

Wyoming



Wyoming has a small rural high school student population; these students make up the strong majority of the state's total high school population.

While the majority of WY's rural high schools students is white (74.8%), there is a sizable minority Hispanic population (15.0%).

WY's rural median family income (\$58,200) is below the overall state median income (\$60,400). However, rural WY falls in the top quintile for economic mobility, meaning the current generation is very likely to out earn their parents.

High school graduation as well as AP and SAT/ACT participation rates are a useful college preparedness gauge. The rural population has a slightly weak graduation rate compared to the rest of the state and country.

Rural students participate in AP exams and the ACT/SAT at rates very similar to their peers across the state.

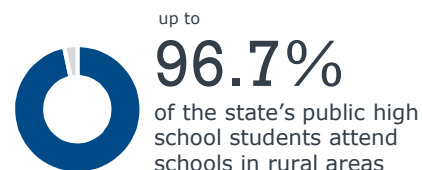
The unemployment rate in rural WY is lower slightly above the state and national rate but shows a strong job market in the state.

Looking at the top industries in rural parts of the state, every category contains jobs that require a college degree for at least half of the reported roles held.

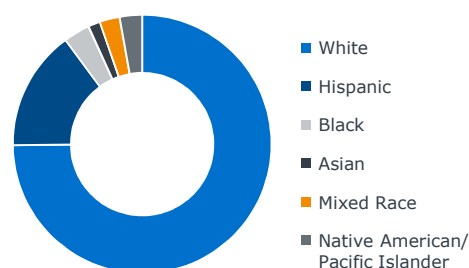
Size of the Rural Market

26,000+

rural students in grades 9-12¹ throughout the state



Statewide Rural Diversity Measures



\$58,200

median family income in rural parts of the state

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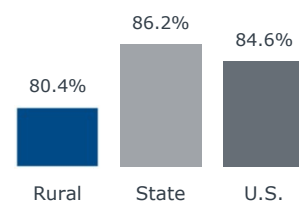
economic mobility ranking (top quintile)



Academic Preparedness

High School Graduation Rates

Rural, state, and national averages



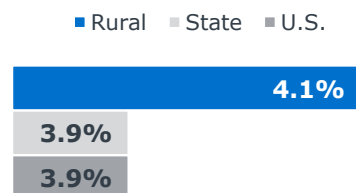
College Readiness Indicators

	Rural	State
Share of junior and senior students who take ACT/SAT per year	41.1%	40.0%
Share of rural HS students taking 1+ AP exams per year	6.6%	6.7%

Employment and Industry Context

Unemployment Rates[†]

Unemployment in rural WY is on par with both the state and national rates.



[†] Data as of December 2018

Main Industries in Rural WY

The main industries in the nonmetro areas of the state, excluding retail and food service occupations, are:

- **Office and administrative**
Secretaries; office assistants; bookkeeping and accounting; store clerks; order fillers
- **Education, training, and library**
Elementary education; teacher assistants; secondary education; preschool education
- **Personal care and services**
Personal care aides; amusement/recreation workers; childcare; home health aides

1) 2015-16 NCES private school data shows about 100 additional rural students in private schools in the state.

Source: See "Data and Methodology" for a full explanation of resources accessed and analyses conducted.