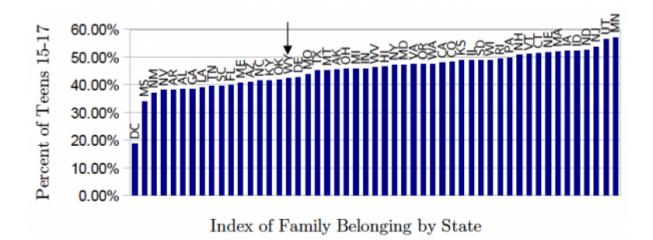
State of the Family in Wyoming

The United States Family Belonging Index is 46 percent, with a corresponding Family Rejection Index of 54 percent, based on 2008-2012 data from the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey. The action of parents determines the Family Belonging or Rejection Index within a nation, region, state, or racial or ethnic group—whether they marry and belong to each other, or whether they reject one another through divorce or other means. Rejection leaves children without married parents committed to one another and to their children.

The Index of Family Belonging is determined by the fraction of children aged 15 to 17 in a given area who live with both their biological parents, who have been married since before or around the time of their birth.

1. Index of Belonging

Wyoming has a Family Belonging Index of 42.5 percent. In other words, 42.5 percent of Wyoming teenagers aged 15 to 17 have lived with their always-married parents since their birth, whereas 57.5 percent of these adolescents were raised in a non-intact family. Wyoming ranks 35th on the state ranking of the Index of Belonging and Rejection.¹⁾



2. Outcomes by Index of Belonging

Significant outcomes: Location between states at the extremes followed by state ranking, for Wyoming

Family Intactness % children grown up in intact families	$19 \qquad 43 \qquad 57$ DC $\qquad \bullet \qquad UT$	34^{th}
Adoptions Adoptions per 1,000 live births	$_{\mathrm{MD}}^{5} \xrightarrow{10} _{\mathrm{VT}}^{32}$	33 rd
Infant Mortality Deaths of infants under one year old per 1,000 live births	$\begin{array}{ccc} 4.9 & 7.4 & 13 \\ WA & & DC \end{array}$	20^{th}
Suicide Suicides per 1,000 inhabitants	$\begin{array}{c} 0.06 \\ \text{DC} \end{array} \xrightarrow[]{} 0.2 \\ \text{AK} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} 0.22 \\ \text{AK} \end{array}$	2^{nd}
Violent Crime Violent crimes per 1,000 inhabitants	$1.2 \underset{ME}{12} \xrightarrow{1} 13.3 \underset{DC}{13}$	48^{th}
Property Crime Property crimes per 1,000 inhabitants	$\underset{\mathrm{ND}}{\overset{17.7}{\longmapsto}} \underset{\mathrm{DC}}{\overset{24.6}{\longrightarrow}} \underset{\mathrm{DC}}{\overset{47.8}{\longrightarrow}}$	38^{th}
Young Adult Alcoholism % 18-25 year olds reporting alcohol dependence	$5.6 \xrightarrow{6.7}_{\text{NJ}} \xrightarrow{11.2}_{\text{MT}}$	39^{th}
Adolescent Painkiller Abuse % 12-17 year olds with nonmedical use of painkillers	4.1 7.7 8.8 DC 100 NV	10^{th}
Young Adult Drug Treatment Need % 18-25 year olds needing but not receiving, for illicit use	$4.5 \xrightarrow{6.5}_{IA} 12$	39^{th}
Federal Head Start Aid Federal Head Start aid per family household in state Federal Adoption & Foster Care Aid Federal aid & assistance per # of births	$\begin{array}{c} 60 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 $	10^{th} 45^{th}

2.1 Youth Outcomes

Youth Outcomes	Wyoming	Weakest State	Strongest State
Graduation rates (high	76	51.3 (NV)	89.6 (WI)
school)			
NAEP reading scores (eighth	268	251 (MS)*	274 (MA)
grade)			
Child poverty (percent in)	13%	31% (MS)	11% (NH)
Births to unmarried teenag- ers (percent of)	8.8%	14.1% (MS)	5.3% (UT)

3. Mapping Wyoming

See Effects of Family Structure on Policy Outcomes

3.1 Family Intactness

Fraction of Families Intact

Fraction Range [0.56,0.71] [0.5,0.56] [0.5,0.56]	
$ \begin{array}{c c} [0.47,0.5)\\ [0.44,0.47)\\ [0.4,0.44)\\ [0.36,0.4)\\ [0.15,0.36)\end{array} $	

