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Hospitality Management and the Culinary Arts: Two Career Paths for Wyoming Youth

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Over the short term, most high school students and graduates do not immediately step into high paying occupations, regardless of industry. Firms in hospitality industries offer potential long-term career paths. The Wyoming Hospitality Alliance Mentoring program, sponsored by the Wyoming Lodging & Restaurant Association, gives high school students a head start in these industries.

The Wyoming Department of Employment, Research & Planning (R&P) Section recently completed its first study of the employment outcomes of Wyoming high school students. The study focused on 173 high school students who participated in the Wyoming Hospitality Alliance Mentoring (WHAM) program during the 2002-2003 school year.

In conjunction with the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation (NRAEF), the Wyoming Lodging & Restaurant Association (WLRA)

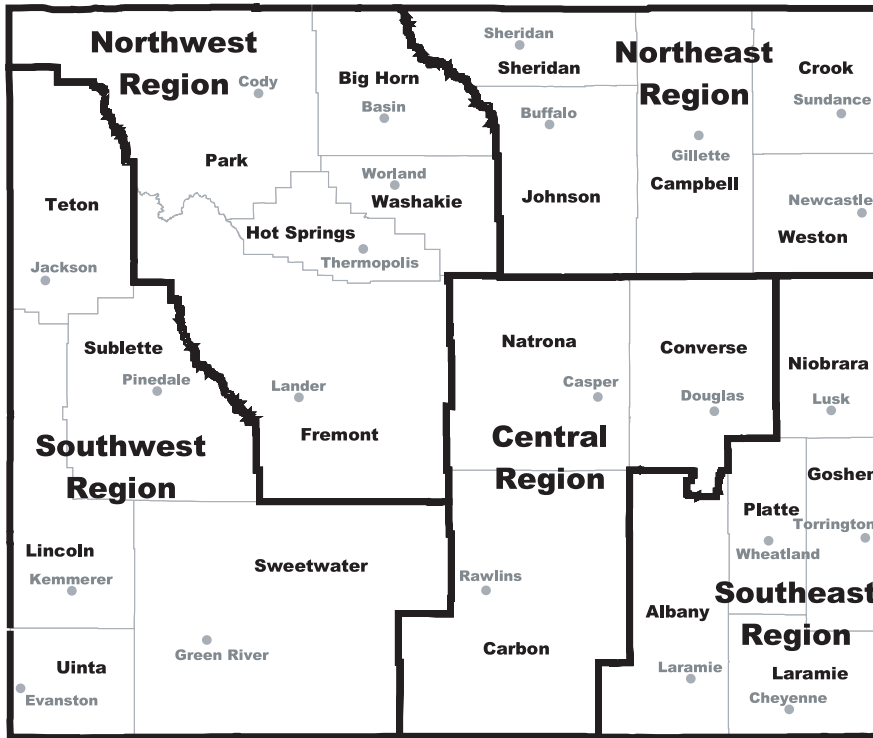
established the WHAM program. The WHAM program features high school-based training in the fields of culinary arts (the ProBaking program) and hospitality management (the ProStart program). From the employer's perspective, the program yields workers likely to seek employment in hospitality-related industries. For WHAM participants, the program appears to have a positive impact on earnings compared to a similar group of individuals who did not participate in the program.

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HIGHLIGHTS

- **Job growth during first quarter 2005 was seen across several industries. The largest gains occurred in Mining, Construction, and Local Government....page 5**
- **Wyoming's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate changed slightly from 4.0% in August to 4.1% in September....page 12**
- **Continued claims fell by more than 25% compared to last year....page 19**

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Table: Wyoming Staffing Pattern for Food Services & Drinking Places (NAICS^a 722), 2003

Standard Occupational Classification Code and Title	Employment			2003 Wages	
	n	%	February 2005 ^b	Hourly	Annual
35-3021 - Combined Food Prep. & Serving, Incl. Fast Food	4,134	23.4%	4,018	\$6.28	\$13,070
35-3031 - Waiters & Waitresses	3,625	15.9%	2,735	\$7.07	\$14,710
35-2011 - Cooks, Fast Food	1,531	9.6%	1,656	\$6.16	\$12,800
<i>35-1012 - First-Line Sup./Mgrs. of Food Prep. & Serving Wkrs.</i>	<i>1,167</i>	<i>8.5%</i>	<i>1,466</i>	<i>\$10.06</i>	<i>\$20,930</i>
35-3011 - Bartenders	1,131	7.9%	1,351	\$7.22	\$15,020
35-2014 - Cooks, Restaurant	1,092	6.4%	1,106	\$7.97	\$16,570
35-9021 - Dishwashers	900	4.8%	834	\$6.87	\$14,290
53-3031 - Driver/Sales Workers	565	3.4%	586	\$6.15	\$12,800
35-9031 - Hosts & Hostesses, Restaurant, & Coffee Shop	463	2.8%	473	\$7.04	\$14,650
<i>35-1011 - Chefs & Head Cooks</i>	<i>327</i>	<i>2.3%</i>	<i>400</i>	<i>\$11.52</i>	<i>\$23,960</i>
35-9011 - Dining Room Attendants & Bartender Helpers	304	2.2%	378	\$6.36	\$13,230
35-2021 - Food Preparation Workers	294	2.1%	356	\$7.06	\$14,680
<i>11-9051 - Food Service Managers</i>	<i>275</i>	<i>1.9%</i>	<i>323</i>	<i>\$17.54</i>	<i>\$36,470</i>
35-3022 - Counter Attendants, Cafeteria & Coffee Shop	253	1.7%	292	\$6.24	\$12,980
35-2015 - Cooks, Short Order	0	1.4%	243	\$8.17	\$16,990
41-2011 - Cashiers	205	1.1%	197	\$7.55	\$15,690
51-3011 - Bakers	0	0.8%	141	\$11.14	\$23,160
37-2011 - Janitors & Cleaners, Exc. Maids & Housekeepers	113	0.6%	108	\$7.14	\$14,860
<i>11-1021 - General & Operations Managers</i>	<i>75</i>	<i>0.5%</i>	<i>80</i>	<i>\$27.10</i>	<i>\$56,360</i>
43-3031 - Bookkeeping, Accounting, & Auditing Clerks	61	0.4%	67	\$7.94	\$16,510
35-3041 - Food Servers, Nonrestaurant	0	0.3%	57	\$7.01	\$14,570
43-9061 - Office Clerks, General	0	0.3%	51	\$9.73	\$20,230
35-2012 - Cooks, Institution & Cafeteria	0	0.3%	43	\$8.35	\$17,380
41-2031 - Retail Salespersons	0	0.2%	36	\$6.92	\$14,400
37-2012 - Maids & Housekeeping Cleaners	0	0.2%	29	\$6.38	\$13,280
43-4081 - Hotel, Motel, & Resort Desk Clerks	0	0.1%	26	\$7.75	\$16,120
43-3051 - Payroll & Timekeeping Clerks	0	0.1%	22	\$18.21	\$37,870
43-5081 - Stock Clerks & Order Fillers	0	0.1%	19	\$9.65	\$20,070
39-3031 - Ushers, Lobby Attendants, & Ticket Takers	0	0.1%	15	\$7.88	\$16,390
29-1031 - Dietitians & Nutritionists	0	0.1%	14	\$20.77	\$43,210
43-6011 - Executive Secretaries & Admin. Assistants	0	0.1%	12	\$14.00	\$29,120
51-3091 - Food & Tobacco Roasters, Bakers, & Dryers	0	0.1%	10	NA	NA
35-9099 - Food Prep. & Serving Related Workers, All Other	0	0.1%	9	\$8.02	\$16,690
43-4181 - Reservationists, Ticket Agents & Travel Clerks	0	0.0%	8	\$9.62	\$20,010
<i>11-9199 - Managers, All Other</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>\$26.12</i>	<i>\$54,340</i>
49-9042 - Maintenance & Repair Workers, General	0	0.0%	6	\$14.85	\$30,880
37-9099 - Bldg. & Grounds Maintenance Wkrs., All Other	0	0.0%	6	\$9.61	\$19,980
<i>11-2022 - Sales Managers</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>\$36.89</i>	<i>\$76,730</i>
13-2011 - Accountants & Auditors	0	0.0%	5	\$21.45	\$44,610
<i>43-1011 - First-Line Sup./Mgrs. of Office & Admin. Supp. Wkrs.</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>\$16.68</i>	<i>\$34,680</i>
37-3011 - Landscaping & Groundskeeping Workers	0	0.0%	3	\$10.03	\$20,870
<i>11-3031 - Financial Managers</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>\$29.11</i>	<i>\$60,550</i>
43-4161 - HR Assistants, Except Payroll & Timekeeping	0	0.0%	2	\$13.39	\$27,850
43-6014 - Secretaries, Except Legal, Medical, & Executive	0	0.0%	1	\$10.34	\$21,510
<i>51-1011 - First-Line Sup./Mgrs. of Production & Oper. Workers</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>\$24.05</i>	<i>\$50,030</i>
Total Estimated Employment	16,515	100.0%	17,200	NA	NA

^aNorth American Industry Classification System.

^bBased on February 2005 Current Employment Statistics employment for Wyoming in the industry.

Note: Items in italics indicate managerial positions.

NA - Not available.

Furthermore, WHAM training may shorten the time it takes for high school students to step into higher paying jobs in the hospitality industry. The Table on page 3 shows potential long-term career opportunities for WHAM participants in the Food Services & Drinking Places industry (North American Industry Classification System [NAICS] code 722). The Table was developed using R&P's Customized Staffing Patterns program located at <http://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/staffingpatterns2003/staffingpatterns2003.htm>.

Users can enter the number of employees (hypothetical or known) for a three-digit NAICS code (other levels of aggregation are currently unavailable). The program then calculates the estimated number of employees per occupation by Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) for the occupational staffing pattern within the industry.

