

## Wyoming Unemployment Unchanged at 5.3% in March 2021

The Research & Planning section of the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services reported today that the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate held steady from February to March at 5.3%. Wyoming's unemployment rate has remained within the narrow range of 5.1% to 5.4% in each of the past six months and is considerably lower than the current U.S. rate of 6.0%.

From February to March, unemployment rates followed their normal seasonal pattern and fell in every county. Jobless rates often decrease in March as warmer weather brings seasonal job gains in construction, leisure & hospitality, government, and other sectors. The largest decreases occurred in Sublette (down from 8.9% to 7.7%), Converse (down from 7.5% to 6.3%), Natrona (down from 8.9% to 7.9%), Hot Springs (down from 5.9% to 4.9%), and Campbell (down from 7.6% to 6.6%) counties.

From March 2020 to March 2021, unemployment rates decreased in 17 counties and increased in six counties. The largest decreases were reported in Washakie (down from 7.0% to 5.3%), Sublette (down from 9.4% to 7.7%), and Big Horn (down from 7.6% to 6.1%) counties. Unemployment rates rose in Natrona (up from 6.1% to 7.9%), Converse (up from 4.7% to 6.3%), and Campbell (up from 5.6% to 6.6%) counties.

Weston County had the lowest unemployment rate in March at 4.1%. It was followed by Teton County at 4.2% and Niobrara and Goshen counties, both at 4.3%. The highest unemployment rates were found in Natrona County at 7.9%, Sublette County at 7.7%, and Sweetwater County at 7.1%.

Total nonfarm employment in Wyoming (not seasonally adjusted and measured by place of work) decreased from 281,400 in March 2020 to 268,600 in March 2021, a decline of 12,800 jobs (-4.5%).

Research & Planning has scheduled the April unemployment news release for May 24, 2021.

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

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployed Number			Unemployment Rate		
	Mar 2021 (p)	Feb 2021 (r)	Mar 2020 (b)	Mar 2021 (p)	Feb 2021 (r)	Mar 2020 (b)	Mar 2021 (p)	Feb 2021 (r)	Mar 2020 (b)	Mar 2021 (p)	Feb 2021 (r)	Mar 2020 (b)
Albany	19,891	19,922	20,645	19,023	19,006	19,693	868	916	952	4.4	4.6	4.6
Big Horn	5,323	5,298	5,141	4,999	4,932	4,750	324	366	391	6.1	6.9	7.6
Campbell	23,085	23,280	23,916	21,564	21,518	22,571	1,521	1,762	1,345	6.6	7.6	5.6
Carbon	8,070	8,060	7,556	7,656	7,610	7,108	414	450	448	5.1	5.6	5.9
Converse	7,840	7,898	8,771	7,343	7,305	8,356	497	593	415	6.3	7.5	4.7
Crook	3,901	3,896	3,678	3,731	3,718	3,493	170	178	185	4.4	4.6	5.0
Fremont	19,361	19,348	19,447	18,161	18,047	18,061	1,200	1,301	1,386	6.2	6.7	7.1
Goshen	6,681	6,667	6,468	6,395	6,348	6,127	286	319	341	4.3	4.8	5.3
Hot Springs	2,242	2,247	2,241	2,133	2,114	2,109	109	133	132	4.9	5.9	5.9
Johnson	4,085	4,100	3,963	3,844	3,823	3,709	241	277	254	5.9	6.8	6.4
Laramie	51,125	50,972	51,042	48,544	48,120	48,373	2,581	2,852	2,669	5.0	5.6	5.2
Lincoln	9,391	9,454	9,261	8,903	8,941	8,700	488	513	561	5.2	5.4	6.1
Natrona	40,818	40,771	41,123	37,579	37,124	38,610	3,239	3,647	2,513	7.9	8.9	6.1
Niobrara	1,275	1,283	1,207	1,220	1,217	1,157	55	66	50	4.3	5.1	4.1
Park	14,791	14,807	14,713	13,923	13,827	13,679	868	980	1,034	5.9	6.6	7.0
Platte	4,727	4,693	4,531	4,483	4,428	4,258	244	265	273	5.2	5.6	6.0
Sheridan	16,366	16,410	15,958	15,429	15,356	14,982	937	1,054	976	5.7	6.4	6.1
Sublette	3,885	3,930	3,962	3,584	3,581	3,590	301	349	372	7.7	8.9	9.4
Sweetwater	20,485	20,462	21,512	19,034	18,887	19,879	1,451	1,575	1,633	7.1	7.7	7.6
Teton	14,403	14,767	15,372	13,804	14,113	14,763	599	654	609	4.2	4.4	4.0
Uinta	9,242	9,235	9,316	8,634	8,572	8,712	608	663	604	6.6	7.2	6.5
Washakie	3,967	3,988	3,915	3,757	3,770	3,642	210	218	273	5.3	5.5	7.0
Weston	3,834	3,865	3,865	3,675	3,684	3,695	159	181	170	4.1	4.7	4.4
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>294,787</b>	<b>295,352</b>	<b>297,605</b>	<b>277,417</b>	<b>276,040</b>	<b>280,016</b>	<b>17,370</b>	<b>19,312</b>	<b>17,589</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>5.9</b>
<b>Statewide Seasonally Adjusted.....</b>										<b>5.3</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>5.1</b>
<b>U.S.....</b>										<b>6.2</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>4.5</b>
<b>U.S. Seasonally Adjusted.....</b>										<b>6.0</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>4.4</b>

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

Data are not seasonally adjusted except where otherwise specified.

Labor Force = Employment + Unemployed Number

Unemployment Rate = Unemployed Number/Labor Force

	Wyoming Seasonally Adjusted Statewide Labor Force Estimates			Change			
	March-21	February-21	March-20	Month		Year	
				absolute	percent	absolute	percent
Total Civilian Labor Force	295,666	295,385	299,040	281	0.1%	-3,374	-1.1%
Employed	279,919	279,794	283,757	125	0.0%	-3,838	-1.4%
Unemployed	15,747	15,591	15,283	156	1.0%	464	3.0%
Unemployment Rate	5.3	5.3	5.1				
<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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