## Notable Numbers

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<th>Category</th>
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<td>Student Headcount</td>
<td>26,177</td>
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<td>Students who are WY residents</td>
<td>89.3%</td>
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<td>Students who are enrolled part-time</td>
<td>79.9%</td>
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<td>System faculty to student ratio</td>
<td>14:1</td>
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<td>Of all students persist to subsequent semester</td>
<td>64%</td>
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<td>National rankings of the Wyoming Community College System in 2020 and 2021</td>
<td>No. 1 &amp; 2</td>
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<td>Students who complete a certificate or degree – highest rate in a decade</td>
<td>39%</td>
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<td>Fall-to-fall retention rate of WY resident students</td>
<td>56%</td>
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<td>High school students enrolled in</td>
<td>8,702</td>
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<td>dual/concurrent credit hours</td>
<td>54,582</td>
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<td>Average Student Age</td>
<td>25</td>
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<td>Median Age</td>
<td>20</td>
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<td>High school graduates who transitioned to WY community colleges</td>
<td>5,870</td>
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<td>With a GPA of 3.0 or above</td>
<td>58%</td>
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## Progress

### Return On Investment
Community colleges awarded over 3,205 associate degrees and certificates

**$160.7 Million**
Amount of operational funding provided to the community colleges by the State of Wyoming in BFY21

### Bachelor of Applied Science
Now available at Central Wyoming College, Laramie County Community College, Northwest College, Western Wyoming Community College, and Northern Wyoming Community College District is in the approval process

**1,650**
Partnerships with regional development, community organizations, and educational entities to serve students and Wyoming communities

### 6,530 Students & $18.2 Million
Hathaway scholarships and aid provided to Wyoming students

## Our Colleges

- Casper College
- Central Wyoming College
- Gillette College
- Northwest College
- Laramie County Community College
- Western Wyoming Community College
- Northern Wyoming Community College District
Placement

| Employment 6 months to 1 year after graduation: | 37% of graduates reported full-time |
| Transfer to UW: 775 transferred with an average GPA of 2.98 |

Key Initiatives

Educational Attainment Executive Council
Completed Program Demand Gap Analysis and Wyoming Skills Profile, acquired mini technical assistance grants, and launched attainment awareness campaign. Established new adult scholarship program in partnership with the Colleges and Ellbogen Foundation.

Sustainable Funding Workgroup
In December 2020, completed and submitted to the Legislature three primary sustainable funding proposals along with potential implementation recommendations.

Statewide Longitudinal Education Data System (SLEDS)
Implemented the Student Transfer Success website wyotransfer.org across all eight colleges and UW to provide:
- Course Transfer & Equivalency Mapping
- Electronic Transcript Transmission
- Streamlined Transfer Process
- Electronic Course Catalogs

Gillette Community College District Formation
Commission developed an application, promulgated rules, gleaned public input, determined funding allocation model impact, and assessed need and future viability of the new college district. The Commission, Legislature, and Campbell County electorate all approved the formation of the new Gillette Community College District.

2021-2025 Strategic Plan

Educational Attainment
Facilitate postsecondary educational attainment to the betterment of all Wyoming citizens.

Affordability
Facilitate community college system sustainability, funding, and affordability while keeping higher education as nearly free as possible.

Program Alignment
Facilitate alignment of postsecondary programs with UW, workplace, and workforce, providing seamless pathways for Wyoming citizens.

Economic Development
Facilitate initiatives leading to the diversification and growth of Wyoming's economy.

COVID Challenges

Financial and Personnel Cuts
Colleges reduced 114 positions and absorbed a 15% cut to State Aid. Local revenue (mills and vehicle fees) are expected to decline 13%. Colleges are facing a state aid budget reduction of $94 million since 2010.

Enrollment Decline
Headcount declined by 8% (fall 2019 to 2020). Impact was mitigated by short-term grants, online learning, and partnerships with industry and community. Colleges nationwide had greater impacts of 15-18%.

Cost Projections
COVID costs are expected to be in excess of $75 million. CARES Act provided an offset of $36 million with an additional $9.6 million in student grant aid.