

Wyoming Unemployment Falls to 6.1% in September 2020 by: David Bullard, Senior Economist

The Research & Planning section of the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services reported that the state's seasonally adjusted¹ adjusted unemployment rate fell from 6.6% in August to 6.1% in September. Wyoming's unemployment rate has steadily decreased since its peak of 9.6% in April. It appears that the state's economy is recovering and individuals are going back to work. Unemployment in Wyoming is much lower than the national average of 7.9% (see Figure 1, page 3).

From August to September, unemployment rates fell in every county (see page 7). The largest decreases were seen in Lincoln (down from 5.7% to 4.2%), Campbell (down from 8.2% to 7.2%), and Uinta (down from 7.3% to 6.4%) counties.

1 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. Research & Planning's monthly employment news releases are available online at https://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/news.htm

Compared to last year, unemployment rates were higher in every county. The counties with the largest increases were Natrona (up from 3.7% to 8.7%), Sweetwater (up from 3.4% to 7.0%), Campbell (up from 3.8% to 7.2%), Converse (up from 2.6% to 5.7%), and Uinta (up from 3.7% to 6.4%). Jobless rates increased only slightly in Albany County (up from 3.0% to 3.1%), Goshen County (up from 3.4% to 4.0%), and Big Horn County (up from 3.7% to 4.3%).

Albany County reported the lowest

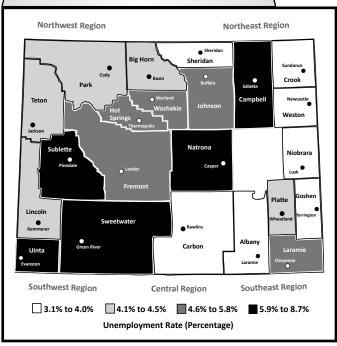
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unemployment rate in September at 3.1%. It was followed by Niobrara County at 3.4%, Weston County at 3.6%, and Crook County at 3.6%. The highest unemployment rates were found in Natrona County at 8.7%, Campbell

County at 7.2%, and Sweetwater County at 7.0%.

Total nonfarm employment in Wyoming (not seasonally adjusted and measured by place of work) decreased from 295,500 in September 2019 to 278,900 in September 2020, a decline of 16,600 jobs (-5.6%).

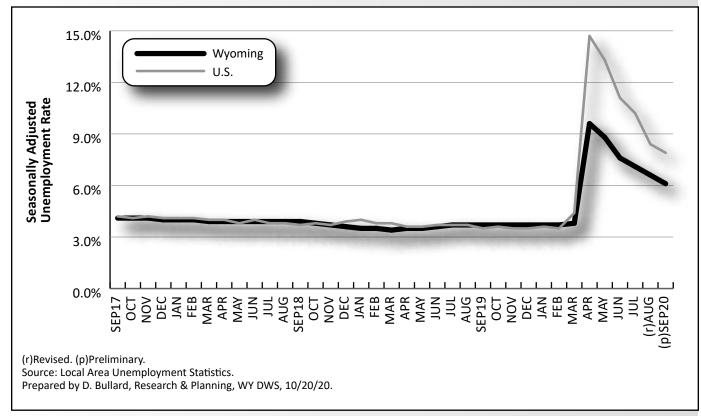


Figure 1: Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates for Wyoming and the U.S., August 2017 to August 2020

New from Research & Planning: Quarterly Turnover Data

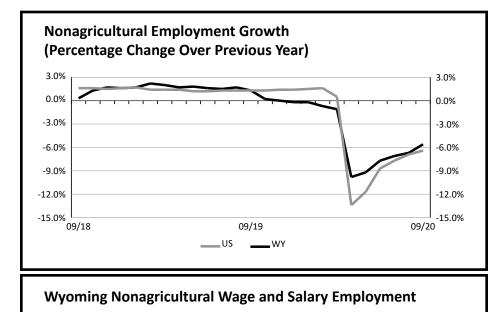
The Research & Planning (R&P) section of the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services recently published quarterly turnover statistics for fourth quarter 2019 (2019Q4). The most recent data, previous reoprts, and articles related to turnover can be found online at https://doe.state.wy.us/LMI/turnover.htm.

