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SUBJECT: Wyoming – Request to Waive 7 CFR 273.24

TO: Ralph E Anzur
Acting Regional Director
Food Stamp Program
Mountain Plains Region

This is a correction to our memorandum dated March 10, 2005, which originally denied the Wyoming State Agency's request to extend waiver 970264 for the Wind River Reservation. In a subsequent review of the census share data for Fremont and Hot Springs Counties (the areas included in the Reservation), we discovered a typographical error in the census share data for Fremont County. We apologize for this error.

Below is the corrected version of the census share data for Fremont and Hot Springs Counties. The revised data is indicated in **bold** typeface.

Wind River Reservation	County EMP	Census Share	County UEMP	Census Share	Reservation EMP (Cnty EMP x Cen Shr)	Reservation UNEMP (Cnty Unemp x Cen Shr)	Reservation LABOR FORCE (Res EMP + Res UEMP)	RES UEMP % (Res UEMP/Res LF)
Fremont	417789	0.614623	28357	0.7116	256782.73	20179	276961.343	7.3
Hot Springs	52979	0.042419	2222	0	2247.3162	0	2247.3162	0
Totals					259030.04	20179	279208.659	7.3

The Wind River Reservation's recalculated unemployment rate is 7.3 percent, which is 20 percent above the national average for calendar years 2002-2003. The waiver is now approved and will expire on May 31, 2006.

If you have any questions, please contact Patricia Maggi of my staff at (703) 305-2468.

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CORRECTION to Waiver 970264

Wind River RES	CTY EMP	Census Share	CTY UEMIShare	Census RES Emp	RES UEMP	RES Labor Force	RES UEMP Rate
Fremont	417789	0.614623	28357	0.7116	256782.73	20179	276961.343 0.072857 7.285715
Hot Springs	52979	0.042419	2222	0	2247.3162	0	2247.3162 0
					TOTALS	259030.04	20179 279208.659 0.072857 7.2857

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SUBJECT: FSP - Wyoming - Request to Waive 7 CFR 273.24

TO: Ralph E. Anzur
Acting Regional Director
Food Stamp Program
Mountain Plains Region

This is in response to your memorandum of February 8, 2005, forwarding the Wyoming State Agency's request to extend waiver 970264. The waiver requests an exemption from the work requirement for able-bodied adults without dependents for individuals living on the Wind River Indian Reservation. An overwhelming majority of the Reservation's population resides in Fremont County, which the State agency asserts has an unemployment rate for calendar year (CY) 2002 and 2003 that is 20 percent above the national average for the same period.

We are denying the waiver. Using unemployment data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, we calculated the Reservation's 24-month unemployment rate as 6.4 percent. This unemployment rate is not 20 percent above the national average.

Our detailed response is attached. If you have any questions, please contact Patricia Maggi of my staff at 703-305-2468.

SIGNED

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WAIVER RESPONSE

1. **Waiver serial number:** 970264
2. **Type of request:** Extension
3. **Primary regulation citation:** 7 CFR 273.24
4. **Secondary regulation citation:** None
5. **State:** Wyoming
6. **Region:** Mountain Plains
7. **Regulatory Requirements:** Under 7 CFR 273.24 no individual may be eligible to participate in the Food Stamp Program as a member of any household if, during the preceding 36-month period, the individual received food stamp benefits for not less than 3 months (consecutive or otherwise), during which the individual did not work 20 hours or more per week, averaged monthly; did not participate in and comply with the requirements of a work program for 20 hours or more per week; or did not participate in and comply with requirements of a program under Section 20 or a comparable program established by the State.

Under 7 CFR 273.24(f), at a State agency's request, the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) may waive the time limits for any group of individuals in the State if the Secretary determines that the area in which the individuals reside has an unemployment rate of over 10 percent, or has insufficient jobs to provide employment for the individuals. As provided at 7 CFR 273.24(f)(3)(iii) an acceptable way to establish that an area has insufficient jobs to provide employment for individuals residing in an area is for the area to have an unemployment rate for a 24-month period that is 20 percent above the national average for the same 24-month period.

