

Wyoming Employment and Payroll: Job Losses Continued in Third Quarter

Wyoming's economy continued to be affected by the COVID-19 pandemic in third quarter 2020. From third quarter 2019 to third quarter 2020, Wyoming lost 21,656 jobs (-7.6%) and total payroll fell by \$281.3 million (-8.1%). The largest job losses occurred in leisure & hospitality (-6,107 jobs), mining (including oil & gas; -5,991 jobs), construction (-2,637 jobs), local government (including public schools & colleges; -1,728 jobs), and professional & business services (-1,366 jobs). Employment fell in 22 of Wyoming's 23 counties.

Teton County lost 3,746 jobs (-15.3%) and its total payroll fell by \$25.6 million (-8.3%). Employment in leisure & hospitality fell by approximately 3,000 jobs and smaller job losses occurred in retail trade, other services, transportation & warehousing, education, and local government.

Natrona County's employment fell by 3,408 jobs (-8.6%) and its total payroll decreased by \$67.6 million (-13.4%). Large job losses were seen in mining (including oil & gas), wholesale trade, leisure & hospitality, professional & business services, manufacturing, and other services.

Sweetwater County's employment decreased by 2,714 jobs (-12.1%) and its total payroll fell by \$50.1 million (-15.3%). Employment fell in mining (including oil & gas), construction, local government, transportation & warehousing, leisure & hospitality, manufacturing, and wholesale trade.

Campbell County lost 2,567 jobs (-10.2%) and its total payroll declined by \$44.2 million (-12.2%). Mining employment (including oil & gas) fell by approximately 1,200 jobs and more modest job losses occurred in construction, wholesale trade, transportation & warehousing, and professional & business services.

Converse County's employment fell by 1,954 jobs (-25.6%) and its total payroll decreased by \$29.6 million (-25.9%). The construction sector lost approximately 1,200 jobs and smaller job losses were seen in mining (including oil & gas), professional & business services, and transportation & warehousing.

Laramie County's employment fell by 1,320 jobs (-2.8%) and its total payroll contracted by \$3.1 million (-0.5%).

Table: Wyoming Covered Employment, Total Wages, & Average Weekly Wages by County, Third Quarter 2019 & 2020^a

