

Wyoming Employment and Payroll: Job Losses Continued in Fourth Quarter

Wyoming's economy continued to be affected by the COVID-19 pandemic in fourth quarter 2020. From fourth quarter 2019 to fourth quarter 2020, Wyoming lost 16,273 jobs (-5.9%) and total payroll fell by \$58.4 million (-1.6%). The largest job losses occurred in mining (including oil & gas; 5,923 jobs), leisure & hospitality (-3,159 jobs), construction (-2,786 jobs), local government (including public schools, colleges, & hospitals; -1,257 jobs), wholesale trade (-1,036 jobs), professional & business services (-501 jobs), and manufacturing (-489 jobs). Employment in retail trade rose by 627 jobs. Job losses were seen in 17 of Wyoming's 23 counties.

Natrona County lost 3,382 jobs (-8.5%) and its total payroll fell by \$53.5 million (-9.7%). Large job losses were seen in mining (including oil & gas), wholesale trade, construction, leisure & hospitality, manufacturing, and other services.

Campbell County's employment fell by 2,533 jobs (-10.0%) and its total payroll decreased by \$54.6 million (-13.5%). Mining (including oil & gas) lost more than 1,300 jobs and smaller job losses were seen in wholesale trade, local government, construction, professional & business services, transportation & warehousing, and leisure & hospitality.

Converse County lost 2,015 jobs (-26.1%) and its total payroll fell by \$39.4 million (-32.0%). The construction sector accounted for approximately half of the job losses. Employment also fell in mining (including oil & gas), professional & business services, and transportation & warehousing.

Employment in Sweetwater County fell by 2,006 jobs (-9.1%) and its total payroll decreased by \$34.6 million (-10.2%). Sizeable job losses occurred in mining (including oil & gas), construction, transportation & warehousing, local government, leisure & hospitality, and wholesale trade.

Laramie County lost 1,455 jobs (-3.1%), but its total payroll grew by \$21.6 million (3.6%). Large job losses were seen in leisure & hospitality, mining (including oil & gas), local government, manufacturing, information, and construction.

Teton County's employment fell by 1,034 jobs (-5.2%), but its total payroll increased by \$79.7 million (27.7%). Leisure & hospitality lost more than 900 jobs and retail trade lost more than 150 jobs. Job gains were seen in construction,

