



Quick Facts

Governor - State Capital	Governor Dave Freudenthal - Cheyenne
Most Livable State - National Ranking	14th in 2003 - 8th in 2002 - 12th in 2001
Nicknames	Equality State - Big Wyoming - Cowboy State
State Dinosaur & State Fossil	Triceratops & Knightia
State Flower & State Tree	Indian Paintbrush & Plains Cottonwood
State Bird & State Fish	Western Meadowlark & Cutthroat Trout
State Mammal & State Gemstone	Bison & Jade
1 st National Park	Yellowstone - established March 1, 1872
1 st National Monument	Devil's Tower - established September 24, 1906
Admitted to Statehood - Date & Rank	July 10, 1890 - 44th State

Items	Most Recent Period			Previous Period		% Change in Value
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Demography

Total Population	2002	498,703	50	2001	493,754	1.0%
Total Male Population	2000	248,374	50	1990	227,007	9.4%
Total Female Population	2000	245,408	50	1990	226,581	8.3%
% of Population - Under 18 Years Old	2000	26.1%	16	1990	29.9%	-12.7%
% of Population - 18 to 64 Years Old	2000	62.2%	21	1990	59.7%	4.2%
% of Population - 65 Years & Older	2000	11.7%	38	1990	10.4%	12.5%
Population of Cheyenne - Capital	2000	53,011	-	1990	50,008	6.0%
Population per Square Mile	2000	5.04	49	1990	4.63	8.9%
Number of Counties	2002	23	39	2000	23	0.0%
Most Populated County - Laramie County	2000	81,607	-	1990	73,142	11.6%
Least Populated County - Niobrara County	2000	2,407	-	1990	2,499	-3.7%
Median Age	2000	36.2	18	1990	32.1	12.8%
Marriages per 1,000 Persons	2001	10.3	7	2000	10.0	3.0%
Divorces per 1,000 Persons	2001	6.1	3	2000	5.7	7.0%
% of Eligible Population Reported Voting	2000	59.7%	11	1998	49.4%	20.9%

Weather & Geography

Total Area (sq. miles)	2003	97,813	9	-	-	NA
Water Area (sq. miles)	2003	713	35	-	-	NA
Mean Elevation (ft)	2003	6,700	2	-	-	NA
Highest Point (ft) - Gannett Peak	2003	13,804	5	-	-	NA
Lowest Point (ft) - Belle Fourche River	2003	3,099	49	-	-	NA
Normal Mean Temperature (f)	2003	45.0	45	-	-	NA
Average Annual Precipitation (in)	1998	14.5	-	-	-	NA
Average Wind Speed (mph)	2002	12.9	1	-	-	NA
% of Days That are Sunny	2002	64.0%	9	-	-	NA
% of Land in Rural Areas	2000	91.7%	9	1999	91.7%	0.0%
% of Land Owned by the Federal Gov't.	2002	50.6%	5	2000	49.8%	1.6%
% of Land Owned by State Gov't.	2002	6.2%	-	1999	5.7%	8.8%

Recreation & Tourism

Land Ownership in Wyoming (mil. acres):						
- National Park Service	2002	2.3	-	-	-	NA
- U.S. Forest Service	2002	9.3	-	-	-	NA
- Bureau of Land Management	2002	17.4	-	-	-	NA
Wyoming State Parks Acreage (land & water)	2002	114,571	-	-	-	NA
Visitors to State Parks & Recreational Areas	2002	2,371,555	44	2001	2,537,989	-6.6%
# of Downhill Ski Areas	2002	10	-	-	-	NA
Miles of Snowmobile Trails	2003	2,000+	-	-	-	NA
# of National Forests	2003	9	-	-	-	NA
Visitors to Grand Teton Nat'l. Park	2002	2,612,629	-	2001	2,535,108	3.1%
Visitors to Yellowstone Nat'l. Park	2002	2,973,677	-	2001	2,758,526	7.8%
Visitors to Devil's Tower Nat'l. Monument	2002	404,934	-	2001	375,596	7.8%
Visitors to Fossil Butte Nat'l. Monument	2002	19,320	-	2001	19,902	-2.9%



