



Quick Facts

Governor - State Capital	Governor Dave Freudenthal - Cheyenne
Most Livable State - National Ranking ¹	4 th in 2005 - 6 th in 2004 - 14 th in 2003
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

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Demography

Total Population ²	2004	506,529	50	2003	502,111	0.9%
Total Male Population	2004	255,056	50	2003	252,808	0.9%
Total Female Population	2004	251,473	50	2003	249,303	0.9%
% of Population - Under 18 Years Old	2004	23.1%	40	2003	24.0%	-3.7%
% of Population - 65 Years & Older	2004	12.1%	34	2003	12.0%	0.8%
Median Age	2004	38	9	2003	37.5	1.3%
Population of Cheyenne - Capital	2004	55,362	-	2003	54,642	1.3%
Population per Square Mile	2004	5.20	49	2003	5.20	0.0%
% of Population - White Alone (Non-Hispanic)	2004	88.6%	9	2003	88.4%	0.2%
% of Population - Native American Alone	2004	2.2%	8	2003	2.1%	4.8%
% of Population - Hispanic or Latino	2004	6.7%	22	2003	6.8%	-1.5%
Marriages per 1,000 Persons ³	2003	9.4	7	2002	9.5	-1.1%
Divorces per 1,000 Persons	2003	5.6	3	2002	5.3	5.7%
% of Households (HH) Headed by Married Couples ⁴	2004	53.0%	7	2003	54.3%	-2.4%
% of HH Headed by Single Female (w/ own children < 18 yrs.) ²	2004	5.9%	-	2003	5.2%	13.5%

Weather & Geography

Total Area (sq. miles) ²	2004	97,814	10	2003	97,813	0.0%
Water Area (sq. miles)	2004	713	36	-	-	NA
Mean Elevation (ft) ⁵	2004	6,700	2	-	-	NA
Highest Point (ft) - Gannett Peak	2004	13,804	5	-	-	NA
Lowest Point (ft) - Belle Fourche River	2004	3,099	49	-	-	NA
Normal Mean Temperature (F) ⁶	2003	45.0	45	-	-	NA
Average Annual Precipitation (inches-Cheyenne)	2000	15.45	-	-	-	NA
Average Wind Speed (mph)	2004	12.9	1	-	-	NA
% of Days That are Sunny	2004	64.0%	9	-	-	NA
% of Land in Rural Areas ⁴	2000	91.7%	9	1999	91.7%	0.0%
% of Land Owned by the Federal Gov't. ⁷	2003	50.6%	5	2002	50.6%	0.0%
% of Land Owned by State Gov't. ⁸	2002	6.3%	-	1999	5.7%	10.5%

Recreation & Tourism

Land Ownership in Wyoming (mil. acres):						
- National Park Service ⁹	2005	2.3	5	-	-	NA
- U.S. Forest Service ⁸	2002	9.3	-	-	-	NA
- Bureau of Land Management	2002	17.4	-	-	-	NA
Wyoming State Parks Acreage (land & water) ¹⁰	2004	115,930	-	2003	115,830	NA
Visitors to State Parks & Recreational Areas ¹¹	2003	2,213,718	45	2002	2,371,555	-6.7%
# of Downhill Ski Areas ¹²	2005	10	-	-	-	NA
Miles of Snowmobile Trails	2005	2,000+	-	-	-	NA
# of National Forests ¹³	2005	10	-	-	-	NA
Visitors to Grand Teton Nat'l. Park ¹⁴	2004	2,360,373	-	2003	2,355,693	0.2%
Visitors to Yellowstone Nat'l. Park	2004	2,868,317	-	2003	3,019,375	-5.0%
Visitors to Devil's Tower Nat'l. Monument	2004	386,558	-	2003	396,266	-2.4%
Visitors to Fossil Butte Nat'l. Monument	2004	18,288	-	2003	19,417	-5.8%
Visitors to Fort Laramie Nat'l. Historic Site	2004	53,638	-	2003	50,455	6.3%



