

CROOK COUNTY

Demographics

The Census Bureau's current census estimates indicate that Crook County's population increased from 7,083 in 2010 to 7,464 in 2016, or by 5.4 percent. This compares to a statewide population change of 3.9 percent over the period. The number of people from 25 to 35 years of age increased by 3.3 percent, and the number of people from 55 to 64 years of age increased by 15.9 percent. The white population increased by 4.0 percent, while the black population increased by 264.7 percent. The Hispanic population increased from 141 to 183 people between 2010 and 2016 or by 29.8 percent. These data are presented in Table II.6.1, below.

Table II.6.1						
Profile of Population Characteristics						
Crook County vs. Wyoming						
2010 Census and 2016 Current Census Estimates						
Subject	Crook County			Wyoming		
	2010 Census	Jul-16	% Change	2010 Census	Jul-16	% Change
Population	7,083	7,464	5.4%	563,626	585,501	3.9%
Age						
Under 14 years	1,389	1,532	10.3%	113,371	116,796	3.0%
15 to 24 years	755	746	-1.2%	78,460	77,293	-1.5%
25 to 34 years	756	781	3.3%	77,649	81,948	5.5%
35 to 44 years	773	762	-1.4%	66,966	71,334	6.5%
45 to 54 years	1,159	964	-16.8%	83,577	69,052	-17.4%
55 to 64 years	1,101	1,276	15.9%	73,513	81,266	10.5%
65 and Over	1,150	1,403	22.0%	70,090	87,812	25.3%
Race						
White	6,937	7,216	4.0%	529,110	543,387	2.7%
Black	17	62	264.7%	5,135	7,753	51.0%
American Indian and Alaskan Native	48	67	39.6%	14,457	15,762	9.0%
Asian	11	20	81.8%	4,649	5,856	26.0%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	2	inf%	521	673	29.2%
Two or more races	70	97	38.6%	9,754	12,070	23.7%
Ethnicity (of any race)						
Hispanic or Latino	141	183	29.8%	50,231	58,413	16.3%

Table II.6.2, on the following page, presents the population of Crook County by age and gender from the 2010 Census and 2016 current census estimates. The 2010 Census count showed a total of 3,648 males, who accounted for 51.5 percent of the population, and the remaining 48.5 percent, or 3,435 persons, were female. In 2016, the number of males rose to 3,787 persons, and accounted for 50.7 percent of the population, with the remaining 49.3 percent, or 3,677 persons being female.

Table II.6.2							
Population by Age and Gender							
Crook County							
2010 Census and Current Census Estimates							
Age	2010 Census			2016 Current Census Estimates			% Change 10-16
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	
Under 14 years	732	657	1,389	768	764	1,532	10.3%
15 to 24 years	424	331	755	398	348	746	-1.2%
25 to 44 years	380	376	756	397	384	781	3.3%
45 to 54 years	400	373	773	392	370	762	-1.4%
55 to 64 years	565	594	1,159	495	469	964	-16.8%
65 and Over	569	532	1,101	650	626	1,276	15.9%
Total	3,648	3,435	7,083	3,787	3,677	7,464	5.4%
% of Total	51.5%	48.5%	.	50.7%	49.3%	.	

At the time of the 2010 Census, there were 34 persons living in “group quarters.” This type of household is defined as places where individuals live or stay in a group living arrangement owned or managed by an organization that provides housing or services for residents, such as medical care. Group quarters also include places like college residence halls, military barracks, or correctional facilities. Between 2000 and 2010, the number of persons living in group quarters decreased by 66 percent, as shown in Table II.6.3, below.

Table II.6.3			
Group Quarters Population			
Crook County			
2000 SF1 and 2010 Census Data			
Group Quarters	2000 Census	2010 Census	% Change 00-10
Institutionalized			
Correctional Institutions ¹⁰⁸	4	4	0.0%
Juvenile Facilities	.	.	.
Nursing Homes	74	30	-59.5%
Other Institutions	17	.	-100.0%
Total	95	34	-64.2%
Noninstitutionalized			
College Dormitories	.	.	.
Military Quarters	.	.	.
Other Noninstitutions	5	.	-100.0%
Total	5	.	-100.0%
Group Quarters Population	100	34	-66.0%

In the 1980, 1990, and 2000 decennial censuses, the Census Bureau released several tabulations in addition to the full SF1 100 percent count data including the one-in-six SF3 sample. These additional samples, such as the SF3, asked supplementary questions regarding income and household attributes that were not asked in the 100 percent count. In the 2010 decennial census, the Census Bureau did not collect additional sample data, such as the SF3, and thus many important housing and income concepts are not available in the 2010 Census.

¹⁰⁸ In the 2010 Census, “juvenile facilities” and “correctional facilities” were reported separately.

To study these important concepts the Census Bureau distributes the American Community Survey every year to a sample of the population and quantifies the results as one-, three- and five-year averages. The one-year sample only includes responses from the year the survey was implemented, while the five-year sample includes responses over a five-year period. Since the five-year estimates include more responses, the estimates can be tabulated down to the Census tract level, and considered more robust than the one or three year sample estimates.

Table II.6.4, below, shows data on household type by tenure in the 2015 5-year ACS data. Household type is broken down by family households and non-family households. In 2014, there were an estimated 2,153 family households, of which 1,897 housed married couple families and 256 housed “other families.” “Other family” is defined as either a male householder with no wife present, of whom there were 53 families, or a female householder with no husband present, of which there were 203 families. There were also an estimated 805 “non-family households,” which refers to households of unrelated people or one person living alone. When compared to the state, the percentage of family households in Crook County was 72.8 percent, which compared to the statewide rate of 64.9 percent. Of the family households in Crook County, 88.1 percent were married households, which compared to 79.7 percent in the State of Wyoming.

Table II.6.4 Household Type by Tenure Crook County 2010-2015 5-Year ACS Data				
Household Type	Crook County		State of Wyoming	
	Crook County	% of Total	State of Wyoming	% of Total
Family households	2,153	72.8%	147,229	64.9%
Married-couple family	1,897	88.1%	117,355	79.7%
Other family	256	11.9%	29,874	20.3%
Male householder, no wife present	53	20.7%	10,771	36.1%
Female householder, no husband present	203	79.3%	19,103	63.9%
Owner-occupied housing units	1,601	84.4%	97,628	83.2%
Married-couple family	1,468	91.7%	93,177	80.1%
Other family	133	8.3%	4,451	3.8%
Renter-occupied housing units	296	15.6%	19,727	16.8%
Married-couple family	256	86.5%	17,222	87.3%
Other family	40	13.5%	2,505	12.7%
Nonfamily households	805	27.2%	79,636	35.1%
Owner-occupied housing units	537	66.7%	43,177	54.2%
Renter-occupied housing units	268	33.3%	36,459	45.8%
Total	2,958	100.0%	226,865	100.0%

Table II.6.5, on the following page, displays the 2015 5-year ACS census data for household type by household size. In 2015, there were 1,365 two-person family households, 342 three-person family households and 184 four-person family households. One-person non-family households made up 88.9 percent of all non-family households or an estimated 716 households. Crook County’s two persons households made up 48.2 percent of total housing units and four person households made up an additional 6.2 percent, which compares to 38.2 and 11.3 percent, respectively, for the State of Wyoming.

Table II.6.5				
Household Type by Household Size				
Crook County				
2010-2015 5-Year ACS Data				
Household Size	Family Households	Non-Family Households	Total	% of Total
Crook County				
One Person	.	716	716	24.2%
Two Person	1,365	62	1,427	48.2%
Three Person	342	27	369	12.5%
Four Person	184	0	184	6.2%
Five Person	162	0	162	5.5%
Six Person	65	0	65	2.2%
Seven Person	35	0	35	1.2%
Total	2,153	805	2,958	100.0%
State of Wyoming				
One Person	.	63,516	63,516	28.0%
Two Person	73,531	13,188	86,719	38.2%
Three Person	30,054	1,885	31,939	14.1%
Four Person	24,723	891	25,614	11.3%
Five Person	11,504	76	11,580	5.1%
Six Person	4,839	80	4,919	2.2%
Seven Person	2,578	0	2,578	1.1%
Total	147,229	79,636	226,865	100.0%

The 2015 5-year ACS census estimates also provided information on tenure by household size. According to the 2015 ACS estimates, of the 1,427 two-person households, 1,206 were owner-occupied and 221 were renter-occupied. Of the 184 four-person households, 157 were owner-occupied and 27 were renter-occupied. Further household size data by tenure are presented in Table II.6.6, below.