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Wyoming Economy						
Median Household Income - 3 Year Average (\$)	1999-01	\$39,719	33	1998-00	\$39,026	1.8%
Per Capita Personal Income (\$)	2002	\$30,578	17	2001	\$29,416	4.0%
Per Capita Gross State Product (\$)	2000	\$39,050	8	1999	\$36,380	7.3%
Bankruptcy Filings	2002	2,264	47	2001	2,489	-9.0%
Personal Bankruptcies per 100,000 Persons	2002	445	30	2001	494	-9.9%
Retail Sales (Bil. \$)	2002	\$7.038	-	2001	\$6.628	6.2%
Car & Truck Registrations	2002	24,114	-	2001	21,081	14.4%
Rate of New Firms as % of Existing Firms	2001	13.8%	13	2000	12.6%	9.5%
Wyoming Annual Inflation Rate	4Q02	3.7%	-	4Q01	3.5%	5.7%
Comparative Cost of Living (U.S. avg. = 1.000)	1999	0.959	25	1998	0.958	0.1%
Exports - Origin of Movement Series (mil. \$)	2002	\$553.4	48	2001	\$503.3	10.0%
Employment & Labor						
Average Annual Pay (\$)	2001	\$28,025	42	2000	\$26,837	4.4%
State Minimum Wage Rate (\$ per hour)	2003	\$5.15	12	2002	\$5.15	0.0%
Civilian Labor Force	2002	270,000	50	2001	271,262	-0.5%
Employed	2002	259,000	50	2001	260,596	-0.6%
Unemployed	2002	11,000	50	2001	10,666	3.1%
Unemployment Rate	2002	4.2%	42	2001	3.9%	7.7%
Total Non-farm Employees	2002	247,200	50	2001	245,600	0.7%
% of Employees in Mining	2002	7.7%	1	2001	7.8%	-1.3%
% of Employees in Government	2002	25.4%	2	2001	24.9%	2.0%
% of Employees in Construction & Manufacturing	2002	11.9%	2 & 49	2001	11.9%	0.0%
% of Employees in Wholesale & Retail Trade	2002	22.2%	40	2001	22.7%	-2.2%
% of Employees in Service Industries	2002	23.8%	50	2001	23.6%	0.8%
Tax Environment						
Individual Income Tax Rate	2003	0.0%	42	2001	0.0%	0.0%
Corporate Income Tax Rate	2003	0.0%	47	2001	0.0%	0.0%
State Sales Tax Rate	2003	4.0%	36	2001	4.0%	0.0%
Residential Property Tax Rate (per \$100)	2002	\$0.71	46	2001	\$0.75	-5.3%
Gasoline Tax Rate (\$/gallon)	2003	\$0.14	44	2001	\$0.14	0.0%
Cigarette Tax Rate (\$/pack) <i>effective July 1, 2003</i>	2003	\$0.60	46	2002	\$0.12	400.0%
Tax Freedom Day - Wyoming	2003	April 21	10	2002	April 22	-1 day
Tax Freedom Day - U.S.	2003	April 19	-	2002	April 19	0 days
State/Local Taxes as % of Income	2003	8.5%	43	2002	9.8%	-13.3%
Federal Taxes as % of Income	2003	22.2%	6	2002	24.2%	-8.3%
Agriculture & Mining						
Average # of Acres per Farm/Ranch	2002	3,761	1	2001	3,761	0.0%
Cash Receipts from Commodities (mil.\$)	2001	\$982.5	-	2000	\$957.2	2.6%
All Cattle & Calves (1,000)	2002	1,290	26	2001	1,470	-12.2%
All Sheep & Lambs (1,000)	2002	460	3	2001	480	-4.2%
Wool Production (1,000 lbs.)	2002	3,750	2	2001	3,950	-5.1%
Alfalfa Hay (1,000 tons)	2002	1,150	25	2001	1,276	-9.9%
Barley (1,000 bu.)	2002	4,900	8	2001	6,970	-29.7%
Sugarbeets (1,000 tons)	2002	659	9	2001	857	-23.1%
Coal Production (mil. short tons)	2002	373.2	1	2001	368.7	1.2%
Coalbed Methane Production (bil. cubic feet)	2002	327.5	3	2001	254.0	28.9%
Natural Gas Production (bil. cubic feet)	2002	1,746.2	5	2001	1,605.8	8.7%
Crude Oil Production (mil. barrels)	2002	54.7	7	2001	57.5	-4.9%
Trona Production (mil. short tons)	2002	17.3	1	2001	17.7	-2.3%
Average Price Paid for Wyoming Coal (\$/ton)	2002	\$6.64	-	2001	\$5.75	15.5%
Average Spot Price for Opal Natural Gas (\$/Mcf)	2002	\$1.97	-	2001	\$3.66	-46.2%
Average Price Paid for Wyoming Oil (\$/bbl.)	2002	\$22.08	-	2001	\$21.58	2.3%
Average Price Paid for Trona (\$/ton)	2002	\$38.00	-	2001	\$38.00	0.0%



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Crime & Law Enforcement						
Crimes	2001	17,392	48	2000	16,285	6.8%
Crimes per 100,000 Persons	2001	3,518	34	2000	3,298	6.7%
Violent Crimes per 100,000 Persons	2001	257	40	2000	267	-3.7%
Murders per 100,000 Persons	2001	1.8	44	2000	2.4	-25.0%
Rapes per 100,000 Persons	2001	30.9	27	2000	32.4	-4.6%
Robberies per 100,000 Persons	2001	17.0	48	2000	14.2	19.7%
Aggravated Assaults per 100,000 Persons	2001	208	31	2000	218	-4.6%
Burglaries per 100,000 Persons	2001	502	41	2000	421	19.2%
Larcenies & Thefts per 100,000 Persons	2001	2,618	23	2000	2,495	4.9%
Motor Vehicle Thefts per 100,000 Persons	2001	141	47	2000	116	21.6%
Per Capita S/L Gov't. Exp. for Police Prot. (\$)	2000	\$200	16	1999	\$195	2.6%

