

Wyoming Data Center Facts

Data centers strengthen the tax base without depleting natural resources. They stabilize energy demand, and provide high-value employment that keeps young professionals in the state.



Data centers are not large water users

Modern data centers in Wyoming are designed for air-cooled or closed-loop systems that dramatically reduce water consumption. In fact, data centers only use 1.2% of Cheyenne municipal water supply.

Data centers pay for all infrastructure upgrades!

“In calendar year 2024, all of the active data centers receiving City of Cheyenne’s water consumed ...1.2% of water delivered to all customers. The BOPU does not anticipate rate increase from future demand of the data centers.”

Frank A Strong IV, P.E., Engineering and Water Resources Division Manager, City of Cheyenne Board of Public Utilities



Data centers do not increase power bills for residents

1. Data centers build all their own power infrastructure
2. They pay for all improvements and upgrades
3. Data centers help utilities maintain consistent revenue streams & improve grid reliability and efficiency - benefiting everyone.

“The Wyoming Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) worked with Cheyenne Light, Fuel and Power (CLFP) to develop a rate structure that would accommodate crypto currency mining and data center load growth while protecting current customers.”

Anthony Ornelas, Administrator, Wyoming Office of Consumer Advocate



Data centers use power generated from natural gas and coal

While renewable energy is part of Wyoming’s energy mix, the majority of electricity used by data centers comes from reliable, dispatchable sources, specifically natural gas and coal.

“Wyoming’s gas producers excel at developing the cleanest burning natural gas on the market. Unfortunately for Wyoming, those markets are either across the world, or in places on the west coast that need us to power their lives but don’t have our state’s best interests at heart. Growing an industry that needs Wyoming’s natural gas to stay right here in Wyoming is a game changer, and our gas producers look forward to providing the power to make it happen.”

Pete Obermueller - President, Petroleum Association of Wyoming



Data centers provide high-paying, long-term jobs

Data centers don’t just bring construction work - they also create stable, high-wage, technical and management positions - paying well above Wyoming’s median wage.

“Wyoming has been home to Microsoft’s cloud infrastructure since 2012, and we deeply value our strong partnerships with government leaders, nonprofits, businesses, and schools. Our continued growth in Cheyenne has been driven by the skilled workforce that powers our data centers – from the hundreds of employees who operate our facilities to the certified electricians and construction professionals who support our ongoing expansion in Wyoming.”

Chris Tetlow, Sr. Director, Wyoming Data Center Operations

Data Center Zoning and Business Parks

Business Park Zoning

Business Parks (zoned BP) in Cheyenne allow for a variety of uses that do not require a Heavy Industrial designation. These parks are governed by Commercial Owner Associations (COAs), Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (CC&Rs), and Development Agreements, all of which help protect the surrounding community and neighboring properties.

Business Park Management

Cheyenne LEADS manages multiple Commercial Owner Associations (COAs) within Cheyenne's Business Parks, ensuring consistent oversight and coordination. This provides neighbors with a reliable point of contact and promotes shared responsibility among park tenants to maintain high standards.

"Data centers have been strong partners and have delivered real, measurable impact for LCCC and our students - investing more than \$300,000 in scholarships, equipment, and program support, and directly or indirectly employing 80+ LCCC IT alumni."

Dr. Joe Schaffer, President, Laramie County Community College

Data centers benefit the entire State of Wyoming

Estimated Sales and Use Tax Revenue Forgone (2010-2024) = \$198 Million

The Sales and Use Tax Exemption has brought nearly \$7 Billion to Wyoming!

Real Property taxes Paid	\$7.3	Million
Sales Tax on Power (2018-2024)	\$27	Million
Permitting and Development Fees	\$36	Million
Tangible Personal Property Tax	\$48	Million
Construction Materials	\$3.2	Billion
Data Center Equipment Purchases	\$3.7	Billion

For Every \$1 Forgone Wyoming has gained \$35.30

Eliminating the exemption would halt future investment. Projects already under construction would be completed, but projects in the queue would not move forward, and no new projects would enter the market.



Do you still have questions?

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