



Quick Facts

Governor - State Capital	Governor Matt Mead - Cheyenne
Most Livable State - National Ranking ¹	6th in 2010 - 1st in 2009 - 3rd in 2008
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	2010	563,626	50	2000	493,782	14.1%
Total Male Population	2009	277,040	50	2008	270,828	2.3%
Total Female Population	2009	267,230	50	2008	262,153	1.9%
% of Population - Under 18 Years Old	2009	24.3%	21	2008	24.2%	0.4%
% of Population - 65 Years & Older	2009	12.3%	39	2008	12.3%	0.0%
Median Age	2009	35.9	35	2008	36.3	-1.1%
Population of Cheyenne - Capital	2009	57,618	-	2008	57,048	1.0%
Population per Square Mile ³	2009	5.60	49	2008	5.50	1.8%
% of Population - White Alone (Non-Hispanic) ²	2009	86.2%	7	2008	86.6%	-0.5%
% of Population - Native American Alone	2009	2.6%	8	2008	2.6%	0.0%
% of Population - Hispanic or Latino	2009	8.1%	24	2008	7.8%	3.8%
Marriages per 1,000 Persons ⁴	2008	8.9	6	2007	9.3	-4.3%
Divorces per 1,000 Persons	2008	5.1	3	2007	5.5	-7.3%
% of Households (HH) Headed by Married Couples ⁵	2009	54.5%	3	2008	52.4%	4.0%
% of HH Headed by Single Female (w/ own children <18 yrs.)	2009	5.0%	-	2008	5.8%	-13.8%

Weather & Geography

Total Area (sq. miles) ²	2008	97,812	10	2007	97,814	0.0%
Water Area (sq. miles)	2008	724	37	2007	713	1.5%
Mean Elevation (ft) ⁶	2009	6,700	2	2008	6,700	0.0%
Highest Point (ft) - Gannett Peak	2010	13,804	5	2009	13,804	0.0%
Lowest Point (ft) - Belle Fourche River	2010	3,099	49	2009	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	2009	66.0%	8	2008	65.7%	0.5%
% 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	2009	5.9%	-	2006	5.9%	0.0%

Recreation & Tourism

Land Ownership in Wyoming (millions of acres):						
- National Park Service ¹⁰	2009	2.4	5	2008	2.8	-14.3%
- U.S. Forest Service ⁹	2009	14.7	-	2006	9.2	59.8%
- Bureau of Land Management	2009	28	-	2006	17.4	60.9%
WY State Parks & Historic Sites Acreage (land & water) ¹¹	2008	121,886	-	2007	117,398	3.8%
Visitors to State Parks & Recreational Areas ¹²	2008	2,510,698	43	2007	2,304,020	9.0%
WY Lodging Sales (millions of dollars) ¹³	FY10	\$465.9	-	FY09	\$523.7	-11.0%
Hunting and Fishing Expenditures (millions of dollars) ¹⁴	FY09	\$684	-	FY08	\$684	0.0%
Hunting and Fishing Licenses	2009	840,888	-	2008	817,507	2.9%
Number of National Forests ¹⁵	2010	10	-	2009	10	0.0%
Visitors to Grand Teton National Park (recreation visits) ¹²	2009	2,580,081	-	2008	2,485,987	3.8%
Visitors to Yellowstone National Park (recreation visits)	2009	3,295,187	-	2008	3,066,580	7.5%
Visitors to Devil's Tower National Monument (rec. visits)	2009	391,023	-	2008	336,303	16.3%
Visitors to Fossil Butte National Monument (rec. visits)	2009	18,693	-	2008	17,727	5.4%
Visitors to Fort Laramie National Historic Site (rec. visits)	2009	56,923	-	2008	48,297	17.9%