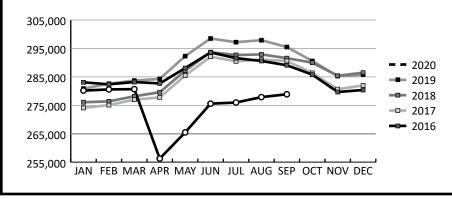
The quarterly turnover statistics provide information on hires, exits, continuous employment, and more at the industry and county levels. Quarterly data currently are available from 1992Q1 to 2019Q4.

Current Employment Statistics (CES) Estimates and Research & Planning's Internal Estimates, September 2020 *by: David Bullard, Senior Economist*

Industry Sector	Research & Planning's Internal Estimates	Current Employment Statistics (CES) Estimates	N Difference	% Difference
Total Nonfarm	294,531	278,900	-15,631	-5.6%
Natural Resources & Mining	19,162	15,000	-4,162	-27.7%
Construction	24,547	24,200	-347	-1.4%
Manufacturing	10,110	10,400	290	2.8%
Wholesale Trade	8,225	7,300	-925	-12.7%
Retail Trade	29,141	30,300	1,159	3.8%
Transportation & Utilities	14,844	14,700	-144	-1.0%
Information	3,310	2,900	-410	-14.1%
Financial Activities	11,348	10,700	-648	-6.1%
Professional & Business Services	19,351	17,800	-1,551	-8.7%
Educational & Health Services	29,169	28,800	-369	-1.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	40,098	34,100	-5,998	-17.6%
Other Services	16,298	14,700	-1,598	-10.9%
Government	68,928	68,000	-928	-1.4%

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





State Unemployment Rates September 2020 (Seasonally Adjusted)

State	Unemp. Rate
Hawaii	15.1
Nevada	12.6
California	11.0
Rhode Island	10.5
Illinois	10.2
New York	9.7
Massachusetts	9.6
New Mexico	9.4
District of Columbia	8.7
West Virginia	8.6
Michigan	8.5
Ohio	8.4
Puerto Rico	8.4
Texas	8.3
Delaware	8.2
Louisiana	8.1
Pennsylvania	8.1
Oregon	8.0
United States	7.9
Connecticut	7.8
Washington	7.8
Florida	7.6
Arkansas	7.3
North Carolina	7.3
Alaska	7.2
Maryland	7.2
Mississippi	7.1
Arizona	6.7
New Jersey	6.7
Alabama	6.6
Colorado	6.4
Georgia	6.4
Tennessee	6.3
Indiana	6.2
Virginia	6.2
Idaho	6.1
Maine	6.1
Wyoming	6.1
Minnesota	6.0
New Hampshire	6.0
Kansas	5.9
Kentucky	5.6
Wisconsin	5.4
Montana	5.3
Oklahoma	5.3
South Carolina	5.1
Utah	5.0
Missouri	4.9
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North Dakota	4.7
Vermont	4.4
South Dakota	4.2
Nebraska	3.5
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Wyoming Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

