Wyoming Licensed Professional Counselors, 2009

Licensed Professional Counselors
Licensed Professional Counselors (LPCs) must hold an active Wyoming license to practice in Wyoming. The following Wyoming statistics were calculated based on data from LPC licensing records and a survey of all licensees conducted for the Wyoming Healthcare Commission in early 2009.

- There were an estimated 88 LPCs with a Wyoming address per 100,000 Wyoming state residents in 2009.

Wyoming LPC Licenses, 2009

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<th>Total LPC licenses*</th>
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<td>With Wyoming addresses</td>
<td>469 (89.3%)</td>
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<td>With other addresses†</td>
<td>56 (10.7%)</td>
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* Accessed from 2009 licensing records.
† States each with fewer than 2% of licenses.

Licensed Professional Counselors with a Primary Practice Location in Wyoming
- 80% of LPCs responding to the survey reported that they were practicing and their primary work location was in Wyoming. The following findings are based only on the survey responses of LPCs with a primary practice location in Wyoming, referred to as “Wyoming LPCs.”

Wyoming Licensed Professional Counselor Demographics
- 68% of Wyoming LPCs were female.
- 91% of Wyoming LPCs recorded their race as white, in combination with no other races.
- 4% of Wyoming LPCs were of Hispanic or Latino origin.

- The average age of Wyoming LPCs was 52.

Wyoming LPCs’ Plans to Retire
- 19% of Wyoming LPCs planned to retire in the next five years.

32.0% of survey respondents did not answer this question.

7.0% of survey respondents did not answer this question.
Wyoming Licensed Professional Counselors' Employment Characteristics

**Total Weekly Hours Worked by Wyoming LPCs**

- 7.2% worked <20 hours per week.
- 2.9% worked 20-29 hours per week.
- 12.4% worked 30-39 hours per week.
- 62.2% worked 40-49 hours per week.
- 15.3% worked 50+ hours per week.

14.3% of survey respondents did not answer this question.

* Does not include on-call hours.

- Wyoming LPCs in active practice worked an average of 39 total hours weekly.
- 10% worked fewer than 30 hours per week.

**Wyoming LPCs' Primary Work Location**

- 21.8% worked in K-12 Education.
- 16.9% worked in Office.
- 15.2% worked at Federally Qualified Health Center.
- 13.6% worked at Freestanding Clinic.
- 9.9% worked at Residential Treatment Facility.
- 22.6% worked in Other.*

1.2% of survey respondents did not answer this question.

* Includes hospital-associated clinics; Rural Health Clinics; hospitals (non-federal); colleges/universities; state institutions; Veterans Administration, Indian Health Service, and other federal facilities; and all other practice settings not already listed.

**Major Problems Reported by Wyoming LPCs**

- Patients’ inability to receive needed care because of inability to pay: 32%
- Insufficient income: 22%
- Inadequate or slow third-party payment: 31%
- Insufficient finances for continuing education: 29%
- Patient load too heavy: 27%
- Non-paying patients/bad debt: 25%
- Rejections of care decisions by insurance companies: 24%
- Insufficient income: 22%

Percentage citing issue as a “major problem” in response to “How much of a problem is [the issue] with regard to your ability to provide high-quality care?”

- Almost one-third of Wyoming LPCs reported that patients’ inability to receive needed care because of inability to pay, inadequate or slow third-party payment, and insufficient finances for continuing education were major problems for the ability to provide high-quality care.

**Wyoming LPCs’ Primary Employment Arrangement**

- 18.4% worked Self-Employed, Solo Practice.*
- 9.0% worked Self-Employed, Group Practice†.
- 67.2% worked Salaried Employment.
- 2.5% worked Hourly Employment.
- 2.9% worked Other.

All survey respondents answered this question.

* Owned by one mental health provider.
† Owned by two or more mental health providers.

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