

Questions Governor Gordon WILL NOT Be Able to Answer During his ‘Essential’ Budget Tour (Facebook page – Wyoming by the Numbers)

Governor Gordon:

- Because your GDP is below average, your inflation is above average and your wages are below average, more people are leaving Wyoming than are coming in (source: United Van Lines) – even though you have increased your state expenditures by 59% since 2019 – how much more ‘essential’ state goods and services do you need to improve GDP and wages?
- What specific items in your budget will definitely improve wages, GDP and affordability in Wyoming?
- If we do not pass your budget, will Wyoming cease to exist? What would be the projected negative impact on GDP, inflation and wages if we do not pass your budget?
- If I cannot afford my mortgage, rent, food, clothing, car payment, insurance, electricity, etc., then how can I afford a 64% increase in your state revenue?
- You are about ‘saving for the future.’ There is \$34.6 billion dollars in your state cash reserves. That is \$238,320 for a family of four. Why should I save for someone in the future who moves here from another state when I cannot currently afford my mortgage, rent, food, clothing, insurance, electricity today?
- Who can ‘afford’ things right now? The state of Wyoming which has seen its revenue increase 64% since you took office or Wyoming taxpayers whose median household income is 8% below the United States?
- Why do state government employees earn 7.9% more in wages than private sector employees in Wyoming? Why do we need 68,000 government employees in Wyoming?
- Can you name us one city, county, state or country which has taxed and spent its way to prosperity? Why are so many people fleeing socialist states like California, New York, Illinois, etc.? Do you think a 64% increase in your revenue and 59% increase in your expenditures is ‘taxing and spending’ Wyoming into oblivion? Why are so many people fleeing Wyoming?
- What do you think is a good annual increase in state revenue and expenditures for an ‘essential’ budget? Rate of inflation? 5%? 10%? 20%? Other?

All numbers in this document come from State of Wyoming departments (Department of Audit; Department of Revenue; Economic Analysis Division; Department of Workforce Services) and federal departments (Bureau of Economic Analysis; Bureau of Labor Statistics; United States Census). All numbers in this document cover the governor’s time from when he took office in 2019 up through 2025 (unless documented otherwise).

Category	Facts	Questions for the Governor	Sources
Government is the #1 Industry (% of GDP) and Employer in Wyoming	Government is bigger than Mining or Tourism Government employs more than 68,000 people in Wyoming (~25% of all employees in the state work for the government)	Does that sound like Wyoming government is ‘efficient and effective?’ 68,000 govt employees earning \$95,000 per year in salary, health insurance and pension = \$6.46 billion in compensation = \$44,020 for a Wyoming family of four that has to pay them first. Is that fair?	https://ai.wyo.gov/divisions/economic-analysis/economic-data/income-and-employment https://doe.state.wy.us/fmi/2501_OCEW/r29.htm
State of Wyoming Revenue and Expenditures	\$4 billion annual increase (\$6.3b → \$10.3b)	State of Wyoming revenue has increased \$4 billion from 2019 to 2025	What are Wyoming families of four getting for the additional \$4 billion in additional tax revenue given to you? Better roads? Better schools? How many families of four have seen their household incomes increase 64% since you took office? Why does the state need such a dramatic increase in revenue when families have not seen the same? 40% of Wyoming families live on fixed income – how many of them have seen a 64% increase in their household income? How is increasing your state revenue by 64% ‘effective and efficient?’ Were Wyoming’s services not ‘essential’ before your 64% increase?
	64% increase (\$6.3b → \$10.3b)	State of Wyoming revenue has increased 64% from 2019 to 2025	
	59% increase (\$5.5b → \$8.7b)	State of Wyoming expenditures have increased 59% from 2019 to 2025	
State of Wyoming Excess Revenues (surplus)	\$9.1 billion surplus The state has taken in \$9.1 billion in excess revenues (surplus) from 2019 to 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Revenue Collected \$58.8 billion • State Revenue Expended \$49.7 billion \$9.1 billion = \$62,429 for a Wyoming family of four	Why have you taken more money from the private sector than is necessary to fund your government? How many Wyoming families of four could afford things if they had \$62,429 back in their pocketbooks? When I cannot afford my household budget, why should I be giving \$9.1 billion in excess revenue to people who will move to Wyoming from other states in the future?	https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1uXMEVCuTG1K1FQzRqbrn-IvQpePC56 https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1uXCLRCyC-70yaA10y9PvYc23w https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Oj2Yn8V6AqKqzmtDu5bVvS8ys7p https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1S-NC9A13FbMjgrYTBMI8ak6urM33U6 https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/12nqVlB3rMeYUJ8nDnHvH4d4a2NvWh https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/10n8tB0z50u4nFNfIL-GL8HM9Z7mM2Cg https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Rd7n7GbuKuHbShcTXTrEw7m7H6u8c2YR

