

FREMONT COUNTY

Demographics

The Census Bureau's current census estimates indicate that Fremont County's population increased from 40,123 in 2010 to 40,998 in 2013, or by 2.2 percent. This compares to a statewide population growth of 3.4 percent over the period. The number of people from 25 to 44 years of age increased by 2.6 percent, and the number of people from 55 to 64 years of age increased by 6.9 percent. The white population increased by 1.8 percent, while the black population increased by 280.4 percent. The Hispanic population increased from 2,264 to 2,680 people between 2010 and 2013 or by 18.4 percent. These data are presented in Table II.7.1, below.

Table II.7.1						
Profile of Population Characteristics						
Wyoming vs. Fremont County						
2010 Census and 2013 Current Census Estimates						
Subject	Fremont County			Wyoming		
	2010 Census	Jul-13	% Change	2010 Census	Jul-13	% Change
Population	40,123	40,998	2.2%	563,626	582,658	3.4%
Age						
Under 14 years	8,607	8,775	2.0%	113,371	115,337	1.7%
15 to 24 years	5,123	5,050	-1.4%	78,460	80,908	3.1%
25 to 44 years	9,339	9,585	2.6%	144,615	151,055	4.5%
45 to 54 years	5,753	5,258	-8.6%	83,577	76,258	-8.8%
55 to 64 years	5,496	5,875	6.9%	73,513	80,411	9.4%
65 and Over	5,805	6,455	11.2%	70,090	78,689	12.3%
Race						
White	30,192	30,731	1.8%	529,110	539,936	2.0%
Black	102	388	280.4%	5,135	10,186	98.4%
American Indian and Alaskan Native	8,630	8,529	-1.2%	14,457	15,258	5.5%
Asian	164	220	34.1%	4,649	5,506	18.4%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	15	19	26.7%	521	630	20.9%
Two or more races	1,020	1,111	8.9%	9,754	11,142	14.2%
Ethnicity (of any race)						
Hispanic or Latino	2,264	2,680	18.4%	50,231	56,363	12.2%

Table II.7.2, on the following page, presents the population of Fremont County by age and gender from the 2010 Census and 2013 current census estimates. The 2010 Census count showed a total of 20,030 males, who accounted for 49.9 percent of the population, and the remaining 50.1 percent, or 20,093 persons, were female. In 2013, the number of males rose to 20,484 persons, and accounted for 50.0 percent of the population, with the remaining 50.0 percent, or 20,514 persons being female.

Table II.7.2							
Population by Age and Gender							
Fremont County							
2010 Census and 2013 Current Census Estimates							
Age	2010 Census			2013 Current Census Estimates			% Change 10-13
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	
Under 14 years	4,407	4,200	8,607	4,483	4,292	8,775	2.0%
15 to 24 years	2,636	2,487	5,123	2,603	2,447	5,050	-1.4%
25 to 44 years	4,734	4,605	9,339	4,898	4,687	9,585	2.6%
45 to 54 years	2,820	2,933	5,753	2,579	2,679	5,258	-8.6%
55 to 64 years	2,737	2,759	5,496	2,928	2,947	5,875	6.9%
65 and Over	2,696	3,109	5,805	2,993	3,462	6,455	11.2%
Total	20,030	20,093	40,123	20,484	20,514	40,998	2.2%
% of Total	49.9%	50.1%	.	50.0%	50.0%	.	.

At the time of the 2010 Census, there were 864 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 increased by 5.4 percent, as shown in Table II.7.3, below.

Table II.7.3			
Group Quarters Population			
Fremont County			
2000 SF1 and 2010 Census Data			
Group Quarters	2000 Census	2010 Census	% Change 00-10
Institutionalized			
Correctional Institutions ⁸⁷	245	388	58.4%
Juvenile Facilities	.	10	.
Nursing Homes	180	163	-9.4%
Other Institutions	119	.	-100.0%
Total	544	561	3.1%
Noninstitutionalized			
College Dormitories	112	213	90.2%
Military Quarters	.	.	.
Other Noninstitutions	164	90	-45.1%
Total	276	303	9.8%
Group Quarters Population	820	864	5.4%

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.

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

⁸⁷ In the 2010 Census, “juvenile facilities” and “correctional facilities” were reported separately.

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.7.4, below, shows data on household type by tenure in the 2012 5-year ACS data. Household type is broken down by family households and non-family households. In 2012, there were an estimated 10,403 family households, of which 7,846 housed married couple families and 2,557 housed “other families.” “Other family” is defined as either a male householder with no wife present, of whom there were 803 families, or a female householder with no husband present, of which there were 1,754 families. There were also an estimated 5,135 “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 Fremont County was 67.0 percent, which compared to the statewide rate of 65.9 percent. Of the family households in Fremont County, 75.4 percent were married households, which compared to 80.5 percent in the State of Wyoming.

Table II.7.4 Household Type by Tenure Fremont County 2008-2012 5-Year ACS Data				
Family Type	Fremont County		State of Wyoming	
	Fremont County	% of Total	State of Wyoming	% of Total
Family households	10,403	67.0%	145,992	65.9%
Married-couple family	7,846	75.4%	117,493	80.5%
Owner-occupied housing units	6,763	86.2%	98,110	83.5%
Renter-occupied housing units	1,083	13.8%	19,383	16.5%
Other family	2,557	24.6%	28,499	19.5%
Male householder, no wife present	803	7.7%	9,246	32.4%
Owner-occupied housing units	451	56.2%	5,485	59.3%
Renter-occupied housing units	352	43.8%	3,761	40.7%
Female householder, no husband present	1,754	16.9%	19,253	67.6%
Owner-occupied housing units	889	50.7%	10,177	52.9%
Renter-occupied housing units	865	49.3%	9,076	47.1%
Nonfamily households	5,135	33.0%	75,487	34.1%
Owner-occupied housing units	2,993	58.3%	41,887	55.5%
Renter-occupied housing units	2,142	41.7%	33,600	44.5%
Total	15,538	100.0%	221,479	100.0%

Table II.7.5, on the following page, displays the 2012 5-year ACS census data for household type by household size. In 2012, there were 4,986 two-person family households, 1,949 three-person family households and 1,726 four-person family households. One-person non-family households made up 83.1 percent of all non-family households or an estimated 4,269 households. Fremont County’s two persons households made up 37.2 percent of total housing units and four person households made up an additional 11.4 percent, which compares to 37.8 and 12.1 percent, respectively, for the State of Wyoming.

Table II.7.5				
Household Type by Household Size				
Fremont County				
2008-2012 5-Year ACS Data				
Household Size	Family Households	Non-Family Households	Total	% of Total
Fremont County				
One Person	.	4,269	4,269	27.5%
Two Person	4,986	793	5,779	37.2%
Three Person	1,949	33	1,982	12.8%
Four Person	1,726	38	1,764	11.4%
Five Person	1,065	2	1,067	6.9%
Six Person	325	0	325	2.1%
Seven Person	352	0	352	2.3%
Total	10,403	5,135	15,538	100.0%
State of Wyoming				
One Person	.	61,207	61,207	27.6%
Two Person	71,901	11,872	83,773	37.8%
Three Person	29,567	1,663	31,230	14.1%
Four Person	26,129	580	26,709	12.1%
Five Person	11,395	74	11,469	5.2%
Six Person	4,420	91	4,511	2.0%
Seven Person	2,580	0	2,580	1.2%
Total	145,992	75,487	221,479	100.0%

The 2012 5-Year ACS census estimates also provided information on tenure by household size. According to the 2012 ACS estimates, of the 5,779 two-person households, 4,804 were owner-occupied and 975 were renter-occupied. Of the 1,764 four-person households, 1,316 were owner-occupied and 448 were renter-occupied. Further household size data by tenure are presented in Table II.7.6, below.

