

October 2010 Employment Data

Month over Month Employment

Unemployment

- Wyoming's unemployment rate fell in October from 6.8% to 6.7%.
- The U.S. unemployment rate remained unchanged in October at 9.6%.

Total Employment

- Total employment decreased by 3,700 jobs in October, which is consistent with normal seasonal patterns.

Employment by Industry

- The month over month increases were in:
 - Government (1,000 jobs, 1.4%)
 - Natural Resources & Mining (600 jobs, 2.2%)
 - Education & Health Services (400 jobs, 1.5%)
 - Financial Activities (100 jobs, 0.9%)
 - Construction (100 jobs, 0.4%)
 - Leisure & Hospitality fell by 4,800 jobs, a decline of 13.6%
 - Retail Trade fell by 700 jobs, a decline of 2.3%
 - Transportation & Utilities fell by 300 jobs, a decline of 2.1%
 - Professional & Business Services fell by 100 jobs, a decline of 0.6%
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Year over Year Employment

Total Employment

- Since October 2009, total employment in Wyoming has grown by 3,000 jobs or 1.1%. The U.S. has increased by 626,000 jobs over the same period.
- Wyoming's annual employment growth of 1.1% (October 2010 over October 2009) rose from #20 to #10 in October.
- Other Mountain states posted growth/decline in October as follows:
 - Arizona +1.0%
 - Utah +0.6%
 - New Mexico +0.6%
 - Idaho - 0.3%
 - Colorado - 0.6%
 - Montana - 0.9%
 - Nevada - 2.5%

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 (3,100 jobs, 12.8%)
 - Government (1,400 jobs, 1.9%)
 - Education & Health Services (900 jobs, 3.5%)
 - Transportation & Utilities (600 jobs, 4.4%)
 - Wholesale Trade (600 jobs, 7.1%)
 - Construction (100 jobs, 0.4%)

- Employment has fallen in seven industries since October 2009
 - Leisure & Hospitality (-1,700 jobs, -5.3%)
 - Retail Trade (-1,100 jobs, -3.6%)
 - Professional & Business Services (-300 jobs, -1.7%)
 - Financial Activities (-200 jobs, -1.8%)
 - Other Services (-200 jobs, -1.7%)
 - Manufacturing (-100 jobs, -1.1%)
 - Information (-100 jobs, -2.6%)

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

Wyoming Total Employment (Jan 2000 - Oct 2010)

