



Quick Facts

Governor - State Capital	Governor Dave Freudenthal - Cheyenne
Most Livable State - National Ranking ¹	6 th in 2006 - 4 th in 2005 - 6 th in 2004
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	2005	509,294	50	2004	505,887	0.7%
Total Male Population	2005	256,726	50	2004	254,925	0.7%
Total Female Population	2005	252,568	50	2004	250,962	0.6%
% of Population - Under 18 Years Old	2005	22.4%	45	2004	23.1%	-3.0%
% of Population - 65 Years & Older	2005	12.1%	35	2004	12.1%	0.0%
Median Age	2005	38.4	9	2004	38	1.1%
Population of Cheyenne - Capital	2005	55,731	-	2004	55,186	1.0%
Population per Square Mile ³	2005	5.20	49	2004	5.20	0.0%
% of Population - White Alone (Non-Hispanic) ²	2005	88.6%	9	2004	88.6%	0.0%
% of Population - Native American Alone	2005	2.4%	8	2004	2.4%	0.0%
% of Population - Hispanic or Latino	2005	6.7%	22	2004	6.7%	0.0%
Marriages per 1,000 Persons ⁴	2004	9.4	7	2003	9.4	0.0%
Divorces per 1,000 Persons	2004	5.3	3	2003	5.6	-5.4%
% of Households (HH) Headed by Married Couples ⁵	2005	53.4%	4	-	-	-
% of HH Headed by Single Female (w/ own children <18 yrs.)	2005	5.1%	-	-	-	-

Weather & Geography

Total Area (sq. miles) ²	2005	97,814	10	2004	97,814	0.0%
Water Area (sq. miles)	2005	713	36	2004	713	0.0%
Mean Elevation (ft) ⁶	2006	6,700	2	-	-	NA
Highest Point (ft) - Gannett Peak	2006	13,804	5	-	-	NA
Lowest Point (ft) - Belle Fourche River	2006	3,099	49	-	-	NA
Normal Mean Temperature (F) ⁷	2005	45.0	45	-	-	NA
Average Annual Precipitation (inches-Cheyenne)	2000	15.45	-	-	-	NA
Average Wind Speed (mph)	2005	12.9	1	-	-	NA
% of Days That are Sunny	2005	64.0%	9	-	-	NA
% of Land in Rural Areas ³	2000	91.7%	9	1999	91.7%	0.0%
% of Land Owned by the Federal Gov't. ⁸	2004	42.3%	8	2003	50.6%	-16.4%
% of Land Owned by State Gov't. ⁹	2006	5.9%	-	2002	6.3%	-6.3%

Recreation & Tourism

Land Ownership in Wyoming (millions of acres):						
- National Park Service ¹⁰	2005	2.3	5	-	-	NA
- U.S. Forest Service ⁹	2006	9.2	-	2002	9.3	-1.1%
- Bureau of Land Management	2006	17.4	-	2002	17.4	0.0%
Wyoming State Parks Acreage (land & water) ¹¹	2004	115,930	-	2003	115,830	NA
Visitors to State Parks & Recreational Areas ¹²	2004	2,273,514	45	2003	2,213,718	2.7%
Number of Downhill Ski Areas ¹³	2005	10	-	-	-	NA
Miles of Snowmobile Trails	2005	2,000+	-	-	-	NA
Number of National Forests ¹⁴	2005	10	-	-	-	NA
Visitors to Grand Teton National Park ¹⁵	2005	2,463,442	-	2004	2,360,373	4.4%
Visitors to Yellowstone National Park	2005	2,835,651	-	2004	2,868,317	-1.1%
Visitors to Devil's Tower National Monument	2005	369,575	-	2004	386,558	-4.4%
Visitors to Fossil Butte National Monument	2005	17,779	-	2004	18,288	-2.8%
Visitors to Fort Laramie National Historic Site	2005	46,455	-	2004	53,638	-13.4%



