

## WESTON COUNTY

### Demographics

The Census Bureau's current census estimates indicate that Weston County's population decreased from 7,208 in 2010 to 7,158 in 2013, or by 0.7 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 decreased by 0.7 percent, and the number of people from 55 to 64 years of age increased by 8.0 percent. The white population decreased by 1.9 percent, while the black population increased by 86.4 percent. The Hispanic population increased from 216 to 269 people between 2010 and 2013 or by 24.5 percent. These data are presented in Table II.23.1, below.

<b>Table II.23.1</b>						
<b>Profile of Population Characteristics</b>						
Wyoming vs. Weston County						
2010 Census and 2013 Current Census Estimates						
Subject	Weston County			Wyoming		
	2010 Census	Jul-13	% Change	2010 Census	Jul-13	% Change
<b>Population</b>	<b>7,208</b>	<b>7,158</b>	<b>-.7%</b>	<b>563,626</b>	<b>582,658</b>	<b>3.4%</b>
<b>Age</b>						
Under 14 years	1,306	1,287	-1.5%	113,371	115,337	1.7%
15 to 24 years	810	789	-2.6%	78,460	80,908	3.1%
25 to 44 years	1,711	1,699	-.7%	144,615	151,055	4.5%
45 to 54 years	1,173	995	-15.2%	83,577	76,258	-8.8%
55 to 64 years	1,059	1,144	8.0%	73,513	80,411	9.4%
65 and Over	1,149	1,244	8.3%	70,090	78,689	12.3%
<b>Race</b>						
White	6,954	6,821	-1.9%	529,110	539,936	2.0%
Black	22	41	86.4%	5,135	10,186	98.4%
American Indian and Alaskan Native	97	119	22.7%	14,457	15,258	5.5%
Asian	21	25	19.0%	4,649	5,506	18.4%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	3	1	-66.7%	521	630	20.9%
Two or more races	111	151	36.0%	9,754	11,142	14.2%
<b>Ethnicity (of any race)</b>						
Hispanic or Latino	216	269	24.5%	50,231	56,363	12.2%

Table II.23.2, on the following page, presents the population of Weston County by age and gender from the 2010 Census and 2013 current census estimates. The 2010 Census count showed a total of 3,790 males, who accounted for 52.6 percent of the population, and the remaining 47.4 percent, or 3,418 persons, were female. In 2013, the number of males rose to 3,752 persons, and accounted for 52.4 percent of the population, with the remaining 47.6 percent, or 3,406 persons being female.

<b>Table II.23.2</b>							
<b>Population by Age and Gender</b>							
Weston 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	669	637	1,306	643	644	1,287	-1.5%
15 to 24 years	464	346	810	442	347	789	-2.6%
25 to 44 years	953	758	1,711	951	748	1,699	-.7%
45 to 54 years	617	556	1,173	533	462	995	-15.2%
55 to 64 years	580	479	1,059	615	529	1,144	8.0%
65 and Over	507	642	1,149	568	676	1,244	8.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,790</b>	<b>3,418</b>	<b>7,208</b>	<b>3,752</b>	<b>3,406</b>	<b>7,158</b>	<b>-0.7%</b>
% of Total	52.6%	47.4%	.	52.4%	47.6%	.	.

At the time of the 2010 Census, there were 313 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.23.3, below.

<b>Table II.23.3</b>			
<b>Group Quarters Population</b>			
Weston County			
2000 SF1 and 2010 Census Data			
Group Quarters	2000 Census	2010 Census	% Change 00-10
<b>Institutionalized</b>			
Correctional Institutions <sup>167</sup>	194	261	34.5%
Juvenile Facilities	.	.	.
Nursing Homes	48	52	8.3%
Other Institutions	.	.	.
<b>Total</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>29.3%</b>
<b>Noninstitutionalized</b>			
College Dormitories	.	.	.
Military Quarters	.	.	.
Other Noninstitutions	55	.	-100.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>.</b>	<b>-100.0%</b>
<b>Group Quarters Population</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>5.4%</b>

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

<sup>167</sup> 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.23.4, 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 1,921 family households, of which 1,615 housed married couple families and 306 housed "other families." "Other family" is defined as either a male householder with no wife present, of whom there were 117 families, or a female householder with no husband present, of which there were 189 families. There were also an estimated 1,037 "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 Weston County was 64.9 percent, which compared to the statewide rate of 65.9 percent. Of the family households in Weston County, 84.1 percent were married households, which compared to 80.5 percent in the State of Wyoming.

Family Type	Weston County		State of Wyoming	
	Weston County	% of Total	State of Wyoming	% of Total
Family households	1,921	64.9%	145,992	65.9%
Married-couple family	1,615	84.1%	117,493	80.5%
Owner-occupied housing units	1,378	85.3%	98,110	83.5%
Renter-occupied housing units	237	14.7%	19,383	16.5%
Other family	306	15.9%	28,499	19.5%
Male householder, no wife present	117	6.1%	9,246	32.4%
Owner-occupied housing units	117	100.0%	5,485	59.3%
Renter-occupied housing units	0	.0%	3,761	40.7%
Female householder, no husband present	189	9.8%	19,253	67.6%
Owner-occupied housing units	136	72.0%	10,177	52.9%
Renter-occupied housing units	53	28.0%	9,076	47.1%
Nonfamily households	1,037	35.1%	75,487	34.1%
Owner-occupied housing units	699	67.4%	41,887	55.5%
Renter-occupied housing units	338	32.6%	33,600	44.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,958</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>221,479</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Table II.23.5, on the following page, displays the 2012 5-year ACS census data for household type by household size. In 2012, there were 1,142 two-person family households, 316 three-person family households and 277 four-person family households. One-person non-family households made up 90.2 percent of all non-family households or an estimated 935 households. Weston County's two persons households made up 41.8 percent of total housing units and four person households made up an additional 9.4 percent, which compares to 37.8 and 12.1 percent, respectively, for the State of Wyoming.

<b>Table II.23.5</b>				
<b>Household Type by Household Size</b>				
Weston County				
2008-2012 5-Year ACS Data				
Household Size	Family Households	Non-Family Households	Total	% of Total
<b>Weston County</b>				
One Person	.	935	935	31.6%
Two Person	1,142	93	1,235	41.8%
Three Person	316	9	325	11.0%
Four Person	277	0	277	9.4%
Five Person	126	0	126	4.3%
Six Person	32	0	32	1.1%
Seven Person	28	0	28	.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,921</b>	<b>1,037</b>	<b>2,958</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>State of Wyoming</b>				
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%
<b>Total</b>	<b>145,992</b>	<b>75,487</b>	<b>221,479</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

The 2012 5-Year ACS census estimates also provided information on tenure by household size. According to the 2012 ACS estimates, of the 1,235 two-person households, 1,043 were owner-occupied and 192 were renter-occupied. Of the 277 four-person households, 236 were owner-occupied and 41 were renter-occupied. Further household size data by tenure are presented in Table II.23.6, below.

