

Wyoming Unemployment Rate Falls to 3.5% in April 2026

The Research & Planning section of the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services reported today that the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell slightly from 3.6% in March to 3.5% in April. Wyoming's unemployment rate was modestly higher than its year-earlier level of 3.2%, but considerably lower than the current U.S. rate of 4.3%.

From March to April, most county unemployment rates followed their normal seasonal pattern and decreased. Jobless rates often fall in April as milder weather brings seasonal job gains in construction, professional & business services, and retail trade. The largest decreases occurred in Hot Springs (down from 4.2% to 2.9%), Park (down from 4.6% to 3.4%), Platte (down from 4.5% to 3.5%), and Carbon (down from 4.4% to 3.4%) counties. Teton County's unemployment rate rose from 2.7% to 4.1% as the end of the ski season brought seasonal layoffs.

From April 2025 to April 2026, unemployment rates fell in 15 counties, rose in six counties, and remained unchanged in two counties. The largest decreases occurred in Weston (down from 3.0% to 2.6%), Platte (down from 3.9% to 3.5%), and Hot Springs (down from 3.3% to 2.9%) counties. Unemployment rates rose in Niobrara (up from 3.3% to 4.6%), Teton (up from 3.1% to 4.1%), and Johnson (up from 2.4% to 2.7%) counties.

In April, the lowest unemployment rates were reported in Albany and Crook counties, each at 2.5%. The highest rates were found in Niobrara County at 4.6% and Teton County at 4.1%.

Current Employment Statistics (CES) estimates show that total nonfarm employment in Wyoming (not seasonally adjusted and measured by place of work) rose from 290,300 in April 2025 to 291,600 in April 2026, an increase of 1,300 jobs (0.4%).

May unemployment data will be published on June 24, 2026.

Civilian Labor Force, Employment, and Unemployment--by place of residence

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployed Number			Unemployment Rate		
	Apr 2026 (p)	Mar 2026 (r)	Apr 2025 (b)	Apr 2026 (p)	Mar 2026 (r)	Apr 2025 (b)	Apr 2026 (p)	Mar 2026 (r)	Apr 2025 (b)	Apr 2026 (p)	Mar 2026 (r)	Apr 2025 (b)
Albany	22,549	22,623	22,534	21,995	22,006	21,959	554	617	575	2.5	2.7	2.6
Big Horn	5,022	4,920	5,112	4,825	4,694	4,906	197	226	206	3.9	4.6	4.0
Campbell	23,570	23,700	23,751	22,904	22,887	23,007	666	813	744	2.8	3.4	3.1
Carbon	5,877	5,851	5,946	5,677	5,595	5,727	200	256	219	3.4	4.4	3.7
Converse	6,591	6,573	6,545	6,408	6,351	6,361	183	222	184	2.8	3.4	2.8
Crook	3,725	3,631	3,860	3,631	3,509	3,757	94	122	103	2.5	3.4	2.7
Fremont	16,935	16,960	17,236	16,274	16,173	16,558	661	787	678	3.9	4.6	3.9
Goshen	5,272	5,249	5,461	5,131	5,065	5,298	141	184	163	2.7	3.5	3.0
Hot Springs	2,152	2,135	2,272	2,089	2,045	2,197	63	90	75	2.9	4.2	3.3
Johnson	4,126	4,036	4,251	4,016	3,902	4,151	110	134	100	2.7	3.3	2.4
Laramie	48,147	48,301	48,604	46,706	46,505	47,113	1,441	1,796	1,491	3.0	3.7	3.1
Lincoln	10,362	10,426	10,382	10,053	10,042	10,090	309	384	292	3.0	3.7	2.8
Natrona	41,011	41,308	41,438	39,796	39,757	40,142	1,215	1,551	1,296	3.0	3.8	3.1
Niobrara	809	800	846	772	757	818	37	43	28	4.6	5.4	3.3
Park	13,608	13,387	13,647	13,148	12,766	13,165	460	621	482	3.4	4.6	3.5
Platte	3,468	3,452	3,532	3,347	3,296	3,396	121	156	136	3.5	4.5	3.9
Sheridan	15,849	15,870	15,716	15,405	15,311	15,236	444	559	480	2.8	3.5	3.1
Sublette	4,078	4,087	4,139	3,937	3,912	4,008	141	175	131	3.5	4.3	3.2
Sweetwater	19,739	19,899	20,078	18,989	18,973	19,352	750	926	726	3.8	4.7	3.6
Teton	15,183	15,666	15,145	14,566	15,244	14,668	617	422	477	4.1	2.7	3.1
Uinta	9,882	9,921	10,198	9,561	9,528	9,862	321	393	336	3.2	4.0	3.3
Washakie	3,758	3,703	3,858	3,638	3,577	3,723	120	126	135	3.2	3.4	3.5
Weston	3,025	3,010	3,099	2,947	2,910	3,006	78	100	93	2.6	3.3	3.0
Statewide	284,734	285,508	287,650	275,814	274,803	278,499	8,920	10,705	9,151	3.1	3.7	3.2
Statewide Seasonally Adjusted.....										3.5	3.6	3.2
U.S.....										4.0	4.3	3.9
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(p) Preliminary, (r) Revised, (b) Benchmarked.

Data are not seasonally adjusted except where otherwise specified.

Labor Force = Employment + Unemployed Number

Unemployment Rate = Unemployed Number/Labor Force

Wyoming Seasonally Adjusted Statewide Labor Force Estimates

				Change			
				Month		Year	
	April-26	March-26	April-25	absolute	percent	absolute	percent
Total Civilian Labor Force	287,626	287,991	289,328	-365	-0.1%	-1,702	-0.6%
Employed	277,565	277,696	280,040	-131	0.0%	-2,475	-0.9%
Unemployed	10,061	10,295	9,288	-234	-2.3%	773	8.3%
Unemployment Rate	3.5	3.6	3.2				

Definitions:

Employed	All persons who, during the reference week, did any work at all as paid employees, worked in their own business, profession, or on their own farm, or worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers in a family business.
Unemployed	All persons who had no employment during the reference week, were available for work, and had made specific efforts to find employment sometime during the 4-week period ending with the reference week.
Labor Force	All persons who meet the criteria given above as either employed or unemployed.
Unemployment Rate	The number of unemployed as a percent of the labor force.
Seasonal Adjustment	A statistical procedure to remove the impact of normal regularly recurring events (such as weather, major holidays, and the opening and closing of schools) from economic time series to better understand changes in economic conditions from month to month.

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