

Local Jobs and Payroll in Wyoming in Third Quarter 2017: Total Employment and Payroll Increase

Wyoming's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell from 4.3% in March 2017 to 3.9% in March 2018, but at the same time, the state's labor force fell modestly. This report, which focuses on changes in the number of jobs between third quarter 2016 and third quarter 2017, is based on employers' quarterly unemployment insurance tax filings. It provides detail by industry and county and can help explain more precisely how economic conditions changed in Wyoming between 2016 and 2017.

From third quarter 2016 to third quarter 2017, average monthly employment rose by 197 jobs (0.1%), and total payroll increased by \$11.3 million (0.4%). This was the first time that both payroll and jobs have increased since first quarter 2015. Job gains were seen in mining (including oil & gas; 1,995 jobs, or 11.1%); manufacturing (294 jobs, or 3.2%); arts, entertainment & recreation (248 jobs, or 6.1%); and accommodation & food services (214 jobs, or 0.6%). Job losses persisted in construction (-1,481 jobs, or -6.6%), local government (including public schools, colleges, & hospitals; -917 jobs, or -2.2%), and retail trade (-681 jobs, or -2.2%). Employment rose in 11 counties, fell in 11 counties, and was unchanged in Uinta County (see Table). Total payroll increased in nine counties and decreased in 14 counties.

Teton County added 590 jobs (2.5%) and its total payroll increased by \$6.3 million (2.5%). Job growth was seen in accommodation & food services; arts, entertainment & recreation; local government; real estate & rental & leasing; and professional & technical services.

Sublette County gained 260 jobs (6.5%) and its total payroll rose by \$5.3 million (10.2%). Mining (including oil & gas) posted the largest job gains. Smaller gains were seen in transportation & warehousing, real estate & rental & leasing, and wholesale trade.

Laramie County added 235 jobs (0.5%), but its total payroll fell by \$1.8 million (-0.3%). Employment rose in administrative & waste services, mining (including oil & gas), health care & social assistance, and federal government. Job losses were seen in local government and retail trade.

Natrona County's employment rose by 218 jobs (0.6%) and its total payroll increased by \$18.6 million (4.2%). Job gains in mining (including oil & gas), transportation & warehousing, manufacturing, and administrative & waste services were partially offset by job losses in construction, local government, retail trade, and health care & social assistance.

Carbon County lost 520 jobs (-6.9%) and its total payroll fell by \$13.7 million (-15.6%). Large job losses were seen in construction.

Wyoming Average Monthly Employment, Total Payroll, and Average Weekly Wage for Third Quarter by County, 2016 and 2017^a

