

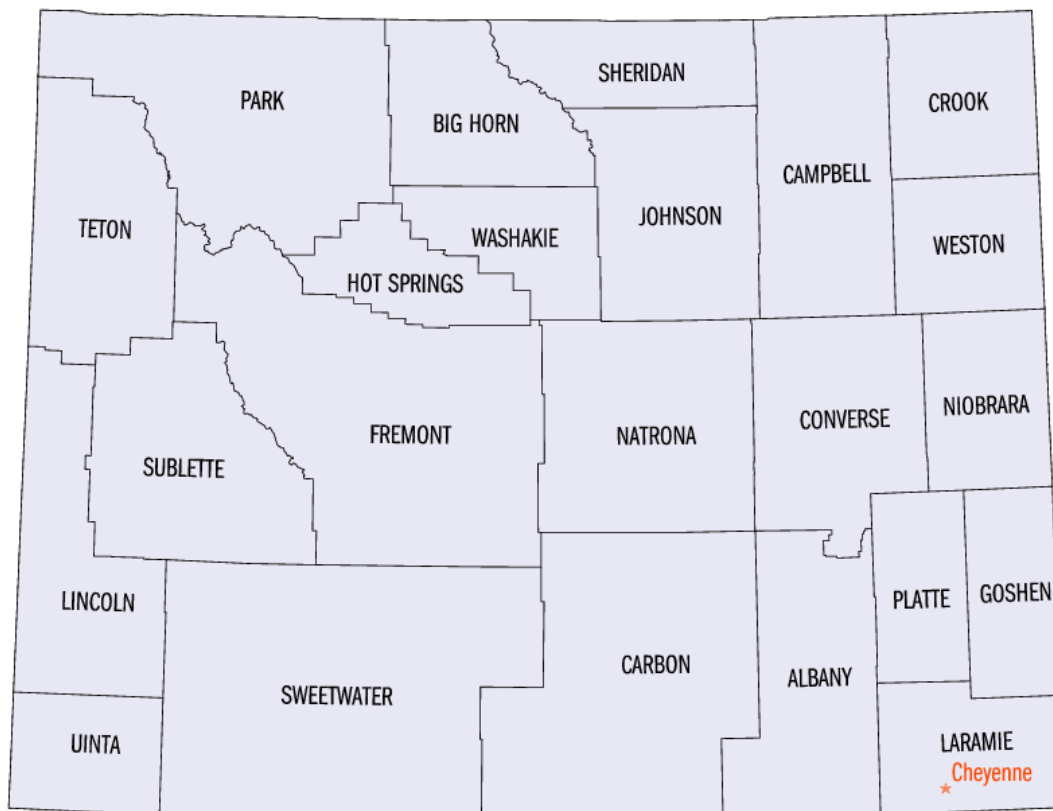
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Wyoming

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

Demographics

- Population (2006 American Community Survey): 515,004¹
- Race/Ethnicity (2006 American Community Survey): 91.8% white; 0.7% black/African American; 2.2% American Indian/Alaska Native; 0.9% Asian; 0.1% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 2.4% other; 1.8% two or more races; 6.9% Hispanic/Latino origin (of any race)²

Political

- Governor: Dave Freudenthal³
- Attorney General: Bruce A. Salzburg⁴
- Secretary of State: Max Maxfield⁵
- U.S. Senate: Michael Enzi (R), John Barrasso (R)⁶
- U.S. House of Representatives: Barbara Cubin (R)⁷
- Capital: Cheyenne⁸

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.
- Meth Kills Wyoming¹⁰
This Web site is an interactive source of information about methamphetamine, its effects, how to get help and how to get involved at the community level. Ads that have been created as part of the Meth Kills Wyoming initiative and personal stories can be viewed on the site.

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- During 2006, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) reported 121 arrests for drug violations in Wyoming, an increase from the 62 arrests reported during 2005.¹¹

Number of DEA Drug Arrests, Wyoming, 2002-2006

Year	Number of Arrests
2002	34
2003	29
2004	71
2005	62
2006	121

- During 2006, there were 2 juvenile and 4 adult arrests for murder/non-negligent manslaughter in Wyoming.¹²

Number of Adult Arrests, Index Offenses, Wyoming, 2006

Offense	Juvenile	Adult
Murder/non-negligent manslaughter	2	4
Forcible rape	1	22
Robbery	2	23
Aggravated assault	71	438
Burglary	87	220
Larceny-theft	703	1,171
Motor vehicle theft	58	82

- There were 502 juvenile and 2,615 adult arrests for drug violations in Wyoming during 2006.¹³

Number of Adult Substance-Related Arrests, Wyoming, 2006

Offense	Juvenile	Adult
Drug violations	502	2,615
Sale/manufacturing	18	268
Possession	484	2,347
Driving under the influence	104	5,176
Liquor laws	1,139	3,201

- The Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) made 460 methamphetamine-related arrests during 2006.¹⁴

Number of Drug Arrests Made by DCI, Wyoming, 2006

	Opiates	Cocaine	Meth.	Marij.	Halluc.	Other
Cultivation	0	0	0	6	0	0
Manufacture	0	0	5	0	0	0
Sale	1	23	140	72	3	8
Aid and abet	0	0	1	0	0	0
Possession	2	13	109	78	2	7
Use/consumption	0	0	3	1	0	0
Transport./smuggle	0	11	6	39	3	1
Conspiracy	0	30	196	62	4	2
Total	3	77	460	258	12	18

Drugs

- Cocaine¹⁵
Wyoming cocaine prices have remained stable, but demand for the drug has declined in recent years. Crack cocaine can be found in the state, but not in significant quantities.