The staffing pattern is derived from the 2003 Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) survey. Using the Current Employment Statistics (CES) estimated employment in Food Services & Drinking Places for February 2005, we generated the approximate distribution of occupations in Wyoming within this industry.

The Table is the occupational distribution for Food Services & Drinking Places (NAICS 722) based on CES employment of 17,200 (Bullard, 2005). Occupations in italics are potential long-term supervisory or managerial destinations for WHAM participants. Three occupations stand out as strong options because of their industry predominance (12.7% of the industry's

employment or 2,189 jobs):

- First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Food Preparation & Serving Workers, SOC 35-1012
- Chefs & Head Cooks, SOC 35-1011
- Food Service Managers, SOC 11-9051

Wages of supervisory/management positions range from \$10.06 per hour for First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Food Preparation & Serving Related Workers (SOC 35-1012) to \$36.89 per hour for Sales Managers (SOC 11-2022). The Table thus depicts a potential career path from entry level to management.

For the complete study results, see *Cooking Up a Career: Examining the Outcomes of a High School Training Program in the Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management* at <http://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/WHAMReport.pdf>.

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Covered Employment and Wages for First Quarter 2005: Mining Sector Continues to Drive Growth

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Unemployment Insurance (UI) covered employment increased by 6,337 jobs or 2.7% during first quarter 2005 compared to first quarter 2004. First quarter's employment increase is higher than the 5-year average growth rate of 2.0% (see Table 1). Total payroll increased by \$118.8 million or 6.6%, also higher than its five-year average (5.8%). The average weekly wage increased by \$22 or 3.8%, matching its five-year average (3.8%).

Table 2 (see page 6) shows that employment growth has accelerated from 2.0% in third quarter 2004 to 2.7% in first quarter 2005. Growth in total wages increased slightly from 6.5% in fourth

quarter 2004 to 6.6% in first quarter 2005 (see Figure, page 6).

Statewide Employment and Wages by Industry

The purpose of this article is to show employment and payroll changes between first quarter 2004 and first quarter 2005. These economic changes help us gauge the strength of Wyoming's economy and identify the fastest and slowest growing industries and geographic areas.

Job growth was seen across several industries. The largest job gains occurred in Mining, Construction, Local Government, Accommodation & Food

Table 1: Percentage Change in Wyoming Covered Employment and Wages for First Quarter 2001 to First Quarter 2005 (2001Q1 to 2005Q1)

	Average Monthly Employment Percent Change		Total Wages Percent Change		Average Weekly Wage Percent Change	
	Over the Previous Year	Over the Previous Quarter	Over the Previous Year	Over the Previous Quarter	Over the Previous Year	Over the Previous Quarter
2001Q1	2.6	-2.1	6.2	-9.0	3.5	-7.1
2002Q1	1.6	-3.3	6.5	-8.9	4.9	-5.8
2003Q1	0.2	-3.5	2.7	-8.7	2.5	-5.3
2004Q1	3.0	-2.3	7.2	-7.5	4.1	-5.3
2005Q1	2.7	-2.1	6.6	-7.5	3.8	-5.5
5-Year Average for Q1	2.0	-2.7	5.8	-8.3	3.8	-5.8

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

Table 2: Over-the-Year Percentage Change in Wyoming Covered Employment and Wages for First Quarter 2002 (2002Q1) to First Quarter 2005 (2005Q1)

	Average Monthly Employment	Total Wages
2002Q1	1.6	6.5
2002Q2	0.7	4.7
2002Q3	0.5	3.5
2002Q4	0.4	2.4
2003Q1	0.1	2.6
2003Q2	0.5	3.3
2003Q3	1.2	4.7
2003Q4	1.7	5.9
2004Q1	3.0	7.2
2004Q2	2.9	7.1
2004Q3	2.0	7.1
2004Q4	2.4	6.5
2005Q1	2.7	6.6

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

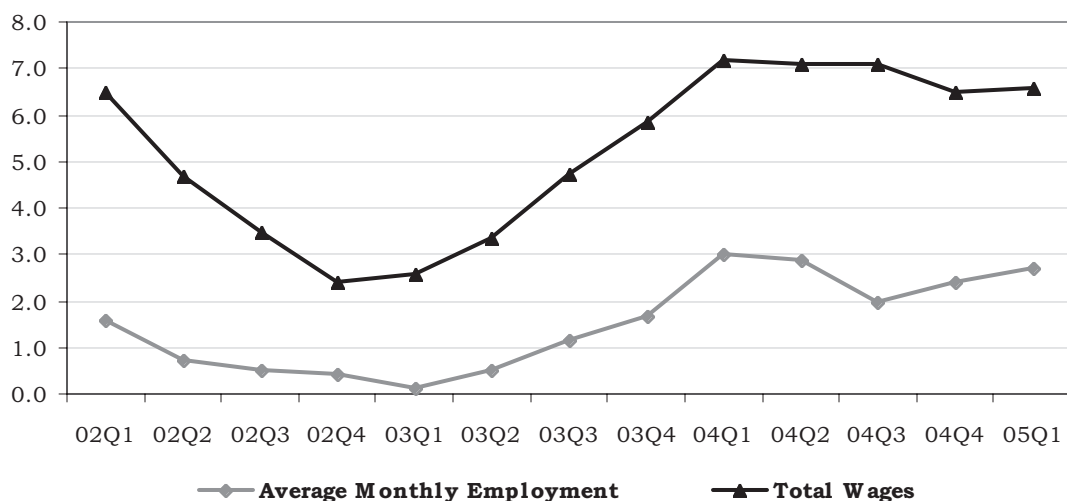
Services, and Health Care & Social Assistance (see Table 3, page 7).

Mining (including oil & gas) added 2,144 jobs or 11.2%. Employment increased in almost every area of the Mining industry. Job gains occurred in oil & gas extraction, coal mining, nonmetallic mineral mining & quarrying, and support activities for mining. Wyoming's Mining sector is clearly benefiting from higher energy prices.

Construction employment grew by 751 jobs or 4.5% in first quarter. Construction of buildings added over 100 jobs, while heavy & civil engineering construction employment fell slightly. The specialty trade contractors subindustry was the fastest growing part of Construction, adding almost 700 jobs.

Local Government employment increased by 702 jobs or 1.8% during

Figure: Over-the-Year Percentage Change in Wyoming Covered Employment and Wages For First Quarter 2002 to First Quarter 2005



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

Table 3: Wyoming Average Monthly Employment, Total Payroll, and Average Weekly Wage for First Quarter by Industry, 2004 and 2005

Industry Title and NAICS ^a Sector	Average Monthly Employment				Total Payroll				Average Weekly Wage			
	First Quarter		Change		First Quarter		Change		First Quarter		Change	
	2004	2005	n	%	2004	2005	\$	%	2004	2005	\$	%
Total, All Industries	237,469	243,807	6,337	2.7	\$1,800,808,083	\$1,919,574,230	\$118,766,147	6.6	\$583	\$606	\$22	3.8
Total Private (11-99)	177,087	182,704	5,617	3.2	1,323,458,127	1,422,077,872	98,619,745	7.5	575	599	24	4.1
Agriculture (11)	2,070	1,954	-116	-5.6	11,807,259	11,475,483	-331,776	-2.8	439	452	13	3.0
Mining (21)	19,086	21,230	2,144	11.2	282,594,880	323,938,510	41,343,630	14.6	1,139	1,174	35	3.1
Utilities (22)	2,161	2,231	71	3.3	31,194,984	32,604,525	1,409,541	4.5	1,111	1,124	13	1.2
Construction (23)	16,772	17,523	751	4.5	132,731,545	138,389,250	5,657,705	4.3	609	608	-1	-0.2
Manufacturing (31-33)	9,110	9,445	335 ^b	3.7	87,394,240	93,989,081	6,594,841	7.5	738	765	28	3.7
Wholesale Trade (42)	7,170	7,407	237	3.3	70,750,173	77,002,338	6,252,165	8.8	759	800	41	5.4
Retail Trade (44-45)	28,743	28,934	191	0.7	144,038,607	148,104,936	4,066,329	2.8	385	394	8	2.1
Transportation & Warehousing (48-49)	7,062	7,372	310	4.4	55,807,767	61,039,407	5,231,640	9.4	608	637	29	4.8
Information (51)	4,268	4,275	7	0.2	32,517,449	30,852,177	-1,665,272	-5.1	586	555	-31	-5.3
Finance & Insurance (52)	6,835	6,739	-96	-1.4	66,850,874	68,346,698	1,495,824	2.2	752	780	28	3.7
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing (53)	3,432	3,722	290	8.4	21,707,711	25,985,210	4,277,499	19.7	486	537	51	10.4
Professional & Technical Services (54)	7,541	8,082	541	7.2	63,350,622	73,403,523	10,052,901	15.9	646	699	52	8.1
Mgmt. of Companies & Enterprises (55)	706	772	66	9.4	19,259,785	16,687,705	-2,572,080	-13.4	2,098	1,662	-436	-20.8
Administrative & Waste Services (56)	6,078	5,919	-159 ^c	-2.6	33,398,659	31,203,444	-2,195,215	-6.6	423	406	-17	-4.1
Educational Services (61)	1,238	1,248	10	0.8	6,297,926	6,908,110	610,184	9.7	391	426	35	8.8
Health Care & Social Assistance (62)	19,123	19,681	558	2.9	134,084,005	143,573,145	9,489,140	7.1	539	561	22	4.0
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation (71)	2,240	2,139	-101	-4.5	8,852,378	8,514,893	-337,485	-3.8	304	306	2	0.7
Accommodation & Food Services (72)	26,141	26,734	592	2.3	82,461,761	89,943,710	7,481,949	9.1	243	259	16	6.7
Other Services (81)	7,311	7,297	-14	-0.2	38,357,502	40,108,683	1,751,181	4.6	404	423	19	4.8
Total Government	60,383	61,103	720	1.2	\$477,349,956	\$497,496,358	\$20,146,402	4.2	\$608	\$626	\$18	3.0
Federal Government	7,126	7,066	-60	-0.8	86,675,439	87,665,482	990,043	1.1	936	954	19	2.0
State Government	14,108	14,186	78	0.6	117,659,161	119,761,828	2,102,667	1.8	642	649	8	1.2
Local Government	39,149	39,851	702	1.8	273,015,356	290,069,048	17,053,692	6.2	536	560	23	4.4

^aNorth American Industry Classification System.

