

**COMMUNITY PROFILE**



**DEMOGRAPHIC UPDATE**

# GREEN RIVER, WYOMING

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### HISTORY

Green River is one of the oldest communities in the state. It was first incorporated in 1868 under Dakota Territory. In May of 1891 Green River was incorporated under the laws of the State of Wyoming. The railroad gave the area its first boom and in 1875, Green River became the county seat of Sweetwater County. In the 1950's the mining industry became important to Green River and has been steadily increasing.

### LOCATION – Major Cities/Distance

Denver 365	Salt Lake City 176	Phoenix 847
Seattle 982	San Francisco 919	Chicago 1,254
Dallas 1,148	New York 2,027	Cheyenne 271

### POPULATION (Next Census – 2015)

	2000	2010	2015
<b>County</b>	37,613	43,806	44,626
<b>Green River</b>	11,808	12,515	12,515
<b>Rock Springs</b>	18,708	23,036	23,036
<b>State</b>	493,782	563,626	563,626

*Source: <http://www.eadiv.state.wy.us>*

Median Age: 36

Age	2015
<19	12,893
20-39	12,603
40-59	11,988
60-64	2,115
65+	3,230

### CLIMATE

Climate	Sweetwater County	United States
<i>Rainfall (in.)</i>	8.5	36.5
<i>Snowfall (in.)</i>	40.7	25
<i>Precipitation Days</i>	62	100
<i>Sunny Days</i>	234	205
<i>Average July High</i>	85.7	86.5
<i>Average January Low</i>	9.6	20.5

*Source: [www.bestplaces.net/climate/county/wyoming/sweetwater](http://www.bestplaces.net/climate/county/wyoming/sweetwater)*

**GOVERNMENT**

Type: Mayor/Council

Police Department	Full Time: 27
Fire Department	Full Time: 27, Volunteers: 34
Planning Commissioner	Yes
Business License Required	Yes
Zoning Regulations	Yes
Industrial Plan Approval	Yes
Building Codes	UBC

**TAXES (Next Census – 2017)****Total Sales/Use Tax:** 6% - 2% Local + 4% State**Lodging Tax:** 3%**Green River and Sweetwater County (2015)****Assessed Valuation:** City - \$83,452,444

County - \$2,961,509,848

**Mill Levy (2015)**

City: 74.9230

School District No. 2: 46.3860

Industrial Property is assessed at 11.5% of market value. Commercial and residential is assessed at 9.5%. Personal property, ag machinery and equipment, is assessed at the same rate as the classification in which it is used. The property tax is figured by multiplying the assessed value by the mill levy.

**State Worker's Compensation:** Costs vary from 1.00% to 12.03% depending on the occupation. The rate is adjusted according to each business's records after two years.

**Unemployment Compensation Rate:** The average rate for new employers for the first 24 months is 5.33% on the first \$22,300 annual wages. Adjustments factors are made after the initial 24 months based on the employer's ratings.

NO STATE OR LOCAL PERSONAL INCOME  
NO STATE OR LOCAL CORPORATE INCOME TAX  
NO STATE OR LOCAL INVENTORY TAX

**Sweetwater County (07/2011 – 06/2012)**

	<u>Sales &amp; Use</u>
Gross Revenue	\$31,221,825
Total Municipal Distribution	\$21,330,038

	<u>Sales</u>	<u>Use</u>
County Allocation	\$473,327	\$59,106
Municipal Distribution	\$3,498,359	\$695,001
Local General Purpose Option	\$2,884,179	\$2,217,673

**EDUCATION****Education Attainment Sweetwater County (2014 Census)**

Based on population ages 25+ (male and female) with an estimate of 28,095

Less than 9th Grade	2.9%
9th-12th Grade	6.6%
High School Graduate	35.8%
Some college, no degree	27.4%
Associate's Degree	9.2%
Bachelor's Degree	13.0%
Graduate or Professional degree	5.1%
<i>Source: <a href="http://factfinder.census.gov/faces/tableservices/jsf/pages/productview.xhtml?src=CF">http://factfinder.census.gov/faces/tableservices/jsf/pages/productview.xhtml?src=CF</a></i>	