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Crime & Law Enforcement						
Crimes ¹⁶	2004	18,052	47	2003	17,962	0.5%
Crimes per 100,000 Persons ¹⁷	2004	3,564	30	2003	3,583	-0.5%
Violent Crimes per 100,000 Persons ¹⁶	2004	230	44	2003	262	-12.2%
Murders per 100,000 Persons	2004	2.2	42	2003	2.8	-21.4%
Rapes per 100,000 Persons	2004	22.1	45	2003	27.1	-18.5%
Robberies per 100,000 Persons	2004	13.2	48	2003	16.8	-21.4%
Aggravated Assaults per 100,000 Persons	2004	192	31	2003	216	-11.1%
Burglaries per 100,000 Persons	2004	541	37	2003	521	3.8%
Larcenies & Thefts per 100,000 Persons	2004	2,636	21	2003	2,641	-0.2%
Motor Vehicle Thefts per 100,000 Persons	2004	158	45	2003	159	-0.6%
State Prisoner Incarceration Rate per 100,000 Persons ¹⁸	2004	389	27	2003	372	4.6%
Per Capita State/Local Gov't. Expenditures for Police Protect. (\$) ³	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	2005	21.4	25	2004	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	2005	12.6	47	2004	13.1	-3.8%
Average Salary of Teachers (\$) ²²	2005	\$40,392	36	2004	\$39,130	3.2%
Average teacher's salary as % of average annual wages	2004	128.0%	14	2003	128.1%	-0.1%
Estimated Public High School Graduation Rate ²³	2005	67.7%	36	2004	74.1%	-8.6%
Expenditures Per Pupil in Public Schools (\$) ²²	2005	\$10,198	10	2004	\$10,206	-0.1%
Per Capita State/Local Gov't. Expenditures for Higher Education ³	2002	\$722	8	2000	\$628	
Enrollment at the University of Wyoming (U.W.) ²⁴	Fall 05	13,126	-	Fall 04	13,207	-0.6%
Average Student Age at U.W.	Fall 05	27.1	-	Fall 04	27.0	0.4%
4-Year Graduation Rate at U.W.	2004	25.7%	-	2003	29.6%	-13.2%
Average Faculty Salary at U.W. (\$ - all ranks)	2005-06	\$65,262	-	2004-05	\$65,097	0.3%
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. avq.) ²	2004-05	15.7%	20	2003-04	15.6%	0.6%
% of Private Sector Establishments that Offer Health Insurance ²⁵	2003	42.5%	49	2002	47.4%	-10.3%
Physicians per 100,000 Persons ²⁶	2004	216	45	2003	218	-0.9%
Registered Nurses per 100,000 Persons ²⁷	2004	727	37	2003	739	-1.6%
Community Hospitals per 100,000 Persons ²⁸	2004	4.7	6	2003	4.6	2.2%
Average Medical Malpractice Payment ²⁹	2004	\$225,865	39	2003	\$203,155	11.2%
Live Births per 1,000 Persons ³⁰	2004	13.4	28	2003	13.4	0.0%
Births per 1,000 Teenage Women (age 15-19 yrs.) ⁴	2004	43.1	20	2003	44	-2.0%
Infant Deaths (under 1 year old) per 1,000 Live Births ³⁰	2003	7	24	2002	6.7	4.5%
Deaths per 100,000 Persons	2003	850.6	19	2002	864.3	-1.6%
Suicides per 100,000 Persons	2002	20.7	2	2001	16.4	26.2%
Reported AIDS cases per 100,000 Persons ⁴	2005	0.6	50	2004	3.6	-83.3%
Adult per Capita Alcohol Consumption (gallons) ³¹	2003	3.3	4	2000	2.9	13.8%
% of Adults Who Smoke ³²	2004	21.7%	21	2003	24.6%	-11.8%
% of Adults Overweight	2004	36.9%	21	2003	37.0%	-0.3%
% of Population in Poverty (2-yr. avq.) ²	2004-05	10.3%	36	2003-04	9.9%	4.0%
% of Population Enrolled in Medicare ³³	2004	13.6%	35	2003	13.7%	-0.7%
% of Population Receiving Food Stamps ³⁴	2005	5.0%	47	2004	5.1%	-2.0%
Per Capita St/Local Gov't. Expenditures Public on Welfare Programs ³	2002	\$764	39	2000	\$590	29.5%
Housing						
Residential Building Permits ²	2005	3,997	47	2004	3,318	20.5%
Existing Home Sales, Single family homes, apartments, condos ³⁵	2005	14,300	47	2004	13,200	8.3%
Median Existing Home Price (\$) ³⁶	2005	\$145,529	-	2004	\$134,934	7.9%
Homeownership Rate ²	2005	72.8%	13	2004	72.8%	0.0%
Average Rent for 2-3 Bedroom House (\$) ³⁷	4Q05	\$711	-	4Q04	\$692	2.7%
Average Rent for 2 Bedroom Apartment (\$)	4Q05	\$523	-	4Q04	\$497	5.2%
Average Rent for 2-3 Bedroom Mobile Home (\$)	4Q05	\$505	-	4Q04	\$487	3.7%
Rental Vacancy Rate ²	2005	6.0%	31	2004	5.6%	7.1%



