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***Bar Nunn's Population Grew the Fastest in 2012***

**CHEYENNE** – The nine most rapidly growing cities and towns (2.6% or higher) between July 1, 2011 and July 1, 2012 are all located in Northeast, Central, and Southwest of Wyoming, according to population estimates released by the U.S. Census Bureau. These estimates provide a look at how much total population has changed in each of Wyoming's incorporated places since the 2010 Census.

After a couple of years of slow population and employment growth, which was caused by the Great Recession, Wyoming's energy driven economy recovered well in 2011 and early months of 2012, particularly in the Northeast and Southwest. However, many rural areas without much mineral extraction continued to experience slower population growth. Mostly affected by the Niobrara Shale oil drilling in the Powder River Basin (mainly in Northern Converse County), the town of Bar Nunn in Natrona County showed the fastest growth, at 7.8 percent. Cheyenne and Casper are still the only cities in the state with population over 50,000, and together they contributed one-third of Wyoming's total population increase during the year.

As of July 1, 2012, 69.7 percent, or 396,195 people in Wyoming lived in incorporated places. Over 45 percent of the State's population lived in nine cities with population of more than 10,000. Overall, Wyoming's population grew by 1.6 percent from July 2011 to July 2012. However, the large cities and towns with population of over 3,000 grew 1.9 percent, slightly faster than the 1.8 percent for all the state's incorporated places. There are 99 cities and towns in Wyoming.

**Population Estimate and Change from July 1, 2011 to July 1, 2012 for 22 Largest Cities and Towns**

Rank by Population Size		Rank by Population Increase		Rank by Percent Change	
Cheyenne city	61,537	Casper city	1,709	Gillette city	3.3
Casper city	57,813	Cheyenne city	1,333	Casper city	3.0
Laramie city	31,681	Gillette city	989	Rock Springs city	2.9
Gillette city	31,378	Rock Springs city	674	Douglas city	2.8
Rock Springs city	24,047	Laramie city	411	Green River city	2.6
Sheridan city	17,698	Green River city	326	Cheyenne city	2.2
Green River city	12,801	Sheridan city	212	Mills town	1.6
Evanston city	12,262	Douglas city	174	Riverton city	1.5
Riverton city	10,971	Riverton city	167	Jackson town	1.5
Jackson town	9,838	Jackson town	148	Laramie city	1.3
Cody city	9,689	Lander city	97	Lander city	1.3
Rawlins city	9,113	Cody city	89	Sheridan city	1.2
Lander city	7,677	Mills town	56	Cody city	0.9
Torrington city	6,757	Evanston city	46	Powell city	0.5
Powell city	6,308	Powell city	29	Evanston city	0.4
Douglas city	6,280	Torrington city	21	Thermopolis town	0.3
Worland city	5,454	Wheatland town	10	Torrington city	0.3
Buffalo city	4,625	Thermopolis town	10	Wheatland town	0.3
Wheatland town	3,641	Worland city	8	Worland city	0.1
Mills town	3,479	Buffalo city	3	Buffalo city	0.1
Newcastle city	3,478	Newcastle city	-12	Newcastle city	-0.3
Thermopolis town	3,019	Rawlins city	-78	Rawlins city	-0.8

