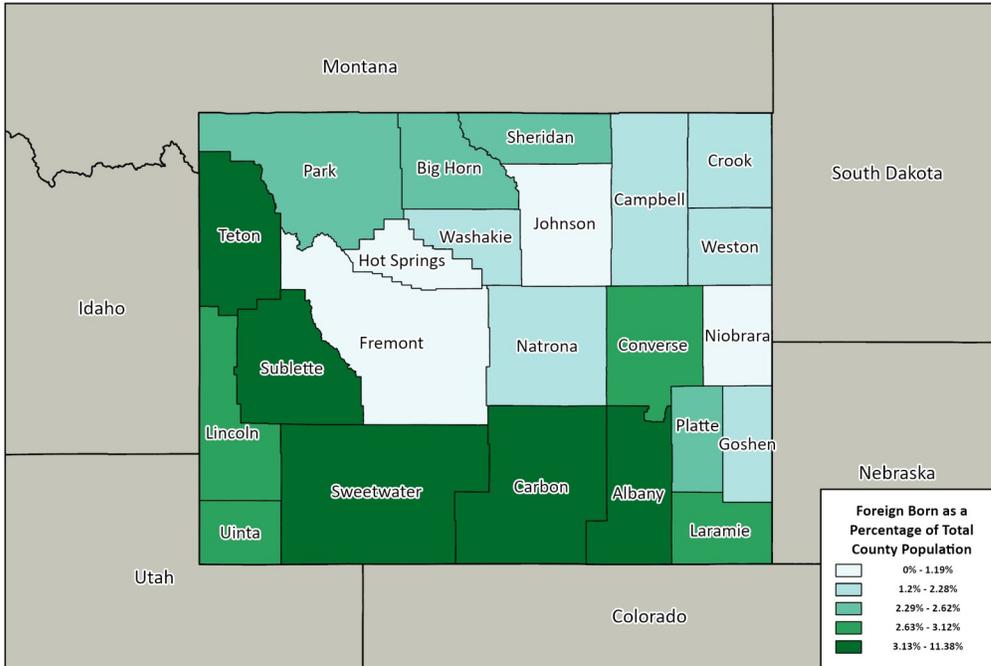


Immigrants in Wyoming

Figure 1. Immigrants in Wyoming by County



2020 NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

- **44,411,750:** Approximate number of immigrants living in the United States (14% of the population)
- **19,116:** Approximate number of immigrants in Wyoming (3.3% of the state's population)
- **48th:** Rank of Wyoming among the 50 states and the District of Columbia in terms of immigrants as a percentage of the state's total population
- **26%:** Estimated increase in the number of immigrants in Wyoming in the past 10 years (i.e. 2010-2020)

Note: This data was prepared by the George Mason University Institute for Immigration Research (IIR). 2023. This data is displayed at the county level. Maps are based on IPUMS National Historical Geographic Information System: Version 16.0. ACS 2016-2020 dataset. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota. 2022.

Distribution of Immigrants in Wyoming

Figure 1 illustrates that the southern and western counties of Wyoming having the highest percentages of immigrants as part of the total county population. The counties with the highest percentages of immigrants are Teton County (11%), Albany County (6%), Sweetwater County (5%), Sublette County (5%), and Carbon County (5%). Teton County is home to the popular tourist location, Jackson Hole, and has entry to Yellowstone National Park, Grand Teton National Park, and Bridger Teton National Forest. The counties with the lowest percentages of immigrants as part of the total county population are Goshen County (2%), Johnson County (1%), Fremont County (<1%), Hot Springs County (<1%), and Niobrara County (<1%). Both Fremont and Hot Springs County are home to the extensive Wind River Indian Reservation which is shared by the Eastern Shoshone and the Northern Arapaho tribes, and the seventh largest reservation in the country.

All analysis in this fact sheet is based on source data from the U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey, 2016-2020 distributed through IPUMS-USA, University of Minnesota, www.ipums.org, unless otherwise noted.

Please note that the terms "immigrant" and "foreign born" are used interchangeably throughout this fact sheet. Foreign born refers to individuals who are not a U.S. citizen at birth or who were born outside the U.S., Puerto Rico or other U.S. territories and whose parents are not U.S. citizens. The foreign born may include naturalized U.S. citizens, Legal Permanent Residents, temporary residents, refugees and asylees, and others. Additionally, native born includes those who are U.S. citizens at birth, those born in the United States, Puerto Rico, or other U.S. territories, and those born abroad to a parent who is a U.S. citizen.

