

"The information in the report confirms that Wyoming is a great place to start a business. Our tax and regulatory structure are some of the best in the nation."

 Gov. Matt Mead, Sept. 13, announcing Wyoming's second-place ranking in the Kauffman Index of Entrepreneurial Activity

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## **Wyoming**

**Pop. (2014):** 591,625

**Median household income:** \$55,690

**Credit Rating:** AAA/Stable

**Pop. growth 2013–2018:** 5.5%

Median age: 36.6

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

## **Legislative Update**

- In February, Governor Matt Mead signed HB0027-NRC agreement state authorization, which begins the process to give the State of Wyoming regulatory authority over uranium mine permitting. The legislation takes effect immediately. This legislation is the first step in cutting the bureaucracy in the licensing process and gives the state the power to regulate uranium mining.
- The bill allows the Governor, through the Department
  of Environmental Quality, to negotiate and enter
  into a final agreement with the Nuclear Regulatory
  Commission (NRC) for the State of Wyoming to
  assume regulation of source materials from uranium
  mining and milling. It would also cover the wastes
  associated with the recovery, mining and milling of
  such source materials.

## Rankings that Matter

Business Tax Climate
Legal Climate
Higher Ed. R&D Expenditure 50 (51,422)
ACT Career Readiness Certificates 13 (7,826)
Lowest Electric Power Cost 2 (7.99)
Fiscal Solvency6
College Attainment 28 (39.4%)