8. **Description of proposed alternative procedures:** The Wyoming State Agency wishes to extend waiver 970264 so that enrolled tribal members residing on the Wind River Indian Reservation are exempt from the work requirement provisions of 7 CFR 273.24. The State agency is requesting the waiver on the basis that the overwhelming majority of the Reservation's population resides in Fremont County. Wyoming obtained information from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) for Fremont County showing it had an unemployment rate of 6.2 percent in 2002 and 6.5 percent in 2003.

A very small number of the reservation's population resides in Hot Springs County. Wyoming did not provide any data about this county's unemployment rate.

9. **Action and reason for approval or denial:** We are denying Wyoming's request. We note that the State agency failed to calculate Fremont County's 24-month

unemployment rate in accordance with our memorandum dated April, 22, 2004 entitled "ABAWD Waivers – New Method for Calculating Average Unemployment Rates".

We calculated the county's 24-month unemployment rate as follows:

Year	Period	labor force	Unempl
2002	Jan	18520	1397
2002	Feb	18577	1385
2002	Mar	18655	1320
2002	Apr	18579	1168
2002	May	18516	1028
2002	Jun	18615	1043
2002	Jul	18329	1011
2002	Aug	18149	906
2002	Sep	18377	1008
2002	Oct	18597	1065
2002	Nov	18748	1189
2002	Dec	18541	1345
2003	Jan	18107	1585
2003	Feb	18400	1571
2003	Mar	18604	1533
2003	Apr	18587	1301
2003	May	18606	1089
2003	Jun	18853	1153
2003	Jul	18650	1014
2003	Aug	18499	950
2003	Sep	18461	880
2003	Oct	19126	1029
2003	Nov	19077	1106
2003	Dec	18973	1281

	44614		
TOTAL	6	28357	
TOT		0.06356	6.3560
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We added up totals for the civilian labor force and unemployed populations for a total amount for the 24-month period, January 2002 to December 2003. We then divided the total monthly unemployed population by the total labor force ($28357 / 44614 = 0.06356$) and then multiplied the answer by 100 ($0.0636 \times 100 = 6.3560$). Fremont

County's 24-month unemployment rate for CY 20020-2003 is 6.3560, rounded to 6.4 percent. In order for Fremont County to be exempt from the ABAWD work requirements, its unemployment rate must be 20 percent above the national average. The national unemployment average for CY 2002-2003 is 5.9 percent; 20 percent above the national average is 7.1 percent. Fremont County's unemployment rate is not 20 percent above the national average.

In our FY 2004 approval, we asked that Wyoming get labor force estimates based on census share data for Fremont and Hot Springs Counties, and apply the estimates to local area unemployment statistics for the two counties to determine the unemployment rate on the Reservation. Therefore, we obtained BLS data for Hot Springs County for CY 2002-2003.

Year	Period	labor force	employment
2002	Jan	2356	2213
2002	Feb	2337	2185
2002	Mar	2359	2210
2002	Apr	2373	2254
2002	May	2384	2274
2002	Jun	2442	2330
2002	Jul	2441	2356
2002	Aug	2381	2307
2002	Sep	2278	2192
2002	Oct	2291	2211
2002	Nov	2275	2189
2002	Dec	2266	2153
2003	Jan	2132	2022
2003	Feb	2177	2060
2003	Mar	2193	2105
2003	Apr	2282	2199
2003	May	2262	2193

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2003	Jun	2336	2282
2003	Jul	2346	2289
2003	Aug	2309	2256
2003	Sep	2167	2110
2003	Oct	2286	2226
2003	Nov	2276	2202
2003	Dec	2252	2161
Total		55201	52979

We obtained the census share ratios for the Reservation and calculated its unemployment rate as follows:

