



Quick Facts

Governor - State Capital	Governor Dave Freudenthal - Cheyenne
Most Livable State - National Ranking ¹	3 rd in 2007 - 6 th in 2006 - 4 th in 2005
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
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Demography

Total Population ²	2006	515,004	50	2005	508,798	1.2%
Total Male Population	2006	261,002	50	2005	257,334	1.4%
Total Female Population	2006	254,002	50	2005	251,464	1.0%
% of Population - Under 18 Years Old	2006	23.6%	45	2005	23.8%	-0.8%
% of Population - 65 Years & Older	2006	12.2%	35	2005	12.1%	0.8%
Median Age	2006	37.1	9	2005	37.1	0.0%
Population of Cheyenne - Capital	2006	55,314	-	2005	55,764	-0.8%
Population per Square Mile ³	2006	5.20	49	2005	5.20	0.0%
% of Population - White Alone (Non-Hispanic) ²	2006	88.1%	9	2005	88.3%	-0.2%
% of Population - Native American Alone	2006	2.5%	8	2005	2.4%	4.2%
% of Population - Hispanic or Latino	2006	6.9%	22	2005	6.9%	0.0%
Marriages per 1,000 Persons ⁴	2005	9.4	7	2004	9.4	0.0%
Divorces per 1,000 Persons	2005	5.3	5	2004	5.3	0.0%
% of Households (HH) Headed by Married Couples ⁵	2006	53.2%	3	2005	53.4%	-0.4%
% of HH Headed by Single Female (w/ own children <18 yrs.)	2006	5.8%	49	2005	5.1%	13.7%

Weather & Geography

Total Area (sq. miles) ²	2006	97,814	10	2005	97,814	0.0%
Water Area (sq. miles)	2006	713	36	2005	713	0.0%
Mean Elevation (ft) ⁶	2006	6,700	2	2005	6,700	0.0%
Highest Point (ft) - Gannett Peak	2006	13,804	5	2005	13,804	0.0%
Lowest Point (ft) - Belle Fourche River	2006	3,099	49	2005	3,099	0.0%
Normal Mean Temperature (F) ⁷	2006	45.0	45	2005	45.0	0.0%
Average Annual Precipitation (inches-Cheyenne)	2000	15.45	-	-	-	-
Average Wind Speed (mph)	2006	12.9	1	2005	12.9	0.0%
% of Days That are Sunny	2006	63.8%	10	2005	64.0%	-0.3%
% of Land in Rural Areas ³	2000	91.7%	9	1999	91.7%	0.0%
% of Land Owned by the Federal Government ⁸	2004	42.3%	8	2003	50.6%	-16.4%
% of Land Owned by State Government ⁹	2006	5.9%	-	2002	6.3%	-6.3%

Recreation & Tourism

Land Ownership in Wyoming (millions of acres):						
- National Park Service ¹⁰	2006	2.4	5	2005	2.3	4.3%
- 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%
WY State Parks & Historic Sites Acreage (land & water) ¹¹	2006	117,343	-	2005	115,930	1.2%
Visitors to State Parks & Recreational Areas ¹²	2005	3,315,590	41	2004	2,273,514	45.8%
WY Lodging Sales (millions of dollars) ¹³	FY 07	\$486	-	FY 06	\$441	10.2%
Hunting and Fishing Expenditures (millions of dollars) ¹⁴	FY 06	\$382	-	FY 05	\$350	9.2%
Hunting and Fishing Licenses	2005	818,489	-	2004	816,408	0.3%
Number of National Forests ¹⁵	2007	10	-	-	-	-
Visitors to Grand Teton National Park (recreation visits) ¹⁶	2006	2,406,476	-	2005	2,463,442	-2.3%
Visitors to Yellowstone National Park (recreation visits)	2006	2,870,295	-	2005	2,835,651	1.2%
Visitors to Devil's Tower National Monument (rec. visits)	2006	335,764	-	2005	369,575	-9.1%
Visitors to Fossil Butte National Monument (rec. visits)	2006	16,631	-	2005	17,779	-6.5%
Visitors to Fort Laramie National Historic Site (rec. visits)	2006	40,651	-	2005	46,455	-12.5%

