

## Wyoming Unemployment Falls to 3.0% in July 2022

The Research & Planning section of the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services reported today that the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased from 3.1% in June to 3.0% in July. Wyoming's unemployment rate is lower than its July 2021 level of 4.5% and lower than the current U.S. rate of 3.5%.

From June to July, most county unemployment rates followed their normal seasonal pattern and decreased. Unemployment rates often fall in July as job gains are seen in leisure & hospitality, construction, and professional & business services. The largest unemployment rate decreases occurred in Lincoln (down from 3.7% to 2.7%), Sublette (down from 3.8% to 3.2%), Uinta (down from 3.8% to 3.3%), and Teton (down from 2.2% to 1.7%) counties.

In July, unemployment rates were lower than their year-ago levels in every county. The largest decreases were reported in Natrona (down from 5.8% to 3.7%), Campbell (down from 5.3% to 3.3%), Niobrara (down from 4.1% to 2.2%), Converse (down from 4.7% to 2.8%), and Sweetwater (down from 5.7% to 3.9%) counties. Unemployment rates were elevated in 2021 because of the pandemic.

Teton County, at 1.7%, had the lowest unemployment rate in July. It was followed by Crook County and Niobrara County, both at 2.2%, and Weston County at 2.3%. The highest rates were found in Sweetwater County at 3.9%, and Fremont County and Natrona County, both at 3.7%.

Total nonfarm employment in Wyoming (not seasonally adjusted and measured by place of work) rose from 284,500 in July 2021 to 291,600 in July 2022, an increase of 7,100 jobs (2.5%). Employment was unusually low in 2021 because of economic disruptions related to the pandemic.

Research & Planning has scheduled the August unemployment news release for September 19, 2022.

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

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployed Number			Unemployment Rate		
	Jul 2022 (p)	Jun 2022 (r)	Jul 2021 (b)	Jul 2022 (p)	Jun 2022 (r)	Jul 2021 (b)	Jul 2022 (p)	Jun 2022 (r)	Jul 2021 (b)	Jul 2022 (p)	Jun 2022 (r)	Jul 2021 (b)
Albany	20,005	20,148	19,958	19,450	19,497	19,234	555	651	724	2.8	3.2	3.6
Big Horn	5,478	5,480	5,543	5,297	5,284	5,320	181	196	223	3.3	3.6	4.0
Campbell	21,423	21,627	21,612	20,709	20,852	20,475	714	775	1,137	3.3	3.6	5.3
Carbon	7,742	7,717	8,160	7,526	7,478	7,862	216	239	298	2.8	3.1	3.7
Converse	7,464	7,715	7,448	7,252	7,491	7,096	212	224	352	2.8	2.9	4.7
Crook	4,156	4,013	4,077	4,064	3,911	3,944	92	102	133	2.2	2.5	3.3
Fremont	18,491	18,906	18,845	17,811	18,195	17,968	680	711	877	3.7	3.8	4.7
Goshen	6,567	6,460	6,744	6,405	6,273	6,517	162	187	227	2.5	2.9	3.4
Hot Springs	2,286	2,266	2,290	2,230	2,204	2,199	56	62	91	2.4	2.7	4.0
Johnson	4,507	4,567	4,491	4,389	4,437	4,335	118	130	156	2.6	2.8	3.5
Laramie	49,355	49,319	49,156	47,920	47,746	47,200	1,435	1,573	1,956	2.9	3.2	4.0
Lincoln	9,582	10,067	9,655	9,328	9,693	9,310	254	374	345	2.7	3.7	3.6
Natrona	38,306	38,678	39,050	36,888	37,144	36,785	1,418	1,534	2,265	3.7	4.0	5.8
Niobrara	1,291	1,253	1,306	1,262	1,225	1,253	29	28	53	2.2	2.2	4.1
Park	16,935	16,705	17,017	16,488	16,218	16,423	447	487	594	2.6	2.9	3.5
Platte	4,517	4,582	4,644	4,376	4,442	4,461	141	140	183	3.1	3.1	3.9
Sheridan	16,262	16,283	16,293	15,822	15,797	15,646	440	486	647	2.7	3.0	4.0
Sublette	4,135	3,943	4,206	4,001	3,793	3,998	134	150	208	3.2	3.8	4.9
Sweetwater	18,116	18,807	18,742	17,407	18,029	17,673	709	778	1,069	3.9	4.1	5.7
Teton	18,118	17,405	18,004	17,817	17,026	17,587	301	379	417	1.7	2.2	2.3
Uinta	8,479	8,644	8,678	8,197	8,312	8,254	282	332	424	3.3	3.8	4.9
Washakie	3,915	3,942	4,051	3,783	3,800	3,891	132	142	160	3.4	3.6	3.9
Weston	3,632	3,690	3,641	3,549	3,599	3,529	83	91	112	2.3	2.5	3.1
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>290,758</b>	<b>292,219</b>	<b>293,611</b>	<b>281,969</b>	<b>282,446</b>	<b>280,959</b>	<b>8,789</b>	<b>9,773</b>	<b>12,652</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>4.3</b>
<b>Statewide Seasonally Adjusted.....</b>										<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>4.5</b>
<b>U.S.....</b>										<b>3.8</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>5.7</b>
<b>U.S. Seasonally Adjusted.....</b>										<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>5.4</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			
	July-22	June-22	July-21	Month		Year	
				absolute	percent	absolute	percent
Total Civilian Labor Force	290,141	290,622	290,132	-481	-0.2%	9	0.0%
Employed	281,328	281,672	277,210	-344	-0.1%	4,118	1.5%
Unemployed	8,813	8,950	12,922	-137	-1.5%	-4,109	-31.8%
Unemployment Rate	3.0	3.1	4.5				
<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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