Table II.6.6				
Tenure by Household Size				
Crook County				
2010-2015 5-Year ACS Data				
Household Size	Own	Rent	Total	% of Total
Crook County				
One Person	512	204	716	24.2%
Two Person	1,206	221	1,427	48.2%
Three Person	245	124	369	12.5%
Four Person	157	27	184	6.2%
Five Person	116	46	162	5.5%
Six Person	48	17	65	2.2%
Seven Person or more	33	2	35	1.2%
Total	2,317	641	2,958	100.0%
State of Wyoming				
One Person	36,335	27,181	63,516	28.0%
Two Person	67,652	19,067	86,719	38.2%
Three Person	21,933	10,006	31,939	14.1%
Four Person	17,649	7,965	25,614	11.3%
Five Person	7,877	3,703	11,580	5.1%
Six Person	3,605	1,314	4,919	2.2%
Seven Person or more	1,624	954	2,578	1.1%
Total	156,675	70,190	226,865	100.0%

As seen in Table II.6.7, on the following page, Crook County had a total of 3,587 housing units of which 2,958 or 82.5 percent were occupied. Of these occupied units, 78.3 percent, or 2,317 units

were owner occupied, which compares to a statewide rate of 69.1. A total of 629 units or 17.5 percent of all units were vacant. This compared to a statewide vacancy rate of 14.9 percent.

Table II.6.7 Housing Units by Tenure Crook County 2010-2015 5-Year ACS Data				
Tenure	Crook County		State of Wyoming	
	Units	% of Total	Units	% of Total
Occupied Housing Units	2,958	82.5%	226,865	85.1
Owner-Occupied	2,317	78.3%	156,675	69.1
Renter-Occupied	641	21.7%	70,190	30.9
Vacant Housing Units	629	17.5%	39,765	14.9
Total Housing Units	3,587	100.0%	266,630	100.0

Table II.6.8, below, shows that of the 629 vacant housing units in Crook County as reported in the 2015 ACS data, 32 or 5.1 percent were for rent and 81 or 12.9 percent were for sale. An estimated 305 units were for seasonal, recreational, or occasional use, and 204 or 32.4 percent of all vacant units were listed as “other vacant.” This compares to a statewide percentage of 27.5 percent for “other vacant” units.

Table II.6.8 Disposition of Vacant Housing Units Crook County 2010-2015 5-Year ACS Data				
Disposition	Crook County		State of Wyoming	
	Units	% of Total	Units	% of Total
For rent	32	5.1%	6,460	16.2%
Rented, but not occupied	0	.0%	1,371	3.4%
For sale only	81	12.9%	2,571	6.5%
Sold, but not occupied	7	1.1%	931	2.3%
For seasonal, recreational, or occasional use	305	48.5%	17,209	43.3%
For migrant workers	0	.0%	302	.8%
Other vacant	204	32.4%	10,921	27.5%
Total	629	100.0%	39,765	100.0%

Table II.6.9, at right, presents different income statistics for Crook County. According to the 2015 ACS data averages, median family income for Crook County was \$68,012 compared to the statewide average of \$73,194.

Table II.6.9 Median and Per Capita Income Crook County 2010-2015 5-Year ACS Data		
Income Type	Crook County	Wyoming
Median Family Income	68,012	73,194
Median Household Income	60,445	58,840

Table II.6.10, on the following page, shows households by income for Crook County and the State of Wyoming. In Crook County, there were a total of 184 households or 6.2 percent with incomes under \$15,000 compared to 9.4 percent of households in Wyoming. There were another 548 households that had incomes between \$35,000 and \$49,999, which accounted for 18.5 percent of households and compared to 13.6 percent for the State of Wyoming. Households with incomes of \$100,000 or more accounted for 22.8 percent of total households and numbered 673 in Crook County.

Table II.6.10 Households by Income Crook County 2010-2015 5-Year ACS Data				
Income	Crook County		State of Wyoming	
	Total	% of Total	Total	% of Total
Under 15,000	184	6.2%	21,426	9.4%
15,000 - 19,999	73	2.5%	10,358	4.6%
20,000 - 24,999	106	3.6%	11,900	5.2%
25,000 - 34,999	276	9.3%	22,435	9.9%
35,000 - 49,999	548	18.5%	30,775	13.6%
50,000 - 74,999	678	22.9%	43,104	19.0%
75,000 - 99,999	420	14.2%	32,540	14.3%
100,000 and above	673	22.8%	54,327	23.9%
Total	2,958	100.0%	226,865	100.0%

Poverty statistics were also reported in the 2015 5-year ACS estimates, and these data are displayed in Table II.6.11, below. In total, the poverty rate in Crook County was 5 percent, which compared to a statewide poverty rate of 11 percent in Wyoming. The male population in Crook County had a poverty rate of 6 percent and the female population had a poverty rate of 4 percent. There were 31 males and 9 females in poverty under the age of 5. Overall, 11.0 percent of persons in poverty in Crook County were under the age of five, which compared to 12.0 percent statewide. The elderly population, comprised of individuals 65 years of older, had 72 individuals with incomes below the poverty level which represented 19.9 percent of the total population in poverty. In the State of Wyoming there were 5,008 individuals with incomes below the poverty level which represented 7.7 percent of the total Wyoming population in poverty.

Table II.6.11 Poverty by Age Crook County 2010-2015 5-Year ACS Data				
Age	Male	Female	Total	% of Total
Crook County				
5 and Below	31	9	40	11.0%
6 to 17	22	31	53	14.6%
18 to 64	121	76	197	54.4%
65 and Older	32	40	72	19.9%
Total	206	156	362	100.0%
Poverty Rate	6%	4%	5%	.
State of Wyoming				
5 and Below	4,053	3,734	7,787	12.0%
6 to 17	6,035	5,860	11,895	18.3%
18 to 64	17,172	23,133	40,305	62.0%
65 and Older	1,622	3,386	5,008	7.7%
Total	28,882	36,113	64,995	100.0%
Poverty Rate	10%	13%	11%	.

Table II.6.12, on the following page, presents the breakdown of households by unit type and tenure. Between 2010 and 2015, Crook County saw an average of 1,782 owner-occupied single-family units compared to 348 single-family rental units. In Crook County, single-family units

comprised 72.0 percent of all households compared with 71.8 percent statewide. Crook County had a total of 37 apartment rental units and total apartment units accounted for 1.3 percent of all households. In the State of Wyoming, apartment units accounted for 8.7 percent of total households. There were also an estimated 690 mobile homes in Crook County, which comprised 23.3 percent of all occupied housing units and compared to 12.9 statewide.

Table II.6.12 Households by Unit Type				
Crook County 2010-2015 5-Year ACS Data				
Unit Type	Tenure			% of Total
	Own	Rent	Total	
Crook County				
Single-Family Unit	1,782	348	2,130	72.0%
Duplex	0	16	16	.5%
Tri- or Four-Plex	2	78	80	2.7%
Apartments	0	37	37	1.3%
Mobile Homes	528	162	690	23.3%
Boat, RV, Van, Etc.	5	0	5	.2%
Total	2,317	641	2,958	100.0%
State of Wyoming				
Single-Family Unit	134,125	28,778	162,903	71.8%
Duplex	529	4,237	4,766	2.1%
Tri- or Four-Plex	426	9,150	9,576	4.2%
Apartments	672	19,068	19,740	8.7%
Mobile Homes	20,557	8,727	29,284	12.9%
Boat, RV, Van, Etc.	366	230	596	.3%
Total	156,675	70,190	226,865	100.0%

Table II.6.13, on the following page, shows the number of households by year of construction. As shown, 9.9 percent, or 293 units, were built in 1939 or earlier in the county, and another 105 percent were built between 1940 and 1949. The number of households built between 2000 and 2009 was 501, which accounted for 16.9 percent of all households, and an additional 127 households, or 4.3 percent, were built in 2010 or later. These figures compare to 6,389 households, or 2.8 percent, that were built from 2010 or later statewide.