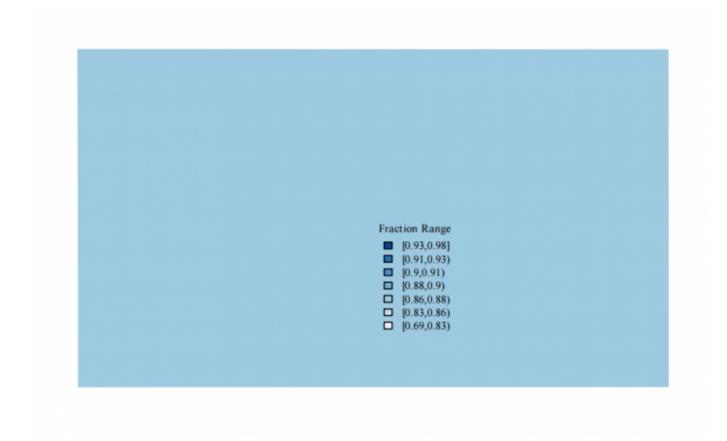
3.2 Teenage Out-of-Wedlock Births

Fraction of teenage out-of-wedlock births out of all births

	Fraction Range	
	[0.09,0.18]	
	[0.07,0.09)[0.06,0.07)	
	[0.05,0.06]	
	[0.04,0.05]	
	0.03,0.04)	
	[0,0.03]	

3.3 High School Graduates

Fraction of 19- to 20-year-olds who are high school graduates



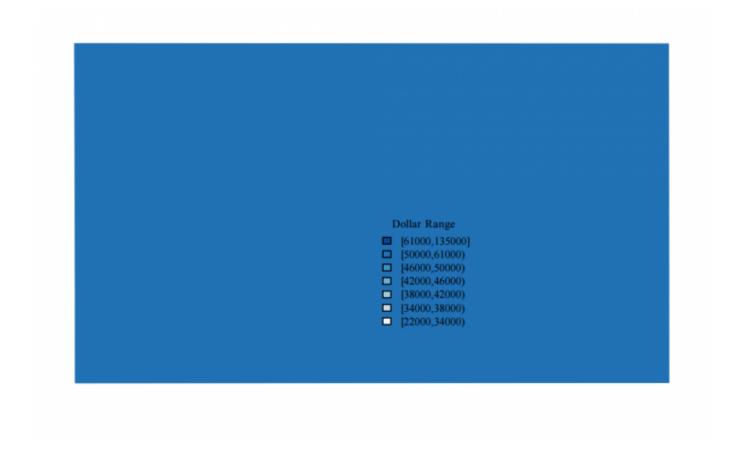
3.4 Employment

Fraction of 25- to 54-year-old men working



3.5 Earnings

Average earnings per 25- to 54-year-old male



3.6 Homeowners

Fraction of households owning a home

	Fraction Range [0.71,0.81] [0.68,0.71) [0.65,0.68) [0.62,0.65) [0.58,0.62) [0.52,0.58) [0.06,0.52)	

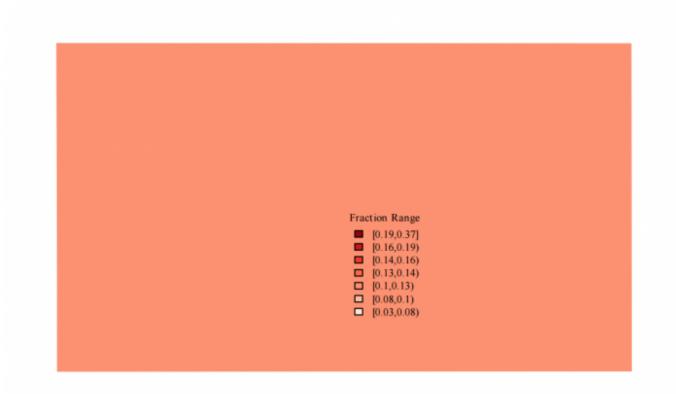
3.7 Poverty

See Effects of Family Structure on Poverty

Fraction of the overall population below poverty

Fraction Range [0.19,0.37] [0.16,0.19]	
 [0.15,0.16) [0.13,0.15) [0.11,0.13) [0.09,0.11) 	
[0.03,0.09]	

Fraction of 25- to 54-year-old females below the poverty line



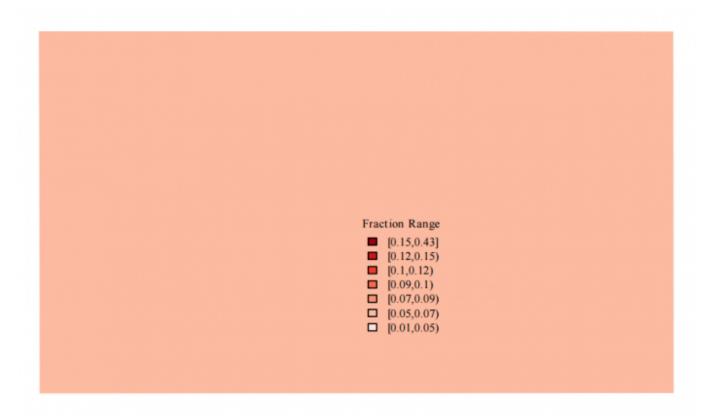
Fraction of minors below the poverty line

Fraction Range [0.28,0.5] [0.24,0.28) [0.21,0.24) [0.18,0.21)	
(0.15,0.18) (0.12,0.15) (0.03,0.12)	

