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Updated Mean Earnings by Age, Gender, and Industry Tables

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An update of tables showing annual earnings by age and gender in Wyoming reveals two trends: The number of workers for whom demographics are unknown continues to rise, as does the number of workers in the 55- to 64-year-old age group. A lack of demographic information often indicates nonresident status, and an increase in the 55 to 64 age group shows Wyoming's work force is aging.

Research & Planning (R&P) recently updated a series of tables on the Wyoming Labor Market Information website. These updated tables show annual earnings in Wyoming by age and gender for the years 2003 through 2005. Earnings figures and industry classifications are based on Unemployment Insurance (UI) Wage Records and represent a count of individuals who worked in Wyoming at any time during the year. Each person is represented one time, regardless of the number of jobs he or she worked.

One of the surprising pieces of information on the tables is the increasing number of workers in each industry for

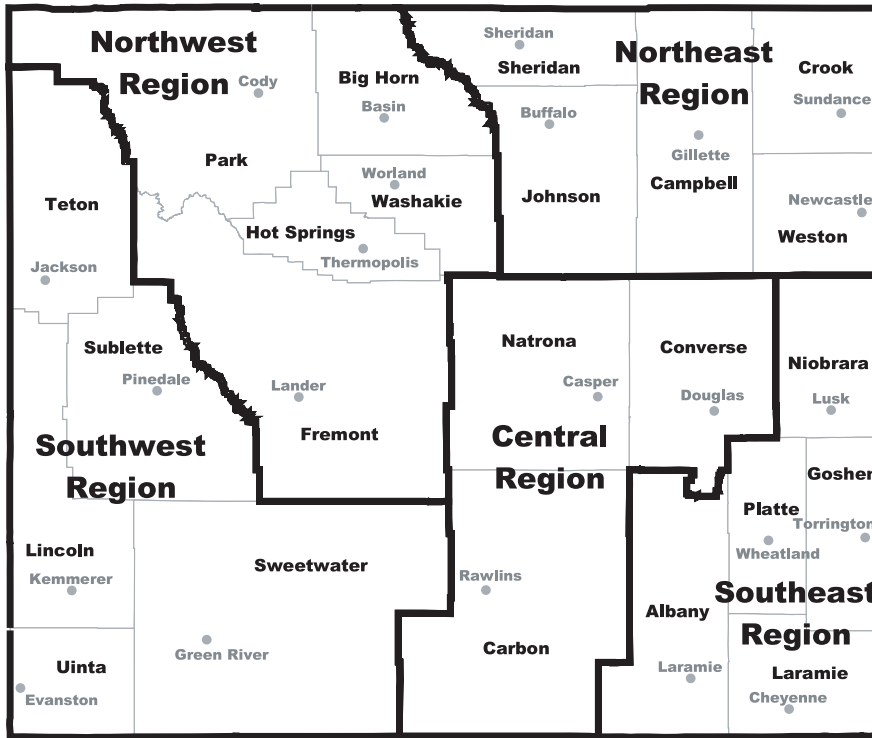
which we have no demographic information in any of our administrative databases (Driver's License, Unemployment Insurance claims, etc). As is shown in Figure 1 (see page 3), the number of people for whom demographics are unknown has increased dramatically from 1994 to 2005. In 1994 only 7.5% of the total work force lacked known demographics. By 2005 this number increased to 18.8%. The increases were highest in the Construction and Leisure & Hospitality industries. The absence of demographics is most often associated with a nonresident status (Jones, 2002; 2004). Residency determination will be made in

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HIGHLIGHTS

- **The statewide annual average unemployment rate decreased, while the employment to population ratio increased. The decreasing unemployment rate and increasing employment to population ratio suggest a tightening in Wyoming's labor market....page 6**
- **Wyoming's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell from 3.3% in February to 2.9% in March. This level of unemployment is the lowest Wyoming has seen since 1979....page 12**

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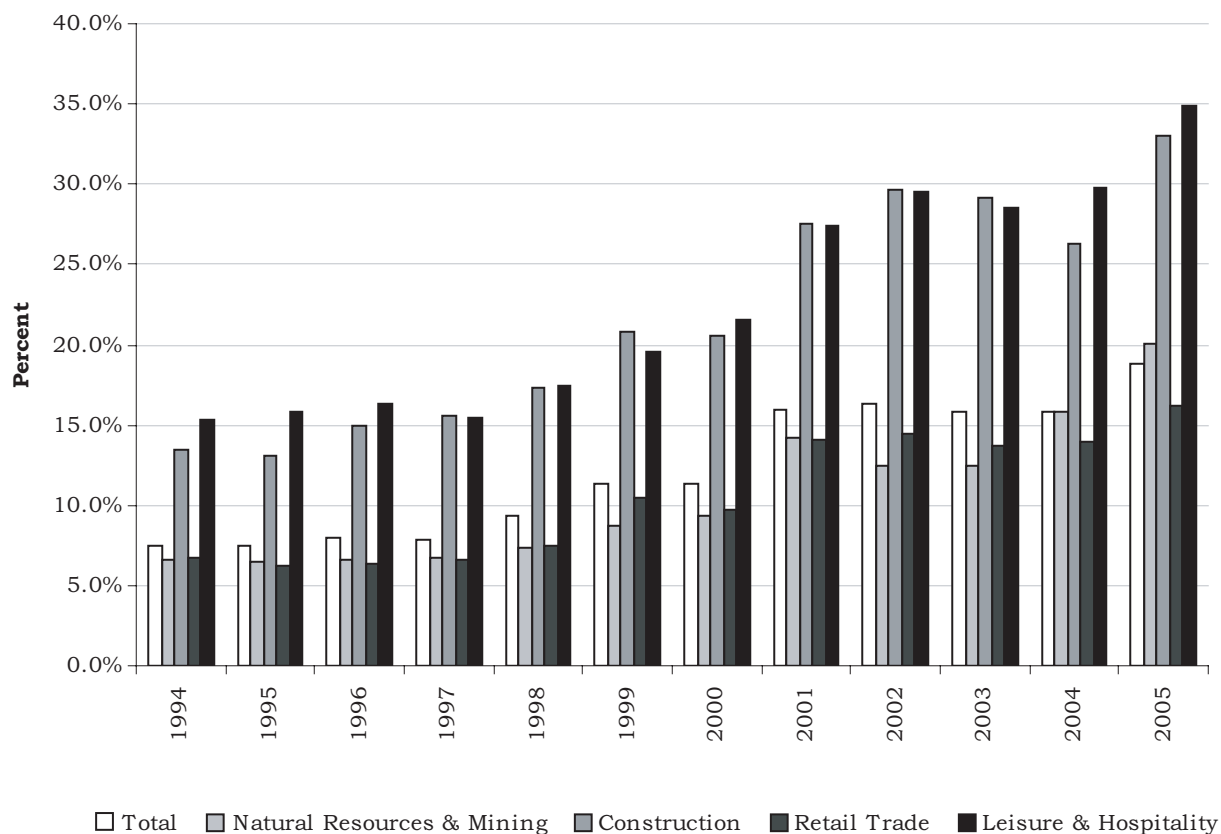
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Figure 1: Percentage of Workers in Wyoming Whose Demographics Were Unknown, 1994 to 2005



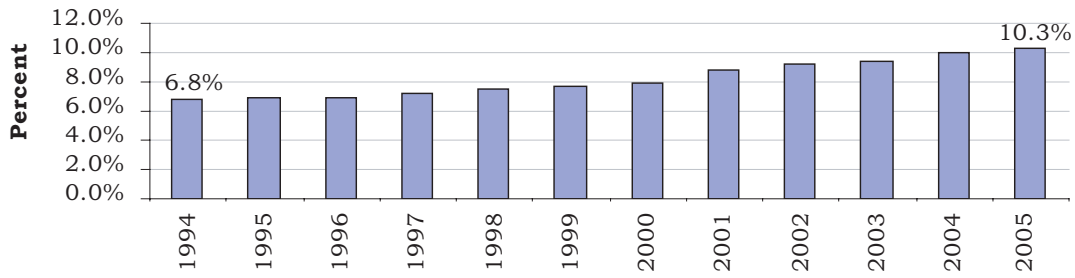
July and summary statistics published subsequently.

Another interesting note is the increase in the number of workers age 55 to 64 (see Figure 2, page 4). In 1994, 6.8% of the work force was in this age range. The percentage rose to 10.3% (or 5,713 people) in 2005. This increase is further evidence Wyoming's workforce is aging.

The aging phenomenon is most apparent in Educational Services. Figures 3 and 4 (see pages 4 and 5) show the 2005 distribution of Wyoming workers in the state as a whole and in Educational Services, respectively. Statewide, 40.2% of working women and 39.6% of working men were age 45 or over. In Educational Services however, 55.0% of women and

52.0% of men were age 45 or over. If surrounding states are experiencing the same demographic shifts as Wyoming, our high school and college systems may see increasing pressure to educate more qualified teachers over the next 10-15 years. The Table (see page 5) uses R&P's staffing patterns (available at <http://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/staffingpatterns2003/staffingpatterns2003.htm>) to examine the distribution of employment in Educational Services. From it we can ascertain that most of the 5,713 reaching retirement age are teachers and administrators. In 2002, only 113 individuals graduated from a Wyoming community college with an education degree (Saulcy, 2004). While data from the University of Wyoming are unavailable, the

Figure 2: Percentage of Wyoming Workers in the 55-64 Age Group, 1994 to 2005



state may lack enough graduates available to fill upcoming shortages caused by retirement.

All of the industries and years discussed in this article can be accessed on our website at <http://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/wfdemog/toc3.htm>.

