

## Wyoming Unemployment Unchanged at 3.9% in January 2023

The Research & Planning section of the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services reported today that the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained unchanged from December to January at 3.9%. Wyoming has recently completed a comprehensive annual revision of its unemployment data. The new data show that Wyoming's unemployment rate hit a low point of 3.2% in April 2022 and then increased modestly to 3.9% in October 2022. Wyoming's unemployment rate remained stable at 3.9% from October 2022 to January 2023.

From December to January, county unemployment rates followed their normal seasonal pattern and increased. Unemployment rates usually rise in January because of seasonal job losses in construction, retail trade, professional & business services, and government. The largest unemployment rate increases occurred in Niobrara (up from 3.5% to 4.9%), Fremont (up from 3.9% to 5.2%), Big Horn (up from 4.1% to 5.2%), and Sweetwater (up from 4.2% to 5.3%) counties.

From January 2022 to January 2023, unemployment rates rose in 13 counties, fell in nine counties, and remained unchanged in Crook County (3.6%). The largest increases were seen in Niobrara (up from 3.7% to 4.9%), Platte (up from 3.9% to 4.5%), and Lincoln (up from 3.9% to 4.4%) counties. Unemployment rates fell in Converse (down from 3.9% to 3.3%), Natrona (down from 5.1% to 4.6%), and Campbell (down from 4.4% to 4.0%) counties.

Teton County reported the lowest unemployment rate in January at 2.7%. It was followed by Weston County at 2.9% and Converse County at 3.3%. The highest rates were found in Sweetwater County at 5.3%, Big Horn County at 5.2%, and Fremont County at 5.2%.

Total nonfarm employment in Wyoming (not seasonally adjusted and measured by place of work) rose from 274,200 in January 2022 to 280,900 in January 2023, an increase of 6,700 jobs (2.4%).

Research & Planning has scheduled the February unemployment news release for March 27, 2023.

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

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployed Number			Unemployment Rate		
	Jan 2023 (p)	Dec 2022 (b)	Jan 2022 (b)	Jan 2023 (p)	Dec 2022 (b)	Jan 2022 (b)	Jan 2023 (p)	Dec 2022 (b)	Jan 2022 (b)	Jan 2023 (p)	Dec 2022 (b)	Jan 2022 (b)
Albany	21,754	21,912	20,942	20,920	21,225	20,221	834	687	721	3.8	3.1	3.4
Big Horn	5,020	4,971	5,086	4,761	4,769	4,818	259	202	268	5.2	4.1	5.3
Campbell	23,467	23,041	22,212	22,535	22,296	21,229	932	745	983	4.0	3.2	4.4
Carbon	7,110	7,010	7,162	6,766	6,720	6,825	344	290	337	4.8	4.1	4.7
Converse	7,799	7,661	7,602	7,542	7,450	7,305	257	211	297	3.3	2.8	3.9
Crook	3,785	3,720	3,713	3,649	3,606	3,581	136	114	132	3.6	3.1	3.6
Fremont	19,164	18,754	18,679	18,168	18,029	17,786	996	725	893	5.2	3.9	4.8
Goshen	6,429	6,382	6,304	6,200	6,184	6,090	229	198	214	3.6	3.1	3.4
Hot Springs	2,317	2,280	2,244	2,237	2,209	2,164	80	71	80	3.5	3.1	3.6
Johnson	4,155	4,125	4,132	3,977	3,971	3,949	178	154	183	4.3	3.7	4.4
Laramie	50,683	49,825	49,104	48,563	48,054	47,092	2,120	1,771	2,012	4.2	3.6	4.1
Lincoln	9,830	9,604	9,368	9,393	9,270	9,002	437	334	366	4.4	3.5	3.9
Natrona	40,469	39,831	38,635	38,625	38,318	36,668	1,844	1,513	1,967	4.6	3.8	5.1
Niobrara	1,192	1,156	1,210	1,133	1,116	1,165	59	40	45	4.9	3.5	3.7
Park	14,740	14,571	14,552	14,048	13,999	13,878	692	572	674	4.7	3.9	4.6
Platte	4,367	4,280	4,357	4,171	4,114	4,185	196	166	172	4.5	3.9	3.9
Sheridan	16,348	16,150	15,777	15,645	15,574	15,125	703	576	652	4.3	3.6	4.1
Sublette	3,776	3,741	3,775	3,582	3,581	3,579	194	160	196	5.1	4.3	5.2
Sweetwater	20,105	19,815	19,362	19,049	18,979	18,361	1,056	836	1,001	5.3	4.2	5.2
Teton	17,163	16,670	15,969	16,696	16,253	15,548	467	417	421	2.7	2.5	2.6
Uinta	9,083	9,013	8,746	8,671	8,666	8,341	412	347	405	4.5	3.8	4.6
Washakie	3,856	3,808	3,817	3,671	3,659	3,637	185	149	180	4.8	3.9	4.7
Weston	3,849	3,808	3,709	3,737	3,711	3,592	112	97	117	2.9	2.5	3.2
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>296,459</b>	<b>292,126</b>	<b>286,456</b>	<b>283,737</b>	<b>281,752</b>	<b>274,140</b>	<b>12,722</b>	<b>10,374</b>	<b>12,316</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>4.3</b>
<b>Statewide Seasonally Adjusted.....</b>										<b>3.9</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>3.5</b>
<b>U.S.....</b>										<b>3.9</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>4.4</b>
<b>U.S. Seasonally Adjusted.....</b>										<b>3.4</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>4.0</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			
	January-23	December-22	January-22	Month		Year	
				absolute	percent	absolute	percent
Total Civilian Labor Force	294,596	293,595	288,078	1,001	0.3%	6,518	2.3%
Employed	283,235	282,247	277,867	988	0.4%	5,368	1.9%
Unemployed	11,361	11,348	10,211	13	0.1%	1,150	11.3%
Unemployment Rate	3.9	3.9	3.5				
<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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