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Wyoming's Economy						
Median Household Income - 2-Year Average (Real \$) ²	2004-05	\$45,817	24	2003-04	\$46,038	-0.5%
Per Capita Personal Income (\$) ³⁸	2005	\$36,778	12	2004	\$34,279	7.3%
Per Capita Gross State Product (\$) ³⁹	2004	\$47,400	6	2002	\$44,343	6.9%
Bankruptcy Filings ⁴⁰	2005	2,733	48	2004	2,438	12.1%
Personal Bankruptcies per 100,000 Persons	2005	523	30	2004	470	11.3%
Retail Sales (billions \$) ³⁶	2004	\$7.80	-	2004	\$7.18	8.6%
Rate of New Firms as % of Existing Firms ⁴¹	2004	12.8%	21	2003	12.5%	2.4%
Wyoming Annual Inflation Rate ³⁷	4Q05	5.0%	-	4Q04	4.3%	16.3%
Exports - Origin of Movement Series (millions \$) ⁴²	2005	\$669.0	-	2004	\$680.0	-1.6%
Employment & Labor						
Average Annual Pay (\$) ⁴³	2004	\$32,210	42	2003	\$29,924	7.6%
State Minimum Wage Rate (\$ per hour) ⁴⁴	2006	\$5.15	18	2005	\$5.15	0.0%
Civilian Labor Force ⁴⁵	2005	284,538	50	2004	279,474	1.8%
Employed	2005	274,362	50	2004	268,599	2.1%
Unemployed	2005	10,176	50	2004	10,875	-6.4%
Unemployment Rate	2005	3.6%	43	2004	3.9%	-7.7%
Total Non-farm Employment ^{43, 45}	2005	263,000	50	2004	255,400	3.0%
% of Employees in Mining	2005	8.6%	1	2004	7.8%	10.3%
% of Employees in Government	2005	24.8%	3	2004	25.2%	-1.6%
% of Employees in Construction	2005	7.8%	3	2004	7.5%	4.0%
% of Employees in Manufacturing	2005	3.7%	49	2004	3.7%	0.0%
% of Employees in Leisure & Hospitality	2005	12.2%	4	2004	12.2%	0.0%
% of Employees in Professional & Business Services	2005	6.0%	42	2004	6.0%	0.0%
Tax Environment						
Tax Freedom Day - Wyoming ⁴⁶	2006	29-Apr	11	2005	25-Apr	+3 days
Tax Freedom Day - U.S.	2006	26-Apr	-	2005	23-Apr	+2 days
Individual Income Tax Rate ⁴⁷	2006	0.0%	-	2005	0.0%	0.0%
Corporate Income Tax Rate	2006	0.0%	-	2005	0.0%	0.0%
State Sales Tax Rate	2006	4.0%	37	2004	4.0%	0.0%
Gasoline Tax Rate (\$/gallon) ^{46, 48}	2006	\$0.14	48	2005	\$0.14	0.0%
Cigarette Tax Rate (\$/pack)	2006	\$0.60	28	2005	\$0.60	0.0%
State/Local Taxes as % of Income ⁴⁶	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 (millions of short tons) ⁴⁹	2005	404.5	1	2004	395.7	2.2%
Natural Gas Production (billions of cubic feet) ⁵⁰	2005	2,004	-	2004	1,934	3.6%
Crude Oil Production (millions of barrels)	2005	51.7	-	2004	51.7	0.0%
Trona Production (millions of short tons) ⁴⁹	2005	17.9	1	2004	17.3	3.5%
Average Price Paid for WY Coal (\$/short ton) ^{47, 51}	2005	\$7.81	-	2004	\$6.95	12.4%
Average Price Paid for Natural Gas (\$/MCF)	2005	\$6.65	-	2004	\$5.17	28.6%
Average Price Paid for Wyoming Oil (\$/barrel)	2005	\$46.43	-	2004	\$34.99	32.7%
Average Price Paid for Trona (\$/short ton) ⁴⁷	2005	\$26.37	-	2004	\$35.47	-25.7%
Avg. Monthly Electric Bill for Residential Customers ⁵¹	2004	\$57.51	46	2003	\$57.76	-0.4%
Toxic Releases: Total Pollution Released (millions of pounds) ⁵²	2003	19.3	40	2002	18.4	4.9%
Pollution Released by Manufacturing Plants (mil. pounds)	2003	9.4	35	2002	8.1	16.0%
Transportation						
Deficient Bridges as % of Total ⁵³	2004	20.7%	38	2003	20.7%	0.0%
Per Capita Federal Highway Funds	2006	\$468	2	2005	\$384	21.9%
Highway Fatality Rate per 100 Mil. Vehicle-Miles ⁵⁴	2004	1.8	15	2003	1.8	0.0%
Fatalities in Alcohol-Related Crashes as % of Total	2004	36%	33	2003	38%	-5.3%
Per Capita Gasoline Used (gallons) ⁵⁵	2004	688	1	2003	701	-1.9%
Safety Belt Usage Rate ⁵⁴	2004	70.1	41	2002	67.0	4.6%



