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NEARLY HALF OF WYOMING COUNTIES GAINED POPULATION IN 2019

CHEYENNE – Wyoming’s total resident population grew slightly to 578,759 in July 2019, according to estimates released by the U.S. Census Bureau. The annual increase from July 2018 was 1,158 persons, or 0.2 percent. This growth was after three consecutive years of decline.

Eleven counties experienced population increases from July 2018 to July 2019. Lincoln County led the state with the fastest growth rate of 2.0 percent, followed by Crook (1.9%) and Converse (1.2%) counties. Hot Springs County suffered the steepest decrease, -3.4 percent. Sweetwater, Platte, and Niobrara counties also experienced a decline of over 1.0 percent, each. Laramie and Natrona, the largest counties, and the only Metropolitan Statistics Areas (MSA) in the state added the most residents – over 600, respectively, during the year. Since 2010, the fastest growing counties have been Teton (10.2%), Lincoln (9.5%), and Laramie (8.3%). “The reverse of statewide population change from negative to positive was a reflection of economic improvement during the period,” said Dr. Wenlin Liu, Chief Economist with State of Wyoming, Economic Analysis Division.

After the 2015-2016 downturn, Wyoming’s economy started to rebound in the beginning of 2017 and continued into 2019. The petroleum industry led the rebound, and its activities also contributed to other industrial sectors’ improvement such as construction, manufacturing, transportation services, and professional & business services. Between the second quarter of 2018 and the second quarter of 2019, approximately 5,000 payroll jobs were added in the state, nearly 2.0 percent. This was the largest growth in employment since 2014. A strong increase in oil production in eastern Wyoming required additional pipeline to be built. As a result, this utility structure driven construction industry added 2,900 jobs, or 14.0 percent during the period, contributing nearly 60 percent of total employment increase for the state. Converse County led the state with robust job growth of 24.3 percent.

There are two factors contributing to the change in population - natural change, which is the difference between births and deaths, and net migration, which is the difference between people moving into an area and moving out. At the state level, the net migration was about -470, meaning that 470 more residents left Wyoming than moved into the State between July 2018 and July 2019. The natural change was 1,630 (6,601 births and 4,971 deaths). However, many of Wyoming’s small and rural counties including Goshen, Hot Springs, Johnson, Platte, Washakie, and Weston experienced negative natural changes between 2018 and 2019, due to the large proportion of older population.

The 2020 Census is happening now, and every household is obligated to complete the simple questionnaire through internet, phone, or mail. All annual population estimates for the next decade will be based on the Census count.

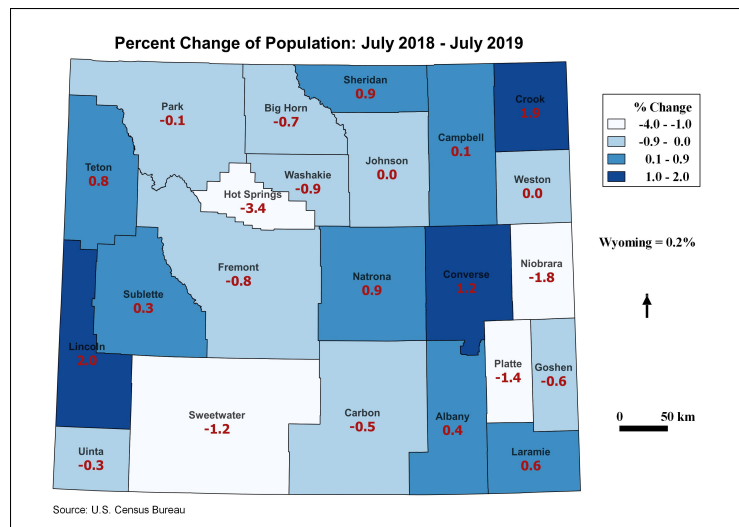


Table 1. Annual Estimates of the Resident Population for Counties of Wyoming: April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2019

