

LARAMIE COUNTY

CHAPTER ONE

DEMOGRAPHIC AND ECONOMIC TRENDS

1.1 LOCATION

Laramie County, Wyoming is situated in southeast Wyoming (Figure 1-1) and borders that the states of Colorado and Nebraska. Cheyenne, the county seat of Laramie County and State capital of Wyoming, is located about 49 miles east of Laramie, Wyoming.

1.2 POPULATION SIZE AND GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION

The resident population of Laramie County included 81,607 residents in April 2000 (Table 1-1). The county seat of Cheyenne contained 65 percent of the county population. The incorporated communities of Pine Bluffs, Burns and Albin comprised almost two percent of the resident population.

Thirty-three percent of Laramie County residents lived in the unincorporated area of Laramie County. Smaller concentrations of residents in the unincorporated area were located in the unincorporated communities of Egbert, Hillsdale, Carpenter, Federal, Horse Creek, and Iron Mountain.

1.3 RECENT POPULATION GROWTH

Available natural growth and driver license surrender data for Laramie County provides some insights concerning recent population growth. The number of births and deaths in Laramie County that occurred from May 2000 through December 2005 represents a net increase of 3,250 persons (Table 1-2).

Available drivers license surrender data, which provides a general indication of in and out-migration, suggests a net migration of approximately 3,694 residents into Laramie County from May 2000 through December 2005 (Table 1-3). It is important to note that this data does not reflect the in or out-migration of persons less than 16 years of age. Consequently, actual net migration to Laramie County represents a greater number of incoming residents.

Available driver's license surrender data for 2005 indicates that more recent migration into Laramie County includes persons in the 36-45 and 46-55 year old age groups, as well as the 56-65 year old age group. Consequently, new residents of Laramie County primarily include middle aged and more mature workers in the primary working age population. Secondly, Laramie County is also attracting some residents that are nearing retirement, or in their early retirement years.

Albin	120	0.1
Burns	285	0.3
Cheyenne	53,069	65.0
Pine Bluffs	1,153	1.4
Unincorporated Area	26,980	33.1
Laramie County	81,607	100.0

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000.

<i>Year</i>	<i>Births</i>	<i>Deaths</i>	<i>Natural Growth</i>
2000 ^(a)	1,161	663	498
2001	1,116	681	435
2002	1,201	660	541
2003	1,214	688	526
2004	1,249	649	600
2005 ^(b)	1485	835	650
Total	7,426	4,176	3,250

Notes: a) 2000 natural growth data includes births and deaths from May through December 2000 in order to correlate the data with U.S. Census estimates of April 2000; b) 2005 data estimated by Wyoming Department of Health.
Source: Wyoming Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, 2006.



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Figure 1-1

TABLE 1-3 POPULATION GROWTH LARAMIE COUNTY, WYOMING MAY 2000 THROUGH DECEMBER 2005			
<i>Year</i>	<i>Natural Growth</i>	<i>Net Migration</i>	<i>Population</i>
2000 ^(a)			81,607
2000 ^(b)	498	613	82,718
2001	435	713	83,866
2002	541	844	85,251
2003	526	784	86,561
2004	600	311	87,472
2005 ^(c)	650	429	88,551
Total		3,694	
Notes: a)Population from April 200 Census; b) 2000 natural growth data includes births and deaths from May through December 2000 in order to correlate the data with U.S. Census estimates of April 2000; c) 2005 data estimated by Pedersen Planning Consultants, 2006.			
Source: Wyoming Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, 2006.			

1.4 AGE CHARACTERISTICS

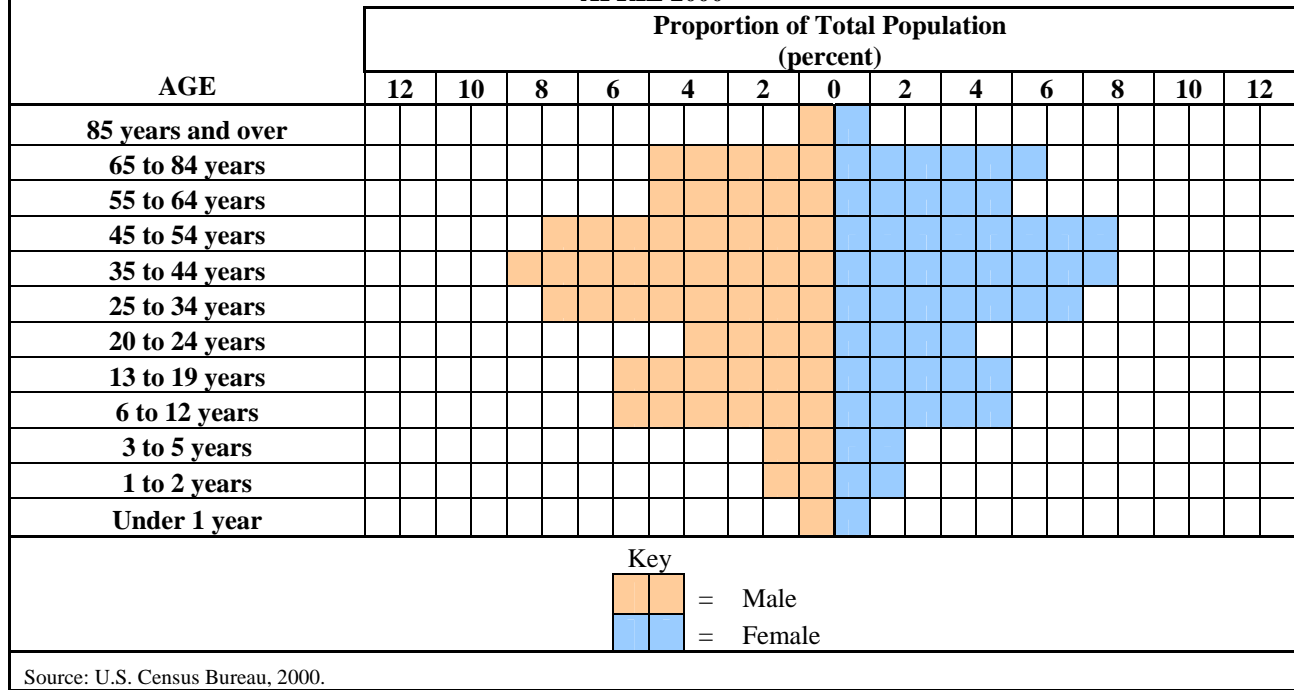
The age characteristics of the Laramie County population in April 2000 provide some general insight to the size of the 0 to 12 year old age group that could potentially require some form of child care. In April 2000, children from 0 to 12 years of age included approximately 14,908 persons, or 18 percent of the total county population (Table 1-4 and Figure 1-2). The proportion of the 0 to 12 year old age group is generally comparable to the proportional size found in other Wyoming counties.

The age distribution of the county population also indicates some other trends important to the community. The primary working age population, which includes persons between 25 and 54 years of age, represented almost 45 percent of the total population (Table 1-4). The proportional size of the primary working age population is somewhat larger than many Wyoming communities.

Residents nearing or in their retirement years, who are over 54 years of age, comprised approximately 20 percent of the total resident population (Figure 1-2).

TABLE 1-4 POPULATION BY AGE GROUP LARAMIE COUNTY, WYOMING APRIL 2000	
<i>Age Group</i>	<i>Population</i>
Under 1 year	1,078
1 to 2 years	2,175
3 to 5 years	3,264
6 to 12 years	8,391
13 to 19 years	8,386
20 to 24 years	5,533
25 to 34 years	11,617
35 to 44 years	13,277
45 to 54 years	11,489
55 to 64 years	7,046
65 to 84 years	8,236
85 years and over	1,115
Total	81,607
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000.	

**FIGURE 1-2
AGE CHARACTERISTICS
LARAMIE COUNTY, WYOMING
APRIL 2000**



1.5 FAMILY AND HOUSEHOLD CHARACTERISTICS

In April 2000, there were 31,927 households within Laramie County. About 68 percent of these households were family households, or households with children. Almost seven percent of the households (2,158 households) included single mothers, i.e., no husband present, residing with children under 18 years of age (U.S. Census Bureau, 2000).