## Wyoming Incorporated Place Population Estimates: April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2012

Place	April 1, 2010		Population Estimate (as of July 1)			Change, 7/1/11 to 7/1/12	
	Census	Estimates Base	2010	2011	2012	Number	Percent
<b>Wyoming</b>	<b>563,626</b>	<b>563,626</b>	<b>564,367</b>	<b>567,356</b>	<b>576,412</b>	<b>9,056</b>	<b>1.6</b>
<b>Albany County</b>	<b>36,299</b>	<b>36,299</b>	<b>36,422</b>	<b>36,848</b>	<b>37,276</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>1.2</b>
Laramie city	30,816	30,815	30,917	31,270	31,681	411	1.3
Rock River town	245	245	246	245	244	-1	-0.4
Balance of Albany County	5,238	5,239	5,259	5,333	5,351	18	0.3
<b>Big Horn County</b>	<b>11,668</b>	<b>11,668</b>	<b>11,680</b>	<b>11,746</b>	<b>11,794</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>0.4</b>
Basin town	1,285	1,285	1,286	1,291	1,292	1	0.1
Burlington town	288	288	291	302	309	7	2.3
Byron town	593	593	594	594	599	5	0.8
Cowley town	655	655	658	678	694	16	2.4
Deaver town	178	178	178	181	182	1	0.6
Frannie town (pt.)	138	138	138	141	142	1	0.7
Greybull town	1,847	1,847	1,847	1,851	1,853	2	0.1
Lovell town	2,360	2,360	2,363	2,373	2,381	8	0.3
Manderson town	114	114	114	115	115	0	0.0
Balance of Big Horn County	4,210	4,210	4,211	4,220	4,227	7	0.2
<b>Campbell County</b>	<b>46,133</b>	<b>46,133</b>	<b>46,241</b>	<b>46,590</b>	<b>47,874</b>	<b>1,284</b>	<b>2.8</b>
Gillette city	29,087	29,775	29,914	30,389	31,378	989	3.3
Wright town	1,807	1,807	1,807	1,808	1,856	48	2.7
Balance of Campbell County	15,239	14,551	14,520	14,393	14,640	247	1.7
<b>Carbon County</b>	<b>15,885</b>	<b>15,885</b>	<b>15,815</b>	<b>15,789</b>	<b>15,666</b>	<b>-123</b>	<b>-0.8</b>
Baggs town	440	440	438	442	437	-5	-1.1
Dixon town	97	97	97	96	96	0	0.0
Elk Mountain town	191	191	190	192	194	2	1.0
Encampment town	450	450	448	447	443	-4	-0.9
Hanna town	841	841	838	835	827	-8	-1.0
Medicine Bow town	284	284	283	281	277	-4	-1.4
Rawlins city	9,259	9,259	9,210	9,191	9,113	-78	-0.8
Riverside town	52	52	52	52	51	-1	-1.9
Saratoga town	1,690	1,690	1,684	1,677	1,663	-14	-0.8
Sinclair town	433	433	432	429	423	-6	-1.4
Balance of Carbon County	2,148	2,148	2,143	2,147	2,142	-5	-0.2
<b>Converse County</b>	<b>13,833</b>	<b>13,833</b>	<b>13,825</b>	<b>13,738</b>	<b>14,008</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>2.0</b>
Douglas city	6,120	6,114	6,120	6,106	6,280	174	2.8
Glenrock town	2,576	2,575	2,572	2,550	2,583	33	1.3
Lost Springs town	4	4	4	4	4	0	0.0
Rolling Hills town	440	438	437	434	441	7	1.6
Balance of Converse County	4,693	4,702	4,692	4,644	4,700	56	1.2
<b>Crook County</b>	<b>7,083</b>	<b>7,083</b>	<b>7,112</b>	<b>7,127</b>	<b>7,155</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>0.4</b>
Hulett town	383	383	386	386	391	5	1.3
Moorcroft town	1,009	1,009	1,013	1,020	1,023	3	0.3
Pine Haven town	490	490	492	492	492	0	0.0
Sundance town	1,182	1,182	1,190	1,194	1,213	19	1.6
Balance of Crook County	4,019	4,019	4,031	4,035	4,036	1	0.0
<b>Fremont County</b>	<b>40,123</b>	<b>40,123</b>	<b>40,238</b>	<b>40,575</b>	<b>41,110</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>1.3</b>
Dubois town	971	971	976	990	1,002	12	1.2
Hudson town	458	458	460	463	468	5	1.1
Lander city	7,487	7,487	7,511	7,580	7,677	97	1.3
Pavillion town	231	231	232	236	240	4	1.7
Riverton city	10,615	10,696	10,719	10,804	10,971	167	1.5

