

December 2010 Employment Data

Month over Month Employment

Unemployment

- Wyoming's unemployment rate fell in December from 6.6% to 6.4%.
- The U.S. unemployment rate decreased in December from 9.8% to 9.4%.

Total Employment

- Total employment increased by 600 jobs in December, which is consistent with normal seasonal patterns.

Employment by Industry

- The month over month increases were in:
 - Leisure & Hospitality (1,600 jobs, 5.8%)
 - Retail Trade (400 jobs, 1.4%)
 - Transportation & Utilities (200 jobs, 1.4%)
 - Natural Resources & Mining (200 jobs, 0.7%)
 - Government (100 jobs, 0.1%)
 - Information (100 jobs, 2.6%)
- Construction fell by 1,900 jobs, a decline of 8.2%
- Education & Health Services fell by 100 jobs, a decline of 0.4%

Year over Year Employment

Total Employment

- Since December 2009, total employment in Wyoming has grown by 3,900 jobs or 1.4%. The U.S. has increased by 1,066,000 jobs over the same period.
- Wyoming's annual employment growth of 1.4% (December 2010 over December 2009) rose from #15 to #7 in December.
- Other Mountain states posted growth/decline in December as follows:
 - Arizona +1.4%
 - Utah +1.1%
 - Montana +0.8%
 - Idaho +0.7%
 - Colorado +0.2%
 - New Mexico - 0.4%
 - Nevada - 1.5%

Mountain states include: Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming

Employment by Industry

- Year over year increases by industry include:
 - Natural Resources & Mining (3,200 jobs, 13.1%)
 - Education & Health Services (800 jobs, 3.1%)
 - Government (700 jobs, 1.0%)
 - Wholesale Trade (500 jobs, 5.8%)
 - Transportation & Utilities (200 jobs, 1.4%)
 - Manufacturing (200 jobs, 2.2%)
 - Other Services (200 jobs, 1.8%)
 - Construction (200 jobs, 0.9%)

- Employment has fallen in three industries since December 2009
 - Retail Trade (-1,400 jobs, -4.5%)
 - Leisure & Hospitality (-600 jobs, -2.0%)
 - Financial Activities (-100 jobs, -0.9%)

*Sources: Wyoming Department of Labor, Research & Planning
U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics*

Wyoming Total Employment (Jan 2000 - Dec 2010)

