Casper Area Economic Summary

This summary presents a sampling of economic information for the area; supplemental data are provided for regions and the nation. Subjects include unemployment, employment, wages, prices, spending, and benefits. All data are not seasonally adjusted and some may be subject to revision. Area definitions may differ by subject. For more area summaries and geographic definitions, see www.bls.gov/regions/economic-summaries.htm.

Unemployment rates for the nation and selected areas

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<th>Area</th>
<th>Aug-22</th>
<th>Aug-23</th>
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<tr>
<td>United States</td>
<td>3.8</td>
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<td>Wyoming</td>
<td>2.7</td>
<td>3.4</td>
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<td>Casper area</td>
<td>3.9</td>
<td>3.0</td>
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<td>Natrona Co.</td>
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Source: U.S. BLS, Local Area Unemployment Statistics.

Average weekly wages for all industries by county

Casper area, first quarter 2023
(U.S. = $1,465; Area = $1,106)

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<tr>
<th>Industry</th>
<th>Aug. 2023</th>
<th>Change from Aug. 2022 to Aug. 2023</th>
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<td>Total nonfarm</td>
<td>39.8</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mining and logging</td>
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<td>Construction</td>
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<td>Manufacturing</td>
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<td>Trade, transportation, and utilities</td>
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<tr>
<td>Information</td>
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<td>Financial activities</td>
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<tr>
<td>Professional and business services</td>
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<td>Education and health services</td>
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<td>Leisure and hospitality</td>
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<td>Other services</td>
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<td>Government</td>
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Over-the-year changes in employment on nonfarm payrolls and employment by major industry sector

Over-the-year change in the prices paid by urban consumers for selected categories

12-month percent change in CPI-U, August 2023

- 3.6, 3.7, 5.0, 4.3, 2.3

All items, Food, Energy

Source: U.S. BLS, Consumer Price Index.

Over-the-year changes in the selling prices received by producers for selected industries nationwide

12-month percent changes in PPI

Aug-20 Aug-21 Aug-22 Aug-23

-0.0 0.0 1.0 2.0

General freight trucking, Hospitals, Support activities for coal mining

Source: U.S. BLS, Producer Price Index.

Average annual spending and percent distribution for selected categories

Average annual expenditures, United States and West, 2022

West United States

100% 80% 60% 40% 20% 0%

Food, Housing, Transportation, Food, Personal insurance & pensions, Healthcare

Source: U.S. BLS, Consumer Expenditure Survey.

Average hourly wages for selected occupations

Occupation Casper, WY United States

All occupations $25.76 $29.76

General and operations managers 50.73 59.07

Welders, cutters, solderers, and brazers 30.16 24.26

Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers 25.74 25.52

Bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing clerks 21.37 22.81

Office clerks, general 20.56 19.78

Retail salespersons 15.95 16.70


Employer costs per hour worked for wages and selected employee benefits by geographic division

Private industry, June 2023 Mountain (1) United States

Total compensation $37.29 $41.03

Wages and salaries 26.58 28.97

Total benefits 10.71 12.06

Paid leave 2.55 3.05

Vacation 1.30 1.56

Supplemental pay 1.33 1.53

Insurance 2.83 3.02

Retirement and savings 1.14 1.39

Legally required benefits 2.85 3.08

(1) The states that compose the Mountain census division are: AZ, CO, ID, MT, NV, NM, UT, and WY.

Source: U.S. BLS, Employer Costs for Employee Compensation.

Over-the-year changes in wages and salaries

12-month percent changes in ECI

Jun-20 Jun-21 Jun-22 Jun-23

Mountain United States

Source: U.S. BLS, Employment Cost Index.