

Wyoming Unemployment Falls to 3.7% in November 2021

The Research & Planning section of the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services reported today that the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell from 4.1% in October to 3.7% in November. Wyoming's unemployment rate has decreased in each of the past five months and is lower than the current U.S. rate of 4.2% and much lower than its November 2020 level of 5.3%.

From October to November, unemployment rates fell in 16 counties, rose in four counties, and remained unchanged in three counties. Teton County's unemployment rate increased from 1.9% in October to 2.9% in November. Unemployment often rises in Teton County in November as tourist activity slows between the summer and winter seasons.

Unemployment rates fell in every county from November 2020 to November 2021. Jobless rates were elevated in November 2020 because of the pandemic, and decreases in 2021 represent a return to more normal levels. The largest decreases occurred in Natrona (down from 6.7% to 3.1%), Teton (down from 6.2% to 2.9%), and Converse (down from 5.7% to 2.4%) counties.

At 1.7%, Albany County and Weston County tied for the lowest unemployment rate in November. The next lowest rates were found in Goshen County at 1.8% and Niobrara and Crook counties, each at 1.9%. The highest unemployment rates were reported in Natrona County at 3.1%, Teton County at 2.9%, and Sublette and Sweetwater counties, each at 2.8%.

Total nonfarm employment in Wyoming (not seasonally adjusted and measured by place of work) rose from 269,500 in November 2020 to 272,200 in November 2021, an increase of 2,700 jobs (1.0%). Employment was unusually low in November 2020 because of economic disruptions related to the pandemic.

Research & Planning has scheduled the December unemployment news release for January 24, 2022.

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

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployed Number			Unemployment Rate		
	Nov 2021 (p)	Oct 2021 (r)	Nov 2020 (b)	Nov 2021 (p)	Oct 2021 (r)	Nov 2020 (b)	Nov 2021 (p)	Oct 2021 (r)	Nov 2020 (b)	Nov 2021 (p)	Oct 2021 (r)	Nov 2020 (b)
Albany	21,813	21,366	19,447	21,438	20,970	18,796	375	396	651	1.7	1.9	3.3
Big Horn	5,295	5,423	5,389	5,165	5,296	5,192	130	127	197	2.5	2.3	3.7
Campbell	22,168	21,880	23,236	21,575	21,240	21,895	593	640	1,341	2.7	2.9	5.8
Carbon	8,141	8,365	8,237	7,975	8,190	7,949	166	175	288	2.0	2.1	3.5
Converse	7,515	7,489	7,938	7,334	7,296	7,486	181	193	452	2.4	2.6	5.7
Crook	3,732	3,899	3,914	3,662	3,826	3,793	70	73	121	1.9	1.9	3.1
Fremont	19,209	19,253	19,478	18,755	18,765	18,500	454	488	978	2.4	2.5	5.0
Goshen	6,412	6,523	6,745	6,295	6,391	6,491	117	132	254	1.8	2.0	3.8
Hot Springs	2,303	2,282	2,268	2,257	2,234	2,174	46	48	94	2.0	2.1	4.1
Johnson	4,164	4,278	4,148	4,069	4,183	3,973	95	95	175	2.3	2.2	4.2
Laramie	49,930	49,069	51,064	48,896	47,947	49,041	1,034	1,122	2,023	2.1	2.3	4.0
Lincoln	9,656	9,785	9,299	9,463	9,587	8,945	193	198	354	2.0	2.0	3.8
Natrona	39,269	38,745	41,188	38,062	37,454	38,435	1,207	1,291	2,753	3.1	3.3	6.7
Niobrara	1,243	1,293	1,261	1,220	1,268	1,221	23	25	40	1.9	1.9	3.2
Park	14,682	15,633	14,867	14,326	15,266	14,212	356	367	655	2.4	2.3	4.4
Platte	4,425	4,514	4,665	4,330	4,411	4,480	95	103	185	2.1	2.3	4.0
Sheridan	16,062	16,084	16,301	15,723	15,714	15,667	339	370	634	2.1	2.3	3.9
Sublette	3,885	3,990	3,986	3,775	3,869	3,772	110	121	214	2.8	3.0	5.4
Sweetwater	19,458	19,214	20,888	18,904	18,600	19,648	554	614	1,240	2.8	3.2	5.9
Teton	14,930	16,405	13,091	14,504	16,100	12,279	426	305	812	2.9	1.9	6.2
Uinta	9,066	8,957	9,467	8,834	8,713	8,992	232	244	475	2.6	2.7	5.0
Washakie	4,018	4,043	4,055	3,932	3,955	3,878	86	88	177	2.1	2.2	4.4
Weston	3,829	3,802	3,889	3,763	3,735	3,767	66	67	122	1.7	1.8	3.1
Statewide	291,205	292,291	294,827	284,257	285,009	280,589	6,948	7,282	14,238	2.4	2.5	4.8
Statewide Seasonally Adjusted.....										3.7	4.1	5.3
U.S.....										3.9	4.3	6.4
U.S. Seasonally Adjusted.....										4.2	4.6	6.7

(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			
	November-21	October-21	November-20	Month		Year	
				absolute	percent	absolute	percent
Total Civilian Labor Force	292,401	293,001	295,063	-600	-0.2%	-2,662	-0.9%
Employed	281,564	280,941	279,509	623	0.2%	2,055	0.7%
Unemployed	10,837	12,060	15,554	-1,223	-10.1%	-4,717	-30.3%
Unemployment Rate	3.7	4.1	5.3				

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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