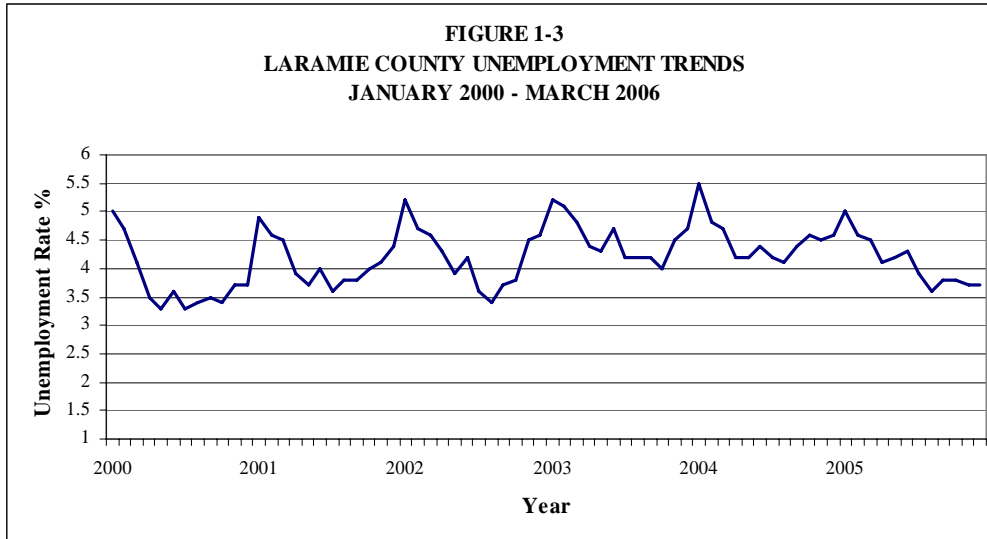
The average household size in Laramie County was 2.45 persons. The average size of families (households with children under 18 years of age) was 2.98 persons.

1.6 WORKFORCE TRENDS

1.6.1 Employed Workforce

In June 2006, the workforce of Laramie County included 43,235 persons who were 16 years of age or older. About 41,557 residents of the county were employed at that time (Wyoming Department of Employment, 2006).

Unemployment rates in Laramie County between 2000 and 2005 (Figure 1-3) ranged between 3.3 and 5.5 percent (Wyoming Department of Employment, Research and Planning Division, 2006). Higher unemployment rates were repeatedly evident during the first quarter of each year while lower unemployment levels were generally consistent from the months of May through October. The cyclical rise and fall of employment probably reflects seasonal increases in the amount of employment associated with retail trade, accommodations and food services, and agriculture.



Source: Wyoming Department of Employment, Research and Planning Division, 2006.

An economy that is characterized by an unemployment rate of three percent or less is generally considered to be “fully employed” as those persons, who wish to work, are actively working in the local economy (U.S. Census Bureau). Unemployment levels suggest that that the workforce of Laramie County is capable of supporting some additional economic expansion.

1.6.2 Primary Sources of Employment

In 2004, the Laramie County economy includes a workforce that serves various industries within the local economy (Table 1-5). The predominant sources of employment for local residents were:

- Government;
- Retail trade;
- Accommodations and food services; and,
- Health care and social assistance services.

Government jobs accounted for about 28 percent of total full and part-time employment in 2004. This employment included jobs for various federal, state, county and municipal agencies. This proportion is considerably higher than other Wyoming communities, but understandable in light of Laramie County’s support of State Capitol operations, the concentration of numerous state agencies, and the F.E. Warren U.S. Air Force Base.

Almost 13 percent of full and part-time employment comprised jobs in retail trade. The size of the retail trade workforce, which included 7,263 jobs in 2004, reflects the importance of retail trade in the Laramie County economy and the size of its service area in southeast Wyoming. Retail trade jobs are also sustained by regular visitor traffic during State legislative sessions and the summer season.

The presence of the State Capitol also draws a considerable number of visitors to Cheyenne who largely are residents of the State of Wyoming. Annual events such as Cheyenne Frontier Days also attract a significant number of visitors from both within and outside of Wyoming. The influx of visitors to Laramie County generates an accommodations and food services workforce that comprised almost eight percent of full and part-time employment in 2004.

The private sector also includes a considerable number of jobs that are tied to health care and social assistance services. This employment reflects jobs and a wide variety of medical services at the United Medical Center, other private medical facilities, as well as private doctors and other medical service professionals that are primarily based in Cheyenne. In 2004, this industry represented another seven percent of total full and part-time employment.

TABLE 1-5 TOTAL FULL AND PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT LARAMIE COUNTY, WYOMING 2001 - 2004					
<i>Employment Sector</i>		<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>
		<i>Number of Jobs</i>			
Wage and Salary Employment		44,056	45,381	46,426	46,928
Proprietors' Employment		9,435	9,862	10,185	10,578
	Farm Proprietors	589	598	584	584
	Nonfarm Proprietors	8,846	9,264	9,601	9,994
TOTAL FULL AND PART-TIME JOBS		53,491	55,243	56,611	57,506
Farm		925	947	911	918
Private Employment		36,803	38,488	39,585	40,321
	Forestry, Fishing, Related Activities, and Other	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
	Mining	168	195	224	231
	Utilities	114	117	119	118
	Construction	3,196	3,422	3,553	3,607
	Manufacturing	1,691	1,652	1,648	1,729
	Wholesale Trade	929	897	922	922
	Retail Trade	7,015	7,291	7,306	7,263
	Transportation and Warehousing	2,363	2,396	2,624	2,862
	Information	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
	Finance and Insurance	2,183	2,334	2,407	2,377
	Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	1,812	1,718	1,795	1,932
	Professional and Technical Services	2,281	2,411	2,518	2,646
	Management of Companies and Enterprises	394	325	189	185
	Administrative and Waste Services	2,438	2,676	2,733	2,502
	Educational Services	316	345	373	409
	Health Care and Social Assistance	3,290	3,574	3,936	4,139
	Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	875	800	767	760
	Accommodation and Food Services	3,800	4,243	4,313	4,446
	Other Services, Except Public Administration	2,583	2,773	2,775	2,846
Government and Government Enterprises		15,763	15,808	16,115	16,267
	Federal, civilian	2,391	2,405	2,543	2,562
	Military	3,832	3,716	3,795	3,826
	State Government	3,709	3,869	3,941	3,946
	Local Government	5,831	5,818	5,836	5,933
TOTAL FARM, PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT		53,491	55,243	56,611	57,506
Notes: (D) - Not shown to avoid disclosure of confidential information, but the estimates for this item are included in the total number of jobs.					
Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System, 2006.					

1.7 INDUSTRY TRENDS

During the next decade, the Laramie County economy is expected to grow as a result of the development and continued marketing of business parks in the vicinity of Cheyenne. Business park expansions will increase the size of the employed workforce of Laramie County and generate greater consumer expenditures in the county economy.

1.7.1 Light Industrial Expansion

1.7.1.1 Cheyenne Business Parkway

Cheyenne Business Parkway comprises roughly 900 acres east of central Cheyenne. This business park already includes tenants such as Lowe's Home Improvement Regional Distribution Center, EchoStar, and Jeld-Wen Windows factory. Some 300 acres of the business park remain available to future tenants (Cheyenne LEADS, 2006).

This park is considered an attractive investment location for other light industrial operations. This site is conveniently accessible to U.S. Interstate Highways 25 and 80. Further, utility and redundant fiber optic telecommunication systems are already installed (Cheyenne LEADS, 2006). Consequently, a further expansion of this business park can be expected to generate additional economic activity and new employment opportunities within the county economy.

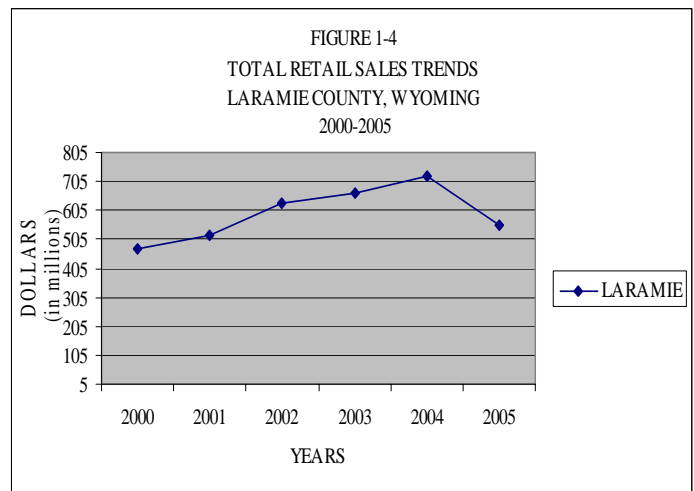
1.7.1.2 North Range Business Park

A second business park is situated north and west of the intersection of Interstate Highways 25 and 80. The business park encompasses 620 acres that has been subdivided into 21 building sites (Cheyenne LEADS, 2006).

Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. is building an 850,000 square foot distribution center on a 150-acre site within the park. Wal-Mart indicates that this center will become operational in 2007 and initially employ about 500 personnel (Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., 2005).

1.7.2 Retail Trade

Retail sales rose from roughly \$471 million in 2000 to about \$721 million in 2004 (Figure 1-4). The growth in retail sales reflected healthy increases in retail expenditures for all merchandise categories (Table 1-6). However, retail expenditures declined considerably between 2004 and 2005. Future growth of retail trade in Laramie County will be generated primarily from an expansion of the employed workforce. The county workforce will expand as a result of increased job opportunities associated with transportation and warehousing, manufacturing, wholesale trade, and government. The extent of growth in future retail trade will depend largely upon the quality of services provided, the availability of workers, as well as the type and cost of merchandise that is carried by local merchants.



Source: Wyoming Department of Revenue, 2005.

**TABLE 1-6
RETAIL SALES TRENDS
LARAMIE COUNTY, WYOMING
2000 - 2004**

<i>Merchandise Group</i>	<i>Total Retail Sales</i>					<i>Percent Change</i>
	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	
Building Material & Hardware	38,983,311	46,493,303	65,157,333	79,629,103	89,574,872	130
General Merchandise	102,536,032	103,803,972	127,090,286	134,990,946	128,319,677	25
Food Stores	74,945,115	80,639,363	96,602,367	100,153,237	133,492,712	78
Auto Dealer and Gas Services	37,789,710	39,670,077	45,545,488	46,231,252	52,219,894	38
Apparel and Accessory	15,338,928	16,599,268	20,395,017	21,442,673	24,886,628	62
Home Furnishings	36,071,000	33,113,280	41,364,258	43,872,659	54,155,501	50
Restaurants	77,782,203	86,746,077	103,636,482	108,638,351	112,389,750	44
Miscellaneous Retail	87,594,135	111,495,943	131,183,805	130,542,286	126,285,415	44
Total Retail Trade	471,040,434	518,561,283	630,975,035	665,500,505	721,324,450	53

Source: Wyoming Department of Revenue, 2005.

1.8 WORKER COMMUTER PATTERNS

In April 2000, almost 89 percent of the employed workforce in Laramie County commuted to jobs inside of Laramie County. Almost six percent did not commute to work (Table 1-7). About 0.5 percent traveled to jobs in neighboring Albany County, Wyoming.

The attraction and proximity to other job opportunities in Colorado and Nebraska was also evident in 2000. Over two percent commuted to jobs in the Colorado counties of Denver, Larimer, and Weld counties. Another three percent traveled to jobs in Nebraska or other locations within and outside of Wyoming.

Other Census data indicates that 1,433 residents worked at home in 2000 (U.S. Census Bureau, 2000).

**TABLE 1-7
LARAMIE COUNTY
WORKER COMMUTER PATTERNS
BY COUNTY OF WORKPLACE
APRIL 2000**

<i>Location of Work Place</i>	<i>Number of Workers</i>	<i>Proportion of Employed Workforce (percent)</i>
Laramie	37,124	88.6
Albany	194	0.5
Denver County, Colorado	99	0.2
Larimer County, Colorado	527	1.3
Weld County, Colorado	240	0.6
Kimball County, Nebraska	90	0.2
Other Locations	1,149	2.7
Commuting Workers	39,423	94.1
Non-Commuting workers	2,458	5.9
Total	41,881	100.0

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2003.

1.9 COST OF LIVING

The overall cost-of-living in Laramie County is somewhat higher than other Wyoming communities. In 4Q 2005, overall consumer costs in Laramie County were slightly greater than the statewide index.

Lower consumer costs were particularly evident for apparel, as well as recreation and personal care. Transportation and medical costs were slightly lower than the statewide average. In contrast, food and housing costs were slightly higher (Table 1-8).

**TABLE 1-8
WYOMING COMPARATIVE COST OF LIVING INDEX
FOURTH QUARTER 2005
(STATEWIDE AVERAGE - 100)**

<i>County</i>	<i>Index Number by Category</i>						
	<i>All Items</i>	<i>Food</i>	<i>Housing</i>	<i>Apparel</i>	<i>Transportation</i>	<i>Medical</i>	<i>Recreation & Personal Care</i>
Teton	139	104	173	127	105	111	108
Sublette	112	102	118	125	101	99	114
Sheridan	105	109	103	129	98	109	105
Campbell	104	103	108	98	101	95	102
Lincoln-Afton	103	94	107	101	101	103	106
Laramie	103	109	108	86	98	99	93
Albany	102	90	107	103	100	101	99
Sweetwater	102	99	104	95	101	104	98
Johnson	100	108	95	136	100	91	98
Natrona	98	99	96	100	100	95	103
Carbon	96	103	91	90	101	105	100
Park	95	100	90	101	100	103	99
Fremont	94	92	89	90	102	101	104
Converse	93	95	88	87	100	98	104
Uinta	93	93	90	94	99	93	94
Hot-Springs	91	108	76	121	101	103	96
Lincoln-Kemmerer	90	89	83	100	100	88	111
Crook	90	92	81	112	101	94	100
Platte	90	100	78	105	99	106	101
Big Horn	89	96	77	118	100	99	102
Niobrara	89	94	78	109	102	101	94
Washakie	88	95	73	115	100	101	106
Goshen	88	91	78	93	99	104	96
Weston	86	87	76	92	100	102	99

Source: State of Wyoming, Department of Administration and Information, Economic Analysis Division, 2006.

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CHAPTER TWO

AVAILABLE CHILD CARE SERVICES

2.1 GENERAL

Title 14, Chapter 4, of the Wyoming Statutes requires child care facilities in Wyoming to be certified by the Wyoming Department of Family Services. At the same time, Title 14 also recognizes and exempts various types of child care facilities.

2.1.1 Licensed Facilities

There are three different types of licensed child care facilities in Wyoming:

1. A family child care home (FCCH) is a home of a child care provider that is used concurrently to provide child care for part of a day for 3 to 10 children.
2. A family child care center (FCCC) is a facility used to provide child care for 3 to 15 children, for part of a day, in a residential or commercial structure.
3. A child care center (CCC) is a facility used for part of a day to provide child care for 16 or more children (Wyoming Department of Family Services, 2005).

In addition to the three types of facilities described above, some child care centers (CCC) and family child care centers (FCCC) provide services in more than one facility. These child care facilities are identified as a multiple location facility child care center (MLFCCC) and a multiple location facility family child care center (MLFFCCC).

Licensed child care facilities are required to operate under the administrative rules of the Wyoming Department of Family Services. The administrative rules are outlined in Chapters 1 through 12 of the Wyoming Department of Family Service administrative rules for certification of child care facilities.

2.1.2 Exempt Facilities

There are several possible exemptions to the licensing of a child care operation. However, an individual may claim no more than one of the following possible exemptions:

1. The care of a child is made by a legal parent or legal relative.
2. Child care is occasionally provided by a neighbor or friend of the child's parents.
3. Parents cooperatively exchange child care.
4. Child care is provided by a person employed who comes to the home of a child's parents or guardian.
5. Child care services within a facility are provided to not more than two unrelated children.
6. Child care facilities that are supervised by the State of Wyoming, local government, a school district, agency or other political subdivision.
7. Child care facilities that provide care to the children of only one immediate family unit (Wyoming Department of Family Services, 2005).

If two or more of the preceding potential exemptions pertain to a particular child care operation, then the facility must be licensed by the Wyoming Department of Family Services.

2.1.3 Illegal Facilities

These child care facilities, which are privately operated by local residents, provide child care to more than two unrelated children. Further, they have no license to operate from the Wyoming Department of Family Services.

Any non-exempt child care facility that operates without certification from the Wyoming Department of Family Services is operating illegally. These facilities can be fined between \$50 and \$200 per day for each day that it operates without certification (Wyoming Department of Family Services, 2005).

2.2 CHILD CARE IN LARAMIE COUNTY, WYOMING

2.2.1 Type and Location of Facilities

2.2.1.1 Licensed Child Care Facilities

Available data indicates that out of a total of 137 child care facilities in Laramie County, 124 licensed facilities were operating in the second quarter of 2006 (Table 2-1). There were 75 licensed family child care homes, 30 child care centers, and 19 family child care centers. These licensed facilities were located primarily in Cheyenne with three in Pine Bluffs.

2.2.1.2 Exempt Child Care Facilities

Thirteen exempt child care facilities were operating in Laramie County in the second quarter of 2006 (Table 2-1). Nine of the exempt facilities operated out of public schools.