^bIncrease partially due to noneconomic code changes of employers from mining (21) and construction (23) to manufacturing (31-33)

^cLarge employer downsized, laid off employees.

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

first quarter. Within Local Government, job gains were seen in Educational Services (including public school districts), Health Care & Social Assistance (including public hospitals), and Public Administration (including cities, towns, & counties).

Accommodation & Food Services added 592 jobs or 2.3%. Employment increased at roughly the same pace in accommodation and food services & drinking places.

Employment grew by 558 jobs or 2.9% in Health Care & Social Assistance. Growth was strongest in ambulatory health care services and social assistance. Private hospitals and nursing and residential care facilities added fewer jobs.

Professional & Technical Services added 541 jobs or 7.2% in first quarter. Growth occurred in each area of this industry, but the largest gains were found in architectural, engineering, & related services; computer systems design & related services; and management, scientific, & technical consulting services.

Employment and Wages by County

As shown in Table 4 (see page 8), employment increased in 18 of Wyoming's 23 counties during first quarter.

Broad-based economic growth caused Sweetwater County to add 1,339 jobs or 6.9% in first quarter. Employment growth was seen in Mining, Utilities, Construction, Wholesale Trade,

Table 4: Wyoming Average Monthly Employment, Total Payroll, and Average Weekly Wage for First Quarter by County, 2004 and 2005

County	Average Monthly Employment				Total Payroll				Average Weekly Wage			
	First Quarter 2004	2005	Change n	%	First Quarter 2004	2005	Change \$	%	First Quarter 2004	2005	Change \$	%
Total	237,469	243,807	6,337	2.7	\$1,800,808,083	\$1,919,574,230	\$118,766,147	6.6	\$583	\$606	\$22	3.8
Albany	16,557	16,740	183	1.1	103,439,837	104,245,716	805,879	0.8	481	479	-2	-0.3
Big Horn	4,235	4,162	-73	-1.7	29,592,851	30,235,885	643,034	2.2	538	559	21	4.0
Campbell	20,638	21,879	1,241	6.0	203,835,130	224,799,097	20,963,967	10.3	760	790	31	4.0
Carbon	5,917	6,172	255	4.3	39,722,182	42,234,130	2,511,948	6.3	516	526	10	1.9
Converse	4,358	4,480	122	2.8	32,422,199	32,981,239	559,040	1.7	572	566	-6	-1.1
Crook	1,844	1,942	98	5.3	11,763,032	13,111,592	1,348,560	11.5	491	519	29	5.8
Fremont	14,140	14,453	314	2.2	89,181,883	97,097,397	7,915,514	8.9	485	517	32	6.5
Goshen	3,850	3,859	9	0.2	21,008,329	21,890,918	882,589	4.2	420	436	17	4.0
Hot Springs	1,804	1,795	-9	-0.5	9,476,683	10,063,078	586,395	6.2	404	431	27	6.7
Johnson	2,791	2,933	143	5.1	16,105,557	18,181,709	2,076,152	12.9	444	477	33	7.4
Laramie	38,806	39,260	454	1.2	296,116,447	306,505,559	10,389,112	3.5	587	601	14	2.3
Lincoln	5,742	5,518	-224	-3.9	44,532,665	43,954,481	-578,184	-1.3	597	613	16	2.7
Natrona	33,722	35,345	1,623	4.8	256,833,525	286,895,454	30,061,929	11.7	586	624	39	6.6
Niobrara	745	736	-8	-1.1	3,906,714	4,020,779	114,065	2.9	404	420	16	4.1
Park	11,329	11,551	222	2.0	73,183,310	76,512,292	3,328,982	4.5	497	510	13	2.5
Platte	3,185	3,230	45	1.4	21,346,893	21,673,550	326,657	1.5	516	516	1	0.1
Sheridan	11,376	11,641	265	2.3	77,350,804	81,682,025	4,331,221	5.6	523	540	17	3.2
Sublette	2,827	3,110	283	10.0	22,436,990	26,636,279	4,199,289	18.7	611	659	48	7.9
Sweetwater	19,487	20,825	1,339	6.9	182,940,873	205,487,466	22,546,593	12.3	722	759	37	5.1
Teton	15,371	15,784	413	2.7	119,654,985	126,063,090	6,408,105	5.4	599	614	16	2.6
Uinta	8,396	8,252	-144	-1.7	63,680,972	63,427,518	-253,454	-0.4	583	591	8	1.3
Washakie	3,556	3,655	100	2.8	23,761,098	25,662,879	1,901,781	8.0	514	540	26	5.1
Weston	2,096	2,156	60	2.8	12,800,233	13,626,114	825,881	6.5	470	486	16	3.5
Nonclassified*	4,699	4,327	-372	-7.9	\$45,714,891	\$42,585,983	-\$3,128,908	-6.8	\$748	\$757	\$9	1.2

*The employer may be located statewide or in more than one county.

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Transportation & Warehousing, Accommodation & Food Services, and Local Government. Employment fell slightly in Manufacturing and Finance & Insurance.

Campbell County grew much faster than the statewide average, gaining 1,241 jobs or 6.0%. Mining (including oil & gas) led the job growth in the county. Other notable increases occurred in Construction, Transportation & Warehousing, Administrative & Waste Services, and Local Government.

The overall level of growth in Teton County matched the statewide average (2.7%). Jobs were added in Construction, Real Estate & Rental & Leasing, Health Care & Social Assistance, Arts, Entertainment & Recreation, and Accommodation & Food Services. Modest

job losses occurred in Transportation & Warehousing and Information.

Fremont County employment grew by 314 jobs or 2.2% in first quarter 2005. Jobs were added in many industries, including Mining, Construction, Manufacturing, Information, Real Estate & Rental & Leasing, and Accommodation & Food Services.

Lincoln County lost 224 jobs or -3.9% during first quarter. Job losses in Construction were partially offset by gains in many other industries, including Mining, Manufacturing, Retail Trade, Transportation & Warehousing, and Local Government.

Employment in Uinta County decreased by 144 jobs or -1.7%. Modest job losses in Construction, Retail Trade,

and Health Care & Social Assistance were partially offset by employment increases in Mining, Manufacturing, and Wholesale Trade.

Employment fell by 73 jobs or -1.7% in Big Horn County. Job losses occurred in several industries including Agriculture; Manufacturing; Wholesale Trade; Retail Trade; Transportation & Warehousing; and Accommodation & Food Services. Employment showed moderate growth in Mining; Real Estate & Rental & Leasing; and Administrative & Waste Services.

Table 5 shows that Natrona County's total payroll increased by \$30 million or 11.7%. This is much faster than the five-year average growth of 7.7%. The county

added 1,623 jobs or 4.8% in first quarter. Mining (including oil & gas) employment increased by 591 jobs or 21.9%. Health Care & Social Assistance grew by 272 jobs or 6.3%. Employment fell in Administrative & Waste Services because of layoffs by telemarketing firms.

Laramie County grew by 454 jobs or 1.2% (see Table 6, page 10). Local Government (including public schools and hospitals) added the largest number of jobs (304 jobs or 5.3%). Other notable increases occurred in Construction (183 jobs or 7.9%), Health Care & Social Assistance (154 jobs or 5.1%), and Transportation & Warehousing (143 jobs or 9.7%). Administrative & Waste Services lost 453 jobs or 25.7% because a

Table 5: Natrona County Average Monthly Employment, Total Payroll, and Average Weekly Wage for First Quarter by Industry, 2004 and 2005

Industry Title and NAICS ^a Sector	Average Monthly Employment				Total Payroll				Average Weekly Wage			
	First Quarter		Change		First Quarter		Change		First Quarter		Change	
	2004	2005	n	%	2004	2005	\$	%	2004	2005	\$	%
Total, All Industries	33,722	35,345	1,623	4.8	\$256,833,525	\$286,895,454	\$30,061,929	11.7	\$586	\$624	\$39	6.6
Total Private (11-99)	28,397	30,010	1,613	5.7	\$211,078,192	\$239,717,957	\$28,639,765	13.6	\$572	\$614	\$43	7.5
Agriculture (11)	97	104	6	6.5	373,270	476,760	103,490	27.7	295	354	59	19.9
Mining (21)	2,706	3,297	591 ^b	21.9	33,103,981	44,362,829	11,258,848	34.0	941	1,035	94	10.0
Utilities (22)-ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Construction (23)	2,110	2,233	124	5.9	16,549,410	17,321,368	771,958	4.7	603	597	-7	-1.1
Manufacturing (31-33)	1,539	1,723	184	12.0	12,542,071	15,827,941	3,285,870	26.2	627	706	80	12.7
Wholesale Trade (42)	2,304	2,307	3	0.1	23,373,530	26,270,932	2,897,402	12.4	780	876	96	12.2
Retail Trade (44-45)	4,577	4,762	184	4.0	24,185,900	25,760,854	1,574,954	6.5	406	416	10	2.4
Transportation & Warehousing (48-49)	894	928	34	3.8	7,900,009	8,693,410	793,401	10.0	680	720	41	6.0
Information (51)	583	563	-20	-3.4	4,517,441	3,933,681	-583,760	-12.9	596	537	-59	-9.9
Finance & Insurance (52)	1,022	1,013	-10	-0.9	12,242,330	12,087,012	-155,318	-1.3	921	918	-3	-0.3
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing (53)	822	894	72	8.8	6,154,881	6,977,699	822,818	13.4	576	601	24	4.2
Professional & Technical Services (54)	1,214	1,272	59	4.8	10,503,133	11,633,975	1,130,842	10.8	666	703	38	5.7
Mgmt. of Companies & Enterprises (55)	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Administrative & Waste Services (56)	1,429	1,317	-112 ^c	-7.9	6,417,028	6,137,343	-279,685	-4.4	345	359	13	3.8
Educational Services (61)	134	129	-5	-3.7	408,163	323,945	-84,218	-20.6	234	193	-41	-17.6
Health Care & Social Assistance (62)	4,345	4,617	272 ^d	6.3	32,776,360	38,232,372	5,456,012	16.6	580	637	57	9.8
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation (71)	349	314	-34	-9.8	1,192,138	1,004,288	-187,850	-15.8	263	246	-17	-6.6
Accommodation & Food Services (72)	2,856	3,027	171	6.0	7,547,562	8,408,812	861,250	11.4	203	214	10	5.1
Other Services (81)	1,253	1,335	82	6.5	7,755,122	8,552,019	796,897	10.3	476	493	17	3.5
Total Government	5,325	5,334	10	0.2	\$45,755,333	\$47,177,497	\$1,422,164	3.1	\$661	\$680	\$19	2.9
--Federal Government	701	689	-12	-1.7	9,934,127	10,154,110	219,983	2.2	1,090	1,133	43	3.9
--State Government	692	671	-21	-3.1	6,352,450	6,483,814	131,364	2.1	706	744	38	5.3
--Local Government	3,932	3,974	43	1.1	29,468,756	30,539,573	1,070,817	3.6	577	591	15	2.5