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Figure 3: Age Distribution of Wyoming Workers, 2005

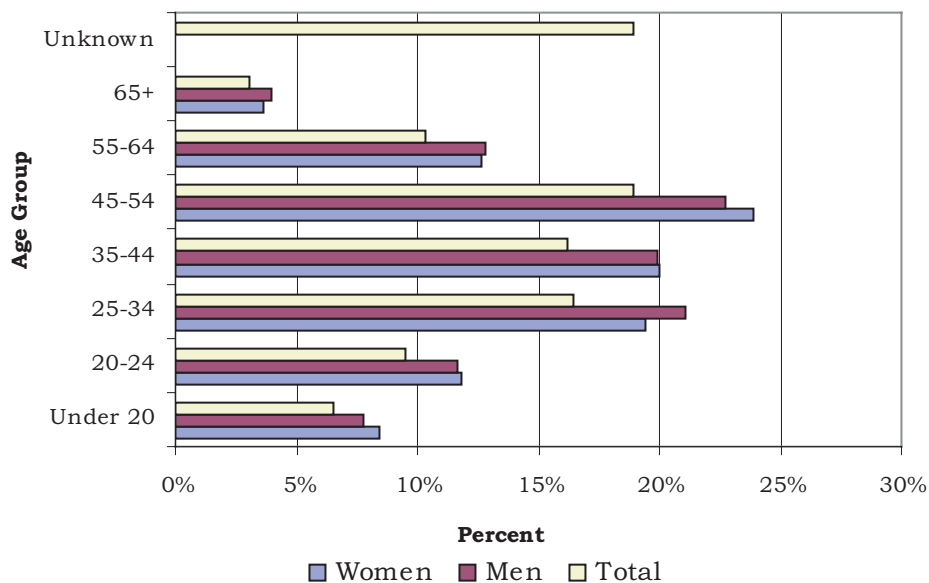


Figure 4: Age Distribution of Wyoming Workers in Educational Services, 2005

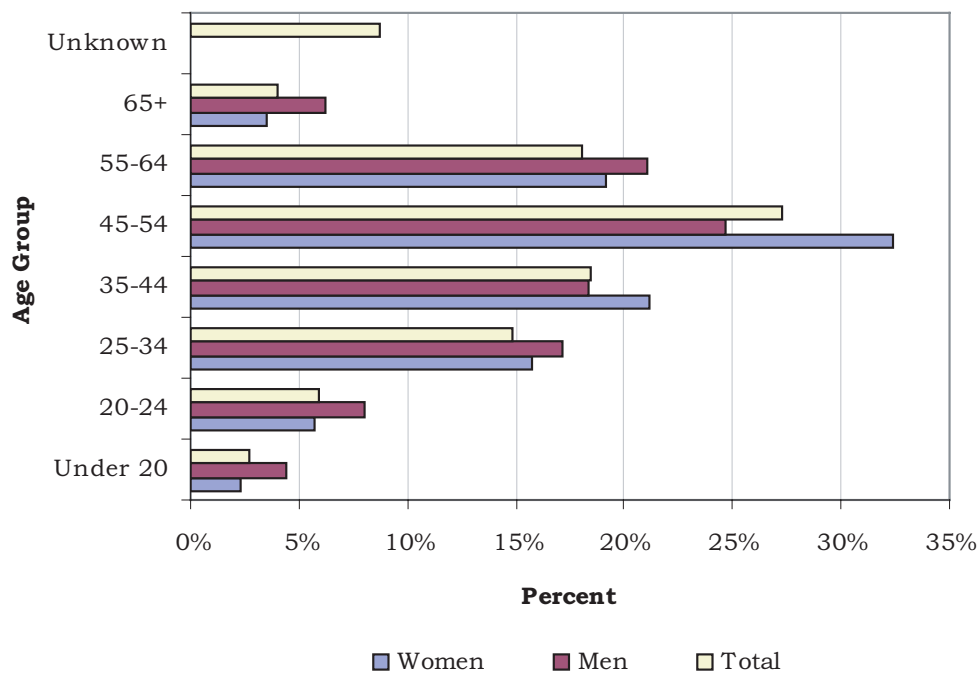


Table: Wyoming's Staffing Patterns and Wages for the 12 Largest Occupations (by Employment) Within Educational Services, 2003

Occupation Title	Typical Education	Number of Workers	Average Annual Wage	% of Total
Teacher assistants	Short-Term On-the-Job Training (OJT)	2,777	\$17,310	11.8
Elementary school teachers, except special education	BS/BA	2,584	\$38,100	9.5
Secondary school teachers, except special & voc. ed.	BS/BA	2,480	\$38,150	7.6
Janitors & cleaners, except maids & housekeepers	Short-Term OJT	1,614	\$20,510	5.7
Secretaries, except legal, medical, and executive	Moderate-Term OJT	1,238	\$22,990	4.9
Middle school teachers, except special & voc. ed.	BS/BA	1,161	\$37,940	4.5
All other teachers, primary, secondary, and adult	BS/BA	1,047	\$27,610	3.6
Bus drivers, school	Short-Term OJT	962	\$21,140	2.7
Cooks, institution & cafeteria	Moderate-Term OJT	500	\$17,110	2.0
Special ed. teachers, pre-K, K, & elementary school	N/A	453	\$36,730	1.8
Coaches and scouts	Long-Term OJT	431	\$23,090	1.7
Education admin., elementary & secondary school	BS/BA + exp.	394	\$62,570	1.6

Wyoming Labor Market in 2005: Faster Job Growth and Lower Unemployment

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During 2005, economic growth accelerated in Wyoming. Rapid employment gains in the state's Natural Resources & Mining industry (which includes oil & gas) pushed total job growth to 3.0%, its highest level since 1994. The statewide annual average unemployment rate decreased from 3.9% in 2004 to 3.6% in 2005. The percentage of Wyoming's civilian noninstitutional population age 16 and over that was employed (employment to population ratio) increased from 67.7% in 2003 to 68.1% in 2004 and 68.6% in 2005. This percentage remained well above the U.S. average in all three years (62.3% in 2003 and 2004, and 62.7% in 2005). Together, the decreasing unemployment rate and increasing employment to population ratio suggest a tightening in Wyoming's labor market. The state's civilian noninstitutional population age 16 and over grew by 1.5% in 2004 and 1.3% in 2005.

Current Employment Statistics

Wyoming total nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased from an annual average of 255,400 jobs in 2004 to 263,000 jobs in 2005 (see Tables 1 and 2, pages 7 and 8, respectively). This represents an increase of 7,600 jobs or 3.0%. Job growth was widespread. Some of the fastest growing industries between 2004 and 2005 were Natural Resources & Mining (2,500 jobs or 12.4%); Construction (1,200 jobs or 6.3%); Wholesale Trade (400 jobs or 5.5%); and Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities (600 jobs or 5.0%). More modest gains occurred in Manufacturing (300 jobs or 3.2%), Retail Trade (300 jobs or 1.0%), Professional & Business Services (500 jobs or 3.3%),

Educational & Health Services (400 jobs or 1.9%), Leisure & Hospitality (600 jobs or 1.9%), and Government (700 jobs or 1.1%).

Job losses affected only a few industries including gasoline stations (-100 jobs or -2.4%), Administrative & Support & Waste Services (-100 jobs or -1.4%), Federal Government (-200 jobs or -2.6%), and State Government (-100 jobs or -0.6%). Employment was unchanged in Other Services and Information.

In Natrona County, employment increased by 1,000 jobs or 2.8% from 2004 to 2005 (see Tables 3 and 4, page 9). Reflecting the statewide trend, Natural Resources & Mining gained 500 jobs (16.7%) and Manufacturing gained 200 (12.5%). Employment growth also was seen in Wholesale Trade (100 jobs or 4.3%), Retail Trade (100 jobs or 2.1%), Educational & Health Services (100 jobs or 2.2%), and Leisure & Hospitality (100 jobs or 2.9%). Employment fell by 100 jobs (-3.4%) in Professional & Business Services.

On an annual average basis, Laramie County employment grew by 800 jobs (2.0%) from 2004 to 2005 (see Tables 5 and 6, page 10). Employment growth occurred in many industries including Natural Resources, Mining, & Construction (100 jobs or 3.7%); Wholesale Trade (100 jobs or 14.3%); Retail Trade (100 jobs or 1.8%); Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities (100 jobs or 4.2%); and Educational & Health Services (100 jobs or 3.1%). Government (including public schools and hospitals) added 400 jobs or

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Table 1: Wyoming Statewide Final Current Employment Statistics (Establishment Survey) Data (In Thousands), 2004

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL AVERAGE
TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT	243.9	244.3	246.9	250.8	256.4	266.0	263.2	262.8	260.1	258.4	255.4	256.0	255.4
TOTAL PRIVATE	179.7	179.7	181.6	185.3	189.9	199.6	202.4	202.4	196.4	192.8	189.9	190.3	190.8
GOODS PRODUCING	44.6	44.6	45.4	47.1	48.9	50.7	51.4	51.5	50.6	51.0	50.5	49.5	48.8
Natural Resources & Mining	18.9	19.0	19.1	19.2	19.4	20.2	20.6	20.9	20.9	21.0	21.3	21.3	20.2
Mining	18.8	18.9	19.0	19.2	19.3	20.0	20.6	20.8	20.8	21.0	21.1	21.2	20.1
Oil & Gas Extraction	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.4
Mining except Oil & Gas	7.4	7.3	7.3	7.4	7.4	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.5	7.4
Coal Mining	4.8	4.7	4.8	4.8	4.8	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8
Support Activities for Mining	8.1	8.3	8.4	8.5	8.6	9.1	9.5	9.7	9.9	10.0	10.1	10.2	9.2
Support Activities for Oil & Gas	5.6	5.6	5.8	5.8	5.9	6.2	6.5	6.6	6.7	6.8	6.9	7.0	6.3
Construction	16.5	16.6	17.2	18.7	20.3	20.9	21.2	21.0	20.2	20.2	19.5	18.5	19.2
Construction of Buildings	3.8	3.7	3.8	3.9	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.1
Heavy & Civil Engineering Construction	4.1	4.2	4.5	5.3	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.6	5.5	5.1	4.5	5.2
Specialty Trade Contractors	8.6	8.7	8.9	9.5	10.2	10.7	10.9	10.8	10.5	10.5	10.2	9.9	10.0
Manufacturing	9.2	9.0	9.1	9.2	9.2	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.5	9.8	9.7	9.7	9.4
Durable Goods	4.7	4.7	4.8	4.8	4.9	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.9
Non-Durable Goods	4.5	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.8	4.7	4.7	4.5
SERVICE PROVIDING	199.3	199.7	201.5	203.7	207.5	215.3	211.8	211.3	209.5	207.4	204.9	206.5	206.5
Trade, Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	47.5	47.4	47.6	48.3	49.1	50.5	51.0	50.8	49.9	49.4	49.5	50.0	49.3
Wholesale Trade	7.1	7.2	7.2	7.3	7.4	7.4	7.5	7.4	7.4	7.3	7.4	7.4	7.3
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.4
Retail Trade	28.8	28.6	28.8	29.2	29.9	31.0	31.3	31.2	30.4	30.0	30.1	30.4	30.0
Motor Vehicle & Parts Dealers	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2
Building Material & Garden Supplies Dealers	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.5
Food & Beverage Stores	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.8	4.9	4.9	4.8	4.7	4.8	4.8	4.7
Grocery Stores	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.0	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.9
Gasoline Stations	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.3	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.2
General Merchandise Stores	5.6	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.6	5.9	6.0	6.0	5.9	5.8	5.9	5.9	5.8
Miscellaneous Store Retailers	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.9	2.0	2.1	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.9
Transportation, Warehouse, & Utilities	11.6	11.6	11.6	11.8	11.8	12.1	12.2	12.2	12.1	12.1	12.0	12.2	11.9
Utilities	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2
Transportation & Warehousing	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.6	9.6	9.9	10.0	10.0	9.9	9.9	9.8	10.0	9.7
Truck Transportation	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.4
Information	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.3
Financial Activities	10.2	10.2	10.3	10.3	10.5	10.6	10.6	10.7	10.5	10.4	10.5	10.6	10.5
Finance & Insurance	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.9	6.9	6.9	6.9	6.8	6.7	6.8	6.8	6.8
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.6
Professional & Business Services	14.3	14.3	14.4	15.2	15.4	16.2	16.4	16.5	15.7	15.6	15.1	14.8	15.3
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	7.4	7.5	7.6	7.7	7.6	7.8	7.9	8.0	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.7
Architectural, Engineering & Rel. Services	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2
Management of Companies & Enterprises	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
Administrative & Support & Waste Services	6.2	6.1	6.1	6.8	7.1	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.1	7.0	6.5	6.2	6.9
Educational & Health Services	21.2	21.1	21.2	21.3	21.2	21.5	21.5	21.7	21.6	21.5	22.0	22.0	21.5
Educational Services	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.3	2.2	2.1	2.0	2.3	2.1	2.1
Health Care & Social Assistance	19.1	19.0	19.2	19.2	19.2	19.5	19.2	19.5	19.5	19.5	19.7	19.9	19.4
Ambulatory Health Care Services	7.1	7.1	7.2	7.3	7.3	7.4	7.4	7.5	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.5	7.3
Offices of Physicians	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.0
Hospitals	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.7
Nursing & Residential Care Facilities	4.4	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.3
Social Assistance	4.9	4.9	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.8	5.0	5.1	5.1	5.2	5.2	5.0
Leisure & Hospitality	28.1	28.2	28.8	29.2	30.8	36.0	37.1	36.8	34.0	31.1	28.4	29.4	31.5
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.7	3.2	3.5	3.5	3.0	2.6	2.2	2.3	2.7
Accommodation & Food Services	25.9	26.0	26.5	26.8	28.1	32.8	33.6	33.3	31.0	28.5	26.2	27.1	28.8
Accommodation	9.2	9.3	9.4	9.2	10.2	13.7	14.1	13.8	12.0	10.2	8.6	9.4	10.8
Food Services & Drinking Places	16.7	16.7	17.1	17.6	17.9	19.1	19.5	19.5	19.0	18.3	17.6	17.7	18.1
Other Services	9.5	9.6	9.6	9.7	9.8	9.8	10.0	10.0	9.7	9.6	9.6	9.7	9.7
Repair & Maintenance	3.0	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	64.2	64.6	65.3	65.5	66.5	66.4	60.8	60.4	63.7	65.6	65.5	65.7	64.5
Federal Government	7.1	7.1	7.2	7.3	7.4	8.3	8.5	8.4	8.0	7.6	7.2	7.2	7.6
State Government	15.8	15.4	15.6	15.7	16.0	15.8	14.9	14.4	14.9	15.6	15.7	15.7	15.5
State Govt. Education	6.7	6.2	6.4	6.6	6.6	6.4	5.6	5.2	5.8	6.6	6.5	6.5	6.3
Local Government	41.3	42.1	42.5	42.5	43.1	42.3	37.4	37.6	40.8	42.4	42.6	42.8	41.5
Local Govt Education	21.9	22.4	22.7	22.7	22.7	20.9	15.8	16.1	20.4	22.2	22.4	22.6	21.1
Hospitals	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.6	5.6	5.7	5.6

