

Wyoming Employment and Payroll: Construction Job Growth Continues in Fourth Quarter 2023

The Research & Planning section of the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services reported today that from fourth quarter 2022 to fourth quarter 2023, total employment in the state rose by 4,594 jobs (1.7%) and total payroll increased by \$265.8 million (6.6%).

In fourth quarter 2023, the largest job growth occurred in construction, which added 1,548 jobs (7.2%). Total payroll within the construction sector rose by \$59.9 million (16.1%). More than half of the job gains in construction (806 jobs) were in power & communication system construction, the industry which includes the construction of wind farms. Oil & gas pipeline construction also saw particularly strong growth (369 jobs, or 19.1%).

More modest job gains were reported in professional & business services (498 jobs, or 2.4%), local government (including public schools, colleges, & hospitals; 468 jobs, or 1.0%), state government (465 jobs, or 3.9%), federal government (391 jobs, or 5.3%), health care & social assistance (299 jobs, or 1.2%), and mining (including oil & gas; 228 jobs, or 1.3%). Employment fell in financial activities (-122 jobs, or -1.1%) and manufacturing (-40 jobs, or -0.4%).

Employment rose in 16 counties and fell in seven counties.

Laramie County added 990 jobs (2.1%) and its total payroll grew by \$58.5 million (8.7%). The largest job growth occurred in construction, local government, federal government, and other services.

Natrona County gained 677 jobs (1.7%) and its total payroll rose by \$46.5 million (7.9%). Solid growth was seen in construction, health care & social assistance, mining (including oil & gas), real estate & rental & leasing, and manufacturing. Employment fell in finance & insurance, accommodation & food services, administrative & waste services, and retail trade.

Campbell County's employment rose by 603 jobs (2.5%) and its total payroll grew by \$26.0 million (6.5%). Sizeable job gains were seen in construction, health care & social assistance, local government, and retail trade. Employment fell in mining (including oil & gas) and professional & technical services.

Table: Wyoming Covered Employment, Total Wages, & Average Weekly Wages by County, Fourth Quarter 2022 & 2023

