

# SARATOGA COMMUNITY PROFILE

## LOCATION

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**Elevation:**  
6,786'

**Distance from major cities:**  
227 miles to Denver, CO  
321 mile to Salt Lake, UT  
147 miles to Cheyenne, WY

**Nearest Airports:**  
Shively Airport, *Saratoga, WY* - served by charter service only  
Laramie Airport, *Laramie, WY* - commercial service to Denver and Salt Lake  
Denver International Airport, *Denver, CO* - foreign and domestic commercial flights

## CLIMATE

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**Temperature:**  
The warmest month is July (65°F) with an average high temp of 83°F. The coldest month is January (20°F) with an average low of 8°F.

**Precipitation:**  
Annual Average - 10.6"  
Highest Monthly Average - May 1.5"  
Rainy Days - 28.2 days

**Snowfall:**  
Annual Average - 49.8"  
Highest Monthly Average - March 9.1"

**Average Growing Season** 149.70 days

## POPULATION

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Year	1980	1990	2000	2010	2011
City	2,410	1,969	1,726	1,690	1,678
County	21,896	16,659	15,639	15,885	15,786

**County Median Age:** 39.7

**County Median Family Income:** \$55,562

## HOUSING

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Average sales price for existing, detached, single family homes in county in 2011: \$129,100  
(Carbon County Multiple Listing Service)

Average rent for 2BR apartment in county in 2011: \$702

## MEDICAL SERVICES

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The nearest hospital is 40 miles away in Rawlins, WY. Saratoga does have a 24 hour medical clinic (holds a Wyoming Trauma Center designation) with a physician, physician's assistant, nurse practitioner, two dental offices, an optometrist center, a rehab and long-term care facility, volunteer EMT/Ambulance service, two chiropractors and several massage therapists, and other traveling specialists who visit the area regularly.

## GOVERNMENT AND TAXES

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**Local Government**  
Elected Mayor and 5 City Council Members

**Police Department**  
5 full time officers

**Fire Department**  
Volunteer Firemen  
Fire Insurance Rating - 6

**Taxes**  
Sales tax - 6% (4% state, 1% county, 1% special purpose)  
Residential Property Tax - 9.5% of market value  
Agriculture/Commercial Property Tax - 9.5% of market value  
Industrial Property Tax - 11.5% of market value  
**No state personal income, corporate income, or inventory taxes.**

## LABOR STATISTICS

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Saratoga Unemployment Rate: 6.8%  
Carbon County Unemployment Rate: 6.3%  
Wyoming Unemployment Rate: 5.8%

## EDUCATION

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Saratoga has two preschools, Head Start and Excel Preschool, an elementary school (K-6th) and a middle/high school (7th-12th) and a community college outreach program. At the beginning of the 2011 school year, Saratoga Elementary School had 154 kids enrolled and Saratoga Middle/High School had 133 students enrolled with a 1:8 teacher to student ratio and a 95% graduation rate. Saratoga has a four-day school week, with Fridays reserved for enrichment programs. In the past few years, three Saratoga teachers have been awarded as Wyoming's "Teacher of the Year". Several extra-curricular activities are offered to students, including band and choir, Pro-Start culinary, football, basketball, volleyball, track, cross country, wrestling, speech and debate, and special interest clubs such as FFA, FCCLA, Art Nouveau and drama.