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STATE OF THE STATE/ EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

For each Wyoming county and as data are available, the Wyoming Community Foundation (WYCF) reports data on 19 indicators in four broad areas: family structure, healthcare, income and poverty, and food insecurity. WYCF selected these indicators because the data are available at the county level in Wyoming and because of each indicator's importance to childhood well-being.



FAMILY STRUCTURE

Children by Family Type

Children who live in single-parent families often lack access to the resources children in married-parent families have.¹ Children in single-parent families are more likely to live in poverty, not do well in school, and have poorer mental and behavioral health than children growing up in married-parent families.² In Wyoming, 25% of children live in single-parent families, with 18% living in single-mother families and 7% living in single-father families.³ The percentage of children living in single-parent families ranges from a low of 6% in Crook County to a high of 39% in Fremont County.⁴

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Births to Teens, Ages 15-19

The US has seen dramatic decreases in the number of teen pregnancies in the last 30 years. In 1991, nearly 1 in 4 (25%) 15-year-old girls would give birth by the time she was 20.⁵ By 2021, this number had dropped to 6%—nearly a 76% decline from 1991.⁶ Wyoming has followed this national decrease in teen births, with 5% of 15- to 19-year-old girls giving birth to a child in 2022.⁷

HEALTHCARE

Children without Health Insurance

When children have health insurance, they are more likely to succeed academically, graduate from high school, enroll in college, earn higher incomes, and mature into healthy adults.⁸ Nationally, in 2021, only 5% of children under 18 were not covered by health insurance.⁹ Wyoming's percentage was larger, with 9% of our children uninsured.¹⁰

Medicaid Births

Medicaid is one of the largest payers for health care in the US and provides medical insurance for low-income individuals and families.¹¹ Pregnant women who have incomes at or below 133% of the federal poverty level are eligible for Medicaid.¹² Nationally, in 2021, Medicaid was the primary insurer for 41% of all births, compared to 30% of all births in Wyoming.¹³ In 2021, the percentage of Medicaid births in Wyoming ranged from a low of 14% in Teton County to a high of 50% in Fremont County.¹⁴

\$69,021

Median household
income in the US

VS

\$68,002

Median household
income in Wyoming



INCOME AND POVERTY

Median Annual Income

The U.S. Census Bureau estimated the median national household income in 2021 at \$69,021.¹⁵ The median household income in 2021 for Wyoming was about the same at \$68,002.¹⁶ The median household income in Wyoming counties ranged from a low of \$48,688 in Niobrara County to a high of \$94,498 in Teton County.¹⁷

Wage Gap

The wage gap is a measure of the difference in wage earnings between men and women who work full-time year-round. Nationally, in 2021, women earned 83 cents for every dollar a man earned.¹⁸ In Wyoming, in 2021, men earned \$60,291 on average and women earned \$40,896 on average.¹⁹ This difference was the largest pay difference between men and women in the country, meaning Wyoming ranked first on the nation's wage gap.²⁰ Wyoming women earned 68 cents for every dollar a man earned, 15 cents below the national wage gap.²¹ The wage gap in Wyoming ranged from 7 cents in Teton County to 52 cents in Uinta County.

Living below the Federal Poverty Line

The U.S. Census Bureau measures poverty by estimating the income needed to cover basic needs. Those living in households with earnings below this estimate live in poverty.²² Children who live in poverty are more likely to experience inadequate housing, food insecurity, unsafe environments, and schools lacking essential resources.²³ These children are also more likely to engage in risky behaviors, delinquency, and criminal behavior.²⁴ In 2021, 15% of children in the US lived in poverty.²⁵ In Wyoming, in 2021, 13% of children were living in poverty.²⁶ Throughout the state, this percentage ranged from 1% in Crook County to 34% in Niobrara County.²⁷

WIC Enrollment

The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) is a federal program that serves pregnant and postpartum women, infants, and children younger than 5 years who are at nutritional risk.²⁸ During fiscal year 2022, 6,723 Wyoming women and children participated in WIC.²⁹ Enrollment ranged from a low of 8% in Lincoln County to a high of 31% in Weston County.³⁰ In 2020, the most recent year for which data are available, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) estimated that Wyoming WIC served only 45% of those eligible for the program.³¹

SNAP Enrollment

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is a federal program that offers support for individuals and families with limited or no income, enabling them to purchase food and maintain their nutritional and overall well-being. Nationally, in 2021, 13% of the U.S. population participated in SNAP.³² Wyoming's participation was less than half the national percentage, at 6%.³³ Participation across Wyoming counties varied from a low of less than 1% in Crook County to a high of 10% in Goshen County.³⁴

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FOOD INSECURITY

Food Insecurity Rate

Families are food insecure if they cannot regularly obtain safe and nutritious food to grow, develop, and lead a healthy lifestyle.^{35,36} In 2021, the food insecurity rate in the US was the same as the rate in Wyoming: 10%.³⁷ The percentage of people in Wyoming struggling with food insecurity ranged from a low of 8% in Teton County to a high of 14% in Niobrara County.³⁸

Estimated SNAP Eligibility

Nationally, 49% of food insecure people in the US qualified for SNAP benefits in 2021.³⁹ In Wyoming, this percentage is lower: only 35% of food insecure Wyomingites qualified for SNAP benefits.⁴⁰ These percentages ranged from 33% in Teton County to 67% in Albany County.⁴¹

Average Meal Cost

Using the Current Population Survey, a joint survey of the U.S. Census Bureau and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Feeding America calculates average meal cost as "the average weekly dollar amount food-secure individuals report spending on food, ... divided by 21" (three meals a day, seven days a week).⁴² For the US, this amount was \$3.59 in 2021 compared to \$3.50 in Wyoming.⁴³ Average meal cost varied among Wyoming counties, with a low of \$3.43 in Goshen, Niobrara, and Platte counties, and a high of \$5.06 in Lincoln and Teton counties.⁴⁴

Annual Food Budget Shortfall

Feeding America calculates this indicator by adding together the additional money all food-insecure individuals would need if they were to purchase just enough food to meet their food needs for 7 months.⁴⁵ Feeding America uses a 7-month time frame because households experiencing food insecurity experience this condition, on average, 7 months of the year.⁴⁶ Nationally, in 2021, this number was \$20.91 per week per individual which sums to a national annual food budget shortfall of \$21,466,234,000.⁴⁷ The annual food budget shortfall in Wyoming is \$37,813,000.⁴⁸ Among Wyoming counties, the shortfall ranged from \$212,000 in Niobrara County to \$6,329,000 in Laramie County.⁴⁹



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FOOD INSECURITY
AND HUNGER

IN WYOMING

In Wyoming, nearly 1 in 8 children live in hunger every day.⁵⁰ That's 16,100 children. The most vulnerable among us should never worry about where or when they will have their next meal. Why is this important? When children have regular access to nutritious food, their mental and physical development is better, they score higher on school tests, they have better educational outcomes,⁵¹ and they are set up for long-term health.⁵² Children who are food insecure or often go hungry are more likely to repeat a grade in school;⁵³ experience developmental impairments in language and motor skills;⁵⁴ or have more behavioral problems like hyperactivity, anxiety, and aggression.⁵⁵

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Children are not the only ones to suffer. Data from the U.S. Census Bureau's Household Pulse Survey collected between August 23, 2023 and September 4, 2023 shows that 1 in 7 adults in Wyoming "sometimes" or "often" do not have enough to eat, and 1 in 6 adults in Wyoming live with children who receive food assistance.⁵⁶ For these folks, worrying about food and their next meal is a daily occurrence. Without regular access to nutritious food, adults increase their chance of developing diabetes, heart problems, high blood pressure, and asthma.⁵⁷

IN WYOMING:



61,200

people are food insecure



16,100

children are food insecure

Source: Feeding America (n.d.). Food Insecurity among Overall (All Ages) Population in the United States. <https://map.feedingamerica.org/county/2021/overall>

CAUSES OF FOOD INSECURITY:



Poverty



Chronic Health
Conditions or
Lack of Access
to Healthcare



Unemployment



Systemic
Racism
and Racial
Discrimination



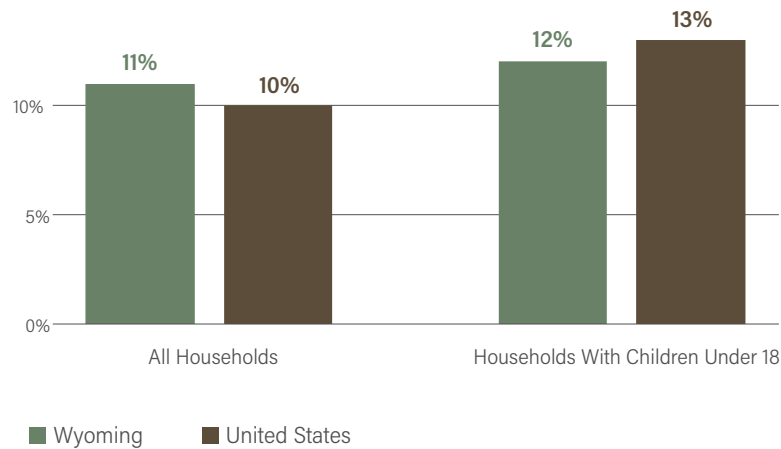
Lack of
Affordable
Housing

Source: Feeding America (2023). Hunger and food insecurity. <https://www.feedingamerica.org/hunger-in-america/food-insecurity#:~:text=The%20USDA%20defines%food%20insecurity,people%20can't%20afford%20food>

Families are food insecure if they cannot regularly obtain the safe and nutritious food needed to grow, develop, and lead a healthy lifestyle.^{58, 59} Food insecurity can be a temporary situation, or it can last for years, or even a lifetime.⁶⁰ We know that poverty is just one of many factors leading to food insecurity for adults and children in Wyoming.

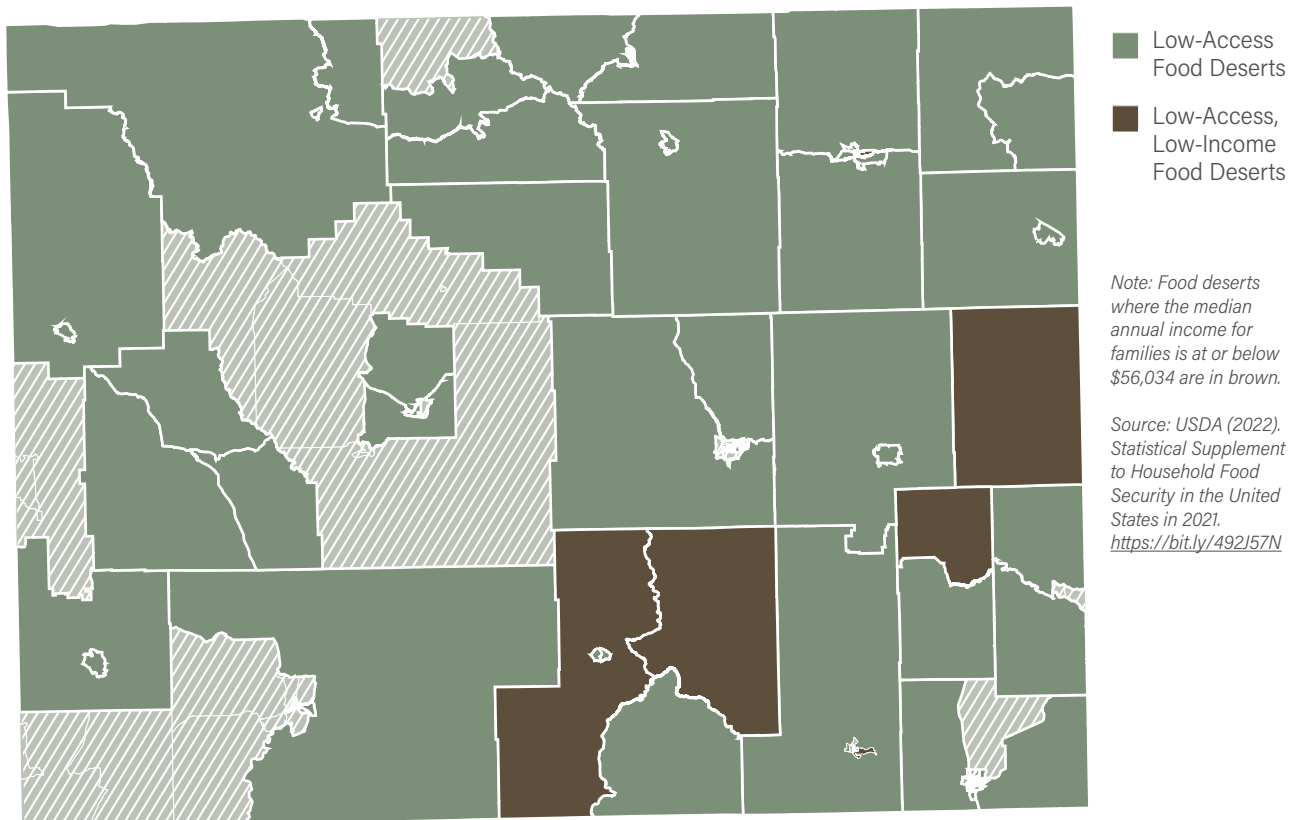
Percentage of Population Living with Food Insecurity, 2021

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While Wyomingites love open spaces, the vast distances between our towns and their remote locations can create food deserts that lead to food insecurity.⁶¹ In rural areas, food deserts are areas where a person needs to travel 10 or more miles to get to the closest grocery store or supermarket.⁶² In urban areas, food deserts are areas where a person is more than 1 mile away from a grocery store.⁶³ In 2019, Wyoming had 80 food deserts spanning 21 counties, including areas of Laramie, Cheyenne, Casper, Rock Springs, and Gillette.⁶⁴ Wyoming's general lack of public transportation can make access even more difficult.

Wyoming has 80 food deserts spanning 21 counties



Distance is not the only adversity Wyomingites face. As noted, poverty is a leading cause of food insecurity. The federal government sets guidelines for the minimum amount of annual income a family needs for essentials, such as housing, utilities, clothing, food, and transportation. These guidelines are called federal poverty levels (FPLs) and are based on the size of a household and the state in which the family resides.⁶⁵ Many state and federal programs use FPLs to determine income eligibility for program benefits. For example, in Wyoming, families of four qualify for SNAP benefits if their annual family income is \$39,000 or less.⁶⁶

Fighting Hunger in Wyoming

Regardless of why families may experience food insecurity, Wyoming has the knowledge and resources to end hunger for every family in Wyoming. The Wyoming Hunger Initiative, founded by Wyoming First Lady Jennie Gordon, believes that “Hunger in Wyoming is a problem that can be solved.”⁶⁷ The initiative aims to reduce and eliminate food insecurity for Wyoming children and families.⁶⁸ It also raises funds for anti-hunger organizations in Wyoming and spreads awareness and generates support throughout Wyoming to prevent food insecurity.

The Food Bank of Wyoming is another resource providing nourishment where it is most needed. As the state distribution center for Food Bank of the Rockies, the Food Bank works with food pantries and community partners in every county and distributes an average of a million meals every week.

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HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP:



Support policy changes that help children in need receive healthy meals every day.



Identify and remove barriers so children and families in food deserts can access nutrition programs.



If you hunt, donate your game meat to food pantries. More information at <https://www.nohungerwyo.org/field>.



Consider volunteering at the Food Bank of Wyoming or your local food pantry. More information at <https://wyomingfoodbank.org/>.



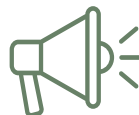
Share locally grown protein and produce with community organizations that can distribute your contributions so they have the biggest impact. More information at <https://www.nohungerwyo.org/farm-ranch>.



Make a tax-deductible charitable donation to Wyoming Angel Accounts to support school meal programs near home. More information at <https://www.nohungerwyo.org/angel-accounts>.



Make a tax-deductible charitable donation to the Food Bank of Wyoming, where every dollar you give provides three nutritious meals to Wyomingites in need. More information at <https://wyomingfoodbank.org/give/give-funds/>.



Become a hunger champion advocating to end food insecurity. More information at <https://www.nohungerwyo.org/circle>.

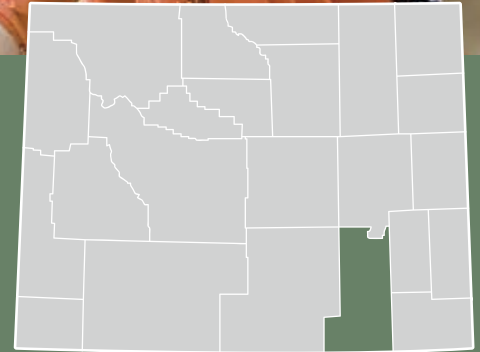


*"Food Bank of Wyoming
believes food is a must.
No one in Wyoming
should go hungry."*

— Food Bank of Wyoming

ALBANY COUNTY

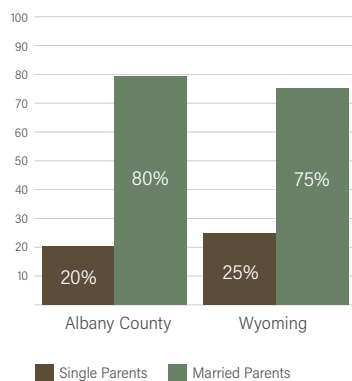
Based on median salaries for men and women in Albany County, women make 84 cents for every dollar a man makes, 16 cents above the state average of 68 cents. Of children under 18 years old, 5% do not have health insurance, and 20% live in single-parent homes. An estimated 12% of Albany County's population is food insecure, which is slightly higher than the state percentage of 11%.