^aNorth American Industry Classification System.

^bSeveral "new" employers. One large employer merged from statewide classification to Natrona County. Many slight employee increases. Many projects starting. Outmigration of 60 employees from 21 to other sectors and counties. Increase in percentage of higher paid employees.

^cLoss of telemarketing jobs.

^dSeveral "new" employers. Many slight increases in employees. Due to shortage in health personnel, more workers working overtime at premium pay.

ND - Not disclosable due to confidentiality of information.

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

Table 6: Laramie County Average Monthly Employment, Total Payroll, and Average Weekly Wage for First Quarter by Industry, 2004 and 2005

Industry Title and NAICS ^a Sector	Average Monthly Employment				Total Payroll				Average Weekly Wage			
	First Quarter		Change		First Quarter		Change		First Quarter		Change	
	2004	2005	n	%	2004	2005	\$	%	2004	2005	\$	%
Total, All Industries	38,806	39,260	454	1.2	\$296,116,447	\$306,505,559	\$10,389,112	3.5	\$587	\$601	\$14	2.3
Total Private (11-99)	26,637	26,807	170	0.6	\$180,891,882	\$186,049,580	\$5,157,698	2.9	\$522	\$534	\$11	2.2
Agriculture (11)	154	155	1	0.4	922,627	912,950	-9,677	-1.0	461	454	-7	-1.5
Mining (21)	73	70	-3	-4.1	748,207	775,622	27,415	3.7	788	852	64	8.1
Utilities (22)	111	121	10	8.7	1,754,599	1,704,172	-50,427	-2.9	1,216	1,086	-130	-10.7
Construction (23)	2,318	2,501	183	7.9	17,445,712	18,055,998	610,286	3.5	579	555	-24	-4.1
Manufacturing (31-33)	1,551	1,531	-19	-1.2	16,204,609	17,486,615	1,282,006	7.9	804	878	75	9.3
Wholesale Trade (42)	712	726	14	2.0	6,738,586	6,703,155	-35,431	-0.5	728	710	-18	-2.4
Retail Trade (44-45)	5,273	5,316	43	0.8	27,620,755	28,869,480	1,248,725	4.5	403	418	15	3.7
Transportation & Warehousing (48-49)	1,475	1,618	143	9.7	10,009,817	10,633,292	623,475	6.2	522	506	-16	-3.1
Information (51)	1,065	1,020	-44	-4.2	10,341,589	8,785,656	-1,555,933	-15.0	747	662	-85	-11.4
Finance & Insurance (52)	1,524	1,497	-27	-1.8	14,577,891	14,584,368	6,477	0.0	736	749	14	1.8
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing (53)	456	464	7	1.6	3,056,439	3,580,956	524,517	17.2	515	594	79	15.3
Professional & Technical Services (54)	1,405	1,511	106	7.5	12,771,837	14,400,671	1,628,834	12.8	699	733	34	4.8
Mgmt. of Companies & Enterprises (55)	146	187	41	28.0	1,942,416	2,645,595	703,179	36.2	1,021	1,086	65	6.4
Administrative & Waste Services (56)	1,761	1,308	-453 ^b	-25.7	10,011,789	6,111,340	-3,900,449	-39.0	437	359	-78	-17.8
Educational Services (61)	112	130	18	16.1	473,959	570,947	96,988	20.5	326	339	12	3.7
Health Care & Social Assistance (62)	3,010	3,164	154	5.1	23,477,974	24,896,699	1,418,725	6.0	600	605	5	0.9
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation (71)	245	242	-3	-1.4	711,438	699,174	-12,264	-1.7	223	222	-1	-0.4
Accommodation & Food Services (72)	4,002	3,962	-40	-1.0	15,373,255	17,831,237	2,457,982	16.0	295	346	51	17.1
Other Services (81)	1,244	1,284	40	3.2	6,708,383	6,801,653	93,270	1.4	415	407	-7	-1.8
Total Government	12,169	12,453	284	2.3	\$115,224,565	\$120,455,979	\$5,231,414	4.5	\$728	\$744	\$16	2.2
--Federal Government	2,605	2,578	-27	-1.0	33,138,031	32,189,984	-948,047	-2.9	979	961	-18	-1.8
--State Government	3,815	3,823	8	0.2	37,595,930	40,026,146	2,430,216	6.5	758	805	47	6.3
--Local Government	5,749	6,052	304	5.3	44,490,604	48,239,849	3,749,245	8.4	595	613	18	3.0

^aNorth American Industry Classification System.^bDecrease of employment and wages due to project finished and business closing in employment & business support services.

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

project was finished and a business closed.

In summary, Wyoming's economy grew at a faster than average pace during first quarter 2005. The Mining industry (including oil & gas) experienced the strongest growth, but some growth was

seen in almost every industry sector and in 18 of Wyoming's 23 counties. The fastest employment growth occurred in those counties where the Mining sector has a significant presence (Campbell, Johnson, Natrona, Sublette, and Sweetwater counties).



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Quality Improvement in the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) Program and its Implications for Comparability Over Time

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Each year, approximately one-third of employers covered by Unemployment Insurance (UI) in Wyoming are contacted by mail questionnaire to confirm that they have been assigned to the correct industry category (e.g., Mining, Construction, Manufacturing) based on the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS; U.S. Census Bureau, 2002). If it is found that an employer has changed primary business activity, a different NAICS code is assigned to reflect that change. This is known as a noneconomic code change. Research staff also review employers' NAICS codes if the business is sold, becomes incorporated, or otherwise changes ownership.

In this manner, Research & Planning continuously ensures that employers are assigned to the correct industry category. However, these noneconomic code changes also make it difficult for data users to make direct comparisons across years. Sometimes, large employers may move from one NAICS sector to another. For example, in Table 3 (see page 7), several employers were moved into Manufacturing from Mining and Construction explaining part of the employment increase in Manufacturing.

In a separate initiative to increase data quality, the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages unit has

contacted many employers with "nonclassified" geographic codes in order to place them within appropriate counties. This data quality effort has resulted in a significant decrease in employment in the "nonclassified" geographic designation, and corresponding employment increases in many counties throughout the state. While the long-run result will be higher-quality data, initially some of the employment increases at the county level may simply be the result of more accurate reporting, rather than actual increases in the number of jobs in those counties.

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Wyoming Job Growth Rises to 3.3% in September

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Wyoming's over-the-year job growth rate increased from 2.8% in August to 3.3% in September, its fastest pace in five years. Job gains were strongest in Natural Resources & Mining and Construction, but healthy growth was seen in almost every major industry sector. Wyoming's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate changed slightly from 4.0% in August to 4.1% in September and remained below the U.S. unemployment rate of 5.1%.

From August to September, employment fell by 1,000 jobs or 0.4%. This seasonal decline was slightly smaller than expected. Seasonal job losses occurred in Construction (-600 jobs or -2.7%), Retail Trade (-600 jobs or -1.9%), Professional & Business Services (-800 jobs or -4.8%), and Leisure & Hospitality (-3,100 jobs or -8.2%). Government employment rose (3,900 jobs or 6.4%) as public schools and colleges began a new school year.

From September 2004, Wyoming added 8,700 jobs or 3.3%. Natural Resources &

Mining (including oil & gas) grew by 2,100 jobs or 10.0%, and Construction grew by 1,700 jobs or 8.4%. Other notable increases were seen in Manufacturing (500 jobs or 5.3%), Retail Trade (700 jobs or 2.3%), Financial Activities (500 jobs or 4.8%), Educational & Health Services (700 jobs or 3.2%), and Government (1,000 jobs or 1.6%). Employment fell slightly in Information (-100 jobs or -2.3%) and was unchanged in Other Services.

Most county unemployment rates changed slightly from August to September, but remained at very low levels. Platte County posted the highest unemployment rate (4.7%) and it was followed by Goshen County (4.4%) and Fremont County (4.3%). Sublette County had the lowest unemployment rate in September (1.8%) followed by Teton (2.4%) and Campbell (2.7%) counties.

