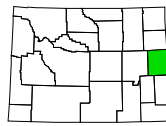


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Niobrara County

County Seat: Lusk
Land Area (square mile): 2,626.0
Population Per Square Mile: 0.9

Subject	Niobrara		Wyoming	
POPULATION - AGE/SEX¹	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	2,456	100.0	576,412	100.0
Male	1,119	45.6	294,281	51.1
Female	1,337	54.4	282,131	48.9
Under 5 years	95	3.9	38,592	6.7
5 to 9 years	109	4.4	38,895	6.7
10 to 14 years	137	5.6	36,286	6.3
15 to 19 years	135	5.5	37,270	6.5
20 to 24 years	116	4.7	42,591	7.4
25 to 29 years	146	5.9	41,306	7.2
30 to 34 years	156	6.4	39,793	6.9
35 to 39 years	131	5.3	34,061	5.9
40 to 44 years	163	6.6	34,207	5.9
45 to 49 years	162	6.6	35,794	6.2
50 to 54 years	181	7.4	43,170	7.5
55 to 59 years	242	9.9	43,260	7.5
60 to 64 years	171	7.0	35,679	6.2
65 to 69 years	138	5.6	25,651	4.5
70 to 74 years	134	5.5	17,863	3.1
75 to 79 years	105	4.3	12,783	2.2
80 to 84 years	76	3.1	9,990	1.7
85 years and over	59	2.4	9,221	1.6
Under 18 years	426	17.3	135,490	23.5
18 to 24 years	166	6.8	58,144	10.1
25 to 44 years	596	24.3	149,367	25.9
45 to 64 years	756	30.8	157,903	27.4
65 years and over	512	20.8	75,508	13.1
Median age (years)	46.2	NA	36.9	NA
POPULATION - RACE/HISPANIC¹	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All Races Combined	2,456	100.0	576,412	100.0
White Alone	2,362	96.2	536,450	93.1
Black or African American Alone	20	0.8	8,555	1.5
American Indian and Alaska Native Alone	25	1.0	15,003	2.6
Asian Alone	10	0.4	5,183	0.9
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Alone	0	0.0	575	0.1
Two or More Races	39	1.6	10,646	1.8
Hispanic (may be of any race)	53	2.2	54,770	9.5
Non-Hispanic	2,403	97.8	521,642	90.5
White Alone	2,314	94.2	487,822	84.6
COMPONENTS OF POPULATION CHANGE¹	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Population Change	-33	100.0	9,056	100.0
Natural Change	-4	12.1	3,000	33.1
Births	16	(X)	7,426	(X)
Deaths	20	(X)	4,426	(X)
Net Migration	-29	87.9	6,056	66.9

Subject	Niobrara		Wyoming	
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HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE²	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total households	1,013	100.0	221,479	100.0
Family households (families)	636	62.8	145,992	65.9
With own children under 18 years	234	23.1	63,449	28.6
Married-couple family	545	53.8	117,493	53.0
With own children under 18 years	183	18.1	45,297	20.5
Male householder, no wife present, family	9	0.9	9,246	4.2
With own children under 18 years	6	0.6	5,912	2.7
Female householder, no husband present, family	82	8.1	19,253	8.7
With own children under 18 years	45	4.4	12,240	5.5
Nonfamily households	377	37.2	75,487	34.1
Householder living alone	313	30.9	61,207	27.6
65 years and over	161	15.9	20,074	9.1
Households with one or more people under 18 years	255	25.2	69,185	31.2
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	374	36.9	49,189	22.2
Average household size	2.24	(X)	2.48	(X)
Average family size	2.83	(X)	3.02	(X)

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT²	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Population 25 years and over	1,787	100.0	371,096	100.0
Less than 9th grade	52	2.9	8,661	2.3
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	125	7.0	20,726	5.6
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	551	30.8	113,353	30.5
Some college, no degree	609	34.1	101,199	27.3
Associate's degree	155	8.7	37,126	10.0
Bachelor's degree	221	12.4	60,011	16.2
Graduate or professional degree	74	4.1	30,020	8.1
Percent high school graduate or higher	(X)	90.1	(X)	92.1
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	(X)	16.5	(X)	24.3

VETERAN STATUS²	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Civilian population 18 years and over	1,991	100.0	452,054	100.0
Civilian veterans	194	9.7	51,203	11.3

RESIDENCE 1 YEAR AGO²	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Population age 1 year and over	2,471	100.0	555,587	100.0
Same house	1,988	80.5	454,552	81.8
Different house in the U.S.	459	18.6	99,164	17.8
Same county	54	2.2	54,717	9.8
Different county	405	16.4	44,447	8.0
Same state	185	7.5	14,481	2.6
Different state	220	8.9	29,966	5.4
Abroad	24	1.0	1,871	0.3