by: David Bullard, Senior Economist

-	Employment			% Change Total Employment		
	ii Sep 20	n Thousand Aug 20	Sep 20 Aug 20	Sep 20 Sep 19		
CAMPBELL COUNTY						
TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT	24.7	24.9	25.8	-0.8	-4.3	
TOTAL PRIVATE	19.7	20.1	20.7	-2.0	-4.8	
GOODS PRODUCING	7.4	7.5	8.4	-1.3	-11.9	
Natural Resources & Mining	4.7	4.8	5.7	-2.1	-17.5	
Construction	2.1	2.1	2.2	0.0	-4.5	
Manufacturing	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.0	20.0	
SERVICE PROVIDING	17.3	17.4	17.4	-0.6	-0.6	
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	5.4	5.5	5.4	-1.8	0.0	
Information	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.0	-33.3	
Financial Activities	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0	
Professional & Business Services	1.6	1.7	1.6	-5.9	0.0	
Educational & Health Services	1.2	1.2	1.1	0.0	9.1	
Leisure & Hospitality	2.4	2.5	2.4	-4.0	0.0	
Other Services	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0	
GOVERNMENT	5.0	4.8	5.1	4.2	-2.0	
	Employment in Thousands			% Change Total Employment Sep 20 Sep 20		
	Sep 20	Aug 20	Sep 19	Aug 20	Sep 19	
SWEETWATER COUNTY						
TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT	22.2	22.2	22.9	0.0	-3.1	
TOTAL PRIVATE	17.5	17.7	18.2	-1.1	-3.8	
GOODS PRODUCING	6.7	6.8	7.5	-1.5	-10.7	
Natural Resources & Mining	3.7	3.8	4.4	-2.6	-15.9	
Construction	1.7	1.6	1.7	6.2	0.0	
Manufacturing	1.3	1.4	1.4	-7.1	-7.1	
SERVICE PROVIDING	15.5	15.4	15.4	0.6	0.6	

Natural Resources & Mining	3.7	3.8	4.4	-2.6	-15.9
Construction	1.7	1.6	1.7	6.2	0.0
Manufacturing	1.3	1.4	1.4	-7.1	-7.1
SERVICE PROVIDING	15.5	15.4	15.4	0.6	0.6
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	4.4	4.4	4.5	0.0	-2.2
Information	0.1	0.2	0.1	-50.0	0.0
Financial Activities	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.0
Professional & Business Services	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0
Educational & Health Services	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.0	0.0
Leisure & Hospitality	2.5	2.5	2.4	0.0	4.2
Other Services	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.0	16.7
GOVERNMENT	4.7	4.5	4.7	4.4	0.0

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	Sep 20	n Thousand Aug 20	s Sep 19	Sep 20 Aug 20	Sep 20 Sep 19
TETON COUNTY					
TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT	22.3	24.3	23.2	-8.2	-3.9
TOTAL PRIVATE	19.5	21.8	20.4	-10.6	-4.4
GOODS PRODUCING	2.5	2.5	2.4	0.0	4.2
Natural Resources, Mining & Construction	2.3	2.3	2.2	0.0	4.5
Manufacturing	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
SERVICE PROVIDING	19.8	21.8	20.8	-9.2	-4.8
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	2.8	3.1	3.0	-9.7	-6.7
Information	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
Financial Activities	1.1	1.2	1.2	-8.3	-8.3
Professional & Business Services	2.1	2.2	2.2	-4.5	-4.5
Educational & Health Services	1.2	1.3	1.3	-7.7	-7.7
Leisure & Hospitality	9.1	10.7	9.5	-15.0	-4.2
Other Services	0.5	0.6	0.6	-16.7	-16.7
GOVERNMENT	2.8	2.5	2.8	12.0	0.0

State Unemployment Rates September 2020 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

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State	Unemp. Rate
Hawaii	15.3
Nevada	12.6
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Illinois	9.8
Massachusetts	9.5
New York	9.4
New Mexico	9.3
Puerto Rico	9.3
District of Columbia	8.8
Texas	8.3
Delaware	8.2
Louisiana	8.2
Michigan	8.2
Ohio	8.0
West Virginia	7.9
Pennsylvania	7.7
United States	7.7
Florida	7.6
Connecticut	7.5
Washington	7.4
Oregon	7.3
Arkansas	7.0
North Carolina	7.0
Maryland	6.9
Arizona	6.8
Mississippi	6.8
Alaska	6.5
New Jersey	6.5
Alabama	6.4
Georgia	6.3
Colorado	6.2
Tennessee	6.2
Virginia	6.0
Indiana	5.8
Idaho	5.6
New Hampshire	5.6
Kansas	5.5
Wyoming	5.5
Maine	5.4
Minnesota	5.4
Kentucky	5.2
Oklahoma	5.1
South Carolina	4.7
Utah	4.7
Wisconsin	4.7
Montana	4.6
Iowa	4.3
Missouri	4.3
Vermont	4.1
North Dakota	3.8
South Dakota	3.8
Nebraska	3.3
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Economic Indicators by: David Bullard, Senior Economist

The number of building permits issued for single family homes Increased 40.7% from a year earlier.