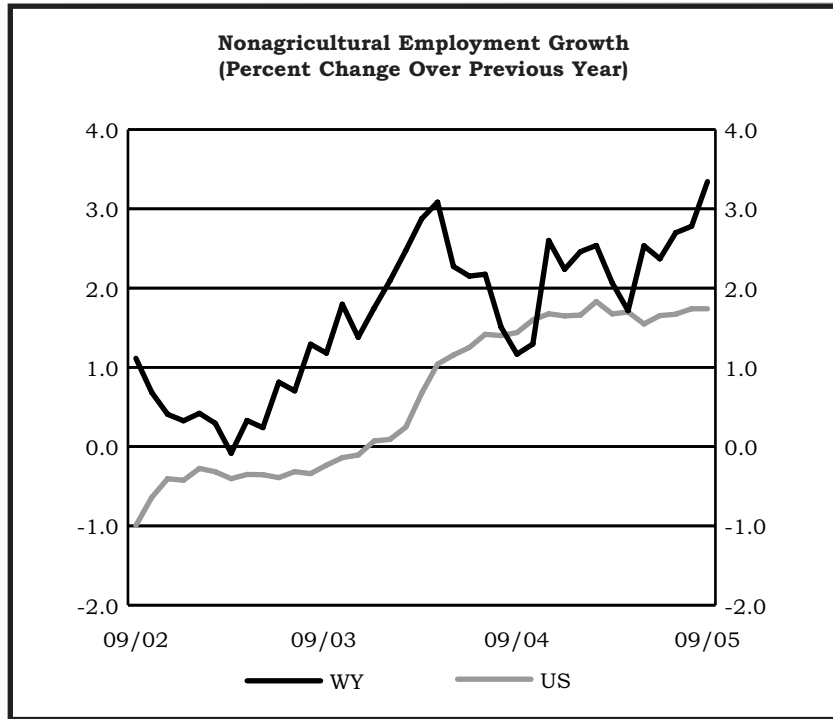


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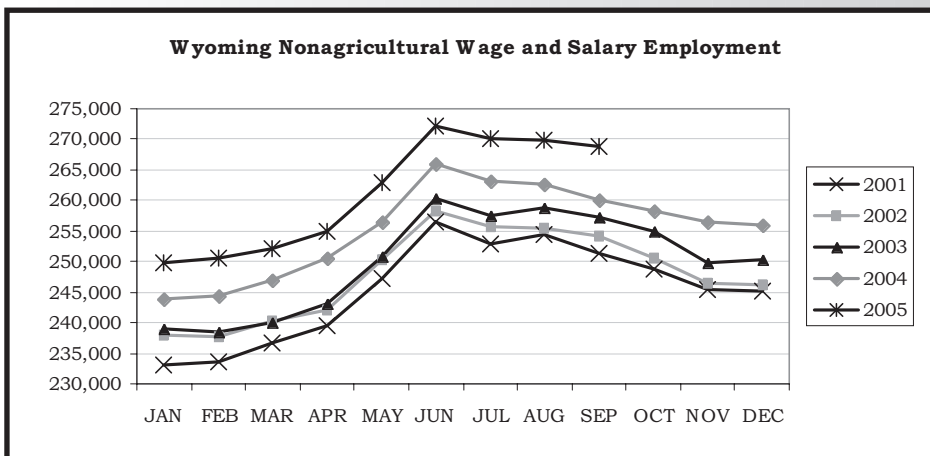
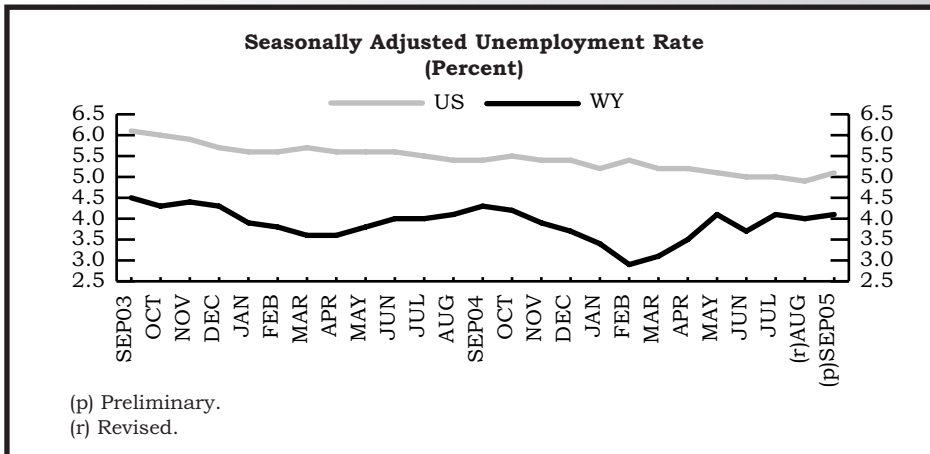
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You can also access the data on the BLS website at <http://www.bls.gov/oes/>.



State Unemployment Rates September 2005 (Seasonally Adjusted)

State	Unemp. Rate
Louisiana	11.5
Puerto Rico	10.7
Mississippi	9.6
Alaska	6.8
South Carolina	6.6
Michigan	6.4
District of Columbia	6.1
Oregon	6.1
Ohio	5.8
Arkansas	5.7
Illinois	5.7
Kentucky	5.7
Texas	5.7
Rhode Island	5.6
Washington	5.6
West Virginia	5.6
New Mexico	5.5
North Carolina	5.5
Georgia	5.3
Indiana	5.3
Maine	5.3
Connecticut	5.2
New York	5.2
California	5.1
Colorado	5.1
Tennessee	5.1
United States	5.1
Arizona	5.0
Kansas	5.0
Oklahoma	5.0
Missouri	4.8
Pennsylvania	4.8
Massachusetts	4.7
Utah	4.6
Wisconsin	4.6
Iowa	4.5
Montana	4.5
New Jersey	4.3
Nevada	4.2
Delaware	4.1
Maryland	4.1
Wyoming	4.1
Alabama	4.0
Nebraska	3.9
South Dakota	3.9
Minnesota	3.8
New Hampshire	3.8
Vermont	3.7
North Dakota	3.6
Florida	3.5
Idaho	3.5
Virginia	3.5
Hawaii	2.7



Wyoming Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

by: David Bullard, Senior Economist

Government employment rose from August to September as public schools and colleges began a new school year.