INCOME AND BENEFITS (IN 2012 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)²	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total households	1,013	100.0	221,479	100.0
Less than \$10,000	103	10.2	11,279	5.1
\$10,000 to \$14,999	60	5.9	10,717	4.8
\$15,000 to \$24,999	145	14.3	21,127	9.5
\$25,000 to \$34,999	157	15.5	22,992	10.4
\$35,000 to \$49,999	149	14.7	31,395	14.2

Subject	Niobrara		Wyoming	
\$50,000 to \$74,999	126	12.4	44,135	19.9
\$75,000 to \$99,999	138	13.6	31,949	14.4
\$100,000 to \$149,999	73	7.2	32,413	14.6
\$150,000 to \$199,999	40	3.9	9,172	4.1
\$200,000 or more	22	2.2	6,300	2.8
Median household income (dollars)	\$39,107	(X)	\$56,573	(X)
Mean household income (dollars)	\$56,686	(X)	\$70,836	(X)
With earnings	766	75.6	184,013	83.1
Mean earnings (dollars)	\$56,121	(X)	\$69,147	(X)
With Social Security	405	40.0	58,632	26.5
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	\$16,129	(X)	\$16,806	(X)
With retirement income	189	18.7	35,970	16.2
Mean retirement income (dollars)	\$14,520	(X)	\$21,386	(X)
With Supplemental Security Income	60	5.9	6,552	3.0
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	\$4,195	(X)	\$8,539	(X)
With cash public assistance income	4	0.4	3,444	1.6
Mean cash public assistance income (dollars)	\$625	(X)	\$3,374	(X)
With Food Stamp/SNAP benefits	122	12.0	12,666	5.7

PER CAPITA INCOME ³	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Per capita personal income	\$47,088	(X)	\$50,567	(X)
Per capita personal current transfer receipts	\$8,039	(X)	\$6,343	(X)
Per capita dividends, interest, and rent	\$13,017	(X)	\$13,093	(X)
Average nonfarm proprietors' income	\$9,708	(X)	\$35,391	(X)

FAMILIES AND PEOPLE WHOSE INCOME IS BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL ²	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All families	52	8.2	10,532	7.2
With related children under 18 years	48	19.5	8,494	12.4
Married couple families	37	6.8	4,139	3.5
With related children under 18 years	33	17.5	2,719	5.7
Families with female householder, no husband present	15	18.3	5,472	28.4
With related children under 18 years	15	31.3	4,982	36.2
All people	361		60,636	11.0
Under 18 years	105	22.2	19,470	14.7
18 to 64 years	200	14.9	36,902	10.6
65 years and over	56	12.6	4,264	6.3

RATIO OF INCOME TO POVERTY LEVEL IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS ²	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total:	2,260	100.0	549,049	100.0
Under .50	71	3.1	24,850	4.5
.50 to .99	290	12.8	35,786	6.5
1.00 to 1.24	62	2.7	19,623	3.6
1.25 to 1.49	113	5.0	23,841	4.3
1.50 to 1.84	233	10.3	37,058	6.7
1.85 to 1.99	148	6.5	14,161	2.6
2.00 and over	1,343	59.4	393,730	71.7

HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE ²	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Civilian noninstitutionalized population	2,261	100.0	553,168	100.0
With health insurance coverage	1,899	84.0	470,598	85.1
With private health insurance	1,413	62.5	396,117	71.6

Subject	Niobrara		Wyoming	
With public coverage	774	34.2	141,018	25.5
No health insurance coverage	362	16.0	82,570	14.9
Civilian noninstitutionalized population under 18 years	481	100.0	134,264	100.0
No health insurance coverage	52	10.8	11,766	8.8

HOUSING UNITS ²	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total housing units	1,338	100.0	261,430	100.0
Occupied housing units	1,013	75.7	221,479	84.7
Owner-occupied	665	65.6	155,659	70.3
Renter-occupied	348	34.4	65,820	29.7
Vacant housing units	325	24.3	39,951	15.3
Homeowner vacancy rate	(X)	1.6	(X)	1.7
Rental vacancy rate	(X)	9.1	(X)	7.9

UNITS IN STRUCTURE ²	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total housing units	1,338	100.0	261,430	100.0
Single family units	1,096	81.9	182,817	69.9
2 to 4 units	40	3.0	19,426	7.4
5 to 9 units	0	0.0	8,872	3.4
10 or more units	88	6.6	13,702	5.2
Mobile home	114	8.5	36,251	13.9
RV, van, boat, etc.	0	0.0	362	0.1

RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMITS ⁴	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total housing units	5	100.0	2,300	100.0
Single family units	5	100.0	1,691	73.5
2 to 4 units	0	0.0	126	5.5
5 to more units	0	0.0	483	21.0

HOME VALUE ²	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Owner-occupied units	665	100.0	155,659	100.0
Less than \$50,000	109	16.4	16,506	10.6
\$50,000 to \$99,999	154	23.2	14,553	9.3
\$100,000 to \$149,999	123	18.5	23,529	15.1
\$150,000 to \$199,999	107	16.1	32,655	21.0
\$200,000 to \$299,999	116	17.4	38,465	24.7
\$300,000 to \$499,999	8	1.2	20,225	13.0
\$500,000 to \$999,999	19	2.9	6,826	4.4
\$1,000,000 or more	29	4.4	2,900	1.9
Median (dollars)	\$122,900	(X)	\$184,400	(X)

MORTGAGE STATUS ²	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Owner-occupied units	665	100.0	155,659	100.0
Housing units with a mortgage	281	42.3	94,301	60.6
Housing units without a mortgage	384	57.7	61,358	39.4

GROSS RENT ²	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Occupied units paying rent	273	100.0	58,693	100.0
Less than \$200	6	2.2	862	1.5
\$200 to \$299	17	6.2	2,200	3.7
\$300 to \$499	104	38.1	8,024	13.7
\$500 to \$749	136	49.8	19,540	33.3
\$750 to \$999	2	0.7	14,169	24.1
\$1,000 to \$1,499	8	2.9	10,137	17.3

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\$1,500 or more	0	0.0	3,761	6.4
Median (dollars)	\$557	(X)	\$733	(X)

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ⁵ (2013)	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Labor Force	1,334	100.0	306,315	100.0
Employment	1,284	96.3	292,096	95.4
Unemployment	50	3.7	14,219	4.6
Unemployment Rate	3.7%	(X)	4.6%	(X)

AVERAGE WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT ⁶	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	928	100.0	278,595	100.0
Private	477	51.4	212,193	76.2
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, & Hunting	19	2.1	2,542	0.9
Mining, Quarrying, & Oil & Gas Extraction	28	3.0	27,688	9.9
Utilities	12	1.3	2,469	0.9
Construction	57	6.2	21,500	7.7
Manufacturing	18	1.9	9,357	3.4
Wholesale Trade	17	1.8	9,166	3.3
Retail Trade	96	10.4	29,444	10.6
Transportation & Warehousing	12	1.2	9,554	3.4
Information	3	0.3	3,902	1.4
Financial Activities	28	3.0	10,754	3.9
Professional & Business Services	18	1.9	18,010	6.5
Educational & Health Services	70	7.5	25,324	9.1
Leisure & Hospitality	83	8.9	33,923	12.2
Other Services	16	1.7	8,564	3.1
Government	451	48.6	66,403	23.8
Federal Government	15	1.6	7,522	2.7
State Government	123	13.2	13,343	4.8
Local Government	313	33.7	45,538	16.3

TOTAL ANNUAL WAGES ⁶	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	\$29,048,546	100.0	\$12,419,640,108	100.0
Private	\$12,115,581	41.7	\$9,402,134,549	75.7
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, & Hunting	\$382,841	1.3	\$77,320,968	0.6
Mining, Quarrying, & Oil & Gas Extraction	\$1,606,158	5.5	\$2,292,161,480	18.5
Utilities	\$775,961	2.7	\$201,510,613	1.6
Construction	\$1,998,222	6.9	\$1,060,383,641	8.5
Manufacturing	\$397,000	1.4	\$522,831,750	4.2
Wholesale Trade	\$441,000	1.5	\$527,492,048	4.2
Retail Trade	\$1,601,129	5.5	\$796,995,012	6.4
Transportation & Warehousing	\$308,910	1.1	\$452,562,477	3.6
Information	\$65,000	0.2	\$162,296,930	1.3
Financial Activities	\$893,388	3.1	\$528,141,060	4.3
Professional & Business Services	\$436,020	1.5	\$875,522,196	7.0
Educational & Health Services	\$2,362,010	8.1	\$1,017,875,287	8.2
Leisure & Hospitality	\$634,980	2.2	\$589,074,501	4.7
Other Services	\$212,962	0.7	\$297,966,586	2.4
Government	\$16,932,965	58.3	\$3,017,505,559	24.3
Federal Government	\$447,671	1.5	\$444,713,124	3.6
State Government	\$5,573,520	19.2	\$693,482,477	5.6
Local Government	\$10,911,774	37.6	\$1,879,309,958	15.1