Note: Prepared in Cooperation with U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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TOTAL PRIVATE	184.9	185.5	188.2	191.4	196.8	206.7	210.0	210.3	205.5	200.6	197.4	197.1	197.9
GOODS PRODUCING	47.6	47.8	49.0	50.8	52.6	54.5	55.5	56.0	55.8	55.6	54.6	53.7	52.8
Natural Resources & Mining	21.0	21.3	21.6	21.8	22.1	22.9	23.2	23.4	23.5	23.6	24.0	24.2	22.7
Mining	20.9	21.2	21.5	21.8	22.0	22.8	23.0	23.3	23.5	23.6	23.9	24.0	22.6
Oil & Gas Extraction	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.0	3.9	3.8
Mining except Oil & Gas	7.4	7.5	7.5	7.6	7.6	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.8	7.9	7.8	7.9	7.7
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Support Activities for Mining	9.9	10.1	10.4	10.5	10.7	11.1	11.3	11.5	11.8	11.7	12.1	12.2	11.1
Support Activities for Oil & Gas	6.8	7.0	7.2	7.3	7.5	7.8	7.9	8.0	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.3	7.7
Construction	17.0	17.2	18.0	19.5	21.0	21.9	22.6	22.8	22.5	22.1	20.7	19.8	20.4
Construction of Buildings	3.9	3.8	3.9	4.1	4.4	4.7	4.8	4.8	4.6	4.7	4.4	4.2	4.4
Heavy & Civil Engineering Construction	4.0	4.2	4.5	5.1	5.7	6.0	6.5	6.6	6.8	6.5	5.6	5.2	5.6
Specialty Trade Contractors	9.1	9.2	9.6	10.3	10.9	11.2	11.3	11.3	11.1	10.9	10.7	10.4	10.5
Manufacturing	9.6	9.3	9.4	9.5	9.5	9.7	9.7	9.8	9.8	9.9	9.9	9.7	9.7
Durable Goods	5.0	5.0	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.1	5.1
Non-Durable Goods	4.6	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.6	4.5
SERVICE PROVIDING	202.0	202.9	205.0	206.4	211.3	218.9	215.5	215.4	214.8	211.5	209.4	209.9	210.3
Trade, Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	48.2	48.2	48.7	49.3	50.3	51.8	52.4	52.4	51.7	50.9	51.3	51.2	50.5
Wholesale Trade	7.3	7.4	7.5	7.6	7.7	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.8	7.8	7.7
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.9	4.9	4.7
Retail Trade	28.9	28.7	29.0	29.2	30.1	31.3	31.7	31.7	31.1	30.4	30.7	30.6	30.3
Motor Vehicle & Parts Dealers	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.3
Building Material & Garden Supplies Dealers	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.5	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Food & Beverage Stores	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.8	4.8	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7
Grocery Stores	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9
Gasoline Stations	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.1	4.0	4.0	3.9	4.1
General Merchandise Stores	5.5	5.4	5.6	5.6	5.8	6.2	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.0
Miscellaneous Store Retailers	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.9	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.8	2.0	1.9
Transportation, Warehouse, & Utilities	12.0	12.1	12.2	12.5	12.5	12.6	12.8	12.8	12.7	12.6	12.8	12.8	12.5
Utilities	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3
Transportation & Warehousing	9.8	9.9	10.0	10.2	10.2	10.3	10.5	10.5	10.4	10.3	10.5	10.5	10.3
Truck Transportation	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.7	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.9	3.7
Information	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3
Financial Activities	10.5	10.4	10.6	10.6	10.8	11.0	10.9	10.9	10.9	10.6	10.7	10.6	10.7
Finance & Insurance	6.8	6.7	6.8	6.7	6.8	6.9	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.7	6.8	6.8	6.8
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.9	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	3.9	3.9	3.8	3.9
Professional & Business Services	14.5	14.6	14.9	15.5	15.9	16.7	16.8	17.0	16.4	16.0	15.9	15.3	15.8
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	8.0	8.1	8.2	8.2	8.1	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.2	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.2
Architectural, Engineering & Rel. Services	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.3
Management of Companies & Enterprises	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
Administrative & Support & Waste Services	5.7	5.7	6.0	6.6	7.0	7.6	7.7	7.9	7.4	7.1	7.0	6.4	6.8
Educational & Health Services	21.7	21.7	21.9	21.9	21.9	22.0	22.0	22.1	21.9	22.1	22.0	22.1	21.9
Educational Services	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.3	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1
Health Care & Social Assistance	19.6	19.6	19.8	19.7	19.7	19.9	19.7	19.9	19.8	20.0	19.9	20.0	19.8
Ambulatory Health Care Services	7.3	7.3	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.5	7.4	7.5	7.4	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.4
Offices of Physicians	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.0
Hospitals	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9
Nursing & Residential Care Facilities	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.4
Social Assistance	5.2	5.2	5.3	5.2	5.2	5.1	5.0	5.1	5.2	5.2	5.1	5.1	5.2
Leisure & Hospitality	28.7	28.9	29.2	29.4	31.3	36.5	38.0	37.5	34.7	31.4	28.9	30.1	32.1
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.6	3.4	3.7	3.6	3.1	2.6	2.1	2.3	2.7
Accommodation & Food Services	26.5	26.8	27.1	27.2	28.7	33.1	34.3	33.9	31.6	28.8	26.8	27.8	29.4
Accommodation	9.5	9.6	9.5	9.4	10.4	13.7	14.5	13.9	12.4	10.3	8.8	9.9	11.0
Food Services & Drinking Places	17.0	17.2	17.6	17.8	18.3	19.4	19.8	20.0	19.2	18.5	18.0	17.9	18.4
Other Services	9.4	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.7	9.8	10.1	10.1	9.8	9.7	9.7	9.8	9.7
Repair & Maintenance	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.1
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	64.7	65.2	65.8	65.8	67.1	66.7	61.0	61.1	65.1	66.5	66.6	66.5	65.2
Federal Government	7.0	7.0	7.1	7.1	7.4	8.2	8.3	8.1	7.8	7.3	7.0	7.0	7.4
State Government	15.5	15.4	15.5	15.4	15.8	15.4	15.0	14.6	15.3	15.7	15.8	15.8	15.4
State Govt. Education	6.4	6.3	6.4	6.4	6.5	6.1	5.7	5.4	6.2	6.7	6.9	6.9	6.3
Local Government	42.2	42.8	43.2	43.3	43.9	43.1	37.7	38.4	42.0	43.5	43.8	43.7	42.3
Local Govt Education	22.1	22.6	22.9	22.8	22.9	21.0	15.7	16.4	21.2	23.0	23.0	23.1	21.4
Hospitals	5.7	5.8	5.8	5.9	5.9	6.0	6.0	6.0	5.9	6.0	6.0	6.1	5.9

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Table 3: Natrona County Final Current Employment Statistics (Establishment Survey) Data (In Thousands), 2004

