

## Wyoming Unemployment Falls to 3.3% in April 2022

The Research & Planning section of the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services reported today that the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell from 3.4% in March to 3.3% in April. Wyoming's unemployment rate has been trending downward since its peak of 8.6% in May 2020 and it is slightly lower than the current U.S. rate of 3.6%. From March to April, seasonally adjusted employment of Wyoming residents increased by 581 individuals (0.2%) as people returned to work.

From March to April, jobless rates fell slightly in most counties. Teton County was the exception. Its unemployment rate rose from 2.2% in March to 4.3% in April as the ski season ended.

Unemployment rates decreased from their year-ago levels in every county around the state. County unemployment rates were elevated during much of 2021 because of the pandemic and the decreases in 2022 reflect a return to more normal levels. The largest decreases in April 2022 occurred in Natrona (down from 6.8% to 4.4%), Converse (down from 5.5% to 3.2%), Uinta (down from 5.6% to 3.5%), Sweetwater (down from 6.1% to 4.1%), Sublette (down from 6.4% to 4.4%), and Campbell (down from 5.6% to 3.6%) counties.

In April 2022, the highest unemployment rates were found in Natrona County and Sublette County, both at 4.4%. They were followed by Teton County at 4.3% and Sweetwater County at 4.1%. The lowest rates were reported in Niobrara County at 2.0% and Goshen County at 2.4%.

Total nonfarm employment in Wyoming (not seasonally adjusted and measured by place of work) rose from 272,300 in April 2021 to 280,800 in April 2022, an increase of 8,500 jobs (3.1%). Employment was unusually low in 2021 because of economic disruptions related to the pandemic.

Research & Planning has scheduled the May unemployment news release for June 20, 2022.

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

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployed Number			Unemployment Rate		
	Apr 2022 (p)	Mar 2022 (r)	Apr 2021 (b)	Apr 2022 (p)	Mar 2022 (r)	Apr 2021 (b)	Apr 2022 (p)	Mar 2022 (r)	Apr 2021 (b)	Apr 2022 (p)	Mar 2022 (r)	Apr 2021 (b)
Albany	21,165	21,530	20,966	20,640	20,920	20,294	525	610	672	2.5	2.8	3.2
Big Horn	5,292	5,187	5,277	5,085	4,955	5,026	207	232	251	3.9	4.5	4.8
Campbell	21,849	22,195	22,058	21,056	21,292	20,816	793	903	1,242	3.6	4.1	5.6
Carbon	7,291	7,208	7,617	7,038	6,948	7,303	253	260	314	3.5	3.6	4.1
Converse	7,732	7,741	7,476	7,485	7,477	7,062	247	264	414	3.2	3.4	5.5
Crook	3,899	3,819	3,692	3,800	3,703	3,555	99	116	137	2.5	3.0	3.7
Fremont	18,752	18,878	18,839	18,040	18,096	17,859	712	782	980	3.8	4.1	5.2
Goshen	6,594	6,575	6,484	6,439	6,391	6,242	155	184	242	2.4	2.8	3.7
Hot Springs	2,204	2,227	2,251	2,148	2,158	2,162	56	69	89	2.5	3.1	4.0
Johnson	4,273	4,229	4,117	4,136	4,076	3,921	137	153	196	3.2	3.6	4.8
Laramie	49,644	50,061	49,166	48,111	48,390	47,098	1,533	1,671	2,068	3.1	3.3	4.2
Lincoln	9,317	9,435	9,378	9,026	9,122	8,976	291	313	402	3.1	3.3	4.3
Natrona	39,138	39,140	39,117	37,398	37,315	36,458	1,740	1,825	2,659	4.4	4.7	6.8
Niobrara	1,244	1,211	1,249	1,219	1,180	1,201	25	31	48	2.0	2.6	3.8
Park	14,871	14,761	14,932	14,346	14,178	14,260	525	583	672	3.5	3.9	4.5
Platte	4,555	4,489	4,468	4,420	4,340	4,282	135	149	186	3.0	3.3	4.2
Sheridan	16,007	16,040	15,935	15,528	15,493	15,197	479	547	738	3.0	3.4	4.6
Sublette	3,798	3,821	3,809	3,629	3,642	3,567	169	179	242	4.4	4.7	6.4
Sweetwater	19,024	19,294	19,789	18,236	18,421	18,583	788	873	1,206	4.1	4.5	6.1
Teton	14,907	15,971	14,682	14,267	15,621	13,944	640	350	738	4.3	2.2	5.0
Uinta	8,584	8,717	8,968	8,281	8,385	8,464	303	332	504	3.5	3.8	5.6
Washakie	3,899	3,847	3,969	3,746	3,688	3,795	153	159	174	3.9	4.1	4.4
Weston	3,714	3,722	3,735	3,609	3,606	3,602	105	116	133	2.8	3.1	3.6
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>287,750</b>	<b>290,099</b>	<b>287,973</b>	<b>277,682</b>	<b>279,399</b>	<b>273,666</b>	<b>10,068</b>	<b>10,700</b>	<b>14,307</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>5.0</b>
<b>Statewide Seasonally Adjusted.....</b>										<b>3.3</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>4.8</b>
<b>U.S.....</b>										<b>3.3</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>5.7</b>
<b>U.S. Seasonally Adjusted.....</b>										<b>3.6</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>6.0</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			
	April-22	March-22	April-21	Month		Year	
				absolute	percent	absolute	percent
Total Civilian Labor Force	290,691	290,379	290,962	312	0.1%	-271	-0.1%
Employed	281,093	280,512	276,880	581	0.2%	4,213	1.5%
Unemployed	9,598	9,867	14,082	-269	-2.7%	-4,484	-31.8%
Unemployment Rate	3.3	3.4	4.8				
<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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