K-12 Education	Enrollment Down 7.6%	Decrease in enrollment by 7.6% (93,832 (2019) → 86,745 (2025))	Do you think the reason there has been a 7.6% decrease in K-12 enrollment is because people are tired of your public schools?	https://reporting.education.wy.gov/ibj_apps/run_bip?BIP_REQUEST_TY_PE=BIP_RUN&BIP_folder=IBFS%253A%252F%252FRepository%252FPublic%252FNew_Public_Reports_2024%252FStat_2_Enrollment_and_Staffing%252FEnrollment%252F&BIP_item=fall_enrollment_summary
	Expenditures Up 12.3%	Increase in expenditures by 12.3% (\$2.0 billion to \$2.3 billion)	Other than spending more money, what are you doing to improve K-12 schools?	https://sbd.wyo.gov/home/wyoming-state-budget
University of Wyoming	Enrollment Down 11.6%	Decrease in enrollment by 12% (12,249 (2019) → 10,819 (2025))	Do you think a 12% reduction in University of Wyoming enrollment should justify a 40% increase in state spending to the University of Wyoming?	https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mXp3LhrtQvW4I2e2o3e03F0vmFimVRY/view
	Expenditures Up 40%	Expenditures increased by 40% (\$399m (2019/2020) → \$557m (2025/2026))		https://drive.google.com/file/d/175UxipNU56srS97Xv63NtRzMDcPh6gQb/view
State Cash Reserves	\$34.6 billion	The state of Wyoming has \$34.6 billion in cash reserves \$34.6 billion = \$238,320 for a family of four	Why should I save for someone in the future who moves here from another state when I cannot currently afford my mortgage, rent, food, clothing, insurance, electricity today?	https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Rd7o7Gh_uKuJbSbTzTzFYw7H6u8c2YR
State Cash Reserve Returns	1.3% rate of return	The governor wants to give us \$456.5 million in his budget each of the next 2 years from his cash reserves. \$456.5m / \$34.6b = 1.3% rate of return	That is a 1.3% return on our 'savings – do you think a 1.3% return on our savings is a good rate of return?	https://sbd.wyo.gov/home/wyoming-state-budget
Residential Property Taxes	73% increase since 2019	Increased 73% (before legislature intervention)	Can you confirm that residential property taxes will not rise another 73% over the next 7 years? What are you doing to ensure residential property taxes will not rise another 73% over the next 7 years?	https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Z4PRxVPQoVFeFD_Dkt38jaUuyHsmDA/view https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xxPuPeKg_4nD_ktvC7UMdX3gu_nLXwCU/view

The impact of Governor Gordon's gluttonous tax and spend policies on Wyoming (GDP, Inflation, Household Income)

Wyoming Real GDP	10.3 % BELOW United States	From 2019 to 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wyoming GDP increased 3.1% United States GDP increased 13.4% 	Why is Wyoming so far behind the United States after 7 years of your governorship?	https://ai.wyo.gov/divisions/economic-analysis/economic-data/income-and-employment
Wyoming Real Inflation	7% HIGHER than United States	From 2019 to 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wyoming real inflation was 30% United States real inflation was 23% 	Why was Wyoming real inflation so much higher under your governorship?	https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HghYzMcgR7SHWcZatUxl9HsK1UEH2xxA/view
Wyoming Household Income	8% BELOW United States	Wyoming median household income is 8% below the United States (\$75,532 vs. \$81,604)	Why is Wyoming median household income so much less than the United States under your governorship?	https://data.census.gov/profile/Wyoming?g=040XX00US56
	7.9% BELOW state employees	Wyoming private sector employees earn 7.9% less than state public employees	Why do state employees earn more than Wyoming private sector employees?	https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs.html https://doe.state.wy.us/lmi/2501_OCEW/t29.htm

Increasing his state revenue by \$4 billion dollars since he took office means Governor Gordon's definition of 'stewardship' of the state's money is maxing out the government credit card...

The more money he takes from private citizens and companies, the more he can control you – you have to rely on the government for 'essential' services