AVERAGE ANNUAL WAGE ⁶	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	\$31,319	100.0	\$44,580	100.0
Private	\$25,400	81.1	\$44,309	99.4

Subject	Niobrara		Wyoming	
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, & Hunting	\$19,888	63.5	\$30,423	68.2
Mining, Quarrying, & Oil & Gas Extraction	\$56,855	181.5	\$82,787	185.7
Utilities	\$63,344	202.3	\$81,625	183.1
Construction	\$34,903	111.4	\$49,321	110.6
Manufacturing	\$22,056	70.4	\$55,879	125.3
Wholesale Trade	\$25,941	82.8	\$57,547	129.1
Retail Trade	\$16,635	53.1	\$27,069	60.7
Transportation & Warehousing	\$26,862	85.8	\$47,370	106.3
Information	\$21,667	69.2	\$41,599	93.3
Financial Activities	\$32,194	102.8	\$49,113	110.2
Professional & Business Services	\$24,223	77.3	\$48,614	109.0
Educational & Health Services	\$33,743	107.7	\$40,194	90.2
Leisure & Hospitality	\$7,650	24.4	\$17,365	39.0
Other Services	\$13,739	43.9	\$34,795	78.1
Government	\$37,587	120.0	\$45,442	101.9
Federal Government	\$29,845	95.3	\$59,122	132.6
State Government	\$45,405	145.0	\$51,973	116.6
Local Government	\$34,862	111.3	\$41,270	92.6

COMMUTING TO OR FROM A DIFFERENT COUNTY FOR WORK	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Commuting Out	151	100.0	22,542	100.0
to Weston County, WY	57	37.7	269	1.2
to Natrona County, WY	34	22.5	2,080	9.2
to Campbell County, WY	23	15.2	4,290	19.0
to Garfield County, CO	9	6.0	38	0.2
to Grant County, ND	9	6.0	9	0.0
to All Other Counties	19	12.6	15,856	70.3
Total Commuting In	148	100.0	29,946	100.0
from Goshen County, WY	91	61.5	1,235	4.1
from Natrona County, WY	17	11.5	1,676	5.6
from Weston County, WY	15	10.1	867	2.9
from Keith County, NE	9	6.1	20	0.1
from Fremont County, WY	8	5.4	1,017	3.4
from All Other Counties	8	5.4	25,131	83.9

AGRICULTURE ⁷	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Number of Farms	234	(X)	11,736	(X)
Land in Farms (thousands of acres)	1,359	(X)	30,364	(X)
Total Cash Receipts (thousands of dollars)	\$48,719	100.0	\$1,663,761	100.0
Livestock and Products	\$42,756	87.8	\$1,235,198	74.2
Crops	\$5,963	12.2	\$428,563	25.8
Net Farm Income (thousands of dollars)	\$10,347	(X)	\$268,001	(X)

VALUATION AND TAXES ⁸	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Assessed Valuation	\$115,966,708	100.0	\$22,797,094,335	100.0
Non-Minerals	\$59,844,899	51.6	\$9,290,528,889	40.8
Agriculture	\$7,991,049	6.9	\$253,014,175	1.1
Residential	\$11,326,217	9.8	\$4,292,823,158	18.8
Commercial	\$3,098,898	2.7	\$1,198,642,514	5.3
Industrial	\$2,415,679	2.1	\$2,162,592,241	9.5
Other	\$35,013,056	30.2	\$1,383,456,801	6.1
Minerals	\$56,121,809	48.4	\$13,506,565,446	59.2
Oil	\$54,621,318	47.1	\$4,229,997,989	18.6
Natural gas	\$1,328,152	1.1	\$4,470,657,938	19.6

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Coal	\$0	0.0	\$4,054,979,229	17.8
Other minerals	\$172,339	0.1	\$750,930,290	3.3
Total Property Taxes	\$8,043,002	(X)	\$1,463,519,560	(X)
Average Mill Levy	69.4	(X)	64.2	(X)
4% Sales and Use Tax Collections	\$2,900,311	(X)	\$700,228,831	(X)