County	Average Monthly Employment				Total Wages (\$)				Average Weekly Wage			
	Third Quarter		Change		Third Quarter		Change		Third Quarter		Change	
	2020	2019	N	%	2020	2019	\$	%	2020	2019	\$	%
Total Statewide	262,404	284,060	-21,656	-7.6	\$3,201,304,964	\$3,482,608,027	-\$281,303,063	-8.1	\$938	\$943	-\$5	-0.5
Albany	15,457	15,707	-250	-1.6	\$172,236,530	\$167,721,077	\$4,515,453	2.7	\$857	\$821	\$36	4.4
Big Horn	4,227	4,275	-48	-1.1	\$43,670,834	\$42,836,052	\$834,782	1.9	\$795	\$771	\$24	3.1
Campbell	22,667	25,234	-2,567	-10.2	\$317,290,947	\$361,481,999	-\$44,191,052	-12.2	\$1,077	\$1,102	-\$25	-2.3
Carbon	7,445	7,585	-141	-1.9	\$91,516,310	\$90,463,367	\$1,052,943	1.2	\$946	\$917	\$28	3.1
Converse	5,691	7,644	-1,954	-25.6	\$84,769,806	\$114,354,669	-\$29,584,863	-25.9	\$1,146	\$1,151	-\$5	-0.4
Crook	2,549	2,516	33	1.3	\$28,432,407	\$29,379,594	-\$947,187	-3.2	\$858	\$898	-\$40	-4.5
Fremont	14,594	15,311	-717	-4.7	\$153,570,877	\$155,464,159	-\$1,893,282	-1.2	\$809	\$781	\$28	3.6
Goshen	3,971	4,078	-107	-2.6	\$38,845,636	\$39,482,168	-\$636,532	-1.6	\$753	\$745	\$8	1.0
Hot Springs	1,858	1,882	-24	-1.3	\$18,171,364	\$18,372,471	-\$201,107	-1.1	\$752	\$751	\$1	0.2
Johnson	3,123	3,367	-244	-7.3	\$29,972,677	\$31,978,737	-\$2,006,060	-6.3	\$738	\$731	\$8	1.1
Laramie	45,693	47,013	-1,320	-2.8	\$566,629,807	\$569,704,826	-\$3,075,019	-0.5	\$954	\$932	\$22	2.3
Lincoln	6,557	6,581	-24	-0.4	\$79,295,822	\$82,556,413	-\$3,260,591	-3.9	\$930	\$965	-\$35	-3.6
Natrona	36,070	39,478	-3,408	-8.6	\$435,536,097	\$503,173,324	-\$67,637,227	-13.4	\$929	\$980	-\$52	-5.3
Niobrara	822	858	-36	-4.2	\$7,647,000	\$8,057,476	-\$410,476	-5.1	\$716	\$722	-\$6	-0.9
Park	14,058	15,154	-1,096	-7.2	\$145,965,007	\$153,675,166	-\$7,710,159	-5.0	\$799	\$780	\$19	2.4
Platte	3,364	3,436	-71	-2.1	\$36,359,401	\$37,038,599	-\$679,198	-1.8	\$831	\$829	\$2	0.2
Sheridan	13,346	13,622	-276	-2.0	\$150,077,219	\$146,906,083	\$3,171,136	2.2	\$865	\$830	\$35	4.3
Sublette	3,697	4,147	-449	-10.8	\$47,061,047	\$56,230,820	-\$9,169,773	-16.3	\$979	\$1,043	-\$64	-6.1
Sweetwater	19,658	22,372	-2,714	-12.1	\$277,465,289	\$327,578,607	-\$50,113,318	-15.3	\$1,086	\$1,126	-\$41	-3.6
Teton	20,800	24,546	-3,746	-15.3	\$281,662,176	\$307,263,196	-\$25,601,020	-8.3	\$1,042	\$963	\$79	8.2
Uinta	7,896	8,324	-427	-5.1	\$80,840,449	\$86,986,319	-\$6,145,870	-7.1	\$788	\$804	-\$16	-2.0
Washakie	3,467	3,518	-50	-1.4	\$37,828,334	\$37,500,462	\$327,872	0.9	\$839	\$820	\$19	2.3
Weston	2,210	2,310	-100	-4.3	\$23,171,309	\$24,243,711	-\$1,072,402	-4.4	\$807	\$807	-\$1	-0.1
Nonclassified ^b	3,185	5,103	-1,917	-37.6	\$53,288,619	\$90,158,732	-\$36,870,113	-40.9	\$1,287	\$1,359	-\$72	-5.3

^aPreliminary. ^bThe employer may be located statewide or in more than one county. Extract Date: April 2021

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

Large job losses occurred in mining (including oil & gas), leisure & hospitality, information, other services, local government, and manufacturing.

Crook County added 33 jobs (1.3%), but its total payroll fell by \$947,187 (-3.2%). Modest job growth was seen in many sectors, including professional & business services, retail trade, construction, and manufacturing.

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Preview—Fourth Quarter (October through December) 2020 Local Jobs and Payroll

Preliminary data show that from fourth quarter 2019 to fourth quarter 2020, employment fell by approximately 16,600 jobs (-6.0%) and total payroll fell by \$63.3 million (-1.7%). Large job losses were seen in mining (including oil & gas; approximately 5,900 jobs), leisure & hospitality (approximately 3,300 jobs), construction (approximately 2,750 jobs), local government (including public schools & colleges; approximately 1,250 jobs), wholesale trade (approximately 1,000 jobs), professional & business services (approximately 600 jobs), and manufacturing (approximately 500 jobs). Employment in the retail trade sector rose by approximately 700 jobs.

Industry employment data for fourth quarter 2020 are available at https://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/QCEW_OTY/toc.htm.

County level employment and wages data for fourth quarter 2020 are scheduled to be released on August 6, 2021.

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