

POPULATION STATISTICS UPDATE

Age Characteristics

Basin's population is older relative to the U.S., the state, and the county. This is still true even if one does not count the Wyoming Retirement Center.

Percent of Population 65 years or older	
U.S.	13.0
Wyoming	12.4
Big Horn County	18.6
Basin	24.4
Basin w/o Retirement Center	22.4

Source: 2010 Census Table QT-P1

Big Horn Basin Growth Comparisons

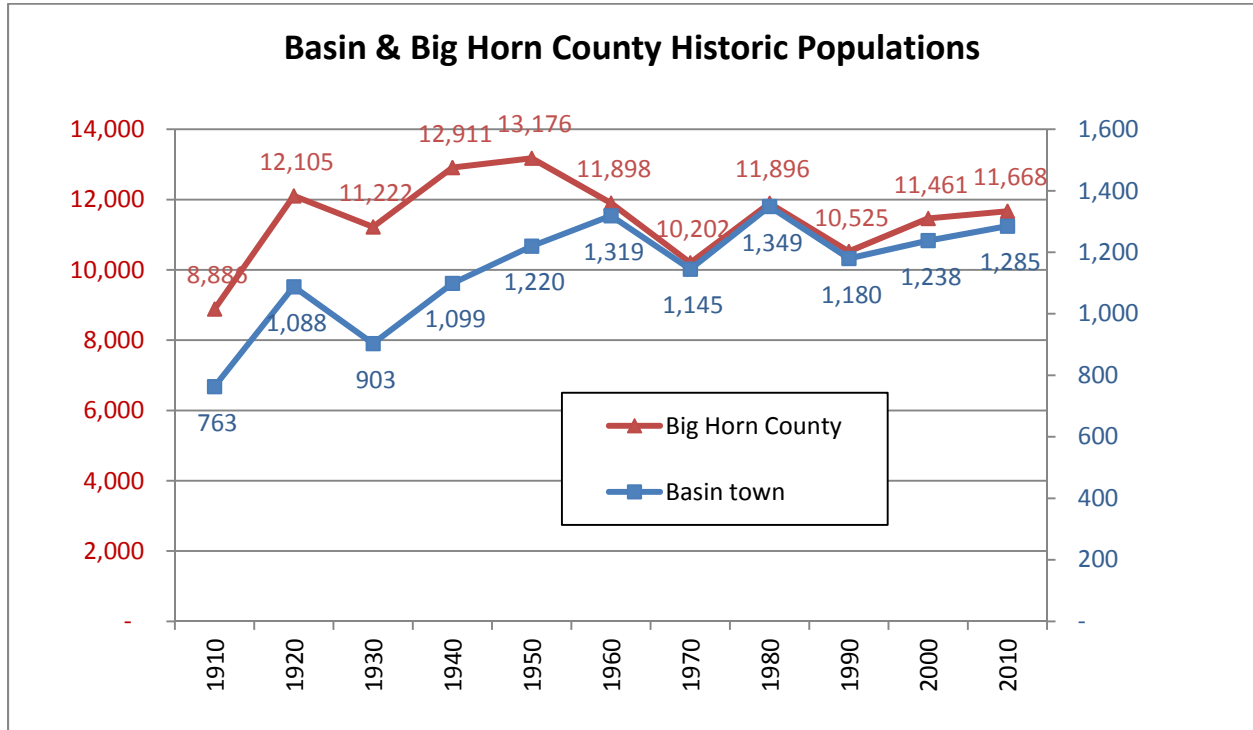
Over the past decade, Basin's population has grown at a moderate rate. Basin has grown at a faster rate than Big Horn County as a whole and faster than Greybull, Deaver, Lovell, Frannie, Thermopolis, and Meeteetse. Other area communities, notably Cowley and Powell, have grown faster.

