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## Wyoming Unemployment Falls to 6.6% in August 2020

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The Research & Planning section of the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services reported that the state's seasonally adjusted<sup>1</sup> unemployment rate fell from 7.1% in July to 6.6% in August. Wyoming's jobless rate has decreased in each of the past four months, and is currently lower than the U.S. rate of 8.4% (see Figure 1, page 3).

Unemployment rates decreased from July to August in almost all Wyoming counties (see page 7). The largest decreases occurred in Washakie County (down from 6.3% to 5.2%), Teton County (down from 5.7% to 4.6%), Sweetwater County (down from 8.8% to 7.8%), and Sheridan County (down from 5.2% to 4.2%). Lincoln County's unemployment rate rose slightly from 5.4% in July to 5.7% in August.

<sup>1</sup> Seasonal adjustment is 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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From August 2019 to August 2020, unemployment rates rose in every county. The largest increases were seen in Natrona County (up from 3.7% to 9.4%), Sweetwater County (up from 3.4% to 7.8%), Converse County (up from 2.4% to 6.4%), and Campbell County (up from 4.3% to 8.2%). The smallest increases occurred in Albany County (up from 3.1% to 3.3%) and Goshen County (up from 3.6% to 4.3%).

Natrona County had the highest unemployment rate in August at 9.4%. It was followed by Campbell County at 8.2%, Sweetwater County at 7.8%, and Uinta

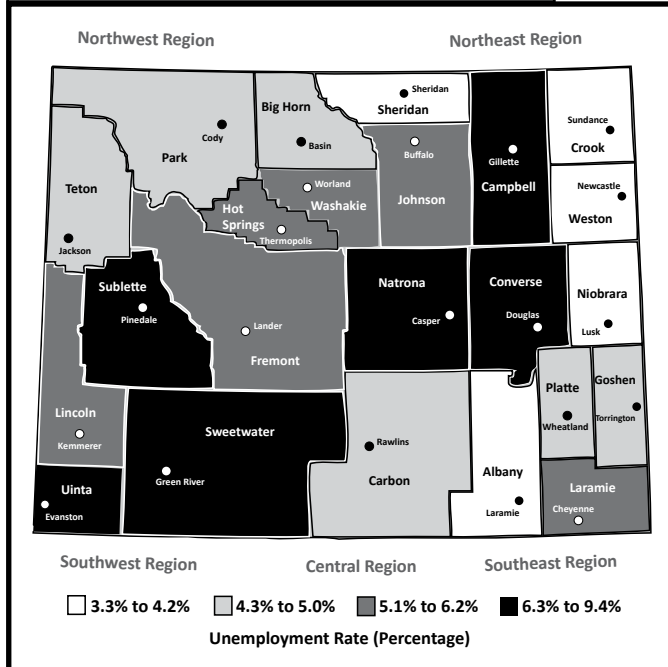
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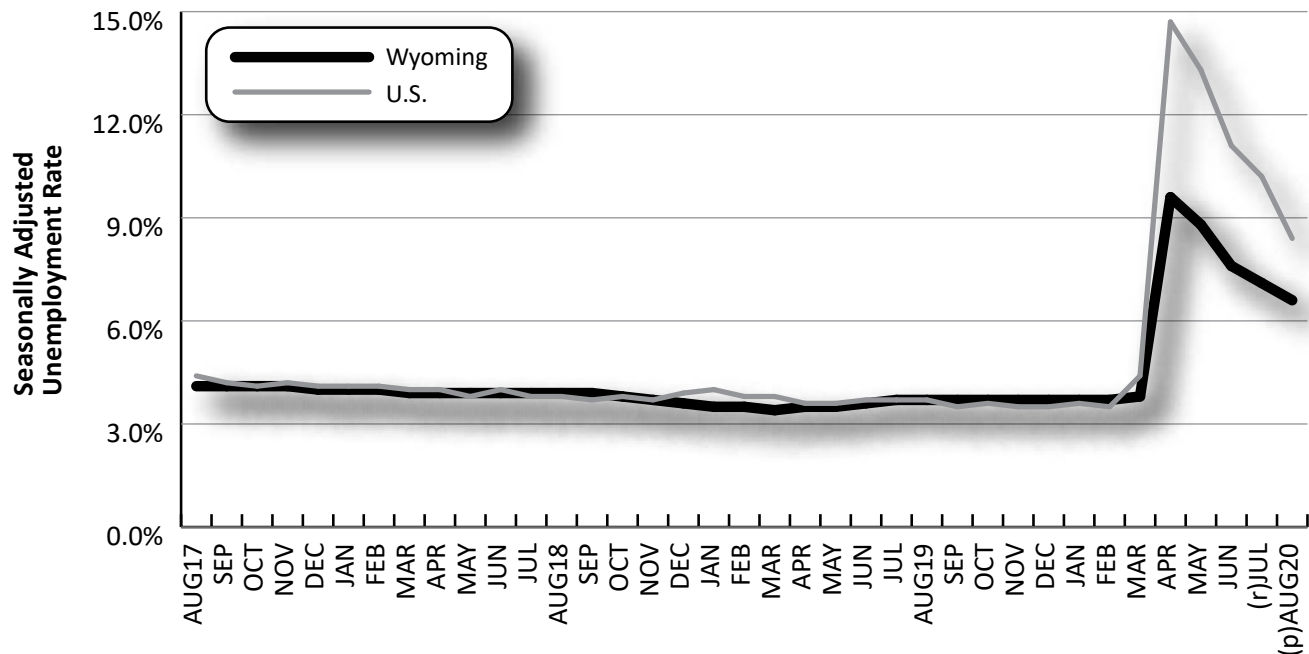
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County at 7.3%. The lowest unemployment rates were found in Albany County at 3.3% and Weston, Niobrara, and Crook counties, each at 3.9%.