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Crime & Law Enforcement						
Crimes ¹⁵	2004	17,703	-	2003	17,962	-1.4%
Crimes per 100,000 Persons ¹⁶	2003	3,583	31	2002	3,581	0.1%
Violent Crimes per 100,000 Persons ¹⁷	2003	262	40	2002	274	-4.4%
Murders per 100,000 Persons	2003	2.8	37	2002	2.0	40.0%
Rapes per 100,000 Persons	2003	27.1	34	2002	29.7	-8.8%
Robberies per 100,000 Persons	2003	16.8	47	2002	18.6	-9.7%
Aggravated Assaults per 100,000 Persons	2003	216	28	2002	222	-2.9%
Burglaries per 100,000 Persons	2003	521	37	2002	491	6.1%
Larcenies & Thefts per 100,000 Persons	2003	2,641	21	2002	2,668	-1.0%
Motor Vehicle Thefts per 100,000 Persons	2003	159	46	2002	149	6.7%
State Prisoner Incarceration Rate per 100,000 Persons ¹⁸	2003	372	28	2002	348	6.9%
Per Capita State/Local Gov't. Expenditures for Police Protect. (\$) ⁴	2002	\$243	9	2000	\$200	21.5%
Education						
% of Population (25 yrs. & older) with High School Degree ²	2004	91.9%	3	2003	90.9%	1.1%
% of Population (25 yrs. & older) with Bachelor's Degree	2004	22.5%	44	2003	20.7%	8.7%
ACT Average Composite Score (range 1-36) ¹⁹	2004	21.4	25	2003	21.4	0.0%
% of Students in Private Schools ²⁰	2002	2.4%	50	2000	2.3%	4.3%
Pupil-Teacher Ratio in Public Schools ²¹	2004	13.1	43	2003	13.0	0.8%
Average Salary of Teachers (\$) ²²	2004	\$39,130	39	2003	\$37,876	3.3%
Avg. teacher's salary as % of avg. annual wages	2003	128.1%	14	2002	112.4%	14.0%
Public High School Graduation Rate ²³	2004	74.1%	23	2003	73.5%	0.8%
Expenditures Per Pupil in Public Schools (\$) ²²	2004	\$10,206	8	2003	\$9,030	13.0%
Per Capita State/Local Gov't. Expenditures for Higher Education ⁴	2002	\$722	8	2000	\$628	
Enrollment at the University of Wyoming (U.W.) ²⁴	Fall 04	13,207	-	Fall 03	13,162	0.3%
Average Student Age at U.W.	Fall 04	27.0	-	Fall 03	27.2	-0.7%
4-Year Graduation Rate at U.W.	2004	25.7%	-	2003	24.6%	4.5%
Average Faculty Salary at U.W. (\$ - all ranks)	2004-05	\$65,000	-	2003-04	\$61,937	4.9%
Bachelor's Degrees Granted at U.W.	2004-05	1,695	-	2003-04	1,670	1.5%
Health & Social Welfare						
% of Persons not Covered by Health Insurance (2 yr. avg.) ²	2003-04	15.0%	19	2002-03	16.8%	-10.7%
% of Private Sector Establishments that Offer Health Insurance ²⁵	2002	47.4%	39	-	-	N.A.
Physicians per 100,000 Persons ²⁶	2003	218	45	2002	202	7.9%
Registered Nurses per 100,000 Persons ²⁷	2003	739	35	2002	708	4.4%
Community Hospitals per 100,000 Persons ²⁸	2003	4.6	6	2002	4.8	-4.2%
Average Medical Malpractice Payment ²⁹	2003	\$203,155	41	-	-	N.A.
Live Births per 1,000 Persons ³⁰	2003	13.4	29	2002	13.1	2.3%
Births per 1,000 Teenage Women (age 15-19 yrs.) ³	2003	44	23	2002	39.9	10.3%
Infant Deaths per 1,000 Live Births ³⁰	2002	6.7	28	2001	5.9	13.6%
Deaths per 100,000 Persons	2002	864.3	18	2001	816	5.9%
Suicides per 100,000 Persons	2002	20.7	2	2001	16.4	26.2%
Reported AIDS cases per 100,000 Persons ³	2004	3.6	3	2003	1.4	157.1%
Adult per Capita Alcohol Consumption (gallons) ³¹	2000	2.9	7	1999	2.9	0.0%
% of Adults Who Smoke ³²	2003	24.6%	18	2002	23.7%	3.8%
% of Adults Overweight	2003	37.0%	18	2002	36.4%	1.6%
% of Population in Poverty (2 yr. avg.) ²	2003-04	9.9%	42	2002-03	9.4%	5.3%
% of Population Enrolled in Medicare ³³	2003	13.7%	35	2002	13.5%	1.5%
% of Population Receiving Food Stamps ³⁴	2004	5.1%	46	2003	5.0%	2.0%
Per Capita St/Local Gov't. Expenditures Public on Welfare Programs ⁴	2002	\$764	39	2000	\$590	29.5%
Housing						
Residential Building Permits ³⁵	2004	3,318	50	2003	2,877	15.3%
Existing Home Sales ³⁶	2004	17,400	46	2003	15,200	14.5%
Median Existing Home Price (\$) ³⁷	2004	\$126,571	-	2003	\$120,073	5.4%
Homeownership Rate ²	2004	72.8%	19	2003	72.9%	-0.1%
Average Rent for 2-3 Bedroom House (\$) ³⁸	2Q05	\$693	-	2Q04	\$681	1.8%
Average Rent for 2 Bedroom Apartment (\$)	2Q05	\$504	-	2Q04	\$473	6.6%
Average Rent for 2-3 Bedroom Mobile Home (\$)	2Q05	\$505	-	2Q04	\$481	5.0%
Rental Vacancy Rate ²	2004	5.6%	47	2003	9.4%	-40.4%