Family Structure

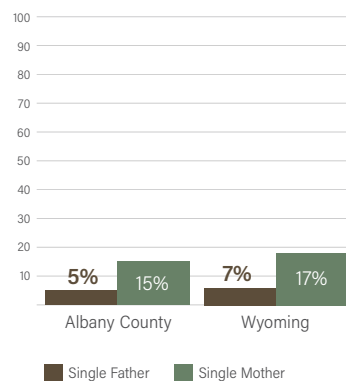
Children by Family Type

Percentage of all related children in a ... home



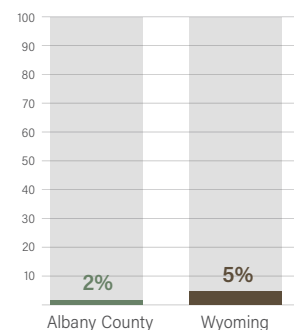
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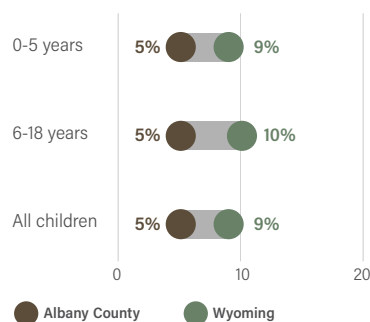
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Health Care

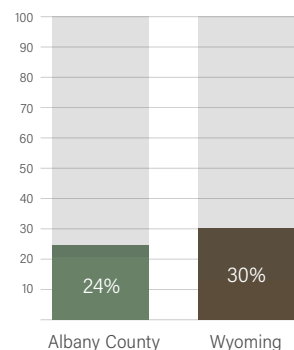
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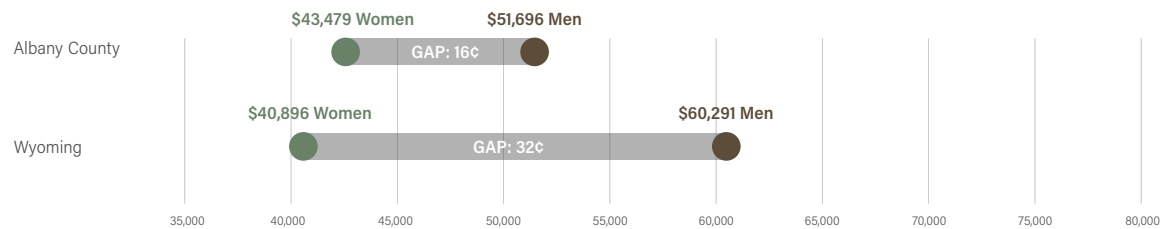
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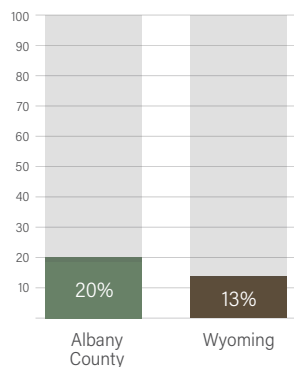
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Below the Poverty Line

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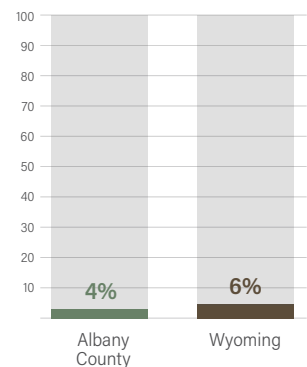
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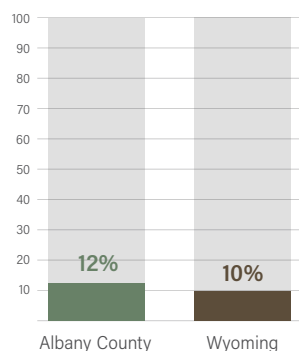
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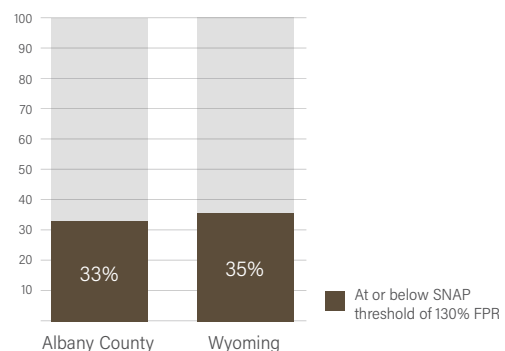
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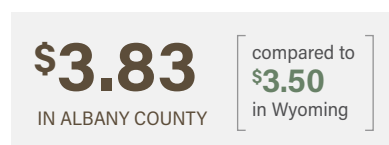
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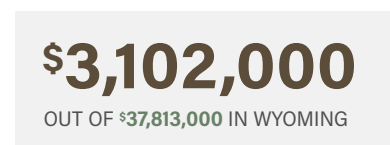
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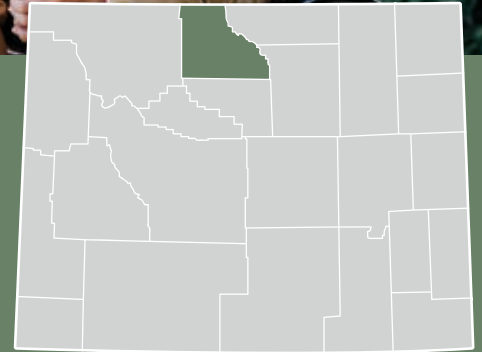


Annual Food Budget Shortfall

Additional Money Required to Cover Unmet Food Costs



BIG HORN COUNTY

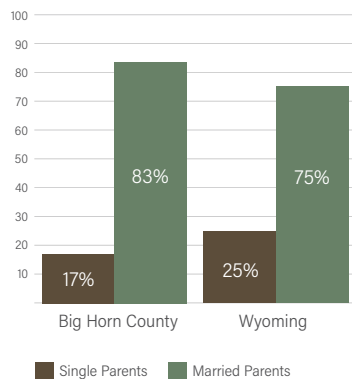


Based on median salaries for men and women in Big Horn County, women make 72 cents for every dollar a man makes, 4 cents above the state average of 68 cents. Of children under 18 years old, 5% do not have health insurance and 17% live in single-parent homes. An estimated 11% of Big Horn County's population is food insecure, which matches the state percentage of 11%.

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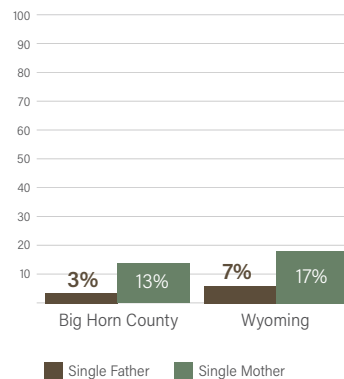
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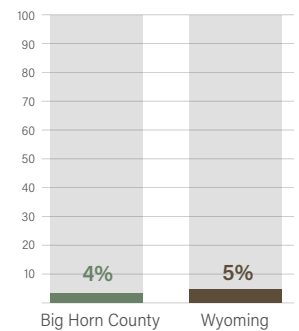
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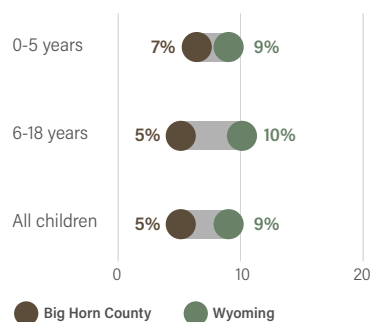
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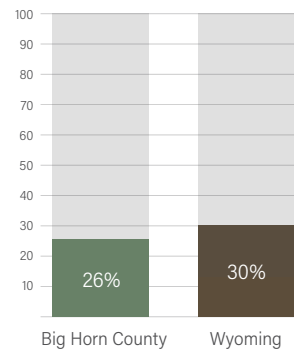
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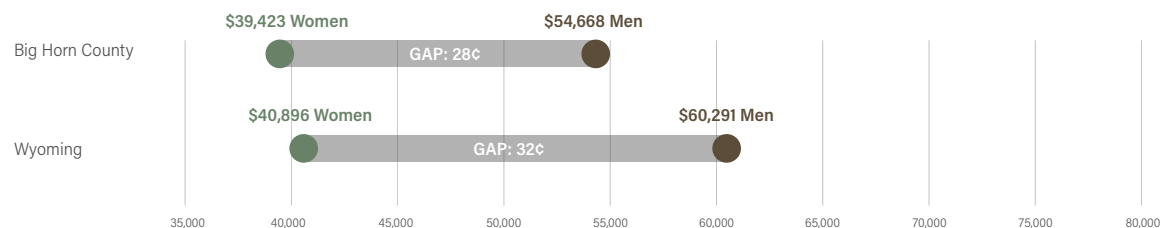
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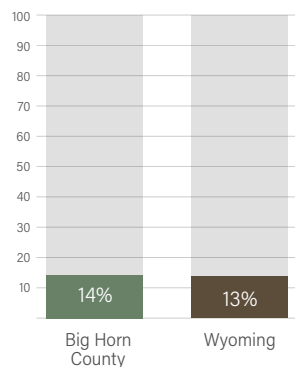
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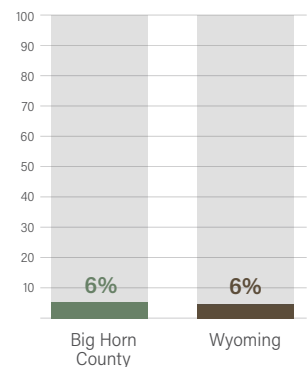
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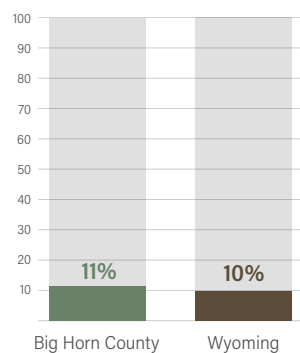
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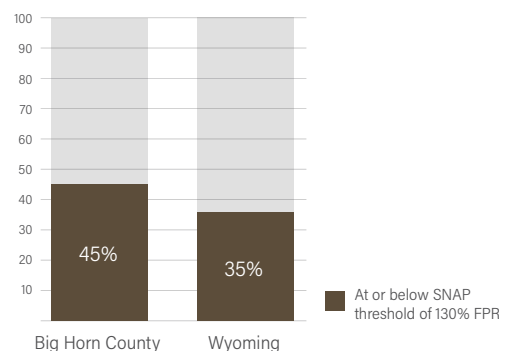
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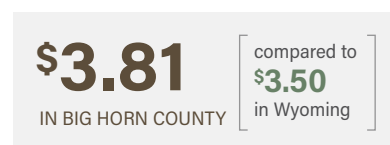
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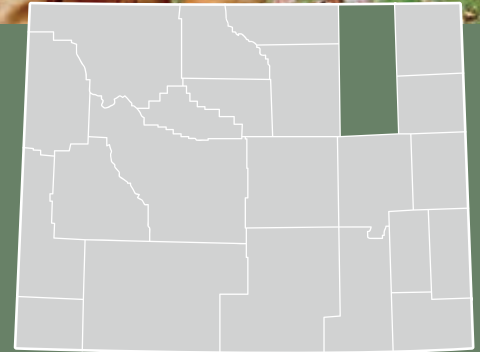
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CAMPBELL COUNTY

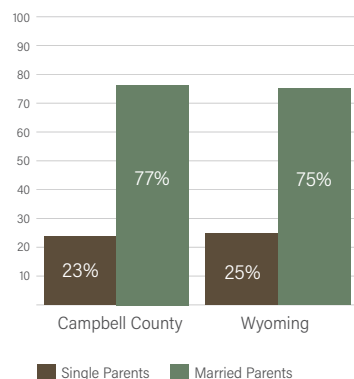
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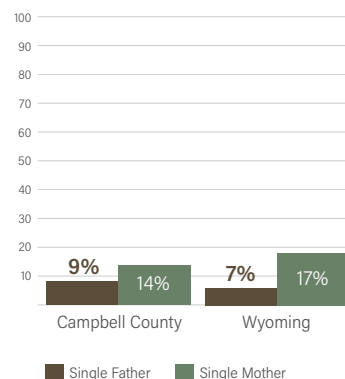
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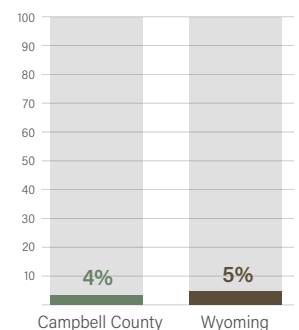
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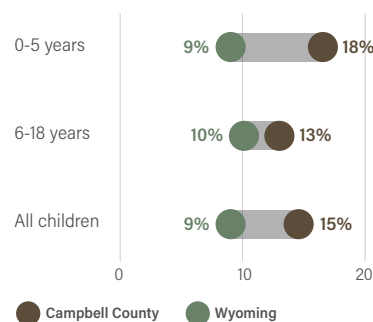
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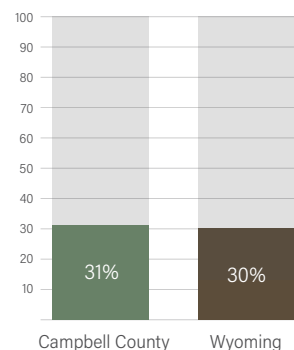
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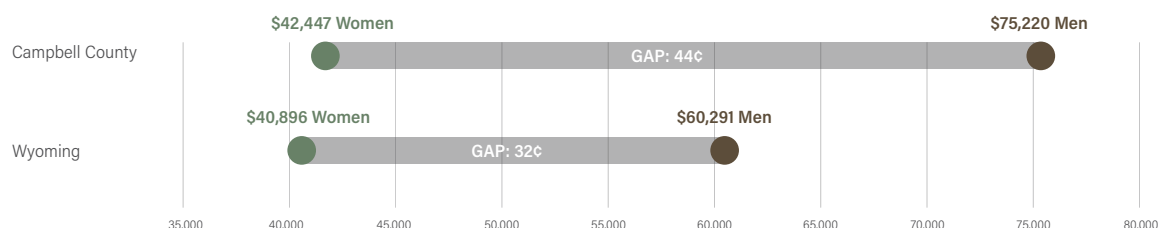
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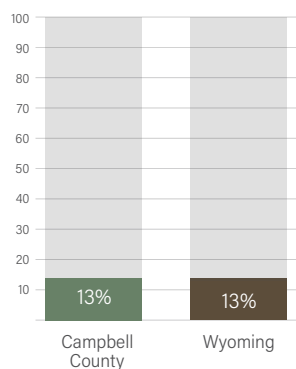
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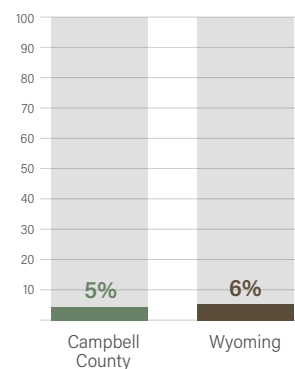
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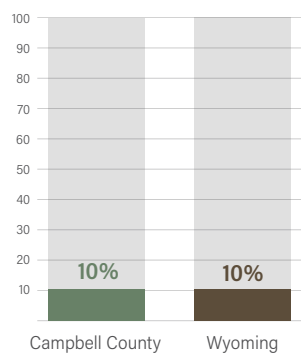
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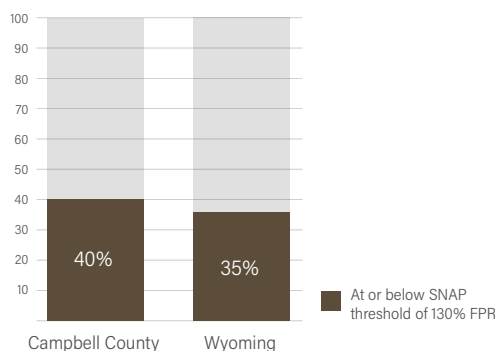
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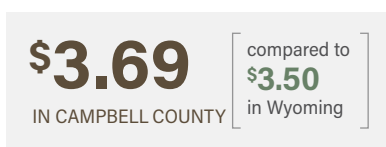
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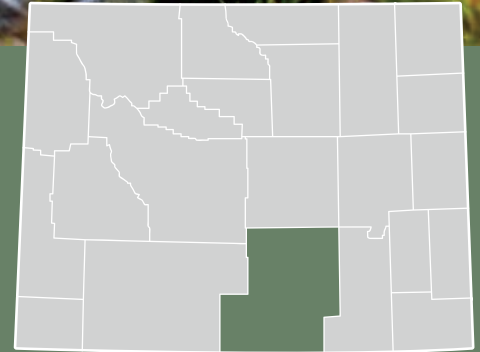
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PROFILE

CARBON COUNTY

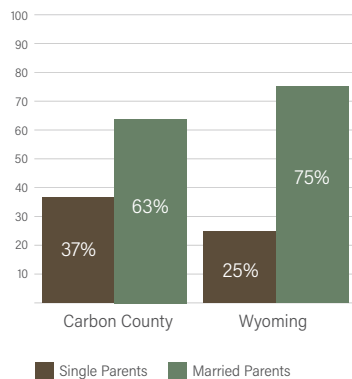
Based on median salaries for men and women in Carbon County, women make 59 cents for every dollar a man makes, 9 cents below the state average of 68 cents. Of children under 18 years old, 15% do not have health insurance and 37% live in single-parent homes. An estimated 11% of Carbon County's population is food insecure, which matches the state percentage of 11%.



Family Structure

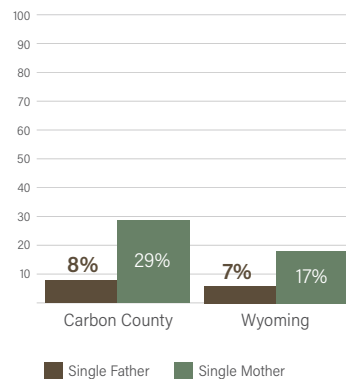
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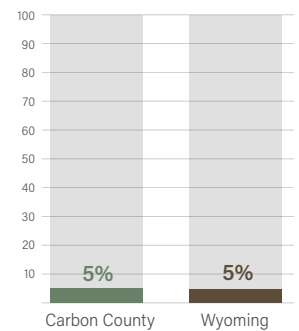
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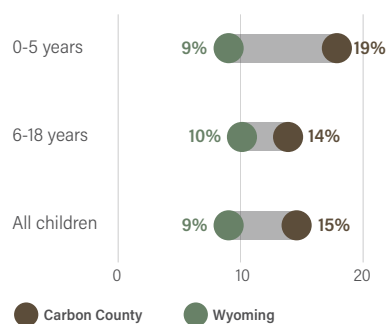
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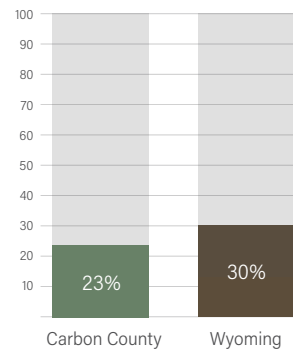
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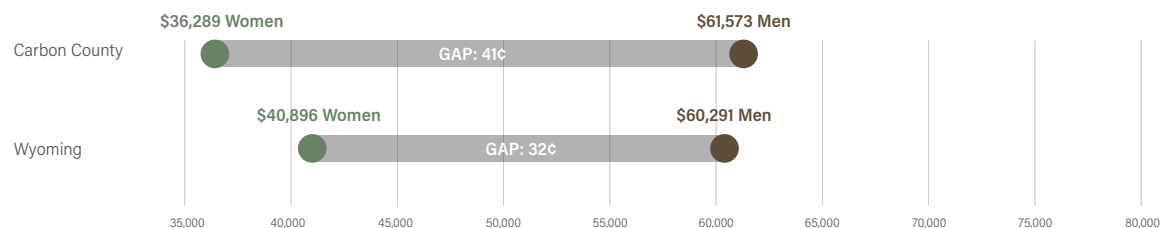
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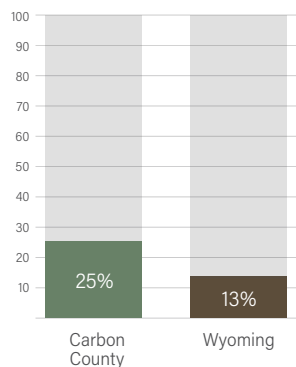
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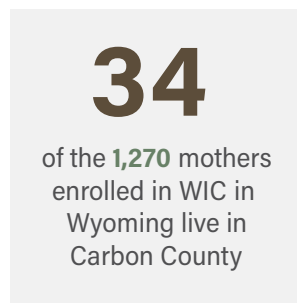
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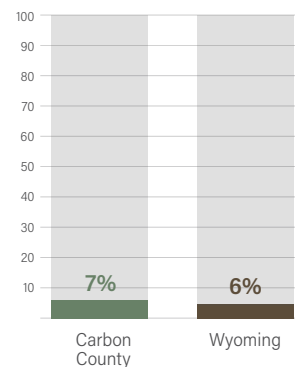
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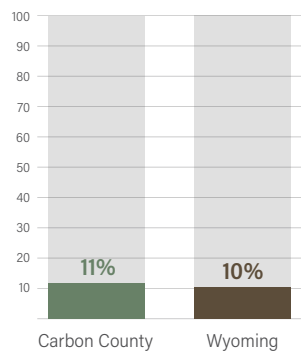
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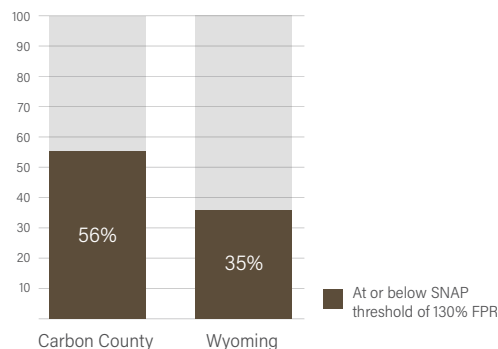
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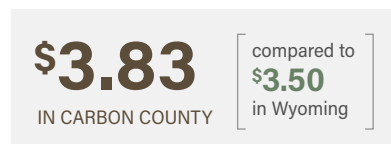
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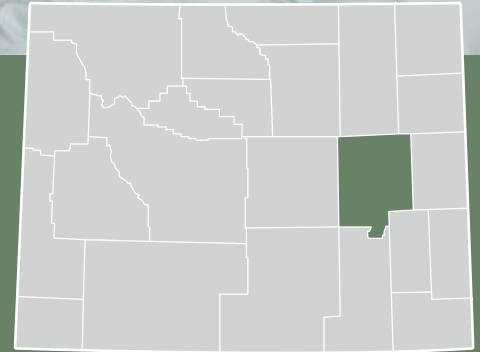
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CONVERSE COUNTY