Table II.6.13				
Households by Year Built				
Crook County				
2010-2015 5-Year ACS Data				
Year Built	Crook County		State of Wyoming	
	Households	% of Total	Households	% of Total
1939 or earlier	293	9.9%	24,616	10.9%
1940 to 1949	105	3.5%	10,203	4.5%
1950 to 1959	184	6.2%	21,453	9.5%
1960 to 1969	191	6.5%	18,653	8.2%
1970 to 1979	592	20.0%	48,616	21.4%
1980 to 1989	483	16.3%	33,033	14.6%
1990 to 1999	482	16.3%	26,955	11.9%
2000 to 2009	501	16.9%	36,947	16.3%
Built 2010 or Later	127	4.3%	6,389	2.8%
Total	2,958	100.0%	226,865	100.0%

Table II.6.14, below, displays housing units for Crook County and the State of Wyoming. The number of rooms in Crook County varied between households. Households with one room accounted for only 1.5 percent of total housing units, while households with five and six rooms accounted for 24.3 and 19.7 percent, respectively. The median number of rooms in Crook County was 6 rooms, which compared to 6 statewide.

Table II.6.14				
Housing Units by Number of Rooms				
Crook County				
2010-2015 5-Year ACS Data				
Number of Rooms	Crook County		State of Wyoming	
	Housing Units	% of Total	Housing Units	% of Total
One	53	1.5%	4,535	1.7%
Two	20	.6%	7,317	2.7%
Three	160	4.5%	20,228	7.6%
Four	564	15.7%	41,849	15.7%
Five	871	24.3%	54,574	20.5%
Six	706	19.7%	42,082	15.8%
Seven	404	11.3%	31,471	11.8%
Eight	365	10.2%	25,750	9.7%
Nine or more	444	12.4%	38,824	14.6%
Total	3,587	100.0%	266,630	100.0%
Median Rooms	6	.	6	.

Table II.6.15, at right, shows the number of households in the county by number of bedrooms and tenure. There were 0 rental households with no bedrooms, otherwise known as studio apartments. Two-bedroom households accounted for 24.6 percent of total households in Crook County, which compared to 24.3 percent statewide. In Crook County, the 1,428 households with three bedrooms accounted for 48.3 percent of all households, and there were only 159 five-bedroom or more households, which accounted for 5.4 percent of all households.

Table II.6.15 Households by Number of Bedrooms Crook County 2010-2015 5-Year ACS Data				
Number of Bedrooms	Tenure		Total	% of Total
	Own	Rent		
Crook County				
None	6	0	6	.2%
One	48	74	122	4.1%
Two	501	226	727	24.6%
Three	1,189	239	1,428	48.3%
Four	438	78	516	17.4%
Five or more	135	24	159	5.4%
Total	2,317	641	2,958	100.0%
State of Wyoming				
None	349	2,013	2,362	1.0%
One	4,130	13,093	17,223	7.6%
Two	27,637	27,535	55,172	24.3%
Three	72,137	19,545	91,682	40.4%
Four	37,249	5,910	43,159	19.0%
Five or more	15,173	2,094	17,267	7.6%
Total	156,675	70,190	226,865	100.0%

Household mortgage status is reported in Table II.6.16, below. In Crook County, households with a mortgage accounted for 40.9 percent of all households or 947 housing units, and the remaining 59.1 percent or 1,370 units had no mortgage. Of those units with a mortgage, 131 had either a second mortgage or home equity loan, 0 had both a second mortgage and home equity loan, and 816 or 86.2 percent had no second mortgage or no home equity loan.

Table II.6.16 Mortgage Status Crook County 2010-2015 5-Year ACS Data				
Mortgage Status	Crook County		State of Wyoming	
	Households	% of Households	Households	% of Households
Housing units with a mortgage, contract to purchase, or similar debt	947	40.9%	92,545	59.1%
With either a second mortgage or home equity loan, but not both	131	13.8%	10,910	11.8%
Second mortgage only	7	5.3%	5,021	46.0%
Home equity loan only	124	94.7%	5,889	54.0%
Both second mortgage and home equity loan	0	.0%	514	.6%
No second mortgage and no home equity loan	816	86.2%	81,121	87.7%
Housing units without a mortgage	1,370	59.1%	64,130	40.9%
Total	2,317	100.0%	156,675	100.00%

The median rent in Crook County was \$587 as compared to \$674 statewide, as seen in Table II.6.17, below.

Table II.6.17 Median Rent Crook County 2010-2015 5-Year ACS Data	
Place	Rent
Crook County	\$587
State of Wyoming	\$674

The Wyoming driver’s license data provided by the WYDOT indicated a net decrease of 4 persons during the first half of 2017. The driver’s license total exchanges since 2000 for Crook County are presented in Table II.6.18, below, and showed a net increase of 798 persons over the time period.

Table II.6.18 Driver’s Licenses Exchanged and Surrendered Crook County vs Wyoming WYDOT Data, 2000 – First Half of 2017			
Year	In-Migrants	Out-Migrants	Net Change
2000	187	167	20
2001	202	146	56
2002	191	131	60
2003	173	141	32
2004	184	157	27
2005	192	151	41
2006	214	156	58
2007	260	130	130
2008	259	126	133
2009	231	148	83
2010	218	106	112
2011	171	142	29
2012	198	166	32
2013	191	185	6
2014	220	195	25
2015	172	194	-22
2016	166	186	-20
2017 – First Half	99	103	-4
Total	3,528	2,730	798

Economics

The HUD estimated MFI for Crook County was \$62,500 in 2016. This figure compares to Wyoming’s MFI of \$73,300. Diagram II.6.1, below, illustrates the estimated MFI for 2000 through 2016.

Diagram II.6.1
Estimated Median Family Income
 Crook County vs. Wyoming
 HUD Data: 2000-2017

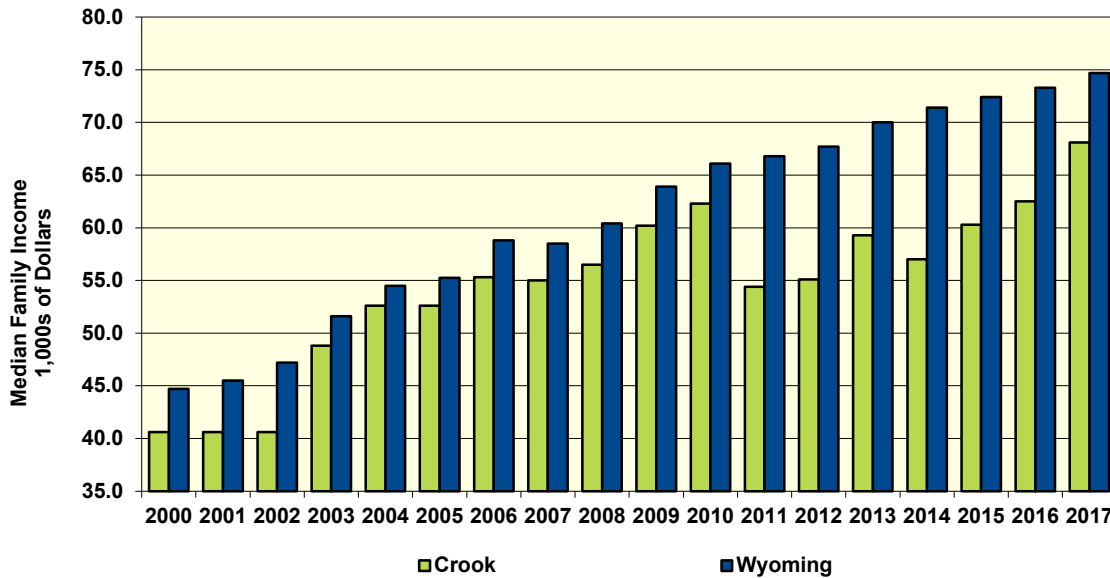


Table II.6.19, on the following page, shows the labor force statistics for Crook County from 1990 to the present. Over the entire series the lowest unemployment rate occurred in 2007 with a rate of 2.7 percent. The highest level of unemployment occurred during 2009 rising to a rate of 5.7 percent. This compared to a statewide low of 2.8 percent in 2007 and statewide high of 6.4 percent in 2010. Over the last year the unemployment rate in Crook County increased from 3.5 percent in 2015 to 4.5 percent in 2016, which compared to a statewide increase to 5.3 percent.

