



Quick Facts

Governor - State Capital	Governor Dave Freudenthal - Cheyenne
Most Livable State - National Ranking ¹	3 rd in 2008 - 3 rd in 2007 - 6 th in 2006
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	2007	522,830	50	2006	512,757	2.0%
Total Male Population	2007	265,845	50	2006	259,454	2.5%
Total Female Population	2007	257,785	50	2006	253,303	1.8%
% of Population - Under 18 Years Old	2007	24.0%	28	2006	24.0%	0.0%
% of Population - 65 Years & Older	2007	12.2%	35	2006	12.2%	0.0%
Median Age	2007	37	9	2006	37.2	-0.5%
Population of Cheyenne - Capital	2007	55,641	-	2006	55,662	0.0%
Population per Square Mile ³	2007	5.40	49	2006	5.20	3.8%
% of Population - White Alone (Non-Hispanic) ²	2007	87.3%	9	2006	87.7%	-0.5%
% of Population - Native American Alone	2007	2.3%	8	2006	2.2%	4.5%
% of Population - Hispanic or Latino	2007	7.3%	22	2006	7.1%	2.8%
Marriages per 1,000 Persons ⁴	2006	9.8	6	2005	9.4	4.3%
Divorces per 1,000 Persons	2006	5.4	3	2005	5.3	1.9%
% 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	2007	97,814	10	2006	97,814	0.0%
Water Area (sq. miles)	2007	713	36	2006	713	0.0%
Mean Elevation (ft) ⁶	2007	6,700	2	2006	6,700	0.0%
Highest Point (ft) - Gannett Peak	2007	13,804	5	2006	13,804	0.0%
Lowest Point (ft) - Belle Fourche River	2007	3,099	49	2006	3,099	0.0%
Normal Mean Temperature (F) - 30 year average ⁷	2000	45.0	45	-	-	-
Annual Precipitation (inches-Cheyenne) - 30 year average	2000	15.45	-	-	-	-
Average Wind Speed (mph)	2007	12.9	1	2006	12.9	0.0%
% of Days That are Sunny	2007	65.7%	9	2006	63.8%	3.0%
% 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	2007	2.8	5	2006	2.4	16.7%
- 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	2007	117,398	-	2006	117,343	0.0%
Visitors to State Parks & Recreational Areas ¹²	2006	5,322,531	18	2005	3,315,590	60.5%
WY Lodging Sales (millions of dollars) ¹³	FY 07	\$486	-	FY 06	\$441	10.2%
Hunting and Fishing Expenditures (millions of dollars) ¹⁴	FY 07	\$684	-	FY 06	\$382	79.1%
Hunting and Fishing Licenses	2006	846,754	-	2005	817,198	3.6%
Number of National Forests ¹⁵	2008	10	-	2007	10	0.0%
Visitors to Grand Teton National Park (recreation visits) ¹²	2007	2,588,574	-	2006	2,406,476	7.6%
Visitors to Yellowstone National Park (recreation visits)	2007	3,151,343	-	2006	2,870,295	9.8%
Visitors to Devil's Tower National Monument (rec. visits)	2007	322,272	-	2006	335,764	-4.0%
Visitors to Fossil Butte National Monument (rec. visits)	2007	19,853	-	2006	16,631	19.4%
Visitors to Fort Laramie National Historic Site (rec. visits)	2007	40,263	-	2006	40,651	-1.0%

