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AARP Wyoming

AARP WYOMING - FACTS:

AARP is a membership organization dedicated to improving the lives of older Americans through service, advocacy, education and volunteer efforts.

Currently, there are over 86,000 AARP members living in Wyoming.

In 2002, AARP officially opened a state office in Cheyenne with a staff of four.

There are over 150 active AARP Wyoming volunteers who work with staff to provide the following in-state programs and services: AARP Driver Safety Program; Tax-Aide (assistance with income tax form preparation); Grief and Loss outreach; Community Service; and State Legislative and Regulatory Advocacy.

AARP has 20 Chapters, 10 Retired Teacher Units and 15 Community Advocacy Teams throughout Wyoming.

About 63 percent of Wyoming's total 50 plus population has joined AARP. This is the second highest AARP penetration rate in the nation (behind Vermont).

40 percent of AARP Wyoming members are currently in the workforce either full or part-time.

WYOMING'S AGING POPULATION - FACTS:

Currently, Wyoming ranks in the top 10 states with the fastest growing age 65 plus population.

Right now, one out of every 10 people in Wyoming is age 65 or older (11.7 percent or 57,772), in a little more than a decade, that is predicted to jump to more than one out of every five people (21.5 percent or 92,128), with another 74,000 people between the ages of 50 and 64 (for a total of 38.7 percent of the population over the age of 50).

Wyoming is predicted to have one of the highest percentages of residents age 65 and over in the nation by 2015.

Sources: 2000 U.S. Census
Reforming the Health Care System: State Profiles 2001, AARP Public Policy Institute.

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