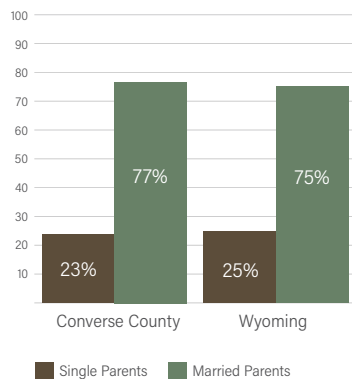
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Family Structure

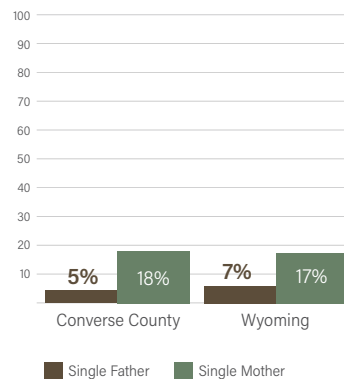
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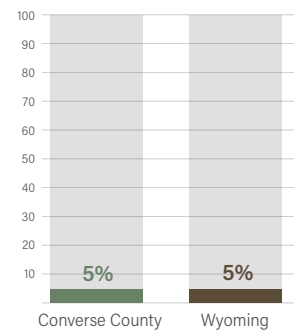
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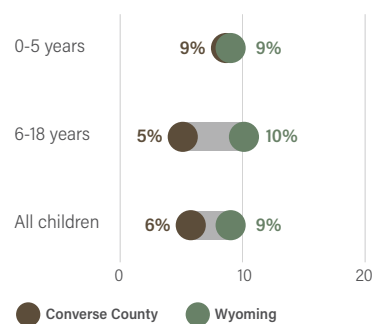
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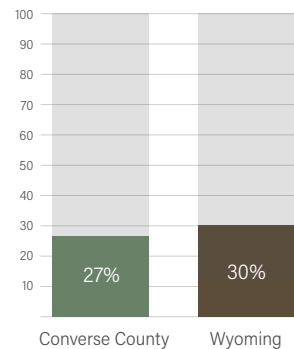
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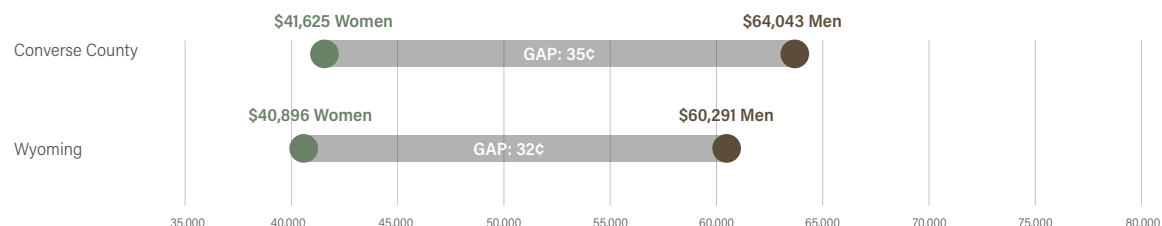
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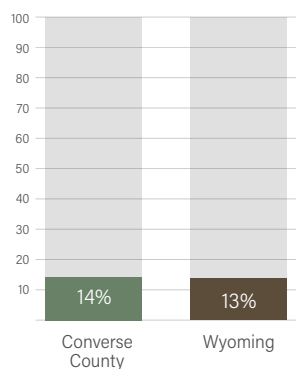
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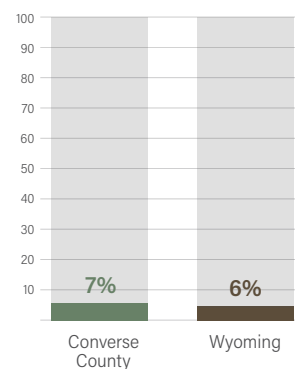
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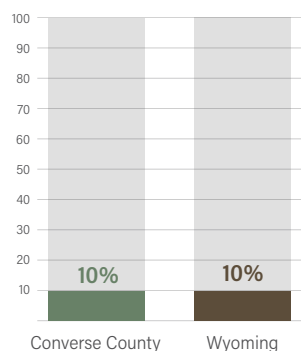
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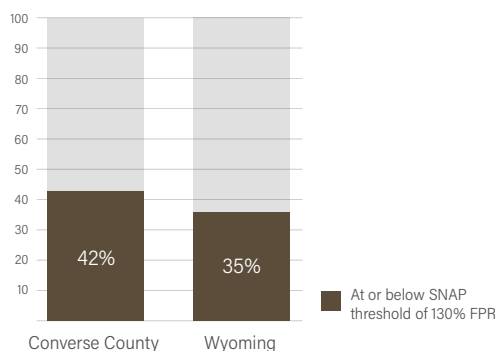
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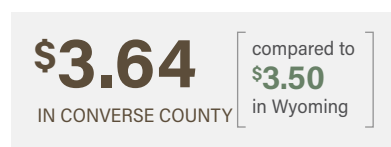
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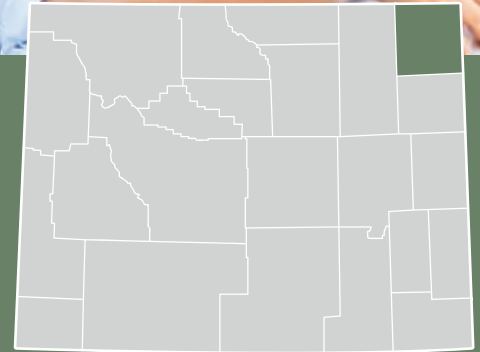


Annual Food Budget Shortfall

Additional Money Required to Cover Unmet Food Costs



CROOK COUNTY

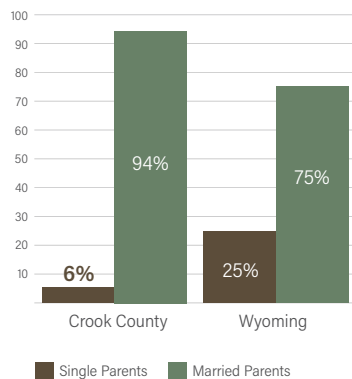


Based on median salaries for men and women in Crook County, women make 68 cents for every dollar a man makes, which matches the state average of 68 cents. Of children under 18 years old, 8% do not have health insurance and 6% live in single-parent homes – the lowest percentage in the state. An estimated 9% of Crook County's population is food insecure, which is below the state percentage of 11%.

Family Structure

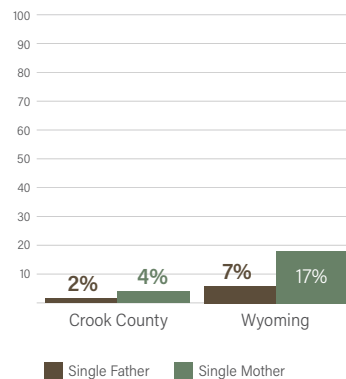
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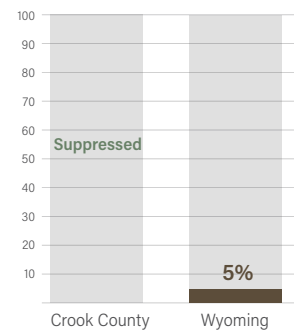
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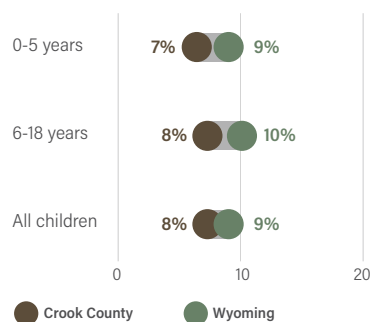
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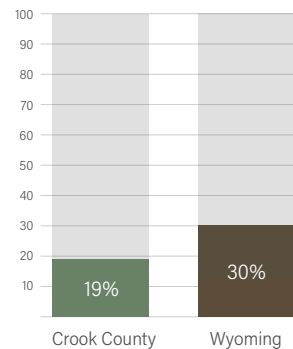
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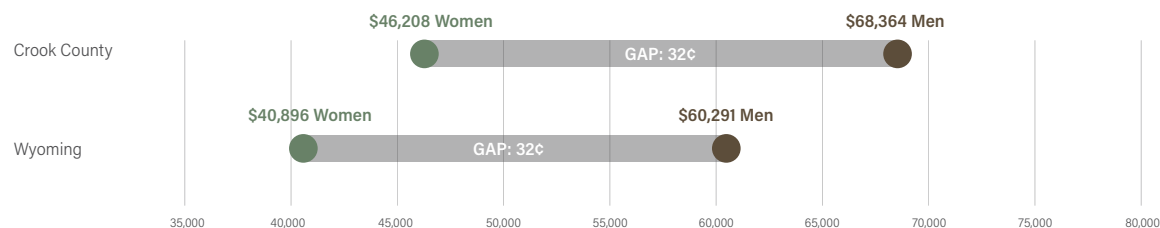
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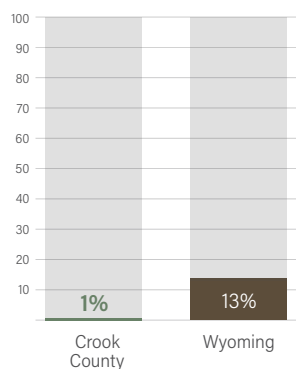
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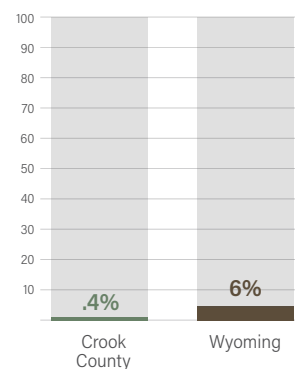
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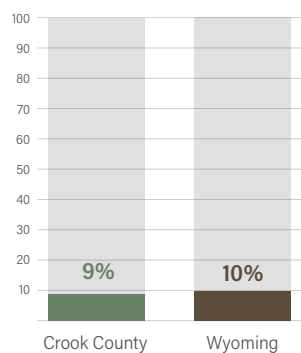
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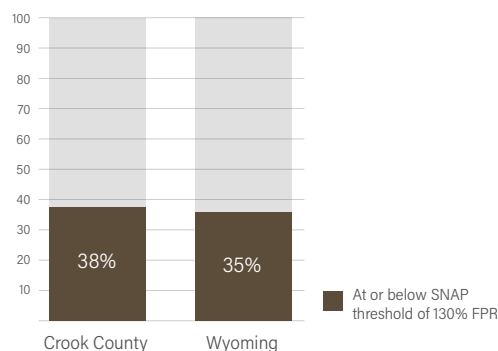
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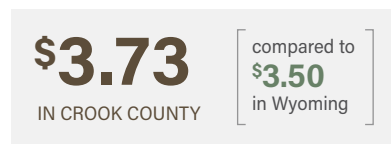
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Average Meal Cost

Average cost for a nutritious and adequate meal

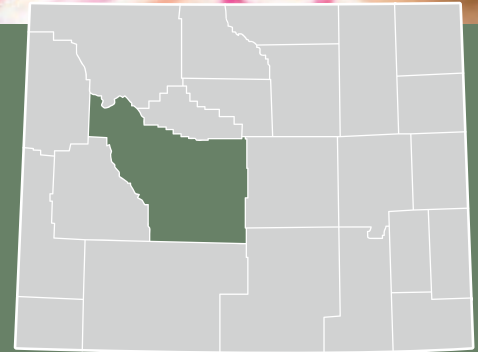


Annual Food Budget Shortfall

Additional Money Required to Cover Unmet Food Costs



FREMONT COUNTY

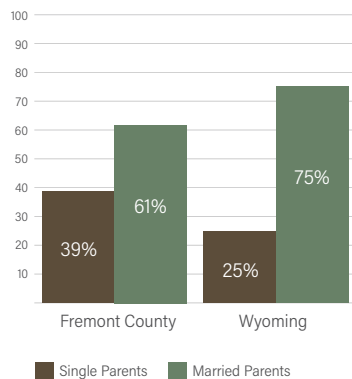


Based on median salaries for men and women in Fremont County, women make 80 cents for every dollar a man makes, 12 cents above the state average of 68 cents. Of children under 18 years old, 19% do not have health insurance and 39% live in single-parent homes; both are the highest percentages in the state. An estimated 12% of Fremont County's population is food insecure, which is slightly higher than the state percentage of 11%.

Family Structure

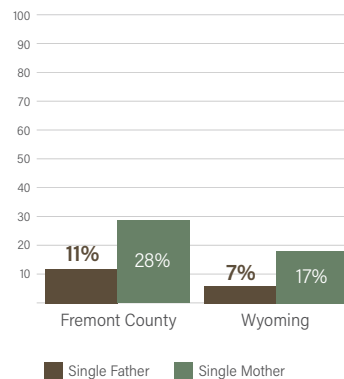
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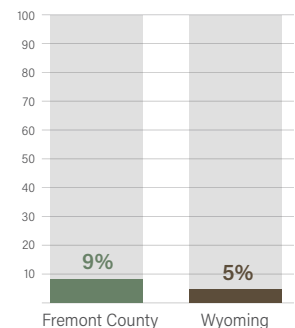
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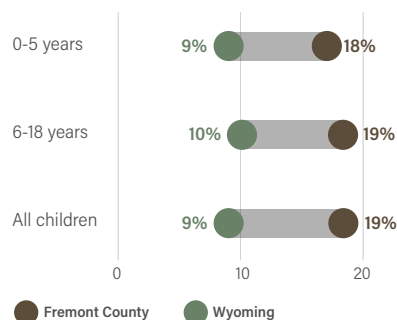
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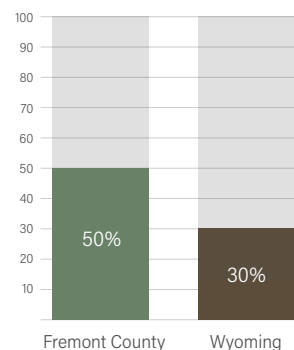
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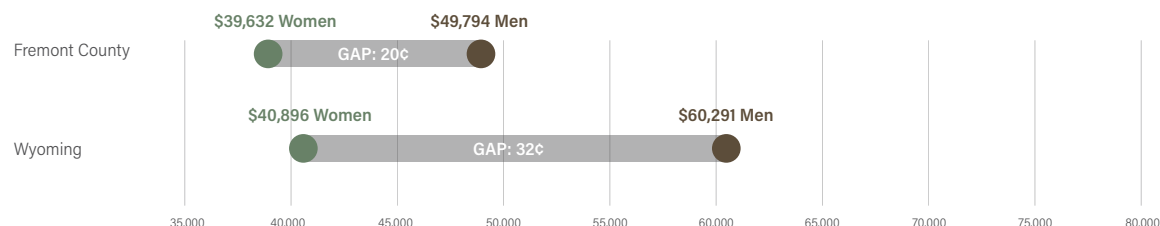
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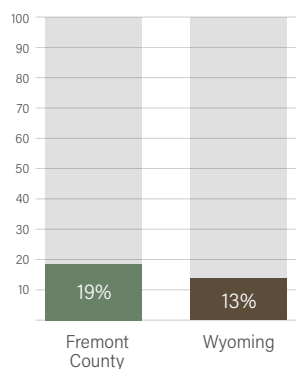
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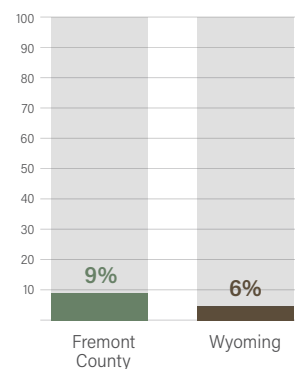
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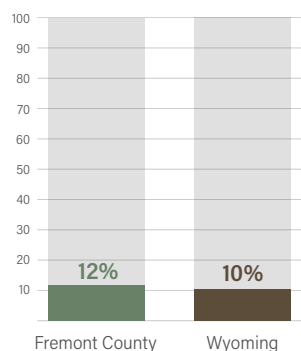
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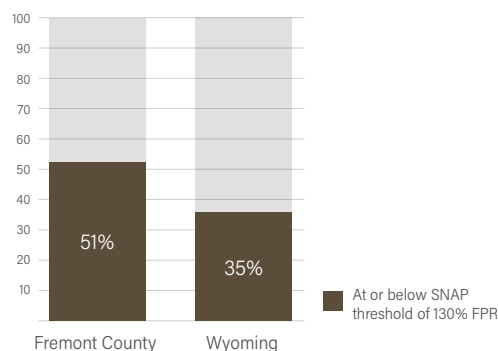
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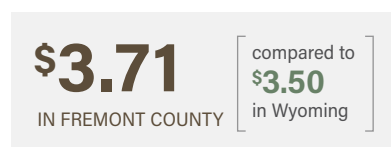
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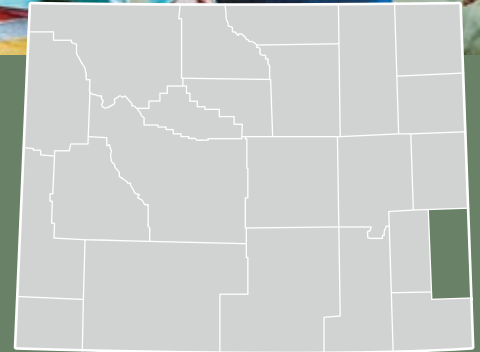
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GOSHEN COUNTY

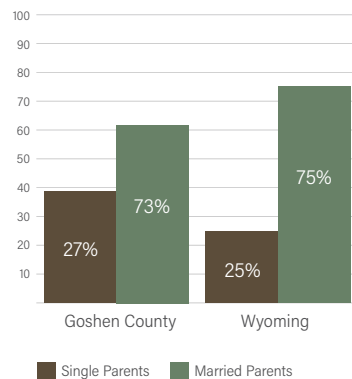
Based on median salaries for men and women in Goshen County, women make 67 cents for every dollar a man makes, 1 cent below the state average of 68 cents. Of children under 18 years old, 10% do not have health insurance and 27% live in single-parent homes. An estimated 10% of Goshen County's population is food insecure, which is slightly less than the state percentage of 11%.