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Wyoming's Economy						
Median Household Income - 2 Year Average (Real \$) ²	2003-04	\$44,577	27	2002-03	\$42,733	4.3%
Per Capita Personal Income (\$) ³⁹	2004	\$34,199	14	2003	\$32,316	5.8%
Per Capita Gross State Product (\$) ⁴⁰	2002	\$44,343	6	2001	\$41,355	7.2%
Bankruptcy Filings ⁴¹	2004	2,438	47	2003	2,513	-3.0%
Personal Bankruptcies per 100,000 Persons	2004	470	29	2003	492	-4.5%
Retail Sales (bil. \$) ³⁷	2004	\$7.77	-	2003	\$6.98	11.3%
Rate of New Firms as % of Existing Firms ⁴²	2003	12.5%	19	2002	11.9%	5.0%
Wyoming Annual Inflation Rate ³⁸	2Q05	4.5%	-	2Q04	4.9%	-8.2%
Exports - Origin of Movement Series (mil. \$) ⁴³	2004	\$680.2	-	2003	\$581.6	17.0%
Employment & Labor						
Average Annual Pay (\$) ⁴⁴	2003	\$29,924	42	2002	\$28,975	3.3%
State Minimum Wage Rate (\$ per hour) ⁴⁵	2005	\$5.15	15	2004	\$5.15	0.0%
Civilian Labor Force ⁴⁶	2004	281,847	50	2003	277,399	1.6%
Employed	2004	270,810	50	2003	265,200	2.1%
Unemployed	2004	11,037	50	2003	12,199	-9.5%
Unemployment Rate (seasonally adjusted)	2004	3.9%	43	2003	4.4%	-11.4%
Total Non-farm Employees ⁴⁴	2004	255,400	50	2003	250,000	2.2%
% of Employees in Mining ⁴⁷	2004	7.8%	1	2003	7.2%	8.3%
% of Employees in Government	2004	25.2%	3	2003	25.4%	-0.8%
% of Employees in Construction	2004	7.5%	3	2003	7.8%	-3.8%
% of Employees in Manufacturing	2004	3.7%	49	2003	3.7%	0.0%
% of Employees in Leisure & Hospitality	2004	12.2%	4	2003	12.3%	-0.8%
% of Employees in Professional & Business Services	2004	6.0%	42	2003	6.2%	-3.2%
Tax Environment						
Tax Freedom Day - Wyoming ⁴⁸	2005	25-Apr	5	2004	22-Apr	+3 days
Tax Freedom Day - U.S.	2005	17-Apr	-	2004	15-Apr	+2 days
Individual Income Tax Rate ⁴⁹	2005	0.0%	-	2004	0.0%	0.0%
Corporate Income Tax Rate	2005	0.0%	-	2004	0.0%	0.0%
State Sales Tax Rate ^{48, 49}	2005	4.0%	37	2004	4.0%	0.0%
Gasoline Tax Rate (\$/gallon) ⁴⁸	2005	\$0.14	45	2004	\$0.14	0.0%
Cigarette Tax Rate (\$/pack)	2005	\$0.60	24	2004	\$0.60	0.0%
State/Local Taxes as % of Income	2004	8.9%	44	2003	8.5%	4.7%
Federal Taxes as % of Income	2003	22.2%	6	2002	24.2%	-8.3%
Mining, Energy, & the Environment						
Coal Production (mil. short tons) ⁵⁰	2004	395.5	1	2003	376.6	5.0%
Natural Gas Production (bil. cubic feet) ⁵¹	2004	1,929	-	2003	1,840	4.8%
Crude Oil Production (mil. barrels)	2004	51.7	-	2003	52.5	-1.5%
Trona Production (mil. short tons) ⁵⁰	2004	18.7	1	2003	17.5	6.9%
Average Price Paid for WY Coal (\$/short ton) ^{49, 52}	2004	\$6.95	-	2003	\$6.85	1.5%
Average Spot Price for Opal Natural Gas (\$/Mcf)	2004	\$5.17	-	2003	\$4.41	17.2%
Average Price Paid for Wyoming Oil (\$/bbl.)	2004	\$34.99	-	2003	\$26.63	31.4%
Average Price Paid for Trona (\$/ton) ⁴⁹	2004	\$35.47	-	2003	\$37.40	-5.2%
Avg. Monthly Electric Bill for Residential Customers ⁵²	2003	\$57.76	46	2002	\$56.85	1.6%
Toxic Releases: Total Pollution Released (mil. pounds) ⁵³	2002	18.4	40	2001	17.6	4.5%
Pollution Released by Manufacturing Plants (mil. pounds)	2002	8.1	36	2001	7.3	11.0%
Transportation						
Deficient Bridges as % of Total ⁵⁴	2004	20.7%	38	2003	20.7%	0.0%
Per Capita Federal Highway Funds	2005	\$384	2	2004	\$376	2.1%
Highway Fatality Rate per 100 Mil. Vehicle-Miles ⁵⁵	2003	1.8	15	2002	2.0	-10.5%
Fatalities in Alcohol-Related Crashes as % of Total	2003	38%	33	2002	39%	-2.6%
Per Capita Gasoline Used (gallons) ⁵⁶	2003	701	1	2002	709	-1.1%
Safety Belt Usage Rate ⁵⁵	2004	70.1	41	2002	67.0	4.6%



