

## Local Jobs and Wyoming Payroll in Fourth Quarter 2017: Modest Job Growth Continues

Wyoming's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell from 4.0% in June 2017 to 3.7% in June 2018, but at the same time, the state's labor force decreased. This report, which focuses on changes in the number of jobs between fourth quarter 2016 and fourth quarter 2017, is based on employers' quarterly unemployment insurance tax filings. It provides details by industry and county and can help explain more precisely how economic conditions changed in Wyoming between 2016 and 2017.

From fourth quarter 2016 to fourth quarter 2017, employment rose by 1,149 jobs (0.4%), and total payroll increased by \$161.9 million (5.2%). Job gains were seen in mining (including oil & gas; 2,279 jobs, or 12.5%), accommodation & food services (380 jobs, or 1.2%), manufacturing (378 jobs, or 4.1%), real estate & rental & leasing (318 jobs, or 8.1%), transportation & warehousing (228 jobs, or 2.4%), and professional & technical services (221 jobs, or 2.5%). Employment fell in retail trade (-987 jobs, or -3.2%), construction (-886 jobs, or -4.3%), and local government (including public schools, colleges, & hospitals; -839 jobs, or -1.8%). Employment grew in 11 counties and declined in 12 counties (see Table). Total payroll rose in 22 counties and fell in Carbon County.

Natrona County added 855 jobs (2.3%) and its total payroll grew by \$34.3 million (7.5%). Large job gains were seen in mining (including oil & gas), manufacturing, administrative & waste services, transportation & warehousing, wholesale trade, and real estate & rental & leasing. Employment fell in construction, local government, and retail trade.

Campbell County gained 518 jobs (2.2%) and its total payroll increased by \$17.8 million (5.3%). Employment increased in mining (including oil & gas), accommodation & food services, real estate & rental & leasing, wholesale trade, and administrative & waste services. Job losses were seen in construction, local government, and retail trade.

In Teton County employment rose by 396 jobs (2.1%) and total payroll increased by \$16.5 million (7.3%). Job gains were seen in arts, entertainment, & recreation; accommodation & food services; professional & technical services; and real estate & rental & leasing.

Sublette County added 285 jobs (7.3%) and its total payroll grew by \$7.4 million (14.1%). Employment rose in mining (including oil & gas), transportation & warehousing, real estate & rental & leasing, and wholesale trade.

Sweetwater County gained 174 jobs (0.8%) and its total payroll rose by \$15.8 million (4.9%). Job gains were seen in mining (including oil & gas), administrative & waste services, accommodation & food services, and professional & technical services. Employment fell in construction, retail trade, and manufacturing.

**Wyoming Average Monthly Employment, Total Payroll, and Average Weekly Wage for Fourth Quarter by County, 2016 and 2017<sup>a</sup>**