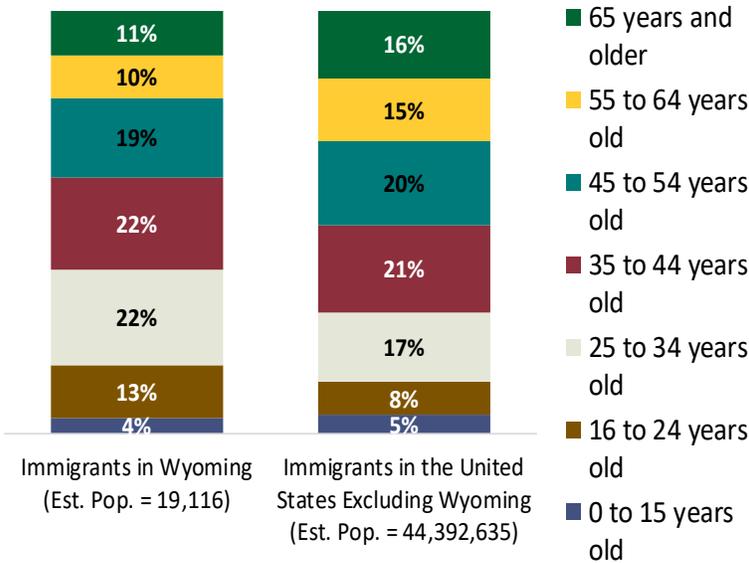
Immigrants in Wyoming

Figure 2. Top 3 Countries of Birth Among Immigrants

Immigrants in Wyoming		Immigrants in the United States Excluding Wyoming	
Mexico	42%	Mexico	25%
Canada	6%	India	6%
China	4%	China	5%
88 Other Countries	48%	161 Other Countries	64%
Estimated Immigrant Population	19,116	Estimated Immigrant Population	44,392,635

Figure 2 demonstrates that Mexico is the highest country of birth among immigrants in Wyoming (42%). While Mexico remains the top country of birth among immigrants in both Wyoming and the remainder of the United States, the proportion of immigrants born in Mexico in Wyoming is much higher compared to the rest of the United States (42% versus 25%). Canada is ranked the second top country of birth among immigrants in Wyoming (6%), however it does not appear in the top three listed countries of birth for immigrants in the remainder of the United States (2%). Similar to other border states such as Montana (15%) and North Dakota (7%), Wyoming (3%) is likely a popular place for Canadian immigrants due to its proximity to Canada.

Figure 3. Age Distribution Among Immigrants



As shown in Figure 3, a larger share of immigrants in Wyoming are 16 to 44 years old compared to all other immigrants in the United States (57% to 46%). The median age of immigrants in Wyoming is 40, which is slightly younger than immigrants in the rest of the United States who have a median age of 45. Approximately 76 percent of immigrants in Wyoming are between 16 and 54 years old, compared to 66 percent of immigrants in the rest of the United States in this age range. Variation in year of immigration may partially explain the difference in age distribution between Wyoming and the rest of the United States. Over a third (37%) of immigrants in Wyoming arrived to the United States between 2000 and 2009, with 2001 being the median year of immigration. Excluding Wyoming, the median year of immigration to the United States was 1999, with a much smaller proportion of immigrants arriving between 2000 and 2009 (26%).

Figure 4. Top 3 Languages Spoken at Home Among Immigrants

Age 5+

Immigrants in Wyoming		Immigrants in the United States Excluding Wyoming	
Spanish	49%	Spanish	42%
English	27%	English	17%
Chinese	4%	Chinese	6%
32 Other Languages	20%	60 Other Languages	35%
Estimated Immigrant Population (Age 5+)	19,083	Estimated Immigrant Population (Age 5+)	44,087,707

Figure 4 details that Spanish is the top language spoken at home both with immigrants in Wyoming (49%) and for immigrants in the remaining United States (42%). The large percentage of immigrants in Wyoming born in Mexico (42%) likely contributes to Spanish as the top language spoken at home among this group. Immigrants in Wyoming are much more likely to be proficient in English (61%) when compared to the remainder of the United States (47%). Proficiency in English could be due to Canada, where English is an official language, ranking among the top three countries of birth.

