

Wyoming (WY) (3 votes)

Capital: **Cheyenne**
 Area: **97,914 sq mi. / 253,600 sq km**
 Population: **584,057**
 Nickname: **"Equality State"**
 State motto: **"Equal Rights"**
 Governor: **Mark Gordon (R)**
 U.S. Senators: **Cynthia Lummis (R),
 John Barrasso (R)**



How will your state vote?

Predicting a vote is a challenging task. Political researchers have different opinions on how to predict an election outcome. Different formulas and methods are used, however none is perfect. Each prediction is a snapshot of the voters' opinion at a certain point in time. But with election issues and current events changing so fast, it is quite a challenge to have an accurate prediction of how the election will turn out. In the 2020 election, most political pundits and polls before Election Day accurately estimated that Democratic candidate Joe Biden would receive more votes than the Republican candidate and former President Donald J. Trump. However, Biden's victory in the Electoral College was narrower than predicted because the polls overstated Biden's support relative to Trump.

What are the most common predictors to determine how citizens will vote? Socio-economic factors are among the most important ones. They include, but are not limited to, citizens' education, income, and ethnicity. While these are often mentioned as decisive, others are important to consider as well. For example, many Americans cast their vote based on a single issue like health care, women's reproductive rights, the economy, or the environment. These voters choose their preferred candidate based on the issue most important to their identity, their social network, or personal biography, for example religious affiliation, ideology, or health. Americans also often cast their vote in a local context and are influenced by political and social issues affecting their own state. Finally, calculating voter turnout is key to an accurate prediction.

Some key variables for predicting the election outcome



Voting history

How have people in the state voted in the past? Is the state solidly red, blue, or purple? What is the expected turnout?



Ethnicity

What ethnic group does a citizen belong to? What is the ethnic make-up of the state?



Religion

How important is religion to the citizens? How often do they pray or attend worship service?



Economy

What's the current economic situation in the state? How many citizens live in poverty? How many are without a job?



Income inequality

How wide is the gap between wealthy and poor people? How much income does the top 1% in the state take home?



Education

How many people graduate from high school in your state? How many have a college degree?

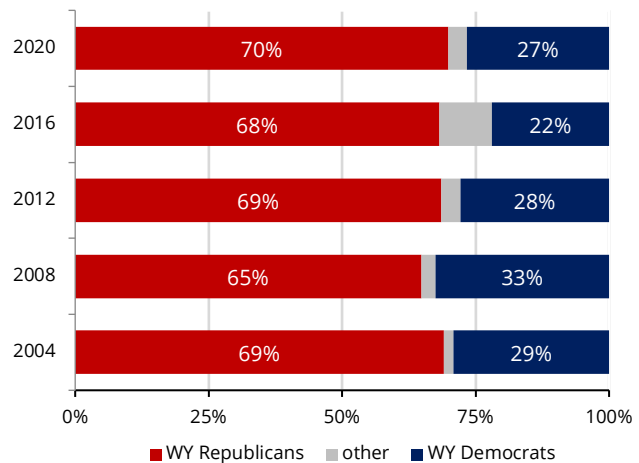


Voting history ^[2]

Wyoming became a state in July 1890, just one week after neighboring Idaho.

The two states have shared a similar history in presidential elections as well. In fact, since 1904, they both have voted identically, except in 1944 when the state's residents preferred Republican Thomas Dewey over FDR. Like most other states of the Mountain West, Wyoming is currently a Republican stronghold in presidential elections, having voted Democratic just once since 1952 – the 1964 landslide victory of Lyndon Johnson over Barry Goldwater. In 2020, Donald Trump beat Joe Biden by 43%; it was Trump's widest margin of victory in any state. Wyoming has the smallest population of any state in the Union, and is therefore the most over-represented state in the electoral college.

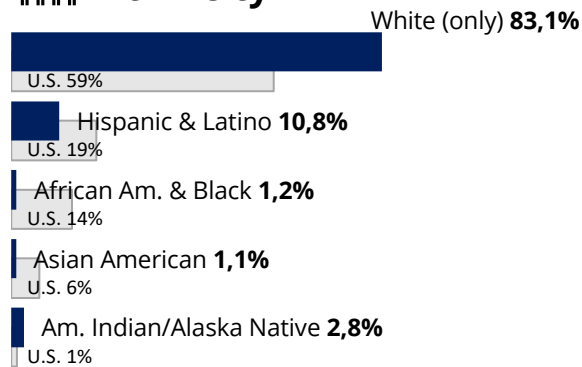
Election results in Wyoming (2004–2020): ^[2]



Voter turnout 2020:



Ethnicity ^[3]



(U.S. average in grey)



Religion ^[4]

WY is tied for 22nd most religious state overall

54% of adults in WY are "highly religious," based on an overall index

Religious profile of Wyoming

49% (33rd) say religion is very important in their lives

38% (16th) say they attend worship at least weekly

53% (22nd) say they pray daily

66% (17th) say they believe in God w/ absolute certainty



Economy ^[5]

11.8% (30th highest) poverty rate

3.0% (15th lowest) unemployment rate



Income inequality ^[6]

The top 1% take home 24% of all the income in WY.

(U.S. average: 21%)

1% of the families



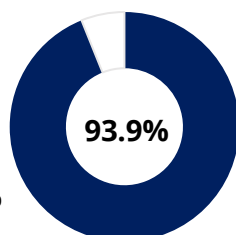
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Education ^[3]

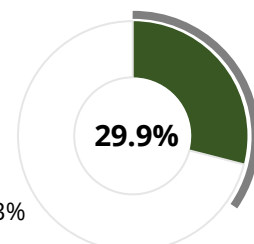
High school degree or higher
persons 25+ yrs. old

U.S. average (grey): 89.1%



Bachelor's degree or higher
persons 25+ yrs. old

U.S. average (grey): 34.3%



More information on Wyoming*



State information

Official state website: <http://www.wyo.gov>



Media



Wyoming Political News:

<https://www.politico.com/news/wyoming>



Wyoming Politics Podcasts:

<https://www.wyomingpublicmedia.org/podcast/open-spaces-podcast>



Democrats and Republicans in the state

Democratic Party



<http://www.wyodems.org/>



<https://www.youtube.com/@wyomingdemocrats2103>



<https://twitter.com/WyoDems>



<https://www.instagram.com/wyomingdems>



<https://www.tiktok.com/@wyodems>

Republican Party

<http://www.wygop.org/>

no official site

no official site

https://www.instagram.com/wy_gop/

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5. Poverty and unemployment rate: [Poverty Rates by State & Unemployment Statistics Map](#)
6. Wealth and income inequality data: [Economic Policy Institute – The Unequal States of America](#)