

# Wyoming Employment and Payroll: Employment Continued to Fall in First Quarter 2021

Wyoming's economy continued to be affected by the COVID-19 pandemic in first quarter 2021. From first quarter 2020 to first quarter 2021, Wyoming lost 13,889 jobs (-5.2%) and total payroll fell by \$192.6 million (-5.7%). The largest job losses occurred in mining (including oil & gas; -5,484 jobs), leisure & hospitality (-2,686 jobs), construction (-2,372 jobs), local government (including public schools, colleges, & hospitals; -1,291 jobs), and wholesale trade (-998 jobs). Employment rose in retail trade (613 jobs) and professional & business services (360 jobs). Job losses were seen in 18 of Wyoming's 23 counties.

Natrona County lost 3,095 jobs (-8.0%) and its total payroll fell by \$62.0 million (-12.8%). Mining (including oil & gas) lost approximately 1,200 jobs and smaller job losses were seen in wholesale trade, accommodation & food services, construction, manufacturing, other services, and real estate & rental & leasing. Those job losses were partially offset by gains in retail trade and administrative & waste services.

Campbell County's employment fell by 2,533 jobs (-10.2%) and its total payroll decreased by \$54.8 million (-14.9%). The largest job losses occurred in the mining sector (including oil & gas) where employment fell by approximately 1,400 jobs. Employment also fell in wholesale trade, construction, local government, accommodation & food services, and manufacturing.

Sweetwater County lost 1,684 jobs (-8.0%) and its total payroll fell by \$47.8 million (-15.0%). Large job losses were seen in mining (including oil & gas), local government, accommodation & food services, construction, transportation & warehousing, and wholesale trade. Employment grew in retail trade.

Converse County's employment decreased by 1,659 jobs (-22.9%) and its total payroll fell by \$34.3 million (-32.5%). Employment fell in construction, mining (including oil & gas), administrative & waste services, professional & technical services, and transportation & warehousing.

In Laramie County, employment fell by 1,630 jobs (-3.5%) and total payroll decreased by \$22.6 million (-4.0%). The largest job losses occurred in accommodation & food services (approximately 450 jobs). Employment also fell in construction, mining (including oil & gas), local government, manufacturing, other services, and information. Sizeable job

Table: Wyoming Covered Employment, Total Wages, & Average Weekly Wages by County, First Quarter 2020 & 2021

