



WYOMING

Gross State Product: \$39 billion | **5G Welcome:** NO



What did Wyoming do right?

It ranks first in the nation for its innovation-friendly tax policies, which include not imposing a corporate income tax. Also, ridesharing is legal statewide and the state has no laws restricting the testing, the development or the deployment of self-driving vehicles.



What can Wyoming do better?

It ranks low in the Tech Workforce category, with only 77 apprenticeship graduates reported in fiscal year 2018 and 24 tech jobs per 1,000 people. Despite the fact that short-term rentals are operational, they continue to face restrictions in some cities.

Technology

Short-Term Rentals	C+
Ridesharing & E-Scooters	A-
Self-Driving Vehicles	A
Drones	D
Fast Internet	D

Society

Best & Brightest	B
Grants Advanced Degrees	C-
Tech Workforce	D
Innovation-Friendly Sustainability Policies	B

Economy

Attracts Investment	D
Entrepreneurial Activity	C+
Tax Friendly	A+



With a \$140,000 supporting grant from the American Association of Community Colleges, Laramie Community College will create new apprenticeship programs in advanced manufacturing and other industries.



**LARAMIE COUNTY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**
Cheyenne, WY

Areas of Innovation

CTA's Innovation Scorecard is formulated using a range of complementary factors that indicates how strongly a state supports innovation. These factors may relate to a state's citizens, corporations doing business or employing people there or a state's legislative and regulatory environments.



Tax Friendly

It has no corporate tax and most of its tax policies are business-friendly.



Ridesharing & E-Scooters

Ridesharing is legal statewide but faces restrictive rules in some cities. E-scooters are not present.



Self-Driving Vehicles

The state has no laws that restrict testing, development or deployment of SDVs.



Innovation-Friendly Sustainability Policies

It has no environmental rules or regulations that restrict innovation.



Short-Term Rentals

Short-term rentals operate under a statewide tax agreement, but lack a full legal framework and face restrictive rules in some cities.



Best & Brightest

It is a "right-to-work" state, but lacks a law protecting workers from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and/or gender identity.

ABOUT THE SCORECARD

CTA's 2020 U.S. Innovation Scorecard grades every state on 12 quantitative and qualitative criteria that measure how well it fosters innovation.

Each state ranks in one of four tiers: Innovation Champions excel in almost all areas, followed by Innovation Leaders, which earn high scores in most. Innovation Adopters promote innovation in some areas but not others. Finally, Modest Innovators may support innovation in one or more areas, but they show the greatest room for improvement.

Learn more about the Scorecard and its methodology on the web at CTA.tech/scorecard.

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