

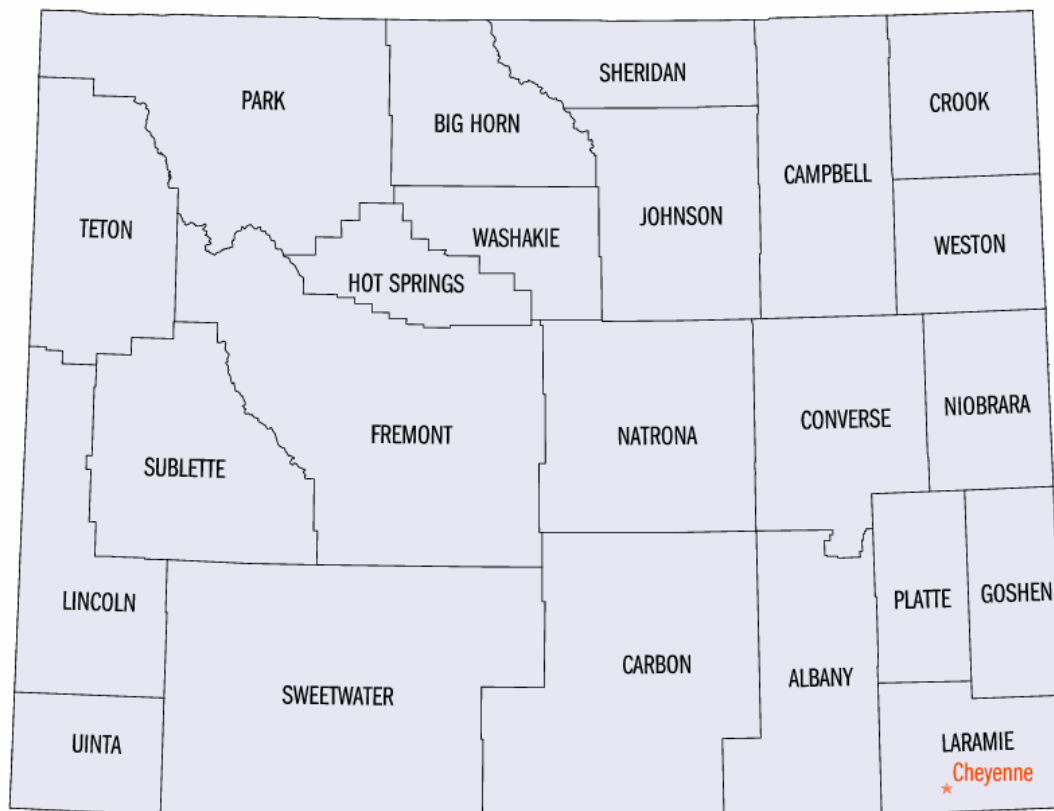
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Wyoming

The following profile contains information on demographics, political figures, programs, crime, drug use, drug trafficking, and enforcement statistics.

Demographics

- Population: 501,242 (July 2003 Census estimate);¹ 484,833 (2002 American Community Survey)²
- Race/Ethnicity (2002 American Community Survey): 88.6% white, 0.6% black/African American, 1.7% American Indian/Alaska Native, 0.5 Asian, 0.1% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 0.1% other, 1.6% two or more races, 6.7% Hispanic/Latino origin³

Political

- Governor: Dave Freudenthal⁴
- Attorney General: Patrick J. Crank⁵
- Secretary of State: Joseph B. Meyer⁶
- U.S. Senate: Michael Enzi (R), Craig Thomas (R)⁷
- U.S. House of Representatives: Barbara Cubin⁸
- Capital: Cheyenne

Programs/Initiatives

- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)⁹
Designated in 1996, the Rocky Mountain HIDTA is responsible for areas of Colorado, Utah and Wyoming. The following Wyoming counties participate in Rocky Mountain HIDTA efforts: Albany, Campbell, Laramie, Natrona, Sweetwater, and Uinta.