<b>Table II.23.6</b>				
<b>Tenure by Household Size</b>				
Weston County				
2008-2012 5-Year ACS Data				
Household Size	Own	Rent	Total	% of Total
<b>Weston County</b>				
One Person	638	297	935	31.6%
Two Person	1,043	192	1,235	41.8%
Three Person	268	57	325	11.0%
Four Person	236	41	277	9.4%
Five Person	85	41	126	4.3%
Six Person	32	0	32	1.1%
Seven Person or more	28	0	28	.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,330</b>	<b>628</b>	<b>2,958</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>State of Wyoming</b>				
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%
<b>Total</b>	<b>155,659</b>	<b>65,820</b>	<b>221,479</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

As seen in Table II.23.7, on the following page, Weston County had a total of 3,522 housing units of which 2,958 or 84.0 percent were occupied. Of these occupied units, 78.8 percent, or 2,330 units were owner occupied, which compares to a statewide rate of 70.3. A total of 564 units or 16.0 percent of all units were vacant. This compared to a statewide vacancy rate of 15.3 percent.

<b>Table II.23.7 Housing Units by Tenure</b> Weston County 2008-2012 5-Year ACS Data				
Tenure	Weston County		State of Wyoming	
	Units	% of Total	Units	% of Total
Occupied Housing Units	2,958	84.0%	221,479	84.7
Owner-Occupied	2,330	78.8%	155,659	70.3
Renter-Occupied	628	21.2%	65,820	29.7
Vacant Housing Units	564	16.0%	39,951	15.3
<b>Total Housing Units</b>	<b>3,522</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>261,430</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Table II.23.8, below, shows that of the 564 housing units in Weston County as reported in the 2012 ACS data, 11 or 2.0 percent were for rent and 67 or 11.9 percent were for sale. An estimated 256 units were for seasonal, recreational, or occasional use, and 230 or 40.8 percent of all vacant units were listed as “other vacant.” This compares to a statewide percentage of 25.8 percent for “other vacant” units.

<b>Table II.23.8 Disposition of Vacant Housing Units</b> Weston County 2008-2012 5-Year ACS Data				
Disposition	Weston County		State of Wyoming	
	Units	% of Total	Units	% of Total
For rent	11	2.0%	5,825	14.6%
Rented, but not occupied	0	.0%	1,811	4.5%
For sale only	67	11.9%	2,711	6.8%
Sold, but not occupied	0	.0%	799	2.0%
For seasonal, recreational, or occasional use	256	45.4%	18,027	45.1%
For migrant workers	0	.0%	488	1.2%
Other vacant	230	40.8%	10,290	25.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>564</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>39,951</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Table II.23.9, at right, presents different income statistics for Weston County. According to the 2012 ACS data averages, median family income for Weston County was \$72,766 compared to the statewide average of \$70,013. Per capita income for Weston County, which is calculated by dividing total income by population, was \$28,335, which compared to \$28,858 for the State of Wyoming.

<b>Table II.23.9 Median and Per Capita Income</b> Weston County 2008-2012 5-Year ACS Data		
Income Type	Weston County	Wyoming
Median Family Income	72,766	70,013
Median Household Income	53,802	56,573
Per Capita Income	28,335	28,858

Table II.23.10, on the following page, shows households by income for Weston County and the State of Wyoming. In Weston County, there were a total of 340 households or 11.5 percent with incomes under \$15,000 compared to 9.9 percent of households in Wyoming. There were another 540 households that had incomes between \$35,000 and \$49,999, which accounted for 18.3 percent of households and compared to 14.2 percent for the State of Wyoming. Households with incomes of \$100,000 or more accounted for 18.5 percent of total households and numbered 547 in Weston County.

<b>Table II.23.10 Households by Income</b> Weston County 2008-2012 5-Year ACS Data				
Income	Weston County		State of Wyoming	
	Total	% of Total	Total	% of Total
Under 15,000	340	11.5%	21,996	9.9%
15,000 - 19,999	125	4.2%	10,608	4.8%
20,000 - 24,999	147	5.0%	10,519	4.7%
25,000 - 34,999	261	8.8%	22,992	10.4%
35,000 - 49,999	540	18.3%	31,395	14.2%
50,000 - 74,999	521	17.6%	44,135	19.9%
75,000 - 99,999	477	16.1%	31,949	14.4%
100,000 and above	547	18.5%	47,885	21.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,958</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>221,479</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Poverty statistics were also reported in the 2012 5-year ACS estimates, and these data are displayed in Table II.23.11, below. In total, the poverty rate in Weston County was 13.8 percent, which compared to a statewide poverty rate of 11.0 percent in Wyoming. The male population in Weston County had a poverty rate of 10.0 percent and the female population had a poverty rate of 17.8 percent. There were 113 males and 193 females in poverty under the age of 5. Overall, 32.4 percent of persons in poverty in Weston 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 122 individuals with incomes below the poverty level which represented 12.9 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.

<b>Table II.23.11 Poverty by Age</b> Weston County 2008-2012 5-Year ACS Data				
Age	Male	Female	Total	% of Total
<b>Weston County</b>				
5 and Below	113	193	306	32.4%
6 to 18	47	62	109	11.5%
18 to 64	153	254	407	43.1%
65 and Older	32	90	122	12.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>599</b>	<b>944</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Poverty Rate	10.0%	17.8%	13.8%	.
<b>State of Wyoming</b>				
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%
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,872</b>	<b>33,764</b>	<b>60,636</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Poverty Rate	10%	12%	11.0%	.

Table II.23.12, on the following page, presents the breakdown of households by unit type and tenure. Between 2008 and 2012, Weston County saw an average of 1,647 owner-occupied single-family units compared to 304 single-family rental units. In Weston County, single-family units comprised 66.0 percent of all households compared with 71.5 percent statewide. Weston County had a total of 78 apartment rental units and total apartment units accounted for 2.6 percent of all

households. In the State of Wyoming, apartment units accounted for 7.9 percent of total households. There were also an estimated 812 mobile homes in Weston County, which comprised 27.5 percent of all occupied housing units and compared to 13.6 statewide.

<b>Table II.23.12 Households by Unit Type</b>				
Weston County 2008-2012 5-Year ACS Data				
Unit Type	Tenure			% of Total
	Own	Rent	Total	
<b>Weston County</b>				
Single-Family Unit	1,647	304	1,951	66.0%
Duplex	2	58	60	2.0%
Tri- or Four-Plex	0	57	57	1.9%
Apartments	0	78	78	2.6%
Mobile Homes	681	131	812	27.5%
Boat, RV, Van, Etc.	0	0	0	.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,330</b>	<b>628</b>	<b>2,958</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>State of Wyoming</b>				
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%
<b>Total</b>	<b>155,659</b>	<b>65,820</b>	<b>221,479</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Table II.23.13, below, shows the number of households by year of construction. As shown, 10.5 percent, or 311 units, were built in 1939 or earlier in the county, and another 141 percent were built between 1940 and 1949. The number of households built between 2000 and 2009 was 242, which accounted for 8.2 percent of all households, and an additional 3 households, or 0.1 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.