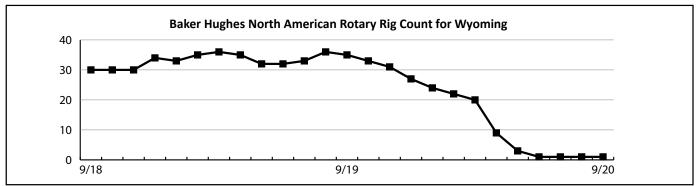
	Sep 2020 (p)	Aug 2020 (r)	Sep 2019(b)	Percent Month	Change Year
Wyoming Total Nonfarm Employment	278,900	277,900	295,500	0.4	-5.6
Wyoming State Government	13,500	13,200	14,700	2.3	-8.2
Laramie County Nonfarm Employment	46,000	46,300	47,400	-0.6	-3.0
Natrona County Nonfarm Employment	36,600	36,700	39,800	-0.3	-8.0
Selected U.S. Employment Data					
U.S. Multiple Jobholders	6,482,000	6,541,000	8,331,000	-0.9	-22.2
As a percent of all workers	4.4%	4.4%	5.3%	N/A	N/A
U.S. Discouraged Workers	556,000	551,000	321,000	0.9	73.2
U.S. Part Time for Economic Reasons	5,955,000	7,488,000	3,992,000	-20.5	49.2
Wyoming Unemployment Insurance					
Weeks Compensated	37,145	40,966	5,749	-9.3	546.1
Benefits Paid	\$15,774,640	\$16,936,803	\$2,359,123	-6.9	568.7
Average Weekly Benefit Payment	\$424.68	\$413.44	\$410.35	2.7	3.5
State Insured Covered Jobs ¹	273,373	272,446	270,003	0.3	1.2
Consumer Price Index (U) for All U.S. Urban Consumers (1982 to 1984 = 100)					
All Items	260.3	259.9	256.8	0.1	1.4
Food & Beverages	268.5	268.4	258.6	0.0	3.8
Housing	273.1	272.9	267.8	0.1	2.0
Apparel	119.4	116.3	127.0	2.6	-6.0
Transportation	202.7	202.4	209.4	0.2	-3.2
Medical Care	522.5	523.3	501.5	-0.1	4.2
Recreation (Dec. 1997=100)	122.2	122.1	120.4	0.1	1.5
Education & Communication (Dec. 1997=100)	141.4	141.3	138.4	0.0	2.1
Other Goods & Services	463.7	462.8	453.2	0.2	2.3
Producer Prices (1982 to 1984 = 100)					
All Commodities	195.4	194.0	198.4	0.7	-1.5
Wyo. Bldg. Permits (New Privately Owned Housing Units Authorized)					
Total Units	196	163	163	20.2	20.2
Valuation	\$80,198,000	\$55,168,000	\$46,696,000	45.4	71.7
Single Family Homes	173	153	123	13.1	40.7
Valuation	\$78,526,000	\$53,698,000	\$42,191,000	46.2	86.1
Casper MSA ² Building Permits	20	10	18	100.0	11.1
Valuation	\$4,003,000	\$2,472,000	\$2,405,000	61.9	66.4
Cheyenne MSA Building Permits	47	44	62	6.8	-24.2
Valuation	\$9,459,000	\$9,072,000	\$9,335,000	4.3	1.3
Baker Hughes North American Rotary Rig Count for Wyoming	1	1	35	0.0	-97.1

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¹Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program estimates.

²Metropolitan Statistical Area.

