

Local Jobs and Wyoming Payroll in Third Quarter 2018: Total Payroll Rises by \$159 million

Wyoming's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate has remained low for many months and job growth has been steady. This report, which focuses on changes in the number of jobs between third quarter 2017 and third quarter 2018, is based on employers' quarterly unemployment insurance tax filings. It provides details on job growth and decline by industry and county.

From third quarter 2017 to third quarter 2018, employment rose by 2,311 jobs (0.8%) and total payroll increased by \$159.6 million (5.1%). The largest job gains occurred in mining (including oil & gas; 875 jobs, or 4.4%), construction (786 jobs, or 3.7%), professional & business services (683 jobs, or 3.6%), and health care & social assistance (592 jobs, or 2.4%). Job losses were seen in retail trade (-544 jobs, or -1.8%), leisure & hospitality (-313 jobs, or -0.8%), and local government (-248 jobs, or -0.6%). Employment grew in 14 counties and declined in nine counties. Total payroll increased in 22 counties and decreased in Sublette County.

Converse County added 412 jobs (7.4%) and its total payroll rose by \$10.9 million (16.3%). The largest job gains were seen in construction, mining (including oil & gas), administrative & waste services, and accommodation & food services.

Laramie County gained 384 jobs (0.8%) and its total payroll grew by \$22.4 million (4.3%). Employment increased in administrative & waste services, construction, health care & social assistance, transportation & warehousing, mining (including oil & gas), and finance & insurance. Job losses were seen in retail trade and information.

Natrona County's employment rose by 341 jobs (0.9%) and its total payroll increased by \$26.3 million (5.8%). Solid job gains were seen in mining (including oil & gas), manufacturing, wholesale trade, real estate & rental & leasing, and construction. Employment fell in accommodation & food services, retail trade, and health care & social assistance.

Campbell County added 338 jobs (1.4%) and its total payroll increased by \$11.7 million (3.5%). Employment rose in construction, wholesale trade, manufacturing, and transportation & warehousing.

Carbon County's employment grew by 260 jobs (3.7%) and its total payroll rose by \$12.7 million (17.2%). Construction added approximately 300 jobs and smaller job gains were seen in transportation & warehousing and administrative & waste services. Those job gains were partially offset by job losses in retail trade, health care & social assistance, and state government.

Table: Wyoming Covered Employment, Total Wages, & Average Weekly Wages by County, Third Quarter 2017 & 2018^a

