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WYOMING’S POPULATION GREW 2.3 PERCENT BETWEEN 2010 AND 2020

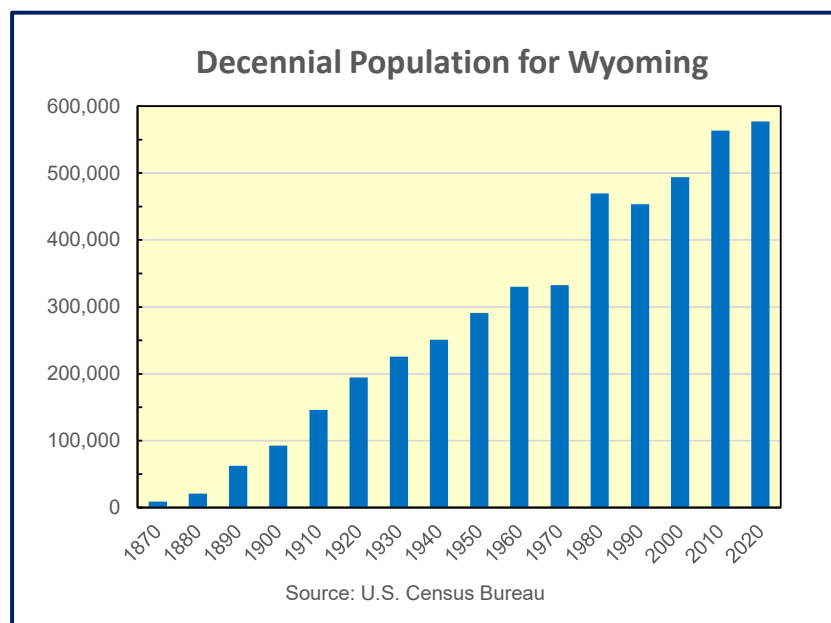
CHEYENNE -- Wyoming’s total resident population grew moderately to 576,851 from April 1, 2010 to April 1, 2020. The U.S. Census Bureau has completed data processing and just released the first 2020 Census results – resident population totals for the nation and the states as well as the congressional apportionment totals for each state.

The population change during the decade of 2010 for Wyoming was 13,225, or 2.3 percent, the 7th slowest growth rate in the U.S., and the slowest since the 1980s for the state. There are two factors contributing to the population change. The natural increase (72,000 births less 47,000 deaths) was about 25,000, but the derived net migration (in-migration less outmigration) was about -11,775, which means that approximately 11,800 more residents left Wyoming than moved into the State between 2010 and 2020. In contrast, the population increased 14.1 percent between 2000 and 2010.

For the U.S., the population count was 331,449,281 on April 1, 2020, an increase of 22.7 million or 7.4 percent from 10 years ago, the second slowest growth rate ever, slightly higher than the 1930s. Utah’s 18.4 percent led the nation, followed by Idaho (17.3%), Texas (15.9%), and North Dakota (15.8%). Forty-eight states and the District of Columbia saw population increase. Only three states lost population during the decade, including West Virginia (-3.2%), Mississippi (-0.2%), and Illinois (-0.1%).

The main reason for the negative net migration and consequently the slow population growth in Wyoming was the downturn in the energy industry since mid-June of 2014, particularly in 2015 and 2016 when the state lost 9,200 or one-third of its mineral extraction industry payroll jobs. “Change in employment always tends to drive and lead the change in migration for Wyoming, and generally speaking, people tend to move to areas where economies are vibrant,” said Dr. Wenlin Liu, Chief economist with the Economic Analysis Division, Wyoming Department of Administration & Information.

“In addition, the economy nationwide, particularly in neighboring states such as Colorado, Utah, and Idaho showed strong expansions, which attracted many Wyoming energy workers and residents during the second half of the decade.”



**Numeric and Percent Change in Resident Population of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico:
2020 Census and 2010 Census**