County	Average Monthly Employment				Total Payroll				Average Weekly Wage			
	Third Quarter 2016	2017	Change	%	Third Quarter 2016	2017	Change	%	Third Quarter 2016	2017	Change	%
Total	276,323	276,521	197	0.1	\$3,107,234,585	\$3,118,521,550	\$11,286,965	0.4	\$865	\$868	\$3	0.3
Albany	15,669	15,422	-248	-1.6	\$157,927,913	\$156,838,434	-\$1,089,479	-0.7	\$775	\$782	\$7	0.9
Big Horn	4,259	4,234	-25	-0.6	\$41,969,029	\$41,069,349	-\$899,680	-2.1	\$758	\$746	-\$12	-1.6
Campbell	24,547	24,467	-79	-0.3	\$330,221,094	\$334,974,388	\$4,753,294	1.4	\$1,035	\$1,053	\$18	1.8
Carbon	7,523	7,004	-520	-6.9	\$87,618,429	\$73,955,412	-\$13,663,017	-15.6	\$896	\$812	-\$84	-9.3
Converse	5,624	5,531	-93	-1.7	\$69,324,001	\$66,907,149	-\$2,416,852	-3.5	\$948	\$931	-\$18	-1.9
Crook	2,385	2,405	20	0.9	\$23,908,533	\$24,567,374	\$658,841	2.8	\$771	\$786	\$15	1.9
Fremont	15,526	15,453	-72	-0.5	\$148,516,046	\$148,288,219	-\$227,827	-0.2	\$736	\$738	\$2	0.3
Goshen	4,290	4,302	12	0.3	\$38,761,056	\$38,710,123	-\$50,933	-0.1	\$695	\$692	-\$3	-0.4
Hot Springs	2,092	1,981	-110	-5.3	\$18,595,301	\$17,056,436	-\$1,538,865	-8.3	\$684	\$662	-\$22	-3.2
Johnson	3,240	3,335	95	2.9	\$28,542,701	\$29,403,197	\$860,496	3.0	\$678	\$678	\$0	0.1
Laramie	45,717	45,952	235	0.5	\$518,236,091	\$516,472,886	-\$1,763,205	-0.3	\$872	\$865	-\$7	-0.9
Lincoln	6,196	6,310	114	1.8	\$69,780,886	\$69,864,485	\$83,599	0.1	\$866	\$852	-\$15	-1.7
Natrona	38,267	38,485	218	0.6	\$438,500,776	\$457,084,690	\$18,583,914	4.2	\$881	\$914	\$32	3.6
Niobrara	911	913	2	0.2	\$7,291,306	\$7,474,055	\$182,749	2.5	\$616	\$630	\$14	2.3
Park	15,192	15,130	-62	-0.4	\$145,891,346	\$144,886,970	-\$1,004,376	-0.7	\$739	\$737	-\$2	-0.3
Platte	3,402	3,575	173	5.1	\$36,442,258	\$38,655,924	\$2,213,666	6.1	\$824	\$832	\$8	0.9
Sheridan	13,511	13,371	-140	-1.0	\$133,961,321	\$130,881,549	-\$3,079,772	-2.3	\$763	\$753	-\$10	-1.3
Sublette	3,968	4,228	260	6.5	\$52,383,586	\$57,713,764	\$5,330,178	10.2	\$1,016	\$1,050	\$35	3.4
Sweetwater	22,217	22,238	20	0.1	\$314,315,272	\$310,479,225	-\$3,836,047	-1.2	\$1,088	\$1,074	-\$14	-1.3
Teton	23,504	24,095	590	2.5	\$252,792,805	\$259,114,496	\$6,321,691	2.5	\$827	\$827	\$0	0.0
Uinta	8,285	8,285	0	0.0	\$82,922,425	\$79,957,013	-\$2,965,412	-3.6	\$770	\$742	-\$28	-3.6
Washakie	3,708	3,638	-71	-1.9	\$37,395,225	\$36,963,998	-\$431,227	-1.2	\$776	\$782	\$6	0.8
Weston	2,304	2,183	-121	-5.3	\$21,208,709	\$19,964,520	-\$1,244,189	-5.9	\$708	\$704	-\$5	-0.6
Nonclassified ^b	3,986	3,984	-2	-0.1	\$50,728,476	\$57,237,894	\$6,509,418	12.8	\$979	\$1,105	\$126	12.9

^a preliminary.

^b The employer may be located statewide or in more than one county.

Source: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, developed through a cooperative program between Research & Planning and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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Employment fell by 248 jobs (-1.6%) in Albany County and its total payroll decreased by \$1.1 million (-0.7%). Job losses occurred in state government, health care & social assistance, and retail trade.

Sheridan County lost 140 jobs (-1.0%) and its total payroll fell by \$3.1 million (-2.3%). Job losses in accommodation & food services, health care & social assistance, wholesale trade, construction, and professional & technical services were partially offset by job gains in manufacturing and administrative & waste services.

Weston County's employment fell by 121 jobs (-5.3%) and its total payroll decreased by \$1.2 million (-5.9%). Job losses were seen in accommodation & food services, construction, retail trade, professional & technical services, and wholesale trade.

Visit our website at http://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/17Q3_QCEW/toc.htm for detailed tables for each county.

Preview—Fourth Quarter (October through December) 2017 Covered Employment & Wages

According to preliminary data, employment grew from fourth quarter 2016 to fourth quarter 2017, rising by approximately 1,220 jobs (0.5%) and total payroll increased by \$157.3 million (5.1%). The mining sector (including oil & gas) added approximately 2,270 jobs, and growth was seen in manufacturing (nearly 400 jobs), accommodation & food services (nearly 400 jobs), and real estate & rental & leasing (approximately 300 jobs). Employment fell in retail trade (approximately 1,000 jobs), construction (approximately 850 jobs), and local government (approximately 700 jobs).

Industry employment and wages data for fourth quarter 2017 are available at http://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/QCEW_OTY/toc.htm

County level employment and wages data for fourth quarter 2017 are scheduled to be released on August 10, 2018.

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