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Agriculture						
Number of Farms and Ranches ⁵⁶	2005	9,200	-	2004	9,200	0.0%
Average # of Acres per Farm/Ranch	2005	3,739	1	2004	3,743	-0.1%
Cash Receipts from Commodities (millions \$)	2005	\$965.8	-	2004	\$1,098.8	-12.1%
All Cattle & Calves (1,000)	Jan-06	1,440	22	Jan-05	1,350	6.7%
All Sheep & Lambs (1,000)	Jan-06	450	3	Jan-05	450	0.0%
Wool Production (1,000 lbs.)	2005	3,530	2	2004	3,540	-0.3%
All Hogs & Pigs (1,000)	Dec-05	113	30	Dec-04	114	-0.9%
Alfalfa Hay (1,000 tons)	2005	1,500	18	2004	1,305	14.9%
Barley (1,000 bushels)	2005	5,580	6	2004	7,050	-20.9%
Sugarbeets (1,000 tons)	2005	801	9	2004	812	-1.4%
Corn for Grain (1,000 bushels)	2005	6,860	35	2004	6,550	4.7%
U.S. Agriculture Exports (millions \$) ⁵⁷	2004	\$47.4	45	2003	\$36.0	31.7%
Government						
Per Capita Homeland Security Grants ⁵⁸	2005	\$27.36	1	2003	\$35.30	-22.5%
Per Capita U.S. Dept of Defense Domestic Expenditures ⁵⁹	2003	\$1,343	22	2002	\$674	99.3%
U.S. Dept. of Defense Active Duty Military Personnel ⁶⁰	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	54,941	50	2003	53,333	3.0%
Seats in U.S. House of Representatives	2006	1	44	2005	1	0.0%
State Legislators ⁶¹	2006	90	43	2005	90	0.0%
Population per State Legislator ⁶²	2006	5,659	49	2005	5,628	0.6%
% of Eligible Population Reported Voting ²	2004	66.9%	18	2002	53.9%	24.1%

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