Table II.7.6				
Tenure by Household Size				
Fremont County				
2008-2012 5-Year ACS Data				
Household Size	Own	Rent	Total	% of Total
Fremont County				
One Person	2,504	1,765	4,269	27.5%
Two Person	4,804	975	5,779	37.2%
Three Person	1,466	516	1,982	12.8%
Four Person	1,316	448	1,764	11.4%
Five Person	546	521	1,067	6.9%
Six Person	248	77	325	2.1%
Seven Person or more	212	140	352	2.3%
Total	11,096	4,442	15,538	100.0%
State of Wyoming				
One Person	35,444	25,763	61,207	27.6%
Two Person	65,905	17,868	83,773	37.8%
Three Person	21,929	9,301	31,230	14.1%
Four Person	19,413	7,296	26,709	12.1%
Five Person	7,927	3,542	11,469	5.2%
Six Person	3,406	1,105	4,511	2.0%
Seven Person or more	1,635	945	2,580	1.2%
Total	155,659	65,820	221,479	100.0%

As seen in Table II.7.7, on the following page, Fremont County had a total of 17,710 housing units of which 15,538 or 87.7 percent were occupied. Of these occupied units, 71.4 percent, or 11,096 units were owner occupied, which compares to a statewide rate of 70.3. A total of 2,172 units or 12.3 percent of all units were vacant. This compared to a statewide vacancy rate of 15.3 percent.

Table II.7.7 Housing Units by Tenure Fremont County 2008-2012 5-Year ACS Data				
Tenure	Fremont County		State of Wyoming	
	Units	% of Total	Units	% of Total
Occupied Housing Units	15,538	87.7%	221,479	84.7
Owner-Occupied	11,096	71.4%	155,659	70.3
Renter-Occupied	4,442	28.6%	65,820	29.7
Vacant Housing Units	2,172	12.3%	39,951	15.3
Total Housing Units	17,710	100.0%	261,430	100.0

Table II.7.8, below, shows that of the 2,172 housing units in Fremont County as reported in the 2012 ACS data, 371 or 17.1 percent were for rent and 67 or 3.1 percent were for sale. An estimated 940 units were for seasonal, recreational, or occasional use, and 683 or 31.4 percent of all vacant units were listed as “other vacant.” This compares to a statewide percentage of 25.8 percent for “other vacant” units.

Table II.7.8 Disposition of Vacant Housing Units Fremont County 2008-2012 5-Year ACS Data				
Disposition	Fremont County		State of Wyoming	
	Units	% of Total	Units	% of Total
For rent	371	17.1%	5,825	14.6%
Rented, but not occupied	63	2.9%	1,811	4.5%
For sale only	67	3.1%	2,711	6.8%
Sold, but not occupied	48	2.2%	799	2.0%
For seasonal, recreational, or occasional use	940	43.3%	18,027	45.1%
For migrant workers	0	.0%	488	1.2%
Other vacant	683	31.4%	10,290	25.8%
Total	2,172	100.0%	39,951	100.0%

Table II.7.9, at right, presents different income statistics for Fremont County. According to the 2012 ACS data averages, median family income for Fremont County was \$58,594 compared to the statewide average of \$70,013. Per capita income for Fremont County, which is calculated by dividing total income by population, was \$23,758, which compared to \$28,858 for the State of Wyoming.

Table II.7.9 Median and Per Capita Income Fremont County 2008-2012 5-Year ACS Data		
Income Type	Fremont County	Wyoming
Median Family Income	58,594	70,013
Median Household Income	48,565	56,573
Per Capita Income	23,758	28,858

Table II.7.10, on the following page, shows households by income for Fremont County and the State of Wyoming. In Fremont County, there were a total of 1,784 households or 11.5 percent with incomes under \$15,000 compared to 9.9 percent of households in Wyoming. There were another 2,327 households that had incomes between \$35,000 and \$49,999, which accounted for 15.0 percent of households and compared to 14.2 percent for the State of Wyoming. Households with incomes of \$100,000 or more accounted for 15.8 percent of total households and numbered 2,455 in Fremont County.

Table II.7.10 Households by Income Fremont County 2008-2012 5-Year ACS Data				
Income	Fremont County		State of Wyoming	
	Total	% of Total	Total	% of Total
Under 15,000	1,784	11.5%	21,996	9.9%
15,000 - 19,999	1,225	7.9%	10,608	4.8%
20,000 - 24,999	1,069	6.9%	10,519	4.7%
25,000 - 34,999	1,542	9.9%	22,992	10.4%
35,000 - 49,999	2,327	15.0%	31,395	14.2%
50,000 - 74,999	3,222	20.7%	44,135	19.9%
75,000 - 99,999	1,914	12.3%	31,949	14.4%
100,000 and above	2,455	15.8%	47,885	21.6%
Total	15,538	100.0%	221,479	100.0%

Poverty statistics were also reported in the 2012 5-year ACS estimates, and these data are displayed in Table II.7.11, below. In total, the poverty rate in Fremont County was 15.2 percent, which compared to a statewide poverty rate of 11.0 percent in Wyoming. The male population in Fremont County had a poverty rate of 14.5 percent and the female population had a poverty rate of 15.9 percent. There were 359 males and 477 females in poverty under the age of 5. Overall, 14.0 percent of persons in poverty in Fremont County were under the age of five, which compared to 13.0 percent statewide. The elderly population, comprised of individuals 65 years of older, had 311 individuals with incomes below the poverty level which represented 5.2 percent of the total population in poverty. In the State of Wyoming there were 4,264 individuals with incomes below the poverty level which represented 7.0 percent of the total Wyoming population in poverty.

Table II.7.11 Poverty by Age Fremont County 2008-2012 5-Year ACS Data				
Age	Male	Female	Total	% of Total
Fremont County				
5 and Below	359	477	836	14.0%
6 to 18	874	611	1,485	24.9%
18 to 64	1,470	1,853	3,323	55.8%
65 and Older	116	195	311	5.2%
Total	2,819	3,136	5,955	100.0%
Poverty Rate	14.5%	15.9%	15.2%	.
State of Wyoming				
5 and Below	3,990	3,909	7,899	13.0%
6 to 18	6,156	5,415	11,571	19.1%
18 to 64	15,273	21,629	36,902	60.9%
65 and Older	1,453	2,811	4,264	7.0%
Total	26,872	33,764	60,636	100.0%
Poverty Rate	10%	12%	11.0%	.

Table II.7.12, on the following page, presents the breakdown of households by unit type and tenure. Between 2008 and 2012, Fremont County saw an average of 9,198 owner-occupied single-family units compared to 2,144 single-family rental units. In Fremont County, single-family units comprised 73.0 percent of all households compared with 71.5 percent statewide. Fremont County had a total of 1,024 apartment rental units and total apartment units accounted for 6.7 percent of all

households. In the State of Wyoming, apartment units accounted for 7.9 percent of total households. There were also an estimated 2,592 mobile homes in Fremont County, which comprised 16.7 percent of all occupied housing units and compared to 13.6 statewide.

Table II.7.12 Households by Unit Type Fremont County 2008-2012 5-Year ACS Data				
Unit Type	Tenure			% of Total
	Own	Rent	Total	
Fremont County				
Single-Family Unit	9,198	2,144	11,342	73.0%
Duplex	24	247	271	1.7%
Tri- or Four-Plex	19	249	268	1.7%
Apartments	22	1,024	1,046	6.7%
Mobile Homes	1,827	765	2,592	16.7%
Boat, RV, Van, Etc.	6	13	19	.1%
Total	11,096	4,442	15,538	100.0%
State of Wyoming				
Single-Family Unit	130,636	27,673	158,309	71.5%
Duplex	771	4,940	5,711	2.6%
Tri- or Four-Plex	529	8,887	9,416	4.3%
Apartments	776	16,716	17,492	7.9%
Mobile Homes	22,624	7,565	30,189	13.6%
Boat, RV, Van, Etc.	323	39	362	.2%
Total	155,659	65,820	221,479	100.0%

Table II.7.13, below, shows the number of households by year of construction. As shown, 8.3 percent, or 1,282 units, were built in 1939 or earlier in the county, and another 590 percent were built between 1940 and 1949. The number of households built between 2000 and 2009 was 1,682, which accounted for 10.8 percent of all households, and an additional 27 households, or 0.2 percent, were built in 2010 or later. These figures compare to 1,270 households, or 0.6 percent, that were built from 2010 or later statewide.