Table II.6.19					
Labor Force Statistics					
Crook County					
1990 - 2016 BLS Data					
Year	Crook County				Statewide
	Unemployment	Employment	Labor Force	Unemployment Rate	Unemployment Rate
1990	84	2,592	2,676	3.1%	5.3%
1991	80	2,607	2,687	3%	5.2%
1992	88	2,664	2,752	3.2%	5.6%
1993	107	2,788	2,895	3.7%	5.3%
1994	109	2,769	2,878	3.8%	5%
1995	125	2,923	3,048	4.1%	4.8%
1996	136	2,914	3,050	4.5%	4.9%
1997	135	2,843	2,978	4.5%	4.8%
1998	156	2,823	2,979	5.2%	4.7%
1999	147	2,922	3,069	4.8%	4.6%
2000	118	3,054	3,172	3.7%	3.9%
2001	108	3,001	3,109	3.5%	3.8%
2002	111	2,963	3,074	3.6%	4%
2003	130	2,998	3,128	4.2%	4.3%
2004	122	3,089	3,211	3.8%	3.8%
2005	112	3,141	3,253	3.4%	3.6%
2006	94	3,260	3,354	2.8%	3.2%
2007	93	3,303	3,396	2.7%	2.8%
2008	101	3,379	3,480	2.9%	3.1%
2009	205	3,391	3,596	5.7%	6.3%
2010	195	3,715	3,910	5%	6.4%
2011	189	3,696	3,885	4.9%	5.8%
2012	186	3,628	3,814	4.9%	5.3%
2013	163	3,525	3,688	4.4%	4.7%
2014	144	3,568	3,712	3.9%	4.2%
2015	129	3,592	3,721	3.5%	4.2%
2016	171	3,595	3,766	4.5%	5.3%

Diagram II.6.2, on the following page, shows the employment and labor force for Crook County. The difference between the two lines represents the number of unemployed persons. In the most recent year, employment stood at 3,595 persons, with the labor force reaching 3,766, indicating there were a total of 171 unemployed persons.

Diagram II.6.2
Employment and Labor Force
 Crook County
 1990 – 2016 BLS Data

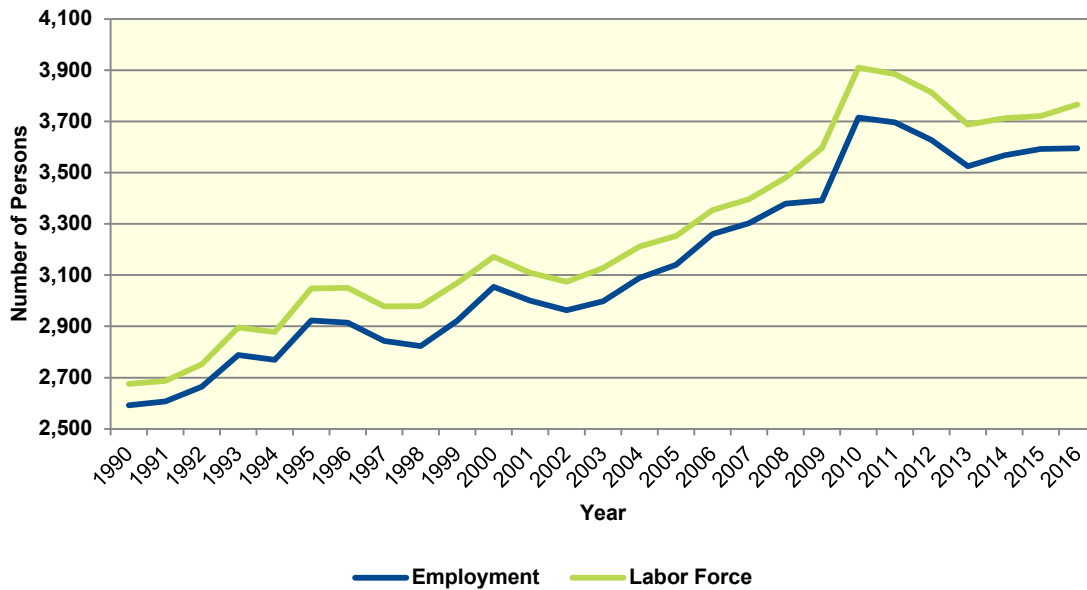
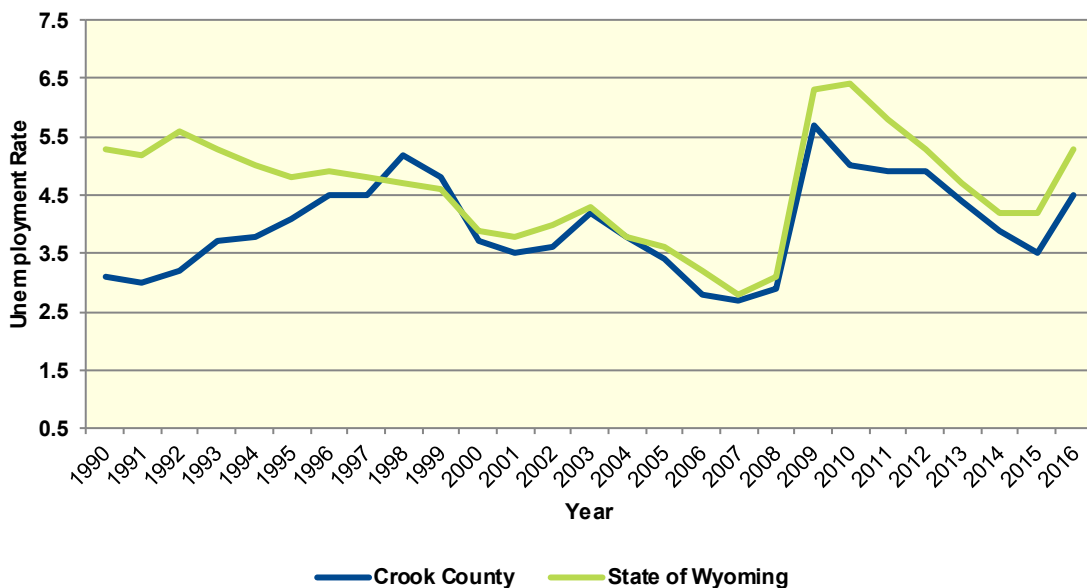


Diagram II.6.3 below shows the unemployment rate for both the state and Crook County. During the 1990s the average rate for Crook County was 4 percent, which compared to 5 percent statewide. Between 2000 and 2010 the unemployment rate averaged of 3.6 percent over the decade, which compared to 3.9 statewide. Since 2010 the average unemployment rate was 4.4 percent. Over the course of the entire period Crook County had an average unemployment rate lower than the state, 4 percent for Crook County, versus 4.6 statewide.

Diagram II.6.3
Annual Unemployment Rate
 Crook County
 1990 – 2016 BLS Data



The BLS produces the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW), which reports monthly data on employment and quarterly data on wages and number of business establishments. QCEW employment data represent only filled jobs, whether full or part-time, temporary or permanent, by place of work the pay period. Data from this series are from the period of January 2005 through December 2016 and are presented in Table II.6.20, below, with the 2016 information considered preliminary (p). Between 2015 and 2016, total annual employment decreased from 2,340 persons in 2015 to 2,336 in 2016, a change of -0.2 percent.

Period	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Jan	2,116	2,208	2,191	2,224	2,174	2,223	2,235	2,245	2,273	2,216	2,238
Feb	2,137	2,229	2,213	2,222	2,189	2,174	2,227	2,223	2,260	2,223	2,221
Mar	2,177	2,261	2,234	2,186	2,204	2,197	2,257	2,228	2,267	2,229	2,221
Apr	2,232	2,296	2,329	2,215	2,259	2,250	2,304	2,260	2,282	2,295	2,275
May	2,311	2,390	2,412	2,347	2,441	2,386	2,413	2,358	2,397	2,378	2,404
Jun	2,532	2,539	2,546	2,512	2,600	2,496	2,552	2,465	2,519	2,535	2,536
Jul	2,342	2,388	2,394	2,407	2,434	2,359	2,371	2,311	2,409	2,393	2,368
Aug	2,298	2,367	2,362	2,371	2,398	2,334	2,370	2,287	2,407	2,379	2,326
Sep	2,348	2,357	2,458	2,417	2,317	2,416	2,387	2,353	2,436	2,451	2,460
Oct	2,391	2,381	2,376	2,331	2,376	2,340	2,391	2,321	2,406	2,381	2,395
Nov	2,308	2,358	2,346	2,320	2,329	2,320	2,340	2,266	2,291	2,315	2,331
Dec	2,275	2,274	2,317	2,252	2,303	2,298	2,305	2,306	2,278	2,283	2,252
Annual	2,289	2,337	2,348	2,317	2,335	2,316	2,346	2,302	2,352	2,340	2,336
% Change	7.2%	2.1%	0.5%	-1.3%	0.8%	-0.8%	1.3%	-1.9%	2.2%	-0.5%	-0.2%

The QCEW also reports average weekly wages, which represents total compensation paid during the calendar quarter, regardless of when services were performed. The BLS QCEW data indicated average weekly wages were \$773 in 2015. In 2016, average weekly wages remained unchanged remaining at \$773. These data are shown in Table II.6.21, below.