Family Structure

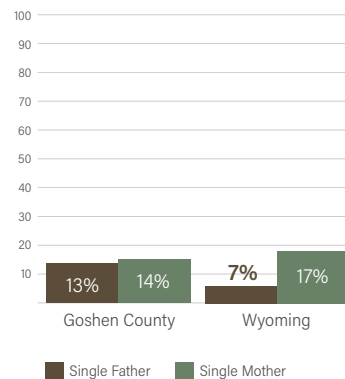
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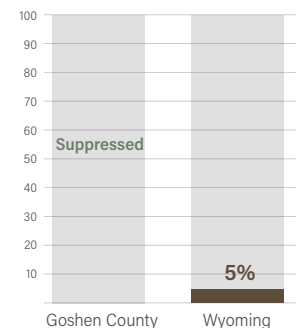
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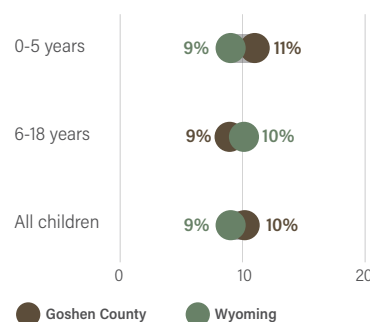
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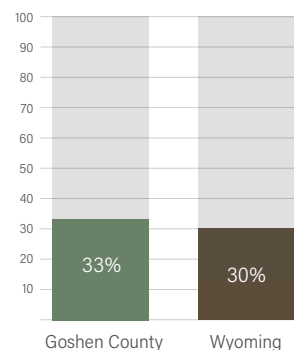
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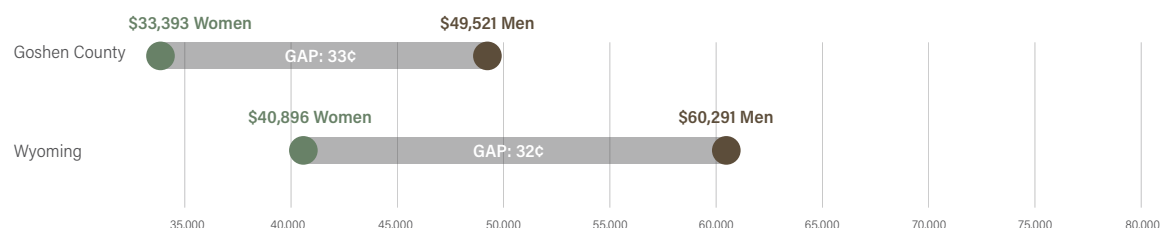
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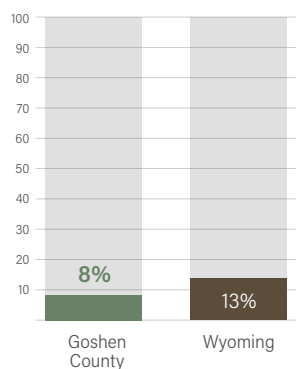
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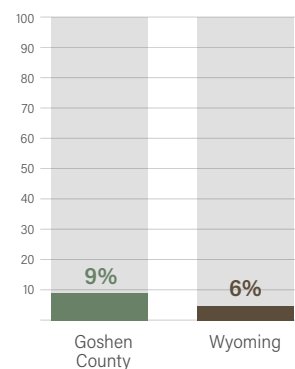
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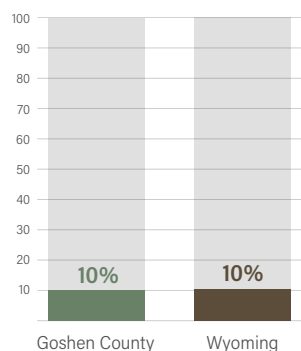
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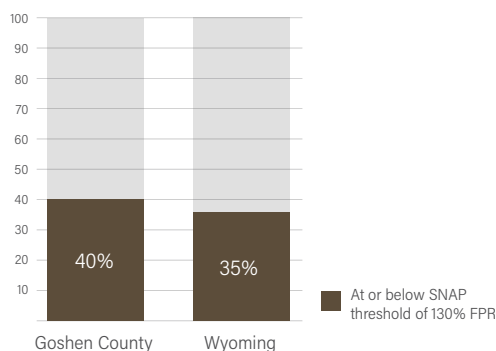
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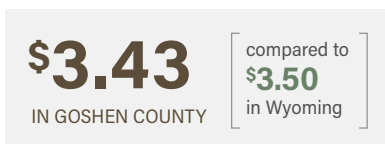
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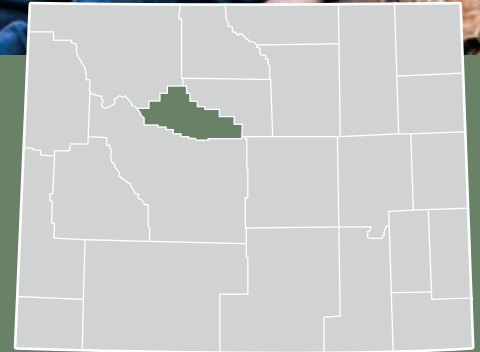
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HOT SPRINGS COUNTY

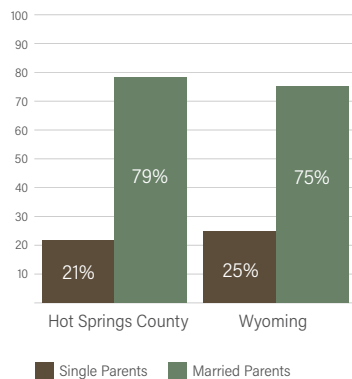
Based on median salaries for men and women in Hot Springs County, women make 70 cents for every dollar a man makes, 2 cents above the state average of 68 cents. Of children under 18 years old, 9% do not have health insurance and 21% live in single-parent homes. An estimated 12% of Hot Springs County's population is food insecure, which is slightly higher than the state percentage of 11%.



Family Structure

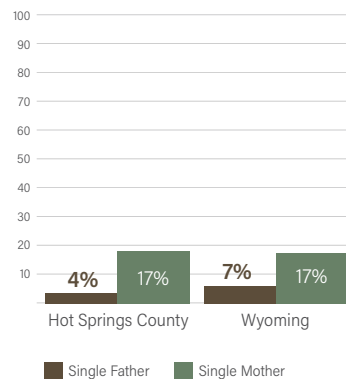
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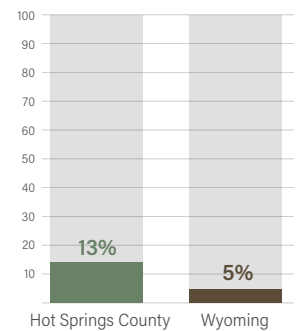
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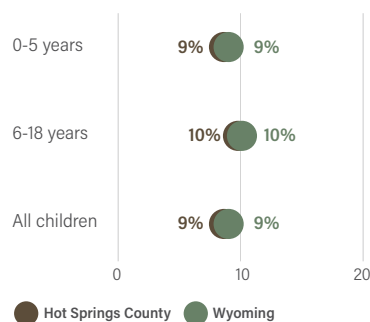
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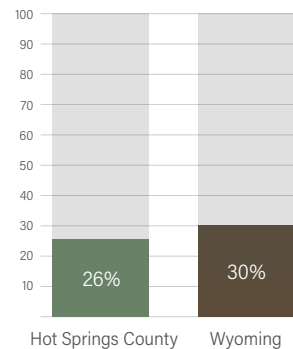
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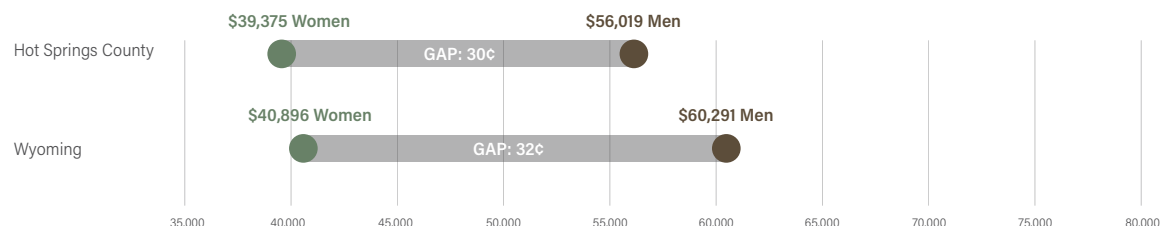
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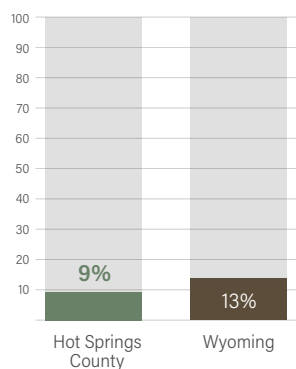
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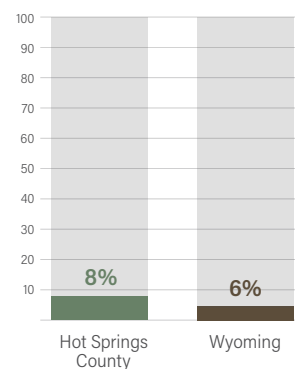
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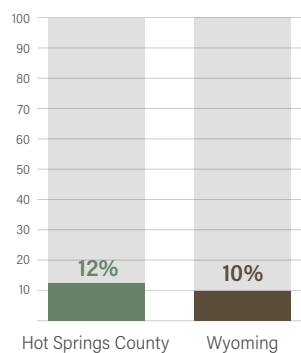
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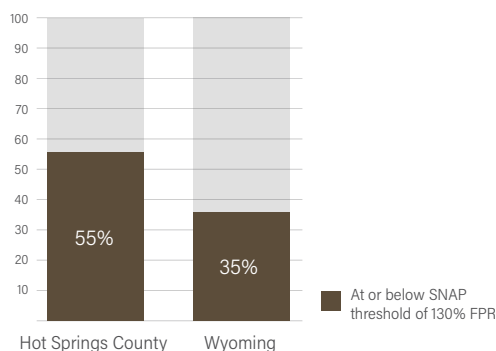
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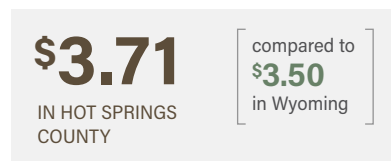
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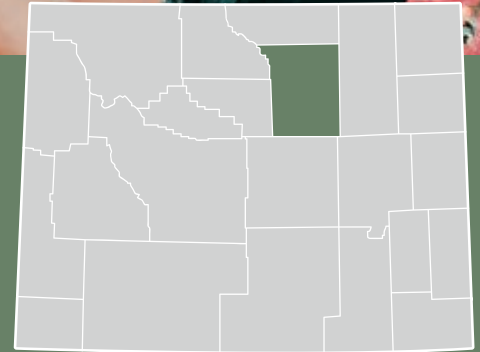
Annual Food Budget Shortfall

Additional Money Required to Cover Unmet Food Costs



JOHNSON COUNTY

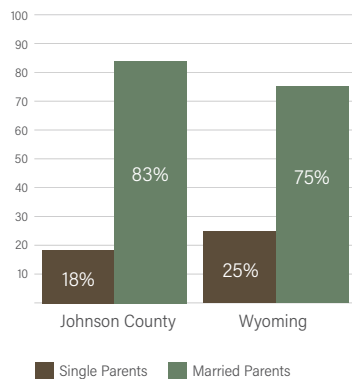
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Family Structure

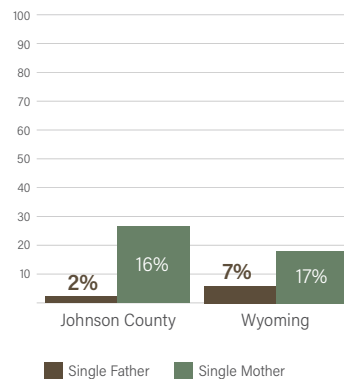
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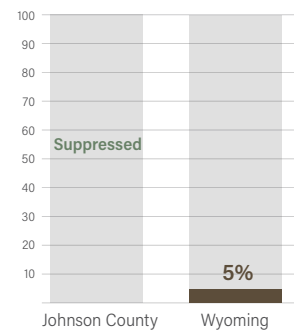
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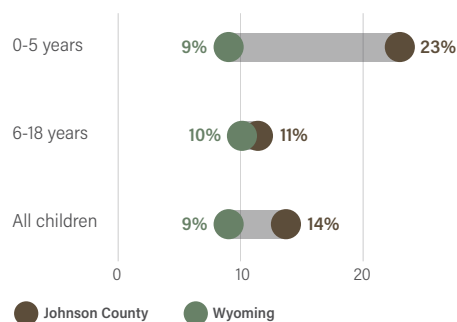
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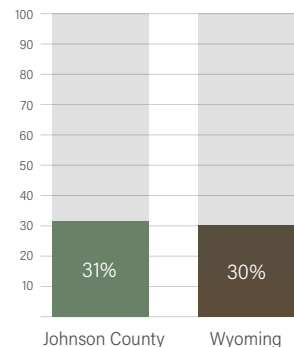
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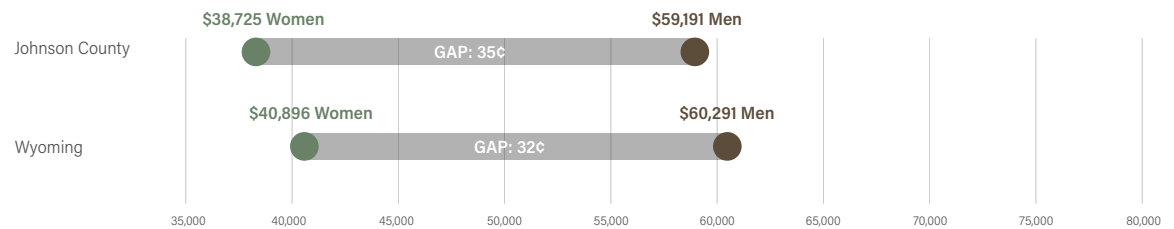
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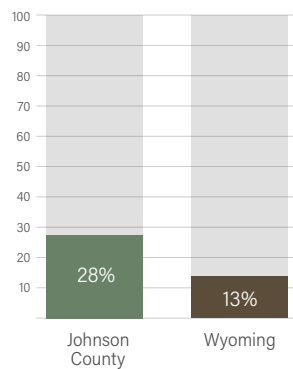
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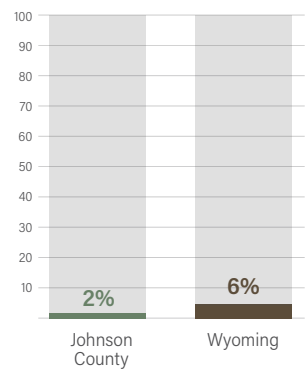
WIC Enrollment

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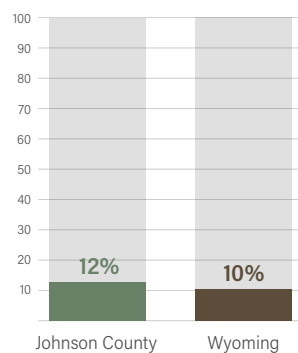
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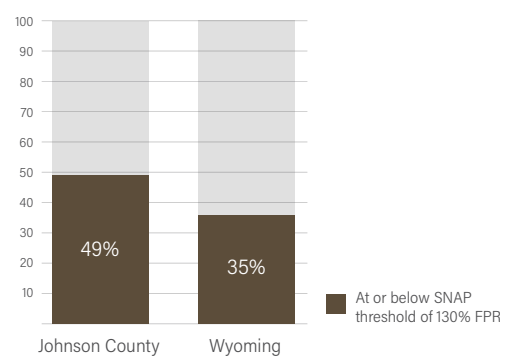
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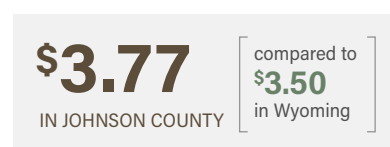
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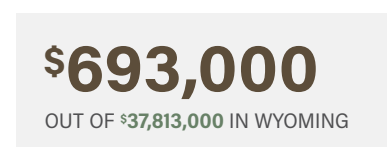
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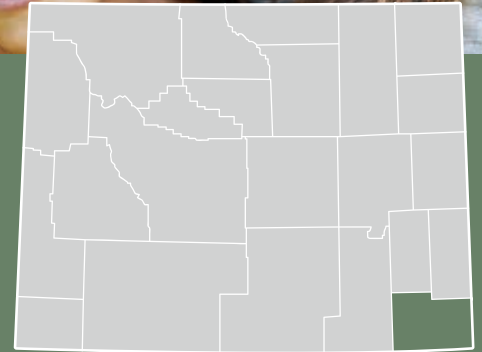


Annual Food Budget Shortfall

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LARAMIE COUNTY

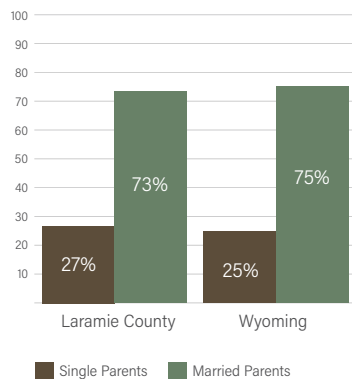


Based on median salaries for men and women in Laramie County, women make 71 cents for every dollar a man makes, 3 cents above the state average of 68 cents. Of children under 18 years old, 7% do not have health insurance and 27% live in single-parent homes. An estimated 10% of Laramie County's population is food insecure, which is slightly less than the state percentage of 11%.

