

# February 2010 Employment Data

## Month over Month Employment

### Unemployment

- **Wyoming's unemployment rate fell in February from 7.6% to 7.5%.**
- The U.S. unemployment rate remained unchanged in February at 9.7%.

### Total Employment

- Total employment decreased by 400 jobs in February, which is not consistent with normal seasonal patterns. Employment tends to increase in February by approximately 1,000 jobs.

### Employment by Industry

- The month over month increases were in:
    - Government (1,300 jobs, 1.8%)
    - Natural Resources & Mining (300 jobs, 1.2%)
    - Transportation & Utilities (100 jobs, 0.7%)
  - Construction fell by 1,100 jobs, a decline of 5.5%
  - Professional & Business Services fell by 200 jobs, a decline of 1.3%
  - Educational & Health Services fell by 200 jobs, a decline of 0.8%
  - Other Services fell by 200 jobs, a decline of 1.9%
  - Retail Trade fell by 200 jobs, a decline of 0.7%
  - Financial Activities fell by 100 jobs, a decline of 0.9%
  - Wholesale Trade fell by 100 jobs, a decline of 1.2%
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## Year over Year Employment

### Total Employment

- **Since February 2009, total employment in Wyoming has fallen by 12,800 jobs or -4.5%. The U.S. has decreased by 3,235,000 jobs or -2.5% over the same period.**
- **Wyoming's annual employment decline of -4.5% (February 2010 over February 2009) fell from #48 to #49 in February.**
- Other Mountain states posted growth/decline in February as follows:
  - Montana - 2.0%
  - Utah - 2.3%
  - New Mexico - 2.8%
  - Idaho - 3.0%
  - Colorado - 3.6%
  - Arizona - 3.9%
  - Nevada - 4.6%

## **Employment by Industry**

- Year over year increases by industry include:
  - Education & Health Services (200 jobs, 0.8%)
  - Government (200 jobs, 0.3%)
  
- Employment has fallen in nine industries since February 2009
  - Natural Resources & Mining -3,200 jobs, -11.4%)
  - Construction (-3,000 jobs, -13.6%)
  - Leisure & Hospitality (-1,600, -5.2%)
  - Professional & Business Services (-1,400 jobs, -8.2%)
  - Other Services (-1,400 jobs, -11.7%)
  - Retail Trade (-800 jobs, -2.7%)
  - Transportation & Utilities (-600 jobs, -4.2%)
  - Financial Activities (-500 jobs, -4.4%)
  - Wholesale Trade (-500 jobs, -5.6%)
  - Manufacturing (-100 jobs, -1.1%)
  - Information (-100 jobs, -2.5%)

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*Sources: Wyoming Department of Labor, Research & Planning  
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# Wyoming Total Employment (Jan 2000 - Feb 2010)