Table II.7.13 Households by Year Built Fremont County 2008-2012 5-Year ACS Data				
Year Built	Fremont County		State of Wyoming	
	Households	% of Total	Households	% of Total
1939 or earlier	1,282	8.3%	24,899	11.2%
1940 to 1949	590	3.8%	10,352	4.7%
1950 to 1959	1,384	8.9%	22,395	10.1%
1960 to 1969	2,147	13.8%	19,254	8.7%
1970 to 1979	4,097	26.4%	50,875	23.0%
1980 to 1989	2,454	15.8%	34,715	15.7%
1990 to 1999	1,875	12.1%	26,905	12.1%
2000 to 2009	1,682	10.8%	30,814	13.9%
Built 2010 or Later	27	.2%	1,270	.6%
Total	15,538	100.0%	221,479	100.0%

Table II.7.14, below, displays housing units for Fremont County and the State of Wyoming. The number of rooms in Fremont County varied between households. Households with one room accounting for only 1.5 percent of total housing units, while households with five and six rooms accounted for 23.7 and 18.2 percent, respectively. The median number of rooms in Fremont County was 5 rooms, which compared to 6 statewide.

Table II.7.14				
Housing Units by Number of Rooms				
Fremont County				
2008-2012 5-Year ACS Data				
Number of Rooms	Fremont County		State of Wyoming	
	Housing Units	% of Total	Housing Units	% of Total
One	270	1.5%	4,323	1.7%
Two	569	3.2%	6,841	2.6%
Three	1,168	6.6%	19,299	7.4%
Four	2,971	16.8%	44,488	17.0%
Five	4,189	23.7%	51,437	19.7%
Six	3,215	18.2%	40,208	15.4%
Seven	1,988	11.2%	32,481	12.4%
Eight	1,386	7.8%	25,835	9.9%
Nine or more	1,954	11.0%	36,518	14.0%
Total	17,710	100.0%	261,430	100.0%
Median Rooms	5	.	6	.

Table II.7.15, at right, shows the number of households in the county by number of bedrooms and tenure. There were 107 rental households with no bedrooms, otherwise known as studio apartments. Two-bedroom households accounted for 24.1 percent of total households in Fremont County, which compared to 24.6 percent statewide. In Fremont County, the 6,967 households with three bedrooms accounted for 44.8 percent of all households, and there were only 824 five-bedroom or more households, which accounted for 5.3 percent of all households.

Table II.7.15				
Households by Number of Bedrooms				
Fremont County				
2008-2012 5-Year ACS Data				
Number of Bedrooms	Tenure			% of Total
	Own	Rent	Total	
Fremont County				
None	27	107	134	.9%
One	469	877	1,346	8.7%
Two	2,128	1,616	3,744	24.1%
Three	5,584	1,383	6,967	44.8%
Four	2,191	332	2,523	16.2%
Five or more	697	127	824	5.3%
Total	11,096	4,442	15,538	100.0%
State of Wyoming				
None	318	1,699	2,017	.9%
One	4,121	13,132	17,253	7.8%
Two	28,396	26,012	54,408	24.6%
Three	71,945	17,775	89,720	40.5%
Four	36,199	4,889	41,088	18.6%
Five or more	14,680	2,313	16,993	7.7%
Total	155,659	65,820	221,479	100.0%

The age of a structure influences its value. As shown in Table II.7.16, at right, structures built in 1939 or earlier had a median value of \$152,100, while structures built between 1950 and 1959 had a median value of \$167,200 and those built between 1990 to 1999 had a median value of \$178,000. The newest structures tended to have the highest values and those built between 2000 and 2009 and from 2010 or later had median values of \$246,300 and \$262,500, respectively. The total average median value in Fremont County was \$177,300, which compared to \$184,400 in the State of Wyoming.

Table II.7.16 Median Value by Year Structure Built Fremont County 2008-2012 5-Year ACS Data		
Year Built	Fremont County	State of Wyoming
1939 or earlier	152,100	153,500
1940 to 1949	175,000	136,800
1950 to 1959	167,200	156,600
1960 to 1969	166,300	173,700
1970 to 1979	164,700	181,700
1980 to 1989	205,000	196,100
1990 to 1999	178,000	228,400
2000 to 2009	246,300	248,900
Built 2010 or Later	262,500	221,600
Total	177,300	184,400

Household mortgage status is reported in Table II.7.17, below. In Fremont County, households with a mortgage accounted for 51.6 percent of all households or 5,726 housing units, and the remaining 48.4 percent or 5,370 units had no mortgage. Of those units with a mortgage, 791 had either a second mortgage or home equity loan, 30 had both a second mortgage and home equity loan, and 4,905 or 85.7 percent had no second mortgage or no home equity loan.

Table II.7.17 Mortgage Status Fremont County 2008-2012 5-Year ACS Data				
Mortgage Status	Fremont County		State of Wyoming	
	Households	% of Households	Households	% of Households
Housing units with a mortgage, contract to purchase, or similar debt	5,726	51.6%	94,301	60.6%
With either a second mortgage or home equity loan, but not both	791	13.8%	15,069	16.0%
Second mortgage only	409	51.7%	7,440	49.4%
Home equity loan only	382	48.3%	7,629	50.6%
Both second mortgage and home equity loan	30	.5%	645	.7%
No second mortgage and no home equity loan	4,905	85.7%	78,587	83.3%
Housing units without a mortgage	5,370	48.4%	61,358	39.4%
Total	11,096	100.0%	155,659	100.00%

The median rent in Fremont County was \$505 as compared to \$618 statewide, as seen in Table II.7.18, below.

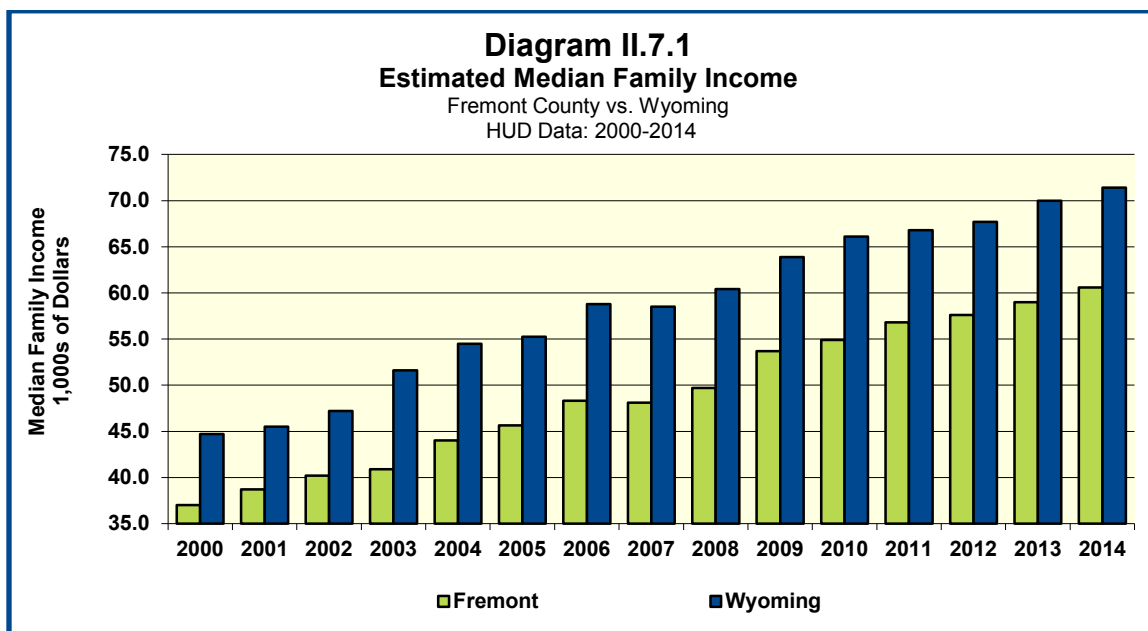
Table II.7.18 Median Rent Fremont County 2008-2012 5-Year ACS Data	
Place	Rent
Fremont County	\$505
State of Wyoming	\$618

The Wyoming driver’s license data provided by the WYDOT indicated a net increase of 18 persons during 2013. The driver’s license total exchanges since 2000 for Fremont County are presented in Table II.7.19, below, and show a net increase of 3,077 persons over the time period.