<b>Table II.23.13 Households by Year Built</b>				
Weston County 2008-2012 5-Year ACS Data				
Year Built	Weston County		State of Wyoming	
	Households	% of Total	Households	% of Total
1939 or earlier	311	10.5%	24,899	11.2%
1940 to 1949	141	4.8%	10,352	4.7%
1950 to 1959	563	19.0%	22,395	10.1%
1960 to 1969	227	7.7%	19,254	8.7%
1970 to 1979	592	20.0%	50,875	23.0%
1980 to 1989	489	16.5%	34,715	15.7%
1990 to 1999	390	13.2%	26,905	12.1%
2000 to 2009	242	8.2%	30,814	13.9%
Built 2010 or Later	3	.1%	1,270	.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,958</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>221,479</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Table II.23.14, below, displays housing units for Weston County and the State of Wyoming. The number of rooms in Weston County varied between households. Households with one room accounting for only 1.8 percent of total housing units, while households with five and six rooms accounted for 18.2 and 14.2 percent, respectively. The median number of rooms in Weston County was 5 rooms, which compared to 6 statewide.

<b>Table II.23.14</b>				
<b>Housing Units by Number of Rooms</b>				
Weston County				
2008-2012 5-Year ACS Data				
Number of Rooms	Weston County		State of Wyoming	
	Housing Units	% of Total	Housing Units	% of Total
One	62	1.8%	4,323	1.7%
Two	92	2.6%	6,841	2.6%
Three	295	8.4%	19,299	7.4%
Four	753	21.4%	44,488	17.0%
Five	641	18.2%	51,437	19.7%
Six	500	14.2%	40,208	15.4%
Seven	478	13.6%	32,481	12.4%
Eight	364	10.3%	25,835	9.9%
Nine or more	337	9.6%	36,518	14.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,522</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>261,430</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Median Rooms	5	.	6	.

Table II.23.15, at right, shows the number of households in the county by number of bedrooms and tenure. There were 24 rental households with no bedrooms, otherwise known as studio apartments. Two-bedroom households accounted for 24.9 percent of total households in Weston County, which compared to 24.6 percent statewide. In Weston County, the 1,407 households with three bedrooms accounted for 47.6 percent of all households, and there were only 142 five-bedroom or more households, which accounted for 4.8 percent of all households.

<b>Table II.23.15</b>				
<b>Households by Number of Bedrooms</b>				
Weston County				
2008-2012 5-Year ACS Data				
Number of Bedrooms	Tenure			% of Total
	Own	Rent	Total	
<b>Weston County</b>				
None	0	24	24	.8%
One	56	181	237	8.0%
Two	558	180	738	24.9%
Three	1,183	224	1,407	47.6%
Four	394	16	410	13.9%
Five or more	139	3	142	4.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,330</b>	<b>628</b>	<b>2,958</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>State of Wyoming</b>				
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%
<b>Total</b>	<b>155,659</b>	<b>65,820</b>	<b>221,479</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



The age of a structure influences its value. As shown in Table II.23.16, at right, structures built in 1939 or earlier had a median value of \$76,700, while structures built between 1950 and 1959 had a median value of \$114,700 and those built between 1990 to 1999 had a median value of \$121,000. The newest structures tended to have the highest values and those built between 2000 and 2009 had a median value of \$230,700. The total average median value in Weston County was \$131,200, which compared to \$184,400 in the State of Wyoming.

<b>Table II.23.16</b> <b>Median Value by Year Structure Built</b> Weston County 2008-2012 5-Year ACS Data		
Year Built	Weston County	State of Wyoming
1939 or earlier	76,700	153,500
1940 to 1949	87,500	136,800
1950 to 1959	114,700	156,600
1960 to 1969	131,900	173,700
1970 to 1979	119,400	181,700
1980 to 1989	143,800	196,100
1990 to 1999	121,000	228,400
2000 to 2009	230,700	248,900
Built 2010 or Later	.	221,600
<b>Total</b>	<b>131,200</b>	<b>184,400</b>

Household mortgage status is reported in Table II.23.17, below. In Weston County, households with a mortgage accounted for 50.1 percent of all households or 1,168 housing units, and the remaining 49.9 percent or 1,162 units had no mortgage. Of those units with a mortgage, 174 had either a second mortgage or home equity loan, 0 had both a second mortgage and home equity loan, and 994 or 85.1 percent had no second mortgage or no home equity loan.

<b>Table II.23.17</b> <b>Mortgage Status</b> Weston County 2008-2012 5-Year ACS Data				
Mortgage Status	Weston County		State of Wyoming	
	Households	% of Households	Households	% of Households
Housing units with a mortgage, contract to purchase, or similar debt	1,168	50.1%	94,301	60.6%
With either a second mortgage or home equity loan, but not both	174	14.9%	15,069	16.0%
Second mortgage only	49	28.2%	7,440	49.4%
Home equity loan only	125	71.8%	7,629	50.6%
Both second mortgage and home equity loan	0	.0%	645	.7%
No second mortgage and no home equity loan	994	85.1%	78,587	83.3%
Housing units without a mortgage	1,162	49.9%	61,358	39.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,330</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>155,659</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

The median rent in Weston County was \$500 as compared to \$618 statewide, as seen in Table II.23.18, below.

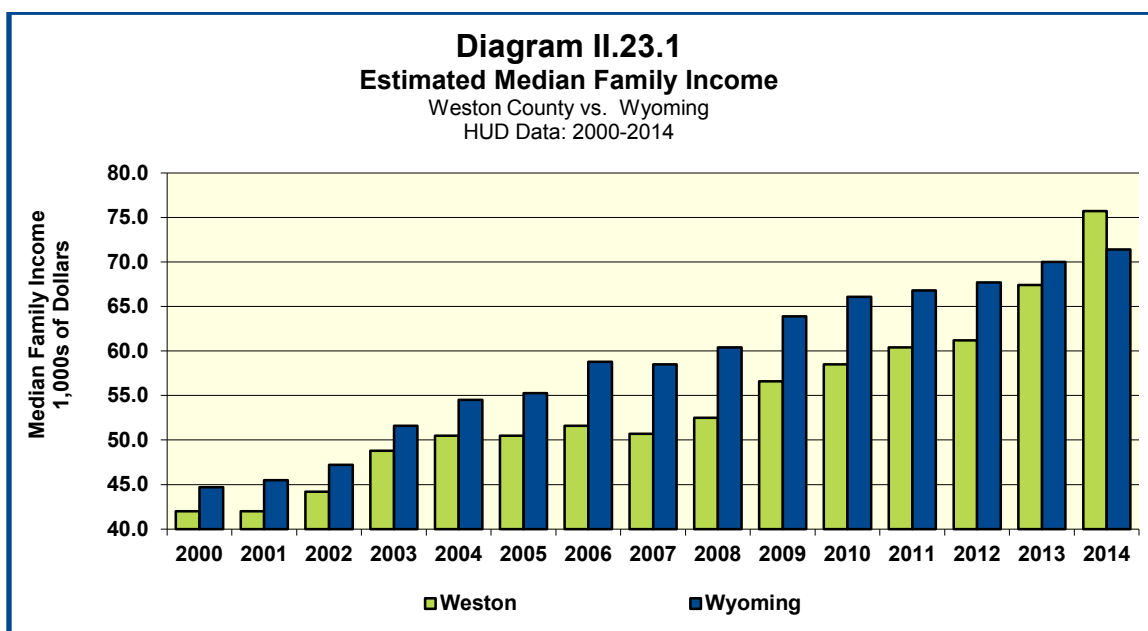
<b>Table II.23.18</b> <b>Median Rent</b> Weston County 2008-2012 5-Year ACS Data	
Place	Rent
Weston County	\$500
State of Wyoming	\$618

The Wyoming driver’s license data provided by the WYDOT indicated a net change of 32 persons during the first half of 2013. The driver’s license total exchanges since 2000 for Weston County are presented in Table II.23.19, below, and indicate a net increase of 599 persons over the time period.