Year	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	Annual	% Change
2001	446	454	462	495	464	
2002	480	475	475	505	484	4.3%
2003	490	483	478	507	490	1.2%
2004	491	502	499	553	511	4.3%
2005	519	536	526	600	546	6.8%
2006	546	574	563	636	580	6.2%
2007	586	616	610	663	619	6.7%
2008	603	640	625	703	643	3.9%
2009	619	652	605	699	644	0.2%
2010	609	665	642	714	658	2.2%
2011	642	682	675	688	672	2.1%
2012	671	681	686	725	691	2.8%
2013	704	696	733	746	720	4.2%
2014	721	752	737	776	747	3.8%
2015	750	738	772	832	773	3.5%
2016(p)	749	769	771	804	773	0.0%

Total business establishments reported by the QCEW are displayed in Table II.6.22, below. Between 2015 and 2016, the total number of business establishments in Wyoming increased by 1.3 percent, from 304 to 308 establishments.

Table II.6.22						
Number of Business Establishments						
Crook County						
BLS QCEW Data, 2001–2016(p)						
Year	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	Annual	% Change
2001	232	243	244	244	241	
2002	238	245	249	249	245	1.7%
2003	248	248	247	247	248	1.2%
2004	253	255	254	260	256	3.2%
2005	263	272	269	264	267	4.3%
2006	270	279	285	289	281	5.2%
2007	292	296	293	290	293	4.3%
2008	286	290	295	296	292	-0.3%
2009	297	296	299	289	295	1.0%
2010	290	293	293	293	292	-1.0%
2011	296	306	305	303	303	3.8%
2012	298	298	295	294	296	-2.3%
2013	298	305	301	305	302	2.0%
2014	302	300	297	294	298	-1.3%
2015	297	307	308	303	304	2.0%
2016	302	305	309	314	308	1.3%

The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) measures employment, defined as the total number of full- and part-time jobs by place of work. In 2015, the most recent year for which data are available, Crook County recorded 4,495 jobs. Total real personal income, comprising all wage and salary earnings, proprietorship income, dividends, interest, rents, and transfer payments, adjusted for place of residence, was \$328,440,000, and real per capita income was \$44,121 in 2015. This compares to a statewide average real per capita income of \$56,081. The average earnings per job in the county was \$39,911 in 2015, while Wyoming average earnings per job was \$53,875. These data are presented in full in **Volume II. Technical Appendix.**

Housing

According to the Wyoming Cost of Living Index, real average apartment rent in Crook County increased from \$599 in fourth quarter 2015 to \$628 in fourth quarter 2016, or by 4.9 percent. Single-family homes increased by 6.4 percent over the same period.

Crook County rental prices experienced average annualized increases of 1.3 percent for apartments. This figure compare to state average annualized increases in rental prices of 0.8 percent for apartments, 1.2 percent for houses, 1.0 percent for mobile homes plus a lot, and 0.9 percent for mobile home lots. Table II.6.23, above, presents the Crook County data for each rental type.¹⁰⁹

Table II.6.23 Semiannual Average Monthly Rental Prices Crook County EAD Data, 1986:Q4 – 2016:Q4, Real 2016 Dollars				
Quarter Year	Apartments	Mobile Home Lot	House	Mobile Home
Q2.98	488	148	.	.
Q4.98	440	134	.	.
Q2.99	448	146	.	.
Q4.99	426	142	.	.
Q2.00	434	143	.	.
Q4.00	416	136	.	.
Q2.01	450	177	.	.
Q4.01	415	133	.	.
Q2.02	505	151	.	.
Q4.02	440	151	.	.
Q2.03	428	148	.	.
Q4.03	443	154	.	.
Q2.04	426	123	.	.
Q4.04	416	148	.	.
Q2.05	458	139	487	361
Q4.05	436	151	.	.
Q2.06	442	118	.	.
Q4.06	460	147	.	.
Q2.07	420	163	584	.
Q4.07	472	117	532	.
Q2.08	478	177	522	.
Q4.08	482	140	531	.
Q2.09	489	128	529	.
Q4.09	512	139	529	.
Q2.10	495	146	512	.
Q4.10	501	164	517	.
Q2.11	517	135	528	.
Q4.11	530	155	556	.
Q2.12	517	.	624	.
Q4.12	533	138	628	.
Q2.13	556	.	597	.
Q4.13	556	.	621	.
Q2.14	585	.	636	.
Q4.14	589	.	674	.
Q2.15	594	.	665	.
Q4.15	599	.	672	.
Q2.16	628	.	658	.
Q4.16	628	.	715	.

¹⁰⁹ Apartments are two-bedroom units, excluding gas and electricity. Mobile home lots are single-wide units and include water costs. Houses are for two- or three-bedroom dwelling units, excluding gas and electricity. A mobile home on a lot includes a combined rent for mobile home and lot.

The Census Bureau reports building permit authorizations and “per unit” valuation of building permits by county annually. Single-family construction usually represents most residential development in the county. Single-family building permit authorizations in Crook increased from 5 authorizations in 2015 to 6 in 2016.

The real value of single-family building permits increased from \$266,261 in 2015 to \$270,142 in 2016. This compares to an increase in permit value statewide, with values rising from \$353,167 in 2015 to \$353,422 in 2016. Additional details are given in Table II.6.24, below.

Table II.6.24 Building Permits and Valuation Crook County Census Bureau Data, 1980–2016							
Year	Authorized Construction in Permit Issuing Areas					Per Unit Valuation, (Real 2016\$)	
	Single-Family	Duplex Units	Tri- and Four-Plex	Multi-Family Units	Total Units	Single-Family Units	Multi-Family Units
1980	5	6	0	0	11	174,033	0
1981	2	2	8	0	12	117,134	0
1982	9	0	0	0	9	104,167	0
1983	5	0	0	0	5	120,474	0
1984	9	0	0	0	9	64,519	0
1985	12	0	0	0	12	52,334	0
1986	3	0	0	0	3	116,412	0
1987	3	0	0	0	3	76,928	0
1988	13	0	0	0	13	70,395	0
1989	1	0	0	0	1	103,842	0
1990	1	0	0	0	1	75,100	0
1991	3	0	0	0	3	71,879	0
1992	4	0	0	0	4	76,595	0
1993	9	0	0	0	9	89,808	0
1994	10	0	4	0	14	73,984	0
1995	11	0	0	0	11	127,547	0
1996	5	0	0	0	5	122,058	0
1997	7	0	0	0	7	166,512	0
1998	10	0	0	0	10	128,017	0
1999	10	0	0	0	10	171,214	0
2000	7	0	0	0	7	129,092	0
2001	13	0	0	15	28	128,563	50,468
2002	30	0	0	0	30	126,239	0
2003	35	0	0	0	35	136,731	0
2004	24	0	0	0	24	133,227	0
2005	21	0	0	0	21	197,249	0
2006	33	0	0	0	33	222,447	0
2007	27	0	0	0	27	167,976	0
2008	10	0	0	0	10	233,857	0
2009	10	0	4	0	14	196,255	0
2010	4	0	0	0	4	233,954	0
2011	14	0	0	0	14	130,991	0
2012	7	0	0	0	7	124,835	0
2013	5	0	0	0	5	242,468	0
2014	5	0	0	0	5	122,478	0
2015	5	0	0	0	5	266,261	0
2016	6	0	0	0	6	270,142	0

The average sales price of existing, detached, single-family homes was provided by the Department of Revenue (DOR). In 2016, the average sales price in Crook County was \$238,005. This represented an increase of 9.3 percent from the previous year. Wyoming’s average was \$280,428, an increase of 1.7 percent over the previous year. A comparison of average sales prices between 2000 and 2016 is displayed in Table II.6.25, on the following page.

