

August 2009 Employment Data

Month over Month Employment

Unemployment

- Wyoming's unemployment rate rose in August from 6.5% to 6.6%.
- The U.S. unemployment rate increased in August from 9.4% to 9.7%.

Total Employment

- Total employment decreased by 2,200 jobs in August.

Employment by Industry

- The month over month increases were in:
 - Construction (300 jobs, 1.2%)
 - Professional & Business Services (100 jobs, 0.5%)
 - Transportation & Utilities (100 jobs, 0.7%)
 - Retail Trade (100 jobs, 0.3%)
 - Government fell by 1,100 jobs, a decline of 1.6%
 - Natural Resources & Mining fell by 600 jobs, a decline of 2.4%
 - Leisure & Hospitality fell by 600 jobs, a decline of 1.5%
 - Educational & Health Services fell by 200 jobs, a decline of 0.8%
 - Financial Activities fell by 200 jobs, a decline of 1.7%
 - Other Services fell by 100 jobs, a decline of 0.8%
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Year over Year Employment

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

Total Employment

- Since August 2008, total employment in Wyoming has fallen by 11,000 jobs or 3.6%. The U.S. has decreased by 5,999,000 jobs or -4.4% over the same period.
- Wyoming's annual employment decline of -3.6% (August 2009 over August 2008) fell from #17 to #23 in August.
- Other Mountain states posted growth/decline in August as follows:
 - Montana - 0.9%
 - New Mexico - 3.7%
 - Utah - 4.4%
 - Colorado - 4.6%
 - Idaho - 5.5%
 - Nevada - 6.7%
 - Arizona - 7.5%

Employment by Industry

- Year over year increases by industry include:
 - Government (1,300 jobs, 2.0%)
 - Education & Health Services (500 jobs, 2.0%)
 - Wholesale Trade (200 jobs, 2.2%)

- Employment has fallen in nine industries since August 2008
 - Natural Resources & Mining (-5,300 jobs, -17.5%)
 - Construction (-4,600 jobs, -14.9%)
 - Leisure & Hospitality (-1,100, -2.8%)
 - Professional & Business Services (-900 jobs, -4.5%)
 - Financial Activities (-400 jobs, -3.4%)
 - Retail Trade (-400 jobs, -1.2%)
 - Manufacturing (-200 jobs, -2.0%)
 - Other Services (-100 jobs, -0.8%)

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

Wyoming Total Employment, 1/99 - 8/09

