

# Wyoming

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**“There is no sense in talking about economic development if you don’t have water, sewer, basic infrastructure.”**

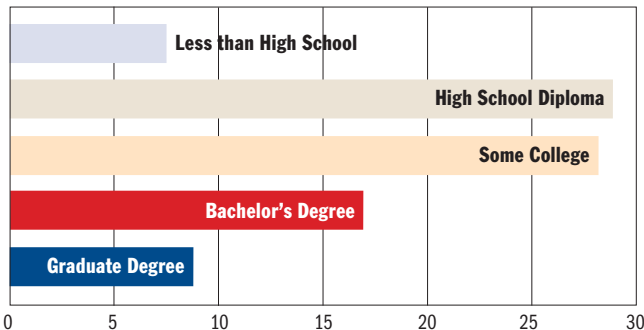
— Gov. Matt Mead in his 2013 State of the State address discussing funding infrastructure.

**Governor: Matt Mead (R)** [wyomingbusiness.org](http://wyomingbusiness.org)

**Right-to-work state: Yes**

**Population 2013:** 578605 **Population growth forecast 2013 thru 2018:** 3.61% **Median household income:** \$61,779 **Median age:** 36.7

## Work Force Education by Percentage



## Rankings that Matter

<b>GDP</b> .....	49 (\$31,302*)
<b>Business Tax Climate</b> .....	1
<b>Small Business Policy</b> .....	4
<b>Career Readiness Certificates</b> .....	24 (6,315)
<b>High School Graduation</b> .....	21
<b>Health</b> .....	17

\* Real GDP in US millions

## Legislative Update

- Governor Mead proposed his \$3.3 billion, 2014-2015 budget in early December 2013. Among the provisions are pay increases for state employees including K-12 teachers, and \$15 million for the unified network allowing for greater high-speed Internet capacity throughout the state.
- In March 2013, Gov. Mead signed a bill allowing Wyoming to enter into a multi-

state lottery or start a state lottery. The lottery is expected to generate \$6 million per year with profits to be distributed to cities, towns and counties. Income above \$6 million will go toward education.

- A 10-cent increase in the gas tax was passed by the legislature in February 2013, and became law on July 1. Revenue will go toward state and local road projects.