Wind River Reservation	Count y EMP	Census Share	Count y UEMP	Census Share	Reservation EMP (Cnty EMP x Cen Shr)	Reservation UNEMP (Cnty Unemp x Cen Shr)	Reservation LABOR FORCE (Res EMP + Res UEMP)	RES UEMP % (Res UEMP/Res LF)
Fremont	417789	0.614623	26357	0.7116	256782.73	18755	275538.159	0.068068
Hot Springs	52979	0.042419	2222	0	2247.3162	0	2247.3162	0
Total UEMP								6.8%

The unemployment rate for the Wind River Reservation for CY 2002-2003 is 6.8 percent, which is less than the 7.1 percent threshold. The Reservation is not eligible for an ABAWD waiver. Wyoming may use its 15 percent case month exemptions for the residents of the Reservation.

10. **Regulatory or legislative basis for action:** This waiver is denied because the data does not meet the criteria for a waiver approval under 7 CFR 273.24(f). This regulation allows FNS to waive the applicability of the work requirement provision in 7 CFR 273.24 for any group of individuals in the State if the Secretary determines that the area has an unemployment rate of over 10 percent or does not have a sufficient number of jobs to provide employment for the people residing in the area.
11. **Conditions and reasons:** None

12. **Information required for extension:** Please submit supporting unemployment data that relies on standard BLS data and/or methods and data indicating a lack of sufficient jobs. The Wyoming State Agency must obtain labor force estimates based on census share data for Fremont and Hot Springs Counties, and apply the estimates to local area unemployment statistics for the counties to determine the unemployment rate on the Reservation.
13. **Expiration date:** N/A
14. **Limitation on regional office approval of like requests:** This waiver is limited to the Wyoming State Agency.
15. **Quality Control Procedures:** N/A
16. **Date of national office action:**
17. **Date of State agency's request:** February 8, 2005
18. **Date of regional office transmittal of request to national office:** February 17, 2005
19. **Date of regional office transmittal of response to State agency:**
20. **Actual implementation date:**

Wind River RES	CTY EMP	Census Share	CTY UEMP	Census Share	RES Emp	RES UEMP	RES Labor Force	RES UEMP Rate
Fremont	417789	0.614623	26357	0.711592	256782.729	18755.43	275538.1589	0.068068
							6.806836	
Hot Springs	52979	0.042419	2222	0	2247.3162	0	2247.316201	0



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Subject: FSP – Request for Extension of Waiver No. 970264

To: Art Foley
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Attached is a letter dated February 8, 2005, requesting an extension of Waiver No. 970264. Wyoming is requesting that enrolled tribal members living in the Wind River Indian Reservation be exempt from Section 824 of the "Personnel Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996." The majority of the reservation is located in Fremont County, with the remaining portion in Hot Springs County.

As indicated in Wyoming's request, Fremont County's average unemployment rate for 2002 and 2003 falls within the 120 percent threshold of the U.S. average unemployment rate for the same 24-month period.

If there are any questions concerning this request, or if additional information is required, please contact Philip Fraley at (303) 844-0347 or by e-mail at philip.fraley@fns.usda.gov.


RALPH E. ANZUR
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February 8, 2005

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REF: RM-05-030

RE: Waiver 970264 Extension

Dear Mr. Anzur:

We are writing to request an extension of the above waiver as it relates to exemption of enrolled tribal members residing on the Wind River Indian Reservation from Section 824 of the "Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996" (PRWORA). Our waiver request is as follows:

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|----|----------------------|---|
| 1. | Waiver serial number | 970264 |
| 2. | Type of request | "Extension" |
| 3. | Primary citation | Section 6(o) of the Food Stamp Act, as amended by Section 824 of the PRWORA |
| 4. | Secondary citation | None |
| 5. | State | Wyoming |
| 6. | Region | Mountain Plains |

7. Requirements

Section 824 of the PRWORA provides that an able-bodied adult without dependents (ABAWD) may only receive benefits for three (3) months out of thirty-six (36) if not working a minimum number of hours. Exception is made for individuals exempt from food stamp work requirements. Waivers are allowed under certain conditions.