Federal Funding

- Drug-Free Communities Support Program grantees in Wyoming:¹⁰
 - FY 2003: no Wyoming grantees
 - FY 2002: \$100,000 to Youth Empowerment Project Coalition, Laramie
 - FY 2001: \$99,134 to Juvenile Justice Partnership, Gillette
 - FY 2000: \$100,000 to Abate Substance Abuse Project, Riverton
 - FY 1999: \$94,113 to Wind River Health Promotion Program, St. Stephen's
- Office of Weed and Seed¹¹
There are no Weed and Seed sites in Wyoming.
- FY 2003/2004 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Grant Summary for Wyoming:¹²
 - Formula Funding - \$4,583,104
 - Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant - \$3,340,190
 - Community Mental Health Services Block Grant - \$532,914
 - Project for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) - \$300,000
 - Protection and Advocacy Formula Grant - \$410,000
 - Discretionary Funding - \$5,161,134
 - Mental Health - \$1,561,134

- Substance Prevention - \$3,000,000
 - Substance Abuse Treatment - \$600,000
- Total Mental Health Funds: \$2,804,048
- Total Substance Abuse Funds: \$6,940,190
- Total Funds for Wyoming: \$9,744,238
- FY 2004 Byrne Formula Grant Program amount awarded to Wyoming: \$1,902,855¹³
- FY 2003 Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) for State Prisoners Formula Grant amount allocated to Wyoming: \$299,464¹⁴
- Office of Justice Programs Drug Court Grant:
 - FY 2003:¹⁵
 - \$252,989 to Circuit Court of Sheridan County, Sheridan
 - FY 2002:¹⁶
 - \$429,166 to Natrona County Government
 - \$499,997 to Shoshone and Arapaho Joint Business Council/Shoshone and Arapaho Tribal Substance Abuse Court
- Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Methamphetamine Grant:
 - FY 2003: no Wyoming recipients¹⁷
 - FY 2002: no Wyoming recipients¹⁸
- Office of Justice Programs and Community Oriented Policing Services total grant amounts received in Wyoming (by funding category):¹⁹
 - Communities (discretionary): \$0
 - Counter-terrorism (discretionary): \$3.4 million
 - Juvenile Justice:
 - discretionary: \$2.8 million
 - formula: \$1.7 million
 - Law Enforcement:
 - discretionary: \$5.1 million
 - formula: \$1.7 million
 - Substance Abuse:
 - discretionary: \$0.9 million
 - formula: \$2.3 million
 - Victims:
 - discretionary: \$0.2 million
 - formula: \$1.2 million
 - Total OJP/COPS funds received in Wyoming in FY 2002: \$19.3 million
- There were no Wyoming recipients of the FY 2001 Housing and Urban Development Drug Elimination Grant.²⁰

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- During 2002, there were 8 adult arrests for murder/non-negligent manslaughter in Wyoming.²¹

Number of Adult Arrests, Index Offenses, Wyoming, 2001-2002

Offense	2001	2002
Murder/non-negligent manslaughter	12	8
Forcible rape	38	56
Robbery	36	22
Aggravated assault	430	452
Burglary	224	243
Larceny-theft	1,206	1,296
Motor vehicle theft	61	84
Total adult index offense arrests	1,993	2,175

- There were 2,188 adult arrests for drug violations in Wyoming during 2002.²²

Number of Adult Substance-Related Arrests, Wyoming, 2001-2002

Offense	2001	2002
Drug violations	2,009	2,188
Sale/manufacturing	193	280
Possession	1,816	1,908
Driving under the influence	4,366	4,164
Liquor laws	3,501	3,193
Drunkenness	1,277	1,204

- The Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) made 432 methamphetamine-related arrests during 2002.²³

Number of Drug Arrests Made by DCI, Wyoming, 2002

	Opiates	Coc.	Meth.	Marij.	Halluc.	Other
Cultivation	0	0	0	12	0	0
Manufacture	0	0	71	0	0	1
Sale	1	31	139	59	3	2
Aid and abet	0	4	20	1	0	0
Possession	2	13	87	66	0	2
Use/consumption	0	0	4	5	0	4
Transport./smuggle	0	9	17	52	2	7
Conspiracy	1	16	94	26	0	0
Total	4	73	432	221	5	16

- During FY 2002, methamphetamine comprised more than 82% of all Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) drug arrests in Wyoming.²⁴
- During 2001, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) reported 42 arrests for drug violations in Wyoming.²⁵