Note: FY - Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30)



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Crime & Law Enforcement						
Crimes ¹⁷	2005	17,242	47	2004	18,052	-4.5%
Crimes per 100,000 Persons ¹⁸	2005	3,385	32	2004	3,564	-5.0%
Violent Crimes per 100,000 Persons ¹⁷	2005	230	44	2004	230	0.0%
Murders per 100,000 Persons	2005	2.7	36	2004	2.2	22.7%
Rapes per 100,000 Persons	2005	24.0	41	2004	22.1	8.6%
Robberies per 100,000 Persons	2005	15.3	48	2004	13.2	15.9%
Aggravated Assaults per 100,000 Persons	2005	188	32	2004	192	-2.1%
Burglaries per 100,000 Persons	2005	476	40	2004	541	-12.0%
Larcenies & Thefts per 100,000 Persons	2005	2,533	22	2004	2,636	-3.9%
Motor Vehicle Thefts per 100,000 Persons	2005	145	46	2004	158	-8.2%
State Prisoner Incarceration Rate per 100,000 Persons ¹⁹	2005	400	23	2004	389	2.8%
Per Capita State/Local Gov't. Expenditures for Police Protect. (\$) ³	2004	\$273	7	2002	\$243	12.3%
Education						
% of Population (25 yrs. & older) with H.S. Diploma or higher ²	2006	91.1%	8	2005	90.9%	0.2%
% of Pop. (25 yrs. & older) with Bachelor's Degree or higher	2006	20.8%	45	2005	21.9%	-5.0%
ACT Average Composite Score (range 1-36) ²⁰	2006	21.6	21	2005	21.4	0.9%
% of Students in Private Schools ²¹	2004	2.4%	50	2002	2.4%	0.0%
Pupil-Teacher Ratio in Public Schools ²²	2006	12.6	45	2005	12.6	0.0%
Average Salary of Teachers (\$) ²³	2006	\$43,255	30	2005	\$40,392	7.1%
Average Teacher's Salary as % of Average Annual Wages ²⁴	2005	125.9%	17	2004	128.0%	-1.6%
Public High School Graduation Rate ²⁵	2005-06	81.5%	-	2004-05	81.5%	0.0%
Expenditures Per Pupil in Public Schools (\$) ²³	2006	\$11,971	6	2005	\$10,198	17.4%
Per Capita State/Local Gov't. Expenditures for Higher Education ³	2004	\$835	6	2002	\$722	15.7%
Enrollment at the University of Wyoming (UW) ²⁶	Fall 06	13,134	-	Fall 05	13,126	0.1%
Average Student Age at UW	Fall 06	27.1	-	Fall 05	27.1	0.0%
4-Year Graduation Rate at UW	2006	22.9%	-	2005	26.2%	-12.6%
Average Faculty Salary at UW (\$ - all ranks)	2006-07	\$68,300	-	2005-06	\$65,300	4.6%
