### Preparation

**2008 Grade** C  
**Change Over Time** ✅  
*Wyoming’s fairly low performance in educating its young population could limit the state’s access to a competitive workforce and weaken its economy.*  
- Eighth graders perform well in math, science, and reading, but their scores in writing are only fair.  
- There is a 10% gap between whites and all minorities in the percentage of 18- to 24-year-olds with a high school credential.

### Participation

**2008 Grade** C  
**Change Over Time** ✅  
*College opportunities for Wyoming residents are only fair.*  
- The likelihood of enrolling in college by age 19 is fair, and a low percentage of working-age adults are enrolled in higher education.

### Affordability

**2008 Grade** F  
**Change Over Time** ✅  
*Higher education has become less affordable for students and their families.*  
- Poor and working-class families must devote 26% of their income, even after aid, to pay for costs at two-year colleges. However, Wyoming is among the top-performing states in the share of income needed to pay for public two- and four-year colleges.  
- Financial aid to low-income students is low. For every dollar in Pell Grant aid to students, the state spends only one cent.

### Benefits

**2008 Grade** D-  
**Change Over Time** ✅  
*A small proportion of residents have a bachelor’s degree, and this substantially weakens the state economy.*  
- Eight percent of Hispanics have a bachelor’s degree, compared with 24% of whites.  
- If all racial/ethnic groups had the same educational attainment and earnings as whites, total annual personal income in the state would be about $300 million higher.

### Completion

**2008 Grade** A  
**Change Over Time** ✅  
*Wyoming performs very well—and has improved—in awarding certificates and degrees.*  
- Fifty-seven percent of college students complete a bachelor’s degree within six years.  
- However, 49% of Hispanics graduate within six years, compared with 58% of whites.

### Learning

**2008 Grade** I  
*Like all states, Wyoming receives an “Incomplete” in Learning because there is not sufficient data to allow meaningful state-by-state comparisons.*
This page reflects Wyoming’s performance and progress since the early 1990s on several key indicators.

**PREPARATION**

The percentage of young adults in Wyoming who earn a high school diploma has decreased slightly since the early 1990s. High school completion is above the U.S. average but below the top-performing states.

**PARTICIPATION**

College enrollment of young adults in Wyoming has declined slightly since the early 1990s. The state is slightly above the national average but below the top states in the percentage of young adults enrolled.

The enrollment of working-age adults, relative to the number of residents without a bachelor’s degree, has declined in Wyoming—as it has nationally and in the best-performing states. The percentage attending college in Wyoming is higher than the U.S. average but below the top states.

**AFFORDABILITY**

The share of family income, after financial aid, needed to pay for college has remained relatively stable at two-year colleges but has risen at four-year institutions. Wyoming is among the best-performing states in the share of income needed to pay for public two- and four-year colleges.

**COMPLETION**

The number of undergraduate credentials and degrees awarded in Wyoming, relative to the number of students enrolled, has increased since the early 1990s. Wyoming surpasses the U.S. average and performs near the top states on this measure.

**BENEFITS**

The percentage of residents who have a bachelor’s degree has increased slightly in Wyoming, but is still well below the U.S. average and the top states.

**PARTICIPATION**

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**LEGEND:**

- **= Wyoming
- = United States
- = Median of Top Five States

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