School District No. 2 (Green River) Current Attendance: 2,731

**UTILITIES****Electricity:**

Supplier: Rocky Mountain Power (1-888-221-7070)

<https://www.rockymountainpower.net>**Average cost per Kilowatt/Hour:**

5.8 cents – Industrial      8.5 cents – Commercial      10.28 cents – Residential

**Natural Gas:**

Supplier: Questar Gas (800-323-5517)

<http://www.questargas.com>

General Service rates: \$7.08 per dekatherm

Meter-per location: \$10 per month

Large industry: call for rates

**Water:**

Supplier: Municipal (307-872-0500)

Daily max capacity: Winter - 6M (gal/day)      Summer - 18M (gal/day)

Residual pressure: 65 psi

Excess capacity available: Yes

Loop System: Yes	Tap fees: 3/4"	\$75,000
	1"	\$100
	1 1/2"	\$150
	2"	\$200

Industrial rates: variable (actual cost)

**Sewer:**

Supplier: Municipal (307-872-0540)

Treatment type: Lagoon

Tap fees: \$875 (based on waterline connection size)

Present load: 1.1M (gal/day)      Capacity: 1.5M (gal/day)

Industrial rates: multiply .011893 (per cubic foot water)

Solid waste disposal available: Yes

Hazardous waste disposable available: No

**COMMUNITY SERVICES (GREEN RIVER)**

Libraries: 1

Day Care Centers: 6

<b>Churches</b>	
Catholic	1
Protestant	15
Jewish	1
Others	3

<b>Commercial</b>	
Shopping Centers	3
Hotels/Motels	9 (591 rooms total)
RV Parks	1 (total spaces: 50)
Meeting Facilities	3

<b>Medical Facilities</b>	
Medical Centers	1
Ambulance Service	Yes
Personal Care Center	1
Nursing Homes	1
Doctors	2
Dentists	6
Senior Housing Facilities	2

<b>Recreation</b>	
Parks	26
Baseball Fields	10
Soccer Fields	6
Bike Park	1
Skate Bark	1
Tennis Courts	10
Golf Course (Country Club)	1
Recreation Center	1
Swimming Pools	2

<b>Area Attractions/Distance</b>	
Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area	22 miles South
Seedskafee National Wildlife Refuge	37 miles North
Expedition Island	In town
Greenbelt Pathway	In town

<b>Cultural Attractions</b>	
River Festival (August)	Fishing Derbies (Summer & Winter)
Flaming Gorge Days (June)	Sweetwater County Museum
Overland Stage Stampeded Rodeo (June)	Crystal Classic Winter Festival (February)
Art on the Green (August)	Quilting on the Green (May)

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**Media:**

News: Green River Star – Weekly & Facebook; Rocket Miner – Daily & Facebook; SweetwaterNOW Facebook

Radio Reception: KUGR AM, KYCS FM, KFRZ FM

Television: Green River Cable, Dish Satellite Television, Direct TV

**Communications:**

Available Telephone Company: Qwest/Century Link (Landline)

Cellular Phone Companies: Union Cellular, Verizon Wireless, Strata Networks

Digital Switch: Yes

Fiber Optic Availability: In the near future

**United States Postal Service:** 1st Class, overnight mail services are available.

**COST OF LIVING INDEX**

Wyoming Comparative Cost of Living Index 2Q15

Statewide Average = 100

County	All Items	Food	Housing	Apparel	Transportation	Medical	Recreation & Personal Care
Sweetwater	99	98	99	88	101	103	99
Teton	135	109	162	131	106	101	109
Sublette	105	111	103	114	103	103	108
Carbon	103	98	104	96	99	116	98
Uinta	92	92	86	92	101	113	93

**Price and Cost for New Housing (based on new house, 1200 square feet with lot)**

2012 Average Selling Price: \$110,000

Average Cost per square ft. to build \$80-\$100

2012 Average Selling Price: \$185,000

Average Cost per square ft. to build \$100-\$150

**Average Lot Costs:** City: \$50,000-\$60,000 County (acre): \$50,000

Sweetwater County Average Rental Rates 2Q15	
Apartment	\$706
Mobile Home Lot	\$365
House	\$1,097
Mobile Home	\$825
<i>Source: eadiv.state.wy.us</i>	

