

December 2011 Employment Data

Month over Month Employment

Unemployment

- Wyoming's unemployment rate remained unchanged in December at 5.8%.
- The U.S. unemployment rate decreased in December from 8.7% (revised) to 8.5%.

Total Employment

- Total employment increased by 1,000 jobs in December.

Employment by Industry

- The month over month increases were in:
 - Leisure & Hospitality (2,000 jobs, 7.2%)
 - Retail Trade (500 jobs, 1.7%)
 - Natural Resources & Mining (400 jobs, 1.4%)
 - Education & Health Services (100 jobs, 0.4%)
 - Transportation & Utilities (100 jobs, 0.7%)
 - Wholesale Trade (100 jobs, 1.1%)
 - Government (100 jobs, 0.1%)
- Construction fell by 2,500 jobs, a decline of 10.4%
- Professional & Business Services fell by 400 jobs, a decline of 2.2%
- Manufacturing fell by 200 jobs, a decline of 2.2%
- Other Services fell by 100 jobs, a decline of 0.8%

Year over Year Employment

Wyoming outperformed the national economy (% change)

- Since December 2010, total employment in Wyoming has grown by 6,400 jobs or 2.3%. The U.S. has increased by 1,671,000 jobs or 1.3% over the same period.
- Wyoming's annual employment growth of 2.3% (December 2011 over December 2010) fell from #2 to #5 in December.

Regional Employment

- Other Mountain states posted growth/decline in December as follows:
 - Utah +3.0%
 - Arizona +1.6%
 - Idaho +1.3%
 - Colorado +1.1%
 - New Mexico +0.9%
 - Montana +0.9%
 - Nevada +0.3%

Employment by Industry

- Year over year increases by industry include:
 - Natural Resources & Mining (2,400 jobs, 9.1%)
 - Government (2,300 jobs, 3.1%)
 - Retail Trade (800 jobs, 2.7%)
 - Professional & Business Services (700 jobs, 4.1%)
 - Transportation & Utilities (300 jobs, 2.1%)
 - Wholesale Trade (300 jobs, 3.5%)
 - Other Services (300 jobs, 2.6%)

- Employment has fallen in two industries since December 2010
 - Construction (-300 jobs, -1.4%)
 - Education & Health Services (-200 jobs, -0.7%)
 - Leisure & Hospitality (-100 jobs, -0.3%)
 - 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. 2001 - Dec. 2011)

