



Governor: Governor Matt Mead, 32nd Governor
Assumed Office January 3, 2011 (2nd term)
Admitted to Statehood - Date & Rank: July 10, 1890 • 44th State
State Capital: Cheyenne
Most Livable State - National Ranking¹: 7th in 2016 • 11th in 2015
Nicknames: Equality State • Big Wyoming • Cowboy State
1st National Park: Yellowstone • Established March 1, 1872
1st National Forest: Shoshone • Established March 3, 1891
1st National Monument: Devils Tower • Established September 24, 1906

Flower: Indian Paintbrush
Tree: Plains Cottonwood
Bird: Western Meadowlark
Fish: Cutthroat Trout
Mammal: Bison
Fossil: Knightia
Dinosaur: Triceratops
Reptile: Horned Toad
Butterfly: Sheridan's Green Hairstreak
Shrub: Wyoming Big Sagebrush

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Demography						
Total Population ²	2016	585,501	50	2015	586,555	-0.2%
Total Male Population ²	2016	298,942	50	2015	299,700	-0.3%
Total Female Population ²	2016	286,559	50	2015	286,855	-0.1%
% of Population - Under 18 Years Old ²	2016	23.7%	13	2015	23.8%	-0.4%
% of Population - 65 Years & Older ²	2016	15.0%	37	2015	14.4%	4.2%
Median Age ²	2016	37.1	37	2015	36.8	0.8%
Population of Cheyenne - Capital ²	2016	64,019	-	2015	63,335	1.1%
Population per Square Mile ²	2016	6.0	49	2015	6.0	0.0%
% of Population - White Alone (Non-Hispanic) ²	2016	84.1%	9	2015	84.3%	-0.2%
% of Population - American Indian Alone ²	2016	2.7%	8	2015	2.7%	0.0%
% of Population - Hispanic or Latino ²	2016	10.0%	23	2015	9.9%	1.0%
Marriages per 1,000 Persons ³	2015	7.3	16	2014	7.7	-5.2%
Divorces per 1,000 Persons ³	2015	4.1	6	2014	4.6	-10.9%
% of Households (HH) That Are Married Couple Families ⁴	2016	52.3%	3	2015	51.2%	2.1%
% of HH Headed by Single Female (w/ own children <18 yrs.) ⁴	2016	4.9%	46	2015	4.5%	8.9%
Note: Population data are July 1 estimates unless otherwise noted.						
Weather & Geography						
Total Area (sq. miles) ²	2010	97,813	10	-	-	-
Water Area (sq. miles) ²	2010	720	37	-	-	-
Mean Elevation (ft) ⁵	2016	6,700	2	-	-	-
Highest Point (ft) - Gannett Peak ⁵	2016	13,804	5	-	-	-
Lowest Point (ft) - Belle Fourche River ⁵	2016	3,099	49	-	-	-
Normal Mean Temperature (F) - 30 year average ⁶	2012	44.8	44	-	-	-
Annual Precipitation (inches-Cheyenne) - 30 year average ⁶	2010	15.94	-	2000	15.45	3.2%
Average Wind Speed (mph) ⁶	2012	10.1	13	-	-	-
% of Days That are Sunny ⁶	2012	66.0%	8	-	-	-
% of Land in Rural Areas ²	2010	99.8%	2	2000	99.8%	0.0%
% of Land Owned by the Federal Government ⁷	2015	48.4%	6	2013	48.1%	0.6%
% of Land Owned by State Government ⁸	2014	6.2%	-	-	-	-