Family Structure

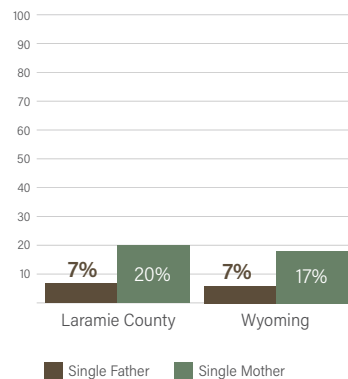
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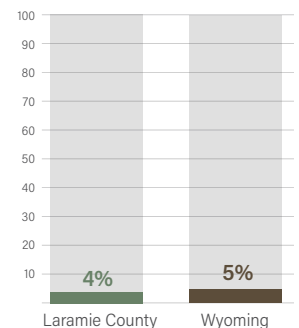
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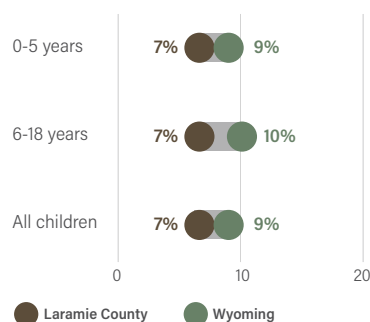
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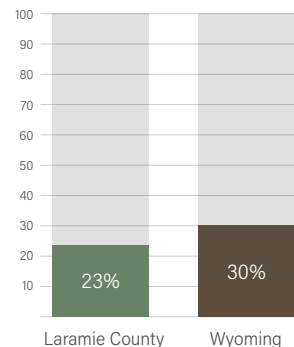
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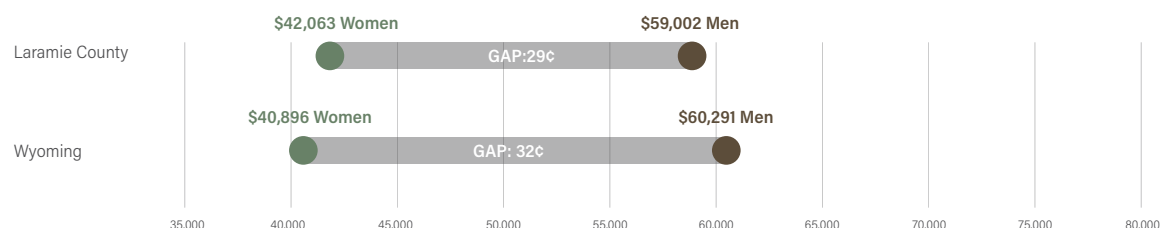
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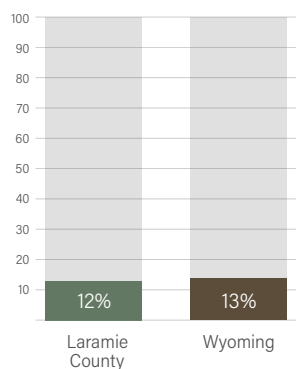
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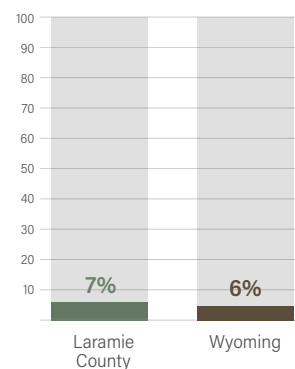
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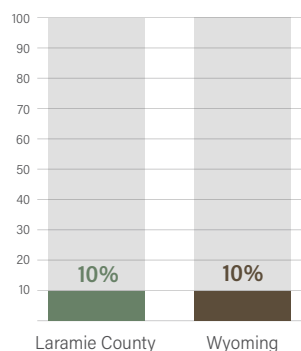
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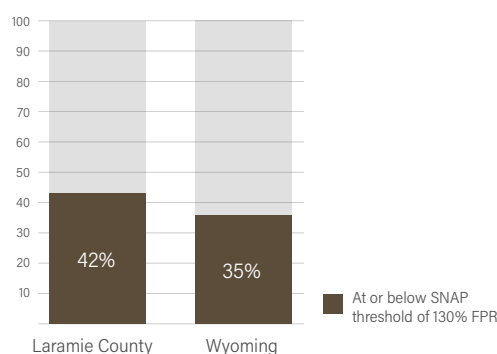
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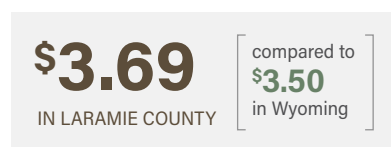
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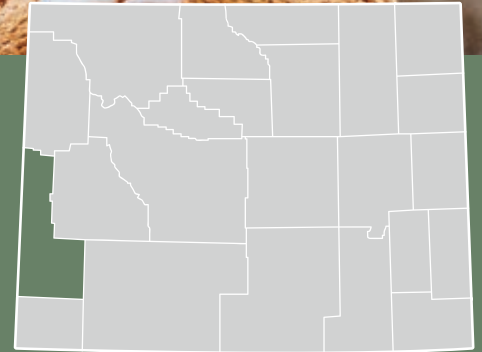


Annual Food Budget Shortfall

Additional Money Required to Cover Unmet Food Costs



LINCOLN COUNTY

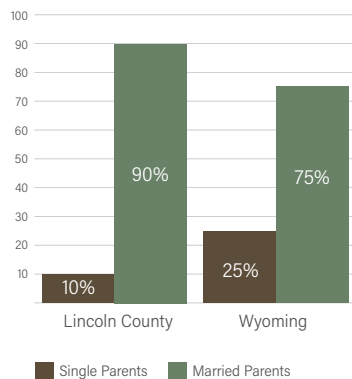


Based on median salaries for men and women in Lincoln County, women make 64 cents for every dollar a man makes, 4 cents below the state average of 68 cents. Of children under 18 years old, 14% do not have health insurance and 10% live in single-parent homes. An estimated 9% of Lincoln County's population is food insecure, which is less than the state percentage of 11%.

Family Structure

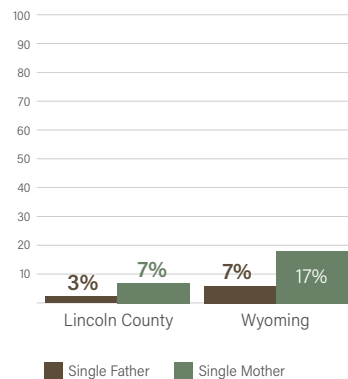
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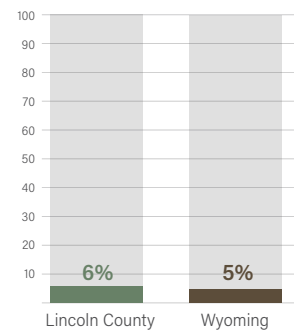
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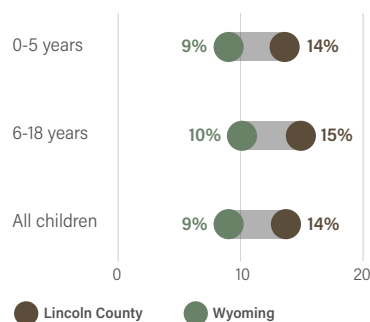
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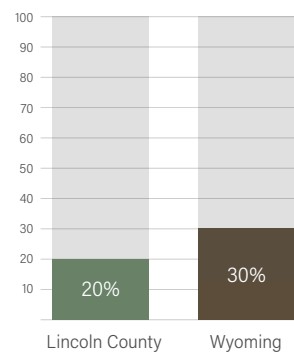
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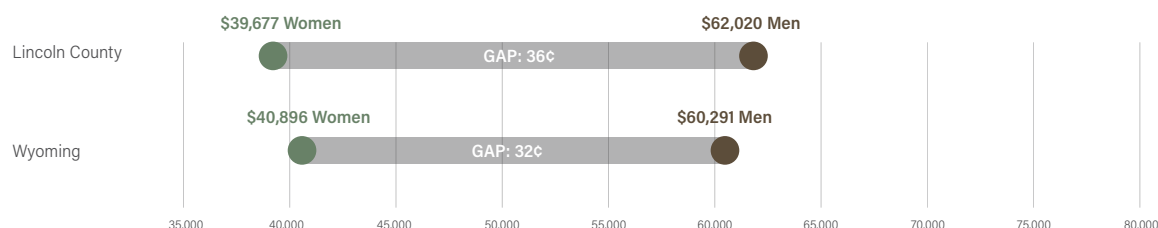
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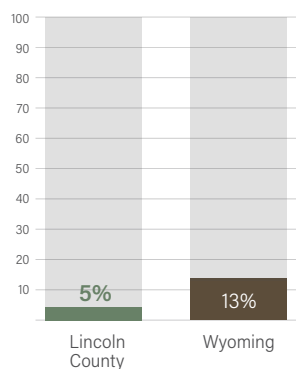
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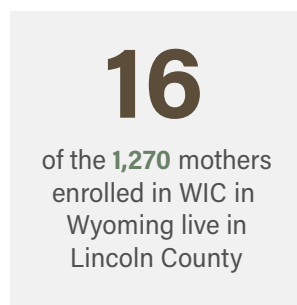
Below the Poverty Line

Percentage of related children in families living below the poverty line



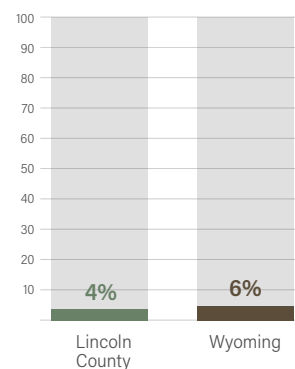
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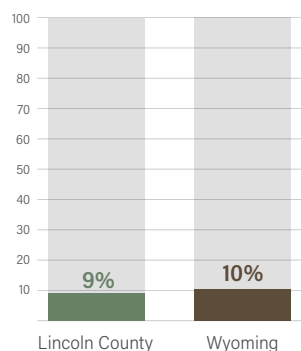
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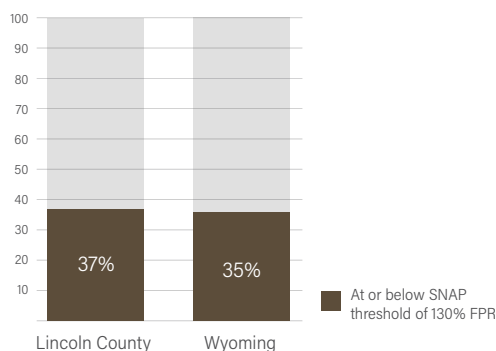
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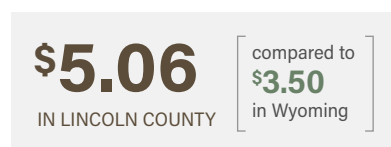
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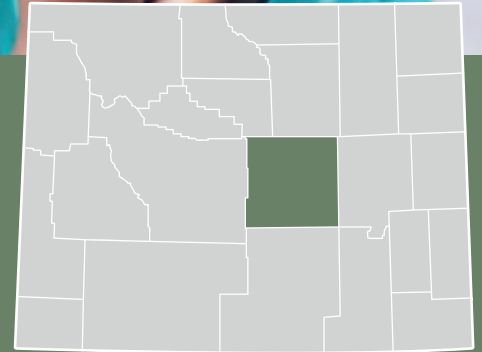


Annual Food Budget Shortfall

Additional Money Required to Cover Unmet Food Costs



NATRONA COUNTY

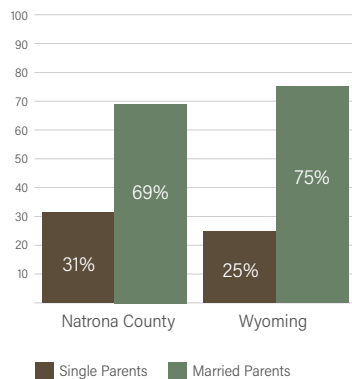


Based on median salaries for men and women in Natrona County, women make 72 cents for every dollar a man makes, 4 cents above the state average of 68 cents. Of children under 18 years old, 6% do not have health insurance and 31% live in single-parent homes. An estimated 12% of Natrona County's population is food insecure, which is slightly higher than the state percentage of 11%.

Family Structure

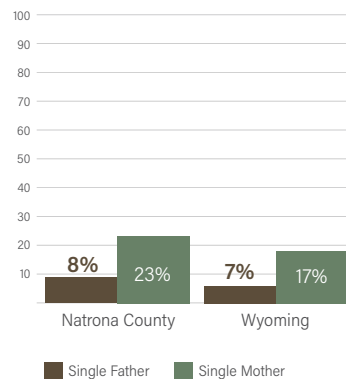
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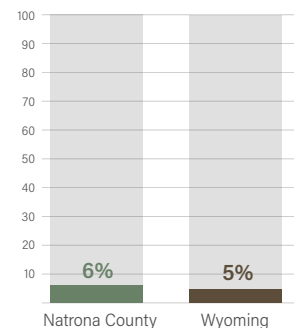
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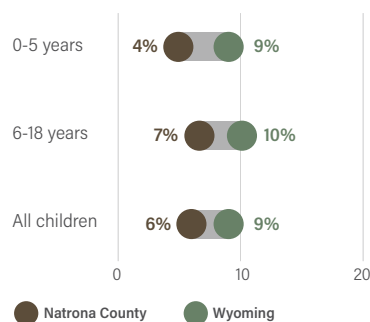
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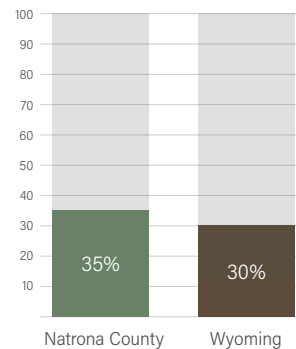
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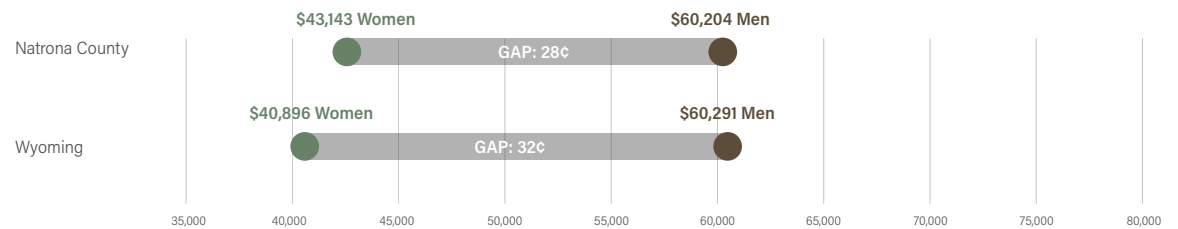
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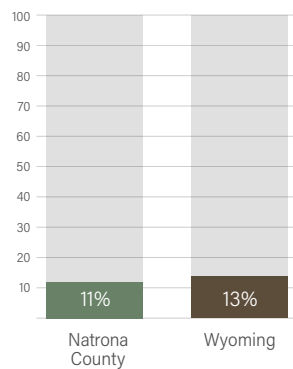
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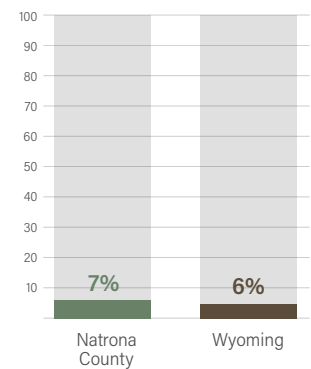
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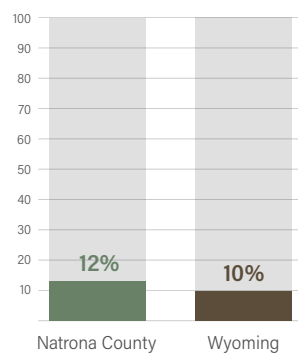
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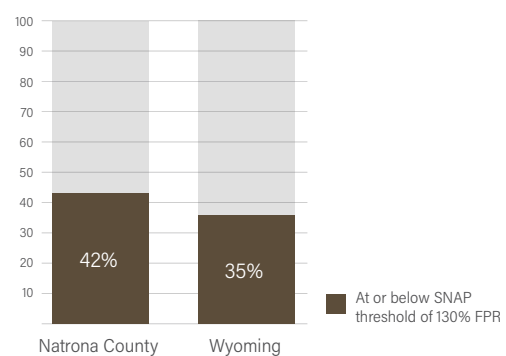
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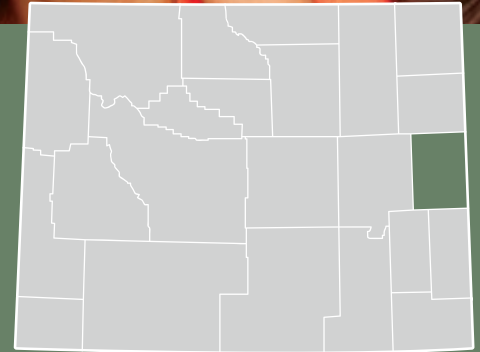
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NIOBRARA COUNTY

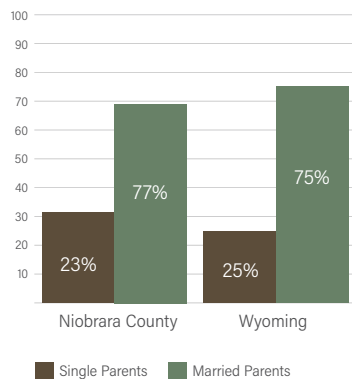
Based on median salaries for men and women in Niobrara County, women make 82 cents for every dollar a man makes, 14 cents above the state average of 68 cents. Niobrara County reports that 100% of all children, birth to five, are covered by health insurance, but 9% of children, 6 to 18 years old, do not have health insurance. Among all children under 18, 23% live in single-parent homes. An estimated 14% of Niobrara County's population is food insecure – the highest in the state – compared to the state percentage of 11%.



Family Structure

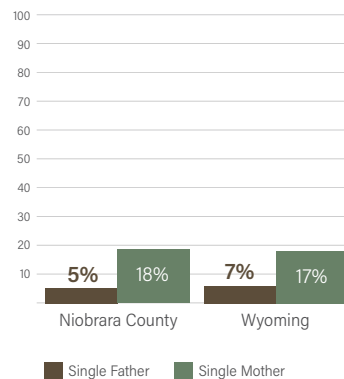
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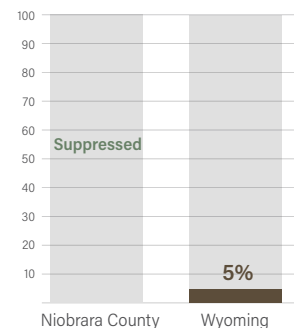
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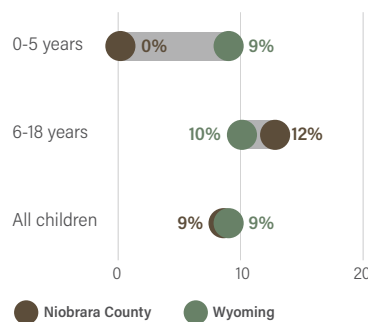
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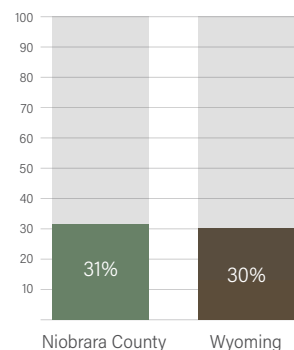
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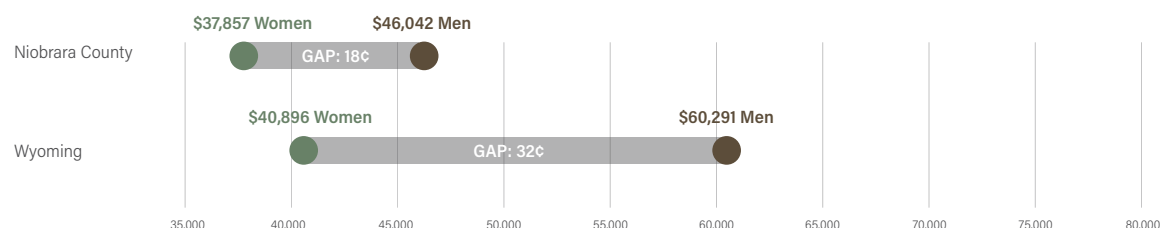
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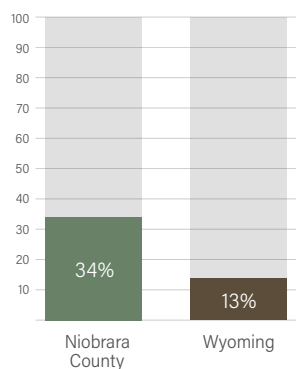
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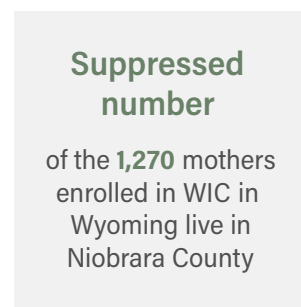
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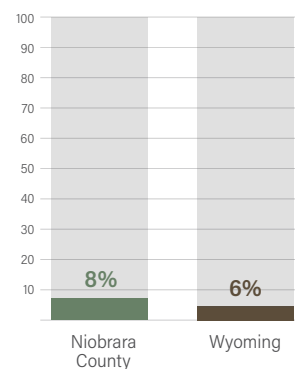
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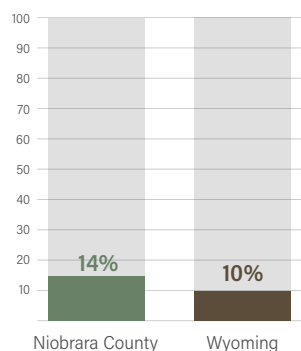
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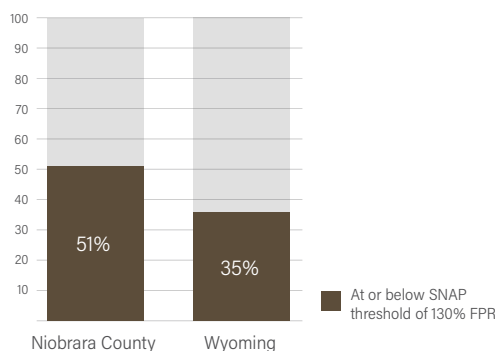
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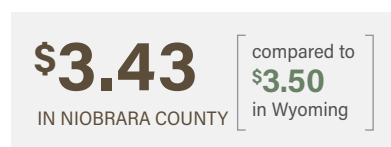
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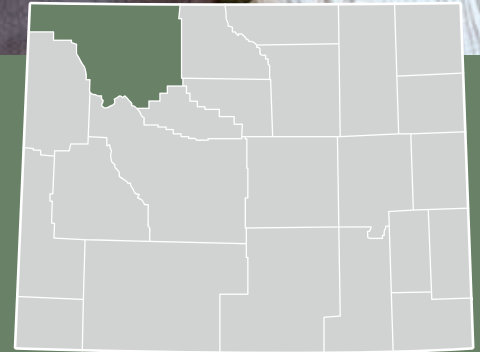
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PARK COUNTY