Total nonfarm employment in Wyoming (not seasonally adjusted and measured by place of work) decreased from 297,900 in August 2019 to 277,200 in August 2020, a decline of 20,700 jobs (-6.9%).



(r)Revised. (p)Preliminary.

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

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Figure 1: Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates for Wyoming and the U.S., August 2017 to August 2020

## New from Research & Planning: New Hires Survey Results

The newest data from the Wyoming New Hires Job Skills Survey (*New Hires Survey*) are now available online at <https://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/newhires.htm>.

In 2018, Wyoming employers added an estimated 94,074 *new hires*: individuals who, during a particular quarter, started working for an employer he or she had not worked for since at least 1992, the first year for which Research & Planning (R&P) has wage records.

The New Hires Job Skills Survey allows R&P to collect rich survey detail not previously available, such as occupation, rate of compensation, benefits, important job skills, employer satisfaction with a new hire's skills, retention, and more.

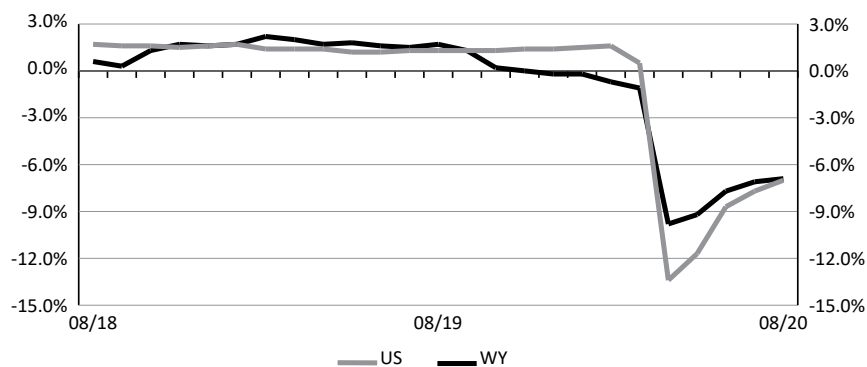
## Current Employment Statistics (CES) Estimates and Research & Planning's Internal Estimates, August 2020

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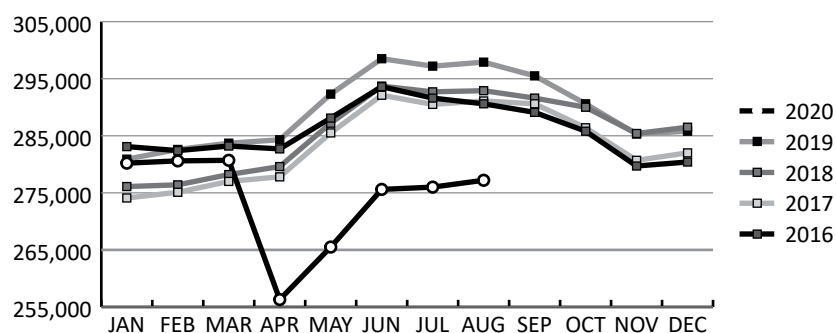
Industry Sector	Research & Planning's Internal Estimates	Current Employment Statistics (CES) Estimates	N Difference	% Difference
Total Nonfarm	295,995	277,200	-18,795	-6.8%
Natural Resources & Mining	19,327	14,500	-4,827	-33.3%
Construction	24,913	25,000	87	0.3%
Manufacturing	10,055	10,200	145	1.4%
Wholesale Trade	8,298	7,500	-798	-10.6%
Retail Trade	29,800	31,000	1,200	3.9%
Transportation & Utilities	14,932	14,400	-532	-3.7%
Information	3,362	2,900	-462	-15.9%
Financial Activities	11,481	10,800	-681	-6.3%
Professional & Business Services	19,827	17,600	-2,227	-12.7%
Educational & Health Services	28,349	28,000	-349	-1.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	43,141	36,400	-6,741	-18.5%
Other Services	16,482	14,300	-2,182	-15.3%
Government	66,028	64,600	-1,428	-2.2%

Internal Estimates were run in July 2020 and based on QCEW data through March 2020.