	Census 2000 Population	Census 2010 Population	% Change
Big Horn County	11,461	11,668	1.8
Cowley town	560	655	17.0
Burlington town	250	288	15.2
Manderson town	104	114	9.6
Byron town	557	593	6.5
Basin town	1,238	1,285	3.8
Greybull town	1,815	1,847	1.8
Deaver town	177	178	0.6
Lovell town	2,281	2,360	0.0
Balance of Big Horn County	4,299	4,210	0.0
Frannie town (pt.)	180	138	-23.3
Other Big Horn Basin			
Powell	5,373	6,314	17.5
Cody	8,835	9,520	7.8
Worland	5,250	5,487	4.5
Thermopolis	3,172	3,009	-5.1
Meeteetse	351	327	-6.8

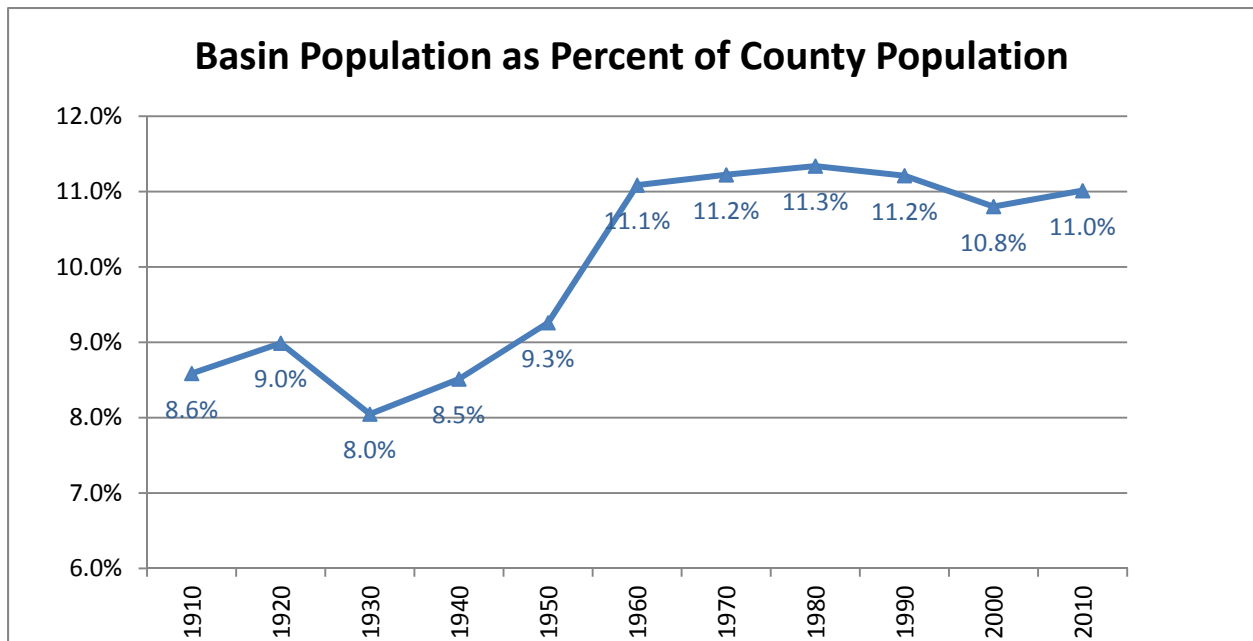
Source: Wyoming Division of Economic Analysis

Historic Population Trends

Basin and Big Horn County have similar patterns of growth and decline in their historical population levels--as the county grew or declined, so did Basin.