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Shoshoni town	649	649	651	657	664	7	1.1
Balance of Fremont County	19,712	19,631	19,689	19,845	20,088	243	1.2
<b>Goshen County</b>	<b>13,249</b>	<b>13,249</b>	<b>13,412</b>	<b>13,597</b>	<b>13,636</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>0.3</b>
Fort Laramie town	230	230	231	233	233	0	0.0
La Grange town	448	448	449	454	456	2	0.4
Lingle town	468	468	470	476	476	0	0.0
Torrington city	6,501	6,501	6,638	6,736	6,757	21	0.3
Yoder town	151	151	152	154	155	1	0.6
Balance of Goshen County	5,451	5,451	5,472	5,544	5,559	15	0.3
<b>Hot Springs County</b>	<b>4,812</b>	<b>4,812</b>	<b>4,809</b>	<b>4,808</b>	<b>4,822</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0.3</b>
East Thermopolis town	254	254	254	253	253	0	0.0
Kirby town	92	92	92	92	93	1	1.1
Thermopolis town	3,009	3,009	3,008	3,009	3,019	10	0.3
Balance of Hot Springs County	1,457	1,457	1,455	1,454	1,457	3	0.2
<b>Johnson County</b>	<b>8,569</b>	<b>8,569</b>	<b>8,566</b>	<b>8,616</b>	<b>8,615</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Buffalo city	4,585	4,585	4,584	4,622	4,625	3	0.1
Kaycee town	263	263	263	263	261	-2	-0.8
Balance of Johnson County	3,721	3,721	3,719	3,731	3,729	-2	-0.1
<b>Laramie County</b>	<b>91,738</b>	<b>91,738</b>	<b>92,120</b>	<b>92,487</b>	<b>94,483</b>	<b>1,996</b>	<b>2.2</b>
Albin town	181	181	181	182	185	3	1.6
Burns town	301	301	302	300	303	3	1.0
Cheyenne city	59,466	59,489	59,744	60,204	61,537	1,333	2.2
Pine Bluffs town	1,129	1,129	1,132	1,129	1,147	18	1.6
Balance of Laramie County	30,661	30,638	30,761	30,672	31,311	639	2.1
<b>Lincoln County</b>	<b>18,106</b>	<b>18,106</b>	<b>18,091</b>	<b>18,037</b>	<b>17,961</b>	<b>-76</b>	<b>-0.4</b>
Afton town	1,911	1,916	1,917	1,913	1,909	-4	-0.2
Alpine town	828	828	826	824	818	-6	-0.7
Cokeville town	535	535	534	528	528	0	0.0
Diamondville town	737	737	736	731	727	-4	-0.5
Kemmerer city	2,656	2,656	2,651	2,647	2,636	-11	-0.4
La Barge town	551	551	550	545	540	-5	-0.9
Opal town	96	96	96	95	95	0	0.0
Star Valley Ranch town	1,503	1,503	1,500	1,495	1,491	-4	-0.3
Thayne town	366	366	365	361	357	-4	-1.1
Balance of Lincoln County	8,923	8,918	8,916	8,898	8,860	-38	-0.4
<b>Natrona County</b>	<b>75,450</b>	<b>75,450</b>	<b>75,485</b>	<b>76,356</b>	<b>78,621</b>	<b>2,265</b>	<b>3.0</b>
Bar Nunn town	2,213	2,213	2,209	2,252	2,428	176	7.8
Casper city	55,316	55,316	55,278	56,104	57,813	1,709	3.0
Edgerton town	195	195	195	192	197	5	2.6
Evansville town	2,544	2,544	2,628	2,767	2,827	60	2.2
Midwest town	404	404	403	399	407	8	2.0
Mills town	3,461	3,461	3,459	3,423	3,479	56	1.6
Balance of Natrona County	11,317	11,317	11,313	11,219	11,470	251	2.2
<b>Niobrara County</b>	<b>2,484</b>	<b>2,484</b>	<b>2,503</b>	<b>2,489</b>	<b>2,456</b>	<b>-33</b>	<b>-1.3</b>
Lusk town	1,567	1,567	1,583	1,575	1,557	-18	-1.1
Manville town	95	95	95	95	94	-1	-1.1
Van Tassell town	15	15	15	15	15	0	0.0
Balance of Niobrara County	807	807	810	804	790	-14	-1.7
<b>Park County</b>	<b>28,205</b>	<b>28,205</b>	<b>28,270</b>	<b>28,439</b>	<b>28,702</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>0.9</b>
Cody city	9,520	9,520	9,549	9,600	9,689	89	0.9
Frannie town (pt.)	19	19	19	19	19	0	0.0
Meeteetse town	327	327	327	328	330	2	0.6
Powell city	6,314	6,314	6,321	6,279	6,308	29	0.5