County	Average Monthly Employment				Total Wages (\$)				Average Weekly Wage			
	Third Quarter		Change		Third Quarter		Change		Third Quarter		Change	
	2018	2017	N	%	2018	2017	\$	%	2018	2017	\$	%
Total Statewide	278,832	276,520	2,311	0.8	\$3,278,121,473	\$3,118,482,152	\$159,639,321	5.1	\$904	\$868	\$37	4.2
Albany	15,517	15,422	95	0.6	\$161,887,656	\$156,838,434	\$5,049,222	3.2	\$803	\$782	\$20	2.6
Big Horn	4,150	4,234	-84	-2.0	\$41,438,731	\$41,069,349	\$369,382	0.9	\$768	\$746	\$22	2.9
Campbell	24,805	24,467	338	1.4	\$346,642,589	\$334,974,388	\$11,668,201	3.5	\$1,075	\$1,053	\$22	2.1
Carbon	7,264	7,004	260	3.7	\$86,655,204	\$73,955,412	\$12,699,792	17.2	\$918	\$812	\$105	13.0
Converse	5,943	5,531	412	7.4	\$77,805,289	\$66,907,149	\$10,898,140	16.3	\$1,007	\$931	\$77	8.2
Crook	2,505	2,414	91	3.8	\$27,665,450	\$24,593,680	\$3,071,770	12.5	\$849	\$784	\$66	8.4
Fremont	15,355	15,447	-92	-0.6	\$150,948,147	\$148,174,918	\$2,773,229	1.9	\$756	\$738	\$18	2.5
Goshen	4,215	4,302	-87	-2.0	\$39,457,979	\$38,710,123	\$747,856	1.9	\$720	\$692	\$28	4.0
Hot Springs	1,892	1,981	-89	-4.5	\$17,754,824	\$17,056,436	\$698,388	4.1	\$722	\$662	\$60	9.0
Johnson	3,422	3,335	87	2.6	\$31,669,489	\$29,403,197	\$2,266,292	7.7	\$712	\$678	\$34	5.0
Laramie	46,336	45,952	384	0.8	\$538,921,868	\$516,472,886	\$22,448,982	4.3	\$895	\$865	\$30	3.5
Lincoln	6,379	6,309	70	1.1	\$74,162,891	\$69,864,485	\$4,298,406	6.2	\$894	\$852	\$42	5.0
Natrona	38,823	38,482	341	0.9	\$483,468,095	\$457,132,287	\$26,335,808	5.8	\$958	\$914	\$44	4.8
Niobrara	880	913	-32	-3.5	\$7,575,352	\$7,474,055	\$101,297	1.4	\$662	\$630	\$32	5.1
Park	15,230	15,130	101	0.7	\$149,575,472	\$144,886,970	\$4,688,502	3.2	\$755	\$737	\$19	2.6
Platte	3,506	3,575	-69	-1.9	\$40,346,852	\$38,655,924	\$1,690,928	4.4	\$885	\$832	\$53	6.4
Sheridan	13,500	13,371	129	1.0	\$137,658,836	\$130,881,549	\$6,777,287	5.2	\$784	\$753	\$31	4.2
Sublette	4,222	4,228	-6	-0.1	\$57,600,803	\$57,713,764	-\$112,961	-0.2	\$1,050	\$1,050	-\$1	-0.1
Sweetwater	22,192	22,238	-45	-0.2	\$316,315,985	\$310,479,225	\$5,836,760	1.9	\$1,096	\$1,074	\$22	2.1
Teton	24,156	24,095	61	0.3	\$282,584,763	\$259,114,496	\$23,470,267	9.1	\$900	\$827	\$73	8.8
Uinta	8,264	8,285	-22	-0.3	\$81,397,881	\$79,957,013	\$1,440,868	1.8	\$758	\$742	\$15	2.1
Washakie	3,648	3,638	11	0.3	\$37,810,361	\$36,963,998	\$846,363	2.3	\$797	\$782	\$16	2.0
Weston	2,251	2,183	68	3.1	\$21,889,888	\$19,964,520	\$1,925,368	9.6	\$748	\$704	\$44	6.3
Nonclassified ^b	4,375	3,984	391	9.8	\$66,887,068	\$57,237,894	\$9,649,174	16.9	\$1,176	\$1,105	\$71	6.4

^aPreliminary. ^bThe employer may be located statewide or in more than one county. Extract Date: April 2019

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

Fremont County lost 92 jobs (-0.6%) but its total payroll rose by \$2.8 million (1.9%). Job losses were seen in retail trade, state government, and other services.

Hot Springs County lost 89 jobs (-4.5%), but its total payroll increased by \$0.7 million (4.1%). Employment fell in accommodation & food services, health care & social assistance, manufacturing, and construction.

Goshen County saw its employment fall by 87 jobs (-2.0%), but its total payroll rose by \$0.7 million (1.9%). Job losses occurred in manufacturing, construction, retail trade, and wholesale trade.

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Preview—Fourth Quarter (October through December) 2018 Covered Employment & Wages

Preliminary data show that job growth increased significantly in fourth quarter 2018. From fourth quarter 2017 to fourth quarter 2018, employment rose by approximately 4,300 jobs (1.6%) and total payroll grew by \$200.2 million (6.1%). Job growth was strongest in the construction sector, which added approximately 2,200 jobs. Job gains were also seen in professional & technical services (approximately 500 jobs), mining (including oil & gas; approximately 500 jobs), administrative & waste services (approximately 450 jobs), health care & social assistance (approximately 450 jobs), and manufacturing (approximately 350 jobs). Employment fell in local government (approximately 450 jobs), retail trade (approximately 250 jobs), and information (approximately 150 jobs).

Industry employment and wages data for fourth quarter 2018 are available at https://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/QCEW_OTY/toc.htm

County level employment and wages data for fourth quarter 2018 are scheduled to be released on August 16, 2019.

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