



Quick Facts

Governor - State Capital	Governor Dave Freudenthal - Cheyenne
Most Livable State - National Ranking ¹	6th in 2004 - 14 th in 2003 - 8 th in 2002
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 - 44 th State

Items	Most Recent Period			Previous Period		% Change in Value
	Year	Value	Rank	Year	Value	

Demography

Total Population ²	2003	501,242	50	2002	498,830	0.5%
Total Male Population	2003	252,342	50	2002	251,065	0.5%
Total Female Population	2003	248,900	50	2002	247,765	0.5%
% of Population - Under 18 Years Old	2003	24.2%	33	2002	24.7%	-2.0%
% of Population - 18 - 64 Years Old	2003	63.9%	8	2002	63.4%	0.8%
% of Population - 65 Years & Older	2003	12.0%	37	2002	11.9%	0.8%
Population of Cheyenne - Capital	2003	54,374	-	2002	53,658	1.3%
Population per Square Mile	2003	5.20	49	2002	5.10	2.0%
Number of Counties	2004	23	39	2003	23	0.0%
Most Populated County - Laramie County	2003	84,083	-	2002	83,033	1.3%
Least Populated County - Niobrara County	2003	2,237	-	2002	2,269	-1.4%
Median Age	2003	37.4	14	2002	37.3	0.3%
Marriages per 1,000 Persons	2002	9.5	8	2001	10.3	-7.8%
Divorces per 1,000 Persons	2002	5.3	6	2001	6.1	-13.1%
% of Eligible Population Reported Voting ³	2000	59.7%	11	1998	49.4%	20.9%

Weather & Geography

Total Area (sq. miles) ²	2003	97,813	9	-	-	NA
Water Area (sq. miles)	2003	713	35	-	-	NA
Mean Elevation (ft) ⁴	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) ⁵	2003	45.0	45	-	-	NA
Average Annual Precipitation (inches-Cheyenne)	2000	15.45	-	-	-	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 ¹	2000	91.7%	9	1999	91.7%	0.0%
% of Land Owned by the Federal Gov't. ⁶	2002	50.6%	5	2000	49.8%	1.6%
% of Land Owned by State Gov't. ⁷	2002	6.3%	-	1999	5.7%	10.5%

Recreation & Tourism

Land Ownership in Wyoming (mil. acres): ⁷						
- National Park Service	2002	2.3	5	-	-	NA
- U.S. Forest Service	2002	9.3	-	-	-	NA
- Bureau of Land Management	2002	17.4	-	-	-	NA
Wyoming State Parks Acreage (land & water) ⁸	2002	114,571	-	-	-	NA
Visitors to State Parks & Recreational Areas ⁹	2002	2,371,555	45	2001	2,537,989	-6.6%
# of Downhill Ski Areas ¹⁰	2004	10	-	-	-	NA
Miles of Snowmobile Trails	2004	2,000+	-	-	-	NA
# of National Forests ¹¹	2003	9	-	-	-	NA
Visitors to Grand Teton Nat'l. Park ¹²	2003	2,355,693	-	2002	2,612,629	-9.8%
Visitors to Yellowstone Nat'l. Park	2003	3,019,375	-	2002	2,973,677	1.5%
Visitors to Devil's Tower Nat'l. Monument	2003	396,266	-	2002	404,934	-2.1%
Visitors to Fossil Butte Nat'l. Monument	2003	19,417	-	2002	19,320	0.5%