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



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Crime & Law Enforcement						
Crimes ¹⁶	2008	15,710	48	2007	16,235	-3.2%
Crimes per 100,000 Persons	2008	2,949	34	2007	3,105	-5.0%
Violent Crimes per 100,000 Persons	2008	232	43	2007	239	-2.9%
Murders per 100,000 Persons	2008	1.9	45	2007	3.1	-38.7%
Rapes per 100,000 Persons	2008	33.8	18	2007	30.6	10.5%
Robberies per 100,000 Persons	2008	16.1	46	2007	16.1	0.0%
Aggravated Assaults per 100,000 Persons	2008	180	32	2007	190	-5.3%
Burglaries per 100,000 Persons	2008	410	45	2007	449	-8.7%
Larcenies & Thefts per 100,000 Persons	2008	2,173	24	2007	2,265	-4.1%
Motor Vehicle Thefts per 100,000 Persons	2008	134	44	2007	152	-11.8%
State Prisoner Incarceration Rate per 100,000 Persons ¹⁷	2008	387	28	2007	394	-1.8%
Per Capita State/Local Gov't. Expenditures for Police Protect. (\$) ³	2007	\$335	8	2006	\$323	3.7%
Education						
% of Population, 25 yrs. & older, high-school graduate or higher ⁵	2009	91.8%	1	2008	91.7%	0.1%
% of population, 25 yrs. & older, with a Bachelor's Degree or higher	2009	23.8%	41	2008	23.6%	0.8%
ACT Average Composite Score (range 1-36) ¹⁸	2009	20	44	2008	21.1	-5.2%
% of Students in Private Schools ¹⁹	2006	1.9%	49	2004	2.4%	-20.8%
Estimated Pupil-Teacher Ratio in Public Schools ²⁰	2008	12.5	46	2007	12.4	0.8%
Estimated Average Salary of Teachers (\$) ²¹	2010	\$55,694	15	2009	\$55,696	0.0%
Average Teacher's Salary as % of Average Annual Wages ²⁰	2008	129.6%	10	2007	132.2%	-2.0%
Public High School Graduation Rate ²²	2008-09	81.4%	-	2007-08	79.3%	2.6%
Estimated Expenditures Per Pupil in Public Schools (\$) ²¹	2010	\$15,459	5	2008	\$14,932	3.5%
Per Capita State/Local Gov't. Expenditures for Higher Education ³	2007	\$1,027	6	2006	\$960	7.0%
Enrollment at the University of Wyoming (UW) ²³	Fall 09	13,476	-	Fall 08	13,106	2.8%
Average Student Age at UW (Laramie Campus)	Fall 09	23.5	-	Fall 08	23.4	0.4%
4-Year Graduation Rate at UW	2008	22.7%	-	2007	22.3%	1.8%
Average Faculty Salary at UW (\$ - all ranks)	2009-10	\$78,900	-	2008-09	\$76,200	3.5%
Bachelor's Degrees Granted at UW	2009-10	1,783	-	2008-09	1,747	2.1%
Health & Social Welfare						
% of Persons not Covered by Health Insurance ⁵	2009	15.2%	19	2008	13.9%	-
% of Private Sector Establishments that Offer Health Insurance ²⁴	2008	46.0%	45	2006	46.5%	-1.1%
Physicians per 100,000 Persons ²⁵	2008	227	45	2007	223	1.8%
Registered Nurses per 100,000 Persons ²⁶	2008	807	32	2007	812	-0.6%
Community Hospitals per 100,000 Persons ²⁷	2008	4.5	6	2007	4.6	-2.2%
Average Medical Malpractice Payment ²⁸	2006	\$413,553	9	2005	\$290,464	42.4%
Live Births per 1,000 Persons ²⁹	2008	15.1	15	2007	15	0.7%
Births per 1,000 Teenage Women (age 15-19 yrs.) ⁴	2006	47.3	15	2005	43.7	8.2%
Infant Deaths (under 1 year old) per 1,000 Live Births ²⁹	2006	7	23	2005	6.8	2.9%
Deaths per 100,000 Persons	2007	801.6	15	2006	822.7	-2.6%
Suicides per 100,000 Persons	2006	21.7	1	2005	17.2	26.2%
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	2007	3.2	7	2006	3.1	3.2%
% of Adults Who Smoke ³¹	2008	19.4%	21	2007	22.1%	-12.2%
% of Adults Overweight or Obese	2008	62.1%	32	2007	62.2%	-0.2%
% of Population in Poverty ⁵	2009	9.8%	46	2008	9.4%	4.3%
% of Population Enrolled in Medicare ³²	2008	14.3%	36	2007	14.2%	0.7%
% of Pop. Receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assist. Prog. Benefits ³³	2009	4.9%	50	2008	4.2%	16.7%
Per Capita St/Local Gov't. Expenditures Public on Welfare Programs ³	2007	\$1,191	26	2006	\$1,143	4.2%
Housing						
Residential Building Permits ²	2009	2,294	44	2008	2,669	-14.1%
Existing Home Sales, Single family homes, apartments, condos ³⁴	2009	9,100	50	2008	10,000	-9.0%
Median Housing Value of Owner-Occupied Housing Units (\$) ⁵	2009	\$184,000	23	2008	\$188,200	-2.2%
Homeownership Rate ²	2009	73.8%	12	2008	73.3%	0.7%
Average Rent for 2-3 Bedroom House (\$) ³⁵	2Q10	\$902	-	2Q09	\$921	-2.1%
Average Rent for 2 Bedroom Apartment (\$)	2Q10	\$649	-	2Q09	\$651	-0.3%
Average Rent for 2-3 Bedroom Mobile Home (\$)	2Q10	\$613	-	2Q09	\$622	-1.4%
Rental Vacancy Rate ²	2009	6.3%	46	2008	4.7%	34.0%



