

## Wyoming Unemployment Falls to 3.7% in March

The Research & Planning section of the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services reported today that the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell from 3.9% in February to 3.7% in March. Wyoming's unemployment rate was slightly lower than the current U.S. rate of 3.8%.

Most county unemployment rates changed very little from February to March. Rates rose in 10 counties, fell in nine counties, and were unchanged in four counties. Crook County's unemployment rate increased from 3.1% to 4.2%, Niobrara County's rate increased from 2.3% to 2.9%, and Washakie County's rate increased from 4.4% to 4.9%. Unemployment rates fell in Park (down from 5.2% to 4.8%), Fremont (down from 5.1% to 4.7%), and Carbon (down from 4.1% to 3.7%) counties.

From March 2018 to March 2019, unemployment rates fell in 20 counties and rose slightly in three counties. The largest decreases were seen in Platte County (down from 4.9% to 3.5%), Fremont County (down from 5.9% to 4.7%), Sheridan County (down from 5.1% to 4.0%), and Converse County (down from 4.1% to 3.0%). Crook County's unemployment rate rose from 3.8% in March 2018 to 4.2% in March 2019.

The lowest unemployment rate in the state was found in Teton County at 2.4%. It was followed by Niobrara County and Albany County, both at 2.9%, and Converse County at 3.0%. The highest rates were reported in Washakie County at 4.9%, Park County at 4.8%, and Fremont County at 4.7%.

Total nonfarm employment in Wyoming (not seasonally adjusted and measured by place of work) increased from 278,200 in March 2018 to 283,700 in March 2019, a gain of 5,500 jobs (2.0%).

Research & Planning has scheduled the April employment news release for May 21, 2019.

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

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployed Number			Unemployment Rate		
	Mar 2019 (p)	Feb 2019 (r)	Mar 2018 (b)	Mar 2019 (p)	Feb 2019 (r)	Mar 2018 (b)	Mar 2019 (p)	Feb 2019 (r)	Mar 2018 (b)	Mar 2019 (p)	Feb 2019 (r)	Mar 2018 (b)
Albany	21,042	20,967	20,877	20,442	20,399	20,199	600	568	678	2.9	2.7	3.2
Big Horn	5,082	5,104	5,057	4,848	4,862	4,781	234	242	276	4.6	4.7	5.5
Campbell	22,702	22,562	23,051	21,884	21,748	22,052	818	814	999	3.6	3.6	4.3
Carbon	7,490	7,543	7,426	7,210	7,236	7,095	280	307	331	3.7	4.1	4.5
Converse	7,683	7,680	7,397	7,454	7,452	7,096	229	228	301	3.0	3.0	4.1
Crook	3,497	3,561	3,513	3,351	3,449	3,379	146	112	134	4.2	3.1	3.8
Fremont	18,836	18,763	18,974	17,959	17,800	17,854	877	963	1,120	4.7	5.1	5.9
Goshen	6,604	6,715	6,729	6,372	6,483	6,507	232	232	222	3.5	3.5	3.3
Hot Springs	2,160	2,142	2,246	2,079	2,067	2,150	81	75	96	3.8	3.5	4.3
Johnson	4,107	4,111	4,010	3,924	3,934	3,820	183	177	190	4.5	4.3	4.7
Laramie	48,261	47,854	48,029	46,520	46,213	46,125	1,741	1,641	1,904	3.6	3.4	4.0
Lincoln	8,543	8,523	8,587	8,235	8,222	8,223	308	301	364	3.6	3.5	4.2
Natrona	39,527	39,397	39,340	37,932	37,752	37,434	1,595	1,645	1,906	4.0	4.2	4.8
Niobrara	1,213	1,232	1,229	1,178	1,204	1,196	35	28	33	2.9	2.3	2.7
Park	14,698	14,765	14,525	13,988	13,999	13,719	710	766	806	4.8	5.2	5.5
Platte	4,528	4,538	4,570	4,368	4,383	4,347	160	155	223	3.5	3.4	4.9
Sheridan	15,350	15,354	15,609	14,734	14,713	14,810	616	641	799	4.0	4.2	5.1
Sublette	4,167	4,234	4,123	3,981	4,039	3,929	186	195	194	4.5	4.6	4.7
Sweetwater	21,263	21,082	21,542	20,407	20,182	20,559	856	900	983	4.0	4.3	4.6
Teton	14,719	14,806	14,617	14,366	14,482	14,215	353	324	402	2.4	2.2	2.8
Uinta	8,641	8,582	9,064	8,287	8,218	8,632	354	364	432	4.1	4.2	4.8
Washakie	3,968	3,971	4,049	3,773	3,796	3,831	195	175	218	4.9	4.4	5.4
Weston	3,717	3,718	3,718	3,592	3,590	3,564	125	128	154	3.4	3.4	4.1
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>287,800</b>	<b>287,199</b>	<b>288,281</b>	<b>276,885</b>	<b>276,222</b>	<b>275,517</b>	<b>10,915</b>	<b>10,977</b>	<b>12,764</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>4.4</b>
<b>Statewide Seasonally Adjusted.....</b>										<b>3.7</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>3.9</b>
<b>U.S. ....</b>										<b>3.9</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>4.1</b>
<b>U.S. Seasonally Adjusted.....</b>										<b>3.8</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>4.0</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			
	March-19	February-19	March-18	Month		Year	
				absolute	percent	absolute	percent
Total Civilian Labor Force	289,813	289,724	289,862	89	0.0%	-49	0.0%
Employed	279,077	278,540	278,420	537	0.2%	657	0.2%
Unemployed	10,736	11,184	11,442	-448	-4.0%	-706	-6.2%
Unemployment Rate	3.7	3.9	3.9				
<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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