Table II.6.25 Average Sales Prices Crook County vs. Wyoming DOR Data, 2000–2016				
Year	Crook County Average Price (\$)	Crook County Annual % Change	Wyoming Average Price	Wyoming Annual % Change
2000	76,326	.	131,207	.
2001	85,190	11.61	128,771	-1.86
2002	92,382	8.44	138,295	7.40
2003	109,050	18.04	148,276	7.22
2004	109,050	0.00	159,558	7.61
2005	138,128	26.66	178,183	11.67
2006	138,568	0.32	219,438	23.15
2007	166,892	20.44	265,044	20.78
2008	170,602	2.2	256,045	-3.40
2009	224,241	31.4	241,622	-5.63
2010	140,858	-37.18	250,958	3.86
2011	156,775	11.3	241,301	-3.85
2012	169,922	8.4	266,406	10.40
2013	185,488	9.2	281,345	5.6
2014	215,397	16.1	263,432	-6.4
2015	217,716	1.1	275,611	4.6
2016	238,005	9.3	280,428	1.7

The Wyoming Rental Vacancy Survey (RVS) has been completed biannually since 2000, with the most recent survey conducted in June 2017.¹¹⁰ During June 2017, a total of 22 surveys were completed in Crook County. Of the 133 rental units surveyed, 43 were vacant, representing a 32.3 percent vacancy rate, as shown in Table II.6.26, at right. This compares to a 17.5 percent vacancy rate one year ago and a June 2017 statewide vacancy rate of 10.2 percent.

Diagram II.6.4, on the following page, shows the historical vacancy rate for Crook County and Wyoming. As can be seen, the vacancy rate in Crook County has been similar to the statewide vacancy rate, trending roughly the same, but has spiked over the last two surveys.

Table II.6.26 Total Units, Vacant Units, and Vacancy Rate Crook County RVS Data, June 2001–June 2017				
Year	Sample	Total Units	Vacant Units	Vacancy Rate
2001a	7	50	4	8.0%
2001b	5	38	3	7.9%
2002a	4	27	1	3.7%
2002b	7	58	10	17.2%
2003a	5	34	2	5.9%
2003b	4	33	1	3.0%
2004a	9	63	2	3.2%
2004b	7	48	5	10.4%
2005a	9	88	7	8.0%
2005b	10	81	10	12.4%
2006a	8	65	3	4.6%
2006b	13	100	1	1.0%
2007a	9	66	0	0.0%
2007b	9	75	6	8.0%
2008a	10	64	5	7.8%
2008b	9	73	2	2.7%
2009a	12	81	2	2.5%
2009b	9	53	3	5.7%
2010a	15	97	10	10.3%
2010b	16	88	2	2.3%
2011a	21	99	6	6.1%
2011b	24	103	9	8.7%
2012a	29	116	6	5.2%
2012b	37	193	21	10.9%
2013a	27	167	13	7.8%
2013b	28	131	11	8.4%
2014a	29	151	7	4.6%
2014b	27	137	13	9.5%
2015a	25	137	8	5.8%
2015b	16	80	7	8.8%
2016a	20	120	21	17.5%
2016b	18	118	36	30.5%
2017a	22	133	43	32.3%

¹¹⁰ Those signified as a in the “year” column of Table II.6.26 are conducted in June/July of each year. Those signified as b are conducted each November/December. Conducting the surveys in June and December of each year allows one to view the prospective seasonality of vacancy rates as well as year-to-year changes.

Diagram II.6.4
Vacancy Rates by Year
 Crook County vs. Wyoming
 RVS Data, June 2001 - June 2017

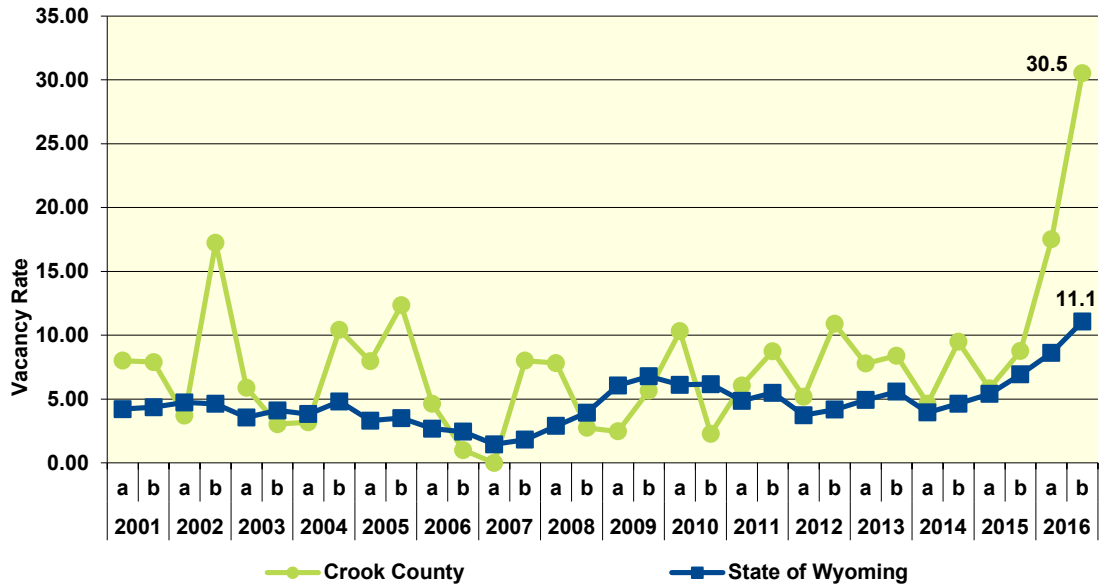


Diagram II.6.5, below, shows the average rent of single-family and apartment units in Crook County. In 2017, average rents for single-family units rose to \$782 and average rents for apartments rose to \$565.

Diagram II.6.5
Average Rent of Single Family and Apartment Units
 Crook County
 RVS Data, June 2006 - June 2017

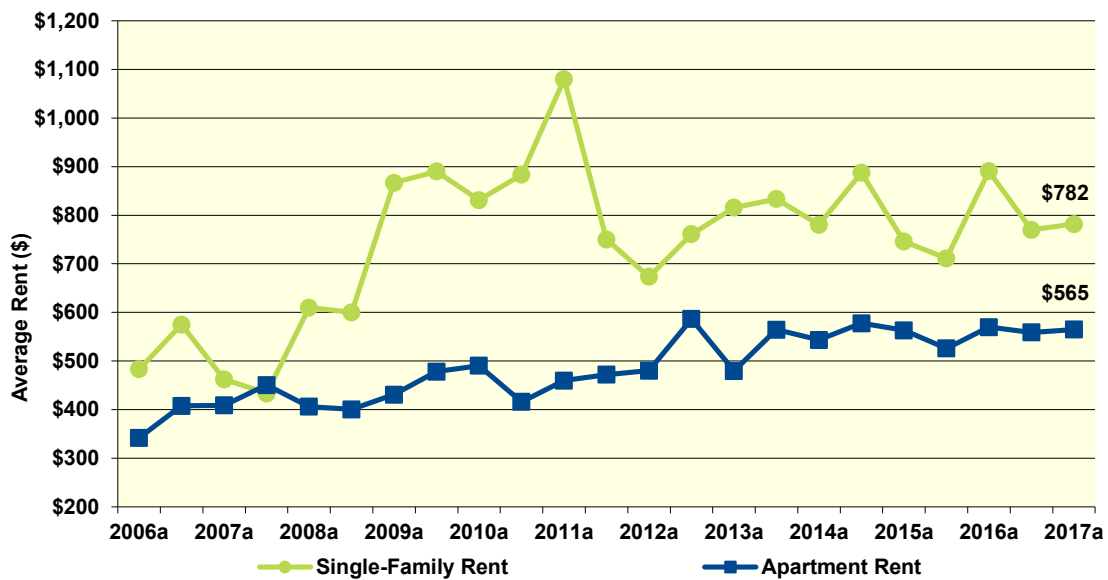


Table II.6.27, below shows the amount of total and vacant units by unit type, with their associated vacancy rates. At the time of the survey, there were an estimated 16 single family units in Crook County, with 1 of them available. This translates into a vacancy rate of 6.3 percent in Crook County, which compares to a single family vacancy rate of 5.8 percent for the State of Wyoming. There were 88 apartment units reported in the survey, with 29 of them available, which resulted in a vacancy rate of 33.0 percent. This compares to a statewide vacancy rate of 11.2 percent for apartment units across the state.