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Agriculture						
Number of Farms and Ranches ⁵⁷	2004	9,200	-	2003	9,200	0.0%
Average # of Acres per Farm/Ranch	2004	3,743	1	2003	3,743	0.0%
Cash Receipts from Commodities (mil.\$) ⁵⁸	2004	\$1,104.7	-	2003	\$870.1	27.0%
All Cattle & Calves (1,000)	Jan-05	1,350	25	Jan-04	1,400	-3.6%
All Sheep & Lambs (1,000)	Jan-05	450	3	Jan-04	430	4.7%
Wool Production (1,000 lbs.)	2004	3,640	2	2003	3,650	-0.3%
All Hogs & Pigs (1,000)	Dec-04	114	30	Dec-03	124	-8.1%
Alfalfa Hay (1,000 tons)	2004	1,260	24	2003	1,625	-22.5%
Barley (1,000 bu.)	2004	6,900	7	2003	6,975	-1.1%
Sugarbeets (1,000 tons)	2004	812	9	2003	752	8.0%
Corn for Grain (1,000 bu.)	2004	6,681	35	2003	6,450	3.6%
U.S. Agriculture Exports (mil. \$) ⁵⁹	2003	\$44.0	44	2002	\$55.0	-20.0%
Government						
Per Capita Homeland Security Grants ⁶⁰	2005	\$27.80	1	2003	\$35.30	-21.2%
Per Capita U.S. Dept of Defense Domestic Expenditures ⁶¹	2003	\$1,343	22	2002	\$674	99.3%
U.S. Dept. of Defense Active Duty Military Personnel ⁶²	2004	3,447	-	2003	3,393	1.6%
U.S. Dept. of Defense Reserve & National Guard Personnel	2004	3,427	50	2003	3,386	1.2%
Veterans ²	2004	52,708	50	2003	53,333	-1.2%
Seats in U.S. House of Representatives	2005	1	44	2004	1	0.0%
State Legislators ⁶³	2005	90	43	2004	90	0.0%
Population per State Legislator ⁶⁴	2005	5,628	47	2004	5,569	1.1%
Registered Voters ²	2004	265,000	50	2002	240,000	10.4%
% of Eligible Population Reported Voting	2004	66.9%	18	2002	53.9%	24.1%