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



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Crime & Law Enforcement						
Crimes ¹⁶	2006	16,584	47	2005	17,242	-3.8%
Crimes per 100,000 Persons	2006	3,220	32	2005	3,385	-4.9%
Violent Crimes per 100,000 Persons	2006	240	43	2005	230	4.2%
Murders per 100,000 Persons	2006	1.7	45	2005	2.7	-37.0%
Rapes per 100,000 Persons	2006	27.2	36	2005	24.0	13.3%
Robberies per 100,000 Persons	2006	14.0	49	2005	15.3	-8.5%
Aggravated Assaults per 100,000 Persons	2006	197	30	2005	188	4.6%
Burglaries per 100,000 Persons	2006	451	43	2005	476	-5.4%
Larcenies & Thefts per 100,000 Persons	2006	2,379	22	2005	2,533	-6.1%
Motor Vehicle Thefts per 100,000 Persons	2006	151	46	2005	145	3.9%
State Prisoner Incarceration Rate per 100,000 Persons ¹⁷	2006	408	25	2005	400	2.0%
Per Capita State/Local Gov't. Expenditures for Police Protect. (\$) ³	2005	\$290	7	2004	\$273	6.2%
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) ¹⁸	2007	21.5	29	2006	21.6	-0.5%
% of Students in Private Schools ¹⁹	2004	2.4%	50	2002	2.4%	0.0%
Pupil-Teacher Ratio in Public Schools ²⁰	2007	13.1	42	2006	12.6	4.0%
Average Salary of Teachers (\$) ²¹	2007	\$50,692	16	2006	\$43,255	17.2%
Average Teacher's Salary as % of Average Annual Wages ²⁰	2006	128.1%	14	2005	125.9%	1.7%
Public High School Graduation Rate ²²	2006-07	80.4%	-	2005-06	81.5%	-1.3%
Expenditures Per Pupil in Public Schools (\$) ²¹	2007	\$13,328	4	2006	\$11,971	11.3%
Per Capita State/Local Gov't. Expenditures for Higher Education ³	2005	\$937	3	2004	\$835	12.2%
Enrollment at the University of Wyoming (UW) ²³	Fall 07	12,875	-	Fall 06	13,134	-2.0%
Average Student Age at UW (Laramie Campus)	Fall 07	23.6	-	Fall 06	23.7	-0.4%
4-Year Graduation Rate at UW	2007	22.3%	-	2006	22.9%	-2.6%
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 ²⁴	2005	38.6%	50	2004	41.3%	-6.5%
Physicians per 100,000 Persons ²⁵	2006	221	45	2005	219	0.9%
Registered Nurses per 100,000 Persons ²⁶	2006	782	32	2005	774	1.0%
Community Hospitals per 100,000 Persons ²⁷	2006	4.7	5	2005	4.7	0.0%
Average Medical Malpractice Payment ²⁸	2005	\$290,464	24	2004	\$225,865	28.6%
Live Births per 1,000 Persons ²⁹	2006	14.9	14	2005	14.2	4.9%
Births per 1,000 Teenage Women (age 15-19 yrs.) ⁴	2006	46.6	15	2005	43.7	6.6%
Infant Deaths (under 1 year old) per 1,000 Live Births ²⁹	2006	6.8	26	2004	5.8	17.2%
Deaths per 100,000 Persons	2005	801.4	23	2005	788.5	1.6%
Suicides per 100,000 Persons	2004	17.4	5	2003	21.8	-20.2%
New AIDS Cases Reported per 100,000 Persons ⁴	2005	0.6	50	2004	3.6	-83.3%
Adult per Capita Alcohol Consumption (gallons) ³⁰	2005	2.7	22	2004	2.9	-6.9%
% of Adults Who Smoke ³¹	2006	21.6%	18	2005	21.3%	1.4%
% of Adults Overweight or Obese	2006	61.3%	29	2005	61.6%	-0.5%
% of Population in Poverty ⁵	2006	9.4%	46	2005	9.5%	-1.1%
% of Population Enrolled in Medicare ³²	2006	14.2%	34	2005	13.9%	2.2%
% of Population Receiving Food Stamps ³³	2007	4.3%	50	2006	4.7%	-8.5%
Per Capita St/Local Gov't. Expenditures Public on Welfare Programs ³	2005	\$1,086	29	2004	\$1,002	8.4%
Housing						
Residential Building Permits ²	2007	4,584	46	2006	3,846	19.2%
Existing Home Sales, Single family homes, apartments, condos ³⁴	2007	12,900	49	2006	13,600	-5.1%
Median Existing Home Price (\$) ³⁵	2007	\$157,231	-	2006	\$154,661	1.7%
Homeownership Rate ²	2007	73.2%	15	2006	73.7%	-0.7%
Average Rent for 2-3 Bedroom House (\$) ³⁶	4Q07	\$878	-	4Q06	\$783	12.1%
Average Rent for 2 Bedroom Apartment (\$)	4Q07	\$599	-	4Q06	\$568	5.5%
Average Rent for 2-3 Bedroom Mobile Home (\$)	4Q07	\$569	-	4Q06	\$562	1.2%
Rental Vacancy Rate ²	2007	5.4%	49	2006	4.6%	17.4%