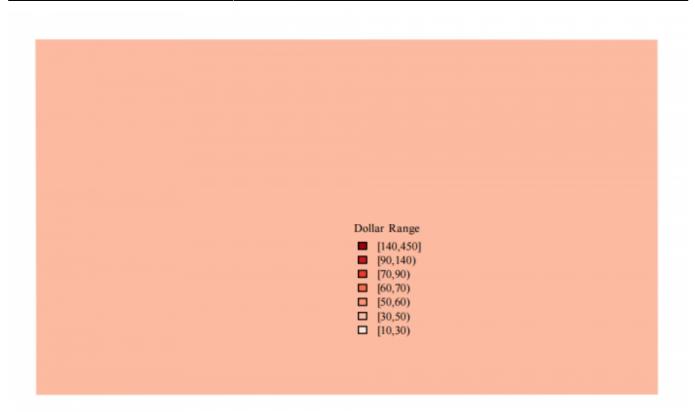
3.8 Government Dependence

See Effects of Family Structure on Government Dependency and Effects of Welfare on Families

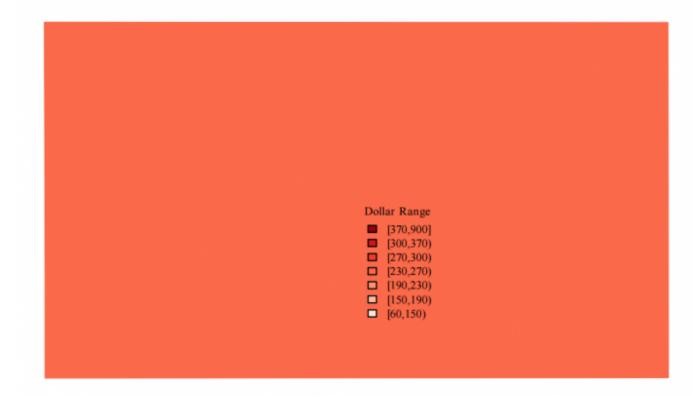
Fraction of households receiving food stamps



Average TANF and State Welfare Transfers per 25- to 54-year-old females



Average Social Security Disability Income (SSDI) per 25- to 54-year-olds



Average Social Security Disability Income (SSDI) per 25- to 54-year-old male

	Dollar Range [380,1180] [320,380) [270,320) [230,270) [180,230)	
	□ [150,180) □ [60,150)	

Average Supplemental Security Income (SSI) per 25- to 54-year-old male



Average Supplemental Security Income (SSI) per 25- to 54-year-old female



3.9 Healthcare

See Effects of Family Structure on Healthcare Coverage

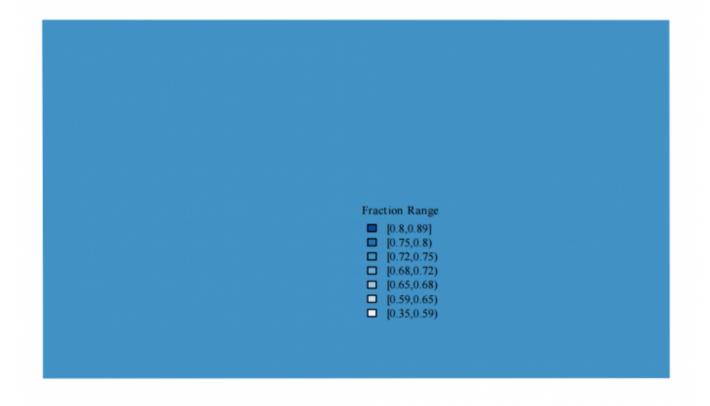
Fraction of 25- to 54-year-olds receiving public healthcare

Fraction Range	
 [0.17,0.39] [0.14,0.17) [0.12,0.14) 	
 [0.1,0.12) [0.09,0.1) [0.07,0.09) [0.03,0.07) 	

Fraction of minors receiving public healthcare

Fraction Range [0.46,0.75] [0.39.0.46)		
$ \begin{bmatrix} (0.39, 0.40) \\ (0.35, 0.39) \\ (0.31, 0.35) \\ (0.27, 0.31) \\ (0.21, 0.27) \\ (0.08, 0.21) \end{bmatrix} $	0.75] 0.46) 0.39) 0.35) 0.31) 0.27)	[0.46,0.75] [0.39,0.46) [0.35,0.39) [0.31,0.35) [0.27,0.31) [0.21,0.27)

Fraction of 25- to 54-year-olds covered by private healthcare



Fraction of minors covered by private healthcare

8	tion Range [0.76,0.9] [0.69,0.76)	
	[0.65,0.69) [0.6,0.65) [0.55,0.6) [0.47,0.55)	
•	[0.22,0.47)	

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This entry draws heavily from original research found in Index of Family Belonging and Rejection: State by State (2011), Family Intactness: Influence on Major State Social Policy Outcomes, and Family Intactness and Public Policy Outcomes by State.

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