2.2.1.3 Illegal Child Care Facilities

When the Wyoming Department of Family Services (WDFS) becomes aware of a potential illegal operation, the regional licensing representative typically visits the facility and informs the operator of applicable Wyoming State statutes and related administrative rules associated with the certification of child care facilities. The licenser provides the operator with appropriate forms and other related information to become licensed, and tries to assist those operators who are sincerely interested in becoming licensed.

It is likely that a few illegal facilities may have been operating in Laramie County during 2Q 2006.

2.2.2 Available Child Care Services and Enrollment

2.2.2.1 Available Services

Licensed and exempt child care facilities in Laramie County provide child care for four age groups. These include:

1. infant care for children ranging from birth to 12 months of age;
2. toddlers between 1 and 3 years of age;
3. preschool for children from 3 through 5 years of age;
4. school age children from 6 through 12 years of age.

A total of 3,811 children were enrolled in licensed and exempt child care facilities in Laramie County in the second quarter of 2006 (Table 2-1). More than 3,321 children were enrolled in licensed facilities, while 490 children were enrolled in exempt facilities during this time period.

**TABLE 2-1 (Four pages)
CAPACITY, ENROLLMENT, AND HOURS OF OPERATION
CHILD CARE FACILITIES
LARAMIE COUNTY, WYOMING
SECOND QUARTER 2006**

No.	Location/Facility	Hours of Operation Mon through Fri except holidays unless specified otherwise	a) WDFS Type	a)WDFS Capacity	Total Enrollment	Infants Birth to 12 months	Toddler 12 to 36 months	Preschool 3 to 5 years	School Age 6 to 12 years
Cheyenne									
1	ABC-123 Daycare	12:00 am-12:00 am	FCCH	10	16	2	5	3	6
2	ABC Preschool	8:30-11:00 am	FCCH	10	7	0	0	7	0
3	Afflerbach Elementary, 1-6 Wonder Kids, Inc.	6:30 am-8:30 am 3:15-6:00 pm	Exempt	NP	90	0	0	0	90
4	Agape Towne Child Care	7 am-5:30 pm	FCCH	10	6	2	2	2	0
5	Arc of Angels Child Care	6:30 am-6:00 pm	FCCH	N/A	7	1	3	2	1
6	Ardis' Child Care Home	7:30 am-4:15 pm	FCCH	10	4	1	3	0	0
7	Auntie Em's Day Care	7:00 am-5:30 pm	FCCH	10	5	1	2	2	0
8	Auntie Jules	6:30 am-6:30 pm	FCCH	10	12	0	4	8	0
9	Baggs Elementary School, 1-6	MTWTh after school	Exempt	NP	N/A	0	0	0	N/A
10	Betty's Coloring Corner	6:30 am-5:30 pm	FCCH	10	6	0	2	4	0
11	Betty's Group Day Care Home	6 am-10 pm	FCCC	14	7	0	2	4	1
12	Boys and Girls Club of Cheyenne	N/A	Exempt	NP	100	0	0	0	100
13	Brenda's Busy Bees	6:30 am-5:00 pm	FCCH	10	3	0	1	2	0
14	Bright Beginnings	6:45 am-5:45 pm	FCCC	15	15	1	5	5	4
15	Building Blocks Child Care Center	6:15 am-6:00 pm	CCC	139	96	10	22	31	33
16	Bullfrogs and Butterflies	6:30 am-5:30 pm	FCCH	N/A	9	0	0	6	3
17	Bumblebees and Bears Child Care	7:00 am-5:30 pm	FCCC	15	16	1	3	12	0
18	Busy Little Bodies Day Care	7 am-5 pm	FCCH	9	7	1	0	2	4
19	Care-A-Lot Day Care	6:30 am-10:00 pm	FCCC	10	3	0	1	1	1
20	Carey Junior High School, 7-8	MTWTh 3:15-4:30 p	Exempt	NP	N/A	0	0	0	N/A
21	Carla's Day Care	6:00 am-5:30 pm	FCCH	10	6	2	3	1	0
22	Carolyn's Day Care	7:30 am-5:30 pm	FCCH	6	5	0	5	0	0
23	Cathy's Coloring Corner	7:00 am-5:30 pm	FCCC	15	7	0	2	5	0
24	Cheri's Day Care	6:00 am-6:00 pm	FCCH	10	10	0	6	4	0
25	Cheyenne Parks & Recreation Pioneer Park Center	6:45-8:45 am 3:15-5:45 pm	Exempt	NP	45	0	0	0	45
26	Children's Discovery Center	6:30 am-5:30 pm	CCC	124	142	8	43	56	35
27	Cindy's Child Care Home	6:30 - 11:30 am	FCCH	6	6	2	3	1	0
28	Cindy's TLC Day Care	7:00:00 am-10:00 pm	FCCH	6	1	0	1	0	0
29	Clutter Cottage Childcare	12 am-12 am	FCCC	15	18	1	4	8	5
30	Cole Elementary School, K-6	3:15-4:30 pm	Exempt	NP	40	0	0	0	40
31	Colleen's Country Kiddy Care	6:00 am-6:00 pm	FCCC	15	5	0	0	5	0
32	Colleen's Kiddy Care, Inc.	6:00 am-6:00 pm	MLFCCC	64	64	4	20	20	20
33	Colleen's Kiddy Care, Too	6:00 am-6:00 pm	MLFCCC	31	98	1	23	24	50
34	Cynthia's Day Care	6:30 am-5:30 pm	FCCH	10	5	0	1	4	0
35	Dawn's Childcare	6:30 am-5:30 pm	FCCH	6	6	1	2	2	1
36	Deming, K-3, Miller, 4-6, Elem Schools (Boys & Girls Club)	7-8:20 am, 3:15-6 pm	Exempt	NP	35	0	0	0	35
37	Diamonds in the Rough	5:45 am-6:00 pm	CCC	130	130	10	25	40	55
38	Diana's Day Care	7:30 am-5:30 pm	FCCH	10	5	1	1	1	2

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39	Dildine Elementary School, K-6 Kids World	6:30-8:30 am, 3:15-5:45 pm	CCC	60	51	0	0	0	51
40	Discover Unlimited	9-11:30 am, 1-3:30 pm	CCC	20	53	0	0	53	0
41	Discovery World	6:00 am-6:00 pm	FCCH	10	10	0	0	10	0
42	Family Day Care	7:30 am-5:30 pm	FCCH	6	5	2	3	0	0
43	Farmer in the Dell	6:00 am-5:30 pm	FCCH	10	13	3	2	5	3
44	FE Warren AFB Child Development Center	8:00 am-5:00 pm	Exempt	NP	168	0	0	168	0
45	Fitness One	9 am-1:00 pm	CCC	N/A	70	15	30	25	0
46	First Steps Day Care	6:00 am-5:30 pm	FCCC	15	17	2	6	9	0
47	Foust Day Care	6:45 am - 11:00 pm	FCCH	10	5	1	2	2	0
48	Giggle -N-Grins	5:30 am-6:00 pm	FCCH	10	8	0	4	3	1
49	Ginger's Day Care	7:30 am-5:30 pm	FCCH	10	12	2	4	6	0
50	Good Shepherd Little Lambs Child Development Center	8:30-11:30 am 12:30-3:30 pm	CCC	30	56	0	0	56	0
51	Grandma's house Daycare	MThF 6:15 am-6 pm Sat 7 am-6 pm	FCCH	10	8	2	4	2	0
52	Happy Hours	6:00 am-6:00 pm	FCCC	15	13	2	6	2	3
53	Happy Time Preschool	Multi sessions Days/Times vary	CCC	50	200	0	0	200	0
54	Harvest Time Day Care	6:00 am-5:30 pm	CCC	139	44	0	4	22	18
55	Heaven's Blessings Day Care	12:00 am-12:00 am	FCCH	N/A	6	1	2	2	1
56	Heaven's Little Half Acre Christian Daycare	6:00 am-6:00 pm	CCC	30	20	0	8	12	0
57	Hebard Elementary School, K-6 Boys & Girls Club	afterschool to 6 pm	Exempt	NP	N/A	0	0	0	N/A
58	Honey Bear Corner	7:30 am-5:30 pm	FCCH	10	12	0	0	5	7
59	Huston Child Care	7:00 am-6:00 pm	FCCH	6	3	0	2	0	1
60	I Am a Promise	6:30 am-5:45 pm	CCC	65	82	2	13	32	35
61	Johnson Jr. High School, 7-9	1 hour after school	Exempt	NP	N/A	0	0	0	N/A
62	Just Like Grandma's	6:00 am-5:30 pm	FCCH	N/A	5	0	2	2	1
63	Karla's Home Day Care	6:30 am-5:30 pm	FCCC	15	13	1	4	7	1
64	Kelli's Child Care Home	7:30 am-5:30 pm	FCCH	N/A	8	1	3	4	0
65	Kelly's Child Care Home	6:00 am-6:00 pm	FCCH	N/A	12	0	5	3	4
66	Kerry's Caring Center	7:00 am-5:30 pm	FCCH	10	6	0	3	3	0
67	Kiddie Kollege	6:30 am-6:00 pm	CCC	143	84	0	2	22	60
68	Kiddie Korral	12 am-12 pm	FCCH	10	5	0	2	3	0
69	Kids R Us	6:30 am-6:00 pm	CCC	62	50	0	0	50	0
70	Laramie County Head Start	Multi sessions, times vary	MLFCCC	150	261	0	0	261	0
71	Laramie County Head Start East	7:00 am-6:00 pm	MLFCCC	77	77	0	0	77	0
72	Laramie County Head Start FRC	7:00 am-6:00 pm	MLFCCC	25	25	0	0	25	0
73	Linda's Kids	6:00 am-6:00 pm	FCCC	15	8	2	4	2	0
74	Little Friends Day Care	7:45 am-5:15 pm	FCCH	7	5	2	1	2	0

