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WYOMING 2023 - JUST THE FACTS

CHEYENNE – A new edition of Just the Facts has been released by the State of Wyoming, Economic Analysis Division. The updated 2023 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 2022 was 51.2%, ranking 3rd, compared with 52.6% in Alaska (1st) and 48.6% in Alabama, Delaware and Mississippi (50th).
- Percentage of population born in their state of residence for Wyoming in 2022 was 43.4%, ranking 42nd, compared with 77.5% in Louisiana (most) and 27.4% in Nevada (least).
- The share of households that are married couple families in Wyoming in 2022 was 49.0%, ranking 6th, compared with 59.5% in Utah (1st) and 40.6% in New Mexico (50th).
- Wyoming’s population that are veterans was 7.8% in 2022, ranking 3rd, compared with 9.5% in Alaska (most) and 3.5% in New Jersey (least).
- Proportion of population age 25 years and over with a high-school diploma in Wyoming in 2022 was 93.7%, ranking 7th, compared with 95.0% in Vermont and 84.7% in California.
- Proportion of Wyoming population age 25 years and over with a bachelor’s degree in 2022 was 29.6%, ranking 41st, compared with 46.6% in Massachusetts and 24.8% in Mississippi and West Virginia.

- The Wyoming median household income was \$70,042 in 2022, ranking 29th, compared with \$96,346 in New Jersey and \$52,719 in Mississippi.
- Wyoming's annual average wage per job was \$56,320 in 2022, ranking 39th, compared with \$89,800 in Massachusetts and \$47,427 in Mississippi. Wyoming's wage rate was \$53,022 in 2021 and ranked 41st.
- Percent of Wyoming population without health insurance coverage in 2022 was 11.5%, ranking 4th, compared with 16.6% in Texas and 2.4% in Massachusetts.
- Proportion of Wyoming workers employed in the mining industry was 5.7% in 2022, ranking 1st, compared with 0% in Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and Rhode Island, 3.8% in North Dakota (2nd), and 0.4% in the U.S. Wyoming's proportion was 5.3% in 2021.
- The share of Wyoming workers employed in the manufacturing industry was 3.6% in 2022, ranking 48th, compared with 17.0% in Indiana and 2.0% in Hawaii.
- Regional price parities (U.S. = 100), which measure differences in price levels across states for a given period, was 91.9 in Wyoming in 2022, ranking 31st, compared with 112.5 in California and 86.6 in Arkansas. Wyoming's ranking was 37th in 2021.
- Wyoming's state and local sales tax rate was 5.4% in 2023, ranking 44th, compared with 9.6% in Louisiana and Tennessee 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 \$75,000 was \$3,960 in Cheyenne, Wyoming's largest city, in 2021, ranking 49th, compared with \$13,451 in Bridgeport, the largest city in Connecticut, and \$3,534 in Anchorage, the largest city in Alaska.
- Wyoming's homeownership rate was 75.3% in 2022, ranking 2nd, compared with 78.6% in West Virginia and 53.9% in New York.
- In 2023, the number of sheep and lambs in Wyoming was 335,000, ranking 4th, compared with 675,000 in Texas and 30,000 in North Carolina.
- Wyoming's per capita state and local government total expenditures in 2021 was \$19,650, ranking 3rd, compared with \$22,339 in Alaska and \$9,116 in Idaho.

The publication can be downloaded: http://eadiv.state.wy.us/Wy_facts/Facts2023.pdf

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