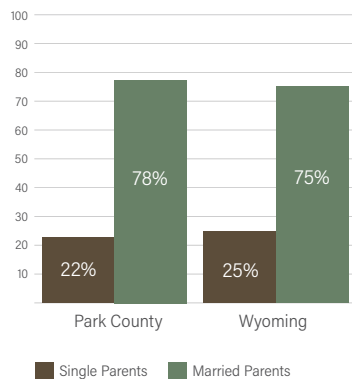
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Family Structure

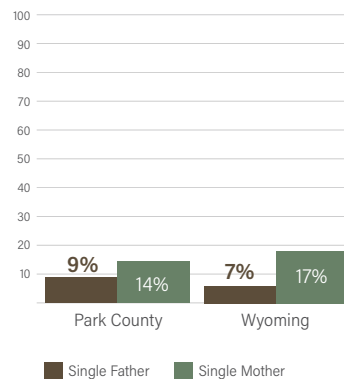
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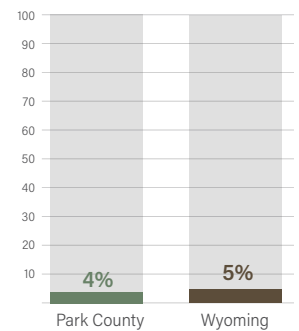
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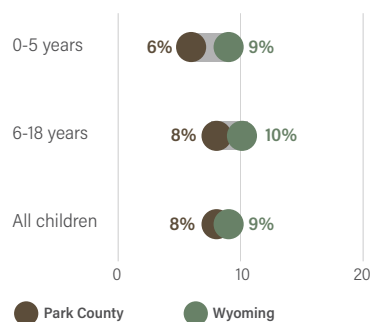
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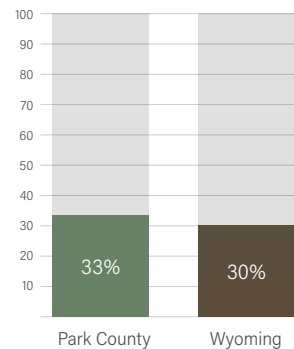
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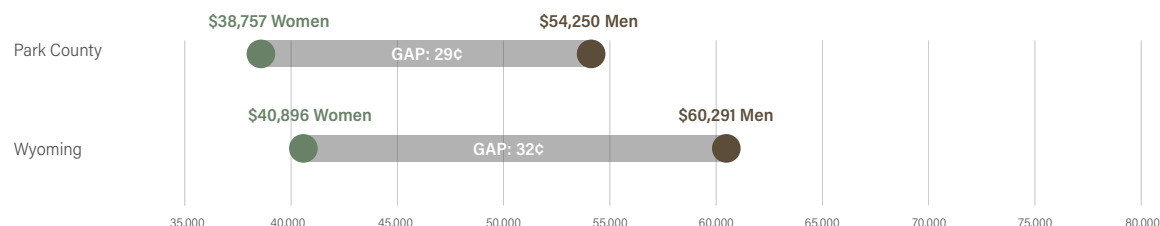
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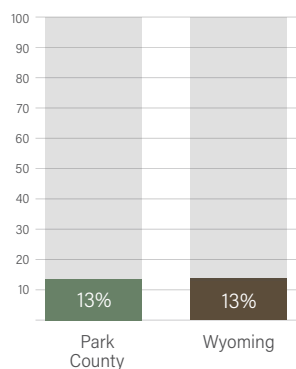
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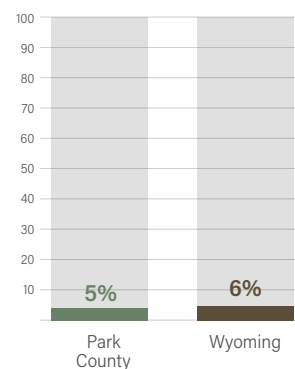
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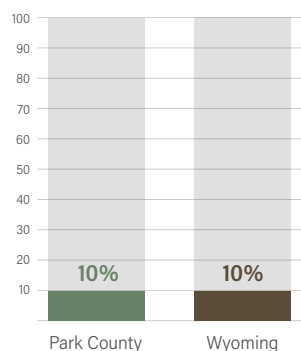
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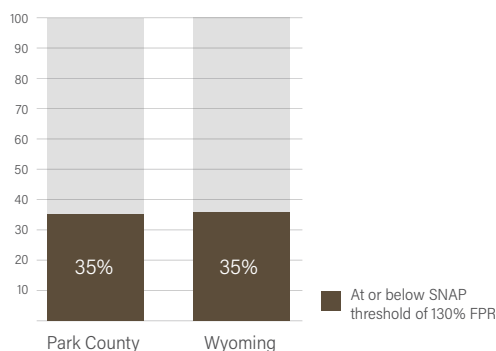
Food Insecurity Rate

Percentage of residents with food insecurity



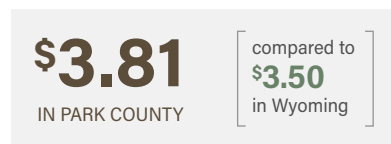
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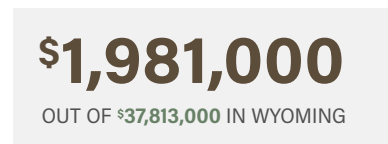
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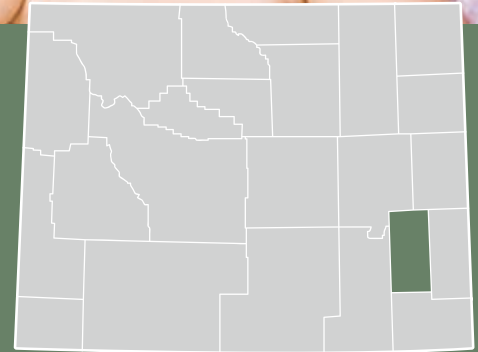


Annual Food Budget Shortfall

Additional Money Required to Cover Unmet Food Costs



PLATTE COUNTY

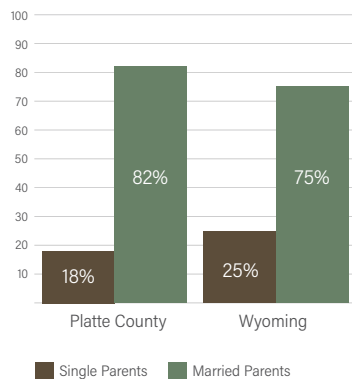


Based on median salaries for men and women in Platte County, women make 83 cents for every dollar a man makes, 15 cents above the state average of 68 cents. Of children under 18 years old, 10% do not have health insurance and 18% live in single-parent homes. Platte County has an equal percentage of children living in single-father and single mother households (9% each). An estimated 11% of Platte County's population is food insecure, which matches the state percentage of 11%.

Family Structure

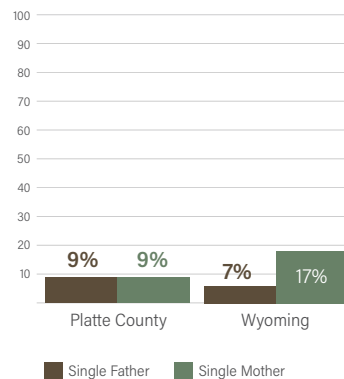
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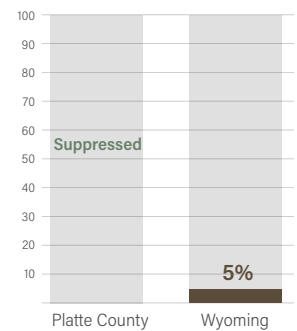
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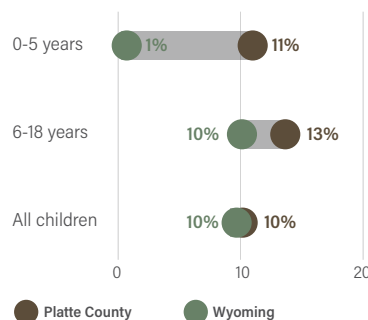
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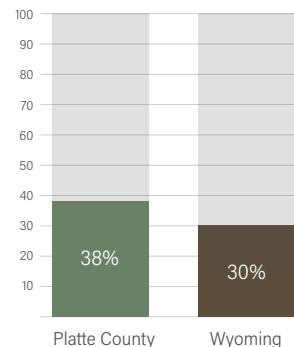
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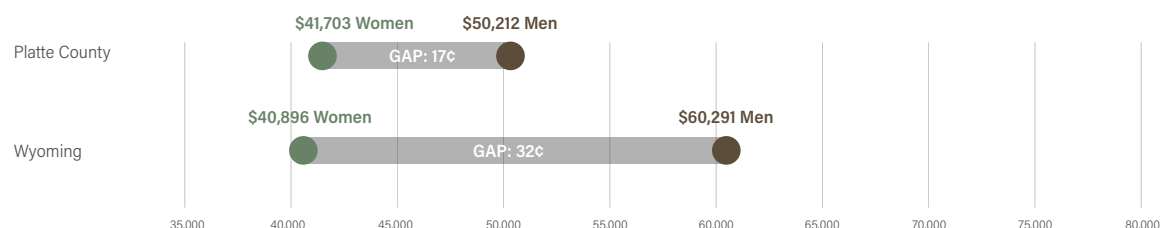
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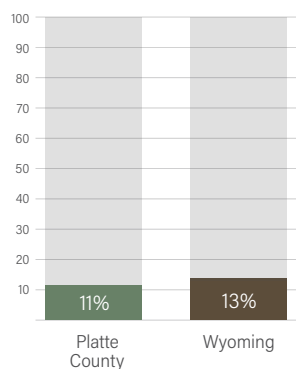
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Below the Poverty Line

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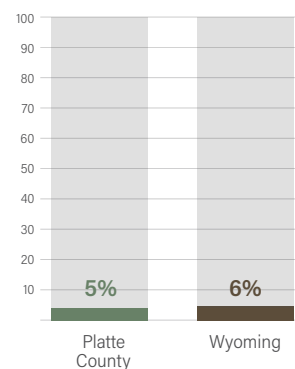
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SNAP Enrollment

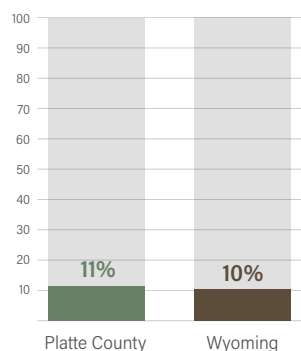
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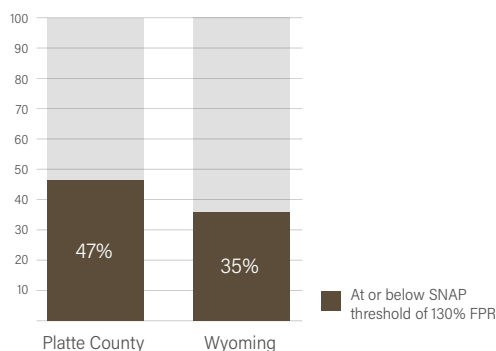
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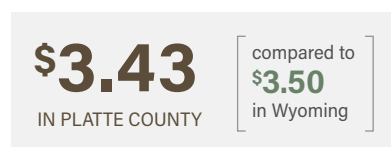
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Average Meal Cost

Average cost for a nutritious and adequate meal

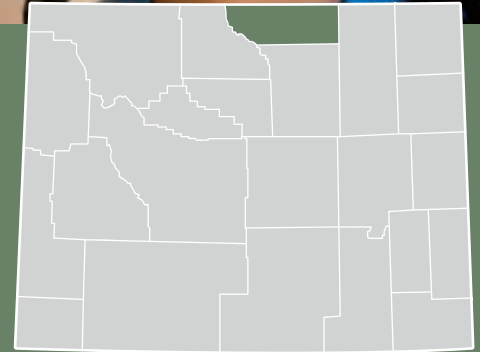


Annual Food Budget Shortfall

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SHERIDAN COUNTY

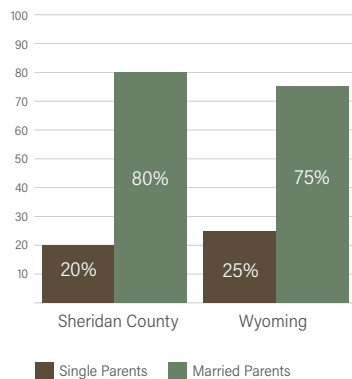


Based on median salaries for men and women in Sheridan County, women make 65 cents for every dollar a man makes, 3 cents below the state average of 68 cents. Sheridan County reports that 100% of all children, birth to five, are covered by health insurance, but 6% of children, 6 to 18 years old, do not have health insurance. Among all children under 18, 20% live in single-parent homes. An estimated 10% of Sheridan County's population is food insecure, which is slightly less than the state percentage of 11%.

Family Structure

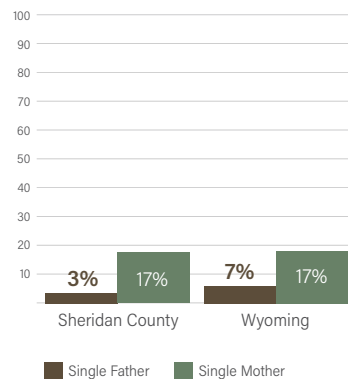
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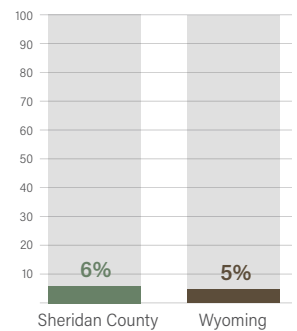
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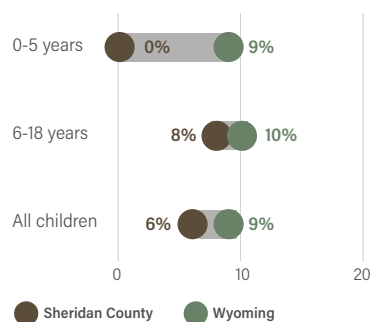
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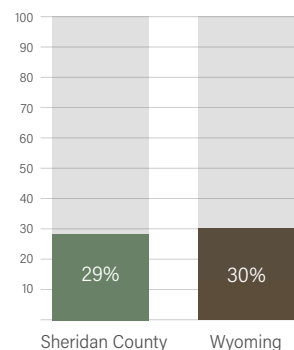
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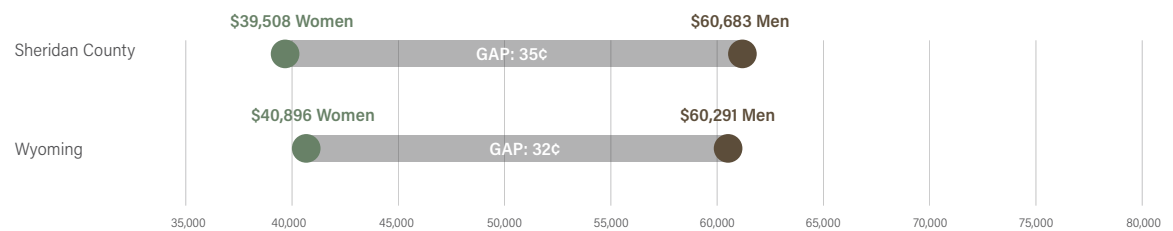
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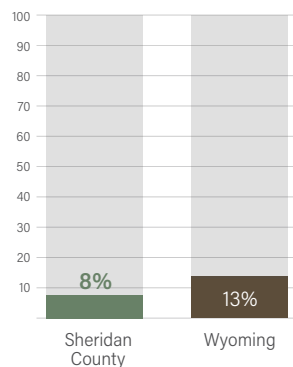
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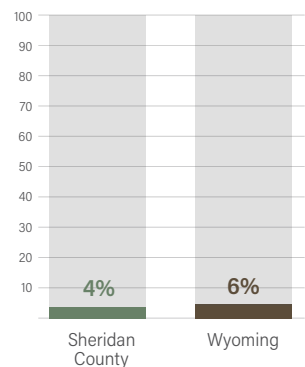
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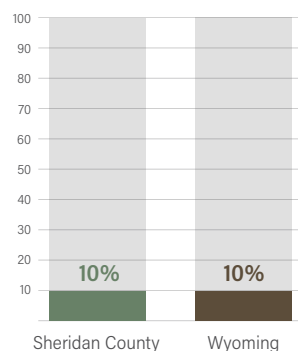
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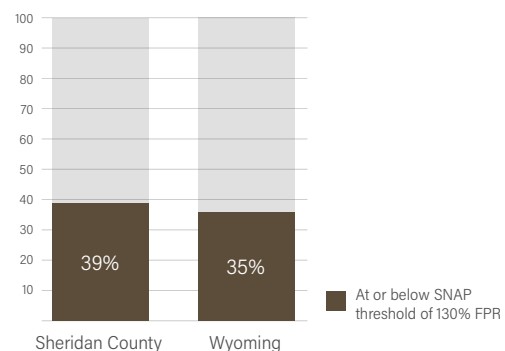
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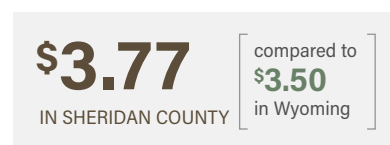
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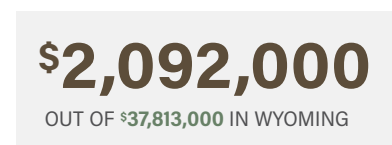
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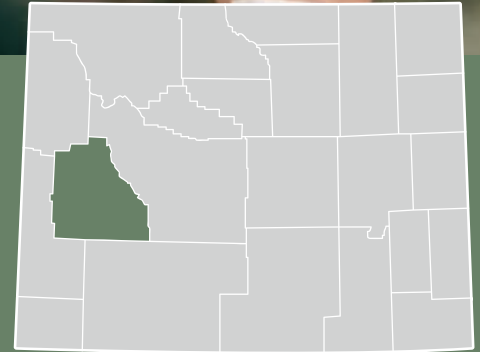
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Additional Money Required to Cover Unmet Food Costs



SUBLETTE COUNTY

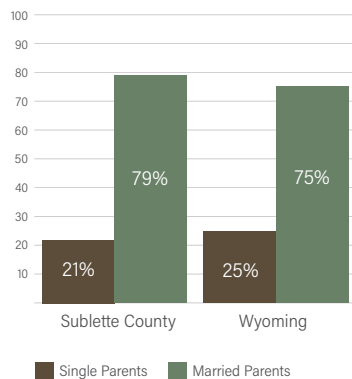
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Family Structure