													ANNUAL
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVERAGE
TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT	34.1	34.4	34.9	35.5	35.8	36.7	36.2	36.8	36.5	37.0	36.9	36.8	36.0
TOTAL PRIVATE	28.5	28.7	29.1	29.8	30.0	30.9	31.2	31.7	31.1	31.3	31.2	31.0	30.4
TOTAL GOODS PRODUCING	6.2	6.3	6.5	6.8	6.9	7.1	7.4	7.5	7.4	7.5	7.5	7.4	7.0
Natural Resources & Mining	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.0
Construction	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.7	2.7	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.4
Manufacturing	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.6
TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDING	27.9	28.1	28.4	28.7	28.9	29.6	28.8	29.3	29.1	29.5	29.4	29.4	28.9
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.1	8.1	8.3	8.3	8.4	8.3	8.4	8.4	8.5	8.2
Wholesale Trade	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3
Retail Trade	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.8	4.9	5.0	4.9	4.9	5.0	5.1	4.8
Trans, Warehouse, & Utilities	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1
Information	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6
Financial Activities	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9
Professional & Business Services	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.9	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.2	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.7	2.9
Educational & Health Services	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.7	4.7	4.8	4.7	4.7	4.6
Leisure & Hospitality	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.4	3.5	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.5
Other Services	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	5.6	5.7	5.8	5.7	5.8	5.8	5.0	5.1	5.4	5.7	5.7	5.8	5.6
Federal Government	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
State Government	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
Local Government	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.4	4.4	3.6	3.7	4.0	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.2
Local Education	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.0	3.0	2.8	2.1	2.1	2.7	3.0	2.9	3.1	2.8

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Table 4: Natrona County Preliminary Current Employment Statistics (Establishment Survey) Data (In Thousands), 2005

													ANNUAL
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVERAGE
TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT	35.8	35.9	36.4	36.6	37.0	37.7	37.0	37.2	37.5	37.8	37.9	37.6	37.0
TOTAL PRIVATE	30.2	30.2	30.6	30.9	31.2	32.1	32.2	32.3	32.0	31.9	32.1	31.7	31.5
TOTAL GOODS PRODUCING	7.1	7.2	7.4	7.5	7.7	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	7.9	7.7
Natural Resources & Mining	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.5
Construction	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.3	2.4
Manufacturing	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8
TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDING	28.7	28.7	29.0	29.1	29.3	29.7	29.0	29.2	29.5	29.8	29.9	29.7	29.3
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	8.2	8.1	8.1	8.3	8.3	8.5	8.6	8.6	8.5	8.5	8.7	8.6	8.4
Wholesale Trade	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.4
Retail Trade	4.8	4.7	4.7	4.8	4.8	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	5.0	5.0	4.9
Trans, Warehouse, & Utilities	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.1
Information	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
Financial Activities	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9
Professional & Business Services	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.9	3.0	3.1	3.0	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.8
Educational & Health Services	4.7	4.7	4.8	4.7	4.6	4.7	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7
Leisure & Hospitality	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6
Other Services	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.7
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	5.6	5.7	5.8	5.7	5.8	5.6	4.8	4.9	5.5	5.9	5.8	5.9	5.6
Federal Government	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
State Government	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
Local Government	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.4	4.2	3.4	3.5	4.1	4.5	4.4	4.5	4.2
Local Education	2.9	2.9	3.0	2.9	3.0	2.8	1.9	2.0	2.7	3.0	2.9	3.1	2.8

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Table 5: Laramie County Final Current Employment Statistics (Establishment Survey) Data (in Thousands), 2004

													ANNUAL
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVERAGE
TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT	39.7	39.8	40.1	40.6	40.9	41.8	41.4	41.2	41.0	41.1	41.0	40.7	40.8
TOTAL PRIVATE	27.4	27.4	27.7	28.2	28.4	29.1	29.3	29.2	28.6	28.6	28.5	28.2	28.4
TOTAL GOODS PRODUCING	3.8	3.9	4.0	4.1	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.3	4.2	4.2
Natural Resources, Mining, & Construction	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.7	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.7
Manufacturing	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.6
TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDING	35.9	35.9	36.1	36.5	36.6	37.3	36.9	36.7	36.6	36.7	36.7	36.5	36.5
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	8.3	8.2	8.3	8.5	8.7	8.8	8.8	8.7	8.6	8.6	8.8	8.8	8.6
Wholesale Trade	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
Retail Trade	5.3	5.2	5.3	5.4	5.5	5.6	5.6	5.5	5.4	5.4	5.6	5.6	5.5
Trans, Warehouse, & Utilities	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.4
Information	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Financial Activities	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Professional & Business Services	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.3	3.2	3.0	3.3
Educational & Health Services	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2
Leisure & Hospitality	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.7	4.7	4.5	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.4
Other Services	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	12.3	12.4	12.4	12.4	12.5	12.7	12.1	12.0	12.4	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.4
Federal Government	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
State Government	3.9	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8
Local Government	5.8	5.9	6.0	6.0	6.1	6.1	5.6	5.5	6.0	6.1	6.1	6.1	5.9
Local Education	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.2	3.1	2.7	2.6	3.1	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.1

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Table 6: Laramie County Preliminary Current Employment Statistics (Establishment Survey) Data (in Thousands), 2005

													ANNUAL
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVERAGE
TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT	40.0	40.5	40.7	41.2	41.8	42.4	42.3	42.3	42.0	41.9	42.0	41.8	41.6
TOTAL PRIVATE	27.5	27.7	27.9	28.4	28.8	29.5	29.8	29.8	29.2	29.1	29.1	28.9	28.8
TOTAL GOODS PRODUCING	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.3	4.3	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.6	4.5	4.4	4.3	4.4
Natural Resources, Mining, & Construction	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.7	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.0	2.9	2.8	2.7	2.8
Manufacturing	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6
TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDING	36.0	36.5	36.6	36.9	37.5	37.8	37.7	37.6	37.4	37.4	37.6	37.5	37.2
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	8.4	8.5	8.5	8.7	9.0	9.1	9.1	9.0	8.9	8.9	9.0	9.0	8.8
Wholesale Trade	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
Retail Trade	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.6	5.8	5.8	5.7	5.6	5.6	5.7	5.7	5.6
Trans, Warehouse, & Utilities	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Information	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Financial Activities	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Professional & Business Services	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.2	3.2
Educational & Health Services	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.3
Leisure & Hospitality	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.8	4.8	4.5	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.4
Other Services	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.7
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	12.5	12.8	12.8	12.8	13.0	12.9	12.5	12.5	12.8	12.8	12.9	12.9	12.8
Federal Government	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.6
State Government	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.8	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.9
Local Government	6.0	6.3	6.3	6.5	6.5	6.4	6.0	6.0	6.4	6.5	6.6	6.4	6.3
Local Education	3.1	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.2	2.7	2.8	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.2

Note: Prepared in Cooperation with U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Table 7: Wyoming Local Area Unemployment (Household Survey) Annual Averages, 2003-2005

	2003	2004	2005		2003	2004	2005
WYOMING				LINCOLN COUNTY			
Labor Force	275,305	279,474	284,538	Labor Force	8,414	8,149	7,998
Employment	263,097	268,599	274,362	Employment	8,038	7,832	7,686
Unemployment	12,208	10,875	10,176	Unemployment	376	317	312
Unemployment Rate	4.4	3.9	3.6	Unemployment Rate	4.5	3.9	3.9
ALBANY COUNTY				NATRONA COUNTY			
Labor Force	18,899	20,185	19,992	Labor Force	38,491	39,545	40,164
Employment	18,238	19,559	19,409	Employment	36,774	38,085	38,797
Unemployment	661	626	583	Unemployment	1,717	1,460	1,367
Unemployment Rate	3.5	3.1	2.9	Unemployment Rate	4.5	3.7	3.4
BIG HORN COUNTY				NIOBRARA COUNTY			
Labor Force	5,243	5,401	5,463	Labor Force	1,157	1,150	1,149
Employment	4,974	5,149	5,220	Employment	1,101	1,106	1,105
Unemployment	269	252	243	Unemployment	56	44	44
Unemployment Rate	5.1	4.7	4.4	Unemployment Rate	4.8	3.8	3.8
CAMPBELL COUNTY				PARK COUNTY			
Labor Force	21,949	22,296	23,679	Labor Force	14,685	14,760	14,820
Employment	21,145	21,607	23,062	Employment	14,020	14,163	14,249
Unemployment	804	689	617	Unemployment	665	597	571
Unemployment Rate	3.7	3.1	2.6	Unemployment Rate	4.5	4.0	3.9
CARBON COUNTY				PLATTE COUNTY			
Labor Force	7,764	7,745	7,841	Labor Force	4,103	4,171	4,124
Employment	7,328	7,393	7,530	Employment	3,889	3,959	3,926
Unemployment	436	352	311	Unemployment	214	212	198
Unemployment Rate	5.6	4.5	4.0	Unemployment Rate	5.2	5.1	4.8
CONVERSE COUNTY				SHERIDAN COUNTY			
Labor Force	6,563	6,649	6,879	Labor Force	15,203	15,281	15,462
Employment	6,260	6,384	6,632	Employment	14,520	14,693	14,893
Unemployment	303	265	247	Unemployment	683	588	569
Unemployment Rate	4.6	4.0	3.6	Unemployment Rate	4.5	3.8	3.7
CROOK COUNTY				SUBLETTE COUNTY			
Labor Force	3,145	3,265	3,344	Labor Force	4,177	4,561	5,203
Employment	3,011	3,140	3,233	Employment	4,051	4,458	5,109
Unemployment	134	125	111	Unemployment	126	103	94
Unemployment Rate	4.3	3.8	3.3	Unemployment Rate	3.0	2.3	1.8
FREMONT COUNTY				SWEETWATER COUNTY			
Labor Force	18,002	18,004	18,225	Labor Force	21,102	21,716	22,732
Employment	16,965	17,077	17,370	Employment	20,209	20,969	22,044
Unemployment	1,037	927	855	Unemployment	893	747	688
Unemployment Rate	5.8	5.1	4.7	Unemployment Rate	4.2	3.4	3.0
GOSHEN COUNTY				TETON COUNTY			
Labor Force	5,911	5,891	5,860	Labor Force	13,802	13,934	14,201
Employment	5,643	5,635	5,604	Employment	13,291	13,484	13,764
Unemployment	268	256	256	Unemployment	511	450	437
Unemployment Rate	4.5	4.3	4.4	Unemployment Rate	3.7	3.2	3.1
HOT SPRINGS COUNTY				UINTA COUNTY			
Labor Force	2,401	2,396	2,372	Labor Force	11,060	10,842	10,988
Employment	2,298	2,302	2,278	Employment	10,533	10,407	10,599
Unemployment	103	94	94	Unemployment	527	435	389
Unemployment Rate	4.3	3.9	4.0	Unemployment Rate	4.8	4.0	3.5
JOHNSON COUNTY				WASHAKIE COUNTY			
Labor Force	3,664	3,764	3,892	Labor Force	4,261	4,296	4,401
Employment	3,507	3,636	3,758	Employment	4,063	4,118	4,219
Unemployment	157	128	134	Unemployment	198	178	182
Unemployment Rate	4.3	3.4	3.4	Unemployment Rate	4.6	4.1	4.1
LARAMIE COUNTY				WESTON COUNTY			
Labor Force	42,105	42,284	42,503	Labor Force	3,203	3,191	3,247
Employment	40,182	40,381	40,756	Employment	3,056	3,063	3,119
Unemployment	1,923	1,903	1,747	Unemployment	147	128	128
Unemployment Rate	4.6	4.5	4.1	Unemployment Rate	4.6	4.0	3.9

3.2%. Professional & Business Services was the only industry that lost jobs (-100 jobs or -3.0%) from 2004 to 2005.

