

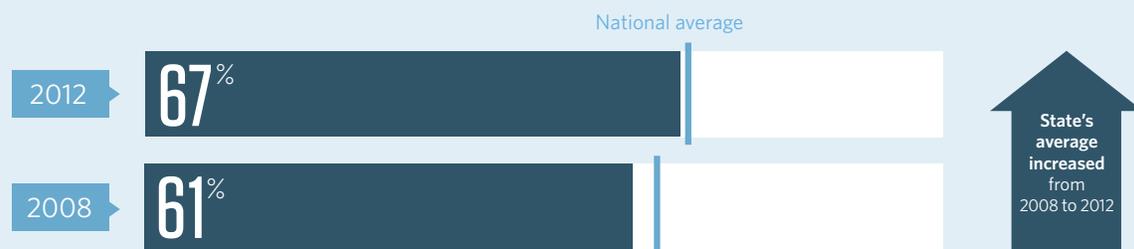


# Wyoming

## Elections Performance Index

This profile reports important trends for Wyoming that emerged from the 2012 update to The Pew Charitable Trusts' Elections Performance Index, or EPI. The EPI analyzes 17 key indicators of election administration and scores each state's performance by indicator and overall. For more information and to view the full interactive index, visit [www.pewstates.org/epi](http://www.pewstates.org/epi).

### Overall EPI Average\*



Key indicators	2008	2012
Mail ballots rejected out of all ballots cast	0.09%	0.07%
Military and overseas ballots unreturned	23.4%	28.5%
Postelection audit required	No	Yes
Voting information lookup tools	1 of 2	1 of 5
Voting wait time	6 minutes	5 minutes

\*The overall EPI average is a simple average of all 17 indicators.

## Beyond the numbers

Wyoming's overall EPI average increased 6 percentage points between 2008 and 2012, exceeding the average increase nationwide. This was due in part to the state's addition of a postelection audit requirement before the 2012 election and to its low rates of both rejected and unreturned mail ballots. Wyoming also had the sixth-shortest average wait time to vote in 2012 at five minutes, a slight improvement over its already low six-minute wait in 2008.

## Room for improvement

Between 2008 and 2012, Wyoming experienced an increase in its rate of military and overseas ballots unreturned. Ballots are not returned for various reasons, many of which are unrelated to the administration

of the election system. The state's rate and the increase across years are both unusually high, and additional investigation is needed to help determine why this change occurred.

One possible improvement would be to add online voter registration. This would not only boost Wyoming's performance on the online registration indicator, but it could also improve other indicators, including registration rate, wait time, and nonvoting due to registration and absentee ballot problems. Adding online voter registration is also one of the recommendations of the [Presidential Commission on Election Administration](#).

Another way Wyoming could improve its election performance is by making more voting information lookup tools available for its voters. The state had only one of five tools in 2012.

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