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Recreation & Tourism						
Land Ownership in Wyoming (sq. miles):						
- National Park Service ⁹	2015	3,664	5	2014	3,744	-2.1%
- U.S. Forest Service ¹⁰	2016	14,398	10	2015	14,398	0.0%
- Bureau of Land Management ¹¹	2016	28,711	4	2014	28,711	0.0%
WY State Parks & Historic Sites Land (sq. miles) ¹²	2017	187	-	2016	187	0.0%
Visitations to State Parks & Recreational Areas ^{12*}	2016	4,153,782	-	2015	4,252,602	-2.3%
WY Lodging Sales (millions of dollars) ¹³	FY17**	\$573.8	-	FY16	\$582.3	-1.5%
Hunting and Fishing Licenses ¹⁴	2015	598,018	-	2014	571,431	4.7%
Hunting and Fishing License Sales (millions of dollars) ¹⁴	2015	\$31.3	-	2014	\$30.5	2.6%
Number of National Forests ¹⁰	2016	10	-	2015	10	0.0%
Visitors to Grand Teton National Park (recreation visits) ¹⁵	2016	3,270,076	-	2015	3,149,921	3.8%
Visitors to Yellowstone National Park (recreation visits) ¹⁵	2016	4,257,177	-	2015	4,097,710	3.9%
Visitors to Devil's Tower National Monument (rec. visits) ¹⁵	2016	496,210	-	2015	478,833	3.6%
Visitors to Fossil Butte National Monument (rec. visits) ¹⁵	2016	20,737	-	2015	19,293	7.5%
Visitors to Fort Laramie National Historic Site (rec. visits) ¹⁵	2016	57,444	-	2015	51,616	11.3%
*Includes day and overnight visitors.						
**FY - State Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30)						
Crime & Law Enforcement						
Crimes ¹⁶	2015	12,405	49	2014	12,571	-1.3%
Crimes per 100,000 Persons ¹⁶	2015	2,117	41	2014	2,152	-1.6%
Violent Crimes per 100,000 Persons ¹⁶	2015	213.9	43	2014	187.3	14.2%
- Murders per 100,000 Persons ¹⁶	2015	2.7	39	2014	2.7	0.0%
- Rapes per 100,000 Persons ¹⁶	2015	21.3	43	2014	21.6	-1.4%
- Robberies per 100,000 Persons ¹⁶	2015	10.1	50	2014	9.1	11.0%
- Aggravated Assaults per 100,000 Persons ¹⁶	2015	179.8	31	2014	153.9	16.8%
Burglaries per 100,000 Persons ¹⁶	2015	300.6	46	2014	289.1	4.0%
Larcenies & Thefts per 100,000 Persons ¹⁶	2015	1,500.9	33	2014	1,572.4	-4.5%
Motor Vehicle Thefts per 100,000 Persons ¹⁶	2015	101.0	44	2014	103.2	-2.1%
State Prisoner Imprisonment Rate per 100,000 Persons ¹⁷	2015	413	20	2014	408	1.2%
Per Capita State/Local Gov't. Expenditures for Police Protect. (\$) ¹⁸	2014	\$384	7	2013	\$391	-1.8%
Education						
% of Population, 25 yrs. & older, completed high-school ⁴	2016	93.2%	1	2015	92.2%	1.1%
% of Population, 25 yrs. & older, with a Bachelor's Degree ⁴	2016	27.1%	41	2015	26.2%	3.4%
ACT Average Composite Score (range 1-36) ¹⁹	2016	20	38	2015	20.2	-1.0%
% of Students in Private Schools ²⁰	2013-14	2.1%	50	2011-12	2.1%	0.0%
Estimated Pupil-Teacher Ratio in Public Schools ²¹	2015	12.4	46	2014	12.3	0.8%
Estimated Average Salary of Teachers (\$) ²²	2016	\$57,761	16	2015	\$57,715	0.1%
Average Teacher's Salary as % of Average Annual Wages ²¹	2015	124.4%	5	2014	122.9%	1.2%
Public High School Graduation Rate ²³	2015-16	80.0%	-	2014-15	79.4%	0.8%
Estimated Per Pupil Expenditures in Public Schools (\$) ²²	2016	\$16,511	9	2015	\$16,127	2.4%
Per Capita State/Local Gov't. Expenditures for Higher Education ¹⁸	2014	\$1,324	2	2013	\$1,257	5.3%
Enrollment at the University of Wyoming (UW) ^{24***}	Fall 2016	13,298	-	Fall 2015	13,717	-3.1%
Average Student Age at UW (Laramie Campus) ^{24***}	Fall 2016	23.1	-	Fall 2015	23.1	0.0%
4-Year Graduation Rate at UW ²⁴	2015	26.0%	-	2014	24.0%	8.3%
Average Faculty Salary at UW (\$ - all ranks) ^{24****}	2015-16	\$86,314	-	2014-15	\$82,274	4.9%
Bachelor's Degrees Granted at UW ²⁴	2015-16	2,159	-	2014-15	2,022	6.8%