Table II.7.19			
Driver’s Licenses Exchanged and Surrendered			
Fremont County			
WYDOT Data, 2000–2013			
Year	In-Migrants	Out-Migrants	Net Change
2000	844	751	93
2001	856	688	168
2002	866	582	284
2003	727	507	220
2004	759	659	100
2005	838	627	211
2006	894	576	318
2007	901	630	271
2008	931	581	350
2009	860	525	335
2010	872	440	432
2011	691	632	59
2012	868	650	218
2013	712	694	18
Total	11,619	8,542	3,077

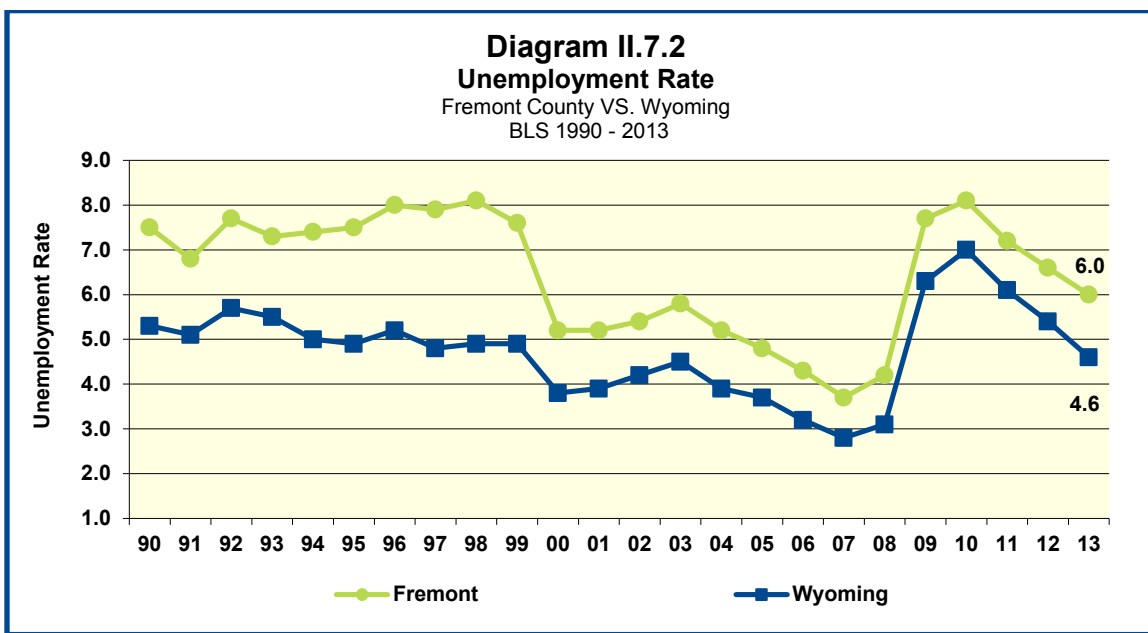
Economics

The HUD estimated MFI for Fremont County was \$60,600 in 2014.⁸⁸ This compares to Wyoming’s MFI of \$71,400. Diagram II.7.1, below, illustrates the estimated MFI for 2000 through 2014.



Labor force and employment statistics were derived from Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) data. Fremont County’s labor force, defined as the number of persons working or actively seeking work, decreased by 89 persons, from 19,886 in 2012 to 19,797 in 2013. Employment increased by 42 persons; unemployment decreased by 131 persons; and the unemployment rate, the number of unemployed persons as a percentage of the labor force, decreased from 6.6 percent in 2012 to 6.0 percent in 2013, as shown on the following page in Diagram II.7.2.

⁸⁸ Starting from the year 2003, HUD MFI estimates were re-benchmarked using 2000 Census income limits, hence the unusual increase in estimates compared to earlier years.



The BLS, in conjunction with the State Employment Security Agencies (SESAs), 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 the number of workers who worked during or received pay for the pay period. Members of the armed forces, the self-employed, proprietors, domestic workers, and unpaid family workers are not included in QCEW estimates. As shown in Table II.7.20, below, with 2013 information considered preliminary (p), annual total monthly employment decreased by 0.48 percent between 2012 and 2013, from a total of 16,802 to 16,721 workers.

Year	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013(p)
Jan	13,811	13,977	14,305	14,758	15,296	15,897	16,199	15,618	15,940	16,200	16,392
Feb	13,937	14,085	14,461	14,909	15,480	16,029	16,269	15,698	16,079	16,242	16,409
Mar	14,068	14,331	14,678	15,164	15,710	16,183	16,214	16,001	16,292	16,600	16,662
Apr	14,289	14,516	14,997	15,223	15,777	16,335	16,242	16,088	16,457	16,639	16,608
May	14,794	14,851	15,229	15,637	16,306	16,779	16,511	16,472	16,692	16,997	16,956
Jun	15,033	15,070	15,700	16,185	16,719	17,162	16,666	16,677	16,860	17,411	17,177
Jul	14,520	14,742	15,046	15,279	16,050	16,739	16,279	16,397	16,475	16,606	16,422
Aug	14,519	14,709	15,101	15,498	16,406	16,894	16,566	16,976	16,821	17,102	16,805
Sep	14,890	15,232	15,584	15,705	16,513	17,026	16,687	16,981	17,219	17,015	16,973
Oct	14,684	15,005	15,435	15,697	16,453	17,083	16,377	16,908	17,062	17,126	16,862
Nov	14,479	15,124	15,541	15,830	16,596	16,838	16,437	16,994	16,926	16,923	16,846
Dec	14,522	14,789	15,329	15,730	16,213	16,756	16,078	16,490	16,856	16,767	16,545
Annual	14,462	14,703	15,117	15,468	16,127	16,643	16,377	16,442	16,640	16,802	16,721
% Change	-1.55	1.67	2.82	2.32	4.26	3.20	-1.60	0.40	1.20	0.97	-0.48

The QCEW also reports average weekly wages, which represents total compensation paid during the calendar quarter, regardless of when services were performed. As shown in Table II.7.21, on the following page, annual average weekly wages increased by 1.60 percent between 2012 and 2013, from a total of \$752 to \$764.

Table II.7.21						
Average Weekly Wages						
Fremont County						
BLS QCEW Data, 2001–2013(p)						
Year	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	Annual	% Change
2001	444	467	441	485	460	.
2002	465	493	455	490	476	3.48
2003	459	484	470	508	481	1.05
2004	485	514	500	534	509	5.82
2005	516	534	541	569	540	6.09
2006	561	586	583	642	594	10.00
2007	604	668	608	684	641	7.91
2008	636	668	650	726	670	4.52
2009	657	675	647	712	673	0.45
2010	669	705	689	747	703	4.46
2011	708	728	734	756	732	4.13
2012	744	743	742	777	752	2.73
2013(p)	744	755	751	805	764	1.60

Total business establishments reported by the QCEW are displayed in Table II.7.22, below. Annual establishments increased by 0.06 percent between 2012 and 2013, falling from 1,573 to 1,574 establishments.