Area	2020 Census Resident Population	2010 Census Resident Population	Numeric Change	Percent Change	State Rank Based on 2020 Census Resident Population	State Rank Based on 2010 Census Resident Population	State Rank Based on Numeric Change	State Rank Based on Percent Change
Alabama	5,024,279	4,779,736	244,543	5.1	24	23	24	27
Alaska	733,391	710,231	23,160	3.3	48	47	45	36
Arizona	7,151,502	6,392,017	759,485	11.9	14	16	8	9
Arkansas	3,011,524	2,915,918	95,606	3.3	33	32	34	35
California	39,538,223	37,253,956	2,284,267	6.1	1	1	3	24
Colorado	5,773,714	5,029,196	744,518	14.8	21	22	9	6
Connecticut	3,605,944	3,574,097	31,847	0.9	29	29	44	47
Delaware	989,948	897,934	92,014	10.2	45	45	37	13
District of Columbia	689,545	601,723	87,822	14.6	X	X	X	X
Florida	21,538,187	18,801,310	2,736,877	14.6	3	4	2	8
Georgia	10,711,908	9,687,653	1,024,255	10.6	8	9	4	12
Hawaii	1,455,271	1,360,301	94,970	7.0	40	40	35	23
Idaho	1,839,106	1,567,582	271,524	17.3	38	39	22	2
Illinois	12,812,508	12,830,632	-18,124	-0.1	6	5	49	48
Indiana	6,785,528	6,483,802	301,726	4.7	17	15	20	29
Iowa	3,190,369	3,046,355	144,014	4.7	31	30	30	28
Kansas	2,937,880	2,853,118	84,762	3.0	35	33	38	37
Kentucky	4,505,836	4,339,367	166,469	3.8	26	26	28	33
Louisiana	4,657,757	4,533,372	124,385	2.7	25	25	32	41
Maine	1,362,359	1,328,361	33,998	2.6	42	41	43	42
Maryland	6,177,224	5,773,552	403,672	7.0	18	19	18	22
Massachusetts	7,029,917	6,547,629	482,288	7.4	15	14	15	21
Michigan	10,077,331	9,883,640	193,691	2.0	10	8	27	46
Minnesota	5,706,494	5,303,925	402,569	7.6	22	21	19	19
Mississippi	2,961,279	2,967,297	-6,018	-0.2	34	31	48	49
Missouri	6,154,913	5,988,927	165,986	2.8	19	18	29	39
Montana	1,084,225	989,415	94,810	9.6	44	44	36	14
Nebraska	1,961,504	1,826,341	135,163	7.4	37	38	31	20
Nevada	3,104,614	2,700,551	404,063	15.0	32	35	17	5
New Hampshire	1,377,529	1,316,470	61,059	4.6	41	42	40	30
New Jersey	9,288,994	8,791,894	497,100	5.7	11	11	13	25
New Mexico	2,117,522	2,059,179	58,343	2.8	36	36	41	38
New York	20,201,249	19,378,102	823,147	4.2	4	3	7	32
North Carolina	10,439,388	9,535,483	903,905	9.5	9	10	6	15
North Dakota	779,094	672,591	106,503	15.8	47	48	33	4
Ohio	11,799,448	11,536,504	262,944	2.3	7	7	23	45
Oklahoma	3,959,353	3,751,351	208,002	5.5	28	28	25	26
Oregon	4,237,256	3,831,074	406,182	10.6	27	27	16	11
Pennsylvania	13,002,700	12,702,379	300,321	2.4	5	6	21	43
Rhode Island	1,097,379	1,052,567	44,812	4.3	43	43	42	31
South Carolina	5,118,425	4,625,364	493,061	10.7	23	24	14	10
South Dakota	886,667	814,180	72,487	8.9	46	46	39	16
Tennessee	6,910,840	6,346,105	564,735	8.9	16	17	11	17
Texas	29,145,505	25,145,561	3,999,944	15.9	2	2	1	3
Utah	3,271,616	2,763,885	507,731	18.4	30	34	12	1
Vermont	643,077	625,741	17,336	2.8	49	49	46	40
Virginia	8,631,393	8,001,024	630,369	7.9	12	12	10	18
Washington	7,705,281	6,724,540	980,741	14.6	13	13	5	7
West Virginia	1,793,716	1,852,994	-59,278	-3.2	39	37	50	50
Wisconsin	5,893,718	5,686,986	206,732	3.6	20	20	26	34
Wyoming	576,851	563,626	13,225	2.3	50	50	47	44
U.S. Total ¹	331,449,281	308,745,538	22,703,743	7.4	X	X	X	X
Northeast Region	57,609,148	55,317,240	2,291,908	4.1	X	X	X	X
Midwest Region	68,985,454	66,927,001	2,058,453	3.1	X	X	X	X
South Region	126,266,107	114,555,744	11,710,363	10.2	X	X	X	X
West Region	78,588,572	71,945,553	6,643,019	9.2	X	X	X	X
Puerto Rico	3,285,874	3,725,789	-439,915	-11.8	X	X	X	X
U.S. Total and Puerto Rico	334,735,155	312,471,327	22,263,828	7.1	X	X	X	X

X Not applicable.

¹ Includes the resident population of the 50 states and the District of Columbia, as ascertained by the Twenty-Third and Twenty-Fourth Decennial Censuses under Title 13, United States Code.

Decennial Resident Population for Wyoming

Census Year	Population	# Change	% Change
1870	9,118		
1880	20,789	11,671	128.0
1890	62,555	41,766	200.9
1900	92,531	29,976	47.9
1910	145,965	53,434	57.7
1920	194,402	48,437	33.2
1930	225,565	31,163	16.0
1940	250,742	25,177	11.2
1950	290,529	39,787	15.9
1960	330,066	39,537	13.6
1970	332,416	2,350	0.7
1980	469,557	137,141	41.3
1990	453,588	-15,969	-3.4
2000	493,782	40,194	8.9
2010	563,626	69,844	14.1
2020	576,851	13,225	2.3

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

There are three components for population change: Births, Deaths, and Net Migration. The difference between births and deaths is natural increase or natural growth, and net migration is the difference between in-migration and out-migration (people moving in and people moving out of the state).

Between April 1, 2010 and April 1, 2020, changes of Wyoming population components are as follows:

- o Births = 72,000
- o Deaths = 47,000
- o Natural Increase = 25,000
- o Net Migration = -11,775

$$\text{Population}_{2020} = \text{Population}_{2010} + \text{Births} - \text{Deaths} + \text{Net Migration}$$