- Heroin¹⁶
While it does not present a significant law enforcement problem in Wyoming, Mexican heroin is available. Most of the heroin found in Wyoming comes from sources in Utah.
- Methamphetamine¹⁷
In recent years, methamphetamine has emerged as the illicit drug of choice in Wyoming and is the most significant drug threat in the state. Methamphetamine abuse is of great concern to Wyoming law enforcement due to its correlation with violent crime, domestic violence and child abuse.
- Marijuana¹⁸
Marijuana is widely abused in Wyoming. Most of the marijuana encountered is of Mexican origin, although higher potency marijuana from British Columbia, Canada, can be found as well.
- Club Drugs¹⁹
Club drugs such as GHB and MDMA can be found in Wyoming, and most come from sources of supply in Colorado. Although not as popular, LSD and psilocybin mushrooms are popular recreational drugs on college campuses.
- Diverted Pharmaceuticals²⁰
The diversion of prescription controlled substances is a concern in Wyoming. Valium (a benzodiazepine) and semi-synthetic narcotic painkillers (such as Vicodin, Dilaudid and Percocet/Percodan) have been identified as being among the most commonly abused and diverted pharmaceuticals in Wyoming.
- According to 2004-2005 data from the National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH), approximately 32,000 (8%) of Wyoming citizens (ages 12 or older) reported past month use of an illicit drug.²¹

Citizens (Ages 12 or Older) Reporting Drug Use, Wyoming, 2004-2005 Data

Drug Type and Use	Number*	Percent
Past month illicit drug use	32	7.62%
Past year marijuana use	44	10.41
Past month marijuana use	24	5.66
Past month use of illicit drug other than marijuana	16	3.64
Past year cocaine use	9	2.11
Past year non-medical pain reliever use	23	5.33

* The number of users is in thousands

- Approximately 157,000 (36.9%) Wyoming citizens reported that using marijuana occasionally (once a month) was a “great risk”.²²
- Additional 2004-2005 NSDUH results indicate that 12,000 (2.93%) Wyoming citizens reported illicit drug dependence or abuse within the past year. Approximately 8,000 (1.94%) reported past year illicit drug dependence.²³

Juveniles

- During 2005, 8.5% of high school students in Wyoming reported using methamphetamine within their lifetime.²⁴

Percent of High School Students Using Drugs, Wyoming, 2005

Drug Type and Use	Female	Male	Total
Lifetime marijuana use	37.2%	38.7%	38.0%
Current marijuana use	17.1	18.5	17.8
Lifetime cocaine use	11.4	9.2	10.2
Current cocaine use	3.0	4.8	3.9
Lifetime inhalant use	17.2	16.9	17.1
Lifetime heroin use	2.4	5.0	3.7
Lifetime methamphetamine use	8.5	8.5	8.5
Lifetime ecstasy use	6.5	8.2	7.4
Lifetime illegal steroid use	3.5	5.9	4.8
Lifetime injecting drug use	2.1	4.0	3.1
Tried marijuana before age 13 years	8.9	11.8	10.4

- Approximately 46% of Wyoming 12th graders surveyed in 2005 reported using marijuana at least once during their lifetime.²⁵

Percent of High School Students Using Drugs, by Grade, Wyoming, 2005

Drug Type and Use	9th	10th	11th	12th
Lifetime marijuana use	25.9%	37.6%	44.0%	45.8%
Current marijuana use	13.4	17.6	19.3	21.7
Lifetime cocaine use	8.1	9.9	10.9	11.9
Current cocaine use	3.6	4.6	3.6	3.2
Lifetime inhalant use	18.9	17.6	14.1	16.8
Lifetime heroin use	4.1	4.2	2.5	3.7
Lifetime methamphetamine use	7.1	9.5	7.7	9.4
Lifetime ecstasy use	7.2	7.7	7.1	7.1
Lifetime illegal steroid use	4.3	5.6	4.7	3.9
Lifetime injecting illegal drug use	3.4	3.6	2.1	2.7
Tried marijuana before age 13	11.6	12.2	8.9	8.1

- According to 2004-2005 NSDUH data, approximately 10% of Wyoming 12-17 year olds reported past month use of an illicit drug.²⁶

Youth (12-17 Year Olds) Reporting Drug Use, Wyoming, 2004-2005 Data

Drug Type and Use	Number*	Percent
Past month illicit drug use	4	10.05%
Past year marijuana use	6	15.04
Past month marijuana use	3	6.88
Past month use of illicit drug other than marijuana	2	5.64
Past year cocaine use	1	1.80
Past year non-medical pain reliever use	4	8.62