Local Area Unemployment Statistics

The statewide annual average unemployment rate fell from 4.4% in 2003 to 3.9% in 2004 and to 3.6% in 2005 (see Table 7, page 11). Most of the counties followed a similar pattern of decreasing unemployment. From 2004 to 2005, the unemployment rate decreased in 17 counties, was unchanged in 4 (Johnson, Lincoln, Niobrara, and Washakie), and increased in 2 (Goshen and Hot Springs). The largest decreases in the unemployment

rate occurred in Campbell, Carbon, Crook, Sublette, and Uinta counties (all decreased by 0.5 percentage points).

At the statewide level, the labor force (the sum of employed and unemployed individuals) increased at a healthy pace (up 5,064 people or 1.8% in 2005). Most counties saw a growing labor force in 2005. The few exceptions were Albany, Goshen, Hot Springs, Lincoln, Niobrara, and Platte counties. Four of those six counties are located in the southeast part of the state and have little oil & gas development. Workers from these areas may be migrating to other, faster-growing areas of the state.



Wyoming Unemployment Falls in March 2006

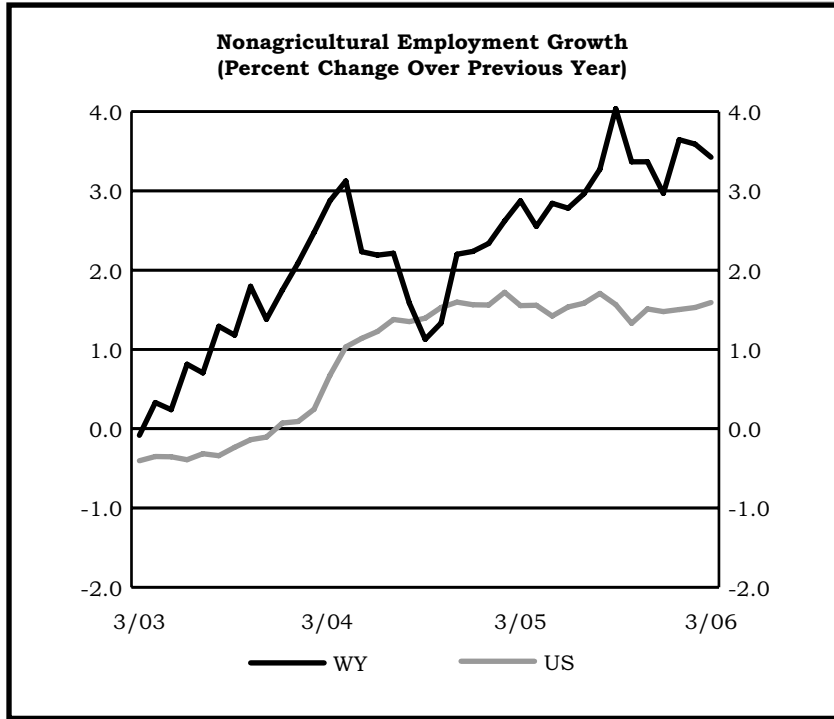
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Wyoming's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell from 3.3% in February to 2.9% in March. This level of unemployment is the lowest Wyoming has seen since 1979. U.S. unemployment also fell from February to March (down from 4.8% to 4.7%) but remained much higher than in Wyoming. Job growth continued at a relatively rapid pace (up 8,700 jobs or 3.4% from March 2005) mostly because of employment gains in Natural Resources & Mining.

From February to March, Wyoming added 3,000 jobs (1.2%). This level of increase is consistent with seasonal patterns. Natural Resources & Mining (including oil & gas) added 300 jobs (1.2%), Construction added 300 jobs (1.6%), and Retail Trade added 400 jobs (1.4%). Government employment (including public schools, colleges, and hospitals) increased by 1,100 jobs or 1.7% from February to March.

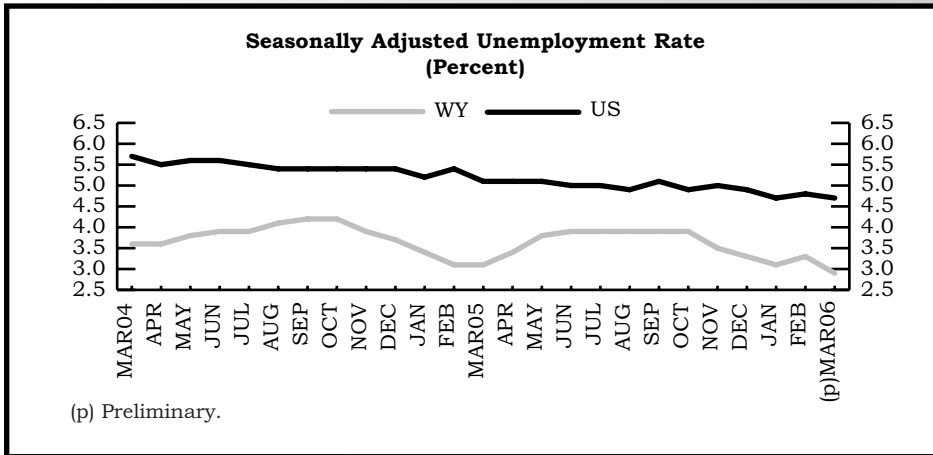
From March 2005, employment increased by 8,700 jobs or 3.4%. As in previous months, the largest job gains were in Natural Resources & Mining (3,300 jobs or 15.3%). Construction employment grew by 800 jobs or 4.4%. Other notable increases occurred in Wholesale Trade (400 jobs or 5.3%), Retail Trade (400 jobs or 1.4%), Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities (500 jobs or 4.1%), Leisure & Hospitality (500 jobs or 1.7%) and Government (1,700 jobs or 2.6%). Employment fell slightly in Information (-100 jobs or -2.3%).

Most county unemployment rates followed their normal seasonal pattern and decreased from February to March. Washakie County was the only exception and its unemployment rate rose from 4.5% in February to 4.9% in March. Fremont County posted the highest unemployment rate (5.1%), followed by Big Horn and Washakie counties (both 4.9%).

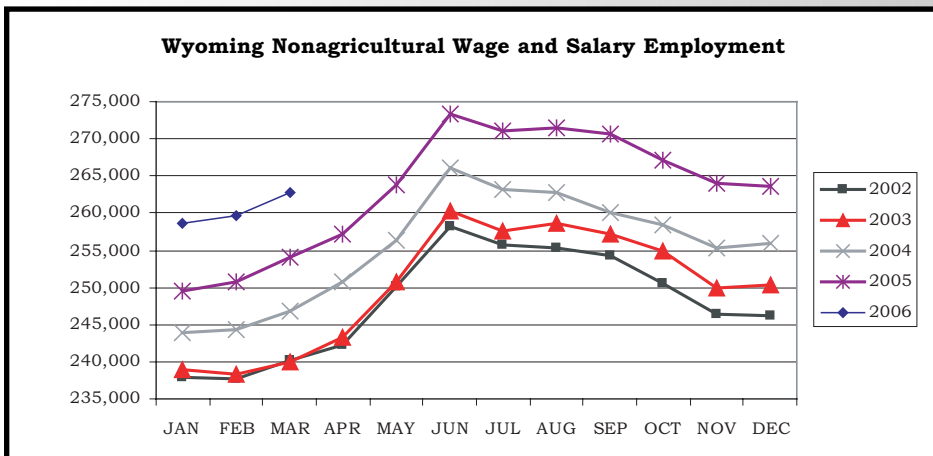


**State Unemployment Rates
March 2006
(Seasonally Adjusted)**

State	Unemp. Rate
Puerto Rico	9.2
Mississippi	7.9
Alaska	7.0
Michigan	6.8
South Carolina	6.5
Kentucky	6.0
Oregon	5.5
District of Columbia	5.3
Illinois	5.1
Rhode Island	5.1
Tennessee	5.1
Ohio	5.0
Texas	5.0
Indiana	4.9
Massachusetts	4.9
Arkansas	4.8
California	4.8
Louisiana	4.8
Kansas	4.7
New York	4.7
United States	4.7
Wisconsin	4.7
Connecticut	4.6
Washington	4.6
Georgia	4.5
Missouri	4.5
New Jersey	4.5
North Carolina	4.5
Pennsylvania	4.5
Colorado	4.3
Arizona	4.1
Maine	4.1
Minnesota	4.1
New Mexico	4.0
Oklahoma	4.0
West Virginia	3.9
Iowa	3.8
Nevada	3.8
Delaware	3.6
Maryland	3.4
Montana	3.4
New Hampshire	3.4
Utah	3.4
Alabama	3.3
South Dakota	3.3
Vermont	3.3
Idaho	3.2
Nebraska	3.2
North Dakota	3.2
Florida	3.1
Virginia	3.1
Wyoming	2.9
Hawaii	2.6



(p) Preliminary.



Wyoming Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

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From March 2005, employment increased by 8,700 jobs or 3.4%. As in previous months, the largest job gains were in Natural Resources & Mining (3,300 jobs or 15.3%).