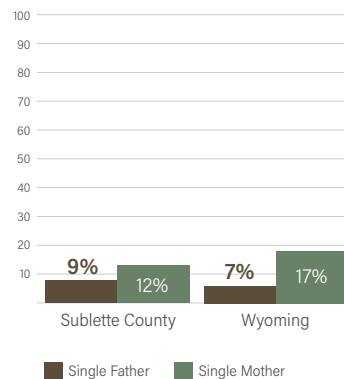
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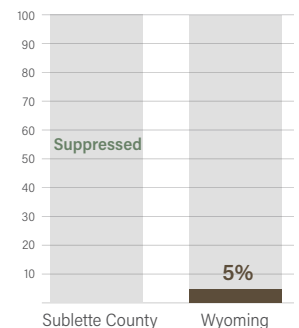
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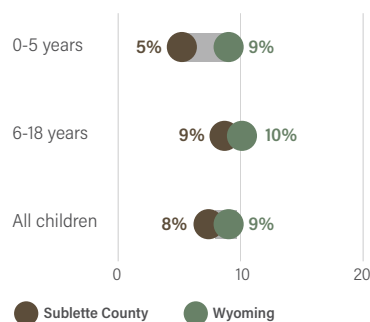
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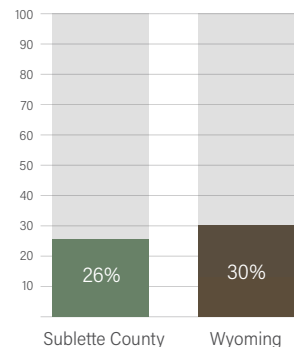
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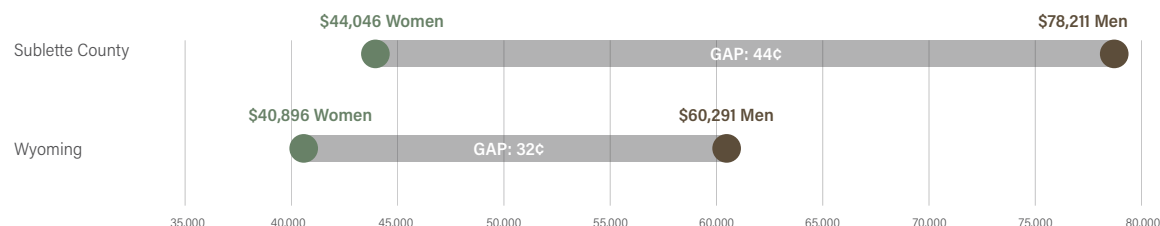
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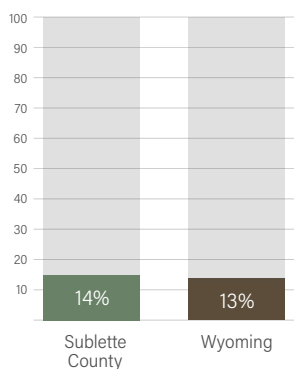
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Below the Poverty Line

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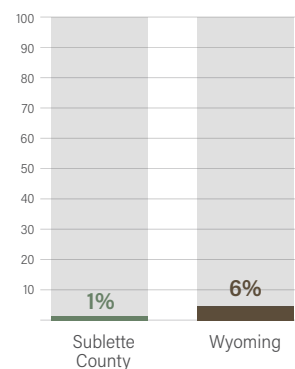
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SNAP Enrollment

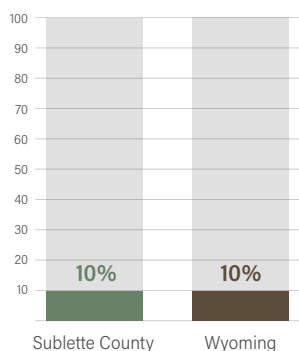
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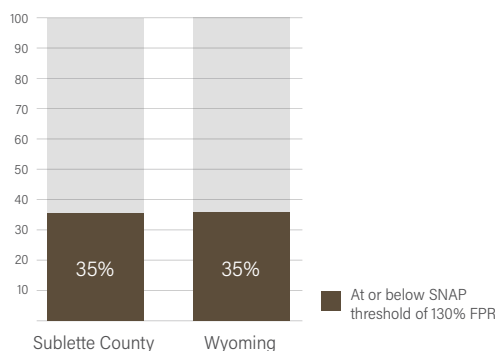
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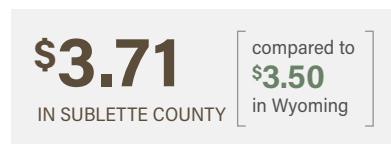
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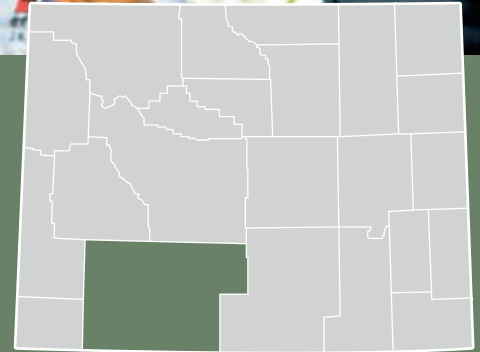
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SWEETWATER COUNTY

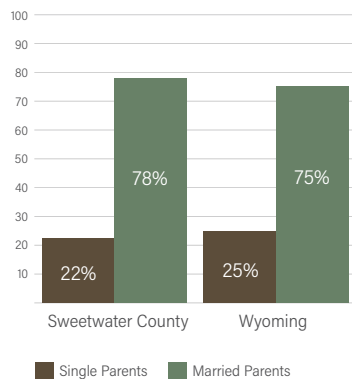
Based on median salaries for men and women in Sweetwater County, women make 65 cents for every dollar a man makes, 3 cents below the state average of 68 cents. Of children under 18 years old, 10% do not have health insurance and 22% live in single-parent homes. An estimated 11% of Sweetwater County's population is food insecure, which matches the state percentage of 11%.



Family Structure

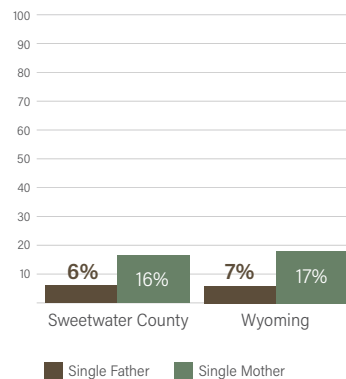
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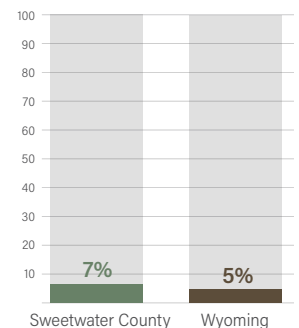
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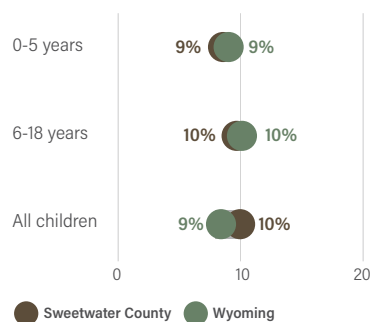
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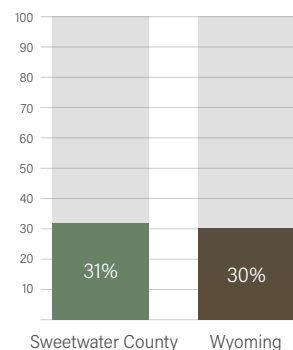
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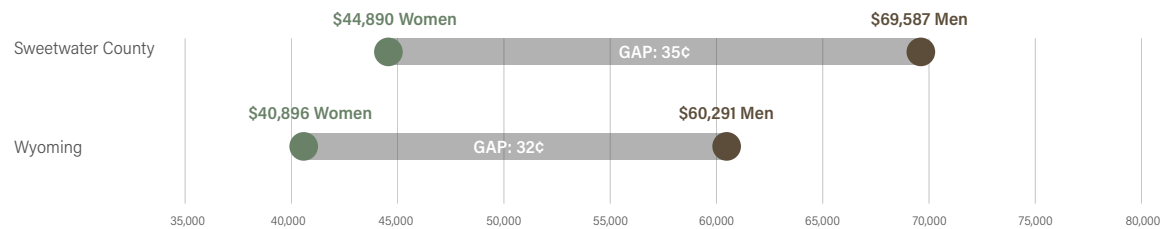
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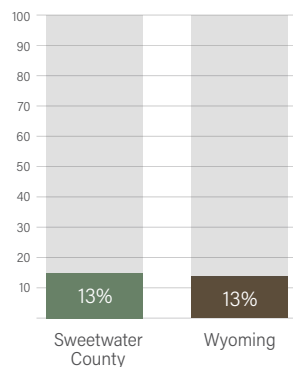
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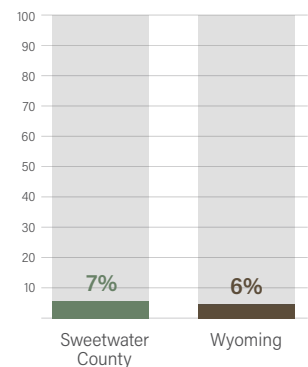
Number of mothers enrolled in WIC

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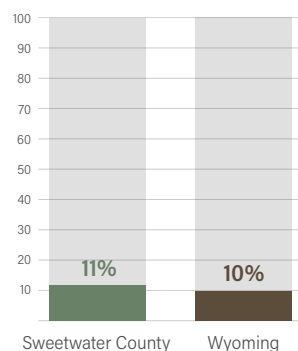
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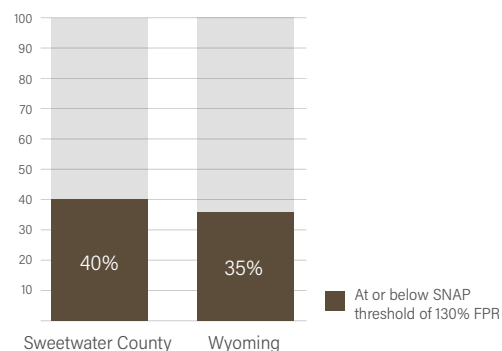
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Average Meal Cost

Average cost for a nutritious and adequate meal

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IN SWEETWATER COUNTY

compared to
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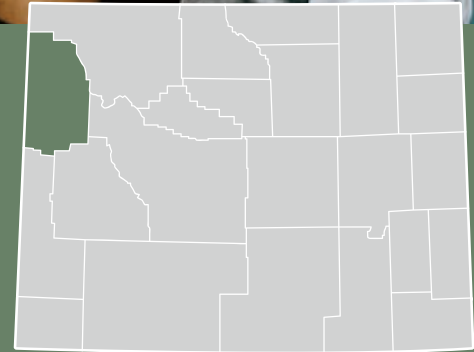
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TETON COUNTY

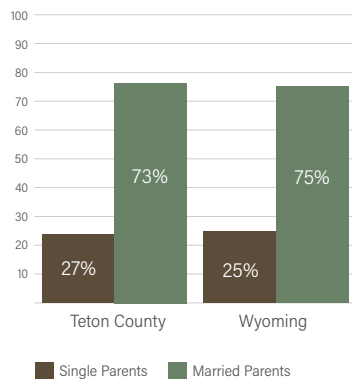


Based on median salaries for men and women in Teton County, women make 93 cents for every dollar a man makes, 25 cents above the state average of 68 cents, and the closest to the median salaries of men. Of children under 18 years old, 11% do not have health insurance and 27% live in single-parent homes. An estimated 8% of Teton County's population is food insecure – the lowest in the state – compared to the state percentage of 11%.

Family Structure

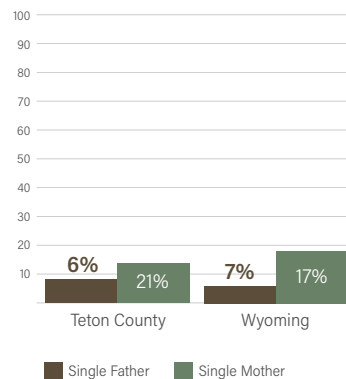
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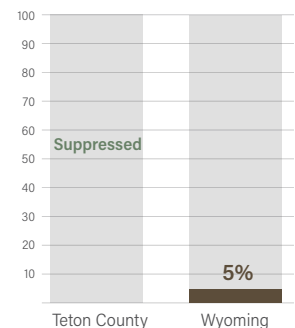
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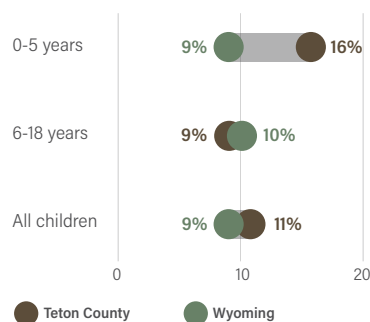
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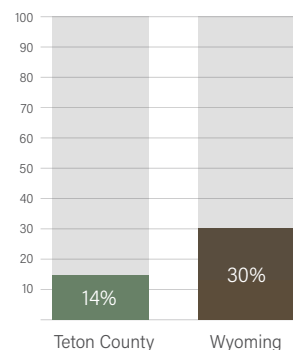
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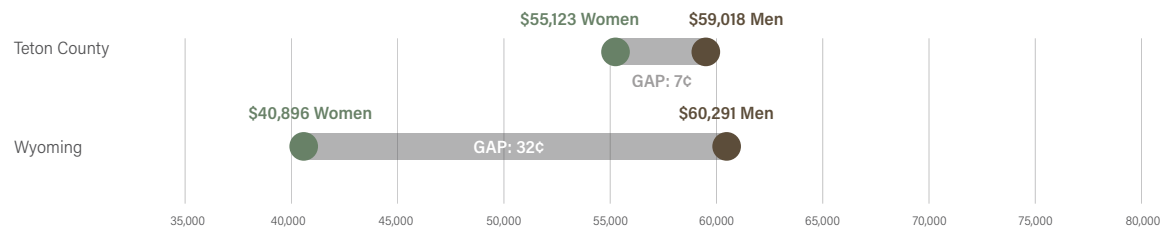
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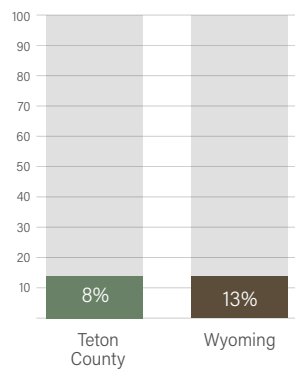
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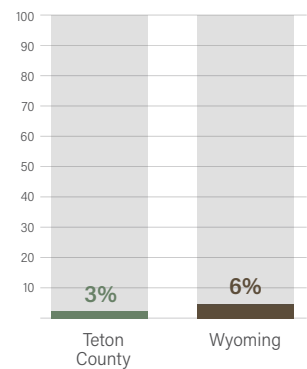
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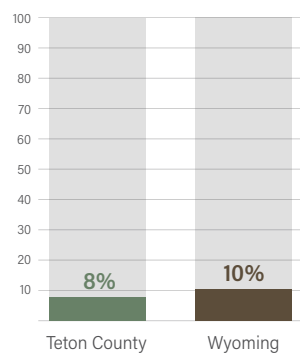
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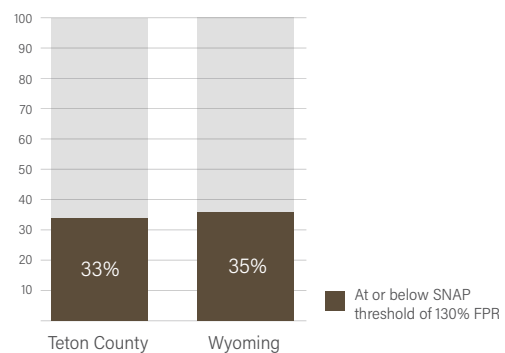
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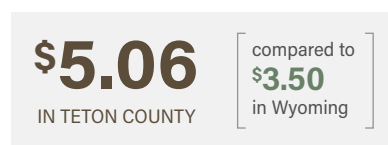
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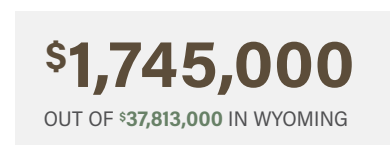
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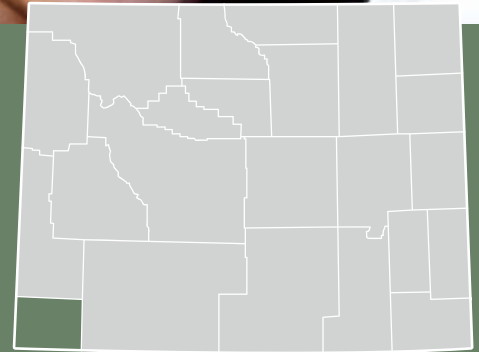
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UINTA COUNTY

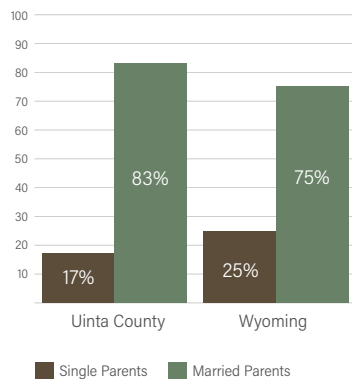
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Family Structure

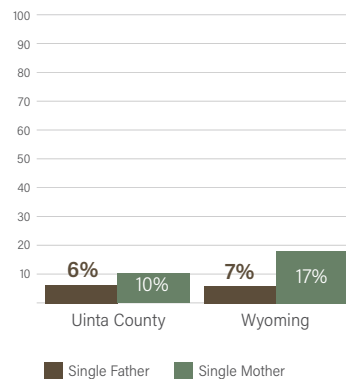
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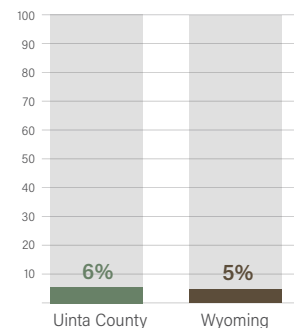
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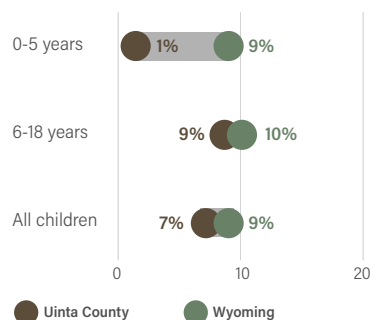
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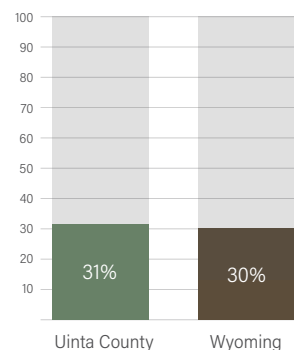
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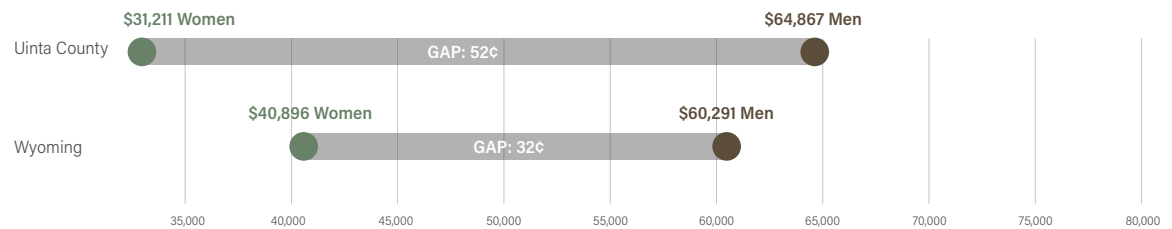
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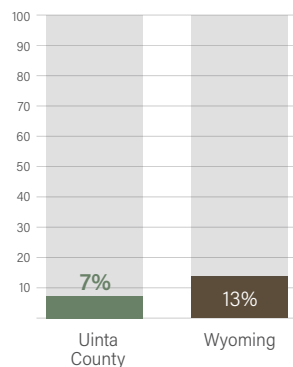
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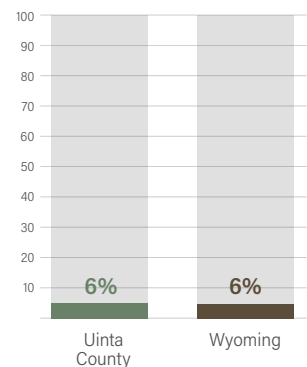
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Number of mothers enrolled in WIC