Note: Production worker hours and earnings data have been dropped from the Economic Indicators page because of problems with accuracy due to a small sample size and high item nonresponse. The Bureau of Labor Statistics will continue to publish these data online at https://www.bls.gov/eag/ eag.wy.htm.



Wyoming County Unemployment Rates by: Carola Cowan, BLS Programs Supervisor

The lowest unemployment rates were found in Albany (3.1%), Niobrara (3.4%), Weston (3.6%), and Crook (3.6%) counties.

	L	abor Force			Employed		Unemployed		Unemployment Rate			
REGION	Sep 2020	Aug 2020	Sep 2019	Sep 2020	Aug 2020	Sep 2019	Sep 2020	Aug 2020	Sep 2019	Sep 2020	Aug 2020	Sep 2019
County	(p)	(r)	(b)	(p)	(r)	(b)	(p)	(r)	(b)	(p)	(r)	(b)
NORTHWEST	46,168	45,753	46,514	43,845	43,264	44,856	2,323	2,489	1,658	5.0	5.4	3.6
Big Horn	5,413	5,367	5,489	5,182	5,116	5,287	231	251	202	4.3	4.7	3.7
Fremont	19,355	19,216	18,781	18,240	18,011	18,053	1,115	1,205	728	5.8	6.3	3.9
Hot Springs	2,242	2,223	2,160	2,134	2,108	2,089	108	115	71	4.8	5.2	3.3
Park	15,210	15,040	16,161	14,527	14,325	15,634	683	715	527	4.5	4.8	3.3
Washakie	3,948	3,907	3,923	3,762	3,704	3,793	186	203	130	4.7	5.2	3.3
NORTHEAST	52,178	51,999	50,823	49,307	48,821	49,152	2,871	3,178	1,671	5.5	6.1	3.3
Campbell	24,009	24,108	23,123	22,291	22,132	22,248	1,718	1,976	875	7.2	8.2	3.8
Crook	3,923	3,871	3,884	3,781	3,720	3,778	142	151	106	3.6	3.9	2.7
Johnson	4,262	4,211	4,279	4,040	3,977	4,156	222	234	123	5.2	5.6	2.9
Sheridan	16,106	15,956	15,715	15,457	15,287	15,247	649	669	468	4.0	4.2	3.0
Weston	3,878	3,853	3,822	3,738	3,705	3,723	140	148	99	3.6	3.8	2.6
SOUTHWEST	57,623	57,614	59,627	54,336	53,841	57,823	3,287	3,773	1,804	5.7	6.5	3.0
Lincoln	8,892	8,934	9,056	8,521	8,426	8,793	371	508	263	4.2	5.7	2.9
Sublette	4,198	4,173	4,292	3,938	3,887	4,130	260	286	162	6.2	6.9	3.8
Sweetwater	21,332	21,410	20,911	19,842	19,745	20,193	1,490	1,665	718	7.0	7.8	3.4
Teton	14,113	13,974	16,399	13,525	13,327	16,067	588	647	332	4.2	4.6	2.0
Uinta	9,088	9,123	8,969	8,510	8,456	8,640	578	667	329	6.4	7.3	3.7
SOUTHEAST	83,221	83,277	80,483	79,630	79,500	77,859	3,591	3,777	2,624	4.3	4.5	3.3
Albany	21,831	21,656	20,009	21,150	20,955	19,409	681	701	600	3.1	3.2	3.0
Goshen	6,829	6,760	6,696	6,559	6,473	6,470	270	287	226	4.0	4.2	3.4
Laramie	48,340	48,701	47,863	45,949	46,194	46,246	2,391	2,507	1,617	4.9	5.1	3.4
Niobrara	1,308	1,279	1,276	1,263	1,231	1,245	45	48	31	3.4	3.8	2.4
Platte	4,913	4,881	4,639	4,709	4,647	4,489	204	234	150	4.2	4.8	3.2
CENTRAL	56,251	56,591	56,324	51,999	51,937	54,416	4,252	4,654	1,908	7.6	8.2	3.4
Carbon	7,873	7,826	8,267	7,562	7,497	8,039	311	329	228	4.0	4.2	2.8
Converse	9,229	9,233	8,949	8,700	8,645	8,714	529	588	235	5.7	6.4	2.6
Natrona	39,149	39,532	39,108	35,737	35,795	37,663	3,412	3,737	1,445	8.7	9.5	3.7
STATEWIDE	295,442	295,240	293,770	279,118	277,366	284,107	16,324	17,874	9,663	5.5	6.1	3.3
Statewide Season	nally Adjuste	d								6.1	6.6	3.7
U.S										7.7	8.5	3.3
U.S. Seasonally A	djusted									7.9	8.4	3.5