LANDOWNERSHIP ⁹ (square miles)	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Land	2,626.0	100.0	97,093.1	100.0
U.S. Government	194.9	7.4	46,535.4	47.9
National Park Service	0.0	0.0	3,657.6	3.8
Forest Service	1.4	0.1	14,390.9	14.8
Fish and Wildlife	0.0	0.0	80.3	0.1
Bureau of Land Management	193.5	7.4	27,162.8	28.0
Bureau of Reclamation	0.0	0.0	1,243.8	1.3
Wyoming	248.6	9.5	6,042.7	6.2
State Lands Commission	248.6	9.5	5,773.5	5.9
Recreation Commission	0.0	0.0	11.8	0.0
Game and Fish	0.0	0.0	257.4	0.3
Local Government	1.4	0.1	192.0	0.2
County	0.1	0.0	36.7	0.0
City and Town	1.2	0.0	78.3	0.1
School District and College	0.0	0.0	44.3	0.0
Other Lands	5.1	0.2	3,155.5	3.2
Surface Water	2.1	0.1	735.2	0.8
Total Public	450.0	17.1	55,925.5	57.6
Total Private	2,176.0	82.9	41,167.6	42.4

PUBLIC SCHOOL STATISTICS ¹⁰			Number	Percent
Number of School Districts	1	(X)	48	(X)
Number of Schools	4	(X)	351	(X)
Fall Enrollment	979	(X)	90,993	(X)
Composite ACT score (Grade 11)	18.9	(X)	19.7	(X)
High School Graduates (4 year on time)	44	(X)	5,300	(X)
Graduation Rate	45.8%	(X)	77.6%	(X)
Average Daily Membership (ADM)	948	(X)	89,832	(X)
Certified Teachers	67	(X)	7,350	(X)
Certified Staff	8	(X)	1,538	(X)
Administration	8	(X)	746	(X)
Classified Staff	32	(X)	6,940	(X)
Students Transported Daily	160	(X)	31,351	(X)
Total General Fund Revenues	\$11,452,540	(X)	\$1,370,360,482	(X)
Total General Fund Expenditures	\$11,191,200	(X)	\$1,353,837,570	(X)
Operating Cost Per ADM	\$13,052	(X)	\$17,156	(X)
% of Students with Free or Reduced Lunch (2013-14)	10.2%	(X)	37.6%	(X)

CRIME ¹¹	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Violent Crime	3	100.0	1,086	100.0
Murder	0	0.0	14	1.3
Forcible Rape	0	0.0	147	13.5
Robbery	0	0.0	60	5.5
Aggravated Assault	3	100.0	865	79.7
Property Crime	8	100.0	12,791	100.0
Burglary	1	12.5	2,061	16.1
Larceny-Theft	6	75.0	10,182	79.6

Subject	Niobrara		Wyoming	
Motor Vehicle Theft	1	12.5	548	4.3

TRANSPORTATION ¹²	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Number of Registered Vehicles	5,206	100.0	883,401	100.0
Passenger Cars	1,514	29.1	348,250	39.4
Trucks	1,788	34.3	251,400	28.5
Motorcycles	145	2.8	29,853	3.4
Trailers (including house trailers)	1,362	26.2	196,395	22.2
University of Wyoming Specialty Plates (cars & trucks)	32	0.6	5,025	0.6
Commercial Trucks & Trailers	237	4.6	24,901	2.8
Others	128	2.5	27,577	3.1
Road (miles)	777	100.0	29,070	100.0
Federal	0	0.0	4,089	14.1
State Highway	174	22.4	6,752	23.2
County Road	571	73.5	14,620	50.3
Local (City & Town)	20	2.5	2,431	8.4
Other	12	1.5	1,178	4.1
Per Capita Vehicle Miles Traveled	31,274	(X)	15,659	(X)
Commercial Airport Passengers	0	(X)	997,818	(X)

HEALTH CARE AND RISK FACTORS ¹³	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Licensed Hospitals	1	(X)	27	(X)
Bed Capacity	24	(X)	1,386	(X)
Licensed Nursing Care Facilities	0	(X)	38	(X)
Bed Capacity	0	(X)	2,950	(X)
Occupancy Rate	0%	(X)	80.9%	(X)
Medicaid Beneficiaries	502	20.4	87,069	15.1
Enrollment in State Children Health Insurance Program	17	3.8	8,846	6.2
Percent of Adults with BMI (weight in kg/height in meters squared) Larger Than 30	27.1%	(X)	25.2%	(X)
Percent of Adults who reported having 5 or more drinks on an occasion at least once in the past 30 days	15.0%	(X)	15.6%	(X)
Percent of Adults who reported having smoked at least 100 cigarettes in their life time and are currently smoking	24.9%	(X)	22.2%	(X)

SOURCES:

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- ² U.S. Census Bureau, 2012 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates
- ³ U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis
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- ⁵ U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics
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- ¹⁰ Wyoming Department of Education
- ¹¹ Wyoming Attorney General's Office
- ¹² Wyoming Department of Transportation
- ¹³ Wyoming Department of Health and Wyoming Department of Family Services