Table II.7.22						
Number of Establishments						
Fremont County						
BLS QCEW Data, 2001–2013(p)						
Year	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	Annual	% Change
2001	1,375	1,400	1,400	1,383	1,390	.
2002	1,384	1,411	1,410	1,402	1,402	0.86
2003	1,404	1,416	1,418	1,438	1,419	1.21
2004	1,440	1,466	1,470	1,457	1,458	2.75
2005	1,456	1,480	1,489	1,484	1,477	1.30
2006	1,493	1,518	1,524	1,515	1,513	2.44
2007	1,546	1,571	1,564	1,556	1,559	3.04
2008	1,568	1,576	1,595	1,590	1,582	1.48
2009	1,575	1,581	1,582	1,586	1,581	-0.06
2010	1,579	1,580	1,586	1,576	1,580	-0.06
2011	1,556	1,559	1,570	1,559	1,561	-1.20
2012	1,569	1,586	1,572	1,565	1,573	0.77
2013p	1,565	1,572	1,578	1,579	1,574	0.06

The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) measures employment, defined as the total number of full- and part-time jobs by place of work. In 2011, the most recent year for which data are available, Fremont County recorded 24,688 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 \$1,676,324,000, and real per capita income was \$40,777 in 2012. The average earnings per job in the county was \$40,465 in 2012. These data are presented in full in **Volume II. Technical Appendix.**

Housing

According to the Wyoming cost of living index, average apartment rent in Fremont County decreased from \$586 in fourth quarter 2012 to \$580 in fourth quarter 2013, or by 1.0 percent. Detached single-family home rents increased by 4.2 percent, rents for mobile homes on a lot decreased by 0.4 percent, and rents for mobile home lots remained unchanged.

Fremont County rental prices experienced average annualized increases of 3.0 percent for apartments, 4.0 percent for houses, 4.2 percent for mobile homes plus a lot, and 2.0 percent for mobile home lots since fourth quarter 1986 through fourth quarter 2013. These figures compare to state average annualized increases in rental prices of 3.2 percent for apartments, 3.8 percent for houses, 3.5 percent for mobile homes plus a lot, and 3.0 percent for mobile home lots over the same period. Table II.7.23, at right, presents the Fremont County data for each rental type.⁸⁹

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 Fremont County decreased from 18 authorized units in 2012 to 16 in 2013. Total residential unit authorizations decreased from 58 to 20 units between 2012 and 2013.

The real value of single-family building permits decreased from \$252,501 in 2012 to \$166,734 in 2013. The value over the past decade, in real 2013 dollars, fluctuated from a high of \$252,501 in 2012 to a low of \$72,256 in 2000. These figures compare to the state average high of \$289,650 in 2000 and low of \$187,810 in 2003. Additional details are in Table II.7.24, on the following page.

Quarter Year	Apartments	Mobile Home Lot	House	Mobile Home
Q4.86	256	114	303	232
Q2.87	249	105	289	246
Q4.87	250	99	282	239
Q2.88	234	99	304	220
Q4.88	251	104	265	208
Q2.89	246	109	293	216
Q4.89	257	109	294	212
Q2.90	274	99	301	262
Q4.90	257	100	33	245
Q2.91	261	106	329	237
Q4.91	284	108	387	243
Q2.92	308	108	325	273
Q4.92	300	103	379	213
Q2.93	303	101	371	304
Q4.93	332	110	418	.
Q2.94	313	109	361	.
Q4.94	344	131	402	329
Q2.95	343	131	450	313
Q4.95	330	139	368	324
Q2.96	353	145	395	354
Q4.96	351	145	433	321
Q2.97	351	151	417	352
Q4.97	347	154	410	350
Q2.98	331	146	446	332
Q4.98	354	143	437	350
Q2.99	366	141	425	340
Q4.99	349	148	467	323
Q2.00	357	149	459	324
Q4.00	376	146	459	341
Q2.01	386	143	493	386
Q4.01	366	144	519	363
Q2.02	388	156	513	425
Q4.02	410	163	482	379
Q2.03	405	152	519	377
Q4.03	404	154	548	404
Q2.04	416	158	551	398
Q4.04	433	175	538	437
Q2.05	444	175	556	424
Q4.05	462	170	549	441
Q2.06	495	180	584	421
Q4.06	495	187	605	498
Q2.07	510	188	645	508
Q4.07	539	182	672	480
Q2.08	524	190	675	577
Q4.08	588	204	700	653
Q2.09	520	209	751	677
Q4.09	568	199	756	698
Q2.10	568	199	789	666
Q4.10	571	199	821	724
Q2.11	573	200	807	736
Q4.11	585	200	827	737
Q2.12	589	200	845	724
Q4.12	586	200	875	728
Q2.13	571	200	903	734
Q4.13	580	200	912	725

⁸⁹ 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.

Table II.7.24
Building Permits and Valuation
 Fremont County
 Census Bureau Data, 1980–2013

Year	Authorized Construction in Permit Issuing Areas					WCDA		Per Unit Valuation: 1'000s of Real 2013 Dollars	
	Single-Family Units	Duplex Units	Tri- and Four-Plex Units	Multi-Family Units	Total Units	Tax Credit Projects	HOME Projects	Single Family Units	Multi-Family Units
1980	102	2	36	30	170	.	.	98.2	49.0
1981	126	4	40	.	170	.	.	85.7	.
1982	64	.	.	24	88	.	.	91.3	52.5
1983	65	.	8	54	127	.	.	101.4	35.6
1984	10	.	.	81	91	.	.	105.3	30.9
1985	5	.	.	.	5	.	.	96.4	.
1986	6	.	.	.	6	.	.	127.7	.
1987	4	.	.	6	10	.	.	126.3	60.1
1988	3	.	.	.	3	.	.	90.8	.
1989	12	.	.	.	12	.	.	124.5	.
1990	10	.	.	48	58	.	.	124.4	65.0
1991	14	.	.	.	14	48	.	117.7	.
1992	50	.	.	.	50	.	.	96.6	.
1993	55	16	.	.	71	.	5	94.7	.
1994	67	6	.	.	73	.	.	103.7	.
1995	65	.	.	.	65	.	1	105.8	.
1996	56	4	.	.	60	.	9	125.1	.
1997	48	6	.	.	54	.	.	104.7	.
1998	47	14	.	20	81	.	22	114.4	75.5
1999	52	10	.	.	62	.	.	114.3	.
2000	37	6	.	.	43	.	8	72.3	.
2001	55	4	.	48	107	20	11	81.7	59.0
2002	37	8	.	.	45	68	.	136.6	.
2003	39	6	.	20	65	.	.	149.5	35.5
2004	60	6	.	.	66	.	.	131.1	.
2005	40	10	3	32	85	.	.	157.3	47.4
2006	51	2	.	.	53	32	6	212.2	.
2007	45	6	3	.	54	.	.	181.6	.
2008	43	.	.	.	43	40	6	173.6	.
2009	26	2	4	.	32	.	.	163.7	.
2010	21	.	.	.	21	.	.	154.4	.
2011	19	2	.	.	21	.	.	147.0	.
2012	18	.	.	40	58	.	.	252.5	84.6
2013	16	4	.	.	20	.	.	166.7	.

The average sales price of existing, detached, single-family homes was provided by the Department of Revenue (DOR). In 2013, the average sales price in Fremont County was \$198,273. This represented an increase of 5.6 percent from the previous year. In contrast, Wyoming’s average was \$281,345 or an increase of 5.6 percent over the previous year. A comparison of average sales prices between 1999 and 2013 is displayed in Table II.7.25, on the following page.

