | 44     | 37     | -15.9          | 0.0           |
| Construction                            | 1,659        | 2,398  | 1,642  | -30.8          | 1.0           |
| Manufacturing                           | 454          | 571    | 507    | -20.5          | -10.5         |
| TOTAL SERVICE-PROVIDING                 | 5,541        | 6,299  | 5,479  | -12.0          | 1.1           |
| Trade, Transportation, & Utilities      | 1,384        | 1,505  | 1,439  | -8.0           | -3.8          |
| Wholesale Trade                         | 238          | 269    | 260    | -11.5          | -8.5          |
| Retail Trade                            | 586          | 645    | 731    | -9.1           | -19.8         |
| Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities | 559          | 591    | 447    | -5.4           | 25.1          |
| Information                             | 100          | 114    | 124    | -12.3          | -19.4         |
| Financial Activities                    | 323          | 314    | 296    | 2.9            | 9.1           |
| Professional & Business Services        | 974          | 1,116  | 1,003  | -12.7          | -2.9          |
| Educational & Health Services           | 771          | 783    | 704    | -1.5           | 9.5           |
| Leisure & Hospitality                   | 1,735        | 2,229  | 1,724  | -22.2          | 0.6           |
| Other Services, except Public Admin.    | 251          | 235    | 186    | 6.8            | 34.9          |
| TOTAL GOVERNMENT                        | 528          | 721    | 424    | -26.8          | 24.5          |
| Federal Government                      | 57           | 213    | 83     | -73.2          | -31.3         |
| State Government                        | 76           | 88     | 54     | -13.6          | 40.7          |
| Local Government                        | 394          | 420    | 286    | -6.2           | 37.8          |
| Local Education                         | 117          | 108    | 47     | 8.3            | 148.9         |
| UNCLASSIFIED                            | 92           | 112    | 103    | -17.9          | -10.7         |
| <b>Laramie County</b>                   |              |        |        |                |               |
| Total Weeks Claimed                     | 1,346        | 1,474  | 1,184  | -8.7           | 13.7          |
| Total Unique Claimants                  | 489          | 461    | 424    | 6.1            | 15.3          |
| TOTAL GOODS-PRODUCING                   | 401          | 488    | 245    | -17.8          | 63.7          |
| Construction                            | 329          | 433    | 199    | -24.0          | 65.3          |
| TOTAL SERVICE-PROVIDING                 | 831          | 847    | 862    | -1.9           | -3.6          |
| Trade, Transportation, & Utilities      | 215          | 229    | 256    | -6.1           | -16.0         |
| Financial Activities                    | 77           | 77     | 83     | 0.0            | -7.2          |
| Professional & Business Services        | 187          | 192    | 224    | -2.6           | -16.5         |
| Educational & Health Services           | 163          | 167    | 164    | -2.4           | -0.6          |
| Leisure & Hospitality                   | 113          | 116    | 82     | -2.6           | 37.8          |
| TOTAL GOVERNMENT                        | 100          | 109    | 49     | -8.3           | 104.1         |
| UNCLASSIFIED                            | 12           | 28     | 25     | -57.1          | -52.0         |
| <b>Natrona County</b>                   |              |        |        |                |               |
| Total Weeks Claimed                     | 1,031        | 1,205  | 1,126  | -14.4          | -8.4          |
| Total Unique Claimants                  | 382          | 390    | 424    | -2.1           | -9.9          |
| TOTAL GOODS-PRODUCING                   | 323          | 474    | 397    | -31.9          | -18.6         |
| Construction                            | 174          | 269    | 201    | -35.3          | -13.4         |
| TOTAL SERVICE-PROVIDING                 | 684          | 703    | 704    | -2.7           | -2.8          |
| Trade, Transportation, & Utilities      | 208          | 204    | 304    | 2.0            | -31.6         |
| Financial Activities                    | 44           | 46     | 46     | -4.3           | -4.3          |
| Professional & Business Services        | 149          | 137    | 119    | 8.8            | 25.2          |
| Educational & Health Services           | 148          | 155    | 93     | -4.5           | 59.1          |
| Leisure & Hospitality                   | 60           | 86     | 103    | -30.2          | -41.7         |
| TOTAL GOVERNMENT                        | 22           | 25     | 20     | -12.0          | 10.0          |
| UNCLASSIFIED                            | 19           | 20     | 11     | -5.0           | 72.7          |

<sup>a</sup>An 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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