



Quick Facts

Governor - State Capital	Governor Dave Freudenthal - Cheyenne
Most Livable State - National Ranking ¹	3 rd in 2009 - 3 rd in 2008 - 3 rd in 2007
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 Butterfly & Reptile	Sheridan's Green Hairstreak & Horned Toad
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	2009	544,270	50	2008*	532,981	2.1%
Total Male Population	2008	270,190	50	2007	265,234	1.9%
Total Female Population	2008	262,478	50	2007	258,018	1.7%
% of Population - Under 18 Years Old	2008	24.1%	21	2007	24.0%	0.4%
% of Population - 65 Years & Older	2008	12.3%	37	2007	12.2%	0.8%
Median Age	2008	36.8	33	2007	37.0	-0.5%
Population of Cheyenne - Capital	2008	56,915	-	2007	56,251	1.2%
Population per Square Mile ³	2008	5.50	49	2007	5.40	1.9%
% of Population - White Alone (Non-Hispanic) ²	2008	86.8%	9	2007	87.2%	-0.5%
% of Population - Native American Alone	2008	2.5%	8	2007	2.5%	0.0%
% of Population - Hispanic or Latino	2008	7.7%	22	2007	7.5%	2.7%
Marriages per 1,000 Persons ⁴	2007	9.3	6	2006	9.8	-5.1%
Divorces per 1,000 Persons	2007	5.5	3	2006	5.4	1.9%
% of Households (HH) Headed by Married Couples ⁵	2008	52.4%	4	2007	51.6%	1.6%
% of HH Headed by Single Female (w/ own children <18 yrs.)	2008	5.8%	46	2007	5.8%	0.0%

*Note: The 2008 total state population estimate was revised in 2009, therefore the 2008 gender estimates will not sum to this total.

Weather & Geography

Total Area (sq. miles) ²	2008	97,814	10	2007	97,814	0.0%
Water Area (sq. miles)	2007	713	36	2006	713	0.0%
Mean Elevation (ft) ⁶	2008	6,700	2	2007	6,700	0.0%
Highest Point (ft) - Gannett Peak	2008	13,804	5	2007	13,804	0.0%
Lowest Point (ft) - Belle Fourche River	2008	3,099	49	2007	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)	2008	12.9	1	2007	12.9	0.0%
% of Days That are Sunny	2008	65.7%	9	2007	65.7%	0.0%
% 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	2008	2.8	5	2007	2.8	0.0%
- 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	2008	121,886	-	2007	117,398	3.8%
Visitors to State Parks & Recreational Areas ¹²	2007	2,304,020	42	2006	5,322,531	-56.7%
WY Lodging Sales (millions of dollars) ¹³	FY09	\$523.7	-	FY08	\$526.6	-0.6%
Hunting and Fishing Expenditures (millions of dollars) ¹⁴	FY08	\$684	-	FY07	\$684	0.0%
Hunting and Fishing Licenses	2007	871,865	-	2006	848,020	2.8%
Number of National Forests ¹⁵	2008	10	-	2007	10	0.0%
Visitors to Grand Teton National Park (recreation visits) ¹²	2008	2,485,987	-	2007	2,588,574	-4.0%
Visitors to Yellowstone National Park (recreation visits)	2008	3,066,580	-	2007	3,151,343	-2.7%
Visitors to Devil's Tower National Monument (rec. visits)	2008	336,303	-	2007	322,272	4.4%
Visitors to Fossil Butte National Monument (rec. visits)	2008	17,727	-	2007	19,853	-10.7%
Visitors to Fort Laramie National Historic Site (rec. visits)	2008	48,297	-	2007	40,263	20.0%

