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### WYOMING 2021 - JUST THE FACTS

**CHEYENNE** – A new edition of “JUST THE FACTS” has been released by the State of Wyoming, Economic Analysis Division. The updated 2021 publication provides an easily accessible collection of statistics, presenting a broad range of quality of life factors in Wyoming. Information categories include demography, education, the economy, transportation, housing, geography, tourism, agriculture, tax environment, and crime & law enforcement. The data displays facts for the most recent period for Wyoming, its ranking relative to other states, and the change from the previous period.

“Policy makers and the general public can use this publication in a variety of ways - it can help to identify certain areas warranting further study, or it enables people to see how Wyoming is faring compared to other states,” said Dr. Wenlin Liu, Chief Economist with the Economic Analysis Division. “With comparison, numbers become a lot more meaningful and revealing to readers.”

#### Highlights

- Proportion of the male population in Wyoming in 2020 was 51.0%, ranking 3<sup>rd</sup>, compared with 52.2% in Alaska (1<sup>st</sup>) and 48.3% in Alabama (50<sup>th</sup>).
- Percentage of population born in their state of residence for Wyoming in 2019 was 42.9%, ranking 44<sup>th</sup>, compared with 77.4% in Louisiana (most) and 27.1% in Nevada (least).
- The share of households that are married couple families in Wyoming in 2020 was 52.1%, ranking 4<sup>th</sup>, compared with 60.1% in Utah (1<sup>st</sup>) and 43.3% in New York (50<sup>th</sup>).
- Wyoming’s population that are veterans was 8.2% in 2020, ranking 4<sup>th</sup>, compared with 9.5% in Alaska (most) and 3.8% in New York (least).
- In Wyoming, violent crimes (murder, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault) were 217.4 per 100,000 persons in 2019, ranking 43<sup>rd</sup>, compared with 867.1 in Alaska and 115.2 in Maine.
- Number of suicides per 100,000 persons in Wyoming in 2019 was 29.3, ranking 1<sup>st</sup>, compared with 8.0 in New Jersey (the fewest) and 13.9 in the U.S.
- Proportion of population age 25 years and over with a high-school diploma in Wyoming in 2020 was 93.8%, ranking 5<sup>th</sup>, compared with 94.4% in Montana and 84.4% in California.

- Proportion of Wyoming population age 25 years and over with a bachelor's degree in 2020 was 28.2%, ranking 42<sup>nd</sup>, compared with 46.9% in Massachusetts and 23.1% in West Virginia.
- The Wyoming median household income was \$66,432 in 2020, ranking 20<sup>th</sup>, compared with \$88,742 in Maryland and \$47,247 in Mississippi.
- Wyoming's annual average wage per job was \$50,990 in 2020, ranking 40<sup>th</sup>, compared with \$83,675 in Massachusetts and \$43,209 in Mississippi. Wyoming's wage rate was \$49,880 in 2019, ranked 32<sup>nd</sup>.
- In 2020, the percent of Wyoming population below the poverty level was 9.3%, ranking 41<sup>st</sup>, compared with 18.8% in Mississippi and 7.0% in New Hampshire.
- Percent of Wyoming population without health insurance coverage in 2020 was 11.3%, ranking 8<sup>th</sup>, compared with 17.5% in Texas and 2.6% in Massachusetts.
- Proportion of Wyoming workers employed in the mining industry was 6.0% in 2020, ranking 1<sup>st</sup>, compared with 0% in Rhode Island, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Delaware and Hawaii, 3.8% in Alaska (2<sup>nd</sup>), and 0.4% in the U.S. Wyoming's proportion was 7.2% in 2019.
- The share of Wyoming workers employed in the manufacturing industry was 3.5% in 2020, ranking 48<sup>th</sup>, compared with 16.9% in Michigan and 2.1% in Hawaii.
- Percentage of Wyoming land owned by the Federal government was 46.7% in 2018, ranking 6<sup>th</sup>, compared with 80.1% in Nevada and 0.3% in Connecticut and Iowa.
- Regional price parities (U.S. = 100), which measure differences in price levels across states for a given period, was 92.3 in Wyoming in 2020, ranking 36<sup>th</sup>, compared with 112.0 in Hawaii and 87.8 in Mississippi. Wyoming's ranking was 29<sup>th</sup> in 2019.
- Wyoming's state and local sales tax rate was 5.3% in 2021, ranking 44<sup>th</sup>, compared with 9.8% in Illinois and 0% in Delaware, Montana, New Hampshire, and Oregon where no sales taxes are imposed.
- Major tax burden for a 3-person family with income of \$50,000 was \$2,759 in Cheyenne, Wyoming's largest city, in 2019, ranking 49<sup>th</sup>, compared with \$7,660 in Newark, the largest city in New Jersey, and \$1,899 in Anchorage, the largest city in Alaska.
- Wyoming's homeownership rate was 73.9% in 2020, ranking 9<sup>th</sup>, compared with 78.2% in West Virginia and 53.6% in New York.
- In 2021, the number of sheep and lambs in Wyoming was 340,000, ranking 4<sup>th</sup>, compared with 730,000 in Texas and 28,000 in North Carolina.
- Wyoming's per capita state and local government total expenditures in 2019 was \$17,246, ranking 3<sup>rd</sup>, compared with \$20,442 in Alaska and \$8,549 in Idaho.
- Wyoming's per capita federal highway funds were \$486 in 2021, ranking 2<sup>nd</sup>, compared with \$748 in Alaska and \$91 in New York.

The publication can be downloaded: [http://eadiv.state.wy.us/Wy\\_facts/Facts2021.pdf](http://eadiv.state.wy.us/Wy_facts/Facts2021.pdf)