Geographic Area	April 1, 2010		Population Estimates									Chge, 7/1/18 to 7/1/19		Chge, 4/1/10 to 7/1/19	
	Census	Estimates Base	July 1, 2011	July 1, 2012	July 1, 2013	July 1, 2014	July 1, 2015	July 1, 2016	July 1, 2017	July 1, 2018	July 1, 2019	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Wyoming	563,626	563,775	567,299	576,305	582,122	582,531	585,613	584,215	578,931	577,601	578,759	1,158	0.2	14,984	2.7
Albany	36,299	36,299	36,851	37,359	37,556	37,620	37,960	37,923	38,459	38,728	38,880	152	0.4	2,581	7.1
Big Horn	11,668	11,669	11,722	11,758	11,936	11,853	11,945	11,941	11,859	11,877	11,790	-87	-0.7	121	1.0
Campbell	46,133	46,133	46,550	47,861	48,038	48,130	49,258	48,745	46,402	46,299	46,341	42	0.1	208	0.5
Carbon	15,885	15,884	15,835	15,709	15,834	15,872	15,613	15,689	15,252	14,879	14,800	-79	-0.5	-1,084	-6.8
Converse	13,833	13,833	13,738	14,028	14,366	14,201	14,297	14,094	13,733	13,658	13,822	164	1.2	-11	-0.1
Crook	7,083	7,080	7,118	7,139	7,149	7,234	7,435	7,499	7,397	7,445	7,584	139	1.9	504	7.1
Fremont	40,123	40,123	40,519	41,015	40,912	40,565	40,219	40,200	39,818	39,561	39,261	-300	-0.8	-862	-2.1
Goshen	13,249	13,247	13,574	13,637	13,545	13,522	13,542	13,306	13,361	13,292	13,211	-81	-0.6	-36	-0.3
Hot Springs	4,812	4,812	4,805	4,829	4,831	4,786	4,716	4,654	4,686	4,568	4,413	-155	-3.4	-399	-8.3
Johnson	8,569	8,569	8,646	8,641	8,641	8,582	8,611	8,484	8,447	8,446	8,445	-1	0.0	-124	-1.4
Laramie	91,738	91,885	92,576	94,697	95,707	96,036	96,969	97,887	98,377	98,865	99,500	635	0.6	7,615	8.3
Lincoln	18,106	18,106	18,013	17,944	18,320	18,567	18,747	19,072	19,278	19,445	19,830	385	2.0	1,724	9.5
Natrona	75,450	75,448	76,399	78,565	81,103	81,377	82,137	80,909	79,586	79,175	79,858	683	0.9	4,410	5.8
Niobrara	2,484	2,484	2,483	2,478	2,544	2,488	2,496	2,468	2,392	2,400	2,356	-44	-1.8	-128	-5.2
Park	28,205	28,207	28,449	28,808	29,050	28,966	28,928	29,213	29,194	29,210	29,194	-16	-0.1	987	3.5
Platte	8,667	8,667	8,697	8,729	8,710	8,775	8,798	8,662	8,541	8,516	8,393	-123	-1.4	-274	-3.2
Sheridan	29,116	29,124	29,251	29,524	29,733	29,852	29,883	29,964	30,147	30,219	30,485	266	0.9	1,361	4.7
Sublette	10,247	10,244	10,186	10,476	10,175	10,151	10,044	9,982	9,745	9,798	9,831	33	0.3	-413	-4.0
Sweetwater	43,806	43,806	43,986	45,002	45,157	44,948	44,719	44,222	43,464	42,858	42,343	-515	-1.2	-1,463	-3.3
Teton	21,294	21,298	21,414	21,624	22,315	22,773	23,047	23,234	23,384	23,269	23,464	195	0.8	2,166	10.2
Uinta	21,118	21,121	20,896	20,996	20,951	20,822	20,763	20,682	20,431	20,292	20,226	-66	-0.3	-895	-4.2
Washakie	8,533	8,528	8,449	8,409	8,413	8,273	8,278	8,165	8,010	7,877	7,805	-72	-0.9	-723	-8.5
Weston	7,208	7,208	7,142	7,077	7,136	7,138	7,208	7,220	6,968	6,924	6,927	3	0.0	-281	-3.9

Note: The estimates are based on the 2010 Census and reflect changes to the April 1, 2010 population due to the Count Question Resolution program and geographic program revisions. All geographic boundaries for the 2019 population estimates are as of January 1, 2019. For population estimates methodology statements, see <http://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/technical-documentation/methodology.html>.