Number of DEA Drug Arrests, Wyoming, 1997-2001

Year	Number of Arrests
1997	47
1998	96
1999	83
2000	60
2001	42

Drugs

➤ Cocaine

Prices for cocaine have remained stable in Wyoming, although demand has declined. A kilogram, when available, costs between \$21,000 and \$23,000. An ounce of powder cocaine sells for \$1,000-\$1,200 and one-eighth of an ounce sells for \$200-\$275.²⁶ Crack cocaine can be found in the state, but not in significant quantities.²⁷ A gram of crack cocaine sells for \$50-\$100 and a rock sells for \$25-\$40.²⁸

➤ Heroin

Heroin is not considered a popular illicit drug of abuse in Wyoming and doesn't present a significant problem for law enforcement.²⁹ Mexican black tar is almost exclusively available in the state.³⁰

➤ Methamphetamine

Methamphetamine remains the largest drug threat throughout Wyoming.³¹ Mexican produced methamphetamine predominates in Wyoming, although methamphetamine produced in California and locally produced methamphetamine is also available. During the second quarter of FY 2001, methamphetamine sold for \$7,500-\$10,000/pound; \$1,000-\$1,200/ounce; and \$80-\$100/gram.³²

➤ Marijuana

Marijuana, which is considered the second greatest drug threat in the state, is the most widely available and abused illicit drug in Wyoming. Mexican produced marijuana is the most common type available although marijuana cultivated in the U.S. by Mexican criminal groups as well as locally produced marijuana are also available. Prices for marijuana have remained stable. An ounce of marijuana sells for \$125-\$150 and a pound sells for \$1,200. Mexican sinsemilla is not common in Wyoming. Locally produced sinsemilla can be purchased for \$250/ounce and around \$3,500/pound. The average potency level for marijuana seized in Wyoming during 2000 was 7.3%.³³

➤ Club Drugs

Club drug use has escalated throughout the state.³⁴

➤ Diverted Pharmaceuticals

The diversion of prescription controlled substances is a growing problem in Wyoming. The most commonly abused licit drugs are depressants and semi-narcotic painkillers such as Vicodin (hydrocodone), Dilaudid (hydromorphone), Percocet, and Percodan (oxycodones). Heroin users prefer Dilaudid as a substitute for heroin.³⁵

➤ According to 2000-2001 data from the National Household Survey on Drug Abuse, 1.24% of Wyoming citizens reported past year dependence on illicit drugs.³⁶

Percent of Citizens Reporting Past Year Dependence, Wyoming, 2000-2001 Data

	12-17	18-25	26 +	All ages
Illicit drug dependence	2.22%	3.81%	0.58%	1.24%
Illicit drug dependence or abuse	3.97	6.07	0.81	1.94
Alcohol dependence	2.54	6.23	1.66	2.43
Alcohol dependence or abuse	7.67	17.74	4.07	6.48
Alcohol or illicit drug dependence or abuse	9.17	20.25	4.56	7.38

- According to 2000-2001 data from the National Household Survey on Drug Abuse, 40.18% of Wyoming citizens ages 12 and older felt that smoking marijuana once a month posed a great risk.³⁷

Percent of Citizens Reporting Drug Use, by Age, Wyoming, 2000-2001 Data

	12-17	18-25	26 +	All ages
Past month use of any illicit drug	10.01%	15.79%	3.04%	5.70%
Past month use of marijuana	7.63	12.54	2.23	4.35
Past month use of illicit drug other than marij.	4.77	6.78	1.40	2.57
Past year cocaine use	1.57	4.70	0.88	1.52
Great risk of smoking marijuana once a month	36.24	26.32	43.52	40.18

Juveniles

- During 2002, there were 2 juvenile arrests for murder/non-negligent manslaughter in Wyoming.³⁸

Number of Juvenile Arrests, Index Offenses, Wyoming, 2001-2002

Offense	2001	2002
Murder/non-negligent manslaughter	0	2
Forcible rape	3	3
Robbery	12	7
Aggravated assault	84	62
Burglary	166	103
Larceny-theft	893	804
Motor vehicle theft	47	34
Total juvenile index offense arrests	1,205	1,015