Education						
% of Pop. (25+) with High School Degree	2001	88.5%	6	2000	90.0%	-1.7%
% of Pop. (25+) with Bachelor's Degree	2001	23.4%	28	2000	24.0%	-2.5%
Education Freedom Index (composite score)	2001	1.79	30	-	-	NA
ACT Average Composite Score	2002	21.4	20	2001	21.5	-0.5%
SAT Average Composite Score	2001	1,092	20	2000	1,090	0.2%
% of Students in Private Schools	2000	2.3%	50	1998	2.6%	-11.5%
Pupil-Teacher Ratio in Public Schools	2002	13.0	47	2001	13.0	0.0%
Average Salary of Teachers (\$)	2002	\$37,841	36	2001	\$34,189	10.7%
Public High School Graduation Rate	2002	71.1%	26	2000	73.2%	-2.9%
Expenditures Per Pupil in Public Schools (\$)	2002	\$8,203	15	2001	\$7,928	3.5%
Enrollment at the University of Wyoming	Fall 02	12,766	-	Fall 01	12,402	2.9%
Average Student Age at U.W.	Fall 02	26.9	-	Fall 01	27.0	-0.4%
4-Year Graduation Rate at U.W.	Fall 98	24.6%	-	Fall 97	24.4%	0.8%
Average Faculty Salary at U.W. (\$ - all ranks)	2002-03	\$61,848	-	2001-02	\$54,940	12.6%
Bachelor's Degrees Granted at U.W.	2001-02	1,655	-	2000-01	1,677	-1.3%

Health & Social Welfare						
% of Persons not Covered by Health Insurance	2001	15.9%	13	2000	14.4%	10.4%
Non-federal Physicians per 100,000 Persons	2001	199	46	2000	197	1.0%
Registered Nurses per 100,000 Persons	2000	780	32	-	-	NA
Community Hospitals per 100,000 Persons	2001	4.9	4	2000	4.9	0.0%
Live Births per 1,000 Persons	2001	13	42	2000	13	0.0%
Births per 1,000 Teenage Women	2001	39	29	2000	41	-4.9%
Infant Deaths per 1,000 Live Births	2000	7	28	1999	7	0.0%
Deaths per 100,000 Persons	2000	815	36	1999	843	-3.3%
Suicides per 100,000 Persons	2000	17	5	1999	21	-19.0%
Reported AIDS cases per 100,000 Persons	2002	2	47	2001	1	100.0%
% of Adults Who Smoke	2001	22.2%	34	2000	23.8%	-6.7%
% of Population in Poverty	2001	10.3%	25	2000	11.2%	-8.0%
% of Population Enrolled in Medicare	2001	13.5%	34	2000	13.0%	3.8%
% of Population Receiving Food Stamps	2002	4.7%	42	2001	4.6%	2.2%

Housing & Transportation						
Residential Building Permits	2002	2,045	50	2001	1,907	7.2%
Existing Home Sales	2002	15,500	47	2001	15,854	-2.2%
Median Home Price (\$)	2002	\$132,396	-	2001	\$126,836	4.4%
% of Homes Occupied by Owner	2002	72.8%	16	2001	73.5%	-1.0%
Average Rent for 2-3 Bedroom House (\$)	4Q02	\$617	-	4Q01	\$599	3.0%
Average Rent for 2 Bedroom Apartment (\$)	4Q02	\$443	-	4Q01	\$430	3.0%
Average Rent for 2-3 Bedroom Mobile Home (\$)	4Q02	\$448	-	4Q01	\$436	2.8%
Rental Vacancy Rate	2002	7.4%	17	2001	7.8%	-5.1%
Deficient Bridges as % of Total	2002	20.9%	39	2001	20.9%	0.0%
Highway Fatality Rate per 100 Mil. Vehicle-Miles	2001	2.2	4	2000	1.9	15.8%
Fatalities in Alcohol-Related Crashes as % of Total	2001	44%	18	2000	30%	46.7%

Sources: U.S. Bureau of the Census; U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis; Morgan Quitno Corp.; WY State Geological Survey; WY Departments' of Agriculture, Employment, and Revenue; WY Dept. of Admin. & Info. - Economic Analysis Division; University of Wyoming; WY Oil & Gas Conservation Commission; WY Taxpayers Assoc.; Tax Foundation; Economy.com; Manhattan Inst.; Mass. Inst. of Social & Economic Research.

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