	Employment in Thousands					Percent Change Total Employment				
	Sep05(p)	Aug05(r)	Sep04(b)	Sep05	Sep05	Aug05	Sep04	Sep05	Sep05	
WYOMING STATEWIDE										
TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT	268.9	269.9	260.2	-0.4	3.3					
TOTAL PRIVATE	204.0	208.9	196.3	-2.3	3.9					
GOODS PRODUCING	54.9	55.1	50.6	-0.4	8.5					
Natural Resources & Mining	23.0	22.8	20.9	0.9	10.0					
Mining	22.9	22.7	20.8	0.9	10.1					
Oil & Gas Extraction	3.7	3.7	3.5	0.0	5.7					
Mining Except Oil & Gas	7.7	7.8	7.4	-1.3	4.1					
Coal Mining	5.0	5.1	4.8	-2.0	4.2					
Support Activities for Mining	11.5	11.2	9.9	2.7	16.2					
Support Act. for Oil & Gas	7.5	7.3	6.6	2.7	13.6					
Construction	21.9	22.5	20.2	-2.7	8.4					
Construction of Buildings	4.7	4.8	4.1	-2.1	14.6					
Heavy & Engineering Constr.	6.5	6.6	5.6	-1.5	16.1					
Specialty Trade Contractors	10.7	11.1	10.5	-3.6	1.9					
Manufacturing	10.0	9.8	9.5	2.0	5.3					
Durable Goods	5.3	5.3	5.0	0.0	6.0					
Non-Durable Goods	4.7	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.4					
SERVICE PROVIDING	214.0	214.8	209.6	-0.4	2.1					
Trade, Trans., Warehouse, & Util.	51.2	52.0	49.7	-1.5	3.0					
Wholesale Trade	7.8	7.8	7.4	0.0	5.4					
Merchant Whslrs., Durable	4.7	4.8	4.5	-2.1	4.4					
Retail Trade	31.0	31.6	30.3	-1.9	2.3					
Motor Vehicle & Parts Dealers	4.3	4.4	4.3	-2.3	0.0					
Bldg. Material & Garden Sup.	2.6	2.6	2.5	0.0	4.0					
Food & Beverage Stores	4.7	4.9	4.8	-4.1	-2.1					
Grocery Stores	3.9	4.0	3.9	-2.5	0.0					
Gasoline Stations	4.2	4.4	4.3	-4.5	-2.3					
General Merchandise Stores	6.2	6.4	5.9	-3.1	5.1					
Miscellaneous Store Retailers	1.9	2.0	1.9	-5.0	0.0					
Transport., Warehouse, & Util.	12.4	12.6	12.0	-1.6	3.3					
Utilities	2.3	2.3	2.2	0.0	4.5					
Transportation & Warehousing	10.1	10.3	9.8	-1.9	3.1					
Truck Transportation	3.6	3.8	3.5	-5.3	2.9					
Information	4.3	4.4	4.4	-2.3	-2.3					
Financial Activities	11.0	10.9	10.5	0.9	4.8					
Finance & Insurance	6.9	6.9	6.8	0.0	1.5					
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	4.1	4.0	3.7	2.5	10.8					
Professional & Business Services	15.9	16.7	15.5	-4.8	2.6					
Prof., Scientific & Tech. Services	8.1	8.3	7.7	-2.4	5.2					
Architect., Engineering & Rel.	2.3	2.4	2.2	-4.2	4.5					
Mgmt. of Companies & Enterpr.	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0					
Admin., Support & Waste Svcs.	7.0	7.6	7.0	-7.9	0.0					
Educational & Health Services	22.4	22.2	21.7	0.9	3.2					
Educational	2.2	2.2	2.1	0.0	4.8					
Health Care & Social Assistance	20.2	20.0	19.6	1.0	3.1					
Ambulatory Health Care	7.7	7.5	7.4	2.7	4.1					
Offices of Physicians	3.1	3.0	3.0	3.3	3.3					
Hospitals	2.8	2.8	2.8	0.0	0.0					
Nursing & Res. Care Facilities	4.5	4.5	4.3	0.0	4.7					
Social Assistance	5.2	5.2	5.1	0.0	2.0					
Leisure & Hospitality	34.5	37.6	34.1	-8.2	1.2					
Arts, Entertainment, & Rec.	3.3	3.4	3.1	-2.9	6.5					
Accommodation & Food Services	31.2	34.2	31.0	-8.8	0.6					
Accommodation	12.0	14.2	11.9	-15.5	0.8					
Food Serv. & Drinking Places	19.2	20.0	19.1	-4.0	0.5					
Other Services	9.8	10.0	9.8	-2.0	0.0					
Repair & Maintenance	3.1	3.1	3.1	0.0	0.0					
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	64.9	61.0	63.9	6.4	1.6					
Federal Government	8.1	8.4	8.1	-3.6	0.0					
State Government	15.3	14.9	15.0	2.7	2.0					
State Govt. Education	6.2	5.4	5.8	14.8	6.9					
Local Government	41.5	37.7	40.8	10.1	1.7					
Local Govt. Education	20.7	16.4	20.4	26.2	1.5					
Hospitals	5.8	5.8	5.7	0.0	1.8					
LARAMIE COUNTY										
TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT	41.5	42.2	41.0	-1.7	1.2					
TOTAL PRIVATE	28.9	29.8	28.6	-3.0	1.0					
GOODS PRODUCING	4.6	4.8	4.4	-4.2	4.5					
Nat. Res., Mining, & Construction	3.0	3.2	2.8	-6.3	7.1					
Manufacturing	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.0	0.0					
SERVICE PROVIDING	36.9	37.4	36.6	-1.3	0.8					
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	8.6	8.9	8.6	-3.4	0.0					
Wholesale Trade	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0					
Retail Trade	5.4	5.6	5.4	-3.6	0.0					
Trans, Warehouse, & Utilities	2.5	2.6	2.5	-3.8	0.0					
Information	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0					
Financial Activities	2.0	2.0	2.0	0.0	0.0					
Professional & Business Services	3.2	3.3	3.2	-3.0	0.0					
Educational & Health Services	3.3	3.3	3.2	0.0	3.1					
Leisure & Hospitality	4.5	4.8	4.5	-6.3	0.0					
Other Services	1.7	1.7	1.7	0.0	0.0					
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	12.6	12.4	12.4	1.6	1.6					
Federal Government	2.6	2.6	2.6	0.0	0.0					
State Government	3.9	3.9	3.8	0.0	2.6					
Local Government	6.1	5.9	6.0	3.4	1.7					
Local Education	3.2	2.9	3.1	10.3	3.2					
NATRONA COUNTY										
TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT	38.0	38.0	36.6	0.0	3.8					
TOTAL PRIVATE	32.6	33.0	31.2	-1.2	4.5					
GOODS PRODUCING	8.0	8.2	7.4	-2.4	8.1					
Natural Resources & Mining	3.6	3.6	3.3	0.0	9.1					
Construction	2.6	2.8	2.5	-7.1	4.0					
Manufacturing	1.8	1.8	1.6	0.0	12.5					
SERVICE PROVIDING	30.0	29.8	29.2	0.7	2.7					
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	8.7	8.8	8.4	-1.1	3.6					
Wholesale Trade	2.4	2.5	2.4	-4.0	0.0					
Retail Trade	5.2	5.2	4.9	0.0	6.1					
Transport., Warehouse, & Util.	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0					
Information	0.5	0.6	0.6	-16.7	-16.7					
Financial Activities	2.0	1.9	1.9	5.3	5.3					
Professional & Business Services	3.0	3.1	2.9	-3.2	3.4					
Educational & Health Services	4.9	4.8	4.7	2.1	4.3					
Leisure & Hospitality	3.8	3.8	3.6	0.0	5.6					
Other Services	1.7	1.8	1.7	-5.6	0.0					
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	5.4	5.0	5.4	8.0	0.0					
Federal Government	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0					
State Government	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0					
Local Government	4.0	3.6	4.0	11.1	0.0					
Local Education	2.7	2.0	2.7	35.0	0.0					

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.

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Wyoming Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

(Continued)

	Employment in Thousands		Percent Change Total Employment		
	Sep05(p)	Aug05(r)	Aug05 Sep04		
			Sep04(b)	Sep05	Sep05
CAMPBELL COUNTY					
TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT	23.2	23.4	21.9	-0.9	5.9
TOTAL PRIVATE	19.3	19.7	18.2	-2.0	6.0
GOODS PRODUCING	9.6	9.8	9.0	-2.0	6.7
Natural Resources & Mining	6.7	6.8	6.4	-1.5	4.7
Construction	2.3	2.4	2.1	-4.2	9.5
Manufacturing	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.0	20.0
SERVICE PROVIDING	13.6	13.6	12.9	0.0	5.4
Trade, Transport., & Utilities	4.2	4.3	4.0	-2.3	5.0
Information	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0
Professional & Bus. Services	1.5	1.5	1.3	0.0	15.4
Educational & Health Serv.	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Leisure & Hospitality	1.7	1.8	1.6	-5.6	6.2
Other Services	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	3.9	3.7	3.7	5.4	5.4
SWEETWATER COUNTY					
TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT	22.9	22.9	21.6	0.0	6.0
TOTAL PRIVATE	18.7	19.1	17.4	-2.1	7.5
GOODS PRODUCING	8.0	8.1	7.1	-1.2	12.7
Natural Resources & Mining	5.0	5.0	4.3	0.0	16.3
Construction	1.9	1.9	1.7	0.0	11.8
Manufacturing	1.1	1.2	1.1	-8.3	0.0
SERVICE PROVIDING	14.9	14.8	14.5	0.7	2.8
Trade, Transport., & Utilities	4.7	4.7	4.4	0.0	6.8
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	1.0	1.1	1.0	-9.1	0.0
Educational & Health Serv.	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.0	0.0
Leisure & Hospitality	2.4	2.5	2.4	-4.0	0.0
Other Services	0.7	0.8	0.7	-12.5	0.0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	4.2	3.8	4.2	10.5	0.0
TETON COUNTY					
TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT	18.7	20.5	18.4	-8.8	1.6
TOTAL PRIVATE	16.4	18.2	16.2	-9.9	1.2
GOODS PRODUCING	2.4	2.5	2.4	-4.0	0.0
Nat. Res., Mining & Const.	2.2	2.3	2.2	-4.3	0.0
Manufacturing	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
SERVICE PROVIDING	16.3	18.0	16.0	-9.4	1.9
Trade, Transport., & Utilities	2.5	2.8	2.5	-10.7	0.0
Information	0.2	0.3	0.3	-33.3	-33.3
Financial Activities	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.0	0.0
Professional & Bus. Services	1.7	1.8	1.8	-5.6	-5.6
Educational & Health Serv.	0.9	1.0	0.8	-10.0	12.5
Leisure & Hospitality	7.3	8.4	7.0	-13.1	4.3
Other Services	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	2.3	2.3	2.2	0.0	4.5

State Unemployment Rates September 2005 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

State	Unemp. Rate
Louisiana	11.4
Puerto Rico	10.6
Mississippi	9.1
South Carolina	6.6
Alaska	6.0
Michigan	5.9
District of Columbia	5.7
Texas	5.7
Ohio	5.6
Oregon	5.5
Georgia	5.4
Illinois	5.4
New Mexico	5.4
Rhode Island	5.4
Kentucky	5.3
Arizona	5.2
Arkansas	5.2
New York	5.1
Washington	5.1
North Carolina	5.0
Colorado	4.9
Connecticut	4.9
Indiana	4.9
Kansas	4.9
Tennessee	4.9
California	4.8
United States	4.8
West Virginia	4.8
Maine	4.7
Massachusetts	4.7
Oklahoma	4.7
Missouri	4.6
Pennsylvania	4.4
Utah	4.4
Iowa	4.2
Delaware	4.1
Nevada	4.1
New Jersey	4.1
Wisconsin	4.0
Alabama	3.9
Maryland	3.9
Florida	3.7
Minnesota	3.6
Montana	3.6
Nebraska	3.6
New Hampshire	3.6
South Dakota	3.5
Virginia	3.5
Vermont	3.3
Wyoming	3.3
Hawaii	3.0
Idaho	2.9
North Dakota	2.8

Economic Indicators

by: *Margaret Hiatt, Administrative/Survey Support Specialist*

The consumer price index rose 4.7% from its September 2004 level.