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Balance of Park County	12,025	12,025	12,054	12,213	12,356	143	1.2
<b>Platte County</b>	<b>8,667</b>	<b>8,667</b>	<b>8,683</b>	<b>8,716</b>	<b>8,756</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>0.5</b>
Chugwater town	212	212	213	215	216	1	0.5
Glendo town	205	205	205	205	205	0	0.0
Guernsey town	1,147	1,147	1,149	1,166	1,171	5	0.4
Hartville town	62	62	62	62	63	1	1.6
Wheatland town	3,627	3,627	3,632	3,631	3,641	10	0.3
Balance of Platte County	3,414	3,414	3,422	3,437	3,460	23	0.7
<b>Sheridan County</b>	<b>29,116</b>	<b>29,116</b>	<b>29,147</b>	<b>29,260</b>	<b>29,596</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>1.1</b>
Clearmont town	142	142	142	142	142	0	0.0
Dayton town	757	757	757	770	777	7	0.9
Ranchester town	855	857	860	877	898	21	2.4
Sheridan city	17,444	17,450	17,467	17,486	17,698	212	1.2
Balance of Sheridan County	9,918	9,910	9,921	9,985	10,081	96	1.0
<b>Sublette County</b>	<b>10,247</b>	<b>10,247</b>	<b>10,230</b>	<b>10,118</b>	<b>10,368</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>2.5</b>
Big Piney town	552	562	560	552	565	13	2.4
Marbleton town	1,094	1,082	1,079	1,062	1,110	48	4.5
Pinedale town	2,030	2,030	2,026	2,000	2,043	43	2.2
Balance of Sublette County	6,571	6,573	6,565	6,504	6,650	146	2.2
<b>Sweetwater County</b>	<b>43,806</b>	<b>43,806</b>	<b>43,614</b>	<b>44,078</b>	<b>45,267</b>	<b>1,189</b>	<b>2.7</b>
Bairoil town	106	106	105	106	108	2	1.9
Granger town	139	139	138	139	142	3	2.2
Green River city	12,515	12,515	12,414	12,475	12,801	326	2.6
Rock Springs city	23,036	23,036	23,008	23,373	24,047	674	2.9
Superior town	336	336	333	333	340	7	2.1
Wamsutter town	451	451	451	453	464	11	2.4
Balance of Sweetwater County	7,223	7,223	7,165	7,199	7,365	166	2.3
<b>Teton County</b>	<b>21,294</b>	<b>21,294</b>	<b>21,289</b>	<b>21,445</b>	<b>21,675</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>1.1</b>
Jackson town	9,577	9,604	9,603	9,690	9,838	148	1.5
Balance of Teton County	11,717	11,690	11,686	11,755	11,837	82	0.7
<b>Uinta County</b>	<b>21,118</b>	<b>21,118</b>	<b>21,101</b>	<b>20,919</b>	<b>21,025</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>0.5</b>
Bear River town	518	519	518	519	521	2	0.4
Evanston city	12,359	12,387	12,366	12,216	12,262	46	0.4
Lyman town	2,115	2,103	2,100	2,086	2,094	8	0.4
Mountain View town	1,286	1,290	1,293	1,294	1,314	20	1.5
Balance of Uinta County	4,840	4,819	4,824	4,804	4,834	30	0.6
<b>Washakie County</b>	<b>8,533</b>	<b>8,533</b>	<b>8,542</b>	<b>8,469</b>	<b>8,464</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>-0.1</b>
Ten Sleep town	260	260	262	259	257	-2	-0.8
Worland city	5,487	5,487	5,492	5,446	5,454	8	0.1
Balance of Washakie County	2,786	2,786	2,788	2,764	2,753	-11	-0.4
<b>Weston County</b>	<b>7,208</b>	<b>7,208</b>	<b>7,172</b>	<b>7,109</b>	<b>7,082</b>	<b>-27</b>	<b>-0.4</b>
Newcastle city	3,532	3,533	3,517	3,490	3,478	-12	-0.3
Upton town	1,100	1,100	1,095	1,085	1,083	-2	-0.2
Balance of Weston County	2,576	2,575	2,560	2,534	2,521	-13	-0.5

Note: The April 1, 2010 Population Estimates base reflects changes to the 2010 Census population from the Boundary and Annexation Survey (BAS) and other geographic program revisions. All geographic boundaries for the 2012 population estimates series are defined as of January 1, 2012. Additional information on these localities can be found in the Geographic Change Notes (see <http://www.census.gov/popest/about/geo/changes.html>).

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