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75	Little House on the Hill Child Care	7:15 am-5:30 pm	FCCH	10	21	1	6	10	4
76	Little Ones of Tomorrow	6:00 am-6:00 pm	CCC	N/A	10	2	5	2	1
77	Little Playmates Day Care	6:30 am-5:30 pm	FCCH	10	5	0	2	3	0
78	Little Ponderosa Day Care	7:30 am-5:15 pm	FCCH	7	9	0	5	4	0
79	Little Rascals	6:45 am-5:45 pm	FCCC	15	17	0	4	11	2
80	Liz's Day Care	7:00 am-5:30 pm	FCCH	N/A	10	2	4	4	0
81	Make a Mess and Make Believe	TTh 9-11:30 am MWF 12:30-3 pm	FCCH	10	30	0	0	30	0
82	Margaret's Day Care	7 am-5:30 pm	FCCH	6	4	0	1	3	0
83	Margaret's Home Day Care	6:30 am-5:30 pm	FCCH	10	10	3	3	3	1
84	Marlene's Child Care Home	7:00 am-6:00 pm	FCCH	N/A	9	2	1	6	0
85	Marsha's Child Care	6:30 am-5:00 pm	FCCH	9	6	1	2	2	1
86	Mary's Little Lambs	7:15 am-5:30 pm	FCCH	10	9	0	7	1	1
87	McCormick Jr. High School, 7-9	1 hr 15 mins after school	Exempt	NP	N/A	0	0	0	N/A
88	Mimi's Day Care	7:00 am-6:00 pm	FCCH	10	13	1	2	3	7
89	Monica's Day Care	6:30 am-5:30 pm	FCCH	6	6	1	2	2	1
90	Montessori School of Cheyenne	6:30 am-5:30 pm	CCC	97	104	0	20	60	24
91	Nancy's Day Care	6:30 am-5:30 pm	FCCH	10	6	1	3	1	1
92	Natalie's Child Care Home	5:30 am-5:30 pm	FCCH	10	6	0	2	4	0
93	Nicki's Child Care	6:00 am-5:30 pm	FCCH	10	4	2	2	0	0
94	Nik's Day Care	6:30 am-5:30 pm	FCCH	10	7	1	3	3	0
95	Noah's Ark Child Care	5:00 am-5:30 pm	FCCH	10	7	1	4	2	0
96	Nolls Nook Day Care	6 am-8 pm	FCCH	10	10	0	2	0	8
97	Our Family Day Care	5:45 am-6:00 pm	CCC	30	34	0	10	24	0
98	Our Savior Lutheran School	12:30-3:30 pm	CCC	20	60	0	0	60	0
99	Pam's Playpen	6:00 am-5:30 pm	FCCH	10	10	0	3	6	1
100	Patti's Place	6:30 am-5:30 pm	FCCH	10	4	2	2	0	0
101	Patty's Day Care	7:30 am-5:30 pm	FCCH	6	4	0	4	0	0
102	Peanuts Place	9-11:30 am	FCCH	10	17	0	3	14	0
103	Person Day Care	12 am-12 am	FCCH	10	9	2	2	5	0
104	Pierce Day Care	7:00 am-5:30 pm	FCCH	6	5	2	3	0	0
105	Pooh Bear Day Care	6:30 am-6:00 pm	CCC	20	18	0	10	8	0
106	Precious Beginnings	6:30 am-6:00 pm	CCC	50	68	4	31	29	4
107	Promise Patch Preschool & Day Care	6:30 am-6:00 pm	MLFCCC	97	86	16	26	44	0
108	Promise Patch Preschool, Inc.	6:30 am-6:00 pm	MLFCCC	79	78	5	13	22	38
109	Rhonda's Family Day Care	5:30 am-5:30 pm	FCCH	10	10	1	5	4	0
110	Roberta's Child Care	6:30 am-6:00 pm	FCCH	10	10	1	3	3	3
111	Rossman Elementary School, 3-6	MTWTh after school to 4 pm	Exempt	NP	12	0	0	0	12
112	Sarah's Child Care Home	7:00 am-5:30 pm	FCCH	N/A	5	1	2	1	1
113	Sissa's Day Care	6:00 am-6:00 pm	FCCH	10	4	0	3	1	0
114	Small Miracles	8:00 am-3:30 pm	FCCC	15	12	0	7	5	0
115	Stephanie's Child Care	7:30 am-5:30 pm	FCCH	10	10	0	3	7	0

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116	Stride Learning Center	12:30-3:30 pm	CCC	149	50	0	0	50	0
117	Susan's Zoo	6:30 am-5:30 pm	FCCH	10	10	1	3	4	2
118	TLC Child Care	6:00 am-6:00 pm	FCCH	10	14	2	9	2	1
119	Tender Love and Care	5:30 am-6:30 pm	FCCH	10	13	1	4	4	4
120	The Baby's Home	6:00 am-5:30 pm	FCCH	10	7	2	2	1	2
121	The Village School	6:30 am-5:30 PM	CCC	88	78	0	14	39	25
122	Tiffany's Child Care Home	7:00 am-5:00 pm	FCCH	N/A	6	1	2	2	1
123	Tiffany G's Child Care Home	7:00 am-6:00 pm	FCCH	6	4	2	2	0	0
124	Tim's Toy Chest	7:30 am-5:30 pm	FCCC	15	11	1	5	3	2
125	Tina's Tiny Tots	7:00 am-5:30 pm	FCCH	10	8	0	1	6	1
126	Tiny Treasures Child Care	6:00 am-6:00 pm	FCCH	N/A	10	1	3	3	3
127	Tirevold's TLC	7:30 am-5:30 pm	FCCH	10	3	1	2	0	0
128	Trinity Lutheran Day Care	7:00 am - 6:00 pm	CCC	46	46	0	0	30	16
129	Under the Sycamore Tree Preschool	8:30 am-11 am 12:30-3 pm	CCC	50	44	0	0	44	0
130	Vickie's Day Care	5:00 am-6:30 pm	FCCH	9	5	1	1	3	0
131	Warren Air Force Base Youth Center	6:00 am-5:30 pm	Exempt	NP	0	0	0	0	NP
132	World of Wonder	6:00 am-6:00 pm	CCC	N/A	91	0	25	35	31
133	World of Wonder Too	5:30 am-6:00 pm	CCC	78	78	13	26	26	13
134	YMCA Montessori & Child Care Prog.	6:45 am-5:30 pm	CCC	93	93	0	0	63	30
Cheyenne			Subtotals	3,017	3,782	166	619	2,039	958
Pine Bluffs									
135	Betty's Group Day Care Home	6:00 am-10:00 pm	FCCC	14	7	0	2	4	1
136	Country Kids	7:00 am-5:00 pm	FCCH	10	0	0	0	0	0
137	Pine Bluffs Day Care Center	7:30 am-5:30 pm	CCC	43	22	0	1	14	7
Pine Bluffs			Subtotals	67	29	0	3	18	8
LARAMIE COUNTY TOTALS				3,084	3,811	166	622	2,057	966
Notes: a) DFS-State of Wyoming, Department of Family Services. CCC-Childcare Center; FCCC-Family Childcare Center; MLFCCC-Multi Location Family Child Care Center; FCCH-Family Child Care Home. NP - Not Applicable. N/A - Not Available.									
Sources: Children and Nutrition Services (CNS), 2006; Pedersen Planning Consultants, 2006.									