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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 \$) ³⁷	2007	\$43,226	6	2006	\$40,569	6.5%
Per Capita Gross State Product (\$) ³⁸	2006	\$57,651	4	2005	\$53,595	7.6%
Bankruptcy Filings ³⁹	2007	784	49	2006	1,611	-51.3%
Personal Bankruptcies per 100,000 Persons	2007	143	47	2006	300	-52.3%
Retail Sales (billions \$) ³⁵	2007	\$9.00	-	2006	\$8.50	5.9%
Rate of New Firms as % of Existing Firms ⁴⁰	2006	12.4%	25	2005	13.1%	-5.3%
Wyoming Annual Inflation Rate ³⁶	4Q07	6.1%	-	4Q06	4.4%	38.6%
Exports - Origin of Movement Series (millions \$) ⁴¹	2007	\$802.0	-	2006	\$834.0	-3.8%
Employment & Labor						
Average Annual Pay (\$) ⁴²	2007	\$36,110	37	2006	\$36,637	-1.4%
State Minimum Wage Rate (\$ per hour) ⁴³	2008	\$5.15	43	2007	\$5.15	0.0%
Civilian Labor Force ⁴⁴	2007	288,976	50	2006	284,690	1.5%
Employed	2007	278,790	50	2006	275,617	1.2%
Unemployed	2007	10,186	50	2006	9,073	12.3%
Unemployment Rate	2007	3.5%	46	2006	3.2%	9.4%
Total Non-farm Employment ^{42, 44}	2007	288,100	50	2006	277,300	3.9%
% of Employees in Mining	2007	9.5%	1	2006	9.6%	-1.0%
% of Employees in Government	2007	23.2%	3	2006	23.6%	-1.7%
% of Employees in Construction	2007	9.1%	3	2006	8.6%	5.8%
% of Employees in Manufacturing	2007	3.5%	49	2006	3.7%	-5.4%
% of Employees in Leisure & Hospitality	2007	11.6%	4	2006	11.7%	-0.9%
% of Employees in Retail Trade	2007	11.0%	-	2006	11.1%	-0.9%
% of Employees in Professional & Business Services	2007	6.4%	47	2006	6.2%	3.2%
Tax Environment						
Tax Freedom Day - Wyoming ⁴⁵	2008	20-Apr	21	2007	28-Apr	-1 day
Tax Freedom Day - U.S.	2008	23-Apr	-	2007	30-Apr	+2 days
Individual Income Tax Rate ⁴⁶	2008	0.0%	-	2007	0.0%	0.0%
Corporate Income Tax Rate	2008	0.0%	-	2007	0.0%	0.0%
State Sales Tax Rate	2008	4.0%	-	2007	4.0%	0.0%
Gasoline Tax Rate (\$/gallon) ^{45, 47}	2008	\$0.14	49	2007	\$0.14	0.0%
Cigarette Tax Rate (\$/pack)	2008	\$0.60	30	2007	\$0.60	0.0%
State/Local Taxes as % of Income ⁴⁵	2007	9.5%	42	2006	9.5%	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) ⁴⁸	2007	452.1	1	2006	444.9	1.6%
Natural Gas Production (billions of cubic feet) ⁴⁹	2007	2,145	2	2006	2,112	1.6%
Crude Oil Production (millions of barrels)	2007	53.3	7	2006	53.0	0.6%
Trona Production (millions of short tons) ⁴⁸	2007	17.1	1	2006	18.1	-5.5%
Average Price Paid for WY Coal (\$/short ton) ⁴⁶	2007	\$10.09	-	2006	\$9.02	11.9%
Average Price Paid for Natural Gas (\$/MCF)	2007	\$4.65	-	2006	\$5.85	-20.5%
Average Price Paid for Wyoming Oil (\$/barrel)	2007	\$58.91	-	2006	\$54.44	8.2%
Average Price Paid for Trona (\$/short ton)	2007	\$98.37	-	2006	\$94.34	4.3%
% of Electricity Generated Through Renewable Resources ⁵⁰	2005	3.3%	35	2003	2.2%	50.0%
Avg. Monthly Electric Bill for Residential Customers	2006	\$65.50	46	2005	\$61.70	6.2%
Toxic Releases: Total Pollution Released (millions of pounds) ⁵¹	2005	15.6	40	2004	16.1	-3.1%
Pollution Released by Manufacturing Plants (mil. pounds)	2005	4.8	39	2004	5.6	-14.3%
Transportation						
Per Capita Federal Highway Funds ⁵²	2008	\$441	2	2007	\$424	4.0%
% of Roadways in Mediocre or Poor Condition ⁵³	2005	4.6%	47	2004	4.9%	-6.1%
Highway Fatality Rate per 100 Mil. Vehicle-Miles ⁵⁴	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) ⁵⁵	2005	695	1	2004	688	1.0%
Safety Belt Usage Rate ⁵⁴	2006	63.5%	41	2004	70.1%	-9.4%