***End of semester

****9-month salary avg.

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Health & Social Welfare						
% of Persons Without Health Insurance Coverage ⁴	2016	11.5%	7	2015	11.5%	0.0%
% of Private Sector Establishments that Offer Health Insurance ²⁵	2015	38.0%	47	2014	40.2%	-5.5%
Physicians per 100,000 Persons ²⁶	2013	221	47	2012	223	-0.9%
Registered Nurses per 100,000 Persons ²⁷	2015	837	34	2014	830	0.8%
Community Hospitals per 100,000 Persons ²⁸	2015	3.9	6	2014	3.9	0.0%
% of Population Enrolled in Medicare ²⁹	2015	16.2%	39	2014	15.8%	2.5%
Live Births per 1,000 Persons ³⁰	2015	13.2	11	2014	13.2	0.0%
Births to Teenage Mothers as a Percent of All Births ³¹	2014	7.1%	15	2013	7.1%	0.0%
Infant Deaths (under 1 year old) per 1,000 Live Births ³⁰	2014	6.4	20	2013	4.6	39.1%
Deaths per 100,000 Persons (age-adjusted rates) ³⁰	2014	742.4	21	2013	731.7	1.5%
Suicides per 100,000 Persons (age-adjusted rates) ³⁰	2014	20.6	4	2013	21.5	-4.2%
Adult per Capita Alcohol Consumption (gallons) ³²	2014	3.1	11	2013	3.0	3.3%
% of Adults Who Smoke ³	2015	19.1%	16	2013	20.6%	-7.3%
% of Adults Overweight or Obese ³¹	2015	65.4%	27	2013	64.4%	1.6%
% of Population Below Poverty Level ⁴	2016	11.3%	38	2015	11.1%	1.8%
% of Pop. Receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assist. Prog. Benefits ³³	2016	5.8%	50	2015	5.6%	3.6%
Per Capita St/Local Gov't. Expenditures - Public Welfare Programs ¹⁸	2014	\$1,403	34	2013	\$1,381	1.6%
Housing						
Residential Building Permits ²	2016	1,727	48	2015	1,903	-9.2%
Existing Home Sales, Single family homes ³⁴	2015	6,526	-	2014	6,525	0.0%
Median Housing Value of Owner-Occupied Housing Units (\$) ⁴	2016	\$209,500	22	2015	\$212,500	-1.4%
Homeownership Rate ²	2016	70.2%	11	2015	69.9%	0.4%
Average Rent for 2-3 Bedroom House (\$) ³⁵	2Q17	\$1,020	-	2Q16	\$1,025	-0.5%