8. Proposed alternative procedure

We request enrolled tribal members living on the Wind River Indian Reservation be exempt from the provisions of Section 824 of the PRWORA for the reasons outlined in number 9 below.

9. Justification for request

The Wind River Reservation located in Fremont County, Wyoming has been experiencing high unemployment which affects the entire county. The 2003 U.S. Census Bureau indicates Wyoming's Native American population to be 1.97% of the state population. Fremont County's Native American population is estimated to be 27.4%. The majority of these individuals live on the reservation. A small part of the reservation is in Hot Springs County. The Census Bureau estimates 9,585 individuals have indicated they are American Indian.

7CFR 273.24(f) allows FNS to waive the 3-month time limit for able-bodied adults who reside in an area that does not have a sufficient number of jobs to provide employment for the individuals. Information obtained from the Bureau of Labor and Statistics website (www.bls.gov/LAU) indicates the 2002 unemployment rate for Fremont County to be 6.2% and a 2003 unemployment rate of 6.5%. The average rate for Fremont County is 6.35%. After applying a 1.2 ratio, the adjusted unemployment rate is 7.62%, which places it above the 120% threshold for 24-month unemployment data.

10. Anticipated impact on households and state agency operations

Approval of this waiver will allow enrolled tribal members, who are ABAWDs living on the Wind River Indian Reservation and who are unable to find employment due to a lack of available jobs, to remain eligible to participate in the food stamp program. The impact on the state agency would be minimal, as these individuals have been eligible for food stamps in the past.

11. Caseload information, including percent, characteristics, and quality control error rate for affected portion

We estimate that over half of food stamp clients in Fremont County live on the Indian reservation. For December 2004 there were 459 reservation households

participating in the Food Stamp program. There are also a few households living in Hot Springs County who are on the reservation. We are not able to determine what percent of these households contain ABAWD individuals. Our final state reported QC error rate for FFY 04 is 4.39%.

12. Anticipated implementation date and time period for which waiver is requested

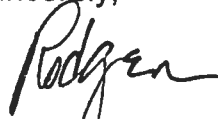
We request this waiver be extended for a one - (1) year period.

13. Quality control procedures

Quality control would review households with enrolled tribal members in accordance with provisions of this waiver. These individuals would be exempt from the provisions of Section 824 of the PRWORA.

14. Signature of requesting official

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rodger", written over a horizontal line.