### Nonagricultural Employment Growth (Percentage Change Over Previous Year)



### Wyoming Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment



### State Unemployment Rates August 2020 Seasonally Adjusted

State	Unemp. Rate
Puerto Rico	-
Nevada	13.2
Rhode Island	12.8
Hawaii	12.5
New York	12.5
California	11.4
Massachusetts	11.3
New Mexico	11.3
Illinois	11.0
New Jersey	10.9
Pennsylvania	10.3
Delaware	8.9
Ohio	8.9
West Virginia	8.9
Michigan	8.7
District of Columbia	8.5
Tennessee	8.5
Washington	8.5
<b>United States</b>	<b>8.4</b>
Connecticut	8.1
Mississippi	7.9
Oregon	7.7
Kentucky	7.6
Louisiana	7.6
Alaska	7.4
Arkansas	7.4
Florida	7.4
Minnesota	7.4
Missouri	7.0
Kansas	6.9
Maine	6.9
Maryland	6.9
Texas	6.8
Colorado	6.7
<b>Wyoming</b>	<b>6.6</b>
New Hampshire	6.5
North Carolina	6.5
Indiana	6.4
South Carolina	6.3
Wisconsin	6.2
Virginia	6.1
Iowa	6.0
Arizona	5.9
Oklahoma	5.7
Alabama	5.6
Georgia	5.6
Montana	5.6
North Dakota	5.0
South Dakota	4.8
Vermont	4.8
Idaho	4.2
Utah	4.1
Nebraska	4.0

# Wyoming Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

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	Employment in Thousands			Percent Change Total Employment	
	Aug 20	Jul 20	Aug 19	Aug 20	Aug 20
	Aug 20	Jul 20	Aug 19	Jul 20	Aug 19
<b>CAMPBELL COUNTY</b>					
TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT	24.9	24.6	26.0	1.2	-4.2
TOTAL PRIVATE	20.1	20.0	21.1	0.5	-4.7
GOODS PRODUCING	7.5	7.6	8.6	-1.3	-12.8
Natural Resources & Mining	4.8	4.9	5.8	-2.0	-17.2
Construction	2.1	2.1	2.2	0.0	-4.5
Manufacturing	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.0
SERVICE PROVIDING	17.4	17.0	17.4	2.4	0.0
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	5.5	5.4	5.4	1.9	1.9
Information	0.2	0.3	0.3	-33.3	-33.3
Financial Activities	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0
Professional & Business Services	1.7	1.7	1.7	0.0	0.0
Educational & Health Services	1.2	1.1	1.1	9.1	9.1
Leisure & Hospitality	2.5	2.4	2.5	4.2	0.0
Other Services	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
GOVERNMENT	4.8	4.6	4.9	4.3	-2.0

	Employment in Thousands			Percent Change Total Employment	
	Aug 20	Jul 20	Aug 19	Aug 20	Aug 20
	Aug 20	Jul 20	Aug 19	Jul 20	Aug 19
<b>SWEETWATER COUNTY</b>					
TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT	22.2	21.7	23.3	2.3	-4.7
TOTAL PRIVATE	17.7	17.7	18.8	0.0	-5.9
GOODS PRODUCING	6.8	6.7	7.8	1.5	-12.8
Natural Resources & Mining	3.8	3.8	4.5	0.0	-15.6
Construction	1.6	1.5	1.9	6.7	-15.8
Manufacturing	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.0	0.0
SERVICE PROVIDING	15.4	15.0	15.5	2.7	-0.6
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	4.4	4.4	4.6	0.0	-4.3
Information	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	100.0
Financial Activities	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.0
Professional & Business Services	1.1	1.1	1.2	0.0	-8.3
Educational & Health Services	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.0	0.0
Leisure & Hospitality	2.5	2.6	2.5	-3.8	0.0
Other Services	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.0	16.7
GOVERNMENT	4.5	4.0	4.5	12.5	0.0

	Employment in Thousands			Percent Change Total Employment	
	Aug 20	Jul 20	Aug 19	Aug 20	Aug 20
	Aug 20	Jul 20	Aug 19	Jul 20	Aug 19
<b>TETON COUNTY</b>					
TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT	24.3	24.6	25.0	-1.2	-2.8
TOTAL PRIVATE	21.8	22.1	22.5	-1.4	-3.1
GOODS PRODUCING	2.5	2.5	2.5	0.0	0.0
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	2.3	2.3	2.3	0.0	0.0
Manufacturing	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
SERVICE PROVIDING	21.8	22.1	22.5	-1.4	-3.1
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	3.1	3.1	3.4	0.0	-8.8
Information	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.0	0.0
Professional & Business Services	2.2	2.2	2.2	0.0	0.0
Educational & Health Services	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.0	0.0
Leisure & Hospitality	10.7	11.0	11.1	-2.7	-3.6
Other Services	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.0
GOVERNMENT	2.5	2.5	2.5	0.0	0.0