	Sept	Aug	Sept	Percent Change	
	2005	2005	2004	Month	Year
	(p)	(r)	(b)		
Wyoming Total Civilian Labor Force	286,201	288,498	283,607	-0.8	0.9
Unemployed	9,577	9,388	9,978	2.0	-4.0
Employed	276,624	279,110	273,629	-0.9	1.1
Wyoming Unemp. Rate/Seasonally Adjusted	3.3%/4.1%	3.3%/4.0%	3.5%/4.3%	N/A	N/A
U.S. Unemployment Rate/Seasonally Adjusted	4.8%/5.1%	4.9%/4.9%	5.1%/5.4%	N/A	N/A
U.S. Multiple Jobholders	7,705,000	7,223,000	7,672,000	6.7	0.4
As a percent of all workers	5.4%	5.0%	5.5%	N/A	N/A
U.S. Discouraged Workers	362,000	384,000	412,000	-5.7	-12.1
U.S. Part-Time for Economic Reasons	4,230,000	4,402,000	4,073,000	-3.9	3.9
Hours & Earnings for Production Workers					
Wyoming Mining					
Average Weekly Earnings	\$1,045.48	\$1,083.35	\$1,043.40	-3.5	0.2
Average Weekly Hours	47.5	47.0	44.4	1.1	7.0
U.S. Mining Hours & Earnings					
Average Weekly Earnings	\$901.46	\$900.58	\$827.10	0.1	9.0
Average Weekly Hours	47.0	47.2	45.0	-0.4	4.4
Wyoming Manufacturing Hours & Earnings					
Average Weekly Earnings	\$699.78	\$719.30	\$710.49	-2.7	-1.5
Average Weekly Hours	42.8	40.8	40.3	4.9	6.2
U.S. Manufacturing Hours & Earnings					
Average Weekly Earnings	\$681.83	\$673.96	\$663.81	1.2	2.7
Average Weekly Hours	41.0	40.6	40.6	1.0	1.0
Wyoming Unemployment Insurance					
Weeks Compensated	5,909	7,787	8,209	-24.1	-28.0
Benefits Paid	\$1,433,282	\$1,845,829	\$1,942,818	-22.4	-26.2
Average Weekly Benefit Payment	\$242.56	\$237.04	\$236.67	2.3	2.5
State Insured Covered Jobs	244,929	244,447	240,679	0.2	1.8
Insured Unemployment Rate	0.8%	0.8%	1.0%	N/A	N/A
Consumer Price Index (U) for All U.S. Urban Consumers (1982 to 1984 = 100) - All Items					
Food & Beverages	198.8	196.4	189.9	1.2	4.7
Housing	191.8	191.3	187.2	0.3	2.5
Apparel	197.0	196.9	191.0	0.1	3.1
Transportation	120.5	115.8	121.2	4.1	-0.6
Medical Care	186.5	177.7	162.9	5.0	14.5
Recreation (Dec. 1997=100)	324.6	323.9	312.3	0.2	3.9
Education & Comm. (Dec. 1997=100)	109.7	109.3	108.6	0.4	1.0
Other Goods & Services	115.3	113.7	112.9	1.4	2.1
Other Goods & Services	315.0	314.4	306.3	0.2	2.8
Producer Prices (1982 to 1984 = 100) - All Commodities	161.9	157.3	147.7	2.9	9.6
Wyoming Building Permits (New Privately Owned Housing Units Authorized)					
Total Units	317	303	319	4.6	-0.6
Valuation	\$54,173,000	\$55,480,000	\$52,621,000	-2.4	2.9
Single Family Homes	269	266	264	1.1	1.9
Valuation	\$50,866,000	\$52,928,000	\$48,690,000	-3.9	4.5
Baker Hughes North American Rotary Rig Count for WY	85	80	85	6.3	0.0

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Wyoming County Unemployment Rates

by: David Bullard, Senior Economist

Most county unemployment rates changed slightly from August to September, but remained at very low levels.

REGION County	Labor Force			Employed			Unemployed			Unemployment Rate		
	Sep 2005 (p)	Aug 2005 (r)	Sep 2004 (b)	Sep 2005 (p)	Aug 2005 (r)	Sep 2004 (b)	Sep 2005 (p)	Aug 2005 (r)	Sep 2004 (b)	Sep 2005 (p)	Aug 2005 (r)	Sep 2004 (b)
NORTHWEST	45,781	46,535	46,259	44,017	44,776	44,478	1,764	1,759	1,781	3.9	3.8	3.9
Big Horn	5,336	5,344	5,453	5,117	5,123	5,216	219	221	237	4.1	4.1	4.3
Fremont	18,319	18,041	18,500	17,530	17,243	17,716	789	798	784	4.3	4.4	4.2
Hot Springs	2,369	2,421	2,393	2,281	2,336	2,314	88	85	79	3.7	3.5	3.3
Park	15,484	16,429	15,582	14,973	15,929	15,063	511	500	519	3.3	3.0	3.3
Washakie	4,273	4,300	4,331	4,116	4,145	4,169	157	155	162	3.7	3.6	3.7
NORTHEAST	49,376	49,705	48,369	47,895	48,297	46,880	1,481	1,408	1,489	3.0	2.8	3.1
Campbell	23,094	23,298	22,210	22,470	22,720	21,568	624	578	642	2.7	2.5	2.9
Crook	3,329	3,497	3,363	3,230	3,403	3,250	99	94	113	3.0	2.7	3.4
Johnson	3,957	4,070	3,925	3,834	3,957	3,821	123	113	104	3.1	2.8	2.6
Sheridan	15,702	15,626	15,606	15,187	15,122	15,092	515	504	514	3.3	3.2	3.3
Weston	3,294	3,214	3,265	3,174	3,095	3,149	120	119	116	3.6	3.7	3.6
SOUTHWEST	62,509	63,901	61,028	60,722	62,159	59,187	1,787	1,742	1,841	2.9	2.7	3.0
Lincoln	8,396	8,477	8,293	8,112	8,193	8,024	284	284	269	3.4	3.4	3.2
Sublette	5,013	5,149	4,833	4,921	5,060	4,737	92	89	96	1.8	1.7	2.0
Sweetwater	22,814	22,676	21,986	22,129	22,022	21,287	685	654	699	3.0	2.9	3.2
Teton	15,183	16,585	14,979	14,823	16,215	14,609	360	370	370	2.4	2.2	2.5
Uinta	11,103	11,014	10,937	10,737	10,669	10,530	366	345	407	3.3	3.1	3.7
SOUTHEAST	73,034	72,598	73,369	70,327	69,925	70,435	2,707	2,673	2,934	3.7	3.7	4.0
Albany	19,971	18,831	19,661	19,429	18,271	19,072	542	560	589	2.7	3.0	3.0
Goshen	5,738	5,745	5,938	5,485	5,496	5,696	253	249	242	4.4	4.3	4.1
Laramie	41,922	42,633	42,302	40,246	41,001	40,421	1,676	1,632	1,881	4.0	3.8	4.4
Niobrara	1,168	1,194	1,203	1,132	1,154	1,165	36	40	38	3.1	3.4	3.2
Platte	4,235	4,195	4,265	4,035	4,003	4,081	200	192	184	4.7	4.6	4.3
CENTRAL	55,503	55,758	54,585	53,664	53,954	52,651	1,839	1,804	1,934	3.3	3.2	3.5
Carbon	8,084	8,115	8,010	7,794	7,831	7,701	290	284	309	3.6	3.5	3.9
Converse	6,866	6,905	6,613	6,625	6,675	6,371	241	230	242	3.5	3.3	3.7
Natrona	40,553	40,738	39,962	39,245	39,448	38,579	1,308	1,290	1,383	3.2	3.2	3.5
STATEWIDE	286,201	288,498	283,607	276,624	279,110	273,629	9,577	9,388	9,978	3.3	3.3	3.5
Statewide Seasonally Adjusted										4.1	4.0	4.3
U.S.										4.8	4.9	5.1
U.S. Seasonally Adjusted										5.1	4.9	5.4

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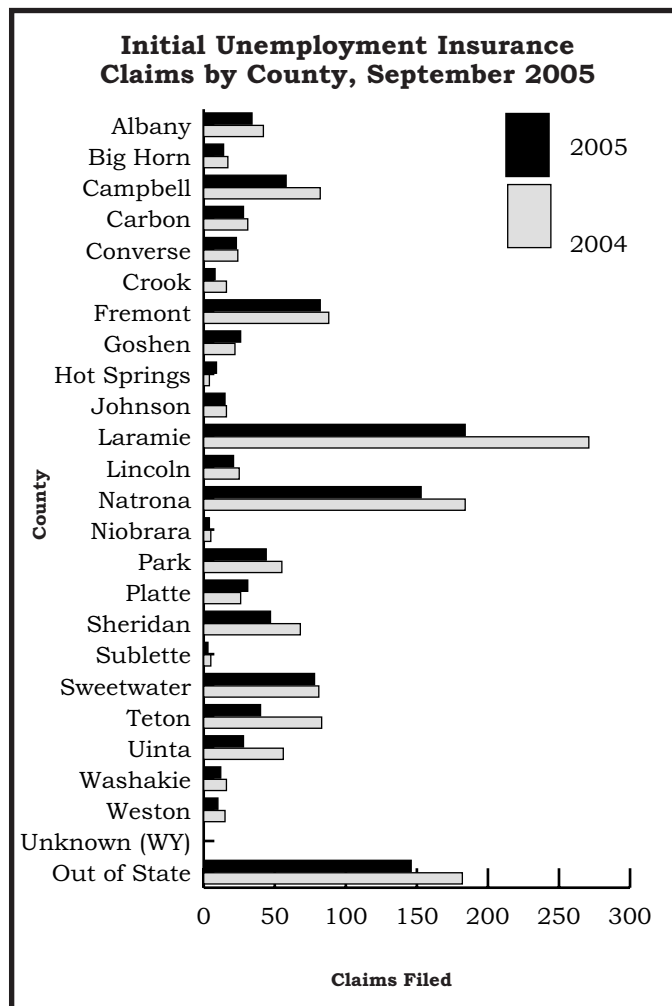
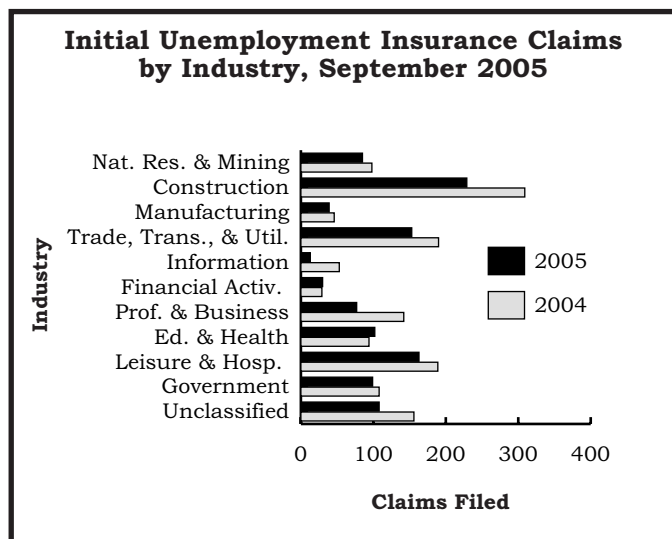
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Wyoming Normalized Unemployment Insurance Statistics: Initial Claims

by: Douglas W. Leonard, Senior Research Analyst

Statewide initial claims declined by 22.6% compared to the same month last year. Claims were down in most goods producing industries with the exception of oil & gas extraction.