Rodger McDaniel
Director

Attachments

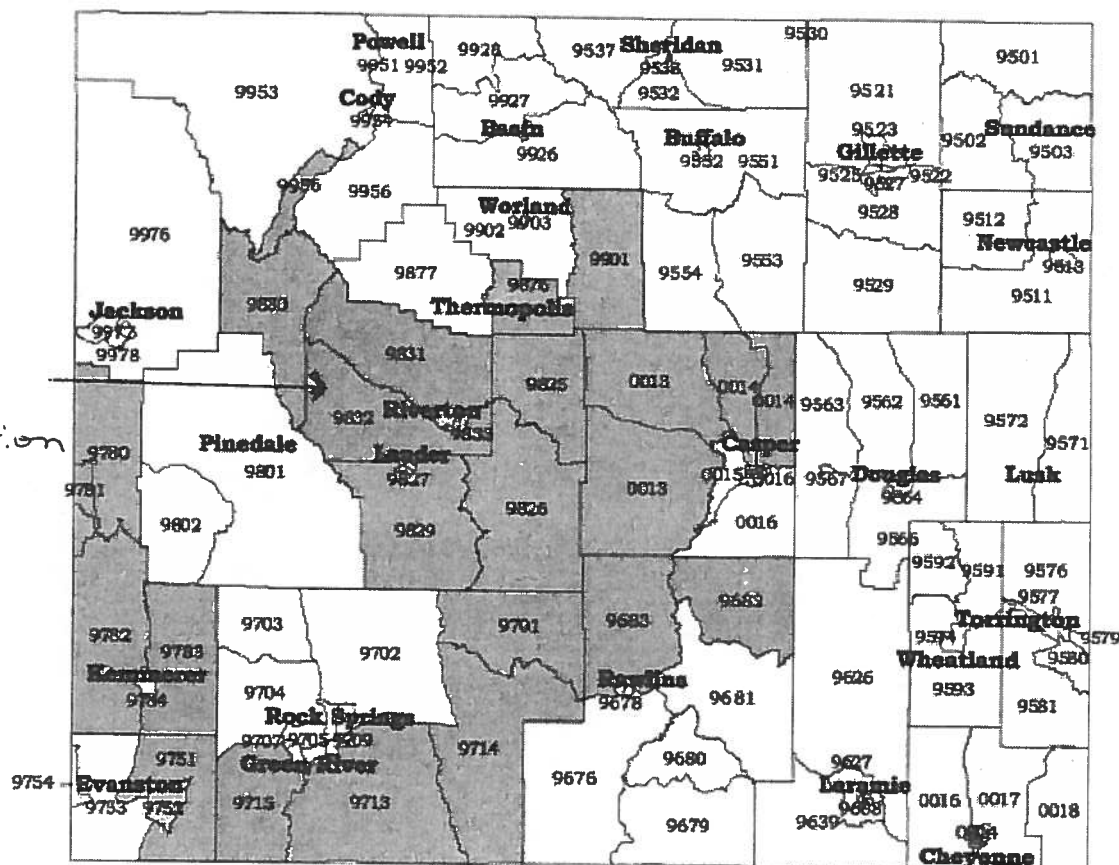
cc: Elaine Lucas, Food Stamp Consultant

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Local Area Unemployment Statistics

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Not Seasonally Adjusted					
Area:		Fremont County, WY			
Area Type:		Counties and equivalents			
State/Region/Division:		Wyoming			
Year	Period	labor force	employment	unemployment	unemployment rate
2002	Jan	18520(b)	17123(b)	1397(b)	7.5(b)
2002	Feb	18577(b)	17192(b)	1385(b)	7.5(b)
2002	Mar	18655(b)	17335(b)	1320(b)	7.1(b)
2002	Apr	18579(b)	17411(b)	1168(b)	6.3(b)
2002	May	18516(b)	17488(b)	1028(b)	5.6(b)
2002	Jun	18615(b)	17572(b)	1043(b)	5.6(b)
2002	Jul	18329(b)	17318(b)	1011(b)	5.5(b)
2002	Aug	18149(b)	17243(b)	906(b)	5.0(b)
2002	Sep	18377(b)	17369(b)	1008(b)	5.5(b)
2002	Oct	18597(b)	17532(b)	1065(b)	5.7(b)
2002	Nov	18748(b)	17559(b)	1189(b)	6.3(b)
2002	Dec	18541(b)	17196(b)	1345(b)	7.3(b)
2002	Annual	18517(b)	17362(b)	1155(b)	6.2(b)
2003	Jan	18107(b)	16522(b)	1585(b)	8.8(b)
2003	Feb	18400(b)	16829(b)	1571(b)	8.5(b)
2003	Mar	18604(b)	17071(b)	1533(b)	8.2(b)
2003	Apr	18587(b)	17286(b)	1301(b)	7.0(b)
2003	May	18606(b)	17517(b)	1089(b)	5.9(b)
2003	Jun	18853(b)	17700(b)	1153(b)	6.1(b)
2003	Jul	18650(b)	17636(b)	1014(b)	5.4(b)
2003	Aug	18499(b)	17549(b)	950(b)	5.1(b)