Bachelor's Degrees Granted at UW	2006-07	1,687	-	2005-06	1,790	-5.8%
Health & Social Welfare						
% of Persons not Covered by Health Insurance (2-yr. avg.) ²	2005-06	14.6%	23	2004-05	13.7%	6.6%
% of Private Sector Establishments that Offer Health Insurance ²⁷	2004	41.3%	49	2003	42.5%	-2.8%
Physicians per 100,000 Persons ²⁸	2005	219	45	2004	216	1.4%
Registered Nurses per 100,000 Persons ²⁹	2005	774	33	2004	727	6.5%
Community Hospitals per 100,000 Persons ³⁰	2005	4.7	6	2004	4.7	0.0%
Average Medical Malpractice Payment ³¹	2004	\$225,865	39	2003	\$203,155	11.2%
Live Births per 1,000 Persons ³²	2005	14.2	16	2004	13.4	6.0%
Births per 1,000 Teenage Women (age 15-19 yrs.) ⁴	2005	43.7	17	2004	43.1	1.4%
Infant Deaths (under 1 year old) per 1,000 Live Births ³²	2005	5.8	37	2003	7.0	-17.1%
Deaths per 100,000 Persons	2004	788.5	24	2003	850.6	-7.3%
Suicides per 100,000 Persons	2003	21.8	1	2002	20.7	5.3%
New AIDS Cases Reported per 100,000 Persons ⁴	2005	0.6	50	2004	3.6	-83.3%
Adult per Capita Alcohol Consumption (gallons) ³³	2004	2.9	9	2003	3.3	-12.1%
% of Adults Who Smoke ³⁴	2005	21.3%	21	2004	21.7%	-1.8%
% of Adults Overweight or Obese	2005	61.6%	24	-	-	-
% of Population in Poverty ⁵	2006	9.4%	46	2005	9.5%	-1.1%
% of Population Enrolled in Medicare ³⁵	2005	13.9%	34	2004	13.6%	2.2%
% of Population Receiving Food Stamps ³⁶	2006	4.7%	47	2005	5.0%	-6.0%
Per Capita St/Local Gov't. Expenditures Public on Welfare Programs ³	2004	\$1,002	31	2002	\$764	31.2%
Housing						
Residential Building Permits ²	2006	3,846	46	2005	4,002	-3.9%
Existing Home Sales, Single family homes, apartments, condos ³⁷	2006	13,600	49	2005	14,300	-4.9%
Median Existing Home Price (\$) ³⁸	2006	\$154,830	-	2005	\$146,841	5.4%
Homeownership Rate ²	2006	73.7%	18	2005	72.8%	1.2%
Average Rent for 2-3 Bedroom House (\$) ³⁹	2007	\$853	-	2006	\$748	14.0%
Average Rent for 2 Bedroom Apartment (\$)	2007	\$578	-	2006	\$549	5.3%
Average Rent for 2-3 Bedroom Mobile Home (\$)	2007	\$554	-	2006	\$548	1.1%
Rental Vacancy Rate ²	2006	4.6%	49	2005	6.0%	-23.3%