* The number of users is in thousands

Enforcement

- As of October 31, 2006, there were 1,989 full-time law enforcement employees in Wyoming (1,239 officers and 750 civilians).²⁷

Trafficking and Seizures

- Mexican poly-drug trafficking organizations dominate the distribution of methamphetamine, cocaine and marijuana in Wyoming. Local traffickers are supplied by distributors in Colorado, the Southwest Border states and Mexico.²⁸
- During 2006, 129 marijuana plants were eradicated in Wyoming under the DEA’s Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program.²⁹

Number of Marijuana Plants Eradicated and Seized, Wyoming, 2006

<u>Outdoor Operations</u>		<u>Indoor Operations</u>		Total Plants Eradicated
Plots Eradicated	Cultivated Plants Eradicated	Grows Seized	Plants Eradicated	
0	0	4	129	129

- During 2006, the Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) seized 230,356 grams of marijuana and the Wyoming Highway Patrol (WHP) seized 253,119 grams of marijuana.³⁰

Amount of Drugs Seized by DCI & WHP, Wyoming, 2006

Drug Type	DCI Seizures	WHP Seizures
Cocaine	13,369 grams	81,198 grams
Crack cocaine	6 grams	56 grams
Hashish	0 grams	0 grams
Heroin	0 grams	0 grams
Marijuana	230,356 grams	253,119 grams
Morphine	0 dosage units	0 dosage units
Opium	0 grams	28 grams
Other narcotics	23 grams	77 grams
LSD	1 dosage unit	0 dosage units
Hallucinogens	13 grams	0 grams
Psilocybin	215 grams	4,423 grams
Methamphetamine	11,267 grams	21,180 grams
Club drugs	0 grams	7,025 grams

- During 2006, Federal authorities seized 8.6 kilograms of methamphetamine in Wyoming.³¹

Amount of Drugs Seized by Federal Agencies, Wyoming, 2006

Drug Type	Amount Seized (in kilograms)
Cocaine	1.0
Heroin	0.0
Methamphetamine	8.6
Marijuana	0.8

- During 2006, there were 3 methamphetamine laboratory incidents reported by DEA and state and local authorities in Wyoming.³²

Methamphetamine Laboratory Incidents, WY, 2002-2006

Year	Laboratory Incidents
2002	61
2003	26
2004	19
2005	9
2006	3

Courts

- Drug Courts³³
As of April 16, 2007, there were 20 drug courts in Wyoming that had been operating for at least two years, 3 that had recently been implemented and 2 that were being planned.
- During FY 2006, 45.3% of Federally sentenced defendants in Wyoming had committed drug offenses. More than half (52.4%) of these drug offenses involved methamphetamine.³⁴

Federal Sentencing Statistics, Drug Offenses, Wyoming, FY 2006

Drug Type Involved	Offenses	Percent of Total
Powder cocaine	5	3.4%
Crack cocaine	7	4.8
Heroin	3	2.1
Marijuana	50	34.5
Methamphetamine	76	52.4
Other	4	2.8

Corrections

- At yearend 2006, there were 2,114 prisoners under the jurisdiction of state or Federal correctional authorities in Wyoming.³⁵
- At yearend 2006, there were 5,225 adults on probation and 674 adults on parole in Wyoming.³⁶

Consequences of Use

- In 2005 there were 2 Wyoming methamphetamine laboratory sites reported to the El Paso Intelligence Center in which a child was present.³⁷

Treatment

- During 2006, there were 5,354 admissions to drug/alcohol treatment in Wyoming.³⁸ There were 6,362 such treatment admissions in Wyoming during 2005.³⁹ The number of treatment admissions during 2004 was 5,665.⁴⁰

Admissions to Treatment, Wyoming, 2004-2006

Drug Type	2004		2005		2006	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Alcohol only	2,043	36.1%	2,085	32.8%	1,988	37.1%
Alc. w/ second. drug	1,240	21.9	1,327	20.9	1,090	20.4
Cocaine – smoked	36	0.6	33	0.5	32	0.6
Cocaine – other route	48	0.8	65	1.0	75	1.4
Marijuana	938	16.6	1,085	17.1	916	17.1
Heroin	19	0.3	23	0.4	21	0.4
Other opiates	105	1.9	109	1.7	87	1.6
PCP	1	0.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Hallucinogens	11	0.2	12	0.2	5	0.1
Amphetamines	1,013	17.9	1,402	22.0	1,012	18.9
Other stimulants	n/a	n/a	3	0.0	1	0.0
Tranquilizers	4	0.1	6	0.1	6	0.1
Sedatives	15	0.3	14	0.2	13	0.2
Inhalants	7	0.1	7	0.1	8	0.1
Other/none specified	185	3.3	191	3.0	100	1.9
Total	5,665	100.0	6,362	100.0	5,354	100.0

- According to 2004-2005 NSDUH data, approximately 11,000 (2.56%) Wyoming citizens reported needing but not receiving treatment for illicit drug use within the past year.⁴¹

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