Items	Most Recent Period Year	Most Recent Period Value	Rank	Previous Period Year	Previous Period Value	% Change in Value
Crime & Law Enforcement						
Crimes ¹³	2002	17,858	47	2001	17,392	2.7%
Crimes per 100,000 Persons	2002	3,581	32	2001	3,518	1.8%
Violent Crimes per 100,000 Persons	2002	274	39	2001	257	6.6%
Murders per 100,000 Persons	2002	3.0	32	2001	1.8	66.7%
Rapes per 100,000 Persons	2002	29.7	29	2001	30.9	-3.9%
Robberies per 100,000 Persons	2002	18.6	46	2001	17.0	9.4%
Aggravated Assaults per 100,000 Persons	2002	222	27	2001	208	6.7%
Burglaries per 100,000 Persons	2002	491	43	2001	502	-2.2%
Larcenies & Thefts per 100,000 Persons	2002	2,668	21	2001	2,618	1.9%
Motor Vehicle Thefts per 100,000 Persons	2002	149	47	2001	141	5.7%
Per Capita S/L Gov't. Exp. for Police Prot. (\$) ¹	2000	\$200	16	1999	\$195	2.6%
Education						
% of Pop. (25+) with High School Degree ²	2003	90.9%	3	2002	91.6%	-0.8%
% of Pop. (25+) with Bachelor's Degree	2003	20.7%	47	2002	19.6%	5.6%
ACT Average Composite Score ¹⁴	2003	21.4	20	2002	21.4	0.0%
SAT Average Composite Score ¹⁵	2001	1,092	20	2000	1,090	0.2%
% of Students in Private Schools ¹	2000	2.3%	50	1998	2.6%	-11.5%
Pupil-Teacher Ratio in Public Schools ¹⁶	2003	13.0	45	2002	13.0	0.0%
Average Salary of Teachers (\$) ¹⁷	2003	\$37,876	42	2002	\$37,841	0.1%
Public High School Graduation Rate ¹	2003	73.5%	20	2002	71.1%	3.4%
Expenditures Per Pupil in Public Schools (\$) ¹⁷	2003	\$9,030	12	2002	\$8,203	10.1%
Enrollment at the University of Wyoming ¹⁸	Fall 03	13,162	-	Fall 02	12,766	3.1%
Average Student Age at U.W.	Fall 03	27.2	-	Fall 02	26.9	1.1%
4-Year Graduation Rate at U.W.	Fall 03	24.6%	-	Fall 98	24.6%	0.0%
Average Faculty Salary at U.W. (\$) - all ranks)	2003-04	\$61,937	-	2002-03	\$61,848	0.1%
Bachelor's Degrees Granted at U.W.	2003-04	1,670	-	2002-03	1,739	-4.0%
Health & Social Welfare						
% of Persons not Covered by Health Insurance (2yr avg.) ²	2002-03	16.8%	13	2001-02	16.8%	0.0%
Non-Federal Physicians per 100,000 Persons ¹⁹	2002	202	46	2001	199	1.5%
Registered Nurses per 100,000 Persons ²⁰	2002	708	37	2000	780	-9.2%
Community Hospitals per 100,000 Persons ¹	2002	4.8	6	2001	4.9	-2.0%
Live Births per 1,000 Persons ²⁰	2002	13.1	31	2001	13	0.8%
Births per 1,000 Teenage Women	2002	39.9	24	2001	39	2.3%
Infant Deaths per 1,000 Live Births	2001	5.9	36	2001	7	-15.7%
Deaths per 100,000 Persons	2001	816	34	2000	815	0.1%
Suicides per 100,000 Persons	2001	16.4	5	2000	17	-3.5%
Reported AIDS cases per 100,000 Persons ¹	2003	1.4	48	2002	2	-30.0%
% of Adults Who Smoke ²⁰	2002	23.7%	20	2001	22.2%	6.8%
% of Population in Poverty (2 yr. avg.) ²	2002-03	9.4%	40	2001-02	8.8%	6.8%
% of Population Enrolled in Medicare ¹	2002	13.5%	35	2001	13.5%	0.0%
% of Population Receiving Food Stamps	2003	5.0%	41	2002	4.7%	6.4%
Housing & Transportation						
Residential Building Permits ²¹	2003	2,877	50	2002	2,045	40.7%
Existing Home Sales ²²	2003	15,200	46	2002	15,500	-1.9%
Median Home Price (\$) ^{2, 22}	2003	\$143,000	30	2002	\$132,396	8.0%
% of Homes Occupied by Owner ²	2002	72.8%	16	2001	73.5%	-1.0%
Average Rent for 2-3 Bedroom House (\$) ²³	2Q04	\$680	-	2Q03	\$636	6.9%
Average Rent for 2 Bedroom Apartment (\$)	2Q04	\$473	-	2Q03	\$452	4.6%
Average Rent for 2-3 Bedroom Mobile Home (\$)	2Q04	\$480	-	2Q03	\$455	5.5%
Rental Vacancy Rate ²	2003	9.4%	23	2002	7.4%	27.0%
Deficient Bridges as % of Total ¹	2003	20.7%	38	2002	21.5%	-3.7%
Highway Fatality Rate per 100 Mil. Vehicle-Miles ²⁴	2002	2.0	9	2001	2.2	-9.1%
Fatalities in Alcohol-Related Crashes as % of Total	2002	39%	33	2001	44%	-11.4%



