

Wyoming Unemployment Rises to 4.1% in September

The Research & Planning section of the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services reported today that the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased from 3.9% in August to 4.1% in September. Wyoming's unemployment rate was unchanged from its year-ago level of 4.1% and slightly higher than the current U.S. unemployment rate of 3.7%.

From August to September, most county unemployment rates changed very little. Jobless rates increased in Sublette (up from 3.4% to 3.8%), Teton (up from 1.9% to 2.2%), and Weston (up from 3.2% to 3.5%) counties. Goshen County's unemployment rate fell from 3.4% to 3.0% and Albany County's unemployment rate fell from 3.5% to 3.2%.

From September 2017 to September 2018, unemployment rates increased in 16 counties and decreased or remained the same in seven counties. The largest increases occurred in Niobrara (up from 2.2% to 3.1%), Albany (up from 2.6% to 3.2%), Big Horn (up from 3.5% to 4.0%), and Goshen (up from 2.5% to 3.0%) counties. The largest decreases were found in Converse (down from 3.9% to 3.6%) and Campbell (down from 4.3% to 4.1%) counties.

In September, the highest unemployment rates were reported in Natrona and Fremont counties (both 4.5%). The lowest rates occurred in Teton County at 2.2%, Crook County at 2.9%, and Goshen County at 3.0%.

Total nonfarm employment (not seasonally adjusted and measured by place of work) rose from 287,900 in September 2017 to 294,100 in September 2018, an increase of 6,200 jobs (or 2.2%).

Research & Planning has scheduled the October employment news release for November 20, 2018.

Civilian Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment--by place of residence

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployed Number			Unemployment Rate		
	Sep 2018 (p)	Aug 2018 (r)	Sep 2017 (b)	Sep 2018 (p)	Aug 2018 (r)	Sep 2017 (b)	Sep 2018 (p)	Aug 2018 (r)	Sep 2017 (b)	Sep 2018 (p)	Aug 2018 (r)	Sep 2017 (b)
Albany	20,152	18,238	20,556	19,507	17,591	20,028	645	647	528	3.2	3.5	2.6
Big Horn	5,279	5,192	5,473	5,070	4,991	5,284	209	201	189	4.0	3.9	3.5
Campbell	22,386	22,733	22,741	21,478	21,830	21,765	908	903	976	4.1	4.0	4.3
Carbon	7,814	7,696	8,079	7,555	7,444	7,818	259	252	261	3.3	3.3	3.2
Converse	7,416	7,304	7,391	7,152	7,040	7,103	264	264	288	3.6	3.6	3.9
Crook	3,796	3,667	3,765	3,685	3,559	3,661	111	108	104	2.9	2.9	2.8
Fremont	18,614	18,564	19,210	17,780	17,689	18,340	834	875	870	4.5	4.7	4.5
Goshen	6,732	6,500	6,942	6,529	6,278	6,765	203	222	177	3.0	3.4	2.5
Hot Springs	2,167	2,234	2,301	2,097	2,168	2,226	70	66	75	3.2	3.0	3.3
Johnson	4,223	4,233	4,271	4,081	4,091	4,129	142	142	142	3.4	3.4	3.3
Laramie	45,974	46,858	47,242	44,268	45,116	45,640	1,706	1,742	1,602	3.7	3.7	3.4
Lincoln	8,825	8,752	8,871	8,546	8,479	8,597	279	273	274	3.2	3.1	3.1
Natrona	37,706	38,135	38,992	36,009	36,505	37,241	1,697	1,630	1,751	4.5	4.3	4.5
Niobrara	1,342	1,287	1,349	1,301	1,249	1,319	41	38	30	3.1	3.0	2.2
Park	15,917	16,392	16,230	15,357	15,844	15,717	560	548	513	3.5	3.3	3.2
Platte	4,746	4,629	4,847	4,587	4,475	4,695	159	154	152	3.4	3.3	3.1
Sheridan	15,438	15,319	15,601	14,904	14,820	15,081	534	499	520	3.5	3.3	3.3
Sublette	4,345	4,478	4,397	4,182	4,324	4,241	163	154	156	3.8	3.4	3.5
Sweetwater	20,466	20,795	21,279	19,642	19,983	20,428	824	812	851	4.0	3.9	4.0
Teton	15,842	17,028	16,235	15,487	16,709	15,924	355	319	311	2.2	1.9	1.9
Uinta	8,955	8,766	9,076	8,587	8,421	8,736	368	345	340	4.1	3.9	3.7
Washakie	4,027	3,965	4,080	3,883	3,821	3,939	144	144	141	3.6	3.6	3.5
Weston	3,703	3,563	3,746	3,575	3,449	3,613	128	114	133	3.5	3.2	3.6
Statewide	285,863	286,327	292,678	275,261	275,875	282,292	10,602	10,452	10,386	3.7	3.7	3.5
Statewide Seasonally Adjusted.....										4.1	3.9	4.1
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U.S. Seasonally Adjusted.....										3.7	3.9	4.2

(p) Preliminary, (r) Revised, (b) Benchmarked.

Data are not seasonally adjusted except where otherwise specified.

Labor Force = Employment + Unemployment Number

Unemployment Rate = Unemployment Number/Labor Force

	Wyoming Seasonally Adjusted Statewide Labor Force Estimates			Change			
	September-18	August-18	September-17	Month		Year	
				absolute	percent	absolute	percent
Total Civilian Labor Force	285,325	285,694	292,490	-369	-0.1%	-7,165	-2.4%
Employed	273,732	274,441	280,381	-709	-0.3%	-6,649	-2.4%
Unemployed	11,593	11,253	12,109	340	3.0%	-516	-4.3%
Unemployment Rate	4.1	3.9	4.1				
Definitions:							
Employed	All persons who, during the reference week, did any work at all as paid employees, worked in their own business, profession, or on their own farm, or worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers in a family business.						
Unemployed	All persons who had no employment during the reference week, were available for work, and had made specific efforts to find employment sometime during the 4-week period ending with the reference week.						
Labor Force	All persons who meet the criteria given above as either employed or unemployed.						
Unemployment Rate	The number of unemployed as a percent of the labor force.						
Seasonal Adjustment	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.						

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