Table II.6.27			
Rental Vacancy Survey by Type			
Crook County			
RVS Data, June 2017			
Place	Total Units	Vacant Units	Vacancy Rate
Single Family	16	1	6.3%
Duplex units	11	2	18.2%
Apartments	88	29	33.0%
Mobile Homes	17	9	52.9%
“Other” Units	0	0	0.0%
Don’t Know	1	2	200.0%
Total	133	43	32.3%

Table II.6.28, below, reports units by number of bedrooms. Two bedroom units were the most common type of reported single family unit, with 8 units. The most common apartment units were two bedroom units, with 56 units. Additional details of unit types by bedrooms are reported below.

Table II.6.28							
Rental Units by Number of Bedrooms							
Crook County							
RVS Data, June 2017							
Number of Bedrooms	Single Family Units	Duplex Units	Apartment Units	Mobile Homes	“Other” Units	Don’t Know	Total
Efficiency	0	0	2	0	0	.	2
One	1	2	22	0	0	.	25
Two	8	7	56	4	0	.	75
Three	6	0	8	5	0	.	19
Four	1	2	0	0	0	.	3
Five	0	0	0	0	0	.	0
Don’t Know	0	0	0	8	0	1	9
Total	16	11	88	17	0	1	133

Respondents were also asked to breakdown available units by bedroom size. As can be seen in Table II.6.29, on the following page, two bedroom apartments were the most available apartment units, with three bedroom units being the most available single family unit.

Table II.6.29 Available Rental Units by Number of Bedrooms Crook County RVS Data, June 2017							
Number of Bedrooms	Single Family Units	Duplex Units	Apartment Units	Mobile Homes	“Other” Units	Don’t Know	Total
Efficiency	0	0	0	0	0	.	0
One	0	0	4	0	0	.	4
Two	0	0	20	1	0	.	21
Three	1	0	3	2	0	.	6
Four	0	0	0	0	0	.	0
Five	0	0	0	0	0	.	0
Don't Know	0	2	2	6	0	2	12
Total	1	2	29	9	0	2	43

Table II.6.30 below shows the vacancy rate by bedroom size for each type of unit. The most common type of apartment units, two bedroom units, had a vacancy rate of 35.7 percent. Two bedroom units were the most common type of single family unit, and had a vacancy rate of .0 percent.

Table II.6.30 Vacancy Rates by Number of Bedrooms Crook County RVS Data, June 2017							
Number of Bedrooms	Single Family Units	Duplex Units	Apartment Units	Mobile Homes	“Other” Units	Don’t Know	Total
Efficiency	.0%	.0%	.0%	%	%		.0%
One	.0%	.0%	18.2%	%	%		16.0%
Two	.0%	.0%	35.7%	25.0%	%		28.0%
Three	16.7%	.0%	37.5%	40.0%	%		31.6%
Four	.0%	.0%	.0%	%	%		.0%
Five	.0%	.0%	.0%	%	%		.0%
Don't Know	.0%	.0%	.0%	75.0%	%	200.0%	133.3%
Total	6.3%	18.2%	33.0%	52.9%	%	200.0%	32.3%

Average market-rate rents by unit type are shown in Table II.6.31, below. Not all respondents were able to disclose the rental amounts for their units, so there may be some statistical aberrations in the computed rental rates, but generally those units with more bedrooms had higher rents. Single family units also normally command higher rents than apartment units.

Table II.6.31 Average Market Rate Rents by Number of Bedrooms Crook County RVS Data, June 2017						
Number of Bedrooms	Single Family Units	Duplex Units	Apartment Units	Mobile Homes	“Other” Units	Total
Efficiency	\$	\$	\$450	\$	\$	\$450
One	\$	\$359	\$470	\$	\$	\$451
Two	\$733	\$568	\$630	\$588	\$	\$635
Three	\$650	\$	\$575	\$675	\$	\$639
Four	\$1,395	\$480	\$	\$	\$	\$938
Five	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total	\$782	\$579	\$565	\$586	\$	\$636

Table II.6.32 below shows vacancy rates for single family units by average rental rates for Crook County. The most common rent for a single family unit was between 500 to 1,000 dollars and units in this price range had a vacancy rate of 0.0 percent.

Table II.6.32 Single Family Market Rate Rents by Vacancy Status Crook County RVS Data, June 2017			
Average Rents	Single Family Units	Available Single Family Units	Vacancy Rate
Less Than \$500	1	0	.0%
\$500 to \$1,000	10	0	.0%
\$1,000 to \$1,500	5	1	20.0%
Above \$1,500			%
Missing	0	0	%
Total	16	1	6.3%

The availability of apartment units by average rent is displayed in Table II.6.33, below. The most common rent for an apartment unit was between 500 to 1,000 dollars and units in this price range had a vacancy rate of 32.69 percent.

Table II.6.33 Apartment Market Rate Rents by Vacancy Status Crook County RVS Data, June 2017			
Average Rents	Apartment Units	Available Apartment Units	Vacancy Rate
Less Than \$500	36	12	33.3%
\$500 to \$1,000	52	17	32.7%
\$1,000 to \$1,500			%
Above \$1,500			%
Missing	0	0	%
Total	88	29	33.0%

Table II.6.34, below, shows the condition of rental units by unit type for Crook County. Respondents could rate their units from poor to excellent, however many respondents did not know, or did not wish to comment on the condition of their units. As reported below, most single family units were in excellent condition, with most apartments being in excellent condition. Details by unit type and condition are displayed below.

Table II.6.34 Condition by Unit Type Crook County RVS Data, June 2017							
Conditions	Single Family Units	Duplex Units	Apartment Units	Mobile Homes	“Other” Units	Don’t Know	Total
Poor						.	
Fair						.	
Average	5	0	24	0	0	.	29
Good	3	10	29	9	0	.	51
Excellent	8	1	35	8	0	.	52
Don’t Know	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Total	16	11	88	17	0	1	133

The availability of single family units based on their condition is displayed in Table II.6.35, below. As can be seen single family units in excellent condition had a vacancy rate of 0.0 percent.

Table II.6.35 Condition of Single Family Units by Vacancy Status Crook County RVS Data, June 2017			
Condition	Single Family Units	Available Single Family Units	Vacancy Rate
Poor			%
Fair			%
Average	5	0	.0%
Good	3	1	33.3%
Excellent	8	0	.0%
Don't Know	0	0	%
Total	16	1	6.3%

Table II.6.36, below shows the availability of apartment units based on their condition. As can be seen apartment units in excellent condition, and had a vacancy rate of 25.7 percent.

Table II.6.36 Condition of Apartment Units by Vacancy Status Crook County RVS Data, June 2017			
Condition	Apartment Units	Available Apartment Units	Vacancy Rate
Poor			%
Fair			%
Average	24	10	41.7%
Good	29	10	34.5%
Excellent	35	9	25.7%
Don't Know	0	0	%
Total	88	29	33.0%

Respondents were also asked if they would like to own or manage additional units and if so, which type of units would they prefer. As can be seen in Table II.6.37, below, 2 respondents said they would prefer more single family units, 2 respondents wanted more apartment units, and 1 respondent indicated they would prefer more units of any type.

Table II.6.37 If you had the opportunity to own/manage more units, how many would you prefer Crook County RVS Data, June 2017	
Unit Type	Respondents citing more units
Single family units	2
Duplex Units	1
Apartments	2
Mobile homes	0
Other	0
All types	1
Total	6

Table, II.6.38, below, shows the most common answers from the 2017 fiscal year Housing Needs Assessment (HNA) Survey. This survey focused on new Wyoming residents and was conducted over the phone using a sample from data provided by the WYDOT. Crook County had a total of 6 respondents, with an average persons per household of 2.8 people. Of new residents to Crook County, 83.3 percent were married and the most common age group arriving in the state was 18 to 24 years old. Most new residents moved to be closer to friends or relatives.