WYOMING STATEWIDE	Employment in Thousands					Percent Change Total Employment		LARAMIE COUNTY						
								Employment in Thousands					Percent Change Total Employment	
	Mar06(p)	Feb06(r)	Mar05(b)	Mar06	Mar06	Feb06	Mar05	Mar06(p)	Feb06(r)	Mar05(b)	Mar06	Mar06	Feb06	Mar05
TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT	262.7	259.7	254.0	1.2	3.4			TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT	41.6	41.1	40.7	1.2	2.2	
TOTAL PRIVATE	195.2	193.3	188.2	1.0	3.7			TOTAL PRIVATE	28.5	28.1	27.9	1.4	2.2	
GOODS PRODUCING	53.2	52.6	49.0	1.1	8.6			GOODS PRODUCING	4.2	4.1	4.1	2.4	2.4	
Natural Resources & Mining	24.9	24.6	21.6	1.2	15.3			Nat. Res., Mining, & Construction	2.6	2.5	2.6	4.0	0.0	
Mining	24.8	24.5	21.5	1.2	15.3			Manufacturing	1.6	1.6	1.5	0.0	6.7	
Oil & Gas Extraction	4.0	3.9	3.6	2.6	11.1			SERVICE PROVIDING	37.4	37.0	36.6	1.1	2.2	
Mining Except Oil & Gas	7.9	7.9	7.5	0.0	5.3			Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	8.9	8.7	8.5	2.3	4.7	
Coal Mining	5.2	5.2	4.8	0.0	8.3			Wholesale Trade	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.0	14.3	
Support Activities for Mining	12.9	12.7	10.4	1.6	24.0			Retail Trade	5.5	5.4	5.3	1.9	3.8	
Support Act. for Oil & Gas	8.6	8.6	7.2	0.0	19.4			Trans, Warehouse, & Utilities	2.6	2.5	2.5	4.0	4.0	
Construction	18.8	18.5	18.0	1.6	4.4			Information	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	
Construction of Buildings	3.8	3.9	3.9	-2.6	-2.6			Financial Activities	2.1	2.0	2.0	5.0	5.0	
Heavy & Engineering Constr.	5.0	4.8	4.5	4.2	11.1			Professional & Business Services	3.1	3.1	3.0	0.0	3.3	
Specialty Trade Contractors	10.0	9.8	9.6	2.0	4.2			Educational & Health Services	3.4	3.4	3.3	0.0	3.0	
Manufacturing	9.5	9.5	9.4	0.0	1.1			Leisure & Hospitality	4.2	4.2	4.3	0.0	-2.3	
Durable Goods	5.2	5.1	5.1	2.0	2.0			Other Services	1.6	1.6	1.7	0.0	-5.9	
Non-Durable Goods	4.3	4.4	4.3	-2.3	0.0			TOTAL GOVERNMENT	13.1	13.0	12.8	0.8	2.3	
SERVICE PROVIDING	209.5	207.1	205.0	1.2	2.2			Federal Government	2.5	2.5	2.6	0.0	-3.8	
Trade, Trans., Warehouse, & Util.	50.0	49.4	48.7	1.2	2.7			State Government	3.9	3.9	3.9	0.0	0.0	
Wholesale Trade	7.9	7.8	7.5	1.3	5.3			Local Government	6.7	6.6	6.3	1.5	6.3	
Merchant Whslsrs., Durable	5.0	5.0	4.5	0.0	11.1			Local Education	3.5	3.4	3.4	2.9	2.9	
Retail Trade	29.4	29.0	29.0	1.4	1.4			NATRONA COUNTY						
Motor Vehicle & Parts Dealers	4.4	4.4	4.3	0.0	2.3			TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT	37.5	36.9	36.4	1.6	3.0	
Bldg. Material & Garden Sup.	2.5	2.5	2.3	0.0	8.7			TOTAL PRIVATE	31.6	31.1	30.6	1.6	3.3	
Food & Beverage Stores	4.4	4.5	4.6	-2.2	-4.3			GOODS PRODUCING	7.8	7.6	7.4	2.6	5.4	
Grocery Stores	3.7	3.8	3.8	-2.6	-2.6			Natural Resources & Mining	3.8	3.7	3.4	2.7	11.8	
Gasoline Stations	3.9	3.8	3.9	2.6	0.0			Construction	2.2	2.1	2.3	4.8	-4.3	
General Merchandise Stores	5.7	5.6	5.6	1.8	1.8			Manufacturing	1.8	1.8	1.7	0.0	5.9	
Miscellaneous Store Retailers	1.8	1.8	1.7	0.0	5.9			SERVICE PROVIDING	29.7	29.3	29.0	1.4	2.4	
Transport., Warehouse, & Util.	12.7	12.6	12.2	0.8	4.1			Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	8.4	8.4	8.1	0.0	3.7	
Utilities	2.3	2.3	2.2	0.0	4.5			Wholesale Trade	2.5	2.5	2.3	0.0	8.7	
Transportation & Warehousing	10.4	10.3	10.0	1.0	4.0			Retail Trade	4.8	4.8	4.7	0.0	2.1	
Truck Transportation	3.7	3.7	3.5	0.0	5.7			Transport., Warehouse, & Util.	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0	
Information	4.2	4.2	4.3	0.0	-2.3			Information	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.0	
Financial Activities	10.9	10.7	10.6	1.9	2.8			Financial Activities	1.9	1.9	1.9	0.0	0.0	
Finance & Insurance	6.8	6.8	6.8	0.0	0.0			Professional & Business Services	2.9	2.7	2.7	7.4	7.4	
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	4.1	3.9	3.8	5.1	7.9			Educational & Health Services	4.7	4.7	4.8	0.0	-2.1	
Professional & Business Services	15.2	15.0	14.9	1.3	2.0			Leisure & Hospitality	3.6	3.5	3.4	2.9	5.9	
Prof., Scientific & Tech. Services	8.4	8.2	8.2	2.4	2.4			Other Services	1.7	1.7	1.7	0.0	0.0	
Architect., Engineering & Rel.	2.4	2.3	2.2	4.3	9.1			TOTAL GOVERNMENT	5.9	5.8	5.8	1.7	1.7	
Mgmt. of Companies & Enterpr. Admin., Support & Waste Svcs.	6.0	6.0	6.0	0.0	0.0			Federal Government	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0	
Educational & Health Services	22.2	22.2	21.9	0.0	1.4			State Government	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0	
Educational	2.1	2.1	2.1	0.0	0.0			Local Government	4.5	4.4	4.4	2.3	2.3	
Health Care & Social Assistance	20.1	20.1	19.8	0.0	1.5			Local Education	3.1	3.0	3.0	3.3	3.3	
Ambulatory Health Care	7.4	7.5	7.4	-1.3	0.0									
Offices of Physicians	3.0	3.1	3.0	-3.2	0.0									
Hospitals	2.9	2.8	2.8	3.6	3.6									
Nursing & Res. Care Facilities	4.5	4.5	4.3	0.0	4.7									
Social Assistance	5.3	5.3	5.3	0.0	0.0									
Leisure & Hospitality	29.7	29.5	29.2	0.7	1.7									
Arts, Entertainment, & Rec.	2.3	2.1	2.1	9.5	9.5									
Accommodation & Food Services	27.4	27.4	27.1	0.0	1.1									
Accommodation	9.7	9.8	9.5	-1.0	2.1									
Food Serv. & Drinking Places	17.7	17.6	17.6	0.6	0.6									
Other Services	9.8	9.7	9.6	1.0	2.1									
Repair & Maintenance	3.2	3.0	3.0	6.7	6.7									
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	67.5	66.4	65.8	1.7	2.6									
Federal Government	6.9	6.9	7.1	0.0	-2.8									
State Government	16.0	15.6	15.5	2.6	3.2									
State Govt. Education	6.7	6.5	6.4	3.1	4.7									
Local Government	44.6	43.9	43.2	1.6	3.2									
Local Govt. Education	23.5	23.0	22.9	2.2	2.6									
Hospitals	6.1	6.1	5.8	0.0	5.2									

Note: Current Employment Statistics (CES) estimates include all full- and part-time wage and salary workers in nonagricultural establishments who worked or received pay during the week which includes the 12th of the month. Self-employed, domestic services, and personnel of the armed forces are excluded. Data are not seasonally adjusted. Wyoming, Laramie County, and Natrona County are published in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

(p) Preliminary. (r) Revised. (b) Benchmarked.

Wyoming Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

(Continued)

	Employment in		Percent Change		
	Thousands		Total Employment		
	Mar06(p)	Feb06(r)	Mar05(b)	Mar06	Mar06
CAMPBELL COUNTY					
TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT	23.8	23.8	22.5	0.0	5.8
TOTAL PRIVATE	19.8	19.8	18.5	0.0	7.0
GOODS PRODUCING	9.8	9.8	9.0	0.0	8.9
Natural Resources & Mining	6.9	6.9	6.4	0.0	7.8
Construction	2.3	2.3	2.0	0.0	15.0
Manufacturing	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.0
SERVICE PROVIDING	14.0	14.0	13.5	0.0	3.7
Trade, Transport., & Utilities	4.4	4.4	4.1	0.0	7.3
Information	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.0	20.0
Professional & Bus. Services	1.6	1.6	1.5	0.0	6.7
Educational & Health Serv.	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0
Leisure & Hospitality	1.7	1.7	1.7	0.0	0.0
Other Services	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	4.0	4.0	4.0	0.0	0.0
SWEETWATER COUNTY					
TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT	22.6	22.2	22.1	1.8	2.3
TOTAL PRIVATE	18.3	18.0	17.8	1.7	2.8
GOODS PRODUCING	7.8	7.6	7.4	2.6	5.4
Natural Resources & Mining	5.1	5.0	4.7	2.0	8.5
Construction	1.5	1.4	1.6	7.1	-6.3
Manufacturing	1.2	1.2	1.1	0.0	9.1
SERVICE PROVIDING	14.8	14.6	14.7	1.4	0.7
Trade, Transport., & Utilities	4.7	4.7	4.7	0.0	0.0
Information	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.0	14.3
Professional & Bus. Services	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.0	10.0
Educational & Health Serv.	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.0	0.0
Leisure & Hospitality	2.2	2.1	2.3	4.8	-4.3
Other Services	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	4.3	4.2	4.3	2.4	0.0
TETON COUNTY					
TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT	16.0	16.0	15.9	0.0	0.6
TOTAL PRIVATE	13.8	13.8	13.7	0.0	0.7
GOODS PRODUCING	1.9	1.9	2.0	0.0	-5.0
Nat. Res., Mining & Const.	1.7	1.7	1.8	0.0	-5.6
Manufacturing	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
SERVICE PROVIDING	14.1	14.1	13.9	0.0	1.4
Trade, Transport., & Utilities	2.2	2.2	2.3	0.0	-4.3
Information	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.0	-33.3
Financial Activities	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.0	12.5
Professional & Bus. Services	1.5	1.4	1.4	7.1	7.1
Educational & Health Serv.	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.0	12.5
Leisure & Hospitality	5.7	5.8	5.6	-1.7	1.8
Other Services	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	2.2	2.2	2.2	0.0	0.0

State Unemployment Rates March 2006 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

State	Unemp. Rate
Puerto Rico	9.1
Mississippi	8.0
Alaska	7.7
Michigan	7.5
Kentucky	6.4
South Carolina	6.4
Oregon	6.1
Rhode Island	5.8
District of Columbia	5.5
Wisconsin	5.5
Illinois	5.4
Indiana	5.4
Massachusetts	5.4
Tennessee	5.4
Ohio	5.3
Arkansas	5.0
California	5.0
New York	5.0
Pennsylvania	5.0
Texas	5.0
Washington	5.0
Kansas	4.9
Maine	4.9
Missouri	4.9
Connecticut	4.8
Minnesota	4.8
New Jersey	4.8
United States	4.8
Colorado	4.6
Georgia	4.5
North Carolina	4.5
West Virginia	4.5
Louisiana	4.4
Iowa	4.3
Montana	4.3
Oklahoma	4.2
North Dakota	4.1
Arizona	4.0
Idaho	4.0
Vermont	4.0
Nevada	3.9
New Mexico	3.9
South Dakota	3.9
Delaware	3.8
New Hampshire	3.7
Utah	3.6
Wyoming	3.6
Maryland	3.5
Nebraska	3.5
Alabama	3.2
Virginia	3.2
Florida	2.9
Hawaii	2.5

Economic Indicators

by: Margaret Hiatt, Administrative/Survey Support Specialist

Wyoming's labor force increased by 2.9% from March 2005 to March 2006.