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



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Crime & Law Enforcement						
Crimes ¹⁶	2007	16,235	47	2006	16,584	-2.1%
Crimes per 100,000 Persons	2007	3,105	33	2006	3,220	-3.6%
Violent Crimes per 100,000 Persons	2007	239	43	2006	240	-0.1%
Murders per 100,000 Persons	2007	3.1	34	2006	1.7	82.4%
Rapes per 100,000 Persons	2007	30.6	27	2006	27.2	12.5%
Robberies per 100,000 Persons	2007	16.1	46	2006	14.0	15.0%
Aggravated Assaults per 100,000 Persons	2007	190	31	2006	197	-3.7%
Burglaries per 100,000 Persons	2007	449	42	2006	451	-0.3%
Larcenies & Thefts per 100,000 Persons	2007	2,265	25	2006	2,379	-4.8%
Motor Vehicle Thefts per 100,000 Persons	2007	152	43	2006	151	1.0%
State Prisoner Incarceration Rate per 100,000 Persons ¹⁷	2007	394	28	2006	408	-3.4%
Per Capita State/Local Gov't. Expenditures for Police Protect. (\$) ³	2006	\$323	7	2005	\$290	11.4%
Education						
% of Population, 25 yrs. & older, high-school graduate or higher ⁵	2008	91.7%	1	2007	91.2%	0.5%
% of population, 25 yrs. & older, with a Bachelor's Degree or higher	2008	23.6%	41	2007	23.4%	0.9%
ACT Average Composite Score (range 1-36) ¹⁸	2008	21.1	34	2007	21.5	-1.9%
% of Students in Private Schools ¹⁹	2006	1.9%	49	2004	2.4%	-20.8%
Estimated Pupil-Teacher Ratio in Public Schools ²⁰	2009	12.4	44	2007	13.1	-5.3%
Estimated Average Salary of Teachers (\$) ²¹	2009	\$55,696	14	2007	\$50,692	9.9%
Average Teacher's Salary as % of Average Annual Wages ²⁰	2007	132.2%	3	2006	128.1%	3.2%
Public High School Graduation Rate ²²	2007-08	79.3%	-	2006-07	79.5%	-0.3%
Estimated Expenditures Per Pupil in Public Schools (\$) ²¹	2008	\$14,932	4	2007	\$13,328	12.0%
Per Capita State/Local Gov't. Expenditures for Higher Education ³	2006	\$960	5	2005	\$937	2.5%
Enrollment at the University of Wyoming (UW) ²³	Fall 08	13,106	-	Fall 07	12,875	1.8%
Average Student Age at UW (Laramie Campus)	Fall 08	23.4	-	Fall 07	23.6	-0.8%
4-Year Graduation Rate at UW	2007	22.3%	-	2006	22.9%	-2.6%
Average Faculty Salary at UW (\$ - all ranks)	2008-09	\$76,200	-	2007-08	\$72,200	5.5%
Bachelor's Degrees Granted at UW	2007-08	1,786	-	2006-07	1,687	5.9%
Health & Social Welfare						
% of Persons not Covered by Health Insurance ⁵	2008	13.9%	-	-	-	-
% of Private Sector Establishments that Offer Health Insurance ²⁴	2006	46.5%	42	2005	38.6%	20.5%
Physicians per 100,000 Persons ²⁵	2007	223	45	2006	221	0.9%
Registered Nurses per 100,000 Persons ²⁶	2007	812	31	2006	782	3.8%
Community Hospitals per 100,000 Persons ²⁷	2007	4.6	5	2006	4.7	-2.1%
Average Medical Malpractice Payment ²⁸	2005	\$290,464	24	2004	\$225,865	28.6%
Live Births per 1,000 Persons ²⁹	2007	15.0	15	2006	14.9	0.7%
Births per 1,000 Teenage Women (age 15-19 yrs.) ⁴	2007	47.3	15	2006	46.6	1.5%
Infant Deaths (under 1 year old) per 1,000 Live Births ²⁹	2005	6.8	26	2004	5.8	17.2%
Deaths per 100,000 Persons	2006	822.7	16	2005	801.4	2.7%
Suicides per 100,000 Persons	2005	17.2	6	2004	17.4	-1.1%
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	2006	3.1	7	2005	2.7	14.8%
% of Adults Who Smoke ³¹	2007	22.1%	14	2006	21.6%	2.3%
% of Adults Overweight or Obese	2007	62.2%	33	2006	61.3%	1.5%
% of Population in Poverty ⁵	2008	9.4%	45	2007	8.7%	8.0%
% of Population Enrolled in Medicare ³²	2007	14.2%	36	2006	14.2%	0.0%
% of Pop. Receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assist. Prog. Benefits ³³	2008	4.2%	50	2007	4.3%	-2.3%
Per Capita St/Local Gov't. Expenditures Public on Welfare Programs ³	2006	\$1,143	24	2005	\$1,086	5.2%
Housing						
Residential Building Permits ²	2008	2,669	46	2007	4,584	-41.8%
Existing Home Sales, Single family homes, apartments, condos ³⁴	2008	10,000	50	2007	12,900	-22.5%
Median Housing Value of Owner-Occupied Housing Units (\$) ⁵	2008	\$188,200	24	2007	\$172,300	9.2%
Homeownership Rate ²	2008	73.3%	13	2007	73.2%	0.1%
Average Rent for 2-3 Bedroom House (\$) ³⁵	2Q09	\$919	-	2Q08	\$932	-1.4%
Average Rent for 2 Bedroom Apartment (\$)	2Q09	\$650	-	2Q08	\$645	0.8%
Average Rent for 2-3 Bedroom Mobile Home (\$)	2Q09	\$620	-	2Q08	\$593	4.6%
Rental Vacancy Rate ²	2008	4.7%	49	2007	5.4%	-13.0%