The HNA survey, also asked residents about their current residence. New residents most commonly reported living in a single family home, with 50.0 percent of respondents neither owning or renting, but having some other housing arrangement. The average mortgage payment in Crook County was \$1,000 and the average rent was \$1,200. When asked if they were satisfied with their current housing, 100.0 percent said they were satisfied with thier current housing.

Table II.6.38	
Most Replied Response	
Crook County	
HNA Survey: Fiscal Year 2017	
Question	Most Replied Answer (%)
Demographics	
Total Number of Respondents	6
Number of persons in household (Average)	2.8
Current age	18 to 24 years old (40.0%)
Marital status	Married (83.3%)
Primary reason for moving to Wyoming	Friends or relatives in Wyoming (50.0%)
In which industry are you primarily employed	Retired (33.3%)
Highest education level completed	Some College (50.0%)
Total household income from all sources	\$75,000 to \$99,999 dollars (50.0%)
Current Housing Characteristics	
Current Residence	Single family home (50.0%)
Do you own or rent	Other (50.0%)
How many bedrooms (Average)	4.2
How many full bathrooms (Average)	2.3
Average mortgage payment	\$1,000
Average rental payment	\$1,200
Are you satisfied with your current housing	Satisfied with current housing (100.0%)

Additional survey data are presented in **Volume II. Technical Appendix.**¹¹¹

Housing Problems

While the ACS data do not report significant details regarding the physical condition of housing units, some information can be derived from data relating to overcrowding, incomplete plumbing or kitchen facilities, and cost burdens.

Overcrowding is defined as having from 1.1 to 1.5 people per room per residence, with severe overcrowding defined as having more than 1.5 people per room. According to 2015 5-year ACS data, 47 or 1.6 percent of households in Crook County were overcrowded and another 8 or .3 percent of units were severely overcrowded, as shown in Table II.6.39, on the following page. This housing problem was far more prevalent in renter households as compared to owner households.

¹¹¹ Percentages presented here may vary slightly from those in the technical appendix. This is because the percentages here are calculated with the missing responses excluded, where the percentages calculated in the technical appendix include all responses, even if they are missing.

Table II.6.39				
Overcrowding and Severe Overcrowding				
Crook County				
2010-2015 5-Year ACS Data				
Household	No Overcrowding	Overcrowding	Severe Overcrowding	Total
Crook County				
Owner				
Households	2,281	30	6	2,317
Percentage	98.4%	1.3%	.3%	100.0%
Renter				
Households	622	17	2	641
Percentage	97.0%	2.7%	.3%	100.0%
Total				
Households	2,903	47	8	2,958
Percentage	98.1%	1.6%	.3%	100.0%
State of Wyoming				
Owner				
Households	154,753	1,453	469	156,675
Percentage	98.8%	.9%	.3%	100.0%
Renter				
Households	67,381	2,063	746	70,190
Percentage	96.0%	2.9%	1.1%	100.0%
Total				
Households	222,134	3,516	1,215	226,865
Percentage	97.9%	1.5%	.5%	100.0%

Incomplete plumbing and kitchen facilities are another indicator of potential housing problems. According to the Census Bureau, a housing unit is classified as lacking complete plumbing facilities when any of the following are not present: piped hot and cold water, a flush toilet, and a bathtub or shower. Likewise, a unit is categorized as deficient when any of the following are missing from the kitchen: a sink with piped hot and cold water, a range or cook top and oven, and a refrigerator.

At the time of the 2015 5-year ACS, a total of 126 units or 3.5 percent of all housing units in Crook County were lacking complete kitchen facilities. This compared to 2.6 percent of households statewide without complete kitchen facilities. These data are presented in Table II.6.40, at right.

Table II.6.40		
Housing Units with Incomplete Kitchen Facilities		
Crook County		
2010-2015 5-Year ACS Data		
Facilities	Crook County	State of Wyoming
Complete Kitchen Facilities	3,461	259,728
Lacking Complete Kitchen Facilities	126	6,902
Total Housing Units	3,587	266,630
Percent Lacking	3.5%	2.6%

At the time of the 2015 ACS, a total of 135 units or 3.8 percent of all housing units in Crook County were lacking complete plumbing facilities. This compared to 2.4 percent of households lacking complete plumbing facilities in the State of Wyoming. These data are presented in Table II.6.41, below.

Table II.6.41		
Housing Units with Incomplete Plumbing Facilities		
Crook County 2010-2015 5-Year ACS Data		
Facilities	Crook County	State of Wyoming
Complete Plumbing Facilities	3,452	260,327
Lacking Complete Plumbing Facilities	135	6,303
Total Households	3,587	266,630
Percent Lacking	3.8%	2.4%

The third type of housing problem reported in the 2015 ACS data is cost burden. Cost burden is defined as gross housing costs that range from 30.0 to 50.0 percent of gross household income; severe cost burden is defined as gross housing costs that exceed 50.0 percent of gross household income. For homeowners, gross housing costs include property taxes, insurance, energy payments, water and sewer service, and refuse collection. If the homeowner has a mortgage, the determination also includes principal and interest payments on the mortgage loan. For renters, this figure represents monthly rent and selected electricity and natural gas energy charges.

In Crook County, 7.2 percent of households had a cost burden and 5.1 percent of households had a severe cost burden, which compared to 14.3 percent with a cost burden and 9.5 percent with a severe cost burden in the State of Wyoming. Roughly 9.7 percent of homeowners with a mortgage in Crook County experienced a cost burden and 3.9 percent experienced a severe cost burden, while 7.6 percent of renters had a cost burden and 8.7 percent had a severe cost burden, as seen in Table II.6.42, on the following page.

Table II.6.42					
Cost Burden and Severe Cost Burden by Tenure					
Crook County					
2010-2015 5-Year ACS Data					
Households	Less Than 30.0%	31% - 50%	Above 50%	Not Computed	Total
Crook County					
Owner With a Mortgage					
Households	818	92	37	0	947
Percent	86.4%	9.7%	3.9%	.0%	100.0%
Owner Without a Mortgage					
Households	1,222	71	59	18	1,370
Percent	89.2%	5.2%	4.3%	1.3%	100.0%
Renter					
Households	401	49	56	135	641
Percent	62.6%	7.6%	8.7%	21.1%	100.0%
Total					
Households	2,441	212	152	153	2,958
Percent	82.5%	7.2%	5.1%	5.2%	100.0%
State of Wyoming					
Owner With a Mortgage					
Households	69,811	14,672	7,792	270	92,545
Percent	75.4%	15.9%	8.4%	.3%	100.0%
Owner Without a Mortgage					
Households	57,084	4,008	2,501	537	64,130
Percent	89.0%	6.2%	3.9%	.8%	100.0%
Renter					
Households	37,742	13,764	11,313	7,371	70,190
Percent	53.8%	19.6%	16.1%	10.5%	100.0%
Total					
Households	164,637	32,444	21,606	8,178	226,865
Percent	72.6%	14.3%	9.5%	3.6%	100.0%

2017 WCDA Loan Profile

The Wyoming Community Development Authority (WCDA) began purchasing home loans in 1978 to provide affordable housing in Wyoming. There were a total of 310 loans purchased in Crook County between 1979 and 2017, with 3 occurring in fiscal 2017. The average home size over the period was 1,312 square feet and 1,371 square feet in fiscal 2017. For homes receiving a WCDA loan in fiscal 2017, the average year a home was built was 1985. The average household income in fiscal 2017 in nominal terms, without the effects of inflation being taken into consideration, was \$60,253. The average purchase price in fiscal 2017 was \$148,667. In fiscal 2017, 0.0 percent of loans purchased were for new construction, and 33.3 percent had female heads of household. Fiscal year data for the entire operating history of the WCDA can be found in **Volume II. Technical Appendix.**

Crook County experienced a moderate population increase in 2016, mainly attributed to natural growth due to births, while many parts of the State saw population decline.¹¹² In addition, Crook County tax collections by 3.3 percent, while other parts of the state are experiencing declines in tax revenues.¹¹³

¹¹² http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/wyoming/most-wyoming-counties-saw-population-declines-in/article_eba897b2-922d-5bac-a3ae-7faf0a289908.html

¹¹³ <http://www.saratogasun.com/story/2017/07/06/business/wyo-betters-employment-numbers/6505.html>