<b>Table II.23.19</b>			
<b>Driver’s Licenses Exchanged and Surrendered</b>			
Weston County			
WYDOT Data, 2000–2013			
<b>Year</b>	<b>In-Migrants</b>	<b>Out-Migrants</b>	<b>Net Change</b>
2000	199	190	9
2001	196	166	30
2002	169	135	34
2003	146	121	25
2004	173	161	12
2005	177	174	3
2006	209	123	86
2007	248	115	133
2008	232	173	59
2009	223	149	74
2010	196	103	93
2011	148	140	8
2012	169	168	1
2013	167	142	25
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,652</b>	<b>2,060</b>	<b>592</b>

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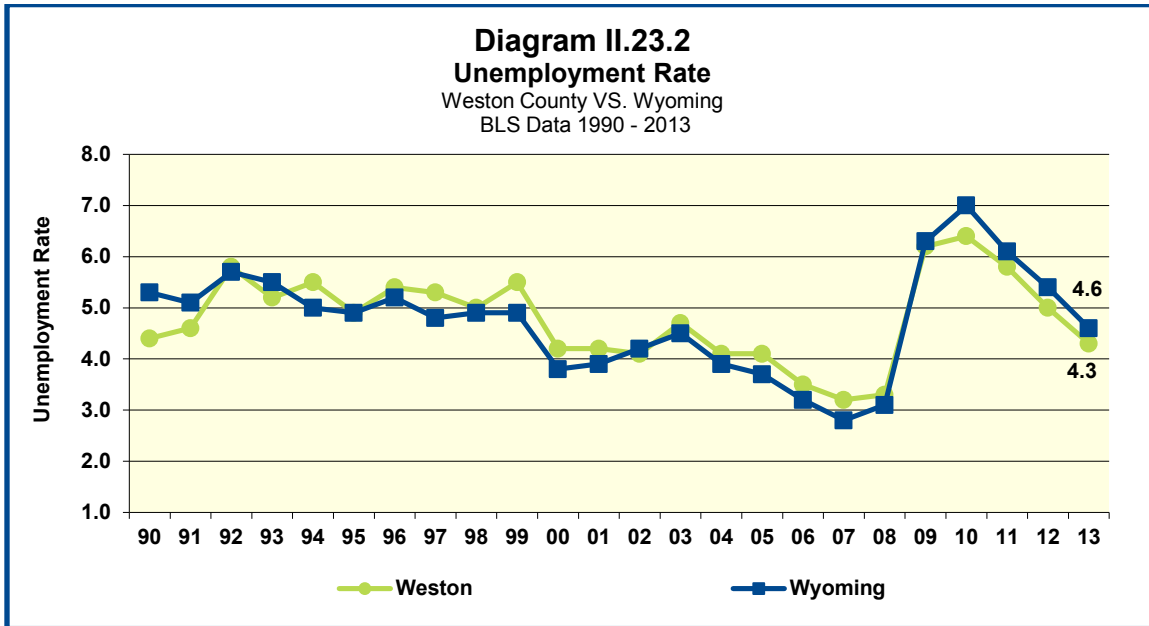
The HUD estimated MFI for Weston County was \$75,700 in 2014.<sup>168</sup> This rate compares to Wyoming’s MFI of \$71,400. Diagram II.23.1, below, illustrates the estimated MFI for 2000 through 2014.



Labor force and employment statistics were derived from Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) data. Weston County’s labor force, defined as the number of persons working or actively seeking work, decreased by 11 persons, from 3,330 in 2012 to 3,319 in 2013. Employment increased by 12 persons; unemployment decreased by 23 persons; and the unemployment rate, the number of

<sup>168</sup> 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.

unemployed persons as a percentage of the labor force, decreased from 5.0 percent in 2012 to 4.3 in 2013, as shown below in Diagram II.23.2.



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.23.20, below, annual total monthly employment increased by 0.65 percent between 2012 and 2013, from a total of 2,293 to 2,308 workers.

Year	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013(p)
Jan	2,073	2,103	2,141	2,143	2,249	2,278	2,277	2,270	2,207	2,182	2,226
Feb	2,086	2,089	2,155	2,140	2,231	2,300	2,255	2,246	2,202	2,180	2,231
Mar	2,098	2,097	2,167	2,181	2,261	2,328	2,273	2,285	2,209	2,199	2,246
Apr	2,118	2,141	2,181	2,165	2,281	2,357	2,262	2,308	2,196	2,260	2,334
May	2,248	2,212	2,259	2,192	2,347	2,386	2,299	2,400	2,315	2,350	2,346
Jun	2,238	2,214	2,233	2,220	2,377	2,397	2,269	2,349	2,300	2,370	2,342
Jul	2,094	2,133	2,178	2,106	2,219	2,286	2,275	2,232	2,169	2,267	2,182
Aug	2,110	2,150	2,173	2,099	2,249	2,324	2,212	2,257	2,245	2,298	2,304
Sep	2,214	2,252	2,284	2,186	2,311	2,398	2,289	2,331	2,347	2,335	2,403
Oct	2,227	2,205	2,272	2,149	2,310	2,334	2,255	2,339	2,340	2,384	2,372
Nov	2,180	2,190	2,265	2,179	2,355	2,360	2,271	2,362	2,294	2,346	2,359
Dec	2,131	2,186	2,264	2,217	2,348	2,348	2,286	2,270	2,290	2,349	2,355
<b>Annual</b>	<b>2,151</b>	<b>2,164</b>	<b>2,214</b>	<b>2,165</b>	<b>2,295</b>	<b>2,341</b>	<b>2,269</b>	<b>2,304</b>	<b>2,260</b>	<b>2,293</b>	<b>2,308</b>
% Change	-4.48	0.60	2.31	-2.21	6.00	2.00	-3.08	1.54	-1.91	1.46	0.65

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.23.21, on the following page, annual average weekly wages increased by 1.46 percent between 2012 and 2013, from a total of \$687 to \$697.