County	Average Monthly Employment				Total Wages (\$)				Average Weekly Wage			
	First Quarter		Change		First Quarter		Change		First Quarter		Change	
	2021	220	N	%	2021	220	\$	%	2021	220	\$	%
<b>Total Statewide</b>	<b>254,960</b>	<b>268,850</b>	<b>-13,889</b>	<b>-5.2</b>	<b>\$3,158,570,442</b>	<b>\$3,351,205,192</b>	<b>-\$192,634,750</b>	<b>-5.7</b>	<b>\$953</b>	<b>\$959</b>	<b>-\$6</b>	<b>-0.6</b>
Albany	15,568	15,527	41	0.3	\$166,256,369	\$162,700,627	\$3,555,742	2.2	\$822	\$806	\$15	1.9
Big Horn	3,976	3,873	103	2.7	\$39,592,671	\$40,093,450	-\$500,779	-1.2	\$766	\$796	-\$30	-3.8
Campbell	22,386	24,919	-2,533	-10.2	\$313,860,573	\$368,650,830	-\$54,790,257	-14.9	\$1,078	\$1,138	-\$60	-5.2
Carbon	6,399	6,542	-143	-2.2	\$88,482,733	\$90,369,287	-\$1,886,554	-2.1	\$1,064	\$1,063	\$1	0.1
Converse	5,574	7,234	-1,659	-22.9	\$71,351,331	\$105,649,188	-\$34,297,857	-32.5	\$985	\$1,123	-\$139	-12.4
Crook	2,305	2,394	-89	-3.7	\$25,707,293	\$27,418,304	-\$1,711,011	-6.2	\$858	\$881	-\$23	-2.6
Fremont	14,438	14,895	-457	-3.1	\$155,945,332	\$155,475,536	\$469,796	0.3	\$831	\$803	\$28	3.5
Goshen	4,017	4,078	-61	-1.5	\$39,254,771	\$39,697,888	-\$443,117	-1.1	\$752	\$749	\$3	0.4
Hot Springs	1,851	1,834	17	0.9	\$17,907,416	\$17,326,247	\$581,169	3.4	\$744	\$727	\$18	2.4
Johnson	2,999	2,956	43	1.5	\$30,717,664	\$29,259,546	\$1,458,118	5.0	\$788	\$761	\$26	3.5
Laramie	44,914	46,544	-1,630	-3.5	\$546,750,114	\$569,333,492	-\$22,583,378	-4.0	\$936	\$941	-\$5	-0.5
Lincoln	6,564	6,401	163	2.5	\$84,851,254	\$80,814,510	\$4,036,744	5.0	\$994	\$971	\$23	2.4
Natrona	35,422	38,517	-3,095	-8.0	\$421,550,275	\$483,563,136	-\$62,012,861	-12.8	\$915	\$966	-\$50	-5.2
Niobrara	844	845	-1	-0.1	\$7,851,695	\$8,041,680	-\$189,985	-2.4	\$716	\$732	-\$17	-2.3
Park	12,336	12,417	-81	-0.7	\$134,645,250	\$132,782,255	\$1,862,995	1.4	\$840	\$823	\$17	2.1
Platte	3,310	3,419	-109	-3.2	\$35,421,523	\$37,261,340	-\$1,839,817	-4.9	\$823	\$838	-\$15	-1.8
Sheridan	12,912	13,181	-269	-2.0	\$145,028,373	\$143,632,767	\$1,395,606	1.0	\$864	\$838	\$26	3.1
Sublette	3,439	3,655	-217	-5.9	\$48,652,539	\$52,929,791	-\$4,277,252	-8.1	\$1,088	\$1,114	-\$26	-2.3
Sweetwater	19,458	21,143	-1,684	-8.0	\$271,033,062	\$318,836,832	-\$47,803,770	-15.0	\$1,071	\$1,160	-\$89	-7.6
Teton	19,768	20,421	-653	-3.2	\$321,341,245	\$268,045,025	\$53,296,220	19.9	\$1,250	\$1,010	\$241	23.8
Uinta	7,713	7,959	-247	-3.1	\$79,404,865	\$82,618,395	-\$3,213,530	-3.9	\$792	\$798	-\$7	-0.8
Washakie	3,438	3,459	-21	-0.6	\$37,316,646	\$37,640,109	-\$323,463	-0.9	\$835	\$837	-\$2	-0.3
Weston	2,251	2,322	-71	-3.1	\$23,076,261	\$24,564,523	-\$1,488,262	-6.1	\$789	\$814	-\$25	-3.1
Nonclassified <sup>a</sup>	3,078	4,313	-1,235	-28.6	\$52,571,187	\$74,500,434	-\$21,929,247	-29.4	\$1,314	\$1,329	-\$15	-1.1

<sup>a</sup>The employer may be located statewide or in more than one county. Extract Date: October 2021

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

gains were seen in professional & business services and transportation & warehousing.

Lincoln County added 163 jobs (2.5%) and its total payroll increased by \$4.0 million (5.0%). Job gains were seen in construction, retail trade, and manufacturing.

Visit our website at [https://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/21Q1\\_QCEW/toc.htm](https://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/21Q1_QCEW/toc.htm) for detailed tables for each county.

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### **Preview—Second Quarter (April through June) 2021 Local Jobs and Payroll**

Preliminary data show that from second quarter 2020 to second quarter 2021, employment grew by approximately 14,150 jobs (5.6%) and total payroll rose by \$254.8 million (8.1%). Second quarter 2020 employment and wages were unusually low because of the pandemic, and job growth in 2021 reflects a return to more normal employment levels. Large job gains were seen in leisure & hospitality (approximately 9,000 jobs), local government (including public schools, colleges, & hospitals; more than 2,000 jobs), retail trade (approximately 1,900 jobs), and professional & business services (nearly 1,400 jobs). Job losses continued in mining (including oil & gas; approximately -1,950 jobs).

Industry employment data for second quarter 2021 are available at [https://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/QCEW\\_OTY/toc.htm](https://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/QCEW_OTY/toc.htm).

County level employment and wages data for second quarter 2021 are scheduled to be released on February 4, 2022.

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