Quickfacts (2009-2013)		
	Sweetwater County	Wyoming
Housing Units (2014)	19,077	268,222
Homeownership Rate	71.5%	70.1%
Median value	\$177,300	\$185,900
Persons per household	2.62	2.50
Median Household Income	\$71,525	\$57,406

**TRANSPORTATION**

**Major Highways:**

Nearest Interstate: (1 mile) I-80  
US 30 Wyoming 372 and 530

**Bus Transportation:**

Star Transit visit <http://www.ridestarttransit.com> for a schedule of routes and stops.

Greyhound lines – Rock Springs  
1695 Sunset Drive, Suite 118, Rock Springs (307-362-2931)

**Railroad:**

Union Pacific

**Trucking:**

Company Name	Distance to Terminal
John Bunning Transfer Co. Inc.	16 miles
John Arambel Trucking	16 miles
North Park Transportation	16 miles

**Parcel/Express Service:**

Federal Express	12 miles
Pony Express	1 mile
United Parcel Services	12 miles

**Airport:**

Rock Springs – 26 miles East  
382 W-370, Rock Springs (307-352-6880)  
[www.rockspringsairport.com](http://www.rockspringsairport.com)  
Runway length: 10,000 feet long, 150 feet wide  
Type of surface: Friction/Porous  
Instrument landing system: Yes  
Lights: Yes  
Tower: Yes  
Fixed Base Operator/Air Taxi: Yes  
Fuel Available: Yes  
Restrooms: Yes  
Daily flights: 2 incoming, 2 outgoing – to Denver  
Airlines Serving Area: United Express operated by Skywest

Salt Lake City International Airport – 173 miles West  
776 N Terminal Drive, Salt Lake City, UT (801-575-2400)  
[www.slcairport.com](http://www.slcairport.com)  
Airlines: Alaska Airlines, American Airlines, Delta, Frontier, JetBlue Airways, SkyWest Airlines, Southwest.  
United, U.S. Airways

**LABOR ANALYSIS**

<b>Unemployment Rate (February 2015)</b>	
Sweetwater County	4.8%
State of Wyoming	4.6%
United States (2012)	8.1%
<i>Source: www.wyomingatwork.com</i>	

<b>Labor – Sweetwater County (February 2015)</b>	
Labor Force	22,988
Employed	21,885
Unemployed	1,103
<i>Source: www.wyomingatwork.com</i>	

<b>Sweetwater County Top Employers</b>		
<b>Company</b>	<b>Industry</b>	<b>Employees</b>
Sweetwater County School Dist. #1	Education	1,250
Tronox (Formerly FMC Corporation)	Soda Ash	1,000
Tata Chemicals	Soda Ash	542
Halliburton	Oilfield Services	521
Memorial Hospital of SWC	Medical Care	473
Solvay Chemicals	Soda Ash	470
Sweetwater County School Dist. #2	Education	460
OCI Chemicals	Soda Ash	419
Bridger Coal Company	Coal	407
PacificCorp	Electricity	343
Schlumberger	Oilfield Services	335
City of Rock Springs	Government	325
Questar	Natural gas	236
Basic Energy	Oilfield Services	227
Simplot	Fertilizers	225
Union Pacific Railroad	Railroad	205
Black Butte Coal	Coal	181
Bunning Transfer Company	Oilfield Services	131
City of Green River	Government	125
Church & Dwight	Baking Soda	112
Castle Rock Hospital District	Medical Care	90

Wyoming Workforce Services: 307-382-2747; 2451 Foothill Blvd #100, Rock Springs, WY

For additional school and recreation information and county demographics on the Internet:

[www.grchamber.com](http://www.grchamber.com) (Green River Chamber)

[www.rockspringschamber.com](http://www.rockspringschamber.com) (Rock Springs Chamber)