<b>Table II.23.21</b> <b>Average Weekly Wages</b> Weston County BLS QCEW Data, 2001–2013(p)						
Year	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	Annual	% Change
2001	493	493	473	524	496	.
2002	521	511	506	499	509	2.62
2003	458	475	482	507	480	-5.70
2004	470	491	492	503	489	1.88
2005	486	502	489	521	500	2.25
2006	546	548	543	587	556	11.20
2007	617	625	605	676	631	13.49
2008	658	676	670	672	669	6.02
2009	609	632	590	654	621	-7.17
2010	607	689	641	696	659	6.12
2011	629	764	654	670	680	3.19
2012	683	706	667	692	687	1.03
2013(p)	714	686	682	707	697	1.46

Total business establishments reported by the QCEW are displayed below in Table II.23.22. Annual establishments increased by 0.36 percent between 2012 and 2013, from a total of 274 to 273 establishments.

<b>Table II.23.22</b> <b>Number of Establishments</b> Weston County BLS QCEW Data, 2001–2013(p)						
Year	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	Annual	% Change
2001	246	261	264	259	258	.
2002	255	257	259	257	257	-0.39
2003	259	260	264	266	262	1.95
2004	262	262	261	263	262	0.00
2005	264	266	265	267	266	1.53
2006	268	271	269	268	269	1.13
2007	269	276	279	276	275	2.23
2008	279	283	278	278	280	1.82
2009	285	283	283	278	282	0.71
2010	278	277	273	274	276	-2.13
2011	275	275	272	266	272	-1.45
2012	268	275	277	275	274	0.74
2013(p)	273	272	274	272	273	-0.36

The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) measures employment, defined as the total number of full- and part-time jobs by place of work. In 2012, the most recent year for which data are available, Weston County recorded 5,128 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 \$388,628,000, and real per capita income was \$54,875 in 2012. Average earnings per job in the county was \$45,781 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 Weston County increased from \$578 to \$579 between fourth quarter 2012 and fourth quarter 2013, or by 0.2 percent. Detached single-family home rents increased by 14.6 percent, rents for mobile homes on a lot increased by 8.1 percent, and rents for mobile home lots increased by 1.5 percent

Weston County rental prices experienced average annualized increases of 2.6 percent for apartments, 3.8 percent for houses, 3.0 percent for mobile homes plus a lot, and 1.9 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.23.23, at right, presents the Weston County data for each rental type.<sup>169</sup>

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 Weston County decreased from 4 to zero.

The real value of single-family building permits in real 2012 dollars, fluctuated from a high of \$162,200 in 2002 to a low of \$26,700 in 2001. Additional details of permit activity and per unit valuations are given in Table II.23.24, on the following page.

Quarter Year	Apartments	Mobile Home Lot	House	Mobile Home
Q4.86	284	82	262	213
Q2.87	293	83	289	225
Q4.87	303	83	297	298
Q2.88	312	79	282	207
Q4.88	194	83	246	214
Q2.89	235	87	269	222
Q4.89	222	83	259	224
Q2.90	249	115	269	240
Q4.90	222	82	255	208
Q2.91	271	154	282	248
Q4.91	225	115	275	183
Q2.92	243	90	247	230
Q4.92	.	82	250	243
Q2.93	.	82	.	.
Q4.93	.	82	.	.
Q2.94	.	83	303	260
Q4.94	.	87	336	.
Q2.95	.	81	338	280
Q4.95	280	88	318	.
Q2.96	.	88	365	294
Q4.96	275	88	328	.
Q2.97	275	88	298	.
Q4.97	346	89	355	360
Q2.98	345	98	334	295
Q4.98	346	95	312	272
Q2.99	292	80	339	325
Q4.99	.	95	344	304
Q2.00	304	90	367	328
Q4.00	340	92	361	339
Q2.01	330	97	350	350
Q4.01	341	94	352	335
Q2.02	329	93	371	354
Q4.02	292	93	380	343
Q2.03	357	97	358	344
Q4.03	333	99	380	365
Q2.04	329	95	352	345
Q4.04	312	101	416	396
Q2.05	319	107	448	397
Q4.05	350	119	496	431
Q2.06	400	109	510	438
Q4.06	459	119	567	505
Q2.07	500	125	655	403
Q4.07	525	119	675	402
Q2.08	576	120	647	396
Q4.08	563	120	657	431
Q2.09	556	121	650	434
Q4.09	564	123	636	428
Q2.10	547	123	647	438
Q4.10	558	130	639	439
Q2.11	570	143	681	446
Q4.11	572	141	644	443
Q2.12	570	150	679	455
Q4.12	578	137	645	445
Q2.13	569	150	694	459
Q4.13	579	139	739	481

<sup>169</sup> 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.

<b>Table II.23.24</b> <b>Building Permits and Valuation</b> Weston 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	23	4	.	.	27	.	.	98.1	.
1981	24	.	20	8	52	.	.	70.5	48.8
1982	8	4	8	.	20	.	.	73.2	.
1983	18	.	.	.	18	.	.	68.2	.
1984	8	.	.	.	8	.	.	98.6	.
1985	7	.	.	.	7	.	.	62.2	.
1986	6	.	.	.	6	.	.	58.8	.
1987	3	.	.	.	3	.	.	53.5	.
1988	4	.	.	.	4	.	.	62.4	.
1989	6	.	.	.	6	.	.	45.3	.
1990	4	.	.	.	4	.	.	59.9	.
1991	2	.	.	.	2	.	.	62.5	.
1992	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1993	5	.	.	.	5	.	.	53.6	.
1994	5	.	.	.	5	.	.	85.2	.
1995	5	4	.	.	9	.	.	92.6	.
1996	3	.	.	.	3	.	10	80.0	.
1997	2	2	.	.	4	.	.	79.0	.
1998	6	.	.	.	6	.	.	142.2	.
1999	3	.	.	.	3	.	.	110.9	.
2000	1	.	.	10	11	.	.	88.5	52.1
2001	3	.	.	.	3	.	.	26.7	.
2002	4	.	.	.	4	.	.	164.5	.
2003	2	.	.	.	2	.	.	92.1	.
2004	8	4	4	.	16	.	.	94.2	.
2005	5	.	.	.	5	.	.	162.9	.
2006	8	2	.	.	10	.	.	156.5	.
2007	19	.	.	.	19	.	.	123.3	.
2008	12	.	.	.	12	.	.	138.4	.
2009	7	.	.	.	7	.	.	127.9	.
2010	4	.	.	.	4	.	.	157.9	.
2011	4	.	.	.	4	.	.	128.1	.
2012	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2013	5	.	.	.	5	.	.	177.4	.

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 Weston County was \$123,686. This represented an decrease of 10.1 percent from the previous year. In contrast, Wyoming’s average was \$281,345, an increase of 5.6 percent over the previous year. A comparison of average sales prices between 2000 and 2013 is displayed in Table II.23.25, on the following page.