2.2.2.2 Infant Care

There were 166 infants enrolled in child care facilities in Laramie County in the second quarter of 2006 (Table 2-1). Infant enrollment represented about four percent of total child care enrollment in Laramie County.

2.2.2.3 Toddler Care

In the second quarter of 2006, 622 toddlers were enrolled in child care facilities in Laramie County (Table 2-1). Toddlers represented more than 16 percent of the total child care enrollment in Laramie County.

2.2.2.4 Preschool Care

The preschool age group represented about 54 percent of the total child care enrollment in Laramie County in 2Q 2006. The 2,057 preschoolers enrolled represented the largest enrollment of the four child care age groups (Table 2-1).

2.2.2.5 School Age Care

Licensed and exempt child care facilities in Laramie County provide school age care for more than 966 children from 6 through 12 years of age (Table 2-1). School age care represented more than 25 percent of the total child care enrollment of children in child care facilities in Laramie County, the second highest enrollment of the four child care age groups.

Various before and after school programs are offered at some Laramie County public schools. For example, Afflerbach Elementary School in Cheyenne, offered a before and after school Homework Success Program for the 2005-6 school year that was attended by approximately 15 to 20 children (Smith, 2006). This program is in jeopardy due to lack of funding for the 2006-7 school year.

Boys and Girls Clubs works cooperatively with some of the public schools to provide before and after school care at those schools. At Deming Elementary School in Cheyenne, for example, Boys and Girls Club provide care for some 15-20 children who attend either Deming Elementary, K-3, or nearby Miller Elementary, grades 4-6.

The YMCA, Boys and Girls Club, as well as many private child care providers, will provide transportation for school age children from the public school to the child care provider facility after school each school day.

The number of school age children in Table 2-1 represents the average number of children who participate in before and after school programs on any given school day. While the duration of child care may be for only a short time period, nevertheless, these programs provide a form of child care.

Summer school classes are offered for several weeks in the summer. Enrollment sizes and the length of these classes vary. Most schools in Laramie County School Districts 1 and 2 participate in taking turns to host district-wide Summer School Programs. The enrollment numbers for summer school are not included in Table 2-1.

2.2.3 Authorized Facility Capacity

The facility capacity authorized by the Wyoming Department of Family Services (WDFS) is the number of children that can be served at any given time of the day. Because many parents use child care services on a part-time or hourly basis for selected days of the week, licensed child care facilities in Laramie County provide service to a greater number of children.

In 2Q 2006, for example, the cumulative facility capacity of licensed child care facilities in Laramie County suggested a maximum enrollment of up to 3,084 children. Yet, the actual enrollment included more than 3,321 children in licensed facilities. Consequently, licensed child care facilities in 2Q 2006 legally served an enrollment of almost eight per cent over the authorized capacity

2.2.4 Hours of Operation

Child care facilities in Laramie County typically operate Monday through Friday. In Laramie County, child care facilities typically operate for about 10 to 12 hours during any week day. Facilities in Cheyenne and Pine Bluffs offer various opening times from 5:30 to 7:30 am, and closing times from 4:30 to 6:30 pm (Table 2-1).

Three family child care homes and one family child care center in Cheyenne offer 24-hour child care. About a dozen other child care facilities offer extended hours, providing child care for 14 and up to 17 hours. One provider in Cheyenne is open to provide 11 hours of child care on Saturdays. The availability of child care during these times allows parents to work during non-traditional time periods.

Child care centers, such as Stride Learning Center, Discover Unlimited, or Good Shepherds Little Lambs Child Development Center in Cheyenne, provide structured preschool classes. These classes are typically offered in multiple sessions during specific days of the week. Each session typically extends for about two and one-half to three hours.

Many public schools in Laramie County provide child care for short time periods before and after school. A morning program, for example, is open for 30-minutes up to an hour time period before the start of the school. Homework/study/tutor program is provided for one to two hours after school.

Exempt providers such as Boys and Girls Club of Cheyenne and Cheyenne Parks and Recreation Pioneer Park Center are open during times that will primarily accommodate school age children. A facility may be open for a couple of hours before school and after school till up to 6:00 pm.

2.2.5 Planned Child Care Facilities

It is not known if there are any new or planned child care facilities that may be opening in Laramie County before the end of 2006.

2.2.6 Cost of Child Care Services

2.2.6.1 General

The average costs of child care services in Laramie County are presented in Table 2-2. It should be noted that average daily care costs provide only a general picture of child care costs. The cost of child care services are sometimes discounted as some child care operators offer discounted rates for clients who bring more than one child to the child care facility. Most child care providers will also offer discounted weekly and monthly rates. In addition, some parents use child care services for only a few hours of the day and/or selected days of the week.

TABLE 2-2 AVERAGE DAILY CHILD CARE COSTS LARAMIE COUNTY, WYOMING SECOND QUARTER 2006 (dollars per day)				
	Infants Birth to 12 months	Toddler 12 to 36 months	Preschool 3 to 5 years	School Age 6 to 12 years
Laramie County	19.52	18.56	17.84	17.76
Cheyenne	19.68	18.72	17.92	17.92
Pine Bluffs	16.24	16.00	15.76	15.12
<small>Source: Children and Nutrition Services (CNS), 2006; Pedersen Planning Consultants, 2006.</small>				

Child care costs in Laramie County vary from \$15.12 to \$19.68 per day, and are largely dependent upon the age of children brought to a child care facility (Table 2-2). Rates in Cheyenne are more than \$2 per day higher than rates charged by child care providers in Pine Bluffs. Variable staff:child ratios required by the Wyoming Department of Family Services significantly influence the cost of delivering child care services. Consequently, variable child care rates reflect the differences in required staffing, as well as other direct operational costs.

2.2.6.2 Infant Care

Infant care costs average \$19.52 per day in Laramie County (Table 2-2). This rate is higher than the rate of care for other child age groups. Higher costs primarily reflect higher required staff-child ratios, a lower maximum allowable group size, an increased level of responsibility, and other direct operating costs. Daily infant care costs in Cheyenne are considerably higher than infant care costs in Pine Bluffs.

2.2.6.3 Toddler Care

Average daily costs for toddler care in Laramie County is \$18.56 per day, almost a \$1.00 per day less than for infant care (Table 2-2). Staff:child ratios for toddler care are somewhat less than those required for infants. Maximum allowable group sizes are also larger, particularly for toddlers between 24 and 36 months of age. Toddler care costs in Cheyenne are more than \$3.00 per day higher than the cost of infant care in Pine Bluffs.

2.2.6.4 Preschool Care

The average cost of child care for preschool children is \$17.84 per day, somewhat lower than child care rates for infants and toddlers (Table 2-2). Staff-child ratios are considerably lower for both 3-year olds, as well as children that are 4 and 5 years of age. In addition, allowable maximum group sizes increase considerably. Preschool care costs in Cheyenne are more than \$2 per day higher than in Pine Bluffs.

2.2.6.5 School Age Care

School age children, between 6 and 12 years of age, are brought to some child care facilities for after-school care. These costs vary during the course of the year because of changing needs.

In the summer months, children on vacation from school may come to a child care facility on one or more days of the week. The average cost for the care of school age children in Laramie County is \$17.76 per day (Table 2-2). The rate for school age care is typically lower than any of the other age groups.

There is no cost to school age children for their participation in after school activities at the public schools during the school year. However, there may be costs to participating children related to supplies and transportation.

LARAMIE COUNTY

CHAPTER THREE

ANTICIPATED CHILD CARE DEMAND

3.1 INTRODUCTION

The quantification of anticipated child care demands provides some insight concerning potential child care needs. Chapter Three presents anticipated demands for infant, toddler, preschool and school age care. Overall child care demands for the county are also correlated with child care enrollments in July 2006 to calculate the extent of unmet child care needs.

The general methodology used to calculate anticipated child care demands is described more fully in the Introduction section of the overall report.

3.2 RESIDENT POPULATION OF LARAMIE COUNTY

The resident population of Laramie County included an estimated 88,551 residents in 2005 (see also Chapter One).

During the next decade, the Laramie County economy is expected to grow as a result of the development and continued marketing of business parks in the vicinity of Cheyenne. It is anticipated that business park expansions will increase the size of the employed workforce of Laramie County and generate greater consumer expenditures in the county economy.