	Mar	Feb	Mar	Percent Change	
	2006	2006	2005	Month	Year
	(p)	(r)	(b)		
Wyoming Total Civilian Labor Force	288,420	287,655	280,274	0.3	2.9
Unemployed	10,340	11,869	11,031	-12.9	-6.3
Employed	278,080	275,786	269,243	0.8	3.3
Wyoming Unemp. Rate/Seasonally Adjusted	3.6%/2.9%	4.1%/3.3%	3.9%/3.1%	N/A	N/A
U.S. Unemployment Rate/Seasonally Adjusted	4.8%/4.7%	5.1%/4.8%	5.4%/5.1%	N/A	N/A
U.S. Multiple Jobholders	7,589,000	7,437,000	7,621,000	2.0	-0.4
As a percent of all workers	5.3%	5.2%	5.5%	N/A	N/A
U.S. Discouraged Workers	451,000	386,000	480,000	16.8	-6.0
U.S. Part-Time for Economic Reasons	4,097,000	4,403,000	4,514,000	-6.9	-9.2
Hours & Earnings for Production Workers					
Wyoming Mining					
Average Weekly Earnings	\$1,076.46	\$1,040.57	\$1,054.79	3.4	2.1
Average Weekly Hours	46.6	45.4	44.6	2.6	4.5
U.S. Mining Hours & Earnings					
Average Weekly Earnings	\$902.19	\$898.63	\$857.87	0.4	5.2
Average Weekly Hours	45.2	45.5	45.9	-0.7	-1.5
Wyoming Manufacturing Hours & Earnings					
Average Weekly Earnings	\$671.00	\$666.66	\$669.13	0.7	0.3
Average Weekly Hours	40.3	41.0	39.5	-1.7	2.0
U.S. Manufacturing Hours & Earnings					
Average Weekly Earnings	\$685.11	\$680.10	\$663.37	0.7	3.3
Average Weekly Hours	41.0	40.7	40.4	0.7	1.5
Wyoming Unemployment Insurance					
Weeks Compensated	13,948	13,673	19,890	2.0	-29.9
Benefits Paid	\$3,449,881	\$3,381,682	\$4,717,474	2.0	-26.9
Average Weekly Benefit Payment	\$247.34	\$247.33	\$237.18	0.0	4.3
State Insured Covered Jobs	242,144	239,668	234,809	1.0	3.1
Insured Unemployment Rate	1.5%	1.6%	1.8%	N/A	N/A
Consumer Price Index (U) for All U.S. Urban Consumers (1982 to 1984 = 100) - All Items					
Food & Beverages	199.8	198.7	193.3	0.6	3.4
Housing	194.5	194.4	189.6	0.1	2.6
Apparel	201.3	200.5	194.1	0.4	3.7
Transportation	122.0	116.6	123.5	4.6	-1.2
Medical Care	177.4	175.8	168.8	0.9	5.1
Recreation (Dec. 1997=100)	333.8	332.1	320.7	0.5	4.1
Education & Comm. (Dec. 1997=100)	110.6	110.2	109.0	0.4	1.5
Other Goods & Services	115.6	115.7	112.7	-0.1	2.6
Producer Prices (1982 to 1984 = 100) - All Commodities	320.0	319.1	311.2	0.3	2.8
Producer Prices (1982 to 1984 = 100) - All Commodities	162.0	161.9	153.7	0.1	5.4
Wyoming Building Permits (New Privately Owned Housing Units Authorized)					
Total Units	259	204	253	27.0	2.4
Valuation	\$53,656,000	\$33,703,000	\$52,681,000	59.2	1.9
Single Family Homes	222	160	226	38.8	-1.8
Valuation	\$50,914,000	\$30,502,000	\$50,538,000	66.9	0.7
Baker Hughes North American Rotary Rig Count for WY	98	96	72	2.1	36.1

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Wyoming County Unemployment Rates

by: Roy Azar, Economist

Wyoming's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell from 3.3% in February to 2.9% in March. This level of unemployment is the lowest Wyoming has seen since 1979.

REGION	Labor Force			Employed			Unemployed			Unemployment Rate		
	Mar County	Feb County	Mar County	Mar County	Feb County	Mar County	Mar County	Feb County	Mar County	Mar County	Feb County	Mar County
	2006	2006	2005	2006	2006	2005	2006	2006	2005	2006	2006	2005
	(p)	(p)	(b)	(p)	(p)	(b)	(p)	(p)	(b)	(p)	(p)	(b)
NORTHWEST	44,960	44,624	43,738	42,805	42,278	41,495	2,155	2,346	2,243	4.8	5.3	5.1
Big Horn	5,532	5,497	5,249	5,260	5,189	4,957	272	308	292	4.9	5.6	5.6
Fremont	18,522	18,362	18,033	17,581	17,348	17,080	941	1,014	953	5.1	5.5	5.3
Hot Springs	2,333	2,327	2,327	2,225	2,208	2,227	108	119	100	4.6	5.1	4.3
Park	14,120	14,032	13,858	13,502	13,326	13,192	618	706	666	4.4	5.0	4.8
Washakie	4,453	4,406	4,271	4,237	4,207	4,039	216	199	232	4.9	4.5	5.4
NORTHEAST	50,665	50,655	48,672	49,206	48,889	46,994	1,459	1,766	1,678	2.9	3.5	3.4
Campbell	24,587	24,678	23,163	24,023	23,981	22,550	564	697	613	2.3	2.8	2.6
Crook	3,318	3,282	3,175	3,221	3,163	3,050	97	119	125	2.9	3.6	3.9
Johnson	3,880	3,824	3,748	3,767	3,681	3,590	113	143	158	2.9	3.7	4.2
Sheridan	15,596	15,557	15,341	15,028	14,896	14,703	568	661	638	3.6	4.2	4.2
Weston	3,284	3,314	3,245	3,167	3,168	3,101	117	146	144	3.6	4.4	4.4
SOUTHWEST	61,285	61,328	58,952	59,418	59,129	56,939	1,867	2,199	2,013	3.0	3.6	3.4
Lincoln	7,853	7,889	7,773	7,504	7,492	7,399	349	397	374	4.4	5.0	4.8
Sublette	5,463	5,479	4,573	5,370	5,361	4,478	93	118	95	1.7	2.2	2.1
Sweetwater	23,319	23,239	22,791	22,661	22,441	22,090	658	798	701	2.8	3.4	3.1
Teton	13,627	13,704	13,182	13,255	13,280	12,789	372	424	393	2.7	3.1	3.0
Uinta	11,023	11,017	10,633	10,628	10,555	10,183	395	462	450	3.6	4.2	4.2
SOUTHEAST	75,334	75,173	74,293	72,381	71,837	71,232	2,953	3,336	3,061	3.9	4.4	4.1
Albany	20,762	20,582	20,642	20,138	19,901	20,057	624	681	585	3.0	3.3	2.8
Goshen	5,946	5,933	5,829	5,659	5,617	5,526	287	316	303	4.8	5.3	5.2
Laramie	43,384	43,456	42,569	41,572	41,396	40,653	1,812	2,060	1,916	4.2	4.7	4.5
Niobrara	1,137	1,134	1,129	1,097	1,085	1,082	40	49	47	3.5	4.3	4.2
Platte	4,105	4,068	4,124	3,915	3,838	3,914	190	230	210	4.6	5.7	5.1
CENTRAL	56,177	55,877	54,619	54,271	53,653	52,581	1,906	2,224	2,038	3.4	4.0	3.7
Carbon	7,701	7,700	7,664	7,381	7,327	7,318	320	373	346	4.2	4.8	4.5
Converse	7,070	7,054	6,725	6,801	6,743	6,460	269	311	265	3.8	4.4	3.9
Natrona	41,406	41,123	40,230	40,089	39,583	38,803	1,317	1,540	1,427	3.2	3.7	3.5
STATEWIDE	288,420	287,655	280,274	278,080	275,786	269,243	10,340	11,869	11,031	3.6	4.1	3.9
Statewide Seasonally Adjusted										2.9	3.3	3.1
U.S.....										4.8	5.1	5.4
U.S. Seasonally Adjusted.....										4.7	4.8	5.1

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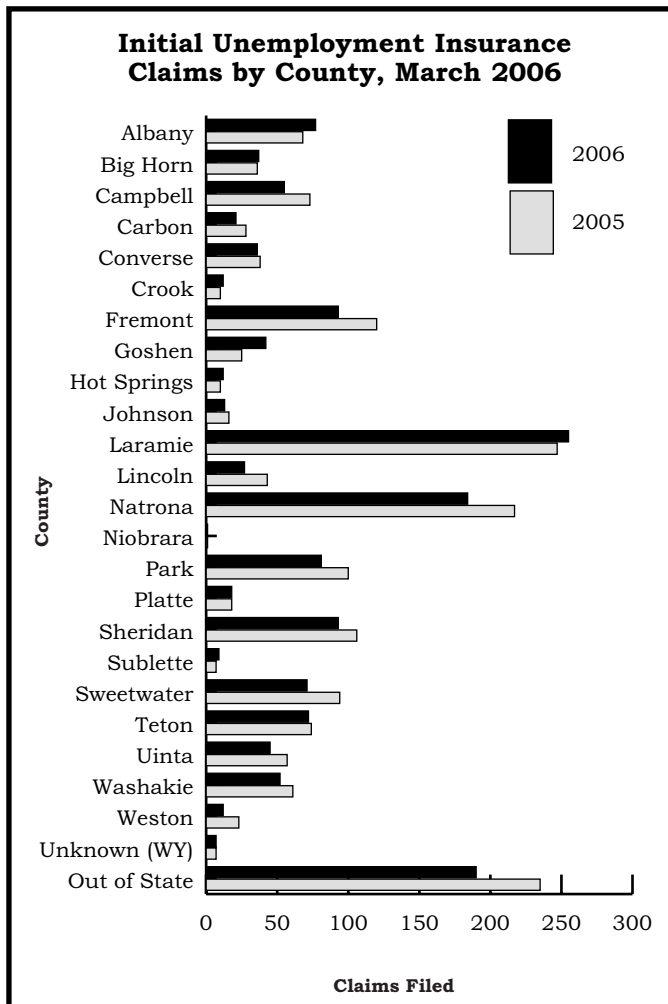
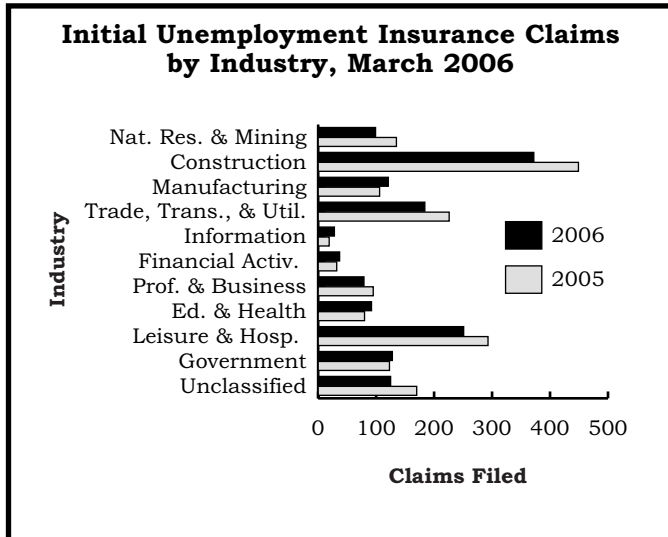
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Wyoming Normalized Unemployment Insurance Statistics: Initial Claims

by: Douglas W. Leonard, Senior Research Analyst

The statewide total of 1,516 initial claims was the second lowest in nine years.