## State Unemployment Rates August 2020 Not Seasonally Adjusted

State	Unemp. Rate
Nevada	13.3
Rhode Island	13.0
New York	12.6
Hawaii	12.5
California	11.6
New Mexico	11.5
Massachusetts	11.2
Illinois	10.9
New Jersey	10.9
Pennsylvania	10.5
Delaware	9.1
Michigan	8.9
Ohio	8.8
District of Columbia	8.7
West Virginia	8.7
Tennessee	8.6
<b>United States</b>	<b>8.5</b>
Puerto Rico	8.4
Washington	8.4
Connecticut	8.2
Louisiana	8.1
Mississippi	7.9
Oregon	7.8
Florida	7.7
Kentucky	7.5
Arkansas	7.4
Kansas	7.1
Minnesota	7.1
Missouri	7.1
Maryland	7.0
Texas	7.0
North Carolina	6.8
Colorado	6.6
South Carolina	6.6
Indiana	6.5
Alaska	6.4
New Hampshire	6.4
Arizona	6.3
Virginia	6.3
Maine	6.2
Wisconsin	6.1
<b>Wyoming</b>	<b>6.0</b>
Georgia	5.9
Iowa	5.9
Alabama	5.8
Oklahoma	5.6
Montana	5.2
North Dakota	4.8
South Dakota	4.7
Vermont	4.6
Utah	4.2
Nebraska	3.9
Idaho	3.8

## Economic Indicators

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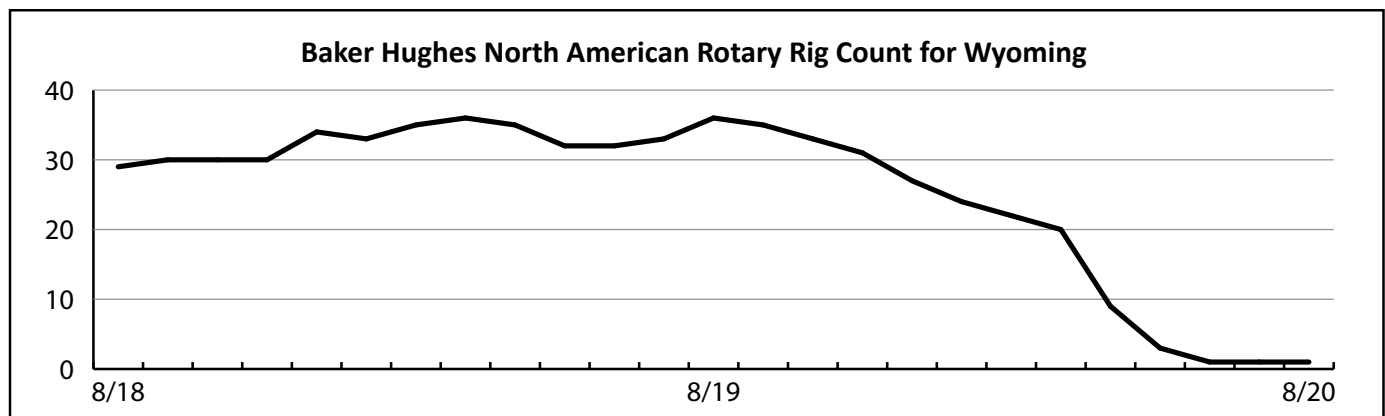
*The number of multiple jobholders in the U.S. fell 18.6% from August 2019 to August 2020.*