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Agriculture						
Number of Farms and Ranches ⁵⁶	2007	8,800	40	2006	9,100	-3.3%
Average number of Acres per Farm/Ranch	2007	3,909	1	2006	3,780	3.4%
Cash Receipts from Commodities (millions \$)	2006	\$1,021.4	-	2005	\$976.0	4.7%
All Cattle & Calves (1,000)	Jan-08	1,320	22	Jan-07	1,430	-7.7%
All Sheep & Lambs (1,000)	Jan-08	440	3	Jan-07	460	-4.3%
Wool Production (1,000 lbs.)	2007	3,325	2	2006	3,550	-6.3%
All Hogs & Pigs (1,000)	Dec-07	89	30	Dec-06	100	-11.0%
Alfalfa Hay (1,000 tons)	2007	1,539	21	2006	1,400	9.9%
Barley (1,000 bushels)	2007	4,717	7	2006	4,731	-0.3%
Sugar beets (1,000 tons)	2007	658	9	2006	814	-19.2%
Corn for Grain (1,000 bushels)	2007	7,740	35	2006	5,805	33.3%
U.S. Agriculture Exports (millions \$) ⁵⁷	2006	\$53.0	44	2005	\$44.0	20.5%
Government						
Per Capita Homeland Security Grants ⁵⁸	2007	\$12.76	1	2006	\$14.90	-14.4%
Per Capita U.S. Dept of Defense Domestic Expenditures ⁵⁹	2006	\$935	34	2005	\$982	-4.8%
U.S. Dept. of Defense Active Duty Military Personnel ⁶⁰	2006	3,043	36	2005	3,273	-7.0%
U.S. Dept. of Defense Reserve & National Guard Personnel	2006	3,739	50	2005	3,616	3.4%
Veterans ⁶¹	2007	52,961	49	2006	53,711	-1.4%
Seats in U.S. House of Representatives ²	2008	1	44	2007	1	0.0%
State Legislators ⁶²	2008	90	43	2007	90	0.0%
Population per State Legislator ⁶³	2008	5,809	47	2007	5,722	1.5%
% of Eligible Population Reported Voting ²	2004	66.9%	18	2002	53.9%	24.1%

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