WYOMING STATEWIDE	Claims Filed			Percent Change	
	Mar06	Feb06	Mar05	Mar06	Mar05
TOTAL CLAIMS FILED	1,516	1,816	1,715	-16.5	-11.6
TOTAL GOODS PRODUCING	592	947	690	-37.5	-14.2
Natural Resources and Mining	99	118	135	-16.1	-26.7
Mining	76	105	112	-27.6	-32.1
Oil & Gas Extraction	5	13	9	-61.5	-44.4
Construction	372	669	449	-44.4	-17.1
Manufacturing	121	160	106	-24.4	14.2
TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDING	707	634	768	11.5	-7.9
Trade, Trans., Storage, & Util.	184	225	226	-18.2	-18.6
Wholesale Trade	29	24	27	20.8	7.4
Retail Trade	114	128	130	-10.9	-12.3
Trans., Storage, & Utilities	41	73	69	-43.8	-40.6
Information	28	40	19	-30.0	47.4
Financial Activities	37	18	32	105.6	15.6
Professional & Business Serv.	79	116	95	-31.9	-16.8
Educational & Health Services	92	68	80	35.3	15.0
Leisure & Hospitality	251	135	293	85.9	-14.3
Other Services	36	32	23	12.5	56.5
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	128	128	123	0.0	4.1
Federal Government	55	57	64	-3.5	-14.1
State Government	21	21	23	0.0	-8.7
Local Government	52	50	36	4.0	44.4
Local Education	16	11	6	45.5	166.7
UNCLASSIFIED	89	107	134	-16.8	-33.6

LARAMIE COUNTY

TOTAL CLAIMS FILED	257	324	248	-20.7	3.6
TOTAL GOODS PRODUCING	128	165	100	-22.4	28.0
Construction	106	136	87	-22.1	21.8
TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDING	104	127	122	-18.1	-14.8
Trade, Trans., Storage, & Util.	35	48	52	-27.1	-32.7
Financial Activities	7	5	6	40.0	16.7
Professional & Business Serv.	13	30	18	-56.7	-27.8
Educational & Health Services	18	19	12	-5.3	50.0
Leisure & Hospitality	23	9	27	155.6	-14.8
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	18	19	16	-5.3	12.5
UNCLASSIFIED	7	13	10	-46.2	-30.0

NATRONA COUNTY

TOTAL CLAIMS FILED	186	262	217	-29.0	-14.3
TOTAL GOODS PRODUCING	82	166	103	-50.6	-20.4
Construction	61	142	81	-57.0	-24.7
TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDING	92	81	104	13.6	-11.5
Trade, Trans., Storage, & Util.	37	23	33	60.9	12.1
Financial Activities	7	4	7	75.0	0.0
Professional & Business Serv.	11	21	11	-47.6	0.0
Educational & Health Services	15	15	22	0.0	-31.8
Leisure & Hospitality	14	12	22	16.7	-36.4
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	9	5	6	80.0	50.0
UNCLASSIFIED	3	10	4	-70.0	-25.0

Wyoming Normalized Unemployment Insurance Statistics: Continued Claims

by: Douglas W. Leonard, Senior Research Analyst

The statewide total of 16,003 continued weeks claims was the lowest level for March in nine years.

WYOMING STATEWIDE	Weeks Claimed		Percent Change		
	Mar06	Feb06	Mar05	Mar06	Mar05
	Mar06	Feb06	Mar05	Mar06	Mar05
TOTAL WEEKS CLAIMED	16,003	16,851	19,318	-5.0	-17.2
TOTAL UNIQUE CLAIMANTS	4,097	4,780	4,870	-14.3	-15.9
TOTAL GOODS PRODUCING	6,362	6,325	7,515	0.6	-15.3
Natural Resources and Mining	802	813	991	-1.4	-19.1
Mining	676	678	830	-0.3	-18.6
Oil & Gas Extraction	76	80	110	-5.0	-30.9
Construction	4,599	4,816	5,404	-4.5	-14.9
Manufacturing	961	696	1,120	38.1	-14.2
TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDING	6,980	7,443	8,374	-6.2	-16.6
Trade, Trans., Storage, & Util.	2,098	2,281	2,478	-8.0	-15.3
Wholesale Trade	275	331	333	-16.9	-17.4
Retail Trade	1,383	1,470	1,454	-5.9	-4.9
Trans., Storage, & Utilities	440	480	691	-8.3	-36.3
Information	258	182	355	41.8	-27.3
Financial Activities	270	304	419	-11.2	-35.6
Professional & Business Serv.	1,488	1,634	1,668	-8.9	-10.8
Educational & Health Serv.	657	618	774	6.3	-15.1
Leisure & Hospitality	1,877	2,043	2,328	-8.1	-19.4
Other Services	332	381	352	-12.9	-5.7
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	1,848	2,118	2,164	-12.7	-14.6
Federal Government	937	1,129	1,141	-17.0	-17.9
State Government	206	225	261	-8.4	-21.1
Local Government	705	764	762	-7.7	-7.5
Local Education	135	132	150	2.3	-10.0
UNCLASSIFIED	813	965	1,265	-15.8	-35.7

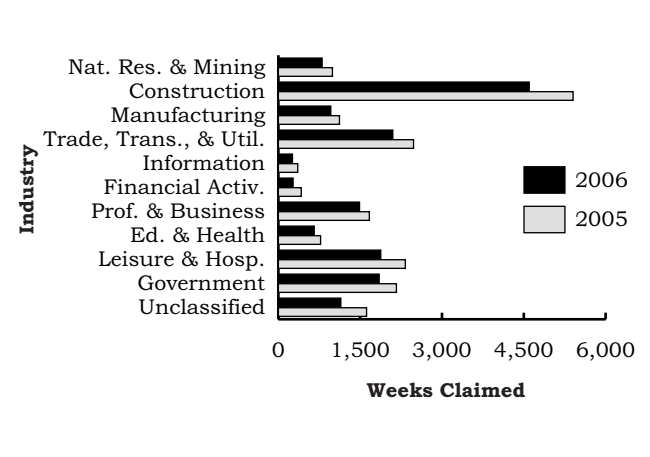
LARAMIE COUNTY

TOTAL WEEKS CLAIMED	2,709	2,786	2,779	-2.8	-2.5
TOTAL UNIQUE CLAIMANTS	718	837	740	-14.2	-3.0
TOTAL GOODS PRODUCING	1,164	1,120	1,131	3.9	2.9
Construction	1,028	992	1,007	3.6	2.1
TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDING	1,265	1,337	1,348	-5.4	-6.2
Trade, Trans., Storage, & Util.	549	550	462	-0.2	18.8
Financial Activities	58	71	79	-18.3	-26.6
Professional & Business Serv.	279	298	333	-6.4	-16.2
Educational & Health Services	135	146	94	-7.5	43.6
Leisure & Hospitality	141	174	136	-19.0	3.7
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	187	197	230	-5.1	-18.7
UNCLASSIFIED	93	132	70	-29.5	32.9

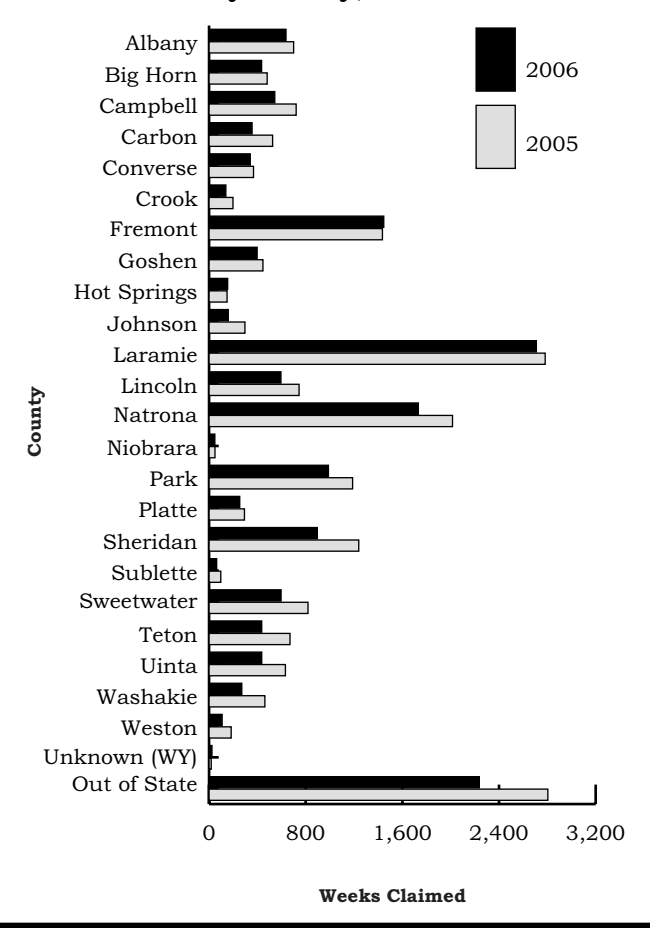
NATRONA COUNTY

TOTAL WEEKS CLAIMED	1,730	1,877	2,019	-7.8	-14.3
TOTAL UNIQUE CLAIMANTS	506	581	551	-12.9	-8.2
TOTAL GOODS PRODUCING	779	761	769	2.4	1.3
Construction	613	590	589	3.9	4.1
TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDING	849	978	1,093	-13.2	-22.3
Trade, Trans., Storage, & Util.	274	352	376	-22.2	-27.1
Financial Activities	61	65	87	-6.2	-29.9
Professional & Business Serv.	228	262	235	-13.0	-3.0
Educational & Health Services	86	60	150	43.3	-42.7
Leisure & Hospitality	111	133	152	-16.5	-27.0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	76	101	99	-24.8	-23.2
UNCLASSIFIED	26	37	58	-29.7	-55.2

Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by Industry, March 2006



Continued Unemployment Insurance Claims by County, March 2006



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