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Cheyenne, Wyoming

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

Demographics¹

- Population (2000 Census): 53,011
- Race/Ethnicity: 81.4% white; 2.6% black/African American; 0.6% American Indian/Alaska Native; 1.0% Asian; 0.1% Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander; 0.1% some other race; 1.6% two or more races; 12.5% Hispanic/Latino (of any race)
- The city of Cheyenne is located in Laramie County.

Politics

- Mayor: Jack R. Spiker²
- City Council: Brent Beeman, Joe Bonds, CJ Brown, Judy Case, Patrick Collins, Floyd Lopez, Don Pierson, Tom Segrave, and Tom Scherr³
- Cheyenne Chief of Police: Robert Fecht⁴
- Laramie County Sheriff: Danny Glick⁵

Programs/Initiatives

- High Intensity Drug-Trafficking Area (HIDTA)⁶
The Rocky Mountain HIDTA was designated in 1996 and includes counties in Colorado, Montana, Utah, and Wyoming (Albany, Campbell, Laramie, Natrona, Sweetwater and Uinta counties).
- Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) Program
As part of the Community Relations Detail of the Laramie County Sheriff's Department, the deputies of the D.A.R.E. Unit provide a unique and vital service to the children of Laramie County. Currently, eleven deputies are teaching the D.A.R.E. curriculum to 6th graders part-time in Laramie County schools and several private schools, reaching over 1,200 students annually.

Federal Funding

- Drug-Free Communities Support Program⁷
Since funding was first available through the Drug-Free Community Support Program in 1998, there have been no grantees in Cheyenne.
- FY 2001 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Discretionary Funds awarded to Cheyenne grantees:⁸
 - Center for Mental Health Services
 - \$350,000 to the Wyoming Department of Health, Coalitions for Prevention;
 - \$100,000 to the Wyoming Department of Health, Data Infrastructure Grants;
 - \$60,000 to Uplift, Children's Services and Family Network
 - Center for Substance Abuse Prevention
 - \$3,020,000 to the Office of the Governor, State Incentive Cooperative Agreement
 - Center for Substance Abuse Treatment
 - \$500,000 to the Wyoming Department of Health, 2001 Earmarks

- Executive Office for Weed and Seed⁹
Cheyenne has not been officially recognized as a Weed and Seed site.
- There were no Cheyenne recipients of the FY 2002 Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Methamphetamine Grant.¹⁰
- There were no Cheyenne recipients of the FY 2001 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Federally Assisted Low-Income Housing Drug Elimination Grant.¹¹
- Cheyenne did not receive any funding for the FY 2002 Office of Justice Programs Drug Court Grant.¹²

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- During 2001, there were 514 adult drug-abuse violation arrests in Laramie County.¹³

Number of Drug-Related Adult Arrests, Laramie County, 2001

Offense Type	Laramie Sheriff	Cheyenne Police	Pine Bluffs Police	Laramie County Totals
Drug abuse violations	191	323	0	514
Sale/manufacturing subtotal	36	24	--	60
Possession subtotal	155	299	--	454
DUI	366	195	--	561
Liquor Laws	73	418	1	492
Drunkenness	11	103	5	119

- During 1999, the crime index total for Cheyenne was 2,302.¹⁴ This number decreased to 2,182 during 2000.¹⁵ During 2001, the crime index total for Cheyenne was 2,325.¹⁶

Index Offenses Known to Law Enforcement, Cheyenne, 1999-2001

	1999	2000	2001
Murder and non-negligent manslaughter	1	2	0
Forcible rape	16	20	14
Robbery	19	21	15
Aggravated assault	54	60	52
Burglary	201	182	268
Larceny-theft	1,953	1,824	1,903
Motor vehicle theft	58	73	73
Arson	19	13	9
Crime index total	2,302	2,182	2,325

- Methamphetamine related arrests accounted for 18% of all drug-related arrests during 1993. This percentage increased to 58% during 1998 and to 80% during 1999.¹⁷

Drugs

- Cocaine
Cocaine is available throughout Wyoming, particularly in urban areas such as Cheyenne, but to a lesser degree than methamphetamine. Crack cocaine is available on

a limited basis in Cheyenne and sells for \$50-\$100 per gram and \$25-\$40 per rock.¹⁸
 Ounce quantities of cocaine are available in and around Cheyenne and Laramie.¹⁹

- Methamphetamine²⁰
 According to the DEA Cheyenne Resident Office during 2001, methamphetamine is increasingly being abused by teenagers in the State due to the drug's wide availability, low cost, and popularity.
- Club Drugs²¹
 During March 2000, several drums of various sizes containing the GHB precursor GBL were seized by the Cheyenne Police Department and the Southeast Enforcement Team. The substance was discovered by a warehouse landlord after the drums were abandoned by the tenant. Ecstasy is beginning to appear as a drug of abuse in Cheyenne.

Juveniles

- During 2001, there were 126 juvenile drug abuse violation arrests in Laramie County.²²

Number of Drug-Related Juvenile Arrests, Laramie County, 2001

Offense Type	Laramie Sheriff	Cheyenne Police	Pine Bluffs Police	Laramie County Totals
Drug abuse violations	38	88	0	126
Sale/manufacturing subtotal	2	--	--	2
Possession subtotal	36	88	--	124
DUI	4	1	--	5
Liquor Laws	38	104	6	148
Drunkenness	--	--	--	0

- There were 170 total juvenile index offense arrests in Laramie County during 2001.²³

Number of Juvenile Arrests, Laramie County, 2001

	2001
Murder and non-negligent manslaughter	0
Forcible rape	0
Robbery	1
Aggravated assault	1
Burglary	10
Larceny-theft	157
Motor vehicle theft	1
Total index offense arrests	170

Enforcement

- As of October 31, 2001, there were 115 law enforcement employees in the city of Cheyenne; 88 officers and 27 civilians.²⁴

Trafficking and Seizures

- During 2002, the Cheyenne Department's Drug Unit investigated 12 clandestine labs within the city limits of Cheyenne compared to 3 labs investigated during 2001.²⁵
- The DEA Cheyenne Resident Office reported in early 2001 that Mexican criminal groups were beginning to use commercial buses and private aircrafts to transport methamphetamine into Wyoming.²⁶
- The Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigation conducted three investigations involving MDMA distribution in Cheyenne and Laramie between July and October 2000.²⁷

Courts

- Drug Courts²⁸
As of January 2003, there was one drug court in Cheyenne that had been recently implemented.

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