WYOMING STATEWIDE	Claims Filed		Percent Change		
	Sep05	Aug05	Sep04	Sep05	
TOTAL CLAIMS FILED	1,098	1,030	1,418	6.6	-22.6
TOTAL GOODS PRODUCING	353	384	453	-8.1	-22.1
Natural Resources and Mining	85	112	98	-24.1	-13.3
Mining	77	106	84	-27.4	-8.3
Oil & Gas Extraction	10	7	7	42.9	42.9
Construction	229	211	309	8.5	-25.9
Manufacturing	39	61	46	-36.1	-15.2
TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDING	562	456	725	23.2	-22.5
Trade, Trans., Storage, & Util.	153	144	190	6.3	-19.5
Wholesale Trade	24	20	26	20.0	-7.7
Retail Trade	101	85	110	18.8	-8.2
Trans., Storage, & Utilities	28	39	54	-28.2	-48.1
Information	13	11	53	18.2	-75.5
Financial Activities	30	28	29	7.1	3.4
Professional & Business Serv.	77	75	142	2.7	-45.8
Educational & Health Services	102	73	94	39.7	8.5
Leisure & Hospitality	163	100	189	63.0	-13.8
Other Services	24	25	28	-4.0	-14.3
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	99	110	108	-10.0	-8.3
Federal Government	31	31	37	0.0	-16.2
State Government	21	21	20	0.0	5.0
Local Government	47	58	51	-19.0	-7.8
Local Education	10	21	11	-52.4	-9.1
UNCLASSIFIED	84	80	132	5.0	-36.4

LARAMIE COUNTY

TOTAL CLAIMS FILED	180	162	271	11.1	-33.6
TOTAL GOODS PRODUCING	56	39	72	43.6	-22.2
Construction	43	30	61	43.3	-29.5
TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDING	99	89	167	11.2	-40.7
Trade, Trans., Storage, & Util.	24	24	38	0.0	-36.8
Financial Activities	6	7	5	-14.3	20.0
Professional & Business Serv.	16	16	42	0.0	-61.9
Educational & Health Services	30	13	21	130.8	42.9
Leisure & Hospitality	16	24	14	-33.3	14.3
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	15	25	21	-40.0	-28.6
UNCLASSIFIED	10	9	11	11.1	-9.1

NATRONA COUNTY

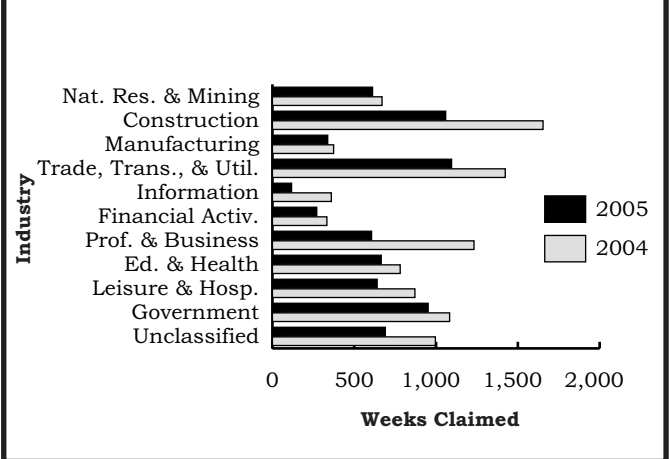
TOTAL CLAIMS FILED	150	159	187	-5.7	-19.8
TOTAL GOODS PRODUCING	56	66	54	-15.2	3.7
Construction	39	35	37	11.4	5.4
TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDING	84	84	118	0.0	-28.8
Trade, Trans., Storage, & Util.	25	35	30	-28.6	-16.7
Financial Activities	9	3	5	200.0	80.0
Professional & Business Serv.	11	18	42	-38.9	-73.8
Educational & Health Services	17	10	20	70.0	-15.0
Leisure & Hospitality	16	10	17	60.0	-5.9
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	6	6	9	0.0	-33.3
UNCLASSIFIED	4	3	6	33.3	-33.3

Wyoming Normalized Unemployment Insurance Statistics: Continued Claims by: Douglas W. Leonard, Senior Research Analyst

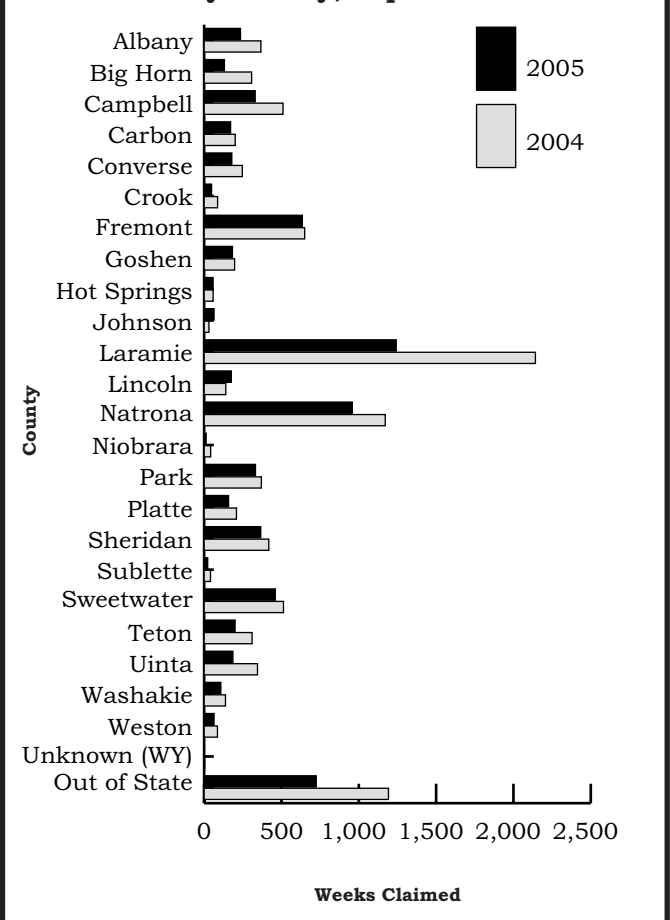
Continued claims fell by more than 25% compared to last year, yielding the second lowest continued claims level for any month since January 1997.

WYOMING STATEWIDE	Percent Change			
	Weeks Claimed		Weeks Claimed	
	Sep05	Aug05	Sep04	Sep05
TOTAL WEEKS CLAIMED	7,045	8,000	9,777	-11.9 -27.9
TOTAL UNIQUE CLAIMANTS	2,226	2,143	2,718	3.9 -18.1
TOTAL GOODS PRODUCING	2,009	2,050	2,698	-2.0 -25.5
Natural Resources and Mining	612	655	670	-6.6 -8.7
Mining	581	590	488	-1.5 19.1
Oil & Gas Extraction	43	50	60	-14.0 -28.3
Construction	1,059	1,022	1,654	3.6 -36.0
Manufacturing	338	373	374	-9.4 -9.6
TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDING	3,599	4,327	5,290	-16.8 -32.0
Trade, Trans., Storage, & Util.	1,095	1,171	1,423	-6.5 -23.0
Wholesale Trade	134	155	277	-13.5 -51.6
Retail Trade	760	785	836	-3.2 -9.1
Trans., Storage, & Utilities	201	231	310	-13.0 -35.2
Information	117	120	360	-2.5 -67.5
Financial Activities	271	294	333	-7.8 -18.6
Professional & Business Serv.	606	688	1,232	-11.9 -50.8
Educational & Health Serv.	665	948	781	-29.9 -14.9
Leisure & Hospitality	640	806	871	-20.6 -26.5
Other Services	205	300	290	-31.7 -29.3
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	952	1,090	1,083	-12.7 -12.1
Federal Government	227	199	248	14.1 -8.5
State Government	170	169	191	0.6 -11.0
Local Government	555	722	644	-23.1 -13.8
Local Education	205	237	195	-13.5 5.1
UNCLASSIFIED	485	533	706	-9.0 -31.3
LARAMIE COUNTY				
TOTAL WEEKS CLAIMED	1,239	1,279	2,142	-3.1 -42.2
TOTAL UNIQUE CLAIMANTS	392	333	581	17.7 -32.5
TOTAL GOODS PRODUCING	220	204	330	7.8 -33.3
Construction	183	160	236	14.4 -22.5
TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDING	768	841	1,524	-8.7 -49.6
Trade, Trans., Storage, & Util.	167	180	346	-7.2 -51.7
Financial Activities	82	78	93	5.1 -11.8
Professional & Business Serv.	160	174	582	-8.0 -72.5
Educational & Health Services	166	122	148	36.1 12.2
Leisure & Hospitality	125	145	106	-13.8 17.9
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	212	201	228	5.5 -7.0
UNCLASSIFIED	39	33	60	18.2 -35.0
NATRONA COUNTY				
TOTAL WEEKS CLAIMED	959	1,096	1,170	-12.5 -18.0
TOTAL UNIQUE CLAIMANTS	315	299	344	5.4 -8.4
TOTAL GOODS PRODUCING	290	279	338	3.9 -14.2
Construction	113	113	209	0.0 -45.9
TOTAL SERVICE PROVIDING	588	740	762	-20.5 -22.8
Trade, Trans., Storage, & Util.	193	186	220	3.8 -12.3
Financial Activities	53	53	70	0.0 -24.3
Professional & Business Serv.	112	127	169	-11.8 -33.7
Educational & Health Services	86	155	141	-44.5 -39.0
Leisure & Hospitality	88	150	97	-41.3 -9.3
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	60	46	44	30.4 36.4
UNCLASSIFIED	21	31	26	-32.3 -19.2

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