	Aug 2020 (p)	Jul 2020 (r)	Aug 2019 (b)	Percent Change Month	Year
<b>Wyoming Total Nonfarm Employment</b>	<b>277,200</b>	<b>276,000</b>	<b>297,900</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>-6.9</b>
Wyoming State Government	13,200	13,200	13,900	0.0	-5.0
Laramie County Nonfarm Employment	46,100	46,100	47,500	0.0	-2.9
Natrona County Nonfarm Employment	36,600	36,400	39,800	0.5	-8.0
<b>Selected U.S. Employment Data</b>					
U.S. Multiple Jobholders	6,541,000	6,569,000	8,038,000	-0.4	-18.6
As a percent of all workers	4.4%	4.5%	5.1%	N/A	N/A
U.S. Discouraged Workers	551,000	701,000	467,000	-21.4	18.0
U.S. Part Time for Economic Reasons	7,488,000	8,572,000	4,316,000	-12.6	73.5
<b>Wyoming Unemployment Insurance</b>					
Weeks Compensated	40,966	55,699	6,827	-26.5	500.1
Benefits Paid	\$16,936,803	\$22,236,311	\$2,704,304	-23.8	526.3
Average Weekly Benefit Payment	\$413.44	\$399.22	\$396.12	3.6	4.4
State Insured Covered Jobs <sup>1</sup>	272,446	271,745	271,102	0.3	0.5
<b>Consumer Price Index (U) for All U.S. Urban Consumers</b> (1982 to 1984 = 100)					
All Items	259.9	259.1	256.6	0.3	1.3
Food & Beverages	268.4	268.1	258.2	0.1	4.0
Housing	272.9	272.4	267.3	0.2	2.1
Apparel	116.3	114.3	123.6	1.8	-5.9
Transportation	202.4	200.8	211.1	0.8	-4.1
Medical Care	523.3	522.7	500.9	0.1	4.5
Recreation (Dec. 1997=100)	122.1	121.3	120.5	0.6	1.3
Education & Communication (Dec. 1997=100)	141.3	140.8	138.2	0.4	2.3
Other Goods & Services	462.8	463.7	453.1	-0.2	2.2
Producer Prices (1982 to 1984 = 100)					
All Commodities	194.0	192.9	199.2	0.6	-2.6
<b>Wyo. Bldg. Permits (New Privately Owned Housing Units Authorized)</b>					
Total Units	163	231	183	-29.4	-10.9
Valuation	\$55,168,000	\$96,766,000	\$51,380,000	-43.0	7.4
Single Family Homes	153	181	159	-15.5	-3.8
Valuation	\$53,698,000	\$86,082,000	\$48,480,000	-37.6	10.8
Casper MSA <sup>2</sup> Building Permits	10	21	19	-52.4	-47.4
Valuation	\$2,472,000	\$3,337,000	\$2,783,000	-25.9	-11.2
Cheyenne MSA Building Permits	44	46	56	-4.3	-21.4
Valuation	\$9,072,000	\$8,981,000	\$9,731,000	1.0	-6.8
<b>Baker Hughes North American Rotary Rig Count for Wyoming</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-97.2</b>

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

<sup>1</sup>Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program estimates.

<sup>2</sup>Metropolitan Statistical Area.





## Wyoming County Unemployment Rates

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*In August 2020, the highest unemployment rates were in Natrona, Campbell, Sweetwater, and Uinta counties.*

REGION County	Labor Force			Employed			Unemployed			Unemployment Rates		
	Aug 2020	Jul 2020	Aug 2019	Aug 2020	Jul 2020	Aug 2019	Aug 2020	Jul 2020	Aug 2019	Aug 2020	Jul 2020	Aug 2019
	(p)	(r)	(b)	(p)	(r)	(b)	(p)	(r)	(b)	(p)	(r)	(b)
<b>NORTHWEST</b>	<b>45,735</b>	<b>46,697</b>	<b>46,877</b>	<b>43,254</b>	<b>43,777</b>	<b>45,205</b>	<b>2,481</b>	<b>2,920</b>	<b>1,672</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>3.6</b>
Big Horn	5,367	5,474	5,451	5,115	5,188	5,250	252	286	201	4.7	5.2	3.7
Fremont	19,206	19,573	18,580	18,006	18,186	17,845	1,200	1,387	735	6.2	7.1	4.0
Hot Springs	2,223	2,265	2,196	2,108	2,126	2,122	115	139	74	5.2	6.1	3.4
Park	15,034	15,378	16,759	14,322	14,521	16,230	712	857	529	4.7	5.6	3.2
Washakie	3,905	4,007	3,891	3,703	3,756	3,758	202	251	133	5.2	6.3	3.4
<b>NORTHEAST</b>	<b>51,976</b>	<b>52,859</b>	<b>50,980</b>	<b>48,808</b>	<b>49,231</b>	<b>49,172</b>	<b>3,168</b>	<b>3,628</b>	<b>1,808</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>3.5</b>
Campbell	24,091	24,363	23,407	22,123	22,213	22,405	1,968	2,150	1,002	8.2	8.8	4.3
Crook	3,872	3,982	3,802	3,721	3,804	3,690	151	178	112	3.9	4.5	2.9
Johnson	4,209	4,314	4,275	3,978	4,044	4,150	231	270	125	5.5	6.3	2.9
Sheridan	15,951	16,289	15,747	15,282	15,439	15,278	669	850	469	4.2	5.2	3.0
Weston	3,853	3,911	3,749	3,704	3,731	3,649	149	180	100	3.9	4.6	2.7
<b>SOUTHWEST</b>	<b>57,593</b>	<b>58,450</b>	<b>61,416</b>	<b>53,824</b>	<b>54,171</b>	<b>59,618</b>	<b>3,769</b>	<b>4,279</b>	<b>1,798</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>2.9</b>
Lincoln	8,933	8,977	9,037	8,423	8,491	8,783	510	486	254	5.7	5.4	2.8
Sublette	4,172	4,276	4,249	3,887	3,952	4,086	285	324	163	6.8	7.6	3.8
Sweetwater	21,400	21,672	21,289	19,736	19,762	20,562	1,664	1,910	727	7.8	8.8	3.4
Teton	13,965	14,307	17,714	13,324	13,485	17,385	641	822	329	4.6	5.7	1.9
Uinta	9,123	9,218	9,127	8,454	8,481	8,802	669	737	325	7.3	8.0	3.6
<b>SOUTHEAST</b>	<b>83,253</b>	<b>84,328</b>	<b>79,929</b>	<b>79,477</b>	<b>79,916</b>	<b>77,264</b>	<b>3,776</b>	<b>4,412</b>	<b>2,665</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>3.3</b>
Albany	21,652	21,939	19,023	20,947	21,071	18,440	705	868	583	3.3	4.0	3.1
Goshen	6,762	6,914	6,610	6,472	6,587	6,370	290	327	240	4.3	4.7	3.6
Laramie	48,677	49,156	48,570	46,179	46,270	46,925	2,498	2,886	1,645	5.1	5.9	3.4
Niobrara	1,282	1,327	1,223	1,232	1,269	1,194	50	58	29	3.9	4.4	2.4
Platte	4,880	4,992	4,503	4,647	4,719	4,335	233	273	168	4.8	5.5	3.7
<b>CENTRAL</b>	<b>56,539</b>	<b>57,400</b>	<b>56,938</b>	<b>51,890</b>	<b>52,262</b>	<b>55,058</b>	<b>4,649</b>	<b>5,138</b>	<b>1,880</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>3.3</b>
Carbon	7,826	7,940	8,495	7,496	7,563	8,282	330	377	213	4.2	4.7	2.5
Converse	9,231	9,347	9,045	8,642	8,693	8,824	589	654	221	6.4	7.0	2.4
Natrona	39,482	40,113	39,398	35,752	36,006	37,952	3,730	4,107	1,446	9.4	10.2	3.7
<b>STATEWIDE</b>	<b>295,091</b>	<b>299,734</b>	<b>296,141</b>	<b>277,249</b>	<b>279,357</b>	<b>286,316</b>	<b>17,842</b>	<b>20,377</b>	<b>9,825</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>3.3</b>
Statewide Seasonally Adjusted .....										6.6	7.1	3.7
U.S. ....										8.5	10.5	3.8
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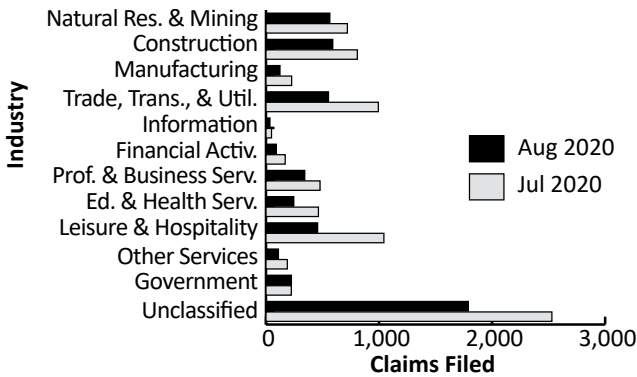
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# Wyoming Normalized<sup>a</sup> Unemployment Insurance Statistics: Initial Claims