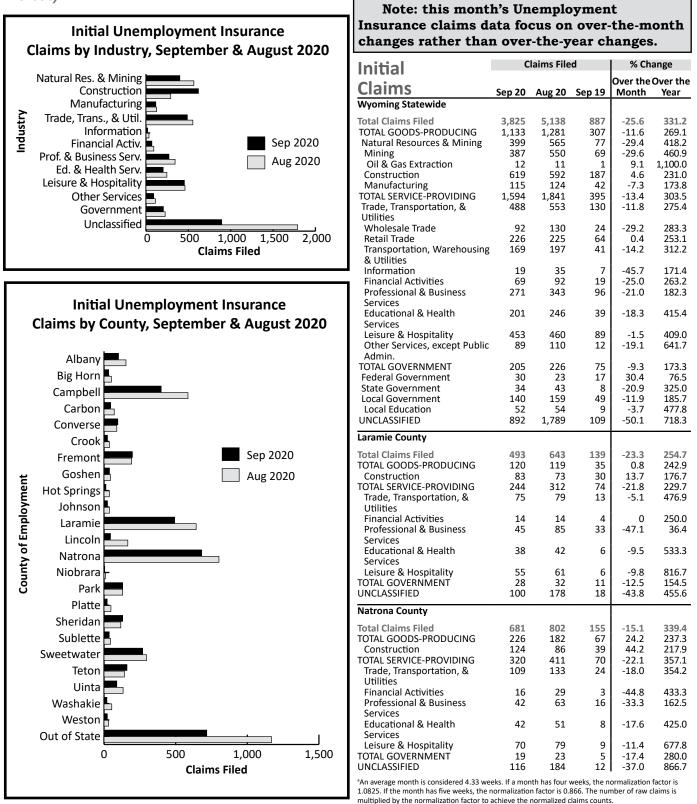
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Wyoming Normalized^a Unemployment Insurance Statistics: Initial Claims by: Sherry Wen, Principal Economist

Wyoming had 3,825 initial claims in September, down from 5,138 in August (-1,313, or -25.6%).



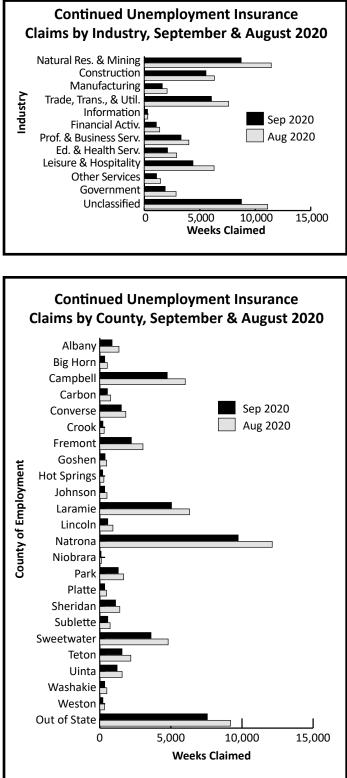
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Wyoming Normalized^a Unemployment Insurance Statistics: Continued Claims by: Sherry Wen, Principal Economist

The total number of continued weeks claimed decreased from 57,636 in August to 44,823 in September (-12,813, or -22.2%).

