

Schools, Education, and Cultural Facilities

K-12 Schools

School Facilities

- Riverton has four elementary, one middle, and one high school that are part of the Fremont County School District #25.
- Riverton also has three private schools: Smart Start Academy (PK-K, with 90 students), St. Margaret Catholic School (PK-6, with 110 students), and Trinity Lutheran School (PK-8, with 88 students).
- Riverton and the Wind River Reservation are also served by the Arapaho Charter High School, which was founded in 2005.



Enrollment

- In the 2007-2008 school year, the Fremont County School District #25 had a total enrollment of 2,422 students. At its peak, enrollment in the district was 3,000 students.
- Enrollment trends indicate a continued decline in the school age population.
- Approximately 16% of the District’s population is comprised of Native American children. An academic coach is available to assist these children as they transition into the public school system.

SCHOOL	ENROLLMENT (2007-2008)	TEST SCORES	
		Reading	Math
Elementary			
Ashgrove Elementary	279	70%	94%
Jackson Elementary	191	61%	84%
Lincoln Elementary	273	58%	78%
Rendezvous Elementary	339	61%	73%
Middle			
Riverton Middle School	560	69%	76%
High School			
Riverton High School	780	68%	55%
Total Enrollment	2,422		
		Below Average w/ State	Below Average w/ State

Source: www.schooldatairect.org



KEY TRENDS

K-12 Schools

- School District #25 enrollment has been declining slightly in recent years, with anticipated enrollment of approximately 2,300 students in 08-09.
- The new Lincoln Elementary will be Riverton’s newest public Elementary School (a replacement school). Ashgrove will also be replaced. The State Facilities Commission will locate the site.

Central Wyoming College

- CWC is an important educational facility in the community, offering a variety of courses as well as arts, theater, and recreational facilities that the larger community uses.
- CWC is currently preparing a Campus Master Plan that will address expansion needs over the coming years.
- A new Intertribal Center is planned to open at CWC in the Spring of 2010.

Sources:

www.schooldatairect.org
www.fremont25.k12.wy.us
www.cwc.edu/
 Interviews with School District and CWC representatives.
 See Existing Land Use Map for facility locations.

Central Wyoming College (CWC)

Started in the 1970s, CWC offers a range of courses for technical and bachelor's degrees.



- **2007-2008 Enrollment:** Approximately 2,000 students (1,400 in Riverton; 600 distance delivery)
- **Campus Housing:** Approximately 200 students live on the CWC campus during the school year. CWC is planning to add an additional 72 beds as part of its Campus Master Plan.
- **Outreach Centers:** CWC offers distance delivery to students in Jackson, Lander, Thermopolis, and Dubois.
- **Teacher to Student Ratio:** 1:16.
- **Courses of Study:** CWC offers the transfer programs for a variety of occupational areas, career and technical programs, allied health and trade, and pre-professional studies, as well as new programs in construction technology, and fire science.
- **Events at CWC:** CWC hosts 3,000+ events at the college each year, with a philosophy of making the campus open to the community and youth of the region and state. Over 150,000 people come to the campus each year to attend these events.



University of Wyoming Extension Service

Riverton is home to an office of the University of Wyoming, offering research-based information in agriculture and natural resources, consumer and family economics, community and economic development and 4-H / youth development.

Wind River Tribal College

The Wind River Tribal College provides, maintains, and operates a post-secondary institution on the Wind River Indian Reservation that includes educational, vocational, cultural and technical programs.



Arts and Culture

- **Riverton Museum** features a collection of memorabilia donated by area residents to preserve Riverton's history.
- **Wind River Heritage Center** offers a collection of natural and human history artifacts from the region and a gift shop with Native American crafts from the Wind River Indian Reservation.
- **CWC Library** collection in the Main Hall at CWC, has a collection of 40,000 books and 100,000 pieces of resource material.
- **CWC Fine Arts Center** has local artists' creations on display.
- **CWC Theater** (in Robert A. Peck Arts Center) is one of the largest state-of-the-art theaters in the state, with a capacity to seat 900 people.

Fremont County Public Library System

Riverton has a public library, the **Riverton Branch Library**, constructed in 1983. The facility contains meeting rooms, a theatre, and a carved oak Western Americana Room. The collection of books and displays is large, with reference assistance available, free Internet access, over 100 magazine titles, new books arriving daily, and over 1400 video titles.