

## Wyoming Unemployment Rises to 3.1% in August 2022

The Research & Planning section of the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services reported today that the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose slightly from 3.0% in July to 3.1% in August. Despite this slight increase, Wyoming's unemployment rate is much lower than its year-ago level of 4.3% and lower than the current U.S. rate of 3.7%.

From July to August, most county unemployment rates increased slightly. The largest increases occurred in Crook (up from 2.2% to 3.5%), Carbon (up from 2.7% to 3.1%), Natrona (up from 3.6% to 3.9%), and Niobrara (up from 2.2% to 2.5%) counties.

From August 2021 to August 2022, unemployment rates fell in most counties. The largest decreases were seen in Natrona (down from 5.4% to 3.9%), Campbell (down from 4.8% to 3.3%), Converse (down from 4.1% to 2.8%), Sublette (down from 4.6% to 3.4%), and Sweetwater (down from 5.0% to 3.9%) counties. Since unemployment rates were elevated during 2021, the decreases this year reflect a return to more normal levels.

In August, the highest unemployment rates were found in Natrona and Sweetwater counties (both at 3.9%). Teton County posted the lowest unemployment rate at 1.7%. It was followed by Weston County at 2.2% and Niobrara and Goshen counties (both at 2.5%).

Total nonfarm employment in Wyoming (not seasonally adjusted and measured by place of work) rose from 284,000 in August 2021 to 292,100 in August 2022, an increase of 8,100 jobs (2.9%). Employment was unusually low in 2021 because of economic disruptions related to the pandemic.

Research & Planning has scheduled the September unemployment news release for October 24, 2022.

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

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployed Number			Unemployment Rate		
	Aug 2022 (p)	Jul 2022 (r)	Aug 2021 (b)	Aug 2022 (p)	Jul 2022 (r)	Aug 2021 (b)	Aug 2022 (p)	Jul 2022 (r)	Aug 2021 (b)	(p)	(r)	(b)
Albany	20,526	19,995	19,739	19,969	19,452	19,082	557	543	657	2.7	2.7	3.3
Big Horn	5,298	5,476	5,422	5,117	5,298	5,222	181	178	200	3.4	3.3	3.7
Campbell	21,588	21,412	21,468	20,865	20,712	20,446	723	700	1,022	3.3	3.3	4.8
Carbon	7,679	7,738	8,323	7,440	7,527	8,050	239	211	273	3.1	2.7	3.3
Converse	7,446	7,460	7,421	7,238	7,253	7,120	208	207	301	2.8	2.8	4.1
Crook	4,006	4,154	4,077	3,864	4,064	3,954	142	90	123	3.5	2.2	3.0
Fremont	18,694	18,479	18,931	18,025	17,814	18,147	669	665	784	3.6	3.6	4.1
Goshen	6,322	6,564	6,664	6,166	6,406	6,461	156	158	203	2.5	2.4	3.0
Hot Springs	2,253	2,285	2,237	2,194	2,231	2,164	59	54	73	2.6	2.4	3.3
Johnson	4,340	4,504	4,359	4,218	4,389	4,210	122	115	149	2.8	2.6	3.4
Laramie	49,489	49,235	48,885	47,985	47,829	47,142	1,504	1,406	1,743	3.0	2.9	3.6
Lincoln	9,527	9,577	9,527	9,275	9,329	9,219	252	248	308	2.6	2.6	3.2
Natrona	38,338	38,281	38,432	36,856	36,894	36,352	1,482	1,387	2,080	3.9	3.6	5.4
Niobrara	1,222	1,290	1,288	1,191	1,262	1,249	31	28	39	2.5	2.2	3.0
Park	16,507	16,928	16,679	16,061	16,490	16,139	446	438	540	2.7	2.6	3.2
Platte	4,328	4,514	4,505	4,190	4,376	4,345	138	138	160	3.2	3.1	3.6
Sheridan	16,011	16,266	16,153	15,561	15,824	15,572	450	442	581	2.8	2.7	3.6
Sublette	3,986	4,132	4,193	3,851	4,001	4,000	135	131	193	3.4	3.2	4.6
Sweetwater	18,678	18,104	18,961	17,958	17,410	18,018	720	694	943	3.9	3.8	5.0
Teton	17,910	18,115	17,581	17,607	17,820	17,191	303	295	390	1.7	1.6	2.2
Uinta	8,637	8,474	8,724	8,334	8,198	8,347	303	276	377	3.5	3.3	4.3
Washakie	3,813	3,913	3,963	3,680	3,784	3,819	133	129	144	3.5	3.3	3.6
Weston	3,645	3,630	3,738	3,564	3,549	3,633	81	81	105	2.2	2.2	2.8
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>290,243</b>	<b>290,526</b>	<b>291,269</b>	<b>281,208</b>	<b>281,911</b>	<b>279,881</b>	<b>9,035</b>	<b>8,615</b>	<b>11,388</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.9</b>
<b>Statewide Seasonally Adjusted.....</b>										<b>3.1</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>4.3</b>
<b>U.S. ....</b>										<b>3.8</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>5.3</b>
<b>U.S. Seasonally Adjusted.....</b>										<b>3.7</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>5.2</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**

	August-22	July-22	August-21	Change		Change	
				Month		Year	
				absolute	percent	absolute	percent
Total Civilian Labor Force	289,643	290,095	289,856	-452	-0.2%	-213	-0.1%
Employed	280,569	281,315	277,344	-746	-0.3%	3,225	1.2%
Unemployed	9,074	8,780	12,512	294	3.3%	-3,438	-27.5%
Unemployment Rate	3.1	3.0	4.3				

**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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