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Wyoming Economy						
Median Household Income - 3 Year Average (\$) ²	2000-02	\$40,499	33	1999-01	\$39,719	2.0%
Per Capita Personal Income (\$) ²⁵	2003	\$32,808	15	2002	\$31,021	5.8%
Per Capita Gross State Product (\$) ¹	2001	\$41,355	7	2000	\$39,050	5.9%
Bankruptcy Filings	2003	2,513	47	2002	2,264	11.0%
Personal Bankruptcies per 100,000 Persons	2003	492	27	2002	445	10.6%
Retail Sales (Bil. \$) ²⁶	2003	\$7.434	-	2002	\$6.994	6.3%
Car and Truck Registrations	2003	24,955	-	2002	24,022	3.9%
Rate of New Firms as % of Existing Firms ²⁷	2002	11.9%	24	2001	13.8%	-13.8%
Wyoming Annual Inflation Rate ²³	2004	4.9%	-	2003	2.9%	69.0%
Comparative Cost of Living (U.S. avg. = 1.000) ²⁸	1999	0.959	25	1998	0.958	0.1%
Exports - Origin of Movement Series (mil. \$) ²⁹	2003	\$581.6	51	2002	\$553.4	5.1%
Employment & Labor						
Average Annual Pay (\$) ³⁰	2002	\$28,975	42	2001	\$28,025	3.4%
State Minimum Wage Rate (\$ per hour) ³¹	2004	\$5.15	13	2003	\$5.15	0.0%
Civilian Labor Force ³²	Sep-04	280,632	50	Sep-03	280,305	0.1%
Employed	Sep-04	271,484	50	Sep-03	270,092	0.5%
Unemployed	Sep-04	9,148	50	Sep-03	10,213	-10.4%
Unemployment Rate (seasonally adjusted)	Sep-04	3.9%	-	Sep-03	4.3%	-9.3%
Total Non-farm Employees ³⁰	2003	251,600	50	2002	247,200	1.8%
% of Employees in Mining ¹	2003	7.2%	1	2002	7.7%	-6.5%
% of Employees in Government	2003	25.2%	2	2002	25.4%	-0.8%
% 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 ³³	2004	0.0%	-	2003	0.0%	0.0%
Corporate Income Tax Rate	2004	0.0%	-	2003	0.0%	0.0%
State Sales Tax Rate	2004	4.0%	36	2003	4.0%	0.0%
Residential Property Tax Rate (per \$100)	2003	\$0.75	44	2002	\$0.71	5.6%
Gasoline Tax Rate (\$/gallon) ³⁴	2003	\$0.14	48	2001	\$0.14	0.0%
Cigarette Tax Rate (\$/pack) ³³	2004	\$0.60	25	2003	\$0.60	0.0%
State/Local Taxes as % of Income ³⁵	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 ³⁶	2003	3,743	1	2002	3,761	-0.5%
Cash Receipts from Commodities (mil.\$) ³⁷	2003	\$869.7	-	2002	\$887.2	-2.0%
All Cattle & Calves (1,000)	Jan-04	1,400	24	Jan-03	1,290	8.5%
All Sheep & Lambs (1,000)	Jan-04	430	3	Jan-03	460	-6.5%
Wool Production (1,000 lbs.)	2003	3,650	2	2002	3,750	-2.7%
Alfalfa Hay (1,000 tons)	2003	1,560	21	2002	1,150	35.7%
Barley (1,000 bu.)	2003	7,125	7	2002	4,900	45.4%
Sugarbeets (1,000 tons)	2003	752	8	2002	659	14.1%
Coal Production (mil. short tons) ³⁸	2003	376.6	1	2002	373.2	0.9%
Coalbed Methane Production (bil. cubic feet) ³⁹	2003	348.2	-	2002	327.5	6.3%
Natural Gas Production (bil. cubic feet)	2003	1,834.1	-	2002	1,748.0	4.9%
Crude Oil Production (mil. barrels)	2003	52.4	-	2002	54.7	-4.2%
Trona Production (mil. short tons) ³⁸	2003	17.5	1	2002	17.3	1.2%
Average Price Paid for WY Coal (\$/short ton) ^{40, 41}	2002	\$6.66	-	2001	\$5.75	15.8%
Average Spot Price for Opal Natural Gas (\$/Mcf)	2003	\$4.41	-	2002	\$2.09	111.0%
Average Price Paid for Wyoming Oil (\$/bbl.)	2003	\$26.63	-	2002	\$22.08	20.6%
Average Price Paid for Trona (\$/ton) ⁴¹	2003	\$37.40	-	2002	\$38.00	-1.6%

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