2003	Sep	18461(b)	17581(b)	880(b)	4.8(b)
2003	Oct	19126(b)	18097(b)	1029(b)	5.4(b)
2003	Nov	19077(b)	17971(b)	1106(b)	5.8(b)
2003	Dec	18973(b)	17692(b)	1281(b)	6.8(b)
2003	Annual	18662(b)	17454(b)	1208(b)	6.5(b)
2004	Jan	18621	17190	1431	7.7
2004	Feb	18633	17292	1341	7.2
2004	Mar	18759	17550	1209	6.4
2004	Apr	18909	17831	1078	5.7
2004	May	18777	17759	1018	5.4
2004	Jun	18679	17706	973	5.2
2004	Jul	18595	17722	873	4.7
2004	Aug	18517	17686	831	4.5
2004	Sep	18848	18027	821	4.4
2004	Oct	18906	18070	836	4.4
2004	Nov	18710	17909	801	4.3
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Wyoming

Data followed by an * indicates a Significant Difference at the 90 percent level between that data and the data from the most current year. Data followed by a "c" indicates the estimate for that year and the current year are both controlled; a statistical test is not appropriate.

TABLE 1. PROFILE OF GENERAL DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS

	2003 Estimate	2002 Estimate	2001 Estimate	2000 Estimate
Total population	487,341	484,833 c	480,332 c	479,699 c
SEX AND AGE				
Male	50.03%	50.26%	49.85%	50.14%
Female	49.97%	49.74%	50.15%	49.86%
Under 5 years	6.36%	6.24%	6.29%	6.50%
5 to 9 years	6.51%	6.53%	6.58%	6.76%
10 to 14 years	6.94%	7.44% *	7.55% *	8.38% *
15 to 19 years	7.54%	7.53%	8.09% *	7.85%
20 to 24 years	7.50%	7.19%	6.77% *	6.61% *
25 to 34 years	11.56%	11.72%	12.09% *	12.13% *
35 to 44 years	14.39%	15.02% *	15.47% *	16.09% *
45 to 54 years	16.88%	16.45% *	16.06% *	15.37% *
55 to 59 years	6.29%	5.95%	5.32% *	5.01% *
60 to 64 years	4.38%	4.34%	4.42%	4.11%
65 to 74 years	6.61%	6.38% *	6.46%	6.36% *
75 to 84 years	4.08%	4.39% *	3.70% *	3.90%
85 years and over	0.96%	0.82%	1.21%	0.93%
Median age (years)	38.0	37.8	36.8 *	36.6 *
18 years and over	75.45%	74.90% *	74.60% *	73.24% *
21 years and over	71.19%	71.04%	69.92% *	68.78% *
62 years and over	14.16%	14.04%	13.63% *	13.72% *
65 years and over	11.65%	11.60%	11.37% *	11.19% *
Male	45.31%	45.40%	44.94%	44.95%
Female	54.69%	54.60%	55.06%	55.05%
RACE				
One race	97.69%	97.50%	97.70%	97.47%
White	92.63%	92.16%	92.69%	92.41%
Black or African American	0.72%	0.63%	0.76%	0.47% *
American Indian and Alaska Native	1.97%	1.83%	1.86%	2.20%
Asian	0.46%	0.50%	0.39%	0.37%
Asian Indian	0.11%	N	N	N
Chinese (except Taiwanese)	0.18%	N	N	N
Filipino	0.05%	N	N	N
Japanese	0.05%	N	N	N
Korean	0.03%	N	N	N
Vietnamese	0.00%	N	N	N
Other Asian	0.05%	N	N	N
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.02%	0.07%	0.04%	0.04%
Native Hawaiian	N	N	N	N
Guamanian or Chamorro	N	N	N	N
Samoan	N	N	N	N
Other Pacific Islander	N	N	N	N
Some other race	1.88%	2.30% *	1.96%	1.98%
Two or more races	2.31%	2.50%	2.30%	2.53%