Table II.7.25 Average Sales Prices Fremont County vs. Wyoming DOR Data, 2000–2013				
Year	Fremont County Average Price (\$)	Fremont County Annual % Change	Wyoming Average Price	Wyoming Annual % Change
2000	102,957	-6.43	131,207	.
2001	111,638	8.43	128,771	-1.86
2002	113,828	1.96	138,295	7.40
2003	125,767	10.49	148,276	7.22
2004	132,245	5.15	159,558	7.61
2005	140,975	6.60	178,183	11.67
2006	163,775	16.17	219,438	23.15
2007	185,918	13.52	265,044	20.78
2008	197,173	6.1	256,045	-3.40
2009	194,633	-1.3	241,622	-5.63
2010	196,283	0.85	250,958	3.86
2011	182,541	-7.0	241,301	-3.85
2012	201,800	10.6	266,406	10.40
2013	198,273	-1.7	281,345	5.6

The Wyoming Rental Vacancy Survey (RVS) has been completed biannually since 2000, with the most recent survey conducted in June 2014.⁹⁰ During June 2014, a total of 66 surveys were completed in Fremont County, as shown in Table II.7.26. Of the 1,367 rental units surveyed, 52 were vacant, indicating a vacancy rate of 3.8 percent. This compares to a 2.8 percent vacancy rate one year ago and a statewide June 2014 vacancy rate of 3.8 percent.

Table II.7.26 Total Units, Vacant Units, and Vacancy Rate Fremont County RVS Data, June 2001 – June 2014				
Year	Sample	Total Units	Vacant Units	Vacancy Rate
2001a	16	287	19	6.6%
2001b	12	373	20	5.4%
2002a	10	143	23	16.1%
2002b	21	485	41	8.5%
2003a	21	752	26	3.5%
2003b	24	941	54	5.7%
2004a	25	901	41	4.6%
2004b	25	1,082	31	2.9%
2005a	19	750	9	1.2%
2005b	25	1,145	22	1.9%
2006a	19	675	17	2.5%
2006b	28	1,254	17	1.4%
2007a	28	1,080	9	0.8%
2007b	29	1,171	16	1.4%
2008a	35	1,231	20	1.6%
2008b	38	1,158	22	1.9%
2009a	35	1,141	63	5.5%
2009b	36	1,164	58	5.0%
2010a	48	1,108	40	3.6%
2010b	43	1,388	45	3.2%
2011a	48	1,092	26	2.4%
2011b	56	1,093	41	3.8%
2012a	59	1,073	23	2.1%
2012b	61	1,604	46	2.9%
2013a	61	1,919	54	2.8%
2013b	57	1,026	77	7.5%
2014a	66	1,367	52	3.8%

⁹⁰Those signified as a in the “year” column of Table II.7.10 are conducted in June/July of each year. Those signified as b are conducted each 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.7.3, below, shows the historical vacancy rate for Fremont County and Wyoming. Except for a spike in 2002, the vacancy rate in Fremont County has been similar to the statewide vacancy rate. However, over the last six months the vacancy rate fell to match the statewide rate.

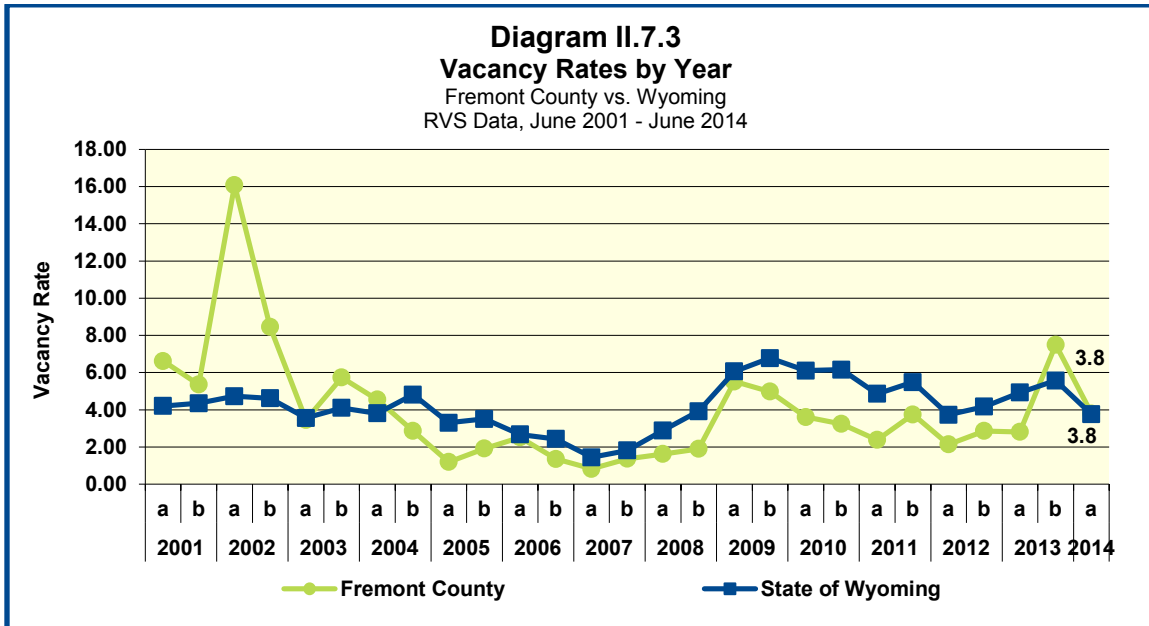


Diagram II.7.4, below, shows the average rent of single-family and apartment units in Fremont County. In the first half of 2014, average rents for single-family units fell to \$847 and average rents for apartments decreased to \$678.

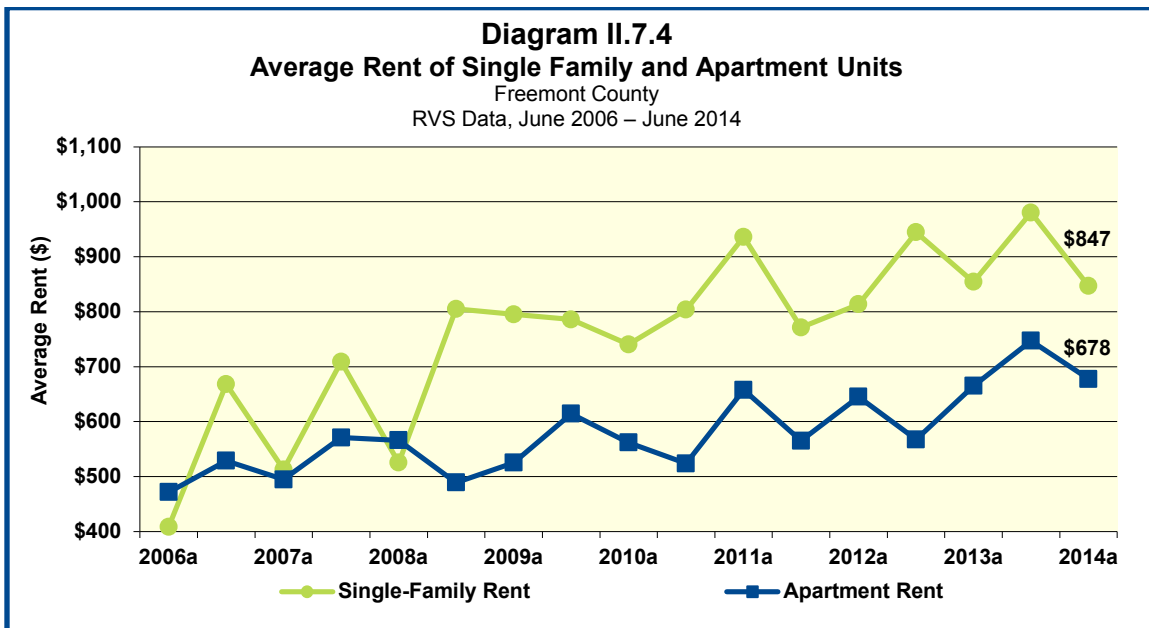


Table II.7.27, below shows the amount of total and vacant units by unit type, with their associated vacancy rates. At the time of the survey, there were an estimated 477 single family units in Fremont County, with 6 of them available. This translates into a vacancy rate of 1.3 percent in Fremont County, which compares to a single family vacancy rate of 4.0 percent for the State of Wyoming. There were 765 apartment units reported in the survey, with 29 of them available, which resulted in a vacancy rate of 3.8 percent. This compares to a statewide vacancy rate of 3.0 percent for apartment units across the state.