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Wyoming's Economy						
Median Household Income ⁵	2006	\$47,423	22	2005	\$46,202	2.6%
Per Capita Personal Income (current \$) ⁴⁰	2006	\$40,569	6	2005	\$37,161	9.2%
Per Capita Gross State Product (\$) ⁴¹	2005	\$53,595	4	2004	\$47,408	13.1%
Bankruptcy Filings ⁴²	2006	1,611	48	2005	2,733	-41.1%
Personal Bankruptcies per 100,000 Persons	2006	300	27	2005	523	-42.6%
Retail Sales (billions \$) ³⁸	2006	\$7.99	-	2005	\$7.56	5.7%
Rate of New Firms as % of Existing Firms ⁴³	2005	13.1%	19	2004	12.8%	2.3%
Wyoming Annual Inflation Rate ³⁹	2Q07	4.7%	-	2Q06	5.6%	-16.1%
Exports - Origin of Movement Series (millions \$) ⁴⁴	2006	\$830.0	-	2004	\$669.0	24.1%
Employment & Labor						
Average Annual Pay (\$) ⁴⁵	2006	\$36,637	37	2005	\$33,251	10.2%
State Minimum Wage Rate (\$ per hour) ⁴⁶	2007	\$5.15	30	2006	\$5.15	0.0%
Civilian Labor Force ⁴⁷	2006	284,690	50	2005	277,899	2.4%
Employed	2006	275,617	50	2005	267,669	3.0%
Unemployed	2006	9,073	50	2005	10,230	-11.3%
Unemployment Rate	2006	3.2%	46	2005	3.7%	-13.5%
Total Non-farm Employment ^{45, 47}	2006	276,700	50	2005	263,900	4.9%
% of Employees in Mining	2006	9.6%	1	2005	8.6%	11.6%
% of Employees in Government	2006	23.6%	3	2005	24.8%	-4.8%
% of Employees in Construction	2006	8.5%	3	2005	7.8%	9.0%
% of Employees in Manufacturing	2006	3.7%	49	2005	3.7%	0.0%
% of Employees in Leisure & Hospitality	2006	11.7%	4	2005	12.2%	-4.1%
% of Employees in Retail Trade	2006	11.1%	-	2005	11.5%	-3.5%
% of Employees in Professional & Business Services	2006	6.1%	47	2005	6.0%	1.7%
Tax Environment						
Tax Freedom Day - Wyoming ⁴⁸	2007	28-Apr	9	2006	29-Apr	-1 day
Tax Freedom Day - U.S.	2007	30-Apr	-	2006	28-Apr	+2 days
Individual Income Tax Rate ⁴⁹	2007	0.0%	-	2006	0.0%	0.0%
Corporate Income Tax Rate	2007	0.0%	-	2006	0.0%	0.0%
State Sales Tax Rate	2007	4.0%	-	2006	4.0%	0.0%
Gasoline Tax Rate (\$/gallon) ^{48, 50}	2007	\$0.14	49	2006	\$0.14	0.0%
Cigarette Tax Rate (\$/pack)	2007	\$0.60	30	2006	\$0.60	0.0%
State/Local Taxes as % of Income ⁴⁸	2006	10.1%	32	2005	10.1%	0.0%
Federal Taxes as % of Income	2006	22.3%	5	2005	21.0%	6.2%
Mining, Energy, & the Environment						
Coal Production (millions of short tons) ⁵¹	2006	444.9	1	2005	404.5	10.0%
Natural Gas Production (billions of cubic feet) ⁵²	2006	2,112	2	2005	2,004	5.4%
Crude Oil Production (millions of barrels)	2006	53.0	7	2005	51.7	2.5%
Trona Production (millions of short tons) ⁵¹	2006	18.1	1	2005	17.9	1.1%
Average Price Paid for WY Coal (\$/short ton) ⁴⁹	2006	\$9.02	-	2005	\$7.81	15.5%
Average Price Paid for Natural Gas (\$/MCF)	2006	\$5.85	-	2005	\$6.65	-12.0%
Average Price Paid for Wyoming Oil (\$/barrel)	2006	\$54.44	-	2005	\$46.43	17.3%
Average Price Paid for Trona (\$/short ton)	2006	\$94.34	-	2005	\$23.37	303.7%
% of Electricity Generated Through Renewable Resources ⁵³	2003	2.2%	39	-	-	-
Avg. Monthly Electric Bill for Residential Customers	2005	\$61.70	47	2004	\$57.51	7.3%
Toxic Releases: Total Pollution Released (millions of pounds) ⁵⁴	2004	16.1	40	2003	19.3	-16.6%
Pollution Released by Manufacturing Plants (mil. pounds)	2004	5.6	38	2003	9.4	-40.4%
Transportation						
Per Capita Federal Highway Funds ⁵⁵	2007	\$424	2	2006	\$468	-9.4%
% of Roadways in Mediocre or Poor Condition ⁵⁶	2004	4.9%	47	-	-	-
Highway Fatality Rate per 100 Mil. Vehicle-Miles ⁵⁷	2005	1.8	12	2004	1.8	0.0%
Fatalities in Alcohol-Related Crashes as % of Total	2005	37.0%	17	2004	36.0%	2.8%
Per Capita Gasoline Used (gallons) ⁵⁸	2005	695	1	2004	688	1.0%
Safety Belt Usage Rate ⁵⁷	2006	63.5%	41	2004	70.1%	-9.4%