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

County	Average Monthly Employment				Total Wages (\$)				Average Weekly Wage			
	Fourth Quarter		Change		Fourth Quarter		Change		Fourth Quarter		Change	
	2020	2019	N	%	2020	2019	\$	%	2020	2019	\$	%
Total Statewide	260,235	276,508	-16,273	-5.9	\$3,587,823,712	\$3,646,269,732	-\$58,446,020	-1.6	\$1,061	\$1,014	\$46	4.6
Albany	15,673	15,871	-198	-1.2	\$182,627,425	\$170,257,333	\$12,370,092	7.3	\$896	\$825	\$71	8.6
Big Horn	4,190	4,169	21	0.5	\$49,858,908	\$44,665,885	\$5,193,023	11.6	\$915	\$824	\$91	11.1
Campbell	22,891	25,424	-2,533	-10.0	\$348,415,302	\$402,972,284	-\$54,556,982	-13.5	\$1,171	\$1,219	-\$48	-4.0
Carbon	6,879	6,934	-55	-0.8	\$93,756,721	\$88,678,517	\$5,078,204	5.7	\$1,048	\$984	\$65	6.6
Converse	5,699	7,714	-2,015	-26.1	\$83,947,543	\$123,372,313	-\$39,424,770	-32.0	\$1,133	\$1,230	-\$97	-7.9
Crook	2,496	2,479	17	0.7	\$31,794,252	\$29,697,930	\$2,096,322	7.1	\$980	\$921	\$58	6.3
Fremont	14,706	15,305	-599	-3.9	\$172,798,599	\$171,196,074	\$1,602,525	0.9	\$904	\$860	\$43	5.0
Goshen	4,038	4,162	-123	-3.0	\$43,515,575	\$42,043,613	\$1,471,962	3.5	\$829	\$777	\$52	6.7
Hot Springs	1,870	1,866	4	0.2	\$19,608,083	\$19,085,763	\$522,320	2.7	\$807	\$787	\$20	2.5
Johnson	3,125	3,153	-28	-0.9	\$34,366,295	\$32,843,338	\$1,522,957	4.6	\$846	\$801	\$45	5.6
Laramie	45,977	47,432	-1,455	-3.1	\$628,822,106	\$607,260,998	\$21,561,108	3.6	\$1,052	\$985	\$67	6.8
Lincoln	6,693	6,590	103	1.6	\$91,836,987	\$82,017,054	\$9,819,933	12.0	\$1,055	\$957	\$98	10.2
Natrona	36,203	39,585	-3,382	-8.5	\$495,898,904	\$549,404,857	-\$53,505,953	-9.7	\$1,054	\$1,068	-\$14	-1.3
Niobrara	878	847	31	3.6	\$8,904,400	\$8,094,547	\$809,853	10.0	\$780	\$735	\$45	6.2
Park	12,907	13,178	-271	-2.1	\$155,449,715	\$149,034,735	\$6,414,980	4.3	\$926	\$870	\$56	6.5
Platte	3,391	3,438	-46	-1.3	\$40,940,020	\$40,682,981	\$257,039	0.6	\$929	\$910	\$18	2.0
Sheridan	13,285	13,465	-180	-1.3	\$168,162,944	\$158,713,155	\$9,449,789	6.0	\$974	\$907	\$67	7.4
Sublette	3,656	3,936	-280	-7.1	\$51,180,517	\$56,063,954	-\$4,883,437	-8.7	\$1,077	\$1,096	-\$19	-1.7
Sweetwater	20,009	22,016	-2,006	-9.1	\$304,518,603	\$339,129,396	-\$34,610,793	-10.2	\$1,171	\$1,185	-\$14	-1.2
Teton	18,752	19,785	-1,034	-5.2	\$367,661,776	\$287,991,054	\$79,670,722	27.7	\$1,508	\$1,120	\$389	34.7
Uinta	7,965	8,305	-340	-4.1	\$89,426,768	\$89,676,740	-\$249,972	-0.3	\$864	\$831	\$33	4.0
Washakie	3,552	3,532	20	0.6	\$41,816,961	\$39,576,655	\$2,240,306	5.7	\$906	\$862	\$44	5.1
Weston	2,351	2,372	-21	-0.9	\$30,027,660	\$26,276,205	\$3,751,455	14.3	\$983	\$852	\$130	15.3
Nonclassified ^a	3,049	4,951	-1,902	-38.4	\$52,487,648	\$87,534,351	-\$35,046,703	-40.0	\$1,324	\$1,360	-\$36	-2.6

^aThe employer may be located statewide or in more than one county. Extract Date: August 2021

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financial activities, and professional & business services.

Lincoln County added 103 jobs (1.6%) and its total payroll increased by \$9.8 million (12.0%). Job gains were seen in construction, manufacturing, and retail trade.

Visit our website at https://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/20Q4_QCEW/toc.htm for detailed tables for each county.

Preview—First Quarter (January through March) 2021 Local Jobs and Payroll

Preliminary data show that from first quarter 2020 to first quarter 2021, employment fell by approximately 14,500 jobs (-5.4%) and total payroll fell by \$197.6 million (-5.9%). Large job losses were seen in mining (including oil & gas; approximately 5,500 jobs), leisure & hospitality (approximately 2,800 jobs), construction (approximately 2,500 jobs), local government (including public schools, colleges, & hospitals; approximately 1,300 jobs), and wholesale trade (approximately 1,000 jobs). Retail trade added more than 700 jobs.

Industry employment data for first quarter 2021 are available at https://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/QCEW_OTY/toc.htm.

County level employment and wages data for first quarter 2021 are scheduled to be released on November 5, 2021.

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