County	Average Monthly Employment				Total Payroll				Average Weekly Wage			
	Fourth Quarter		Change n	%	Fourth Quarter		Change \$	%	Fourth Quarter		Change \$	%
	2016	2017			2016	2017			2016	2017		
<b>Total</b>	<b>267,641</b>	<b>268,791</b>	<b>1,149</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>\$3,111,373,498</b>	<b>\$3,273,237,068</b>	<b>\$161,863,570</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>\$894</b>	<b>\$937</b>	<b>\$42</b>	<b>4.8</b>
Albany	15,662	15,489	-173	-1.1	\$153,402,182	\$160,184,226	\$6,782,044	4.4	\$753	\$796	\$42	5.6
Big Horn	4,187	4,061	-125	-3.0	\$43,177,512	\$43,214,574	\$37,062	0.1	\$793	\$818	\$25	3.2
Campbell	24,102	24,621	518	2.2	\$336,959,577	\$354,798,804	\$17,839,227	5.3	\$1,075	\$1,109	\$33	3.1
Carbon	7,018	6,668	-350	-5.0	\$80,378,219	\$76,623,727	-\$3,754,492	-4.7	\$881	\$884	\$3	0.3
Converse	5,626	5,667	42	0.7	\$72,265,410	\$77,771,827	\$5,506,417	7.6	\$988	\$1,056	\$67	6.8
Crook	2,327	2,354	27	1.1	\$24,333,683	\$26,093,778	\$1,760,095	7.2	\$804	\$853	\$48	6.0
Fremont	15,622	15,401	-222	-1.4	\$157,613,291	\$162,539,306	\$4,926,015	3.1	\$776	\$812	\$36	4.6
Goshen	4,392	4,353	-39	-0.9	\$40,436,076	\$41,251,740	\$815,664	2.0	\$708	\$729	\$21	2.9
Hot Springs	1,967	1,907	-60	-3.1	\$17,263,448	\$18,101,980	\$838,532	4.9	\$675	\$730	\$55	8.2
Johnson	3,095	3,138	43	1.4	\$29,098,062	\$29,901,307	\$803,245	2.8	\$723	\$733	\$10	1.4
Laramie	45,686	45,646	-40	-0.1	\$521,288,320	\$544,455,257	\$23,166,937	4.4	\$878	\$918	\$40	4.5
Lincoln	6,154	6,307	153	2.5	\$69,139,998	\$73,497,176	\$4,357,178	6.3	\$864	\$896	\$32	3.7
Natrona	37,704	38,559	855	2.3	\$455,129,345	\$489,432,379	\$34,303,034	7.5	\$929	\$976	\$48	5.2
Niobrara	903	891	-12	-1.3	\$7,614,249	\$7,895,767	\$281,518	3.7	\$649	\$682	\$33	5.1
Park	13,241	13,104	-136	-1.0	\$136,462,368	\$138,781,717	\$2,319,349	1.7	\$793	\$815	\$22	2.8
Platte	3,462	3,590	128	3.7	\$37,598,734	\$41,287,979	\$3,689,245	9.8	\$835	\$885	\$49	5.9
Sheridan	13,270	13,199	-71	-0.5	\$139,442,850	\$142,373,557	\$2,930,707	2.1	\$808	\$830	\$21	2.7
Sublette	3,888	4,173	285	7.3	\$52,337,276	\$59,721,083	\$7,383,807	14.1	\$1,035	\$1,101	\$65	6.3
Sweetwater	22,290	22,464	174	0.8	\$320,634,924	\$336,407,666	\$15,772,742	4.9	\$1,107	\$1,152	\$45	4.1
Teton	18,787	19,183	396	2.1	\$225,177,230	\$241,707,916	\$16,530,686	7.3	\$922	\$969	\$47	5.1
Uinta	8,298	8,147	-150	-1.8	\$82,983,617	\$85,394,692	\$2,411,075	2.9	\$769	\$806	\$37	4.8
Washakie	3,679	3,711	32	0.9	\$36,936,899	\$40,318,007	\$3,381,108	9.2	\$772	\$836	\$63	8.2
Weston	2,312	2,239	-73	-3.1	\$22,040,743	\$22,925,001	\$884,258	4.0	\$733	\$787	\$54	7.4
Nonclassified <sup>b</sup>	3,969	3,917	-52	-1.3	\$49,659,485	\$58,557,602	\$8,898,117	17.9	\$962	\$1,150	\$188	19.5

<sup>a</sup>preliminary <sup>b</sup> The employer may be located statewide or in more than one county. Extract Date: July 2018

Carbon County lost 350 jobs (-5.0%) and its total payroll fell by \$3.8 million (-4.7%). Employment fell in construction, retail trade, and state government.

Fremont County's employment fell by 222 jobs (-1.4%), but its total payroll rose by \$4.9 million (3.1%). The largest job losses occurred in private educational services, retail trade, construction, and wholesale trade.

Albany County lost 173 jobs (-1.1%), but its total payroll rose by \$6.8 million (4.4%). Employment fell in state government, health care & social assistance, and retail trade.

Visit our website at [http://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/17Q4\\_QCEW/toc.htm](http://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/17Q4_QCEW/toc.htm) for detailed tables for each county.

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**Preview—First Quarter (January through March) 2018 Covered Employment & Wages**

According to preliminary data, employment grew from first quarter 2017 to first quarter 2018, rising by approximately 1,245 jobs (0.5%) and total payroll increased by \$128.2 million (4.3%). Job growth was seen in mining (including oil & gas; approximately 1,900 jobs), health care & social assistance (approximately 550 jobs), accommodation & food services (approximately 350 jobs), transportation & warehousing (approximately 330 jobs), and manufacturing (approximately 330 jobs). Employment fell in local government (including public schools, colleges, & hospitals; approximately 1,100 jobs), retail trade (approximately 640 jobs), and state government (approximately 330 jobs).

Industry employment and wages data for first quarter 2018 are available at [http://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/QCEW\\_OTY/toc.htm](http://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/QCEW_OTY/toc.htm)

County level employment and wages data for first quarter 2018 are scheduled to be released on November 9, 2018.

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