Table II.7.27			
Rental Vacancy Survey by Type			
Fremont County			
RVS Data, June 2014			
Place	Total Units	Vacant Units	Vacancy Rate
Single Family	477	6	1.3%
Duplex units	43	1	2.3%
Apartments	765	29	3.8%
Mobile Homes	43	1	2.3%
“Other” Units	1	0	.0%
Don’t Know	38	15	39.5%
Total	1,367	52	3.8%

Table II.7.28, below reports units by bedroom size. Three bedroom units were the most common type of reported single family unit, with 63 units. The most common apartment units were one bedroom units, with 281 units. Additional details of unit types by bedrooms are reported below.

Table II.7.28							
Rental Units by Bedroom Size							
Fremont County							
RVS Data, June 2014							
Number of Bedrooms	Single Family Units	Duplex Units	Apartment Units	Mobile Homes	“Other” Units	Don’t Know	Total
Efficiency	0	0	31	0	0	.	31
One	5	4	281	1	0	.	291
Two	53	22	233	14	0	.	322
Three	63	10	63	18	1	.	155
Four	14	1	0	0	0	.	15
Five	1	0	0	0	0	.	1
Don’t Know	341	6	157	10	0	38	552
Total	477	43	765	43	1	38	1,367

Average market-rate rents by unit type are shown in Table II.7.29, on the following page. 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.7.29						
Average Market Rate Rents by Bedroom Size						
Fremont County						
RVS Data, June 2014						
Number of Bedrooms	Single Family Units	Duplex Units	Apartment Units	Mobile Homes	“Other” Units	Total
Efficiency	\$	\$	\$583	\$	\$	\$583
One	\$617	\$525	\$584	\$700	\$	\$590
Two	\$703	\$583	\$688	\$631	\$	\$673
Three	\$918	\$1,155	\$752	\$685	\$900	\$880
Four	\$1,186	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$1,186
Five	\$1,500	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$1,500
Total	\$847	\$679	\$678	\$647	\$900	\$730

Table II.7.30, below shows the average rental rates for assisted units by bedroom size and unit type. Again, those units with larger bedrooms generally commanded higher rents, with single family units costing more than apartment units.

Table II.7.30						
Average Assisted Rate Rents by Bedroom Size						
Fremont County						
RVS Data, June 2014						
Number of Bedrooms	Single Family Units	Duplex Units	Apartment Units	Mobile Homes	“Other” Units	Total
Efficiency	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
One	\$	\$	\$515	\$	\$	\$515
Two	\$350	\$350	\$600	\$	\$	\$433
Three	\$495	\$495	\$750	\$	\$	\$580
Four	\$	\$595	\$	\$	\$	\$595
Five	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total	\$423	\$480	\$497	\$	\$	\$485

Table II.7.31, below, shows vacancy rates for single family units by average rental rates for Fremont County. Single family units with the lowest vacancy rate had an average rent of below \$1,000 and 1,500 dollars, indicating there may be more of a demand for units within this rental range.

Table II.7.31			
Single Family Market Rate Rents by Vacancy Status			
Fremont County			
RVS Data, June 2014			
Average Rents	Single Family Units	Available Single Family Units	Vacancy Rate
Less Than \$500	12	0	.0%
\$500 to \$1,000	123	2	1.6%
\$1,000 to \$1,500	10	0	.0%
Above \$1,500	1	0	.0%
Missing	331	4	1.2%
Total	477	6	1.3%

The availability of apartment units by average rent is displayed in Table II.7.32, below. The lowest vacancy rate was seen in apartment units renting for less than 500 dollars, with a vacancy rate of 0.0 percent.

Table II.7.32 Apartment Market Rate Rents by Vacancy Status Fremont County RVS Data, June 2014			
Average Rents	Apartment Units	Available Apartment Units	Vacancy Rate
Less Than \$500	4	0	.0%
\$500 to \$1,000	580	25	4.3%
\$1,000 to \$1,500			%
Above \$1,500	0	0	%
Missing	181	4	2.21%
Total	765	29	3.8%

Table II.7.33, below, shows the availability of mobile home units by rental rates. The lowest vacancy rate was seen in mobile home units renting for 500 to 1,000, with a vacancy rate of 2.8 percent.

Table II.7.33 Mobile Home Market Rate Rents by Vacancy Status Fremont County RVS Data, June 2014			
Average Rents	Mobile Home Units	Available Mobile Home Units	Vacancy Rate
Less Than \$500			%
\$500 to \$1,000	36	1	2.8%
\$1,000 to \$1,500			%
Above \$1,500			%
Missing	7	0	.0%
Total	43	1	2.3%

Table II.7.34, below, shows the condition of rental units by unit type for Fremont 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 average condition, with most apartments being in excellent condition. Details by unit type and condition are displayed below.

Table II.7.34 Condition by Unit Type Fremont County RVS Data, June 2014							
Conditions	Single Family Units	Duplex Units	Apartment Units	Mobile Homes	“Other” Units	Don’t Know	Total
Poor						.	
Fair	26	2	18	0	0	.	46
Average	364	10	94	12	0	.	480
Good	37	18	288	17	0	.	360
Excellent	36	9	341	7	1	.	394
Don’t Know	14	4	24	7	0	38	87
Total	477	43	765	43	1	38	1,367

The availability of single family units based on their condition is displayed in Table II.7.35, below. As can be seen the single family units with the lowest vacancy rates were in excellent condition, with a vacancy rate of 0.0 percent.

Table II.7.35			
Condition of Single Family Units by Vacancy Status			
Fremont County			
RVS Data, June 2014			
Condition	Single Family Units	Available Single Family Units	Vacancy Rate
Poor			%
Fair	26	0	.0%
Average	364	4	1.1%
Good	37	2	5.4%
Excellent	36	0	.0%
Don't Know	14	0	.0%
Total	477	6	1.3%

Table II.7.36, below, shows the availability of apartment units based on their condition. As can be seen the apartment units with the lowest vacancy rates were in good condition, and had a vacancy rate of 1.7 percent.

Table II.7.36			
Condition of Apartment Units by Vacancy Status			
Fremont County			
RVS Data, June 2014			
Condition	Apartment Units	Available Apartment Units	Vacancy Rate
Poor			%
Fair	18	2	11.1%
Average	94	4	4.3%
Good	288	5	1.7%
Excellent	341	16	4.7%
Don't Know	24	2	8.3%
Total	765	29	3.8%

Table II.7.37, below, shows the availability of mobile homes units based on their condition. As can be seen the mobile home units with the lowest vacancy rates were in good quality, with a vacancy rate of 0.0 percent.

Table II.7.37			
Condition of Mobile Home Units by Vacancy Status			
Fremont County			
RVS Data, June 2014			
Condition	Mobile Home Units	Available Mobile Home Units	Vacancy Rate
Poor			%
Fair	0	0	
Average	12	1	8.3%
Good	17	0	.0%
Excellent	7	0	.0%
Don't Know	7	0	.0%
Total	43	1	2.3%

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.7.38, below, respondents in Fremont County said they would prefer 40 more single family units, 100 more apartment units, and 9 units of all types. In total respondents indicated they wished to own or manage an additional 158 units.