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Wyoming's Economy						
Median Household Income ⁵	2008	\$53,207	20	2007	\$51,731	2.9%
Per Capita Personal Income (current \$) ³⁶	2008	\$48,608	5	2007	\$46,741	4.0%
Per Capita Gross Domestic Product (\$) ³⁷	2007	\$60,227	4	2006	\$57,651	4.5%
Bankruptcy Filings ³⁸	2008	774	50	2007	784	-1.3%
Personal Bankruptcies per 100,000 Persons	2008	136	48	2007	143	-4.9%
Retail Sales (billions \$) ³⁹	2008	\$9.15	-	2007	\$8.94	2.3%
Rate of New Firms as % of Existing Firms ⁴⁰	2006	12.4%	25	2005	13.1%	-5.3%
Wyoming Annual Inflation Rate ³⁵	2Q09	0.0%	-	2Q08	7.9%	-
Exports - Origin of Movement Series (millions \$) ⁴¹	2008	\$1,081.0	-	2007	\$802.0	34.8%
Employment & Labor						
Average Annual Pay (\$) ⁴²	2008	\$41,487	22	2007	\$39,254	5.7%
State Minimum Wage Rate (\$ per hour) ⁴³	2009	\$5.15	43	2008	\$5.15	0.0%
Civilian Labor Force ⁴⁴	2008	292,606	50	2007	288,433	1.4%
Employed	2008	283,598	50	2008	280,087	1.3%
Unemployed	2008	9,008	50	2007	8,346	7.9%
Unemployment Rate	2008	3.1%	50	2007	2.9%	6.9%
Total Non-farm Employment ^{42, 44}	2008	298,500	50	2007	288,800	3.4%
% of Employees in Mining	2008	9.8%	1	2007	9.5%	3.2%
% of Employees in Government	2008	23.2%	3	2007	23.2%	0.0%
% of Employees in Construction	2008	9.5%	1	2007	9.2%	3.3%
% of Employees in Manufacturing	2008	3.3%	46	2007	3.5%	-5.7%
% of Employees in Leisure & Hospitality	2008	11.6%	6	2007	11.6%	0.0%
% of Employees in Retail Trade	2008	10.8%	-	2007	11.1%	-2.7%
% of Employees in Professional & Business Services	2008	6.2%	49	2007	6.4%	-3.1%
Tax Environment						
Tax Freedom Day - Wyoming ⁴⁵	2009	5-Apr	35	2008	20-Apr	-
Tax Freedom Day - U.S.	2009	13-Apr	-	2008	23-Apr	-
Individual Income Tax Rate ⁴⁶	2009	0.0%	-	2008	0.0%	0.0%
Corporate Income Tax Rate	2009	0.0%	-	2008	0.0%	0.0%
State Sales Tax Rate	2009	4.0%	-	2008	4.0%	0.0%
Gasoline Tax Rate (\$/gallon) ^{45, 47}	2009	\$0.14	48	2007	\$0.14	0.0%
Cigarette Tax Rate (\$/pack)	2009	\$0.60	41	2008	\$0.60	0.0%
State/Local Taxes as % of Income ⁴⁵	2008	7.0%	48	2007	7.0%	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	2008	466.3	1	2007	452.1	3.1%
Natural Gas Production (billions of cubic feet) ⁴⁹	2008	2,480	2	2007	2,260	9.7%
Crude Oil Production (millions of barrels)	2008	53.0	7	2007	54.2	-2.2%
Trona Production (millions of short tons) ⁴⁸	2008	17.7	1	2007	16.9	4.7%
Average Price Paid for WY Coal (\$/short ton) ⁴⁶	2008	\$11.07	-	2007	\$10.09	9.7%
Average Price Paid for Natural Gas (\$/MCF)	2008	\$6.86	-	2007	\$4.65	47.5%
Average Price Paid for Wyoming Oil (\$/barrel)	2008	\$86.96	-	2007	\$58.91	47.6%
Average Price Paid for Trona (\$/short ton)	2008	\$120.75	-	2007	\$98.37	22.8%
% of Electricity Generated Through Renewable Resources ⁵⁰	2006	3.5%	34	2005	3.3%	6.1%
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	2006	15.4	42	2005	15.6	-1.3%
Pollution Released by Manufacturing Plants (mil. pounds)	2005	4.8	39	2004	5.6	-14.3%
Transportation						
Per Capita Federal Highway Funds ⁵²	2009	\$433	2	2008	\$441	-1.8%
% of Roadways in Mediocre or Poor Condition ⁵³	2006	11.1%	35	2005	4.6%	141.3%
Highway Fatality Rate per 100 Mil. Vehicle-Miles ⁵⁴	2007	1.6	15	2005	1.9	-14.9%
Fatalities in Alcohol-Related Crashes as % of Total	2007	37.0%	27	2005	37.0%	0.0%
Per Capita Gasoline Used (gallons) ⁵⁵	2007	698	1	2005	695	0.4%
Safety Belt Usage Rate ⁵⁴	2007	72.2%	45	2006	63.5%	13.7%