Average Rent for 2 Bedroom Apartment (\$) ³⁵	2Q17	\$712	-	2Q16	\$723	-1.5%
Average Rent for 2-3 Bedroom Mobile Home (\$) ³⁵	2Q17	\$711	-	2Q16	\$722	-1.5%
Rental Vacancy Rate ²	2016	12.2%	48	2015	9.8%	24.5%
Wyoming's Economy						
Median Household Income ⁴	2016	\$59,882	20	2015	\$60,214	-0.6%
Per Capita Personal Income (current \$) ³⁶	2016	\$55,212	9	2015	\$56,038	-1.5%
Per Capita Gross Domestic Product (\$) ³⁷	2015	\$67,963	7	2014	\$74,961	-9.3%
Bankruptcy Filings ³⁸	2016	936	47	2015	921	1.6%
Personal Bankruptcies per 100,000 Persons ³⁸	2016	153	36	2015	152	0.7%
Retail and Food Services Taxable Sales (billions \$) ¹³	FY17	\$5.95	-	FY16	\$6.13	-2.9%
Wyoming Annual Inflation Rate ³⁵	2Q17	1.1%	-	2Q16	-0.6%	-
Exports - Origin of Movement Series (billions \$) ³⁹	2016	\$1.098	50	2015	\$1.175	-6.6%
Employment & Labor						
Average Annual Pay (\$) ⁴⁰	2016	\$44,974	34	2015	\$46,306	-2.9%
State Minimum Wage Rate (\$ per hour) ⁴¹	2017	\$5.15	44	2016	\$5.15	0.0%
Civilian Labor Force ⁴²	2016	302,331	50	2015	305,149	-0.9%
Employed ⁴²	2016	286,373	50	2015	292,188	-2.0%
Unemployed ⁴²	2016	15,958	47	2015	12,961	23.1%
Unemployment Rate ^{40, 42}	2016	5.3%	36*	2015	4.2%	26.2%
Total Non-farm Employment (jobs) ^{40, 42}	2016	280,800	50	2015	292,300	-3.9%
% of Job in Mining ^{40, 42}	2016	6.7%	1	2015	8.2%	-18.3%
% of Jobs in Government ^{40, 42}	2016	25.4%	2	2015	24.4%	4.1%
% of Jobs in Construction ^{40, 42}	2016	7.5%	1	2015	8.0%	-6.3%
% of Jobs in Manufacturing ^{40, 42}	2016	3.3%	48	2015	3.3%	0.0%
% of Jobs in Leisure & Hospitality ^{40, 42}	2016	12.6%	5	2015	12.4%	1.6%
% of Jobs in Retail Trade ^{40, 42}	2016	10.9%	33	2015	10.5%	3.8%
% of Jobs in Education and Health Services ^{40, 42}	2016	9.8%	50	2015	9.3%	5.4%
% of Jobs in Professional & Business Services ^{40, 42}	2016	6.3%	51	2015	6.3%	0.0%

