

## Wyoming Unemployment Steady at 4.1% in November

The Research & Planning section of the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services reported today that the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained unchanged from October to November at 4.1%. Wyoming's unemployment rate decreased slightly from its November 2017 level of 4.2% and remained higher than the U.S. unemployment rate of 3.7%. Seasonally adjusted employment of Wyoming residents increased, rising by an estimated 744 individuals (0.3%) from October to November.

From October to November, most county unemployment rates followed their normal seasonal pattern and increased. The largest increases occurred in Teton (up from 2.6% to 5.9%), Park (up from 3.7% to 4.5%), Lincoln (up from 3.1% to 3.6%), and Big Horn (up from 3.8% to 4.2%) counties. Unemployment usually rises in Teton County each November as the summer tourist season has ended and the ski season has not begun.

From November 2017 to November 2018, unemployment rates fell in 14 counties, rose in seven counties and remained unchanged in Laramie and Park counties. The largest decreases were seen in Weston (down from 3.8% to 3.0%), Converse (down from 3.9% to 3.2%), and Natrona (down from 4.7% to 4.2%) counties.

Teton County had the highest unemployment rate at 5.9% in November. It was followed by Fremont County at 4.6% and Park County at 4.5%. The lowest unemployment rates were reported in Niobrara County at 2.3%, Goshen County at 2.7%, and Crook County at 2.8%.

Total nonfarm employment (not seasonally adjusted and measured by place of work) increased from 278,900 in November 2017 to 288,300 in November 2018, a gain of 9,400 jobs (or 3.4%).

Research & Planning has scheduled the December employment news release for January 22, 2019.

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

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployed Number			Unemployment Rate		
	Nov 2018 (p)	Oct 2018 (r)	Nov 2017 (b)	Nov 2018 (p)	Oct 2018 (r)	Nov 2017 (b)	Nov 2018 (p)	Oct 2018 (r)	Nov 2017 (b)	Nov 2018 (p)	Oct 2018 (r)	Nov 2017 (b)
Albany	21,218	20,950	21,123	20,587	20,354	20,546	631	596	577	3.0	2.8	2.7
Big Horn	5,271	5,239	5,456	5,049	5,040	5,252	222	199	204	4.2	3.8	3.7
Campbell	23,043	22,804	22,995	22,191	21,950	22,045	852	854	950	3.7	3.7	4.1
Carbon	7,734	7,773	7,943	7,458	7,510	7,639	276	263	304	3.6	3.4	3.8
Converse	7,569	7,489	7,468	7,326	7,254	7,177	243	235	291	3.2	3.1	3.9
Crook	3,715	3,636	3,712	3,610	3,532	3,606	105	104	106	2.8	2.9	2.9
Fremont	18,957	18,783	19,434	18,088	17,954	18,481	869	829	953	4.6	4.4	4.9
Goshen	6,980	6,791	7,232	6,792	6,602	7,047	188	189	185	2.7	2.8	2.6
Hot Springs	2,173	2,135	2,282	2,103	2,069	2,202	70	66	80	3.2	3.1	3.5
Johnson	4,136	4,151	4,171	3,988	4,005	4,025	148	146	146	3.6	3.5	3.5
Laramie	47,567	46,856	47,806	45,883	45,228	46,130	1,684	1,628	1,676	3.5	3.5	3.5
Lincoln	8,613	8,772	8,522	8,307	8,503	8,198	306	269	324	3.6	3.1	3.8
Natrona	39,003	38,539	39,617	37,365	36,915	37,739	1,638	1,624	1,878	4.2	4.2	4.7
Niobrara	1,294	1,283	1,324	1,264	1,251	1,296	30	32	28	2.3	2.5	2.1
Park	14,928	15,233	15,135	14,261	14,669	14,460	667	564	675	4.5	3.7	4.5
Platte	4,675	4,612	4,793	4,534	4,485	4,631	141	127	162	3.0	2.8	3.4
Sheridan	15,634	15,453	15,703	15,092	14,953	15,108	542	500	595	3.5	3.2	3.8
Sublette	4,262	4,221	4,339	4,095	4,068	4,176	167	153	163	3.9	3.6	3.8
Sweetwater	21,278	20,981	21,640	20,476	20,237	20,770	802	744	870	3.8	3.5	4.0
Teton	13,641	14,799	13,842	12,833	14,409	13,036	808	390	806	5.9	2.6	5.8
Uinta	9,111	9,030	9,134	8,748	8,691	8,756	363	339	378	4.0	3.8	4.1
Washakie	4,111	4,067	4,159	3,972	3,936	4,003	139	131	156	3.4	3.2	3.8
Weston	3,768	3,713	3,778	3,654	3,599	3,635	114	114	143	3.0	3.1	3.8
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>288,681</b>	<b>287,308</b>	<b>291,608</b>	<b>277,676</b>	<b>277,213</b>	<b>279,959</b>	<b>11,005</b>	<b>10,095</b>	<b>11,649</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>4.0</b>
<b>Statewide Seasonally Adjusted.....</b>										<b>4.1</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>4.2</b>
<b>U.S.....</b>										<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.9</b>
<b>U.S. Seasonally Adjusted.....</b>										<b>3.7</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>4.1</b>

(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			
	November-18	October-18	November-17	Month	Change		Year
				absolute	percent	absolute	percent
Total Civilian Labor Force	286,299	285,523	292,293	776	0.3%	-5,994	-2.1%
Employed	274,541	273,797	280,162	744	0.3%	-5,621	-2.0%
Unemployed	11,758	11,726	12,131	32	0.3%	-373	-3.1%
Unemployment Rate	4.1	4.1	4.2				
<b>Definitions:</b>							
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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