

WYOMING STATEWIDE SURVEY

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- **UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING SURVEY RESEARCH CENTER**

OVER TIME QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE
UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING

- The Wyoming Statewide Survey was conducted by the University of Wyoming Survey Research Center in late October, 2016.
- A second wave of the survey was carried out in November. A total of **722** Wyoming residents were interviewed by phone.
- The Statewide Survey has been conducted by the Political Science department prior to every general election since 1972. We began asking University related questions in 1984. This year's survey was directed by Jim King, Department of Political Science assisted by Oliver Walter, Dean, A&S Dean emeritus.
- Positive: Perception that the University has steadily improved is at an all-time high—69 percent in agreement.
- Positive: Perception that the University is spending its budget wisely is at an all-time high---64 percent in agreement.
- Positive: GPA for UW (3.24) is substantially higher than that for the community colleges (3.11).
- Negative: Support for reducing University programs is at an all-time high---17 percent in agreement.

- Negative: Agreement that the Wyoming does not have the resources to match flag ship universities in surrounding states has increased from 16 percent in 2014 to 33 percent in 2016.

- **Question:** In general, the **University** has steadily improved during the past several years.

Response	1988	1990	1992	1994	1996	1998	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016
Strongly Agree	7	3	5	5	7	7	7	5	15	8	12	9	14	9	9
Agree	54	56	44	50	47	51	51	51	46	53	46	56	49	52	60
Disagree	10	15	12	9	13	10	12	8	5	6	4	6	5	7	7
Strongly Disagree	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	0	2	0	1	1	1
Don't Know	28	24	38	35	31	31	29	35	32	33	36	29	30	31	23

Question: Considering what the **University of Wyoming** contributes to the state, the University is spending its budget wisely

Response	1988	1992	1994	1996	1998	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016
Strongly Agree	4	4	4	6	8	7	5	10	8	9	7	15	7	9
Agree	56	47	47	50	53	52	45	49	55	48	56	46	54	55
Disagree	14	17	13	16	11	15	12	7	8	6	9	9	9	14
Strongly Disagree	2	3	1	3	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	3
Don't Know	24	29	35	25	26	24	36	31	29	36	27	29	28	18

Question: Students are often given grades of A, B, C, D and F for the quality of their work. Suppose the **University of Wyoming** were graded in the same way. What grade would you give the **University**?

Grade	1984	1986	1988	1990	1992	1994	1996	1998	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016
A	28	29	23	24	19	24	23	25	20	24	29	30	29	36	39	35	36
B	36	42	50	46	51	41	44	45	42	39	44	46	42	43	35	41	42
C	11	10	11	10	10	14	15	11	13	16	7	8	8	9	8	8	8
D	2	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	2
F	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Don't Know	22	16	14	17	19	19	16	17	23	18	18	13	19	10	16	14	12
GPA	3.13	3.14	3.08	3.08	3.09	3.06	3.05	3.11	3.04	3.01	3.21	3.17	3.20	3.24	3.31	3.26	3.24

Question: Students are often given grades of A, B, C, D and F for the quality of their work. Suppose the Community Colleges were graded in the same way. What grade would you give the **Community Colleges**?

Grade	1984	1986	1988	1990	1992	1994	1996	1998	2000	2002	2004	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016
A	22	22	15	19	19	20	24	18	16	19	19	18	21	28	22	26
B	35	42	50	44	46	43	47	50	48	42	46	47	48	43	45	46
C	12	13	14	11	15	14	13	12	11	14	12	11	14	9	11	9
D	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	1	1	2	2	1	2
F	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Don't Know	30	23	20	25	19	21	14	19	23	21	19	22	16	17	19	16
GPA	3.11	3.09	2.99	3.08	3.02	3.01	3.07	3.05	3.01	2.95	3.06	3.03	3.04	3.14	3.07	3.11

Question: The **University** should reduce the number of degree programs available to students.

Response	1988	1990	1992	1994	1996	1998	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016
Strongly Agree	1	1	1	1	2	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	3
Agree	6	8	6	5	8	6	5	4	3	7	4	6	7	5	14
Disagree	58	63	57	54	51	56	56	60	41	53	42	55	46	52	48
Strongly Disagree	20	18	16	19	23	23	25	23	39	24	35	23	29	27	22
Don't Know	15	10	20	21	16	15	13	12	16	16	19	16	17	16	13

Question: Wyoming does not have the resources to pay for a university comparable to the best in surrounding states such as the University of Colorado, the University of Nebraska or the University of Utah.

Response	1992	1994	1996	1998	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016
Strongly Agree	4	3	6	6	5	1	3	3	2	2	3	2	6
Agree	28	21	27	27	27	21	17	17	13	14	16	14	27
Disagree	44	47	43	41	43	46	32	44	38	48	39	40	39
Strongly Disagree	11	11	12	14	11	14	27	21	26	19	22	27	17
Don't Know	13	18	12	12	14	18	19	15	21	17	20	17	11

Question: The University of Wyoming and the state's community colleges are working together to provide high quality college education for Wyoming students. Agree or Disagree

Response	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016
Agree	77	72	72	73	69	69	69	70	71
Disagree	4	6	6	6	4	8	6	5	5
Don't Know	19	22	22	21	27	22	25	25	24