



Wyoming Department of Corrections Report Card

The Wyoming Department of Corrections contributes to public safety by exercising reasonable, safe, secure, and humane management, while actively providing offenders opportunities to become law-abiding citizens.

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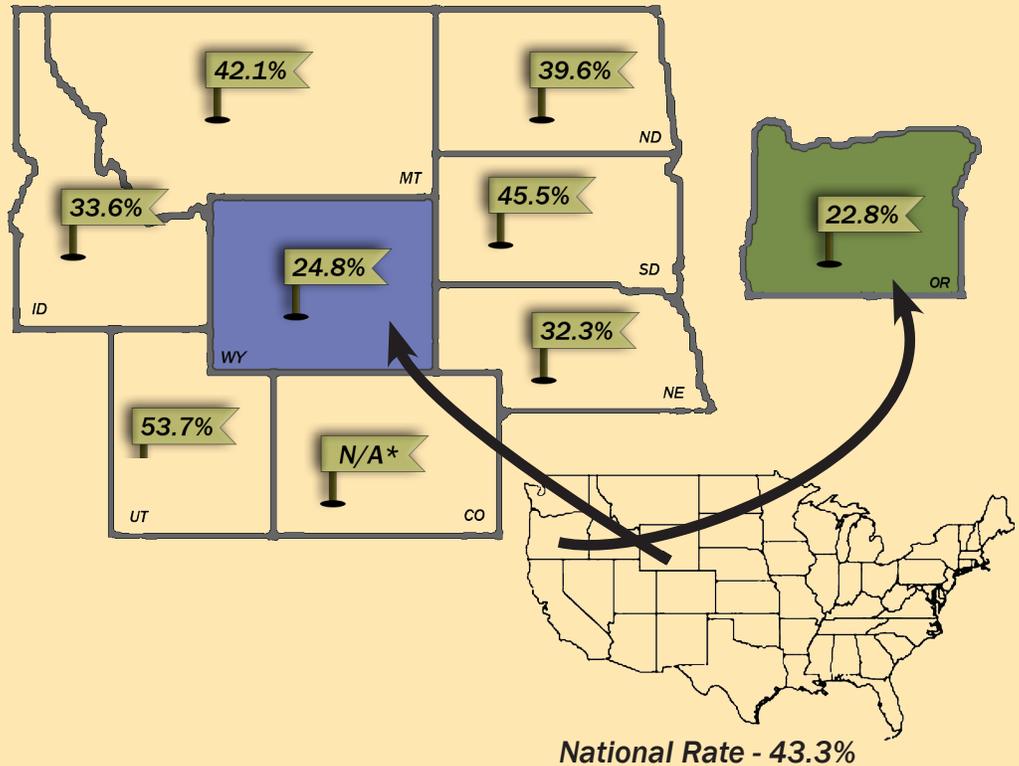
Data consistently shows us that about 97 percent of the people confined in our state's prisons will one day be released from prison and return into our communities.



As a correctional system, the biggest impact that we can have on long-term public safety is insuring that each person we confine is provided with the opportunity to develop the skills necessary to become a law-abiding citizen.

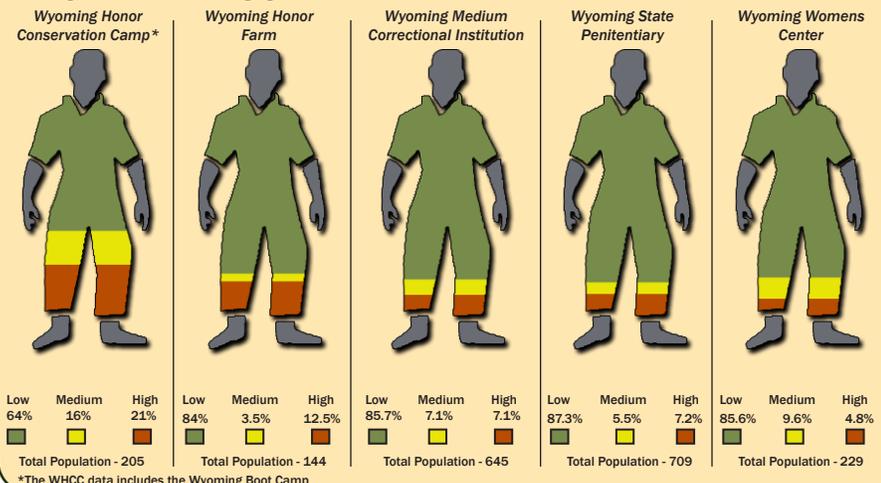
Doing so begins with comprehensive risk/needs assessments, followed by individually tailored case management plans targeting those risks and needs using evidence-informed best practice approaches, completed by well-coordinated reentry services. This report card focuses on some of Wyoming's efforts and highlights the impact of those efforts on the rate of return to prison.

Recidivism Rates: Below is Wyoming's recidivism rate, or the rate at which offenders return to prison for a parole violation or new crime, as compared to other states in our region. Wyoming ranked second lowest or best in the nation, just behind Oregon.



*Colorado did not report its recidivism rate for this survey. Numbers courtesy of PEW Foundation

Need levels: Below is the percentage of enhanced case management inmates who are currently receiving assistance by institution. The need level is based on how much support an offender requires in overcoming barriers to transitioning back to a community. Services are provided the last six months of their sentence. This does not represent the entire population.