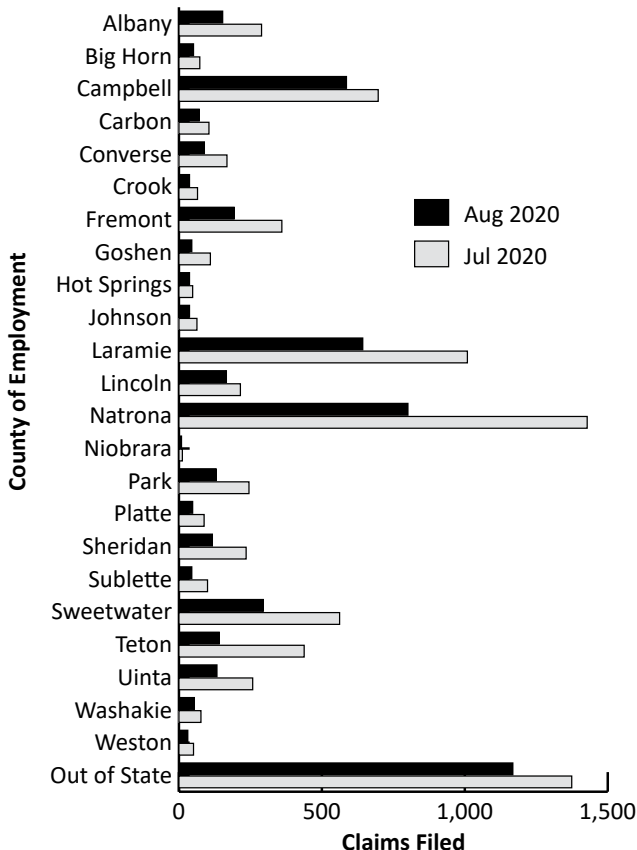
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*Initial Unemployment Insurance claims dropped 36.9% from July to August.*

