

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 |
| Statewide | 290,758 | 292,219 | 293,611 | 281,969 | 282,446 | 280,959 | 8,789 | 9,773 | 12,652 | 3.0 | 3.3 | 4.3 |
| Statewide Seasonally Adjusted..... | | | | | | | | | | 3.0 | 3.1 | 4.5 |
| U.S..... | | | | | | | | | | 3.8 | 3.8 | 5.7 |
| U.S. Seasonally Adjusted..... | | | | | | | | | | 3.5 | 3.6 | 5.4 |

(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 | | | | |
| 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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