Year	Weston County Average Price (\$)	Weston County Annual % Change	Wyoming Average Price	Wyoming Annual % Change
2000	74,379	.	131,207	.
2001	65,422	-12.04	128,771	-1.86
2002	70,674	8.03	138,295	7.40
2003	72,765	2.96	148,276	7.22
2004	64,784	-10.97	159,558	7.61
2005	80,313	23.97	178,183	11.67
2006	107,437	33.77	219,438	23.15
2007	140,127	30.43	265,044	20.78
2008	129,108	-7.9	256,045	-3.40
2009	164,337	27.3	241,622	-5.63
2010	145,512	-11.46	250,958	3.86
2011	142,007	-2.4	241,301	-3.85
2012	137,564	-3.1	266,406	10.4
2013	123,686	-10.1	281,345	5.6

The Wyoming Rental Vacancy Survey (RVS) has been completed biannually since 2000, with the most recent survey conducted in the semiannual report ending in June 2014.<sup>170</sup> During June 2014, a total of 16 surveys were completed by property managers in Weston County. Of the 100 rental units surveyed, 5 were vacant, indicating a vacancy rate of 5.0 percent, as shown in Table II.23.26, below. This rate compares to a 15.0 percent vacancy last year and a statewide June 2014 vacancy rate of 3.8 percent.

Year	Sample	Total Units	Vacant Units	Vacancy Rate
2001a	4	60	3	5.0%
2001b	4	23	0	0.0%
2002a	4	11	0	0.0%
2002b	4	16	2	12.5%
2003a	3	35	1	2.9%
2003b	9	91	7	7.7%
2004a	11	91	3	3.3%
2004b	9	79	4	5.1%
2005a	7	51	5	9.8%
2005b	7	53	2	3.8%
2006a	3	13	0	0.0%
2006b	10	113	0	0.0%
2007a	8	97	4	4.1%
2007b	13	193	14	7.3%
2008a	7	88	3	3.4%
2008b	9	116	6	5.2%
2009a	11	128	6	4.7%
2009b	7	89	1	1.1%
2010a	16	167	7	4.2%
2010b	13	129	8	6.2%
2011a	14	146	13	8.9%
2011b	19	206	29	14.1%
2012a	23	215	9	4.2%
2012b	22	187	14	7.5%
2013a	21	173	26	15.0%
2013b	21	123	18	14.6%
2014a	16	100	5	5.0%

<sup>170</sup>Those signified as a in the “year” column of Table II.23.10 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.23.3, below, shows the historical vacancy rate for Weston County and Wyoming. As can be seen, the vacancy rate in Weston County has been volatile over the 14 year period, moving above and below the statewide rate, with several periods matching the statewide average. In the most recent survey, the vacancy rate fell to just above the statewide rate.

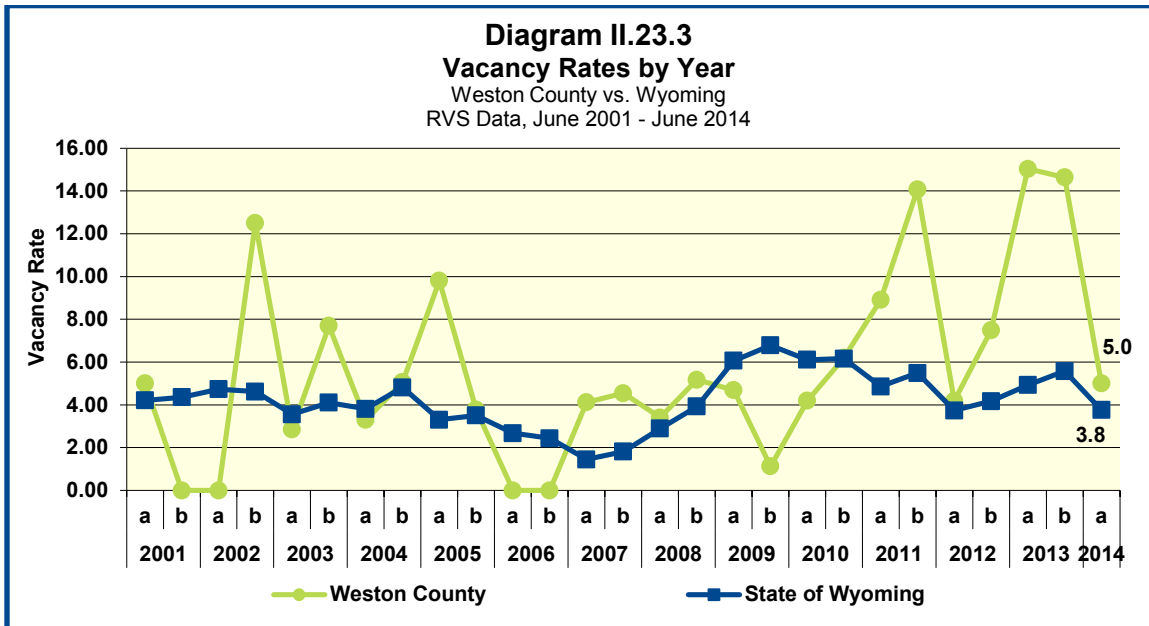


Diagram II.23.4, below, shows the average rent of single-family and apartment units in Weston County. In the first half of 2014, average rents for single-family units decreased to \$675 and average rents for apartments fell to \$457.

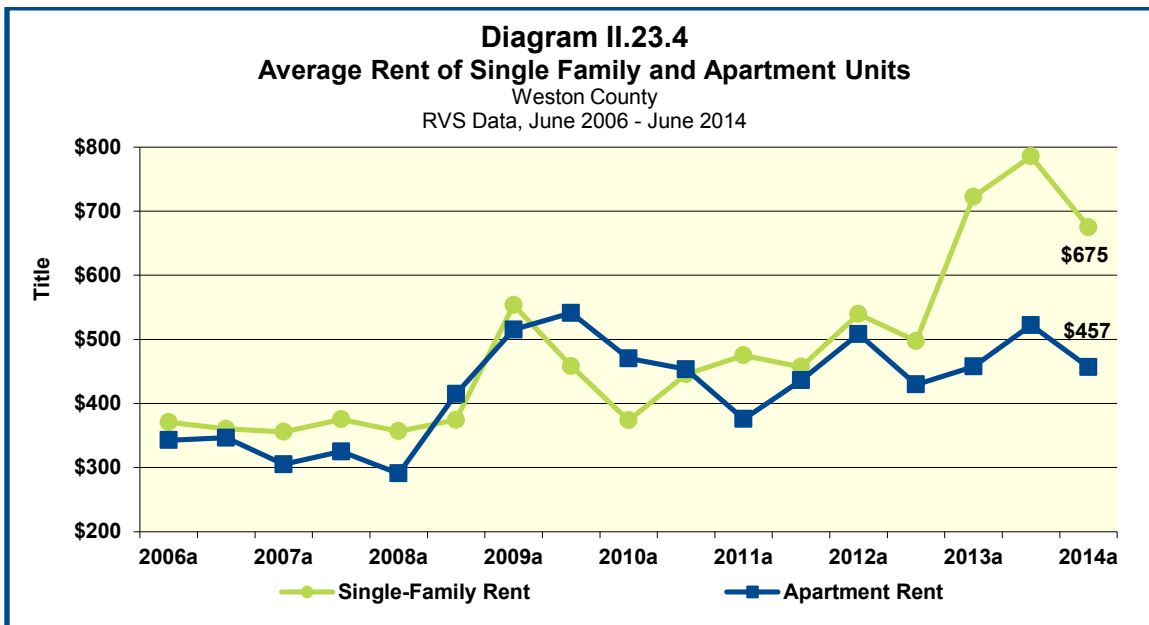




Table II.23.27, below shows the amount of total and vacant units by unit type, with their associated vacancy rates. At the time of the survey, there were an estimated 27 single family units in Weston County, with 0 of them available. This translates into a vacancy rate of 0.0 percent in Weston County, which compares to a single family vacancy rate of 4.0 percent for the State of Wyoming. There were 41 apartment units reported in the survey, with 3 of them available, which resulted in a vacancy rate of 7.3 percent. This compares to a statewide vacancy rate of 3.0 percent for apartment units across the state.