## Initial UI Claims by Industry, July & August 2020



## Initial UI Claims by County of Employment, July & August 2020



## Initial Claims

	Claims Filed			% Change	
	Aug 20	Jul 20	Aug 19	Over the Month	Over the Year
<b>Wyoming Statewide</b>					
Total Claims Filed	5,137	8,138	755	-36.9	580.4
TOTAL GOODS-PRODUCING	1,281	1,757	254	-27.1	404.3
Natural Resources & Mining	565	720	61	-21.5	826.2
Mining	550	704	58	-21.9	848.3
Oil & Gas Extraction	11	19	N/D	-42.1	1,000.0
Construction	592	808	162	-26.7	265.4
Manufacturing	124	227	30	-45.4	313.3
TOTAL SERVICE-PROVIDING	1,839	3,389	345	-45.7	433.0
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	553	994	108	-44.4	412.0
Wholesale Trade	130	273	21	-52.4	519.0
Retail Trade	225	399	51	-43.6	341.2
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	197	321	34	-38.6	479.4
Information	35	49	7	-28.6	400.0
Financial Activities	92	170	20	-45.9	360.0
Professional & Business Services	343	478	84	-28.2	308.3
Educational & Health Services	246	464	50	-47.0	392.0
Leisure & Hospitality	457	1,043	61	-56.2	649.2
Other Services, except Public Admin.	110	189	12	-41.8	816.7
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	225	462	49	-51.3	359.2
Federal Government	23	40	6	-42.5	283.3
State Government	43	80	7	-46.3	514.3
Local Government	158	341	34	-53.7	364.7
Local Education	54	158	6	-65.8	800.0
UNCLASSIFIED	1,791	2,529	105	-29.2	1,605.7

## Laramie County

Total Claims Filed	643	1,009	153	-36.3	320.3
TOTAL GOODS-PRODUCING	119	122	36	-2.5	230.6
Construction	73	71	30	2.8	143.3
TOTAL SERVICE-PROVIDING	311	495	91	-37.2	241.8
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	79	139	22	-43.2	259.1
Financial Activities	14	14	3	0	366.7
Professional & Business Services	85	85	39	0	117.9
Educational & Health Services	42	96	6	-56.3	600.0
Leisure & Hospitality	60	119	12	-49.6	400.0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	32	61	8	-47.5	300.0
UNCLASSIFIED	179	329	16	-45.6	1,018.8

## Natrona County

Total Claims Filed	802	1,428	112	-43.8	616.1
TOTAL GOODS-PRODUCING	182	339	41	-46.3	343.9
Construction	86	124	26	-30.6	230.8
TOTAL SERVICE-PROVIDING	411	749	58	-45.1	608.6
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	133	258	21	-48.4	533.3
Financial Activities	29	53	3	-45.3	866.7
Professional & Business Services	63	86	6	-26.7	950.0
Educational & Health Services	51	83	16	-38.6	218.8
Leisure & Hospitality	79	171	6	-53.8	1,216.7
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	23	32	N/D	-28.1	1,050.0
UNCLASSIFIED	184	305	10	-39.7	1,740.0

N/D = Not discloseable due to confidentiality.

<sup>a</sup>An average month is considered 4.33 weeks. If a month has four weeks, the normalization factor is 1.0825. If the month has five weeks, the normalization factor is 0.866. The number of raw claims is multiplied by the normalization factor to achieve the normalized claims counts.



## Wyoming Normalized<sup>a</sup> Unemployment Insurance Statistics: Continued Claims

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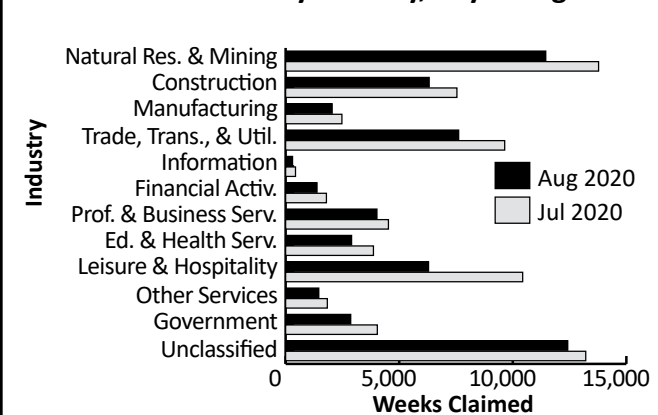
The total number of continued weeks claimed decreased from 73,590 in July to 57,636 in August (-15,954, or -21.7%).

