

News from the Wyoming Department of Health

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Public Can Review Vital Statistics Services Reports and Data

The broad information collected by the Wyoming Department of Health's Vital Statistics Services program offers interesting snapshots about Wyoming's residents for those interested in learning about the state.

To view Wyoming's Vital Records Annual Report for 2012, visit http://www.health.wyo.gov/rfhd/vital_records online and click on the left-side tab labeled "Annual Reports and Provisional Data." The 2012 report contains summary data on Wyoming births, deaths, marriages and divorces.

Jim McBride, Vital Statistics Services program manager with the Wyoming Department of Health, noted Wyoming's population continues to grow. "We surpassed 575,000 residents this year for the first time," McBride said. "If today's growth rate were to continue, we would expect to exceed 600,000 residents during 2014."

McBride noted Wyoming's birth rate remains relatively stable with between 7,500 and 8,000 births each year since 2007; in 2012 there were 7,576 births.

"Wyoming also continued to see a decrease in teen births, which is something we of course welcome," McBride said. The number of teen births has declined 30 percent since 2007. In 2012, for every 1,000 women aged 15-19, approximately 34 gave birth.

"Our data is also telling us that the average age to marry is on the rise in Wyoming. Experts tell us this is happening across the nation," McBride continued. In 2012, the average age to marry in Wyoming was 33. The number of Wyoming marriages has been stable at about 4,500 per year for more than a decade.

Vital Statistics Services is the official source for certified copies of vital records such as Wyoming birth and death certificates. The program serves as the custodian of all state vital records and shares health information to support planning efforts.

Additional tables highlighting specific subjects as well as county and other demographic data are posted at http://www.health.wyo.gov/rfhd/vital_records.

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