The application of these assumptions suggests that annual population growth rates will range between roughly 1.2 and 2.5 percent during the next decade. This anticipated growth could boost the size of the county's resident population to about 105,959 persons in 2016 (Table 3-1).

3.3 FUTURE CHILD CARE DEMAND

3.3.1 Low End of the Anticipated Demand Range

The low end of the anticipated demand range suggests a growing demand for child care services in Laramie County. It is anticipated that these demands will include, at least, 3,903 Laramie County children in 2007. By 2016, these demands are expected to gradually rise to about 4,498 children between 0 and 12 years of age (Table 3-2).

<i>Year</i>	<i>Population (persons)</i>	<i>Estimated Rate of Growth (percent)</i>
April 2000 Census	81,607	
2001	83,866	2.77
2002	85,251	1.65
2003	86,561	1.54
2004	87,472	1.05
2005 Base Year	88,551	1.23
2006	89,764	1.37
2007	91,936	2.42
2008	93,885	2.12
2009	95,415	1.63
2010	96,923	1.58
2011	98,464	1.59
2012	99,980	1.54
2013	101,570	1.59
2014	103,043	1.45
2015	104,558	1.47
2016	105,959	1.34

Source: Pedersen Planning Consultants, 2006.

3.3.2 High End of the Anticipated Demand Range

The high end of the demand range represents 7,491 Laramie County children in 2007 and 8,632 children in 2016 (Table 3-3). While the size of the anticipated child care age population is considerably higher, the high end of the demand range is strongly influenced by:

1. the lack of affordability to roughly 35 percent of Laramie County households, and,
2. the intention or desire of some Laramie County parents, i.e., 20 percent, to provide infant, toddler and school age care for their own children at home, or obtain those services from families or friends.
3. the desire of all parents to seek preschool care even if their children are cared for at home.

Consequently, the potential demand for child care services represents almost 45 percent of the anticipated child care population from 0 through 12 years of age.

<i>Year</i>	<i>Anticipated Low-End Demand (children)</i>
2006	3,811
2007	3,903
2008	3,986
2009	4,050
2010	4,115
2011	4,180
2012	4,245
2013	4,313
2014	4,375
2015	4,439
2016	4,498

Source: Pedersen Planning Consultants, 2006.

<i>Year</i>	<i>Anticipated Child Care Population</i>	<i>(-) Children Receiving Other Means of Child Care</i>	<i>(-) Suppressed Demand Due to Affordability</i>	<i>(=) High-End Child Care Demand</i>
2006	16,398	3,275	5,810	7,313
2007	16,794	3,353	5,950	7,491
2008	17,150	3,425	6,076	7,649
2009	17,430	3,481	6,175	7,774
2010	17,706	3,535	6,274	7,897
2011	17,987	3,593	6,373	8,021
2012	18,265	3,647	6,471	8,147
2013	18,555	3,705	6,574	8,276
2014	18,823	3,759	6,669	8,395
2015	19,101	3,815	6,767	8,519
2016	19,357	3,866	6,859	8,632

Source: Pedersen Planning Consultants, 2006.

3.3.3 Types of Services

The greatest demand for child care services appears to be for school age children between 6 and 12 years of age. The demands for this age group are considerably more than the demands for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers because, on a comparative basis, it includes a much larger segment of the total county population (Table 3-4).

Year	Infant Child Care (birth to 12 months)		Toddler Child Care (12 to 36 months)		Preschool Child Care (3 to 5 years)		School Age Child Care (6 to 12 years)		Net Child Care Demand	
	Low End	High End	Low End	High End	Low End	High End	Low End	High End	Low End	High End
2006	166	463	622	932	2,057	2,318	966	3,600	3,811	7,313
2007	170	474	637	956	2,107	2,374	989	3,687	3,903	7,491
2008	174	484	651	975	2,151	2,425	1,010	3,765	3,986	7,649
2009	176	492	661	992	2,186	2,464	1,027	3,826	4,050	7,774
2010	179	499	672	1,008	2,221	2,503	1,043	3,887	4,115	7,897
2011	182	507	682	1,023	2,256	2,543	1,060	3,948	4,180	8,021
2012	185	515	693	1,040	2,291	2,582	1,076	4,010	4,245	8,147
2013	188	524	704	1,056	2,328	2,623	1,093	4,073	4,313	8,276
2014	191	531	714	1,071	2,361	2,661	1,109	4,132	4,375	8,395
2015	193	539	725	1,087	2,396	2,700	1,125	4,193	4,439	8,519
2016	196	546	734	1,101	2,428	2,736	1,140	4,249	4,498	8,632

Source: Pedersen Planning Consultants, 2006.

Child care demands for the 6 to 12 year old group are probably the most difficult to discern. Older children generally have more skills, abilities and experience that enable them to be more self-sufficient in the absence of their parents. Many children in this age are also involved in various organized after-school activities such as sports, girl scouts, and 4-H. Those children not participating in various after-school programs need some adult supervision to monitor, at least, the type and location of their after-school activities, as well as other children whom they may choose to spend time with.

Substantive demand is also evident for preschool children, or children from three through five years of age. Increased demand is also anticipated for toddler and infant care, but these demands are considerably less than those expected for preschool care.

3.3.4 Correlation of Anticipated Demand Range with Existing Facility Enrollment

The correlation of the anticipated child care demand range with 2006 facility enrollment (Table 3-5) provides insights to the extent of potential unmet child care needs in Laramie County between 2007 and 2016. Potential unmet needs represent the number of children which, as of 2006, could not be served unless additional private and/or public investments are made for the expansion of existing facilities or the development of new child care facilities.

Year	2006 Enrollment	Net Child Care Demand		Unmet Demand	
		Low End	High End	Low End	High End
2006	3,811	3,811	7,313	0	3,502
2007	3,811	3,903	7,491	92	3,680
2008	3,811	3,986	7,649	175	3,838
2009	3,811	4,050	7,774	239	3,963
2010	3,811	4,115	7,897	304	4,086
2011	3,811	4,180	8,021	369	4,210
2012	3,811	4,245	8,147	434	4,336
2013	3,811	4,313	8,276	502	4,465
2014	3,811	4,375	8,395	564	4,584
2015	3,811	4,439	8,519	628	4,708
2016	3,811	4,498	8,632	687	4,821

Source: Pedersen Planning Consultants, 2006.

This correlation reveals that there is insufficient facility capacity in Laramie County to support anticipated future child care needs. If the potential demand in 2016 conservatively falls near a midpoint of the low and high ends of the anticipated unmet demand range (approximately 2,754 children), it can be concluded that the potential child care demands in Laramie County warrant the development of, at least, the following facilities by 2016:

- ten child care centers in the vicinity of Cheyenne that each have an enrollment of, at least, 250 children;
- a combination of about 10 family child care centers, which each would accommodate 15 children, that would be scattered in the vicinity of various communities in Laramie County; and
- 10 family child care homes, which would each serve about 10 children, that would be distributed in the vicinity of various communities in Laramie County.

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CHAPTER FOUR

ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE OF EXPANDED CHILD CARE SERVICES

4.1 GENERAL

The potential expansion of existing facilities and the development of new child care facilities in Johnson County can generate significant economic benefits to the local economy. Potential employment in the child care industry creates new jobs and increased personal income for child care workers. The delivery of child care services also generates revenues to small business proprietors and other child care service providers.

Employment, personal income, and service revenues generated by the child care industry represent direct economic impacts. The direct economic impact of the child care industry in 2006, as well as the potential impact of the industry in 2016, is discussed more fully in sections 4.2 through 4.4.

The child care industry also generates indirect economic impacts upon other industries that serve the child care industry, e.g., retail trade, in the Wyoming economy. These industries provides goods and services that child care providers purchase to deliver child care services.

Employment and income that are created in the child care industry and other industries serving the child care industry further generate personal expenditures in other industries of the Wyoming economy. These expenditures also create more jobs and income. These economic impacts are referred to as induced economic impacts.

The methodology used to calculate the anticipated amount of direct employment, personal income generation and child care service revenues is summarized in the Introduction section of the overall report. The indirect and induced impacts associated with the child care industry in 2006, as well as the potential impact of the industry in 2016, are presented on a statewide basis in the Executive Summary.

4.2 DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACTS

4.2.1 Anticipated Direct Employment

The analysis of potential direct employment considers and identifies the anticipated number of child care jobs that would be needed to address future child care demands. Anticipated staff requirements include those jobs needed to support the operation of child care centers, family child care centers, and family child care homes.

