

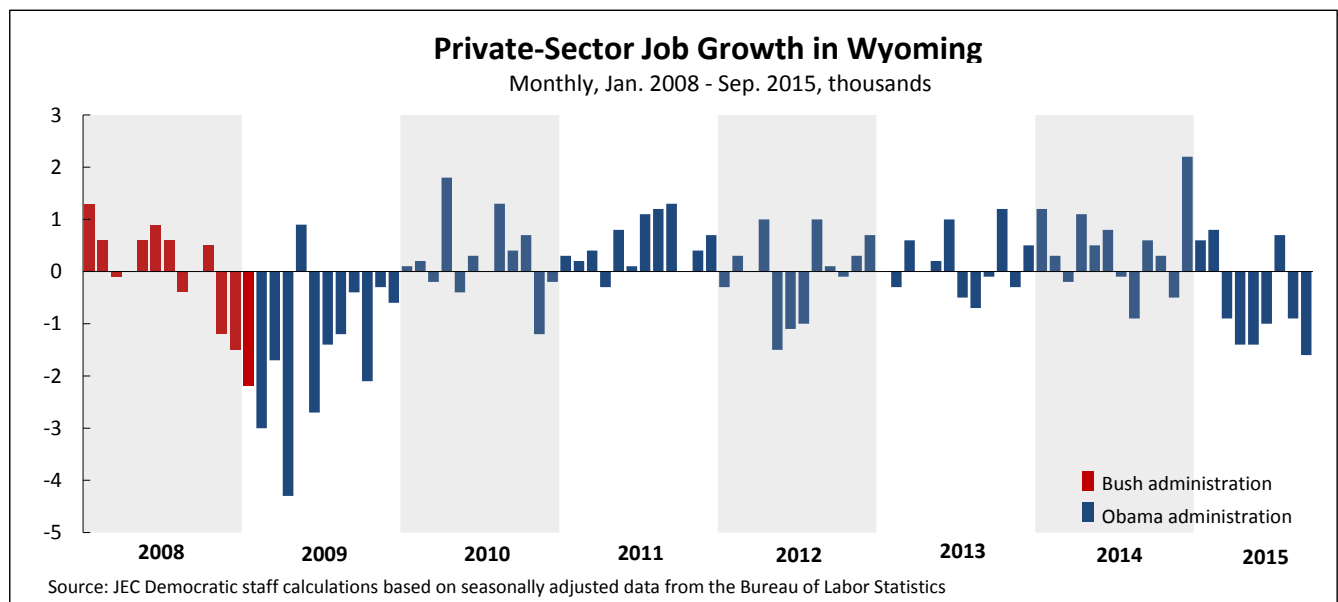


ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: WYOMING

***Includes Bureau of Labor Statistics jobs, unemployment and earnings data through September 2015**
Last updated on October 20th; Data update next on November 20th*

JOBS

- In September, private-sector employment in Wyoming fell by 1,600 jobs. Over the past year, businesses have shed 3,100 jobs. This compares with an increase of 4,700 jobs over the 12 months through September 2014.
- Since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment, Wyoming businesses have added 9,900 jobs (an increase of 4.7 percent). Nationally, private payrolls have increased by 12.3 percent over this time.
- The state sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: manufacturing at 16.3 percent (1,400 jobs), leisure and hospitality at 13.6 percent (4,400 jobs) and professional and business services at 11.3 percent (1,900 jobs).



UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Wyoming was 4.0 percent in September 2015, holding constant from August. The rate was 1.1 percentage points below the national rate of 5.1 percent.
- Unemployment is down 0.4 percentage point from one year earlier and is 3.2 percentage points below its recent peak of 7.2 percent in January 2010.
- There were 12,300 Wyoming residents unemployed in September 2015.

EARNINGS

- In September 2015, average hourly earnings of private-sector workers in Wyoming were \$23.42. The average workweek was 34.7 hours, and average weekly earnings were \$811.00.
- Adjusting for inflation, state average hourly earnings have risen by 0.3 percent over the past year. Nationally, real average hourly earnings have increased by 2.2 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

STATE QUICK FACTS

		Wyoming	United States
Private-Sector Jobs Added	Past 12 Months	-3,100	2.6 million
	Since Feb. 2010	9,900	13.2 million
Unemployment Rate	September 2015	4.0%	5.1%
	September 2014	4.4%	5.9%
	Recession-Era Peak	7.2%	10.0%
Median Household Income (2014 \$)	2014	\$55,700	\$53,700
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	\$55,700	\$57,400
Poverty Rate	2014	9.7%	14.8%
	2007 (Pre-Recession)	10.9%	12.5%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	4.3%	5.3%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	2014	4.4%	7.2%
Percentage Without Health Insurance	2014	12.0%	11.7%
	2013	13.4%	14.5%

STATE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) in Wyoming grew by 5.1 percent in 2014, above the national average growth rate of 2.2 percent.*
- Since 2009, annual Wyoming GDP growth has averaged -0.2 percent, compared with a national average annual growth rate of 1.9 percent.

HOUSING

- Home prices in Wyoming increased by 2.8 percent from the second quarter of 2014 to the second quarter of 2015. They are up 15.3 percent since their recent low in the third quarter of 2010.
- In August 2015, builders in Wyoming broke ground on 1,640 new housing units (seasonally adjusted annual rate), bringing the average over the past 12 months to 1,668 units. That marks a decrease of 4.4 percent from the average over the prior 12 months.

EXPORTS

- In Wyoming, goods exports totaled \$100 million in August and \$1.4 billion over the past year, down 4.9 percent from the 12 months ending in August 2014 (inflation-adjusted).
- Exports over the past 12 months are up 42.2 percent from their level in 2009 (inflation-adjusted).

* Note: Because of methodological differences, total U.S. real GDP by state differs slightly from headline national GDP figures

** A list of sources used to compile the Wyoming economic snapshot is available at: <http://bit.ly/JEC-state-by-state-sources>

*** For additional Wyoming-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Wyoming office: <http://wydoe.state.wy.us/lmi/bls.htm>