<b>Table II.23.27</b>			
<b>Rental Vacancy Survey by Type</b>			
Weston County			
RVS Data, June 2014			
<b>Place</b>	<b>Total Units</b>	<b>Vacant Units</b>	<b>Vacancy Rate</b>
Single Family	27	0	0.0%
Duplex units	8	0	0.0%
Apartments	41	3	7.3%
Mobile Homes	16	2	12.5%
“Other” Units	0	0	%
Don’t Know	8	0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5.0%</b>

Table II.23.28, below reports units by bedroom size. Two bedroom units were the most common type of reported single family unit, with 16 units. The most common apartment units were one bedroom units, with 22 units. Additional details of unit types by bedrooms are reported below.

<b>Table II.23.28</b>							
<b>Rental Units by Bedroom Size</b>							
Weston County							
RVS Data, June 2014							
<b>Number of Bedrooms</b>	<b>Single Family Units</b>	<b>Duplex Units</b>	<b>Apartment Units</b>	<b>Mobile Homes</b>	<b>“Other” Units</b>	<b>Don’t Know</b>	<b>Total</b>
Efficiency	0	0	0	0	0	.	0
One	1	0	22	0	0	.	23
Two	16	8	16	1	0	.	41
Three	8	0	2	14	0	.	24
Four	0	0	1	0	0	.	1
Five	1	0	0	0	0	.	1
Don’t Know	1	0	0	1	0	8	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>100</b>

Average market-rate rents by unit type are shown in Table II.23.29, 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.

<b>Table II.23.29</b>						
<b>Average Market Rate Rents by Bedroom Size</b>						
Weston County RVS Data, June 2014						
<b>Number of Bedrooms</b>	<b>Single Family Units</b>	<b>Duplex Units</b>	<b>Apartment Units</b>	<b>Mobile Homes</b>	<b>“Other” Units</b>	<b>Total</b>
Efficiency	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
One	\$700	\$	\$305	\$	\$	\$437
Two	\$542	\$625	\$350	\$525	\$	\$536
Three	\$813	\$	\$750	\$638	\$	\$754
Four	\$	\$	\$1,000	\$	\$	\$1,000
Five	\$550	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$550
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$675</b>	<b>\$625</b>	<b>\$457</b>	<b>\$638</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$627</b>

Table II.23.30, below, shows vacancy rates for single family units by average rental rates for Weston County. Single family units with the lowest vacancy rate had an average rent of 1,000 to 1,500 dollars, indicating there may be more of a demand for units within this rental range.

<b>Table II.23.30</b>			
<b>Single Family Market Rate Rents by Vacancy Status</b>			
Weston County RVS Data, June 2014			
<b>Average Rents</b>	<b>Single Family Units</b>	<b>Available Single Family Units</b>	<b>Vacancy Rate</b>
Less Than \$500	12	0	.0%
\$500 to \$1,000	13	0	.0%
\$1,000 to \$1,500	1	0	.0%
Above \$1,500			%
Missing	1	0	.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.0%</b>

The availability of apartment units by average rent is displayed in Table II.23.31, below. The lowest vacancy rate was seen in apartment units renting for less than 500 dollars, with a vacancy rate of 3.1 percent.

<b>Table II.23.31</b>			
<b>Apartment Market Rate Rents by Vacancy Status</b>			
Weston County RVS Data, June 2014			
<b>Average Rents</b>	<b>Apartment Units</b>	<b>Available Apartment Units</b>	<b>Vacancy Rate</b>
Less Than \$500	32	1	3.1%
\$500 to \$1,000	9	2	22.2%
\$1,000 to \$1,500			%
Above \$1,500			%
Missing	0	0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7.3%</b>

Table II.23.32, on the following page, 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 13.3 percent.

<b>Table II.23.32</b> <b>Mobile Home Market Rate Rents by Vacancy Status</b> Weston County RVS Data, June 2014			
Average Rents	Mobile Home Units	Available Mobile Home Units	Vacancy Rate
Less Than \$500			%
\$500 to \$1,000	15	2	13.3%
\$1,000 to \$1,500			%
Above \$1,500			%
Missing	1	0	.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12.5%</b>

Table II.23.33, below, shows the condition of rental units by unit type for Weston 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 good condition, with most apartments being in good condition. Details by unit type and condition are displayed below.

<b>Table II.23.33</b> <b>Condition by Unit Type</b> Weston County RVS Data, June 2014							
Conditions	Single Family Units	Duplex Units	Apartment Units	Mobile Homes	“Other” Units	Don’t Know	Total
Poor						.	
Fair						.	
Average	2	0	0	0	0	.	2
Good	23	8	41	3	0	.	75
Excellent	1	0	0	0	0	.	1
Don’t Know	1	0	0	13	0	8	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>100</b>

The availability of single family units based on their condition is displayed in Table II.23.34, 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.

<b>Table II.23.34</b> <b>Condition of Single Family Units by Vacancy Status</b> Weston County RVS Data, June 2014			
Condition	Single Family Units	Available Single Family Units	Vacancy Rate
Poor			%
Fair			%
Average	2	0	0.0%
Good	23	0	0.0%
Excellent	1	0	0.0%
Don’t Know	1	0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.0%</b>

Table II.23.35, 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 7.3 percent.

<b>Table II.23.35</b> <b>Condition of Apartment Units by Vacancy Status</b> Weston County RVS Data, June 2014			
Condition	Apartment Units	Available Apartment Units	Vacancy Rate
Poor			%
Fair			%
Average	0	0	%
Good	41	3	7.3%
Excellent	0	0	%
Don't Know	0		%
<b>Total</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7.3%</b>

Table II.23.36, 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.

<b>Table II.23.36</b> <b>Condition of Mobile Home Units by Vacancy Status</b> Weston County RVS Data, June 2014			
Condition	Mobile Home Units	Available Mobile Home Units	Vacancy Rate
Poor			
Fair			%
Average	0	0	%
Good	3	0	.0%
Excellent	0	0	%
Don't Know	13	2	15.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12.5%</b>

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.23.37, below, respondents in Weston County said they would prefer 10 more single family units, 16 more apartment units, and units of all types. In total respondents indicated they wished to own or manage an additional 26 units.

