

## Office of the Governor

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Dear Reader,

Healthcare workforce issues present a major challenge for the State of Wyoming. The absence of the best and most recent data has created problems for policymakers in addressing the state's climate for healthcare professionals. Thanks to the cooperation of the professionals and facilities throughout Wyoming, we are developing the tools we need; a centralized, state-of-the-art repository of data of Wyoming's healthcare professionals and facilities. We are grateful to those that have helped with this effort.

This statistical handbook is an example of the information in our repository of data. It is intended to assist in our research efforts and policymaking discussions on topics ranging from recruiting and training healthcare professionals to the distribution of specialty services throughout the state. For example, questions that we can now answer include:

- How many physicians who are licensed in Wyoming actually practice in Wyoming?
- Of the healthcare professionals who are on the front lines of delivering services in Wyoming, how many are planning to retire in the next five years? Where are they?
- How does Wyoming compare with the rest of the nation?

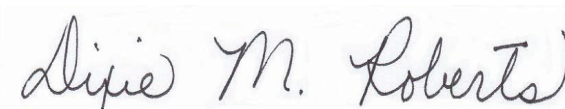
This handbook is not comprehensive or complete. While we are pleased with the response of the healthcare community in providing this information, we are hopeful that our response rates will only grow in the future. If you have questions, please contact the Wyoming Healthcare Commission, (307) 235-3221.

We hope you find value in this information and thank you for your help.

Sincerely,



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