

Wyoming Unemployment Rises to 3.1% in September 2024

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 August to 3.1% in September. Wyoming’s unemployment rate was modestly higher than its September 2023 level of 2.9%, but much lower than the current U.S. unemployment rate of 4.1%.

From August to September, county unemployment rates followed their normal seasonal pattern and decreased. The largest decreases occurred in Platte (down from 3.6% to 2.7%), Goshen (down from 3.4% to 2.6%), and Johnson (down from 3.1% to 2.4%) counties.

In September, unemployment rates were higher than their year-ago levels in every county. The largest increases were reported in Big Horn (up from 2.4% to 3.0%) and Carbon (up from 2.1% to 2.7%) counties.

Uinta County, at 3.1%, had the highest unemployment rate in September. It was followed by Big Horn County, Sublette County, and Sweetwater County, each at 3.0%. The lowest unemployment rates were found in Teton County at 1.6%, and Crook and Niobrara counties, each at 2.0%.

Current Employment Statistics (CES) estimates show that total nonfarm employment in Wyoming (not seasonally adjusted and measured by place of work) rose from 297,900 in September 2023 to 299,700 in September 2024, an increase of 1,800 jobs (0.6%).

October unemployment data will be published on November 20, 2024.

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

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployed Number			Unemployment Rate		
	Sep 2024 (p)	Aug 2024 (r)	Sep 2023 (b)	Sep 2024 (p)	Aug 2024 (r)	Sep 2023 (b)	Sep 2024 (p)	Aug 2024 (r)	Sep 2023 (b)	Sep 2024 (p)	Aug 2024 (r)	Sep 2023 (b)
Albany	21,819	20,702	21,499	21,319	20,126	21,039	500	576	460	2.3	2.8	2.1
Big Horn	5,247	5,253	5,199	5,092	5,064	5,073	155	189	126	3.0	3.6	2.4
Campbell	23,258	23,029	23,271	22,650	22,316	22,755	608	713	516	2.6	3.1	2.2
Carbon	7,313	7,353	7,330	7,116	7,120	7,173	197	233	157	2.7	3.2	2.1
Converse	7,891	7,824	7,672	7,719	7,613	7,524	172	211	148	2.2	2.7	1.9
Crook	3,848	3,832	3,894	3,772	3,737	3,825	76	95	69	2.0	2.5	1.8
Fremont	19,022	19,022	19,145	18,468	18,380	18,665	554	642	480	2.9	3.4	2.5
Goshen	6,196	6,186	6,272	6,036	5,975	6,140	160	211	132	2.6	3.4	2.1
Hot Springs	2,223	2,234	2,330	2,166	2,172	2,280	57	62	50	2.6	2.8	2.1
Johnson	4,305	4,342	4,394	4,200	4,209	4,305	105	133	89	2.4	3.1	2.0
Laramie	49,139	49,014	48,861	47,773	47,368	47,667	1,366	1,646	1,194	2.8	3.4	2.4
Lincoln	9,996	9,929	9,967	9,754	9,637	9,753	242	292	214	2.4	2.9	2.1
Natrona	39,572	39,885	39,573	38,418	38,537	38,550	1,154	1,348	1,023	2.9	3.4	2.6
Niobrara	1,133	1,103	1,160	1,110	1,074	1,139	23	29	21	2.0	2.6	1.8
Park	16,083	16,557	16,247	15,700	16,111	15,927	383	446	320	2.4	2.7	2.0
Platte	4,141	4,077	4,208	4,028	3,932	4,112	113	145	96	2.7	3.6	2.3
Sheridan	16,361	16,415	16,245	15,967	15,956	15,912	394	459	333	2.4	2.8	2.0
Sublette	3,913	3,921	3,997	3,796	3,781	3,894	117	140	103	3.0	3.6	2.6
Sweetwater	20,147	20,080	20,421	19,540	19,374	19,893	607	706	528	3.0	3.5	2.6
Teton	18,045	19,269	18,119	17,749	18,914	17,868	296	355	251	1.6	1.8	1.4
Uinta	8,915	8,893	9,039	8,635	8,584	8,805	280	309	234	3.1	3.5	2.6
Washakie	3,781	3,771	3,837	3,671	3,643	3,745	110	128	92	2.9	3.4	2.4
Weston	3,869	3,776	3,925	3,783	3,678	3,855	86	98	70	2.2	2.6	1.8
Statewide	296,215	296,469	296,603	288,464	287,303	289,898	7,751	9,166	6,705	2.6	3.1	2.3
Statewide Seasonally Adjusted.....										3.1	3.0	2.9
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(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			
				Month		Year	
	September-24	August-24	September-23	absolute	percent	absolute	percent
Total Civilian Labor Force	295,155	294,909	295,121	246	0.1%	34	0.0%
Employed	285,956	285,935	286,677	21	0.0%	-721	-0.3%
Unemployed	9,199	8,974	8,444	225	2.5%	755	8.9%
Unemployment Rate	3.1	3.0	2.9				
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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