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Wyoming's Economy						
Median Household Income ⁵	2009	\$52,664	20	2008	\$53,207	-1.0%
Per Capita Personal Income (current \$) ³⁶	2009	\$48,178	5	2008	\$50,588	-4.8%
Per Capita Gross Domestic Product (\$) ³⁷	2008	\$66,289	3	2007	\$60,227	10.1%
Bankruptcy Filings ³⁸	2009	1,249	49	2008	774	61.4%
Personal Bankruptcies per 100,000 Persons	2009	214	46	2008	136	57.4%
Retail Sales (billions \$) ³⁹	2008	\$9.15	-	2007	\$8.94	2.3%
Rate of New Firms as % of Existing Firms ⁴⁰	2008	12.1%	17	2006	12.4%	-2.4%
Wyoming Annual Inflation Rate ³⁵	2Q10	1.9%	-	2Q09	0.0%	-
Exports - Origin of Movement Series (millions \$) ⁴¹	2009	\$926.0	-	2008	\$1,081.0	-14.3%
Employment & Labor						
Average Annual Pay (\$) ⁴²	2009	\$40,709	22	2008	\$41,487	-1.9%
State Minimum Wage Rate (\$ per hour) ⁴³	2010	\$5.15	44	2009	\$5.15	0.0%
Civilian Labor Force ⁴⁴	2009	293,927	50	2008	293,854	0.0%
Employed	2009	275,217	50	2008	284,535	-3.3%
Unemployed	2009	18,710	50	2008	9,319	100.8%
Unemployment Rate	2009	6.4%	50	2008	3.2%	100.0%
Total Non-farm Employment ^{42, 44}	2009	286,400	50	2008	298,200	-4.0%
% of Employees in Mining	2009	8.9%	1	2008	9.8%	-9.2%
% of Employees in Government	2009	25.0%	2	2008	23.3%	7.3%
% of Employees in Construction	2009	8.3%	1	2008	9.4%	-11.7%
% of Employees in Manufacturing	2009	3.2%	47	2008	3.4%	-5.9%
% of Employees in Leisure & Hospitality	2009	11.5%	5	2008	11.6%	-0.9%
% of Employees in Retail Trade	2009	10.7%	-	2008	10.8%	-0.9%
% of Employees in Professional & Business Services	2009	6.0%	50	2008	6.2%	-3.2%
Tax Environment						
Tax Freedom Day - Wyoming ⁴⁵	2010	11-Apr	16	2009	5-Apr	-
Tax Freedom Day - U.S.	2010	9-Apr	-	2009	13-Apr	-
Individual Income Tax Rate ⁴⁶	2010	0.0%	-	2009	0.0%	0.0%
Corporate Income Tax Rate	2010	0.0%	-	2009	0.0%	0.0%
State Sales Tax Rate	2010	4.0%	-	2009	4.0%	0.0%
Gasoline Tax Rate (\$/gallon) ^{45, 47}	2010	\$0.14	48	2009	\$0.14	0.0%
Cigarette Tax Rate (\$/pack)	2010	\$0.60	40	2009	\$0.60	0.0%
State/Local Taxes as % of Income ⁴⁵	2010	7.0%	48	2009	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	2009	432.5	1	2008	466.3	-7.2%
Natural Gas Production (billions of cubic feet) ⁴⁹	2009	2,538	2	2008	2,476	2.5%
Crude Oil Production (millions of barrels)	2009	51.4	-	2008	53.0	-3.0%
Trona Production (millions of short tons) ⁴⁸	2009	14.6	1	2008	17.7	-17.5%
Average Price Paid for WY Coal (\$/short ton) ⁴⁶	2009	\$12.11	-	2008	\$11.07	9.4%
Average Price Paid for Natural Gas (\$/MCF)	2009	\$3.36	-	2008	\$6.86	-51.0%
Average Price Paid for Wyoming Oil (\$/barrel)	2009	\$53.31	-	2008	\$86.96	-38.7%
Average Price Paid for Trona (\$/short ton)	2009	\$125.68	-	2008	\$120.75	4.1%
% of Electricity Generated Through Renewable Resources ⁵⁰	2007	3.3%	32	2006	3.5%	-5.7%
Avg. Monthly Electric Bill for Residential Customers	2008	\$74.00	46	2006	\$65.50	13.0%
Toxic Releases: Total Pollution Released (millions of pounds) ⁵¹	2007	15.5	42	2006	15.4	0.6%
Pollution Released by Manufacturing Plants (mil. pounds)	2005	4.8	39	2004	5.6	-14.3%
Transportation						
Per Capita Federal Highway Funds ⁵²	2009	\$424	2	2008	\$433	-2.1%
% of Roadways in Mediocre or Poor Condition ⁵³	2007	7.7%	41	2006	11.1%	-30.6%
Highway Fatality Rate per 100 Mil. Vehicle-Miles ⁵⁴	2008	1.7	8	2007	1.6	5.0%
Fatalities in Alcohol-Related Crashes as % of Total	2008	47.0%	3	2007	37.0%	27.0%
Per Capita Gasoline Used (gallons) ⁵⁵	2008	665	1	2007	698	-4.7%
Safety Belt Usage Rate ⁵⁴	2008	68.6%	49	2007	72.2%	-5.0%