Sources:

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⁸University of Wyoming, Dept. of Geography & Recreation

⁹National Park Service

¹⁰WY Dept. of State Parks & Cultural Resources

¹¹National Association of State Parks Directors

¹²Travel & Tourism in WY: <http://www.wyomingtourism.org/internal.cfm>

¹³U.S. Forest Service

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³²U.S. Dept. of HHS, Center for Disease Control & Prevention

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³⁶National Association of Realtors, Economics & Research

³⁷Economy.com

³⁸State of Wyoming, Dept. of Admin. & Info., Economic Analysis Division

³⁹U.S. Dept of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA)

⁴⁰Morgan Quitno Press using data from U.S. Dept. of Commerce, BEA

⁴¹Morgan Quitno Press using data from Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts

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⁴⁴U.S. Dept. of Labor, BLS

⁴⁵U.S. Dept. of Labor, Employment Standards Administration

⁴⁶WY Dept. of Employment, Research and Planning

⁴⁷Morgan Quitno Press using data from U.S. Dept. of Labor, BLS

⁴⁸Tax Foundation

⁴⁹WY Dept. of Revenue

⁵⁰WY State Inspector of Mines

⁵¹WY Oil & Gas Conservation Commission

⁵²U.S. Dept. of Energy, Energy Information Administration

⁵³U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Pollution, Prevention, & Toxics Info. Mgmt.

⁵⁴Morgan Quitno Press using data from U.S. Dept. of Transportation, Federal Hwy. Admin.

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⁵⁶U.S. Dept. of Transportation, Federal Hwy. Admin.

⁵⁷U.S. Dept. of Agriculture (USDA), National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS)

⁵⁸WY Ag. Statistics Office

⁵⁹USDA, Economic Research Service

⁶⁰Congressional Research Service

⁶¹Morgan Quitno Press using data from U.S. Dept. of Defense

⁶²U.S. Dept. of Defense

⁶³National Conference of State Legislators (Denver, CO)

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