Immigrants in Wyoming

Figure 5. Educational Attainment Among Immigrants
Age 25+

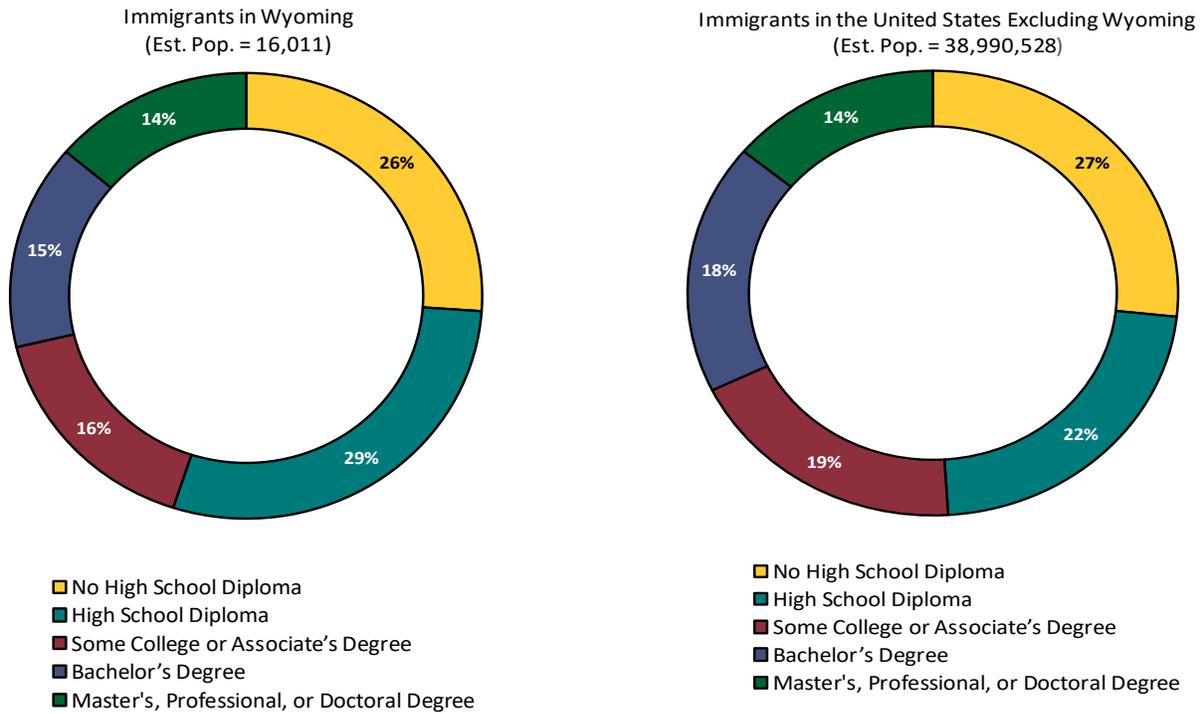


Figure 5 highlights that nearly 3 in 4 immigrants in Wyoming ages 25 and older have at least a high school diploma (74%). This is comparatively consistent with immigrants in the remainder of the United States (73%). However, immigrants over the age of 25 outside of Wyoming are more likely (51%) to have some college education compared to immigrants in Wyoming (45%). The top two occupations among immigrants in Wyoming (see Figure 6 analysis) do not require more than a high school diploma, which could explain this disparity.

Figure 6. Immigrants in the Labor Force
Ages 16-65

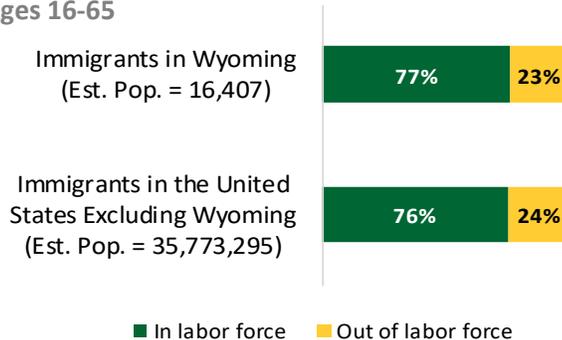


Figure 6 depicts that the majority of immigrants in Wyoming (77%) are in the labor force at comparable rates of immigrants age 16-65 in the rest of the United States (76%). Nearly all immigrants in the labor force in Wyoming are employed (96%), with a majority working in service occupations (27%), construction and extraction occupations (16%) and education, legal, community service arts, and media occupations (13%).

For factsheets that examine populations at the household level, please note that a household includes all the people who occupy a housing unit. A native-born U.S. citizen household is defined as a household which is headed by a native-born U.S. citizen, regardless of the immigration status of the spouse. Conversely, an immigrant-headed household is defined as a household which is headed by a foreign-born individual, regardless of the immigration status of the spouse. For fact sheets that examine total household income, please note that the total annual income of all members in the household is included in the analysis. For fact sheets that examine personal income, personal income refers to total personal income earned on an annual basis.

For fact sheets that examine poverty status, please note that it excludes individuals who live in group quarters and those who are under the age of 18 with no family.

IIR fact sheets are created following standard definitions established by the U.S. Census Bureau. Please consult <https://www.census.gov/topics/> for clarification as to important distinctions such as those between industry and occupation.

Immigrants in Wyoming



Institute for Immigration Research

Immigration Data on Demand (iDod)

The goal of iDod is to connect people with customized data about immigrants in particular regions or sectors of interest. This data provides insights into the vital contributions immigrants make to the economy and society.

The Institute for Immigration Research (IIR)

The IIR's mission is to produce valid, reliable, and objective multidisciplinary research on immigrants and immigration to the United States and to disseminate this information through peer-reviewed academic journals, as well as in print and digital formats that make this research easily accessible to policy-makers, the media, the business community, and the general public. The Institute for Immigration Research is a joint venture between George Mason University and the Immigrant Learning Center, Inc. (ILC) of Malden, MA.

www.iir.gmu.edu

4400 University Drive, MSN 1D7

Fairfax, VA 22030

703.993.5833