

January 2011 Employment Data

Month over Month Employment

Unemployment

- Wyoming's unemployment rate fell in January from 6.4% to 6.3%.
- The U.S. unemployment rate decreased in January from 9.4% to 9.0%.

Total Employment

- Total employment decreased by 7,700 jobs in January, which is consistent with normal seasonal patterns.

Employment by Industry

- Construction fell by 1,900 jobs, a decline of 8.7%
- Government fell by 1,900 jobs, a decline of 2.6%
- Leisure & Hospitality fell by 900 jobs, a decline of 3.0%
- Retail Trade fell by 800 jobs, a decline of 2.7%
- Professional & Business Services fell by 600 jobs, a decline of 3.5%
- Education & Health Services fell by 400 jobs, a decline of 1.5%
- Natural Resources & Mining fell by 400 jobs, a decline of 1.5%
- Transportation & Utilities fell by 200 jobs, a decline of 1.4%
- Financial Activities fell by 200 jobs, a decline of 1.8%
- Manufacturing fell by 200 jobs, a decline of 2.2%
- Wholesale Trade fell by 100 jobs, a decline of 1.2%
- Other Services fell by 100 jobs, a decline of 0.9%

Year over Year Employment

- Wyoming continues to outperform the national economy (% change).

Total Employment

- Since January 2010, total employment in Wyoming has grown by 3,800 jobs or 1.4%. The U.S. has increased by 855,000 jobs (0.7%) over the same period.
- Wyoming's annual employment growth of 1.4% (January 2011 over January 2010) fell from #7 to #11 in January.
- Other Mountain states posted growth/decline in January as follows:
 - Idaho +1.56%
 - Utah +1.50%
 - Colorado +0.70%
 - Montana +0.43%
 - Arizona - 0.02%
 - New Mexico - 0.44%
 - Nevada - 0.53%

Employment by Industry

- Year over year increases by industry include:
 - Natural Resources & Mining (2,100 jobs, 8.8%)
 - Education & Health Services (600 jobs, 2.3%)
 - Government (500 jobs, 0.7%)
 - Professional & Business Services (400 jobs, 2.5%)
 - Transportation & Utilities (400 jobs, 3.0%)
 - Construction (300 jobs, 1.5%)
 - Wholesale Trade (100 jobs, 1.2%)
 - Manufacturing (100 jobs, 1.2%)
 - ✚ The U.S. has experienced a 1.3% increase in jobs since January 2010.

- Employment has fallen in two industries since January 2010
 - Retail Trade (-400 jobs, -1.4%)
 - Leisure & Hospitality (-300 jobs, -1.0%)

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

Wyoming Total Employment (Jan 2001 - Jan 2011)