County	Average Monthly Employment				Total Wages (\$)				Average Weekly Wage			
	Fourth Quarter		Change		Fourth Quarter		Change		Fourth Quarter		Change	
	2023	2022	N	%	2023	2022	\$	%	2023	2022	\$	%
Total Statewide	278,125	273,530	4,594	1.7	\$4,307,007,332	\$4,041,187,127	\$265,820,205	6.6	\$1,191	\$1,136	\$55	4.8
Albany	16,867	16,783	84	0.5	\$216,645,351	\$205,369,879	\$11,275,472	5.5	\$988	\$941	\$47	5.0
Big Horn	4,175	4,034	140	3.5	\$56,704,958	\$52,569,380	\$4,135,578	7.9	\$1,045	\$1,002	\$43	4.2
Campbell	25,165	24,562	603	2.5	\$426,641,304	\$400,594,796	\$26,046,508	6.5	\$1,304	\$1,255	\$50	3.9
Carbon	6,317	6,412	-95	-1.5	\$100,721,294	\$100,560,081	\$161,213	0.2	\$1,226	\$1,206	\$20	1.7
Converse	6,202	6,266	-64	-1.0	\$103,426,452	\$101,300,441	\$2,126,011	2.1	\$1,283	\$1,244	\$39	3.2
Crook	2,667	2,596	72	2.8	\$36,940,568	\$34,186,597	\$2,753,971	8.1	\$1,065	\$1,013	\$52	5.2
Fremont	15,751	15,431	320	2.1	\$205,417,380	\$190,974,348	\$14,443,032	7.6	\$1,003	\$952	\$51	5.4
Goshen	4,147	4,174	-27	-0.7	\$48,683,568	\$46,087,272	\$2,596,296	5.6	\$903	\$849	\$54	6.3
Hot Springs	1,937	1,975	-38	-1.9	\$23,800,298	\$24,365,646	-\$565,348	-2.3	\$945	\$949	-\$4	-0.4
Johnson	3,337	3,301	36	1.1	\$42,358,577	\$39,512,763	\$2,845,814	7.2	\$976	\$921	\$56	6.0
Laramie	47,751	46,761	990	2.1	\$731,665,908	\$673,145,615	\$58,520,293	8.7	\$1,179	\$1,107	\$71	6.4
Lincoln	7,123	6,950	172	2.5	\$113,909,570	\$104,124,296	\$9,785,274	9.4	\$1,230	\$1,152	\$78	6.8
Natrona	39,582	38,905	677	1.7	\$632,053,405	\$585,582,800	\$46,470,605	7.9	\$1,228	\$1,158	\$71	6.1
Niobrara	824	832	-8	-1.0	\$9,067,380	\$8,922,676	\$144,704	1.6	\$846	\$825	\$22	2.6
Park	13,626	13,453	174	1.3	\$180,402,026	\$171,813,395	\$8,588,631	5.0	\$1,018	\$982	\$36	3.7
Platte	3,354	3,366	-12	-0.4	\$43,429,521	\$42,482,731	\$946,790	2.2	\$996	\$971	\$25	2.6
Sheridan	14,079	13,903	176	1.3	\$203,220,649	\$190,846,491	\$12,374,158	6.5	\$1,110	\$1,056	\$54	5.2
Sublette	3,801	3,726	75	2.0	\$60,315,281	\$56,681,904	\$3,633,377	6.4	\$1,221	\$1,170	\$50	4.3
Sweetwater	21,096	20,692	403	1.9	\$361,972,598	\$335,291,063	\$26,681,535	8.0	\$1,320	\$1,246	\$73	5.9
Teton	21,960	21,376	584	2.7	\$445,544,897	\$434,387,117	\$11,157,780	2.6	\$1,561	\$1,563	-\$2	-0.2
Uinta	8,257	8,372	-115	-1.4	\$103,129,910	\$98,357,514	\$4,772,396	4.9	\$961	\$904	\$57	6.3
Washakie	3,641	3,573	68	1.9	\$47,032,452	\$44,611,219	\$2,421,233	5.4	\$994	\$961	\$33	3.5
Weston	2,443	2,399	43	1.8	\$31,321,275	\$29,642,347	\$1,678,928	5.7	\$986	\$950	\$36	3.8
Nonclassified ^a	4,025	3,689	337	9.1	\$82,602,710	\$69,776,756	\$12,825,954	18.4	\$1,579	\$1,455	\$123	8.5

^aThe employer may be located statewide or in more than one county. Extract Date: April 2024

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

Teton County added 584 jobs (2.7%) and its total payroll rose by \$11.2 million (2.6%). Large job growth occurred in accommodation & food services, construction, local government, and administrative & waste services. Job losses were seen in professional & technical services, other services, and information.

Sweetwater County gained 403 jobs (1.9%) and its total payroll increased by \$26.7 million (8.0%). Employment grew in local government, mining (including oil & gas), manufacturing, and retail trade.

Uinta County lost 115 jobs (-1.4%), but its total payroll grew by \$4.8 million (4.9%). Job losses were seen in construction, local government, information, and accommodation & food services. Modest job gains occurred in state government and health care & social assistance.

Employment fell by 95 jobs (-1.5%) in Carbon County and total payroll was essentially unchanged (\$161,213, or 0.2%). Job losses were seen in retail trade; arts, entertainment & recreation; and local government.

Converse County lost 64 jobs (-1.0%), but its total payroll grew by \$2.1 million (2.1%). Employment fell in mining (including oil & gas), accommodation & food services, and administrative & waste services.

Visit our website at https://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/23Q4_QCEW/toc.htm for detailed tables for each county.

Employment and wages data for first quarter 2024 are scheduled to be published on August 9, 2024.

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