PBJ320 STATE BRIEF · WYOMING

Nursing homes in Wyoming

What changed in Q2 2026 staffing data and this month's CMS postings, and where to look next.

PBJ staffing Q2 2026 · CMS Provider Information October 2026 (released 2026-10-28) · SFF posting October 2026 (published 2026-10-28). Each source is dated separately.

Wyoming nursing homes averaged 3.69 nurse hours per resident day in Q2 2026, below the U.S. (3.79) and below its CMS region, Region 8 – Denver (3.82). Over the year Wyoming lost ground; the region held steady and the U.S. held steady.

01 · STAFFING OVER TIME

Staffing fell, driven by nurse aides

Among the 34 Wyoming nursing homes that reported PBJ staffing in both Q2 2025 and Q2 2026, total nurse hours per resident day went from 3.83 to 3.64 (-0.19). Nurse aide hours moved -0.18 and RN hours -0.02. 9 facilities rose by 0.25 hours or more and 11 fell by that much. Nationally, the same matched comparison moved +0.004 (3.779 to 3.783).

Compared: Q2 2025 → Q2 2026 (same quarter, one year apart). **Population:** 34 Wyoming facilities reporting resident days in both quarters.
Contract staff were 8.5% of nurse hours in Q2 2026 (+4.2 points). Quarter over quarter (Q1 2026 → Q2 2026, 35 facilities) the change was +0.08.
Explore: Wyoming staffing and facility history · Source: CMS PBJ Daily Nurse Staffing, Q2 2025 and Q2 2026 files (PBJ_dailynursestaffing_CY2025Q2.csv, PBJ_dailynursestaffing_CY2026Q2.csv)

02 · FEDERAL WATCH-LIST AND DESIGNATION CHANGES

0 SFF list changes, 1 High Performing change

No Wyoming facility changed status on the SFF posting between September 2026 and October 2026. In the same monthly Provider Information update, 0 Wyoming facilities gained CMS's High Performing icon and 1 lost it.

Compared: September 2026 → October 2026 postings. **Population:** All Wyoming facilities on either posting; the October 2026 posting lists 1 current SFF and 5 candidate facilities in Wyoming.
A listing change compares two dated CMS documents; it does not say why CMS moved a facility. The High Performing icon is CMS's own designation; it is not the same thing as a risk-based survey.
Explore: Wyoming SFF records · Source: CMS SFF posting, October 2026 (published 2026-10-28) · CMS SFF posting, September 2026 · CMS Provider Information, October 2026 release, High Performing Icon field

03 · OWNERSHIP AND OPERATORS

14 of 36 homes belong to a chain

14 of 36 Wyoming facilities in CMS's October 2026 Provider Information file are linked to a chain. The 3 largest, with year-over-year total nurse staffing for their matched facilities: Evergreen Healthcare Group (8 facilities; 8 matched: 3.52 → 3.32); Life Care Centers Of America (3 facilities; 3 matched: 3.64 → 3.85); Rocky Mountain Care (2 facilities; 2 matched: 3.22 → 3.42).

Compared: Chain membership as of October 2026; staffing Q2 2025 → Q2 2026. **Population:** 36 Wyoming facilities in Provider Information.
CMS's chain field groups facilities by common ownership or management. It is not the same as the legal operator (CCN), the CMS affiliated entity, or each individual owner listed in CMS ownership files, and chain membership today may differ from ownership during earlier quarters.
Explore: Research Wyoming owners and operators · Source: CMS Provider Information, October 2026 release, Chain Name field

STATE POLICY

The rules behind the numbers

5 verified rules (Wyoming filed chapter 11 effective July 1, 2020). 2 set an operative hours-per-resident minimum; none can be checked directly with PBJ data.

Selected policy references (5 of 5). This is a reference summary, not the full legal text. Full quotations, effective dates, applicability, PBJ limitations and amendment history: State law CSV · Web brief.

Policy reference (summary)	Citation	PBJ test
Skilled-resident 2.25 nursing-care hours per day. OPERATIVE; effective date not verified	Wyoming filed chapter 11 effective July 1, 2020	not testable
Nonskilled-resident 1.50 nursing-care hours per day. OPERATIVE; effective date not verified	Wyoming filed chapter 11 effective July 1, 2020	not testable
Full-time RN director of nursing services. OPERATIVE; effective date not verified	Wyoming filed chapter 11 effective July 1, 2020	not testable
Charge nurse coverage at each nursing station. OPERATIVE; effective date not verified	Wyoming filed chapter 11 effective July 1, 2020	not testable
Sufficient awake night-tour nursing personnel. OPERATIVE; effective date not verified	Wyoming filed chapter 11 effective July 1, 2020	not testable

Federal baseline: 42 CFR 483.35, Nursing services (eCFR, current). Ledger completeness: partial uncertified. A facility below any benchmark has not been shown to violate a law.

SOURCE TRAIL

Original sources

- CMS PBJ Daily Nurse Staffing, Q2 2025 and Q2 2026 files (PBJ_dailynursestaffing_CY2025Q2.csv, PBJ_dailynursestaffing_CY2026Q2.csv)
- CMS SFF posting, October 2026 (published 2026-10-28)
- CMS SFF posting, September 2026
- CMS Provider Information, October 2026 release, High Performing Icon field
- CMS Provider Information, October 2026 release, Chain Name field

METHOD

How the figures were built

Hours per resident day = paid nurse hours / resident days for the quarter, summed across facilities. Changes use matched cohorts: only facilities that reported in both quarters. SFF changes compare category sets on two dated CMS postings and say nothing about why CMS moved a facility. Counties come from TIGER/Line 2024 point-in-polygon of CMS coordinates. The full method, data dictionary and SHA-256 manifest are in the reporter kit ZIP.

Facility search, owner research and county map: pbj320.com/press/state/wyoming. Expert comment: pbj320.com/press.