

## Wyoming State Profile

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State profiles for the data visualization and 50-State Comparison on postsecondary governance structures summarize information about coordinating boards/agencies and governing boards, administrative/service agencies, advisory groups and membership organizations. The most in-depth information is provided for statewide and major postsecondary systemwide coordinating boards/agencies and governing boards.

*Note:* This resource does not include information related to setting tuition rates, administering funding formulas or allocating funds. The state profile information is based primarily on statutes, codes and state and postsecondary system board/agency policies. To the extent possible, Education Commission of the States reached out to state and system officials to verify our information.

### State Overview

Wyoming does not have a single, statewide coordinating or governing board for postsecondary education. The Board of Trustees governs the University of Wyoming, which is the state’s four-year institution, and appoints the president. Wyoming’s Community College Commission coordinates the two-year institutions, which have local governing boards, and appoints the executive director. The commission office provides data and reporting services, administers academic programs and administers the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA). Wyoming’s Department of Education administers the state’s student financial aid program.

Data Point	Description
<b>Single Statewide Coordinating or Governing Board/Agency</b>	
Single Statewide Coordinating Board (or Agency) or Governing Board for All Public Higher Education	No
<b>Statewide and Major Systemwide Coordinating Boards (or Agency) or Governing Boards</b>	
Entity Name	Wyoming Community College Commission
Entity Function	Coordinating
Scope of Authority	Systemwide



Data Point	Description
Legal Authority	Statutory
Type of Institutions Coordinated, Governed, Represented or Served by Entity	Public two-year
Primary Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Advise and/or provide recommendations to state policy and education leaders</li> <li>- Develop master/strategic plans for state or system</li> <li>- Develop and/or oversee accountability or performance measures</li> <li>- Engage in statewide or systemwide policy planning</li> <li>- Oversee residency requirements for tuition purposes</li> <li>- Promote or advocate for institutions</li> <li>- Review existing academic programs</li> <li>- Review or approve facility/capital construction plans</li> </ul>
Budget Role for Institutions	Review and recommend
New Academic Program Role	Review and approve
Appointing/Hiring Authority of Higher Education Executive Officer	Coordinating board
Number of Board Members (Voting and Non-voting)	9
Number of Board Members Appointed, Serve Based on Role or Selected	9
Number of Board Members Elected through General Election	0



Data Point	Description
Board Member Composition and Selection	9 members with 7 appointed by governor with advice and consent of Senate. No less than 3 nor more than 4 appointed members can be from counties where community college districts are located, and no more than 75 percent can be from same political party. Governor and state superintendent of public instruction serve as ex-officio non-voting members.
Do Institutions Governed (or Coordinated) by a Postsecondary System Board have Individual Governing Boards?	Yes
Type of Institutions with Individual Governing Boards	Public two-year
Type of Institutions without Individual Governing Boards	Not applicable
Website	<a href="https://www.communitycolleges.wy.edu/">https://www.communitycolleges.wy.edu/</a>
Citations	Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 21-18-201 Wyoming Community College Commission Rules
<b>Agencies and System Offices Affiliated with Coordinating and Governing Boards</b>	
Entity Name	Wyoming Community College Commission (Agency)
Entity Function	Administrative/service
Type of Institutions Coordinated, Governed, Represented or Served by Entity	Public two-year
Website	<a href="https://communitycolleges.wy.edu/">https://communitycolleges.wy.edu/</a>



Data Point	Description
<b>Administrative and Advisory Entities</b>	
Entity Name	Wyoming Department of Education
Entity Function	Administrative/service
Type of Institutions Coordinated, Governed, Represented or Served by Entity	Public four-year and public two-year
Primary Responsibilities	Administer state financial aid programs and/or loans
Appointing/Hiring Authority of Higher Education Executive Officer	Not applicable
Website	<a href="https://edu.wyoming.gov/">https://edu.wyoming.gov/</a>
Citations	Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 21-2-201
<b>Other Postsecondary System and Multi-Campus Institutional Boards</b>	
Entity Name	University of Wyoming Board of Trustees
Entity Function	Governing
Type of Institutions Coordinated, Governed, Represented or Served by Entity	Public four-year
Website	<a href="http://www.uwyo.edu/trustees/">http://www.uwyo.edu/trustees/</a>
<b>Membership Organizations</b>	
Entity Name	Wyoming Association of Community College Trustees
Entity Function	Membership
Type of Institutions Coordinated, Governed, Represented or Served by Entity	Public two-year
Website	<a href="http://www.wacct.org/">http://www.wacct.org/</a>