American Community Survey Multi Year Profile: Wyoming

Two races including Some other race	0.37%	0.63% *	0.47%	0.57%
Two races excluding Some other race, and Three or more races	1.95%	1.87%	1.83%	1.96%
Race alone or in combination with one or more other races:				
White	94.84%	94.58%	94.90%	94.82%
Black or African American	0.98%	1.07%	1.16% *	0.74% *
American Indian and Alaska Native	3.43%	3.12%	3.08% *	3.65%
Asian	0.81%	0.80%	0.78%	0.74%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.02%	0.10%	0.13% *	0.05%
Some other race	2.36%	2.96% *	2.46%	2.68%
HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE				
Total population	487,341	484,833 c	480,332 c	479,699 c
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	6.82%	6.70% c	6.58% c	6.42% c
Mexican	5.20%	4.77%	4.39% *	3.91% *
Puerto Rican	0.10%	0.07%	0.11%	0.20%
Cuban	0.03%	0.00%	0.03%	0.00%
Other Hispanic or Latino	1.50%	1.85%	2.05% *	2.31% *
Not Hispanic or Latino	93.18%	93.30% c	93.42% c	93.58% c
White alone	88.43%	88.63% *	88.71% *	88.74% *
Black or African American alone	0.72%	0.62%	0.75%	0.47% *
American Indian or Alaska Native alone	1.83%	1.74%	1.80%	1.85%
Asian alone	0.46%	0.50%	0.39%	0.37%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	0.02%	0.07%	0.04%	0.01%
Some other race alone	0.06%	0.12%	0.15%	0.34%
Two or more races:	1.66%	1.63%	1.58%	1.80%
Two races including Some other race	0.02%	0.09% *	0.06%	0.18% *
Two races excluding Some other race, and Three or more races	1.64%	1.54%	1.52%	1.63%
RELATIONSHIP				
Household population	487,341	484,833 c	480,332 c	479,699 c
Householder	41.37%	42.35% *	42.03%	40.17% *
Spouse	22.51%	22.41%	22.49%	22.15%
Child	28.02%	26.94%	27.41%	29.70% *
Other relatives	3.30%	2.72% *	3.07%	3.04%
Nonrelatives	4.80%	5.59%	5.00%	4.93%
Unmarried partner	2.37%	2.27%	2.10%	2.07%
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE				
Total households	198,778	199,848	194,006	191,903 *
Family households (families)	66.96%	65.54%	65.44%	66.92%
With own children under 18 years	30.09%	31.34%	31.23%	32.42% *
Married-couple families	54.31%	53.15%	53.51%	54.84%
With own children under 18 years	22.46%	22.11%	23.60%	24.23% *
Female householder, no husband present	8.18%	8.95%	8.47%	8.05%
With own children under 18 years	5.24%	6.80% *	5.72%	5.49%
Nonfamily households	33.04%	34.46%	34.56%	33.08%
Householder living alone	27.15%	28.12%	28.75%	26.23%
65 years and over	8.54%	9.34%	9.26%	8.86%
Households with one or more people under 18 years	32.60%	33.81%	34.15% *	34.76%
Households with one or more people 65 years and over	21.03%	20.61%	20.62%	21.26%
Average household size	2.45	2.43	2.48	2.50
Average family size	2.98	2.96	3.05	3.05

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HOUSING OCCUPANCY				
Total housing units	229,949	227,941 c	226,056 c	223,854 c
Occupied housing units	86.44%	87.68%	85.82%	85.73%
Vacant housing units	13.56%	12.32%	14.18%	14.27%
Homeowner vacancy rate (percent)	1.8	1.4	2.5	3.4 *
Rental vacancy rate (percent)	5.8	8.7 *	6.6	11.1 *
HOUSING TENURE				
Occupied housing units	198,778	199,848	194,006	191,903 *
Owner-occupied	72.36%	69.31% *	68.70% *	71.33%
Renter-occupied	27.64%	30.69% *	31.30% *	28.67%
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.52	2.54	2.60	2.61 *
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2.28	2.17	2.21	2.23