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Agriculture						
Number of Farms and Ranches ⁵⁶	2009	11,000	39	2008	11,000	0.0%
Average number of Acres per Farm/Ranch	2009	2,745	1	2008	2,736	0.3%
Cash Receipts from Commodities (millions \$) ⁵⁷	2009	\$969.6	40	2008	\$970.7	-0.1%
All Cattle & Calves (1,000) ⁵⁶	Jan-10	1,320	23	Jan-09	1,350	-2.2%
All Sheep & Lambs (1,000)	Jan-10	375	3	Jan-09	420	-10.7%
Wool Production (1,000 lbs.)	2009	2,800	2	2008	3,000	-6.7%
All Hogs & Pigs (1,000)	Dec-10	99	31	Dec-09	87	13.8%
Alfalfa Hay (1,000 tons)	2010	1,612	17	2009	1,725	-6.6%
Barley (1,000 bushels)	2010	6,076	6	2009	6,720	-9.6%
Sugar beets (1,000 tons)	2010	821	9	2009	678	21.1%
Corn for Grain (1,000 bushels)	2010	6,050	36	2009	6,300	-4.0%
U.S. Agriculture Exports (millions \$) ⁵⁷	2008	\$114.0	43	2007	\$63.0	81.0%
Government						
Per Capita Homeland Security Grants ⁵⁸	2010	\$12.35	2	2008	\$11.61	6.4%
Per Capita U.S. Dept of Defense Domestic Expenditures ⁵⁹	2008	\$1,022	33	2006	\$935	9.3%
U.S. Dept. of Defense Active Duty Military Personnel ⁶⁰	2008	3,142	35	2006	3,043	3.3%
U.S. Dept. of Defense Reserve & National Guard Personnel	2008	3,887	50	2006	3,739	4.0%
Veterans ⁶¹	2009	56,079	49	2008	56,141	-0.1%
Seats in U.S. House of Representatives ²	2010	1	44	2009	1	0.0%
State Legislators ⁶²	2010	90	43	2009	90	0.0%
Population per State Legislator ⁶³	2010	6,047	47	2009	5,919	2.2%
% of Eligible Population Reported Voting ²	2008	64.3%	28	2006	66.2%	-2.9%

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