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Agriculture						
Number of Farms and Ranches ⁵⁹	2006	9,100	40	2005	9,200	-1.1%
Average # of Acres per Farm/Ranch	2006	3,780	1	2005	3,739	1.1%
Cash Receipts from Commodities (millions \$)	2006*	\$1,021.4	-	2005	\$976.0	4.7%
All Cattle & Calves (1,000)	Jan-07	1,430	22	Jan-06	1,430	0.0%
All Sheep & Lambs (1,000)	Jan-07	460	3	Jan-06	450	2.2%
Wool Production (1,000 lbs.)	2006	3,550	2	2005	3,530	0.6%
All Hogs & Pigs (1,000)	Dec-06	100	30	Dec-05	105	-4.8%
Alfalfa Hay (1,000 tons)	2006	1,400	21	2005	1,560	-10.3%
Barley (1,000 bushels)	2006	4,731	7	2005	5,580	-15.2%
Sugar beets (1,000 tons)	2006	814	9	2005	801	1.6%
Corn for Grain (1,000 bushels)	2006	5,805	35	2005	6,860	-15.4%
U.S. Agriculture Exports (millions \$) ⁶⁰	2005	\$44.0	45	2004	\$41.0	7.3%

*Note: 2006 figure is a preliminary estimate.

Government						
Per Capita Homeland Security Grants ⁶¹	2006	\$14.90	3	2005	\$27.36	-45.5%
Per Capita U.S. Dept of Defense Domestic Expenditures ⁶²	2005	\$982	29	2003	\$1,343	-26.9%
U.S. Dept. of Defense Active Duty Military Personnel ⁶³	2005	3,273	35	2004	3,447	-5.0%
U.S. Dept. of Defense Reserve & National Guard Personnel	2005	3,616	50	2004	3,427	5.5%
Veterans ⁶⁴	2006	53,711	49	2004	54,941	-2.2%
Seats in U.S. House of Representatives ²	2007	1	44	2006	1	0.0%
State Legislators ⁶⁵	2007	90	43	2006	90	0.0%
Population per State Legislator ⁶⁶	2007	5,722	47	2006	5,659	1.1%
% of Eligible Population Reported Voting ²	2004	66.9%	18	2002	53.9%	24.1%

Sources:

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²U.S. Census Bureau, <http://www.census.gov>

³Morgan Quitno Press using data from U.S. Census Bureau

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¹¹Wyoming Department of State Parks & Cultural Resources

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²³National Education Association (NEA), Washington D.C., <http://www.nea.org>

²⁴Morgan Quitno Press using data from NEA

²⁵Wyoming Department of Education

²⁶University of Wyoming, Office of Institutional Analysis

²⁷U.S. Department of HHS, Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality

²⁸Morgan Quitno Press using data from American Medical Assoc. (Chicago, IL)

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³⁰Morgan Quitno Press using data from American Hospital Association

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³²U.S. Department of HHS, National Center for Health Statistics

³³Morgan Quitno Press using data from U.S. Dept. of HHS, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse & Alcoholism

³⁴U.S. Department of HHS, Center for Disease Control & Prevention

³⁵Morgan Quitno Press using Dept. of HHS, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

³⁶Morgan Quitno Press using data from USDA, Food, Nutrition, & Consumer Services

³⁷National Association of Realtors, Economics & Research, <http://www.realtor.org>

³⁸Moody's Economy.com

³⁹Wyoming Economic Analysis Division, <http://eadiv.state.wy.us>

⁴⁰U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), <http://bea.gov>

⁴¹Morgan Quitno Press using data from BEA

⁴²Morgan Quitno Press using data from Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts

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⁴⁴U.S. Census Bureau, Foreign Trade Division

⁴⁵U.S. Department of Labor, BLS, <http://www.bls.gov>

⁴⁶U.S. Dept. of Labor, Employment Standards Administration

⁴⁷Wyoming Department of Employment, Research and Planning, <http://doe.state.wy.us/lmi>

⁴⁸Tax Foundation, <http://www.taxfoundation.org>

⁴⁹Wyoming Department of Revenue, <http://revenue.state.wy.us>

⁵⁰Federation of Tax Administrators, <http://www.taxadmin.org>

⁵¹Wyoming State Inspector of Mines

⁵²Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, <http://wogcc.state.wy.us>

⁵³U.S. Department of Energy, Energy Information Administration, <http://www.eia.doe.gov>

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⁵⁸U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov>

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⁶⁵National Conference of State Legislators (Denver, CO), <http://www.ncsl.org>

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