*Ranking of unemployment rate is lowest rate to highest.

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Tax Environment						
Individual Income Tax Rate ^{34, 43}	2017	0.0%	44	2016	0.0%	0.0%
Corporate Income Tax Rate ^{34, 43}	2017	0.0%	47	2016	0.0%	0.0%
State Sales Tax Rate ^{34, 43}	2017	4.0%	40	2016	4.0%	0.0%
Gasoline Tax Rate (\$/gallon) ^{34, 43}	2017	\$0.24	33	2016	\$0.24	0.0%
Cigarette Tax Rate (\$/pack) ^{34, 43}	2017	\$0.60	42	2016	\$0.60	0.0%
State & Local Excise Collections Per Capita ^{2, 43}	FY14	\$341	46	FY13	\$285	19.6%
Estimated Burden of Major Taxes for a 3-Person Family with Income of \$50,000 - Cheyenne ^{44*}	2015	\$1,944	50	2014	\$1,708	13.8%

*Compares the largest city in each state. Major taxes include state income, property, sales, and auto.

Mining, Energy, & the Environment						
Coal Production (millions of short tons) ⁴⁵	2016	297.5	1	2015	375.7	-20.8%
Natural Gas Production (billions of cubic feet) ^{46, 47}	2016	1,849	6	2015	1,985	-6.9%
Crude Oil Production (millions of barrels) ^{46, 47}	2016	72.5	8	2015	86.4	-16.1%
Trona Production (millions of short tons) ⁴⁵	2016	17.5	1	2015	17.3	1.2%
Average Price Paid for WY Coal (\$/short ton) ³⁴	2016	\$13.35	-	2015	\$13.80	-3.3%
Average Price Paid for Natural Gas (\$/MCF) ³⁴	2016	\$2.51	-	2015	\$2.73	-8.1%
Average Price Paid for Wyoming Oil (\$/barrel) ³⁴	2016	\$37.19	-	2015	\$41.04	-9.4%
Average Price Paid for Trona (\$/short ton) ³⁴	2016	\$134.65	-	2015	\$138.11	-2.5%
% of Electricity Generated Through Renewable Resources ⁴⁷	2015	9.4%	24	2014	10.6%	-11.3%
Toxic Releases: Total Pollution Released (millions of pounds) ⁴⁸	2015	20.5	37	2014	18.4	11.5%

Transportation						
Per Capita Federal Highway Funds ⁴⁹	2015	\$422	2	2013	\$424	-0.5%
% of Roadways in Mediocre or Poor Condition ⁵⁰	2013	8.3%	46	2012	8.3%	0.0%
Highway Fatality Rate per 100 Million Vehicle-Miles ⁵¹	2014	1.59	2	2013	0.9	76.7%
Fatalities in Alcohol-Related Crashes as % of Total ⁵¹	2014	36.0%	19	2013	33.0%	9.1%
Per Capita Gasoline Used (gallons) ⁵²	2015	629	1	2014	605	4.0%
Safety Belt Usage Rate ⁵¹	2015	79.8%	43	2014	79.2%	0.8%

Agriculture						
Number of Farms and Ranches ⁵³	2016	11,600	39	2015	11,600	0.0%
Average Farm Size (acres) ⁵³	2015	2,612	1	2015	2,621	-0.3%
Cash Receipts from Commodities (millions \$) ⁵⁴	2015	\$1,708.6	38	2014	\$1,834.4	-6.9%
All Cattle & Calves (1,000) ⁵³	Jan-17	1,330	23	Jan-16	1,310	1.5%
All Sheep & Lambs (1,000) ⁵³	Jan-17	360	4	Jan-16	355	1.4%
Wool Production (1,000 lbs.) ⁵³	2016	2,400	2	2015	2,480	-3.2%
All Hogs & Pigs (1,000) ⁵³	Dec-16	92	27	Dec-15	96	-4.2%
Alfalfa Hay (1,000 tons) ⁵³	2016	1,400	17	2015	1,325	5.7%
Barley (1,000 bushels) ⁵³	2016	7,872	5	2015	8,170	-3.6%
Sugar beets (1,000 tons) ⁵³	2016	951	8	2015	939	1.3%
Corn for Grain (1,000 bushels) ⁵³	2016	10,143	35	2015	9,381	8.1%
U.S. Agriculture Exports (millions \$) ⁵⁴	2015	\$313.3	40	2014	\$353.0	-11.2%

Government						
Per Capita State & Local Gov't Total Expenditures ¹⁸	2014	\$15,067	3	2013	\$15,210	-0.9%
Per Capita Homeland Security Grants ⁵⁵	2016	\$6.38	3	2015	\$6.37	0.2%
National Guard Personnel ⁵⁶	2016	2,732	-	2015	2,764	-1.2%
Veterans ⁵⁷	FY16**	47,472	49	FY15	47,686	-0.4%
Seats in U.S. House of Representatives ²	2017	1	44	2016	1	0.0%
State Legislators ⁵⁸	2016	90	43	2015	90	0.0%
Population per State Legislator ⁵⁹	2016	6,506	47	2015	6,512	-0.1%
% of Eligible Population Reported Voting ²	2014	40.3%	36	2012	58.9%	-31.6%

**Federal Fiscal Year (FY) is Oct. 1 - Sept. 30

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