The Wyoming Department of Corrections and the Recovery Health Network, a non-profit organization in California, have partnered to support offenders who need assistance with reentry resources. The RHN prescription card can help individuals save a significant amount on their medications.

The Recovery Health Network Medication Card is meant to provide offenders with discounted prescription drug benefits, laboratory tests and imaging services to support the continuity of care for inmates being released.

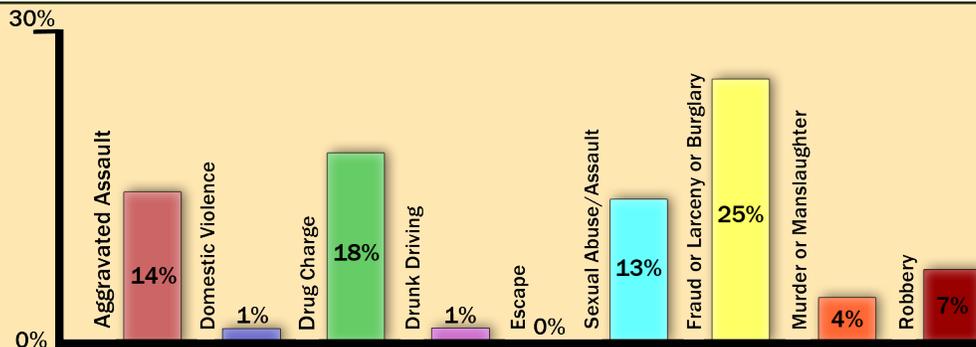
RHN prescription cards offer from 10 to 75 percent discounts on prescription medications, laboratory tests and imaging services. Cards are sent to prisons, adult community corrections centers, and probation and parole offices throughout Wyoming.



ECM Offenses:

Enhanced Case Management is concentrated support provided by specialized staff for an offender with significant barriers to overcome as they prepare to transition back to the community.

To the right is the breakdown of offenses only for the 266 offenders who have received ECM services and exited from the Wyoming Department of Corrections for last year.



Counts & Stats

- Available facility capacity - **2276**
- Number of inmates in Wyoming - **1894**
- Female Inmates - **225**
- Male Inmates - **1669**
- Average age - **37**
- Average length of sentence - **17.2 years**
- Offenders on probation or parole - **5679**
- Inmates serving life without parole - **22**

(Data courtesy of PBMS)



Services related to ECM:

Below is the type and percentage of assistance and services that high and medium need offenders have requested and received or are receiving from the Wyoming Department of Corrections. It assists in locating or procuring these needs, it does not provide them directly.



Education
4%



Employment
10%



Housing
13%



Consultation
15%



Funding Assistance
2%



Sex Offender Treatment
4%



Medical/Medication Assistance
5%



Mental Health Treatment
11%



Substance Abuse Treatment
18%



Domestic Violence Assistance
1%



Contacted Support System
11%

Facilities & Offices

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Probation & Parole Offices

Afton, Buffalo, Casper, Cheyenne, Cody, Douglas, Evanston, Gillette, Green River, Jackson, Kemmerer, Lander, Laramie, Lyman, Newcastle, Pinedale, Powell, Rawlins, Riverton, Rock Springs, Sheridan, Sundance, Torrington, Wheatland, Worland

Correctional Facilities

Wyoming Honor Conservation Camp & Boot Camp

Wyoming Honor Farm

Wyoming Medium Correctional Institution

Wyoming State Penitentiary

Wyoming Women's Center



Understanding Wyoming's Reentry Services

Reentry Services - Reentry is a best practice service targeted at promoting the effective reintegration of offenders back to communities upon release from prison. An effective reentry process utilizes a comprehensive and integrated case management approach to assist offenders in acquiring the life skills needed to succeed in the community and become law-abiding citizens. This includes a variety of programs/services such as cognitive programming, treatment, vocational training, education, employment services, and transition planning.

Philosophy - The philosophy for reentry services at the Wyoming Department of Corrections is to empower the offender to plan and prepare for his or her successful release back into the community. Furthermore, by providing adequate opportunities for the offender, he or she is able to effectively plan for their individual release needs.

Determination of Services - All releasing offenders are in need of reentry services. The degree of services is determined by risk level (low, medium, high, and special needs). Low-risk offenders can be eligible for traditional reentry services. Medium-risk, high-risk, and special needs offenders are eligible for enhanced case management reentry services.

Reentry State-wide Taskforce - The taskforce is concentrated on improving offender reentry services and resources through the collaboration of community leaders and stakeholders. The taskforce is composed of 14 separate organizations and agencies from across Wyoming.

Available Reentry Services

- Medication Resources
- Enhanced Case Management
- Continuing Care Referrals
- Motivational Interviewing
- Wyoming 2-1-1
- Risk and Needs Assessments
- Identification of Vital Records
- Pre-release Course
- Reentry Resource Centers
- Community Resources Guide
- Educational Services
- Vocational Opportunities
- Correctional Industries
- Web-based Resources
- Housing Location Assistance
- Community Reentry Checklist
- Workforce Center Access



Vital Records

It is important that all releasing inmates obtain their vital records prior to leaving prison.

WDOC has a system in place for all inmates to obtain their social security card, birth certificate, and photo identification including driver's license.

Having these documents increases their chance of employment and other community services.

In addition, inmates are given information packets upon release that include the Recovery Health Network prescription card, medication brochure, Wyoming 2-1-1 card, a webpage link card, and a listing of services and resources by county.

These packets are helpful to inmates who need additional assistance once in the community.