

October 2011 Employment Data

Month over Month Employment

Unemployment

- Wyoming's unemployment rate fell in October from 5.8% to 5.7%.
- The U.S. unemployment rate decreased in October from 9.1% to 9.0%.

Total Employment

- Total employment decreased by 4,500 jobs in October.

Employment by Industry

- The month over month increases were in:
 - Government (1,100 jobs, 1.5%)
 - Manufacturing (200 jobs, 2.2%)
 - Wholesale Trade (100 jobs, 1.2%)
 - Other Services (100 jobs, 0.9%)
- Leisure & Hospitality fell by 4,300 jobs, a decline of 12.1%
- Construction fell by 600 jobs, a decline of 2.4%
- Professional & Business Services fell by 500 jobs, a decline of 2.7%
- Education & Health Services fell by 200 jobs, a decline of 0.8%
- Natural Resources & Mining fell by 200 jobs, a decline of 0.7%
- Retail Trade fell by 200 jobs, a decline of 0.7%

Year over Year Employment

- In October, Wyoming outperformed the national economy (% change).

Total Employment

- Since October 2010, total employment in Wyoming has grown by 5,100 jobs or 1.8%. The U.S. has increased by 1,501,000 jobs over the same period.
- Wyoming's annual employment growth of 1.8% (October 2011 over October 2010) fell from #2 to #9 in October.
- Other Mountain states posted growth/decline in October as follows:
 - Utah +2.6%
 - Arizona +1.9%
 - Montana +1.9%
 - Colorado +1.4%
 - Nevada +1.1%
 - Idaho +0.7%
 - New Mexico +0.6%

Employment by Industry

- Year over year increases by industry include:
 - Government (2,300 jobs, 3.1%)
 - Natural Resources & Mining (2,200 jobs, 8.4%)
 - Professional & Business Services (1,100 jobs, 6.5%)
 - Transportation & Utilities (500 jobs, 3.6%)
 - Retail Trade (300 jobs, 1.0%)
 - Construction (300 jobs, 1.2%)
 - Wholesale Trade (200 jobs, 2.4%)
 - Manufacturing (100 jobs, 1.1%)
 - ✚ The U.S. has experienced a 1.8% increase in jobs since October 2010.

- Employment has fallen in four industries since October 2010
 - Education & Health Services (-600 jobs, -2.2%)
 - Leisure & Hospitality (-200 jobs, -0.6%)
 - Financial Activities (-100 jobs, -0.9%)
 - Other Services (-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 - Oct. 2011)