- There were 487 juvenile arrests for drug violations in Wyoming during 2002.³⁹

Number of Juvenile Substance-Related Arrests, Wyoming, 2001-2002

Offense	2001	2002
Drug violations	557	487
Sale/manufacturing	47	49
Possession	510	438
Driving under the influence	81	68
Liquor laws	1349	1304
Drunkenness	53	23

- During 2001, 41% of high school students in Wyoming reported using marijuana within their lifetime.⁴⁰

Percent of High School Students Using Drugs, Wyoming, 2001

Drug Type and Use	Female	Male	Total
Lifetime marijuana use	38.5%	43.3%	41.0%
Current marijuana use	16.9	23.7	20.4
Lifetime cocaine use	10.0	8.9	9.5
Current cocaine use	4.1	4.3	4.3
Lifetime inhalant use	15.6	16.3	16.0
Current inhalant use	3.6	4.9	4.2
Lifetime heroin use	2.7	3.1	2.9
Lifetime methamphetamine use	11.0	10.4	10.7
Lifetime illegal steroid use	3.8	6.6	5.3
Lifetime injecting drug use	1.8	3.3	2.6
Tried marijuana before age 13 years	7.5	11.8	9.8

Enforcement

- As of October 31, 2002, there were 1,989 full-time law enforcement employees in Wyoming (1,239 officers and 750 civilians).⁴¹

Trafficking and Seizures

- Mexican criminal organizations control most of the cocaine distribution in Wyoming.⁴²
- Some Mexican criminal groups convert powder cocaine to crack for retail distribution while individual users convert powder cocaine to crack for personal use.⁴³
- Marijuana is easily grown in the remote areas of Wyoming. Growers have abandoned the larger outdoor cultivation sites for smaller indoor grows that are easier to conceal from law enforcement.⁴⁴
- Mexican criminals dominate wholesale and retail marijuana distribution in Wyoming.⁴⁵
- Caucasian independent dealers distribute locally produced marijuana.⁴⁶
- Most Wyoming methamphetamine labs are small, hydriodic acid/red phosphorus method operations capable of producing multi-ounce to pound quantities. The Birch reduction (Nazi) method is also being used in Wyoming. This method can produce small quantities of methamphetamine with purity levels of 90% in an hour.⁴⁷
- Methamphetamine in Wyoming comes from California, the Southwest U.S., and Mexico.⁴⁸
- Mexican illegal aliens are heavily involved in the transportation and local trafficking of methamphetamine in Wyoming.⁴⁹
- During 2002, 32 marijuana plants were eradicated in Wyoming under the DEA's Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program.⁵⁰

Number of Marijuana Plants Eradicated and Seized, Wyoming, 2002

<u>Outdoor Operations</u>		<u>Indoor Operations</u>		Total Plants Eradicated
Plots Eradicated	Cultivated Plants Eradicated	Grows Seized	Plants Eradicated	
NA	NA	5	32	32

- During 2002, the Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigation seized more than 1 million grams of marijuana.⁵¹

Amount of Drugs Seized/Purchased by DCI, Wyoming, 2002

Drug Type	Amount Seized	Amount Purchased	Total
Cocaine	31,209.30	200.0	31,409.5 grams
Crack cocaine	0	5.0	5.0 grams
Hashish	42.0	0	42.0 grams
Heroin	3.0	0	3.0 grams
Marijuana	1,049,811.0	1,743.5	1,051,554.5 grams
Morphine	0	0	0.0 doses
Opium	112.0	0	112.0 grams
Other narcotics	145.0	0	145.0 grams
LSD	0	10.0	10.0 doses
PCP	0	0	0.0 grams
Psilocybin	661.38	0	661.38 grams
Methamphetamine	48,550.75	644.93	49,195.68 grams
Other stimulants	100.0	44.0	144.0 grams
Clandestine labs	60	0	60 labs

- The Wyoming Highway Patrol seized 42,192.1 grams of methamphetamine during 2002.⁵²

Amount of Drugs Seized by Highway Patrol, Wyoming, 2002

Drug/Case Type	Amount Seized	# of Cases
Cocaine – felony	27,557.61 grams	8
Cocaine – misdemeanor	363.39 grams	9
Methamphetamine – felony	42,094.0 grams	23
Methamphetamine – misdemeanor	98.10 grams	34
Hallucinogens – felony	670.20 grams	3
Hallucinogens – misdemeanor	28.10 grams	2
Marijuana – felony	1,076,328.6 grams	55
Marijuana – misdemeanor	12,418.74 grams	310
Heroin – felony	0.00 grams	0
Heroin – misdemeanor	trace amount	1