<b>Table II.23.37</b> <b>If you had the opportunity to own/manage more units, how many would you prefer</b> Weston County RVS Data, June 2014	
Unit Type	More Units
Single family units	10
Duplex Units	
Apartments	16
Mobile homes	0
Other	
Don't Know	
All types	
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>

Table II.23.38, below, 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. Weston County had a total of 14 respondents, with an average persons per household of 2.8 people. Of new residents to Weston County, 53.8 percent were married and the most common age group arriving in the state was 45 to 54 years old. Most new residents moved for reasons other than those given in the survey.

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 owning thier residence. The average mortgage payment in Weston County was \$600 and the average rent was \$278. When asked if they were satisfied with their current housing, 71.4 percent said they were satisfied with thier current housing.

<b>Table II.23.38</b> <b>Most Replied Response</b> Weston County HNA Survey: Fiscal Year 2014	
Question	Most Replied Answer (%)
<b>Demographics</b>	
Total Number of Respondents	14
Number of persons in household (Average)	2.8
Current age	45 to 54 years old (35.7%)
Marital status	Married (53.8%)
Primary reason for moving to Wyoming	Other reason (50.0%)
In which industry are you primarily employed	Mining (16.7%)
Highest education level completed	Some College (21.4%)
Total household income from all sources	\$50,000 to \$74,999 dollars (30.0%)
<b>Current Housing Characteristics</b>	
Current Residence	Single family home (64.3%)
Do you own or rent	Own (50.0%)
How many bedrooms (Average)	2.6
How many full bathrooms (Average)	1.3
Average mortgage payment	\$600
Average rental payment	\$278
Are you satisfied with your current housing	Satisfied with current housing (71.4%)
<b>Housing Demand (If unsatisfied with current housing)</b>	
Reason you are unsatisfied	Other (100.0%)
Are you seeking to change your housing situation	Not seeking different housing (75.0%)
What type of unit are you seeking	Single family home (100.0%)
Type of tenure seeking	Seeking to rent (100.0%)
If own, do you plan on building or buying	.
Expected buying price	.
Expected building price	.
Expected rental price	.

For residents who are unsatisfied with their current housing, 100.0 percent were unsatisfied because of some other reason not listed in the survey. When asked what type of unit they were seeking, the most common response, 100.0 percent, indicated they were seeking a single family home. Additional survey data are presented in **Volume II Technical Appendix**<sup>171</sup>.

<sup>171</sup> 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.

### 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, 45 or 1.5 percent of households in Weston County were overcrowded and another 37 or 1.3 percent of units were severely overcrowded, as shown in Table II.23.39, below. This housing problem was far more prevalent in renter households as compared to owner households.

<b>Table II.23.39</b>				
<b>Overcrowding and Severe Overcrowding</b>				
Weston County				
2008-2012 5-Year ACS Data				
<b>Household</b>	<b>No Overcrowding</b>	<b>Overcrowding</b>	<b>Severe Overcrowding</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Weston County</b>				
<b>Owner</b>				
Households	2,272	21	37	2,330
Percentage	97.5%	.9%	1.6%	100.0%
<b>Renter</b>				
Households	604	24	0	628
Percentage	96.2%	3.8%	.0%	100.0%
<b>Total</b>				
Households	2,876	45	37	2,958
Percentage	97.2%	1.5%	1.3%	100.0%
<b>State of Wyoming</b>				
<b>Owner</b>				
Households	153,576	1,642	441	155,659
Percentage	98.7%	1.1%	.3%	100.0%
<b>Renter</b>				
Households	63,203	2,045	572	65,820
Percentage	96.0%	3.1%	.9%	100.0%
<b>Total</b>				
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 138 units or 3.9 percent of all housing units in Weston 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.23.40, at right.

<b>Table II.23.40</b> <b>Housing Units with Incomplete Kitchen Facilities</b> Weston County 2008-2012 5-Year ACS Data		
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Weston County</b>	<b>State of Wyoming</b>
Complete Kitchen Facilities	3,384	253,942
Lacking Complete Kitchen Facilities	138	7,488
<b>Total Housing Units</b>	<b>3,522</b>	<b>261,430</b>
Percent Lacking	3.9%	2.9%

At the time of the 2012 ACS, a total of 42 units or 1.2 percent of all housing units in Weston 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.23.41, below.

<b>Table II.23.41</b> <b>Housing Units with Incomplete Plumbing Facilities</b> Weston County 2008-2012 5-Year ACS Data		
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Weston County</b>	<b>State of Wyoming</b>
Complete Plumbing Facilities	3,480	255,465
Lacking Complete Plumbing Facilities	42	5,965
<b>Total Households</b>	<b>3,522</b>	<b>261,430</b>
Percent Lacking	1.2%	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 Weston County, 11.3 percent of households had a cost burden and 6.1 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 13.0 percent of homeowners with a mortgage in Weston County experienced a cost burden and 6.4 percent experienced a severe cost burden, while 8.9 percent of renters had a cost burden and 11.8 percent had a severe cost burden, as seen in Table II.23.42, on the following page.

<b>Table II.23.42</b> <b>Cost Burden and Severe Cost Burden by Tenure</b> Weston County 2008-2012 5-Year ACS Data					
Households	Less Than 30.0%	31% - 50%	Above 50%	Not Computed	Total
<b>Weston County</b>					
<b>Owner With a Mortgage</b>					
Households	941	152	75	0	1,168
Percent	80.6%	13.0%	6.4%	.0%	100.0%
<b>Owner Without a Mortgage</b>					
Households	992	127	32	11	1,162
Percent	85.4%	10.9%	2.8%	.9%	100.0%
<b>Renter</b>					
Households	407	56	74	91	628
Percent	64.8%	8.9%	11.8%	14.5%	100.0%
<b>Total</b>					
Households	2,340	335	181	102	2,958
Percent	79.1%	11.3%	6.1%	3.4%	100.0%
<b>State of Wyoming</b>					
<b>Owner With a Mortgage</b>					
Households	69,166	16,223	8,723	189	94,301
Percent	73.3%	17.2%	9.3%	.2%	100.0%
<b>Owner Without a Mortgage</b>					
Households	55,107	3,594	2,253	404	61,358
Percent	89.8%	5.9%	3.7%	.7%	100.0%
<b>Renter</b>					
Households	35,072	12,067	11,011	7,670	65,820
Percent	53.3%	18.3%	16.7%	11.7%	100.0%
<b>Total</b>					
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 394 loans purchased in Weston County between 1979 and 2014, with 5 occurring in fiscal 2014. The average home size over the period was 1,292 square feet and 1,144 square feet in fiscal 2014. For homes receiving a WCDA loan in fiscal 2014, the average year a home was built was 1959. The average household income in fiscal 2014 in nominal terms, without the effects of inflation being taken into consideration, was \$45,675. The average purchase price in fiscal 2014 was \$117,500. In fiscal 2014, 0.0 percent of loans purchased were for new construction, and 20.0 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.**