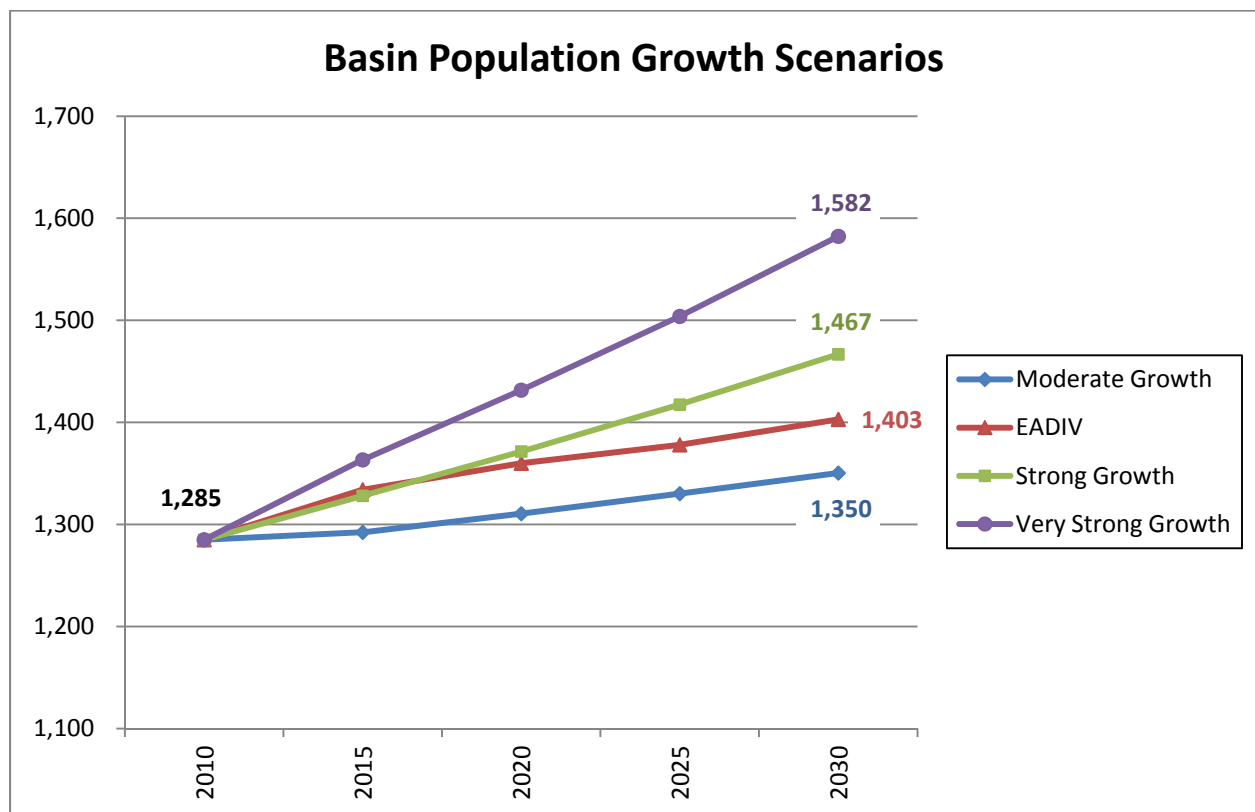
Since 1960, Basin's population has consistently been about 11% of the county's population.



New Population Projections

The State of Wyoming Division of Economic Analysis (EADIV) released a new population projection for the Basin in October 2011. This new projection updates an older projection that predicted virtually no growth in Basin. The new EADIV projection predicts more population growth and is more consistent with the growth that actually occurred since 1990.

The Wyoming Housing Database Partnership also released new population projections in 2011. These projections are given in a range of possible futures: Moderate Growth, Strong Growth and Very Strong Growth. These new projections are for Wyoming's counties and larger communities, but not Basin. However, the projections can be "stepped-down" by equating 11% of the county population as Basin's population.



Sources for projections:

Wyoming Division of Economic Analysis, *Population for Wyoming, Counties, Cities, and Towns: 2010 to 2030*, October, 2011, accessed at <http://eadiv.state.wy.us/pop/wyc&sc30.htm>.

Wyoming Housing Database Partnership, *2011 Wyoming Housing Needs Forecast*, February 2011, accessed at http://www.wyomingcda.com/images/2011_Forecast.pdf.