

Wyoming Unemployment Falls to 3.5% in February 2025

The Research & Planning section of the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services reported today that the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell slightly from 3.6% in January to 3.5% in February. Wyoming's unemployment rate is considerably higher than its February 2024 level of 2.8%, but lower than the current U.S. rate of 4.1%.

From January to February, most county unemployment rates followed their normal seasonal pattern and decreased. Unemployment rates often fall in February as seasonal job gains occur. The largest unemployment rate decreases occurred in Niobrara (down from 6.1% to 4.8%), Sweetwater (down from 4.9% to 3.9%), and Platte (down from 5.5% to 4.5%) counties. Weston County's unemployment held steady at 3.9%.

From February 2024 to February 2025, unemployment rates rose in 14 counties, remained unchanged in three counties, and fell in six counties. The largest increases were found in Niobrara (up from 3.6% to 4.8%), Crook (up from 2.9% to 3.7%), and Sublette (up from 3.5% to 4.3%) counties. Unemployment rates fell in Washakie (down from 4.2% to 3.5%), Johnson (down from 3.7% to 3.4%), and Hot Springs (down from 3.7% to 3.4%) counties.

Big Horn County, at 5.0%, had the highest unemployment rate in February. It was followed by Niobrara County at 4.8%, and Park County at 4.7%. The lowest unemployment rates were found in Teton County at 2.2% and Albany County at 2.8%.

Current Employment Statistics (CES) estimates show that total nonfarm employment in Wyoming (not seasonally adjusted and measured by place of work) rose from 286,300 in February 2024 to 291,100 in February 2025, an increase of 4,800 jobs (1.7%).

March unemployment data will be published on April 21, 2025.

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

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployed Number			Unemployment Rate		
	Feb 2025 (p)	Jan 2025 (b)	Feb 2024 (b)	Feb 2025 (p)	Jan 2025 (b)	Feb 2024 (b)	Feb 2025 (p)	Jan 2025 (b)	Feb 2024 (b)	Feb 2025 (p)	Jan 2025 (b)	Feb 2024 (b)
Albany	23,199	22,218	22,940	22,555	21,388	22,271	644	830	669	2.8	3.7	2.9
Big Horn	4,921	5,060	4,962	4,674	4,790	4,743	247	270	219	5.0	5.3	4.4
Campbell	23,941	24,227	24,758	23,029	23,261	23,961	912	966	797	3.8	4.0	3.2
Carbon	6,110	6,296	6,050	5,861	5,982	5,805	249	314	245	4.1	5.0	4.0
Converse	6,550	6,732	6,695	6,334	6,464	6,471	216	268	224	3.3	4.0	3.3
Crook	3,745	3,900	3,836	3,605	3,739	3,723	140	161	113	3.7	4.1	2.9
Fremont	17,373	17,731	17,793	16,570	16,765	16,985	803	966	808	4.6	5.4	4.5
Goshen	5,330	5,467	5,547	5,142	5,240	5,357	188	227	190	3.5	4.2	3.4
Hot Springs	2,207	2,267	2,302	2,132	2,177	2,217	75	90	85	3.4	4.0	3.7
Johnson	4,181	4,351	4,296	4,037	4,177	4,137	144	174	159	3.4	4.0	3.7
Laramie	49,039	49,636	49,228	47,227	47,447	47,421	1,812	2,189	1,807	3.7	4.4	3.7
Lincoln	10,735	10,907	10,578	10,381	10,475	10,209	354	432	369	3.3	4.0	3.5
Natrona	42,055	42,546	42,207	40,550	40,737	40,716	1,505	1,809	1,491	3.6	4.3	3.5
Niobrara	840	885	888	800	831	856	40	54	32	4.8	6.1	3.6
Park	13,992	14,150	14,185	13,338	13,430	13,562	654	720	623	4.7	5.1	4.4
Platte	3,438	3,521	3,538	3,284	3,329	3,405	154	192	133	4.5	5.5	3.8
Sheridan	15,725	15,884	15,803	15,118	15,192	15,226	607	692	577	3.9	4.4	3.7
Sublette	4,264	4,335	4,329	4,082	4,131	4,178	182	204	151	4.3	4.7	3.5
Sweetwater	20,191	20,470	20,836	19,398	19,472	20,011	793	998	825	3.9	4.9	4.0
Teton	16,710	16,943	16,271	16,336	16,494	15,913	374	449	358	2.2	2.7	2.2
Uinta	9,989	10,156	10,200	9,586	9,693	9,847	403	463	353	4.0	4.6	3.5
Washakie	3,821	3,964	3,971	3,686	3,806	3,804	135	158	167	3.5	4.0	4.2
Weston	3,195	3,250	3,222	3,069	3,122	3,117	126	128	105	3.9	3.9	3.3
Statewide	291,550	294,896	294,436	280,793	282,142	283,939	10,757	12,754	10,497	3.7	4.3	3.6
Statewide Seasonally Adjusted.....										3.5	3.6	2.8
U.S.										4.5	4.4	4.2
U.S. Seasonally Adjusted.....										4.1	4.0	3.9

(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			
	February-25	January-25	February-24	Month		Year	
				absolute	percent	absolute	percent
Total Civilian Labor Force	296,677	297,532	295,630	-855	-0.3%	1,047	0.4%
Employed	286,294	286,876	287,208	-582	-0.2%	-914	-0.3%
Unemployed	10,383	10,656	8,422	-273	-2.6%	1,961	23.3%
Unemployment Rate	3.5	3.6	2.8				
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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