**Food Stamp Households
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District	Location	Jul-04	Aug-04	Sep-04	Oct-04	Nov-04	Dec-04	Jan-05	Feb-05	Mar-05	Apr-05	May-05	Jun-05	Total
1	Cheyenne	2,039	2,071	2,123	2,164	2,209	2,199							12,805
	Laramie	612	613	625	634	643	643							3,770
	District Total	2,651	2,684	2,748	2,798	2,852	2,842	0	0	0	0	0	0	16,575
3	Pinedale	44	37	36	29	28	30							565
	Rock Springs	464	450	465	479	484	481							2,823
	District Total	508	487	501	508	512	511	0	0	0	0	0	0	36,538
4	Buffalo	99	93	91	93	96	93							565
	Sheridan	571	562	569	580	606	614							3,502
	District Total	670	655	660	673	702	707	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,067
5	Greybull/Lovell	176	175	181	178	183	179							1,072
	Thermopolis	83	76	81	77	83	86							486
	Cody	205	206	202	213	216	208							1,250
	Powell	278	263	232	239	248	269							1,529
	Worland	183	181	170	169	158	162							1,023
	District Total	925	901	866	876	888	904	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,360
6	Gillette	434	420	431	445	437	447							2,614
	Sundance	56	52	49	54	58	54							323
	Newcastle	111	113	120	123	128	143							738
	District Total	601	585	600	622	623	644	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,675
7	Casper	1,736	1,765	1,788	1,801	1,781	1,800							10,671
	Rawlins	353	349	359	360	364	388							2,173
	District Total	2,089	2,114	2,147	2,161	2,145	2,188	0	0	0	0	0	0	12,844
8	Douglas	169	169	174	174	172	181							1,039
	Glenrock	89	96	102	98	96	99							580
	Torrington	390	395	412	409	413	410							2,429
	Lusk	63	62	67	68	69	72							401
	Wheatland	202	206	215	227	227	236							1,313
	District Total	913	928	970	976	977	998	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,762
9	Lander	326	310	319	341	361	374							2,031
	Riverton	526	538	535	548	562	582							3,291
	District Total	852	848	854	889	923	956	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,322
	N. Arapaho	263	261	261	260	256	256							1,557
10	E. Shoshoni	174	177	186	192	209	203							1,141
	Kemmerer	58	62	51	52	57	60							340
	Afton	103	97	99	97	106	103							605
	Jackson	67	67	70	65	53	50							372
	Evanston	385	390	393	402	425	415							2,410
	Lyman	64	67	67	68	72	72							410
	District Total	677	683	680	684	713	700	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,137
State Office			0	0	0	0	0							0
State Total		10,323	10,323	10,473	10,639	10,800	10,909	0	0	0	0	0	0	94,280

Average/month 7,857



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Dear Mr. McDaniel:

This is in regard to our letter dated March 14, 2005, denying your request for an extension of Waiver No. 970264. After further review of the census share data for Fremont and Hot Springs Counties (the areas included in the Reservation), we discovered a typographical error in the census share data for Fremont County. We apologize for this error.

Below is the corrected version of the census share data for Fremont and Hot Springs Counties. The revised data is indicated in **bold** typeface.

Wind River Reservation	County EMP	Census Share	County UEMP	Census Share	Reservation EMP (Cnty EMP x Cen Shr)	Reservation UNEMP (Cnty Unemp x Cen Shr)	Reservation LABOR FORCE (Res EMP + Res UEMP)	RES UEMP % (Res UEMP/Res LF)
Fremont	417789	0.614623	28357	0.7116	256782.73	20179	276961.343	7.3
Hot Springs	52979	0.042419	2222	0	2247.3162	0	2247.3162	0
Totals					259030.04	20179	279208.659	7.3

The Wind River Reservation's recalculated unemployment rate is 7.3 percent, which is 20 percent above the national average for Calendar Years 2002-2003. The waiver is now approved and will expire on May 31, 2006.

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Sincerely,

"Original Signed by
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