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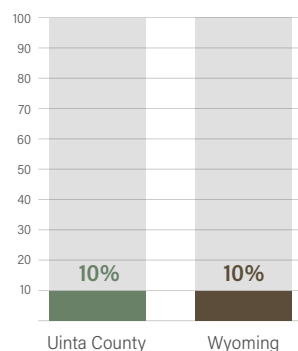
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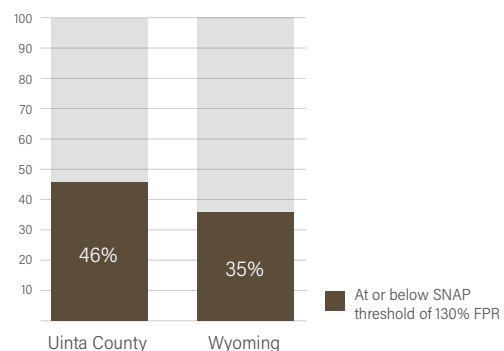
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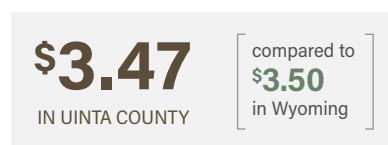
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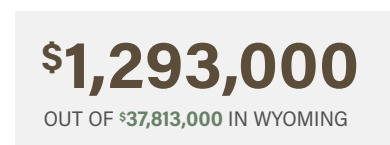
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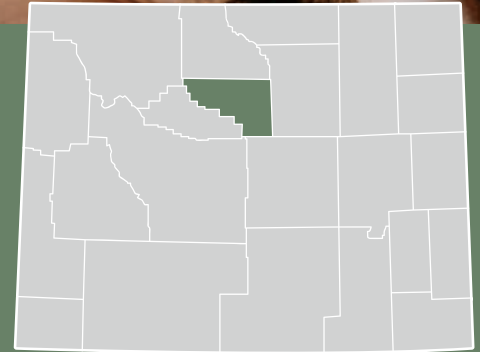
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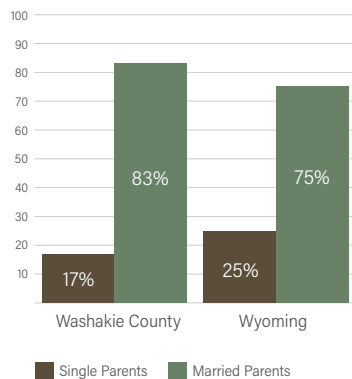
Based on median salaries for men and women in Washakie County, women make 66 cents for every dollar a man makes, 2 cents below the state average of 68 cents. Of children under 18 years old, 3% do not have health insurance – the lowest percentage in the state – and 17% live in single-parent homes. An estimated 9% of Washakie County's population is food insecure, which is less than the state percentage of 11%.



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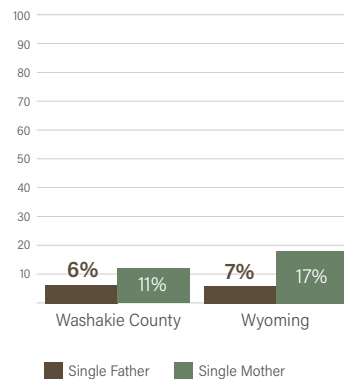
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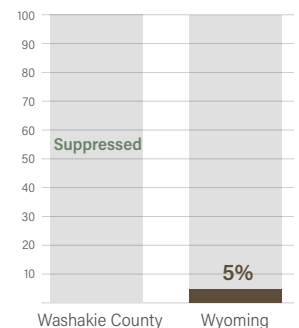
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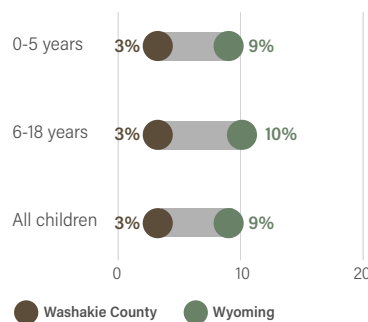
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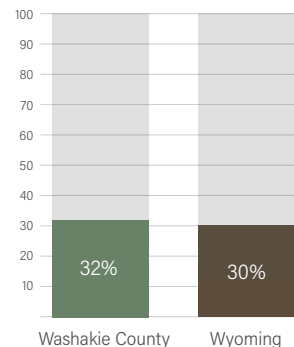
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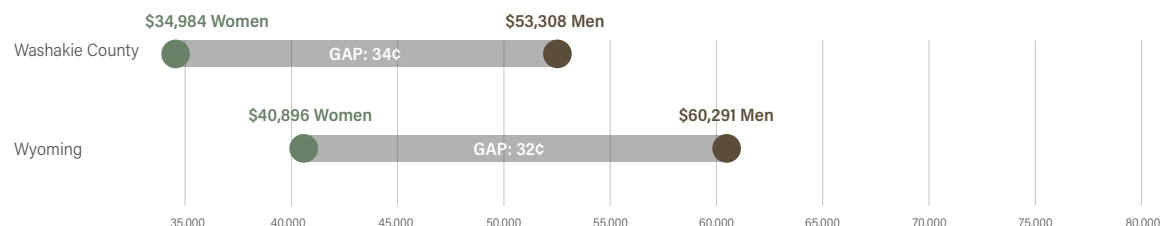
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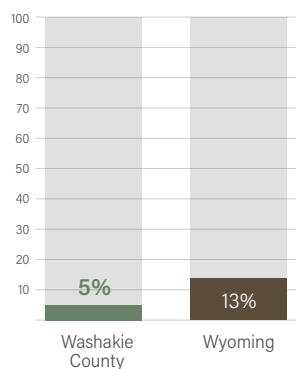
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Percentage of related children in families living below the poverty line



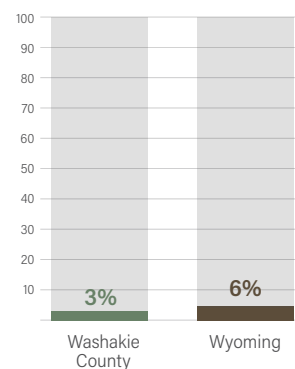
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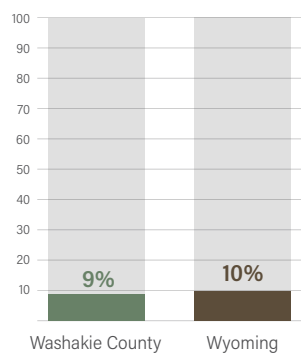
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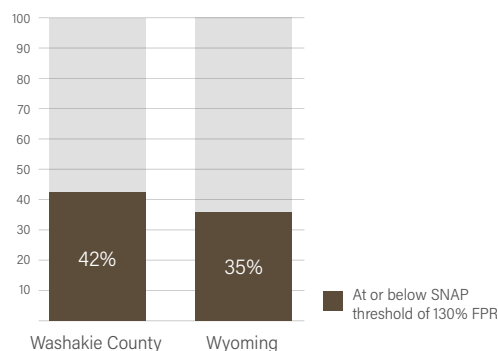
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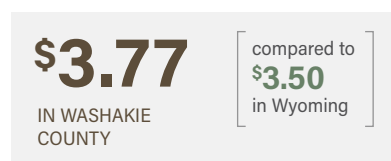
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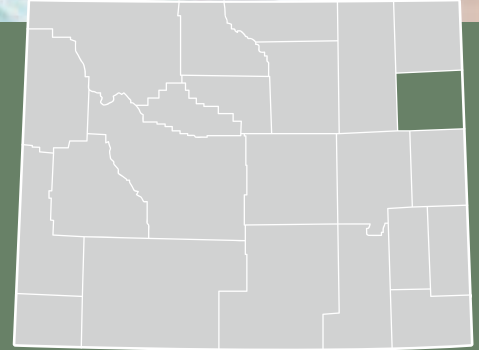
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WESTON COUNTY

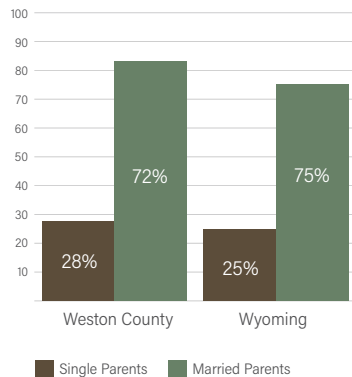
Based on median salaries for men and women in Weston County, women make 63 cents for every dollar a man makes, 5 cents below the state average of 68 cents. Of children under 18 years old, 16% do not have health insurance and 28% live in single-parent homes. Weston County is the only county in the state where the percentage of children living in single-father households (15%) is greater than the percentage of children living in single-mother households (13%). An estimated 10% of Weston County's population is food insecure, which is slightly less than the state percentage of 11%.



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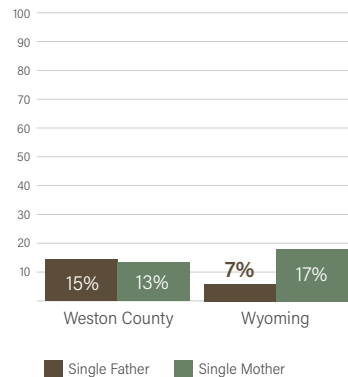
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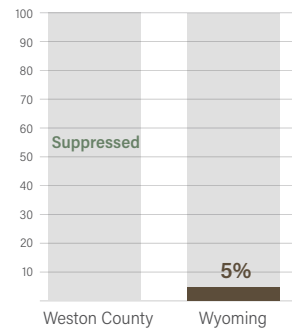
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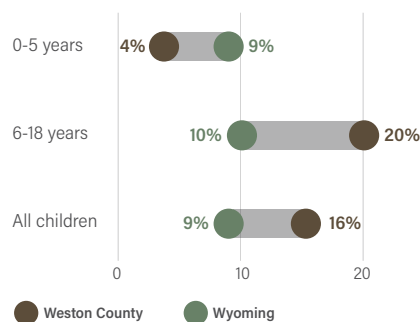
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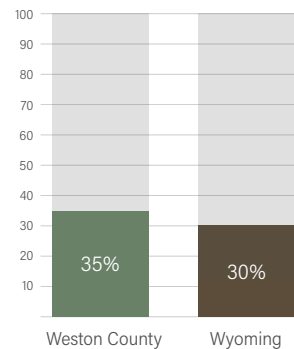
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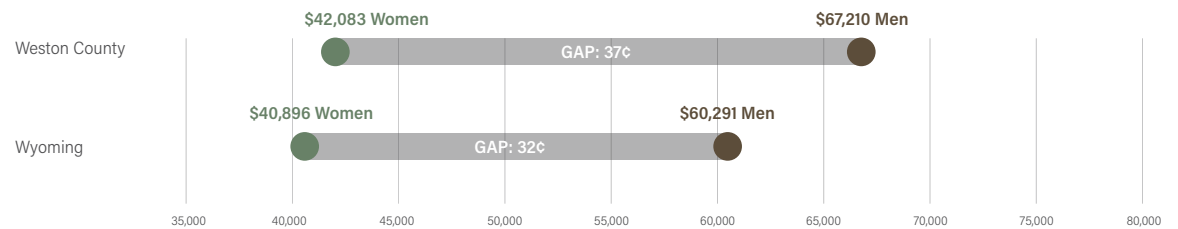
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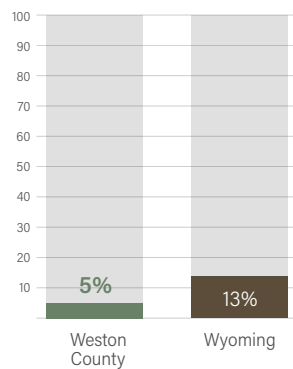
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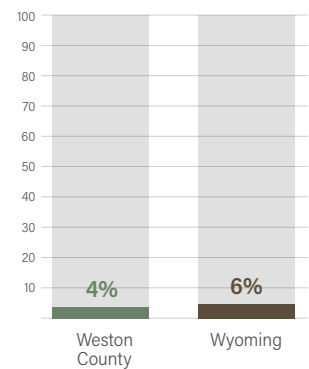
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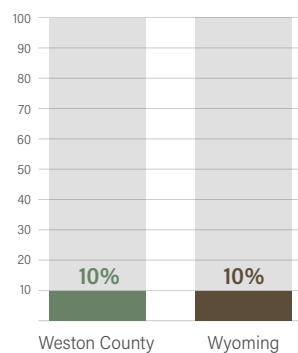
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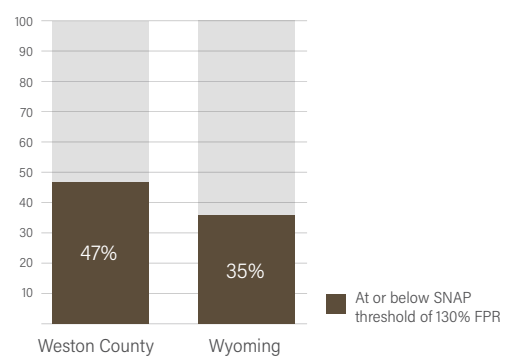
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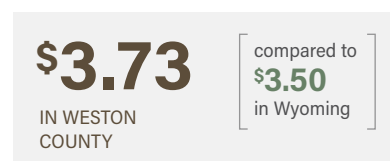
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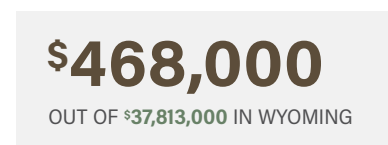
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Wyoming Department of Health, Vital Statistics Services: Wyoming Vital Statistics Services collects and reports data on births, birth outcomes, and deaths in Wyoming.

U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey: The Current Population Survey (CPS) is a nationally representative survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau for the Bureau of Labor Statistics. It provides employment, income, and poverty statistics. In December of each year, 50,000 households respond to a series of questions on the Core Food Security Module (CFSM) in addition to questions about food spending and the use of government and community food assistance programs.

Feeding America. Feeding America estimates local food insecurity and food costs: Their website, <https://map.feedingamerica.org/>, includes an interactive map featuring annual food insecurity estimates based on the results of their annual Map the Meal Gap study. This study and the interactive map provide food insecurity estimates for the nation, Wyoming, and every Wyoming county.

FAMILY STRUCTURE

Related children living in married couple families: Of all related children under 18 living in households, the percentage living with a married couple to whom they are related by birth, marriage, or adoption. A married couple can be two individuals involved in a formal or common-law marriage, including same-sex couples. SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 ACS 5-year estimate.

Related children living in single-parent families: Of all related children under 18 living in households, the percentage living with a single parent to whom they are related by birth, marriage, or adoption. The single parent can be a grandparent, aunt, uncle, sibling, cousin, etc. SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 ACS 5-year estimate.

Related children living in single-father families: Of all related children under 18 living in households, the percentage living with a single father to whom they are related by birth, marriage, or adoption. The single father can be a father, grandfather, uncle, brother, cousin, etc. SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 ACS 5-year estimate.

Related children living in single-mother families: Of all related children under 18 living in households, the percentage living with a single mother to whom they are related by birth, marriage, or adoption. The single mother can be a mother, grandmother, aunt, sister, cousin, etc. SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 ACS 5-year estimate.

Births to teens: A 1-year average of all births to mothers who are between 15 and 19. The number of births to teens younger than 15 is reported nationally; however, the number of births to Wyoming mothers younger than 15 is too small to report. SOURCE: Wyoming Department of Health, Vital Statistics Services, 2022.

HEALTH CARE

Children without health insurance, 0-18: Of all children, 0 to 18, the percentage not covered by a health insurance plan that provides "comprehensive health coverage." Long-term care, life, vision, dental and disability insurance are not considered "comprehensive health coverage." Children whose only health coverage is provided by the Indian Health Service are considered uninsured. SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 ACS 5-year estimate.

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Births for which the primary source of payment was Medicaid: Of all births, the percentage for which the primary source of payment was Medicaid. SOURCE: Wyoming Department of Health, Vital Statistics Services, 2021.

INCOME AND POVERTY

Median annual income men: Median earnings in the past 12 months (in 2021 inflation-adjusted dollars) for full-time, year-round civilian employed males, 16 years and over. Full-time workers are persons who usually worked 35 hours or more per week for 50 to 52 weeks in the past 12 months. SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 ACS 5-year estimate.

Median annual income women: Median earnings in the past 12 months (in 2021 inflation-adjusted dollars) for full-time, year-round civilian employed females, 16 years and over. Full-time workers are persons who usually worked 35 hours or more per week for 50 to 52 weeks in the past 12 months. SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 ACS 5-year estimate.

Wage gap: The difference in earnings between men and women calculated by subtracting the wage ratio from 1. The wage ratio is the quotient obtained by dividing women’s median earnings by men’s median earnings. SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 ACS 5-year estimate.

Related children living below the poverty line: Of all related children under 18 living in households, the percentage living with a householder to whom they are related by birth, marriage, or adoption and in which the household’s total family income is below the appropriate poverty threshold. The appropriate poverty threshold is determined by family size and ages of family members. SOURCE U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 ACS 5-year estimate.

Enrollment in Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC): Of all births, the percentage to mothers who self-reported enrollment in WIC. WIC is a supplemental nutrition program that provides grants to the states for supplemental foods, health care referrals, and nutrition education for low-income pregnant, breastfeeding and non-breastfeeding postpartum women and for infants and children, 0 to 5, who are at nutritional risk. SOURCE: Wyoming Department of Health, Vital Statistics Services, 2022.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Enrollment: Percentage of households receiving benefits from the Food Stamp Program or the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) in the last 12 months. SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 ACS 5-year estimate.

FOOD INSECURITY RATE

Food insecurity rate: The ratio of the number of children in food-insecure households to all children in the relevant geographic area. Food insecure households are households that were uncertain of having or unable to acquire enough food to meet the needs of all their members because they had insufficient money or other resources for food. SOURCE: Core Food Security Module (CFSM) of the Community Population Survey, 2009-2020, presented in Feeding America, Map the Meal Gap Report, 2022.

SNAP Eligibility: Percentage of the food insecure population with incomes below the SNAP threshold (at or below 130% of the federal poverty rate). SOURCE: Feeding America, Map the Meal Gap Report, 2022.

Average meal cost: Average weekly dollar amount food secure individuals report spending, divided by 21 (3 meals a day, 7 days a week). Using food expenditures for food-secure individuals ensure results best reflect the cost of an adequate diet. The average cost per meal is adjusted by a relative food cost index to derive county and state estimates. SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, Community Population Survey, 2021, presented in Feeding America, Map the Meal Gap Report, 2022.

Annual food budget shortfall: Feeding America calculates responses from food insecure households about a food budget shortfall at the individual level and then averages to create a weekly food budget shortfall. This value is then multiplied by 52 (weeks per year) and again by 7/12 (the average number of months in a year that food-insecure households experience food insecurity per the U.S. Department of Agriculture). SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, Community Population Survey, 2021, presented in Feeding America, Map the Meal Gap Report, 2022.



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