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2012 COUNTY PROFILES

CHEYENNE -- A new publication named “2012 County Profiles” was released by State of Wyoming, Economic Analysis Division. The report provides a multitude of frequently requested statistics that measure the social, economic, and housing conditions of all 23 counties and Wyoming. More than 30 topics are covered with today’s release, such as population by age and race, employment and wages by industry, educational attainment, income and poverty, commuting, and land ownership.

“The County Profiles provide indispensable information about Wyoming’s people, housing, and economy,” said Dr. Wenlin Liu, Principal Economist with the Economic Analysis Division. “In order for government, businesses and communities to make the most informed decisions possible in areas such as strategic planning, economic development, and grant application, timely and accurate data are essential.”

Highlights

- Proportion of the population age 65 and over was 22.9% in Hot Springs County, compared with 6.2% in Campbell County and 13.1% for Wyoming.
- Proportion of Hispanic population was 15.6% in Teton County, compared with 2.2% in Niobrara County and 9.5% for Wyoming.
- Net migration (people who moved in less people who moved out) for Natrona County was about 1,912 during 2012, compared with -202 in Lincoln County and 6,056 for Wyoming.
- Proportion of households that are married-couple families was 67.6% in Lincoln County, compared with 50.4% in Laramie County and 53.0% for Wyoming.
- Proportion of the population age 25 and over with a Bachelor’s degree or higher was 49.0% in Teton County, compared with 16.4% in Converse County and 24.3% for Wyoming.
- Median household income was \$79,776 in Sublette County, compared with \$39,107 in Niobrara County and \$56,573 for Wyoming.
- Proportion of households with food stamp/SNAP benefits was 12.0% in Niobrara County, compared with 2.0% in Teton County and 5.7% for Wyoming.
- The poverty rate for single-mother families with children under 18 years was 56.6% in Platte County, compared with 12.2% in Sublette County and 36.2% for Wyoming.

- Percent of the population without health insurance coverage was 22.4% in Teton County, compared with 12.0 % in Weston County and 14.9% for Wyoming.
- The home ownership rate was 83.2% in Lincoln County, compared with 50.7% in Albany County and 70.3% for Wyoming.
- The median home value was \$692,700 in Teton County, compared with \$122,900 in Niobrara County and \$184,400 for Wyoming.
- Percent employment (covered with unemployment insurance) in the mining industry (including oil & gas extraction) was 29.8% in Campbell County, compared with 0.5% in Laramie County, and 9.9% for Wyoming.
- The average annual wage per job was \$82,787 in Wyoming's mining industry, compared with \$27,069 for the retail trade industry and \$17,365 for the leisure & hospitality industry.
- Approximately 490 people who lived in Albany County were commuting to Laramie County for work, compared with 1,180 workers commuting from Lincoln County to Teton County.
- The total cash receipts for farmers and ranchers in Washakie County was \$59.8 million, of which 51.6% was from crops, while 82.9% of the Laramie County's receipts (\$219.5 million) was from livestock and products.
- In Sublette County, 69.1% of its property taxes were from natural gas production, while 63.7% of total property taxes were from coal valuation for Campbell County, comparing to 84.8% from residential properties in Teton County.
- The proportion of Federal land in Sublette County was 78.1%, compared with 1.9% in Goshen County and 47.9% for Wyoming.
- The operating cost per ADM (average daily membership) was \$16,324 in Campbell County, compared with \$22,571 in Sublette County and \$17,156 for Wyoming.
- The high school graduation rate (4 year on time) was 95.4% in Crook County, compared with 45.8% in Niobrara County and 77.6% for Wyoming.
- The composite ACT score was 21.6 in Teton County, compared with 18.7 in Carbon County and 19.7 for Wyoming.
- Proportion of passenger cars and trucks accounted for 74.6% of total registered vehicles in Albany County, compared with 56.6% in Sublette County and 67.9% for Wyoming.
- There were three licensed nursing care facilities with bed capacity of 432 in Natrona County, while there was no such facility in Niobrara County.
- The percent of population who were Medicaid beneficiaries was 23.1% in Carbon County, compared with 8.2% in Sublette County and 15.1% for Wyoming.
- Percent of adults with BMI (body mass index) larger than 30 was 30.3% in Campbell County, compared with 10.9% in Teton County and 25.2% for Wyoming.

County Profiles are available online: http://eadiv.state.wy.us/Demog_data/County_Profile.html