Table 2. Estimates of the Components of Population Change: July 1, 2018 to July 1, 2019

Geographic Area	Total Population Change ¹	Natural Change			Net Migration		
		Total	Births	Deaths	Total	Net International Migration ²	Net Domestic Migration
Wyoming	1,158	1,630	6,601	4,971	-474	538	-1,012
Albany	152	143	341	198	6	259	-253
Big Horn	-87	11	131	120	-98	2	-100
Campbell	42	274	597	323	-235	33	-268
Carbon	-79	57	176	119	-136	8	-144
Converse	164	43	154	111	123	5	118
Crook	139	33	103	70	107	20	87
Fremont	-300	20	505	485	-319	-3	-316
Goshen	-81	-10	132	142	-72	6	-78
Hot Springs	-155	-34	37	71	-121	1	-122
Johnson	-1	-25	67	92	23	2	21
Laramie	635	395	1,269	874	243	1	242
Lincoln	385	84	222	138	302	0	302
Natrona	683	219	953	734	464	103	361
Niobrara	-44	14	28	14	-57	0	-57
Park	-16	12	283	271	-26	-10	-16
Platte	-123	-35	74	109	-87	-10	-77
Sheridan	266	-38	308	346	303	14	289
Sublette	33	8	88	80	24	-8	32
Sweetwater	-515	208	506	298	-727	23	-750
Teton	195	153	228	75	42	79	-37
Uinta	-66	119	255	136	-186	0	-186
Washakie	-72	-7	83	90	-65	-5	-60
Weston	3	-14	61	75	18	18	0

Table 3. Cumulative Estimates of the Components of Population Change: April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2019

Geographic Area	Total Population Change ¹	Natural Change			Net Migration		
		Total	Births	Deaths	Total	Net International Migration ²	Net Domestic Migration
Wyoming	14,984	24,672	67,998	43,326	-10,143	3,371	-13,514
Albany	2,581	1,911	3,659	1,748	660	1,526	-866
Big Horn	121	44	1,298	1,254	73	-6	79
Campbell	208	4,304	6,633	2,329	-4,169	77	-4,246
Carbon	-1,084	651	1,847	1,196	-1,742	15	-1,757
Converse	-11	543	1,662	1,119	-576	40	-616
Crook	504	361	941	580	147	109	38
Fremont	-862	1,255	5,266	4,011	-2,137	-32	-2,105
Goshen	-36	-7	1,280	1,287	-47	68	-115
Hot Springs	-399	-202	445	647	-196	0	-196
Johnson	-124	-44	788	832	-77	20	-97
Laramie	7,615	4,474	11,829	7,355	3,119	429	2,690
Lincoln	1,724	1,067	2,243	1,176	654	-26	680
Natrona	4,410	3,455	9,996	6,541	826	506	320
Niobrara	-128	15	248	233	-150	-2	-148
Park	987	300	2,835	2,535	692	37	655
Platte	-274	-159	776	935	-110	-48	-62
Sheridan	1,361	104	3,026	2,922	1,270	140	1,130
Sublette	-413	599	1,092	493	-1,040	-32	-1,008
Sweetwater	-1,463	2,909	5,555	2,646	-4,461	59	-4,520
Teton	2,166	1,546	2,286	740	592	477	115
Uinta	-895	1,463	2,755	1,292	-2,383	-79	-2,304
Washakie	-723	27	839	812	-750	-31	-719
Weston	-281	56	699	643	-338	124	-462

¹ Total population change includes a residual. This residual represents the change in population that cannot be attributed to any specific demographic component. See Population Estimates Terms and Definitions at <http://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/about/glossary.html>.

² Net international migration for the United States includes the international migration of both native and foreign-born populations. Specifically, it includes: (a) the net international migration of the foreign born, (b) the net migration between the United States and Puerto Rico, (c) the net migration of natives to and from the United States, and (d) the net movement of the Armed Forces population between the United States and overseas. Net international migration for Puerto Rico includes the migration of native and foreign-born populations between the United States and Puerto Rico.

Percent Population Change by County and Municipio: 2010 to 2019