The estimated amount of direct employment that could be derived from anticipated child care demands in Laramie County could generate the development of 416-907 child care jobs in 2007. The anticipated number of jobs annually required, between 2007 and 2016, is expected to gradually increase with growing demands for child care services. By 2016, the number of child care jobs is expected to rise to roughly 478 to 1,044 jobs (Table 4-1).

**TABLE 4-1
ANTICIPATED CHILD CARE STAFF REQUIREMENTS
LARAMIE COUNTY, WYOMING
2006 - 2016**

Year	Teachers		Assistant Teachers		Classroom Aides		Full Time Directors		Net Staff Demand	
	Low End	High End	Low End	High End	Low End	High End	Low End	High End	Low End	High End
2006	242	429	97	172	57	257	13	26	409	884
2007	246	440	98	176	58	264	14	27	416	907
2008	252	449	101	179	59	269	14	27	426	924
2009	255	458	102	183	60	275	15	28	432	944
2010	260	464	104	185	61	278	15	28	440	955
2011	264	471	106	188	62	283	15	28	447	970
2012	267	479	107	191	63	287	15	29	452	986
2013	272	486	109	194	64	292	15	29	460	1,001
2014	276	494	110	197	65	296	16	30	467	1,017
2015	281	498	112	199	66	299	16	30	475	1,026
2016	282	507	113	203	67	304	16	30	478	1,044

Notes: Cumulative staff requirements include those needed to support child care centers, family child care centers, and family child care homes.
Source: Pedersen Planning Consultants, 2006.

4.2.2 Anticipated Personal Income Generation

The anticipated personal income generation that is expected from direct employment in Laramie County's child care industry is presented in Table 4-2 and Table 4-3. The information presented in these statistical tables provides a range of potential income generation. Both low mean and high mean income data from 2Q 2006 were applied to the anticipated child care staff demand range to calculate the amount of potential wages that would be generated from the variable staff requirements.

**TABLE 4-2
ANTICIPATED PERSONAL INCOME GENERATION
FROM LOW MEAN ANNUAL WAGES
LARAMIE COUNTY, WYOMING
2006 - 2016
(dollars)**

Year	Teachers		Assistant Teachers		Classroom Aides		Directors		Net Staff Demand	
	Low End	High End	Low End	High End	Low End	High End	Low End	High End	Low End	High End
2006	4,069,380	7,213,901	1,442,584	2,557,984	786,418	3,545,778	395,943	760,627	6,694,324	14,078,289
2007	4,136,643	7,398,873	1,457,456	2,617,472	800,214	3,642,355	406,362	781,466	6,800,675	14,440,166
2008	4,237,536	7,550,213	1,502,072	2,662,088	814,011	3,711,339	416,782	791,885	6,970,401	14,715,526
2009	4,287,983	7,701,554	1,516,944	2,721,576	827,808	3,794,120	427,201	812,725	7,059,936	15,029,974
2010	4,372,061	7,802,448	1,546,688	2,751,320	841,605	3,835,510	427,201	823,144	7,187,555	15,212,422
2011	4,439,324	7,920,157	1,576,432	2,795,936	855,402	3,904,494	437,621	833,564	7,308,778	15,454,151
2012	4,489,771	8,054,682	1,591,304	2,840,552	869,198	3,959,682	437,621	843,983	7,387,894	15,698,899
2013	4,573,849	8,172,391	1,621,048	2,885,168	882,995	4,028,666	448,040	864,822	7,525,932	15,951,047
2014	4,641,111	8,306,916	1,635,920	2,929,784	896,792	4,083,853	458,460	875,242	7,632,283	16,195,795
2015	4,725,189	8,374,179	1,665,664	2,959,528	910,589	4,125,243	458,460	885,661	7,759,902	16,344,611
2016	4,742,005	8,525,519	1,680,536	3,019,016	924,386	4,194,227	468,880	896,081	7,815,806	16,634,843

Source: Pedersen Planning Consultants, 2006.

TABLE 4-3
ANTICIPATED PERSONAL INCOME GENERATION
FROM HIGH MEAN ANNUAL WAGES
LARAMIE COUNTY, WYOMING
2006 - 2016
(dollars)

Year	Teachers		Assistant Teachers		Classroom Aides		Directors		Net Staff Demand	
	Low End	High End	Low End	High End	Low End	High End	Low End	High End	Low End	High End
2006	4,931,677	8,742,518	1,652,683	2,930,531	908,990	4,098,430	479,078	920,335	7,972,429	16,691,814
2007	5,013,192	8,966,685	1,669,721	2,998,683	924,938	4,210,061	491,686	945,550	8,099,537	17,120,978
2008	5,135,465	9,150,095	1,720,835	3,049,797	940,885	4,289,797	504,293	958,157	8,301,478	17,447,845
2009	5,196,602	9,333,504	1,737,873	3,117,949	956,832	4,385,480	516,900	983,372	8,408,207	17,820,304
2010	5,298,496	9,455,777	1,771,949	3,152,024	972,779	4,433,322	516,900	995,979	8,560,124	18,037,102
2011	5,380,011	9,598,429	1,806,025	3,203,138	988,726	4,513,058	529,508	1,008,586	8,704,270	18,323,211
2012	5,441,148	9,761,460	1,823,063	3,254,252	1,004,674	4,576,846	529,508	1,021,194	8,798,392	18,613,752
2013	5,543,042	9,904,111	1,857,139	3,305,366	1,020,621	4,656,582	542,115	1,046,408	8,962,916	18,912,468
2014	5,624,557	10,067,142	1,874,177	3,356,480	1,036,568	4,720,371	554,722	1,059,016	9,090,024	19,203,009
2015	5,726,451	10,148,657	1,908,253	3,390,556	1,052,515	4,768,213	554,722	1,071,623	9,241,941	19,379,049
2016	5,746,830	10,332,067	1,925,291	3,458,708	1,068,462	4,847,949	567,330	1,084,230	9,307,913	19,722,954

Source: Pedersen Planning Consultants, 2006.

The anticipated personal income generation derived from low mean annual wages would generate annual personal incomes ranging from \$6.8 million to \$14.4 million in 2007. By 2016, it is expected that personal income generation would rise from roughly \$7.8 to \$16.6 million per year (Table 4-2).

When anticipated direct employment is applied to high mean annual wages, potential income generation in 2007 would range between roughly \$8.0 million to almost \$17.1 million per year. The annual personal income generation in 2016 would range between roughly \$9.3 million and 19.7 million (Table 4-3).

The mid points of the low and high mean annual wages in 2016 suggest that annual personal income generation will increase between \$12.2 million and \$14.5 million during the next decade.

4.2.3 Child Care Service Revenues

In 2006, the child care industry of Laramie County earned approximately \$10.8 million in revenues that were derived from the delivery of child care services. Should the industry address the anticipated child care demands in 2016, child care service revenues are expected to rise to roughly \$16.8 million in 2016 (Table 4-4).

TABLE 4-4 ANTICIPATED CHILD CARE SERVICE REVENUES LARAMIE COUNTY 2006 and 2016 (In Dollars)		
<i>Child Care Group</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2016</i>
Infants (0 to 12 months)	789,828	1,765,218
Toddlers (1 to 3 years)	2,813,928	4,150,770
Preschool (3 to 5 years)	5,963,243	7,485,218
School Age (6 to 12 years)	1,222,376	3,409,620
TOTAL COUNTY REVENUES	10,789,375	16,810,826
Source: Pedersen Planning Consultants, 2006.		

4.3 INDIRECT AND INDUCED ECONOMIC BENEFITS

The indirect and induced impacts associated with the child care industry in 2006, as well as the potential impact of the industry in 2016, are presented on a statewide basis in the Executive Summary of this report.

4.4 EMPLOYEE RETENTION AND RECRUITMENT

An Employer Survey associated with the Wyoming Workforce Child Care Needs Assessment was distributed to employers throughout the state of Wyoming in June 2006. Twenty-five percent of the employer representatives from Laramie County, which responded to the Employer Survey between June and August 2006, reported that the availability of child care facilities had hampered their company's ability to recruit employees (Appendix A). Twenty-seven percent of the employer representatives also indicated that the availability of child care facilities had also hampered their ability to retain good employees.

The expansion and development of new child care facilities in Laramie County would only improve the future recruitment of company employees of both larger community employers and small businesses in Laramie County. When the capacity of existing facilities is sufficient to meet future child care demands, employers can identify available child care facilities as a community asset to those individuals they desire to hire.

Expanded child care facilities would also influence the future retention of company and small business employees. The availability of a greater number of child care facilities would reduce the loss of employees that otherwise might be lost to the unavailability of child care facilities.