Table II.7.38 If you had the opportunity to own/manage more units, how many would you prefer Fremont County RVS Data, June 2014	
Unit Type	More Units
Single family units	40
Duplex Units	2
Apartments	100
Mobile homes	7
Other	
Don't Know	
All types	9
Total	158

Table II.7.39 on the following page shows the most common answers from the 2014 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. Fremont County had a total of 73 respondents, with an average persons per household of 2.8 people. Of new residents to Fremont County, 41.7 percent were married and the most common age group arriving in the state was 25 to 34 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 49.3 percent of respondents renting their residence. The average mortgage payment in Fremont County was \$525 and the average rent was \$537. When asked if they were satisfied with their current housing, 80.8 percent said they were satisfied with thier current housing.

Table II.7.39 Most Replied Response Fremont County HNA Survey: Fiscal Year 2014	
Question	Most Replied Answer (%)
Demographics	
Total Number of Respondents	73
Number of persons in household (Average)	2.8
Current age	25 to 34 years old (29.2%)
Marital status	Married (41.7%)
Primary reason for moving to Wyoming	Friends or relatives in Wyoming (27.4%)
In which industry are you primarily employed	Other (37.5%)
Highest education level completed	College Graduate (37.0%)
Total household income from all sources	\$50,000 to \$74,999 dollars (25.0%)
Current Housing Characteristics	
Current Residence	Single family home (65.8%)
Do you own or rent	Rent (49.3%)
How many bedrooms (Average)	2.7
How many full bathrooms (Average)	1.8
Average mortgage payment	\$525
Average rental payment	\$537
Are you satisfied with your current housing	Satisfied with current housing (80.8%)
Housing Demand (If unsatisfied with current housing)	
Reason you are unsatisfied	Housing unit is too small (50.0%)
Are you seeking to change your housing situation	Seeking different housing (66.7%)
What type of unit are you seeking	Single family home (58.3%)
Type of tenure seeking	Seeking to rent (58.3%)
If own, do you plan on building or buying	Build a new unit (40.0%)
Expected buying price	\$50,000 to \$99,999 dollars (50.0%)
Expected building price	\$100,000 to \$149,999 dollars (100.0%)
Expected rental price	\$601 to \$700 dollars (50.0%)

For residents who are unsatisfied with their current housing, 50.0 percent were unsatisfied because the housing unit is too small.. When asked what type of unit they were seeking, the most common response, 58.3 percent, indicated they were seeking a single family home. When asked if they preferred to own or rent, 33.3 percent wanted to buy and 58.3 wanted to rent their next residence. Most residents wishing to buy a house anticipated spending \$50,000 to \$99,999 dollars if they were buying an existing unit, and \$100,000 to \$149,999 dollars if anticipated building a new unit. Of those respondents who wished to rent, the most common response, 50.0 percent of respondents, anticipated spending \$601 to \$700 dollars. Additional survey data are presented in **Volume II Technical Appendix**⁹¹.

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 2012 5-year ACS data, 453 or 2.9 percent of households in Fremont County were overcrowded and another 127 or 0.8 percent of units were severely overcrowded, as shown in Table II.7.40, on the following page.

⁹¹ 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.

This housing problem was far more prevalent in renter households as compared to owner households.

Table II.7.40				
Overcrowding and Severe Overcrowding				
Fremont County				
2008-2012 5-Year ACS Data				
Household	No Overcrowding	Overcrowding	Severe Overcrowding	Total
Fremont County				
Owner				
Households	10,782	202	112	11,096
Percentage	97.2%	1.8%	1.0%	100.0%
Renter				
Households	4,176	251	15	4,442
Percentage	94.0%	5.7%	.3%	100.0%
Total				
Households	14,958	453	127	15,538
Percentage	96.3%	2.9%	.8%	100.0%
State of Wyoming				
Owner				
Households	153,576	1,642	441	155,659
Percentage	98.7%	1.1%	.3%	100.0%
Renter				
Households	63,203	2,045	572	65,820
Percentage	96.0%	3.1%	.9%	100.0%
Total				
Households	216,779	3,687	1,013	221,479
Percentage	97.9%	1.7%	.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 2012 5-year ACS, a total of 590 units or 3.3 percent of all housing units in Fremont County were lacking complete kitchen facilities. This compared to 2.9 percent of households statewide without complete kitchen facilities. These data are presented in Table II.7.41, at right.

Table II.7.41		
Housing Units with Incomplete Kitchen Facilities		
Fremont County		
2008-2012 5-Year ACS Data		
Facilities	Fremont County	State of Wyoming
Complete Kitchen Facilities	17,120	253,942
Lacking Complete Kitchen Facilities	590	7,488
Total Housing Units	17,710	261,430
Percent Lacking	3.3%	2.9%

At the time of the 2012 ACS, a total of 480 units or 2.7 percent of all housing units in Fremont County were lacking complete plumbing facilities. This compared to 2.3 percent of households lacking complete plumbing facilities in the State of Wyoming. These data are presented in Table II.7.42, on the following page.

Table II.7.42 Housing Units with Incomplete Plumbing Facilities Fremont County 2008-2012 5-Year ACS Data		
Facilities	Fremont County	State of Wyoming
Complete Plumbing Facilities	17,230	255,465
Lacking Complete Plumbing Facilities	480	5,965
Total Households	17,710	261,430
Percent Lacking	2.7%	2.3%

The third type of housing problem reported in the 2012 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 Fremont County, 14.3 percent of households had a cost burden and 9.9 percent of households had a severe cost burden, which compared to 14.4 percent with a cost burden and 9.9 percent with a severe cost burden in the State of Wyoming. Roughly 17.4 percent of homeowners with a mortgage in Fremont County experienced a cost burden and 11.5 percent experienced a severe cost burden, while 17.2 percent of renters had a cost burden and 17.3 percent had a severe cost burden, as seen in Table II.7.43, on the following page.

Table II.7.43 Cost Burden and Severe Cost Burden by Tenure Fremont County 2008-2012 5-Year ACS Data					
Households	Less Than 30.0%	31% - 50%	Above 50%	Not Computed	Total
Fremont County					
Owner With a Mortgage					
Households	4,044	999	658	25	5,726
Percent	70.6%	17.4%	11.5%	.4%	100.0%
Owner Without a Mortgage					
Households	4,783	466	117	4	5,370
Percent	89.1%	8.7%	2.2%	.1%	100.0%
Renter					
Households	2,328	762	769	583	4,442
Percent	52.4%	17.2%	17.3%	13.1%	100.0%
Total					
Households	11,155	2,227	1,544	612	15,538
Percent	71.8%	14.3%	9.9%	3.9%	100.0%
State of Wyoming					
Owner With a Mortgage					
Households	69,166	16,223	8,723	189	94,301
Percent	73.3%	17.2%	9.3%	.2%	100.0%
Owner Without a Mortgage					
Households	55,107	3,594	2,253	404	61,358
Percent	89.8%	5.9%	3.7%	.7%	100.0%
Renter					
Households	35,072	12,067	11,011	7,670	65,820
Percent	53.3%	18.3%	16.7%	11.7%	100.0%
Total					
Households	159,345	31,884	21,987	8,263	221,479
Percent	71.9%	14.4%	9.9%	3.7%	100.0%

2014 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 2,210 loans purchased in Fremont County between 1979 and 2014, with 24 occurring in fiscal 2014. The average home size over the period was 1,194 square feet and 1,110 square feet in fiscal 2014. For homes receiving a WCDA loan in fiscal 2014, the average year a home was built was 1963. The average household income in fiscal 2014 in nominal terms, without the effects of inflation being taken into consideration, was \$47,633. The average purchase price in fiscal 2014 was \$139,498. In fiscal 2014, 12.5 percent of loans purchased were for new construction, and 37.5 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**.

