Introduction

This profile report provides updated statistics and trends for Wyoming. The most recent classifications of core based statistical areas, November 2007, are utilized throughout the report in comparisons of metropolitan and nonmetropolitan areas. This report includes updated data on population trends and racial and ethnic composition of the population (2007), updated estimates of county poverty rates (2007), county unemployment rates (2007), and per capita income data (2006). The report also includes some new indicators of entrepreneurship, classifications of health professional shortage areas, and infant mortality rates.

Metro and Nonmetro Counties

Based on county Core Based Statistical Area classifications, there are 2 metropolitan counties in Wyoming, 7 micropolitan counties, and 14 noncore counties. Based on population estimates for 2007, 30 percent of Wyoming residents live in metropolitan areas, 42 percent live in micropolitan areas, and 28 percent live in noncore areas.
**Population Change**

Since the 2000 Census, population increased 7.2 percent in the U.S., and 5.9 percent in Wyoming. Within Wyoming, the fastest growth was in the micropolitan areas, and noncore areas experienced the slowest rate of growth. From 2006 to 2007, the U.S. population grew by one percent, while the Wyoming population increased by 2.0 percent.

From 2000 to 2007, 7 counties in Wyoming lost population, all of them noncore counties. From 2006 to 2007, 3 Wyoming counties lost population, 1 micropolitan and 2 noncore counties. However, the fastest growth during both time periods was in Sublette County, a noncore county.

### Percent Change in Population

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*source: U.S. Census Bureau*
Racial and Ethnic Composition of the Population

The racial composition of the population is shown in the bar chart to the right. It is important to note that the population of any given race includes those of Hispanic ethnicity. Each racial category presented in the chart includes both Hispanics and non-Hispanics of that race. The population of Wyoming is 94.1 percent white, and is also 7.3 percent Hispanic.

Per Capita Income

Per capita income in Wyoming has followed a similar trend as the nation over the past 10 years, with Wyoming’s income exceeding the national income for the past five years. In 2006 per capita income was $36,714 in the U.S. and $40,655 in Wyoming.
Nonmetropolitan income is very close to metropolitan income in Wyoming. In 2006, nonmetro per capita income was 96.5 percent of metro per capita income.

Within Wyoming, per capita income ranged from $26,748 in Big Horn County to $103,852 in Teton County.
Unemployment

The 2007 unemployment rate was 4.6 percent in the U.S. and 3.0 percent in Wyoming. The unemployment rate was less than the U.S. rate in each Wyoming county, and less than half of the U.S. rate in 2 counties.

Poverty

Poverty estimates for 2007 show that the poverty rate in the U.S. was 13 percent, compared to 9.5 percent in Wyoming. Within Wyoming, poverty rates ranged from 4.9 percent in Teton County to 16.2 percent in Albany County.
Entrepreneurship Indicators

Entrepreneurship plays a key role in the economic development of communities, but entrepreneurship is a difficult concept to measure. Four indicators of entrepreneurship are presented here: (1) nonfarm proprietors as a proportion of total nonfarm employment and (2) microenterprise employment (calculated as the number of self employed individuals plus the number of employees in establishments with less than 5 employees) as a proportion of total nonfarm employment; (3) income per nonfarm proprietor; and (4) nonfarm proprietors income as a proportion of county total personal income.

Nationally, nonfarm proprietor employment accounts for 18.8 percent of total nonfarm employment. In Wyoming, this figure is 21.2 percent, and within Wyoming, this figure ranges from 7.2 percent to 49.2 percent. Microenterprise employment represents 17.7 percent of U.S nonfarm employment and 19.6 percent of Wyoming nonfarm employment. Within Wyoming, this ranges from 12.7 percent to 30.2 percent.

Nonfarm Proprietors as a Percent of Total Nonfarm Employment, 2006

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis Regional Economic Information System

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Microenterprise Employment as a Percent of Total Nonfarm Employment, 2006

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis Regional Economic Information System; U.S. Census Bureau Nonemployer Statistics and County Business Patterns

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Average income per proprietor in the U.S was $29,950, compared to $28,866 in Wyoming. Within Wyoming, this ranged from $11,733 per proprietor to $54,625 per proprietor.

Nationally, nonfarm proprietors income accounted for 9 percent of total personal income. In Wyoming, this figure was 10.7 percent, and ranged from 4.2 percent to 25.4 percent in Wyoming counties.
Health Professional Shortage Areas

Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) are designated for primary medical care, dentists, and mental health professionals. The designations are made by the Bureau of Health Professions within the Department of Health and Human Services. The maps below present the status of counties as being whole or in part designated as part of an HPSA.

Within Wyoming, 18 counties were either whole or in part designated as a primary care HPSA, 14 counties were designated whole or part of a dental care HPSA, and all 23 counties were designated as of a mental health care HPSAs.

Counts in Health Professional Shortage Areas: Primary Care, 2007

Counts in Health Professional Shortage Areas: Dental Care, 2007
**Infant Mortality**

The infant mortality rates are a 5 year average of infant deaths per 1,000 live births. The infant mortality rate is 6.9 for the U.S. and 6.8 for Wyoming. 10 counties in Wyoming had an infant mortality rate higher than the U.S. average.
Data Sources:

**Bureau of Economic Analysis**, Regional Economic Information System
http://www.bea.gov/bea/regional/reis/

**Bureau of Labor Statistics**, Local Area Unemployment Statistics
http://www.bls.gov/lau/home.htm

**Department of Health and Human Services**, Health Resources and Services Administration Area Resource File
http://www.arfsys.com/

**U.S. Census Bureau**

Population Estimates
http://www.census.gov/popest/estimates.php

Metropolitan and Micropolitan Area Classifications
http://www.census.gov/population/www/estimates/metrodef.html

Nonemployer Statistics
http://www.census.gov/epcd/nonemployer/

County Business Patterns
http://www.census.gov/epcd/cbp/index.html

Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates
http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/saipe/saipe.html

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http://ims2.missouri.edu/step1.AOI/Wyominglist.asp

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Step 2: Select the indicators you would like to see mapped. Included are over 500 data layers, including demographic and economic indicators, health and human services indicators, health and education facility locations, emergency preparedness, and many others. We are working constantly to keep these data sets as up to date as possible.

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