

Wyoming Unemployment Rate Unchanged at 3.0% in September 2026

The Research & Planning section of the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services reported today that the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained unchanged from August to September at 3.0%. Wyoming's unemployment rate was lower than its year-ago level of 3.4% and much lower than the current U.S. rate of 4.2%.

From August to September, most county unemployment rates changed very little. Modest increases were seen in Uinta (up from 2.7% to 3.0%) and Converse (up from 2.4% to 2.6%) counties. Unemployment rates fell in Weston (down from 2.9% to 2.6%), Platte (down from 3.5% to 3.3%), Niobrara (down from 4.0% to 3.8%), Hot Springs (down from 2.9% to 2.7%), Fremont (down from 3.4% to 3.2%), and Crook (down from 2.4% to 2.2%) counties.

From September 2025 to September 2026, unemployment rates fell in most counties. The largest decreases occurred in Goshen (down from 3.1% to 2.7%) and Big Horn (down from 3.6% to 3.2%) counties. Slight increases were seen in Johnson (up from 2.2% to 2.4%), Niobrara (up from 3.6% to 3.8%), and Teton (up from 1.6% to 1.8%) counties.

In September, the highest unemployment rates were reported in Niobrara County at 3.8%, Sweetwater County at 3.4%, and Platte County at 3.3%. The lowest rates were found in Teton County at 1.8%, Crook County at 2.2%, and Albany County at 2.2%.

Current Employment Statistics (CES) estimates show that total nonfarm employment in Wyoming (not seasonally adjusted and measured by place of work) rose from 298,400 in September 2025 to 299,700 in September 2026, an increase of 1,300 jobs, or 0.4%.

October unemployment data will be published on November 23, 2026.

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

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployed Number			Unemployment Rate		
	Sep 2026 (p)	Aug 2026 (r)	Sep 2025 (b)	Sep 2026 (p)	Aug 2026 (r)	Sep 2025 (b)	Sep 2026 (p)	Aug 2026 (r)	Sep 2025 (b)	Sep 2026 (p)	Aug 2026 (r)	Sep 2025 (b)
Albany	22,949	22,438	22,140	22,439	21,934	21,624	510	504	516	2.2	2.2	2.3
Big Horn	5,091	4,942	4,988	4,926	4,783	4,807	165	159	181	3.2	3.2	3.6
Campbell	23,416	23,423	23,351	22,779	22,798	22,692	637	625	659	2.7	2.7	2.8
Carbon	6,270	6,278	6,065	6,091	6,092	5,880	179	186	185	2.9	3.0	3.1
Converse	6,656	6,579	6,499	6,485	6,420	6,315	171	159	184	2.6	2.4	2.8
Crook	3,903	3,746	3,814	3,818	3,656	3,728	85	90	86	2.2	2.4	2.3
Fremont	17,082	16,922	17,187	16,538	16,350	16,598	544	572	589	3.2	3.4	3.4
Goshen	5,325	5,132	5,240	5,183	4,989	5,080	142	143	160	2.7	2.8	3.1
Hot Springs	2,143	2,134	2,193	2,085	2,072	2,128	58	62	65	2.7	2.9	3.0
Johnson	4,368	4,301	4,352	4,263	4,196	4,256	105	105	96	2.4	2.4	2.2
Laramie	46,833	47,046	48,133	45,451	45,668	46,711	1,382	1,378	1,422	3.0	2.9	3.0
Lincoln	10,497	10,336	10,593	10,249	10,093	10,340	248	243	253	2.4	2.4	2.4
Natrona	39,739	40,205	41,069	38,605	39,072	39,841	1,134	1,133	1,228	2.9	2.8	3.0
Niobrara	847	781	843	815	750	813	32	31	30	3.8	4.0	3.6
Park	14,893	15,211	14,823	14,503	14,806	14,415	390	405	408	2.6	2.7	2.8
Platte	3,511	3,411	3,515	3,395	3,292	3,388	116	119	127	3.3	3.5	3.6
Sheridan	15,946	15,883	15,701	15,548	15,481	15,281	398	402	420	2.5	2.5	2.7
Sublette	4,178	4,055	4,296	4,072	3,950	4,181	106	105	115	2.5	2.6	2.7
Sweetwater	19,196	19,208	19,710	18,544	18,557	19,043	652	651	667	3.4	3.4	3.4
Teton	17,252	18,318	17,481	16,933	17,995	17,198	319	323	283	1.8	1.8	1.6
Uinta	9,746	9,690	9,998	9,451	9,429	9,678	295	261	320	3.0	2.7	3.2
Washakie	3,850	3,793	3,792	3,740	3,680	3,674	110	113	118	2.9	3.0	3.1
Weston	3,040	2,968	3,064	2,961	2,881	2,980	79	87	84	2.6	2.9	2.7
Statewide	286,733	286,796	288,848	278,875	278,942	280,651	7,858	7,854	8,197	2.7	2.7	2.8
Statewide Seasonally Adjusted.....										3.0	3.0	3.4
U.S.										4.0	4.3	4.3
U.S. Seasonally Adjusted.....										4.2	4.1	4.4

(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

	September-26	August-26	September-25	Change		Year	percent
				Month	Change		
				absolute	percent	absolute	percent
Total Civilian Labor Force	284,967	284,982	287,963	-15	0.0%	-2,996	-1.0%
Employed	276,363	276,478	278,232	-115	0.0%	-1,869	-0.7%
Unemployed	8,604	8,504	9,731	100	1.2%	-1,127	-11.6%
Unemployment Rate	3.0	3.0	3.4				

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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