### Continued Claims

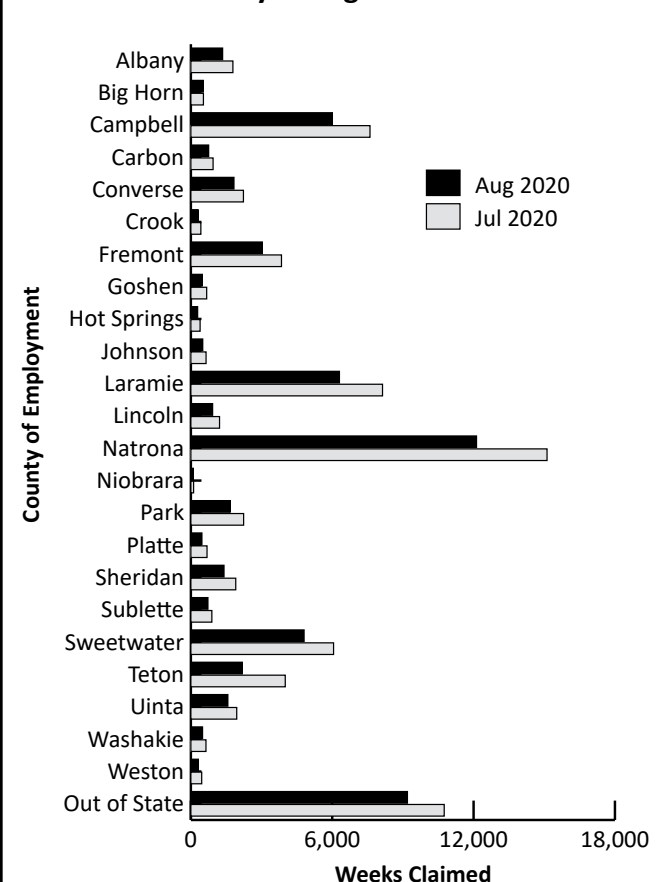
	Claims Filed			% Change	
	Aug 20	Jul 20	Aug 19	Over the Month	Over the Year
<b>Wyoming Statewide</b>					
Total Weeks Claimed	57,636	73,590	6,269	-21.7	819.4
Total Unique Claimants	15,909	20,898	2,443	-23.9	551.2
TOTAL GOODS-PRODUCING	19,789	23,802	2,239	-16.9	783.8
Natural Resources & Mining	11,439	13,781	1,008	-17.0	1,034.8
Mining	11,341	13,637	956	-16.8	1,086.3
Oil & Gas Extraction	297	381	44	-22.0	575.0
Construction	6,312	7,541	946	-16.3	567.2
Manufacturing	2,037	2,478	284	-17.8	617.3
TOTAL SERVICE-PROVIDING	23,942	32,543	2,678	-26.4	794.0
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	7,592	9,644	833	-21.3	811.4
Wholesale Trade	2,460	2,938	193	-16.3	1,174.6
Retail Trade	2,780	3,702	453	-24.9	513.7
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	2,351	3,004	186	-21.7	1,164.0
Information	305	435	67	-29.9	355.2
Financial Activities	1,383	1,796	155	-23.0	792.3
Professional & Business Services	4,011	4,526	514	-11.4	680.4
Educational & Health Services	2,901	3,866	499	-25.0	481.4
Leisure & Hospitality	6,288	10,436	467	-39.7	1,246.5
Other Services, except Public Admin.	1,460	1,836	140	-20.5	942.9
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	2,855	4,037	549	-29.3	420.0
Federal Government	222	268	42	-17.2	428.6
State Government	305	381	63	-19.9	384.1
Local Government	2,327	3,387	443	-31.3	425.3
Local Education	1,179	1,948	111	-39.5	962.2
UNCLASSIFIED	11,049	13,208	802	-16.3	1,277.7
<b>Laramie County</b>					
Total Weeks Claimed	6,306	8,135	788	-22.5	700.3
Total Unique Claimants	1,742	2,350	322	-25.9	441.0
TOTAL GOODS-PRODUCING	1,316	1,675	116	-21.4	1,034.5
Construction	504	695	101	-27.5	399.0
TOTAL SERVICE-PROVIDING	3,184	4,388	507	-27.4	528.0
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	954	1,263	143	-24.5	567.1
Financial Activities	177	226	38	-21.7	365.8
Professional & Business Services	515	586	133	-12.1	287.2
Educational & Health Services	488	591	90	-17.4	442.2
Leisure & Hospitality	831	1,355	55	-38.7	1,410.9
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	384	486	84	-21.0	357.1
UNCLASSIFIED	1,421	1,584	80	-10.3	1,676.3
<b>Natrona County</b>					
Total Weeks Claimed	12,125	15,118	856	-19.8	1,316.5
Total Unique Claimants	3,262	4,201	327	-22.4	897.6
TOTAL GOODS-PRODUCING	3,892	4,680	211	-16.8	1,744.5
Construction	985	1,185	109	-16.9	803.7
TOTAL SERVICE-PROVIDING	5,977	7,737	558	-22.7	971.1
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	2,373	2,815	190	-15.7	1,148.9
Financial Activities	458	582	38	-21.3	1,105.3
Professional & Business Services	889	991	89	-10.3	898.9
Educational & Health Services	559	761	130	-26.5	330.0
Leisure & Hospitality	1,046	1,807	70	-42.1	1,394.3
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	221	372	27	-40.6	718.5
UNCLASSIFIED	2,032	2,327	58	-12.7	3,403.4

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### Continued UI Claims by County of Employment, July & August 2020



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