- During 2002, Federal authorities seized 0.4 kilograms of cocaine in Wyoming.⁵³

Amount of Drugs Seized by Federal Agencies, Wyoming, 2002

Drug Type	Amount Seized (in kilograms)
Cocaine	0.4
Heroin	0
Methamphetamine	0
Marijuana	0

- During 2002, the DEA and state and local authorities in Wyoming reported 40 methamphetamine lab incidents to the El Paso Intelligence Center.⁵⁴

Number of Methamphetamine Incidents/Seizures, Wyoming, 2002

Type of Seizure	Number
Chemical/glass/equipment	1
Dumpsite	3
Laboratory	36
Total	40

- During 2001, there were 42 methamphetamine labs seized in Wyoming.⁵⁵

Number of Methamphetamine Lab Seizures, Wyoming, 1997-2001

Year	Meth Lab Seizures
1997	47
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Courts

- Drug Courts⁵⁶
As of November 2003, there were 4 drug courts in Wyoming that had been operating for over 2 years, 10 that were recently implemented, and 3 that were being planned.
- During FY 2001, 43.5% of Federally sentenced defendants in Wyoming had committed drug offenses. Approximately 81% of the drug offenses involved methamphetamine.⁵⁷

Federal Sentencing Statistics, Drug Offenses, Wyoming, FY 2001

Drug Type Involved	Offenses	Percent of Total
Powder cocaine	4	6.3%
Crack cocaine	0	0.0
Heroin	0	0.0
Marijuana	6	9.4
Methamphetamine	52	81.3
Other	2	3.1

Corrections

- At yearend 2002, there were 1,737 prisoners under the jurisdiction of state or Federal correctional authorities in Wyoming.⁵⁸
- At yearend 2002, there were 4,596 adults on probation and 570 adults on parole in Wyoming.⁵⁹

Treatment

- During 2003, there were 5,816 admissions to drug/alcohol treatment in Wyoming.⁶⁰ There were 5,244 treatment admissions in Wyoming during 2002.⁶¹ The number of treatment admissions during 2001 was 5,936.⁶²

Admissions to Treatment, Wyoming, 2001-2003

Drug Type	2001		2002		2003	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Alcohol only	2,522	42.5%	2,137	40.8%	2,362	40.6%
Alc. w/ second. drug	1,243	20.9	1,165	22.2	1,266	21.8
Cocaine – smoked	46	0.8	34	0.6	32	0.6
Cocaine – other route	76	1.3	70	1.3	66	1.1
Marijuana	995	16.8	979	18.7	997	17.1
Heroin	19	0.3	9	0.2	22	0.4
Other opiates	53	0.9	58	1.1	82	1.4
PCP	2	0.0	1	0.0	n/a	n/a
Hallucinogens	14	0.2	7	0.1	4	0.1
Amphetamines	594	10.0	691	13.2	891	15.3
Other stimulants	4	0.1	4	0.1	1	0.0
Tranquilizers	12	0.2	3	0.1	4	0.1
Sedatives	26	0.4	17	0.3	13	0.2
Inhalants	6	0.1	6	0.1	6	0.1
Other/none specified	324	5.5	63	1.2	70	1.2
Total	5,936	100.0	5,244	100.0	5,816	100.0

Consequences of Use

- From October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2003, there were 6 Wyoming methamphetamine laboratory sites reported to the El Paso Intelligence Center in which a child was present.⁶³

Characteristics of Methamphetamine Lab Incidents, Wyoming, FY 2003

	Number
Sites with a child affected	10
Sites with a child exposed to toxic chemicals	8
Sites with a child injured	0
Sites with a child killed	0
Sites with a child present	6
Sites with a child residing at the site	6
Number of children placed in protective custody	9

- During 2002, there were 175 deaths due to traffic crashes on Wyoming roadways. 60 fatalities (34% of all deaths) were alcohol/drug related.⁶⁴

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