Continued	с	laims File	% Change		
Claims					Over the
Udiffis Wyoming Statewide	Sep 20	Aug 20	Sep 19	Month	Year
	44.000		E 454	22.2	700.0
Total Weeks Claimed Total Unique Claimants	44,823 13,157	57,636 15,909	5,451 2,170	-22.2 -17.3	722.3 506.3
TOTAL GOODS-PRODUCING	15,903	19,802	1,963	-19.7	710.1
Natural Resources & Mining	8,731	11,439	756	-23.7	1,054.9
Mining	8,647	11,341	716	-23.8	1,107.7
Oil & Gas Extraction	254	297	28	-14.5	807.1 487.8
Construction Manufacturing	5,555 1,615	6,312 2,050	945 261	-12.0 -21.2	487.8 518.8
TOTAL SERVICE-PROVIDING	18,313	23,963	2,349	-23.6	679.6
Trade, Transportation, &	6,049	7,601	776	-20.4	679.5
Utilities					
Wholesale Trade	2,007	2,464	164	-18.5	1123.8
Retail Trade Transportation, Warehousing	2,208 1,833	2,785 2,351	378 233	-20.7 -22.0	484.1 686.7
& Utilities	1,000	2,551	255	-22.0	000.7
Information	285	305	66	-6.6	331.8
Financial Activities	1,079	1,383	163	-22.0	562.0
Professional & Business	3,325	4,016	488	-17.2	581.4
Services Educational & Health	2 0 9 7	2,904	369	-28.1	465.6
Services	2,087	2,904	509	-20.1	405.0
Leisure & Hospitality	4,385	6,292	363	-30.3	1,108.0
Other Services, except Public	1,099	1,460	120	-24.7	815.8
Admin.					
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	1,874	2,859	436	-34.5	329.8
Federal Government State Government	176 291	222 305	38 70	-20.7 -4.6	363.2 315.7
Local Government	1,405	2,331	328	-39.7	328.4
Local Education	499	1,179	88	-57.7	467.0
UNCLASSIFIED	8,732	11,011	702	-20.7	1,143.9
Laramie County					
Total Weeks Claimed	5,043	6,306	734	-20.0	587.1
Total Unique Claimants	1,519	1,742	297	-12.8	411.4
TOTAL GOODS-PRODUCING	1,078	1,316	148	-18.1	628.4
Construction TOTAL SERVICE-PROVIDING	491 2,550	504 3,184	117 431	-2.6 -19.9	319.7 491.6
Trade, Transportation, &	2,330	954	138	-19.9	460.1
Utilities		551	100	1010	
Financial Activities	155	177	44	-12.4	252.3
Professional & Business	453	515	82	-12.0	452.4
Services Educational & Health	202	100	72	21.7	430.6
Services	382	488	72	-21.7	450.0
Leisure & Hospitality	588	831	47	-29.2	1,151.1
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	312	384	73	-18.8	327.4
UNCLASSIFIED	1,102	1,421	80	-22.4	1,277.5
Natrona County					
Total Weeks Claimed	9,731	12,125	834	-19.7	1,066.8
Total Unique Claimants	2,787	3,262	341	-14.6	717.3
TOTAL GOODS-PRODUCING	3,326	3,905	259	-14.8	1,184.2
Construction TOTAL SERVICE-PROVIDING	891 4,676	985	132	-9.5 -21.9	575.0
Trade, Transportation, &	4,676 1,901	5,985 2,373	466 161	-21.9	903.4 1,080.7
Utilities	1,501	2,575	101	10.0	2,000.7
Financial Activities	376	458	24	-17.9	1,466.7
Professional & Business	675	889	86	-24.1	684.9
Services	407	F.C.2	402	27.0	200.0
Educational & Health Services	407	562	102	-27.6	299.0
Leisure & Hospitality	826	1,051	50	-21.4	1,552.0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	161	221	33	-27.1	387.9
UNCLASSIFIED	1,566	2,012	74	-22.2	2,016.2

³An 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.



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