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Agriculture						
Number of Farms and Ranches ⁵⁶	2008	11,000	39	2007	11,000	0.0%
Average number of Acres per Farm/Ranch	2008	2,736	1	2007	2,745	-0.3%
Cash Receipts from Commodities (millions \$)	2007	\$1,065.9	38	2006	\$1,041.9	2.3%
All Cattle & Calves (1,000)	Jan-09	1,350	23	Jan-08	1,310	3.1%
All Sheep & Lambs (1,000)	Jan-09	420	3	Jan-08	440	-4.5%
Wool Production (1,000 lbs.)	2008	3,000	3	2007	3,150	-4.8%
All Hogs & Pigs (1,000)	Dec-08	89	21	Dec-07	107	-16.8%
Alfalfa Hay (1,000 tons)	2008	1,620	25	2007	1,537	5.4%
Barley (1,000 bushels)	2008	4,505	8	2007	6,900	-34.7%
Sugar beets (1,000 tons)	2008	664	9	2007	658	0.9%
Corn for Grain (1,000 bushels)	2008	6,968	35	2007	7,740	-10.0%
U.S. Agriculture Exports (millions \$) ⁵⁷	2007	\$61.0	44	2006	\$51.0	19.6%
Government						
Per Capita Homeland Security Grants ⁵⁸	2008	\$11.61	2	2007	\$12.76	-9.0%
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	2008	56,141	49	2007	52,961	6.0%
Seats in U.S. House of Representatives ²	2009	1	44	2008	1	0.0%
State Legislators ⁶²	2009	90	43	2008	90	0.0%
Population per State Legislator ⁶³	2009	5,919	47	2008	5,809	1.9%
% of Eligible Population Reported Voting ²	2006	66.2%	33	2004	66.9%	-1.0%

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¹¹Wyoming Department of State Parks & Cultural Resources

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²⁵CQ Press using data from American Medical Assoc. (Chicago, IL)

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³¹U.S. Department of HHS, Center for Disease Control & Prevention

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³³CQ Press using data from USDA, Food, Nutrition, & Consumer Services

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³⁶U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), <http://bea.gov>

³⁷CQ Press using data from BEA

³⁸CQ Press using data from Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts

³⁹Moody's Economy.com

⁴⁰U.S. Small Business Administration, <http://www.sba.gov>

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⁵⁴U.S. Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

⁵⁵U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov>

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