



Wyoming Women's Issues Survey, 2004

Report to the Wyoming Council for Women's Issues

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In February 2004, the University of Wyoming's Survey Research Center (SRC) was retained by the Wyoming Business Council to conduct a telephone survey on behalf of the Wyoming Council for Women's Issues (WCWI). The survey aimed at collecting information on issues that are of concern to women in Wyoming. This report presents the results of that survey.

ORGANIZATION OF THIS REPORT

Details on the survey methods are provided next, followed by selected findings of the Wyoming Women's Issues Survey. Then percentage tables on every question in the survey are presented with the complete text of the telephone interviewing script. These are followed by several Appendices containing the responses to open-ended questions that solicited comments from the respondents.

QUESTIONNAIRE DEVELOPMENT

The starting point for developing the telephone survey of Wyoming women was derived from two questionnaires that had been designed in other states as paper and pencil, self-administered surveys. These questionnaires were circulated among members of the WCWI for their suggestions. Material from a number of national research resources was also synthesized by the SRC, always with the intention of focusing on issues of importance for Wyoming women. An additional constraint was the need to hold the questionnaire to a reasonable length for a telephone survey.

Using the questionnaires from other states, the comments from the WCWI, and the professional literature, the research team developed a comprehensive questionnaire. This questionnaire was then used as the centerpiece in discussions with two focus groups in Casper, Wyoming on March 18. Focus groups provide real-time feedback on the issues and the wording of questions for surveys. Such feedback is important if the surveys are to appeal to and engage respondents for whom they are designed.

Participants were recruited for the focus groups by placing an advertisement in the Casper Star-Tribune. Respondents to the ad were grouped by age and occupation to create two homogeneous discussion environments, one consisting of 6 to 8 predominantly low-income women, and the other consisting of a similar number of moderate-income women. Verbatim notes were kept during these discussions. Initially, each group was asked to identify issues that were important to women in Wyoming. This helped to identify issues that had not been included in the survey. Additionally, the failure to mention certain issues which had been earlier identified as important for the survey was also noted. Then, questions from the survey were read to the participants, just as they would hear these questions from a telephone interviewer. Participants were asked about the question wording, adequacy, and relevance. In addition, suggestions for new questions were gathered. Along with these specific, technical insights, members of the research team came away from the focus groups with a sense of urgency and energy that pervades the concern for many of these issues by women in the state.

The results of the focus groups were carefully analyzed and the first draft of the questionnaire was modified accordingly. At this point, the second draft of the questionnaire, still in its full length, was distributed among members of the WCWI with a request to shorten the survey length. A teleconference was held with members of the SRC research team attending, during which the questionnaire was discussed. As a result of these efforts, the questionnaire was shortened substantially. With the concurrence of WCWI, fewer open-ended questions were included, and fewer questions that asked in general about women in the community rather than specifically about the respondent herself. Similarly, it was decided that information on health insurance and domestic abuse was available through other sources and the amount of attention on the survey to these issues was diminished. The final draft of the questionnaire was then formatted and programmed for computer assisted telephone interviewing.

THE SAMPLE

The survey was performed on a Wyoming state-wide Random Digit Dialing sample purchased from a commercial company specializing in sample generation. Calling was performed by trained SRC interviewers between April 28 and May 27, 2004. Generally, the calling sessions were from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Sundays. Some daytime calling sessions were also held, both mornings and afternoons. A total of 5642 phone numbers were attempted, with initial refusals called a second time. Numbers that appeared to be fax machines, disconnected, or otherwise not working were attempted at least one more time on a different day before they were removed from the sample.

Interviews were conducted with any female household member 18 or older who would agree to participate. The average length of an interview proved to be between 14 and 15 minutes. A total of 1011 interviews were completed. A random sample of that size yields a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points, with 95% confidence.

Of all phone numbers attempted, 39% were determined to be ineligible (disconnected, not private residences, fax or data modem, a household with no female member, etc.). Assuming the same proportion of ineligible phone numbers among the phone numbers for which eligibility was not resolved, the response rate for this survey was 43%. By contemporary polling standards, this represents a moderate to good response rate for a telephone survey.

In order to assess the representativeness of the sample, we took two social demographic characteristics (number of children and race) and compared our sample with the results of statewide counts that originate from the U.S. Census or the Office of Vital Statistics. Our sample percentage distribution by race is virtually identical to the U.S. Census distribution for the state of Wyoming with 93.8% of the respondents identifying themselves as white in our sample, and 93.7% identified in U.S. Census publications. For Black or African American, the percentages are .7 and .8, respectively; for Asian, .6 and .3 respectively; for native Hawaiian or other Pacific islander, the percentages are .1 and .4; and for Alaska native, and American Indian, 2.6 and 2.9, respectively.

A second variable with which we cross-validated the sample was a proxy for total fertility rate (TFR). The survey asked women to tell us how many children they had, of any age, whether they lived with them or not. The average for this sample was 2.33 while for data from U.S. Vital Statistics for the state of Wyoming that figure is 2.03. Such a small difference between the two figures is to be expected

given the differences in methods of counting. The sample here required that women be at least 18 years of age; the U.S. census based its figures on females down to 14 years of age. This would drive down the average for the U.S. census based number, since very young women have not had time to have very many children. Also, the survey question asked about all children, "whether by birth or adoption," whereas the census numbers refer only to birth children.

With these indications that the sample is likely quite representative of Wyoming's adult female population, we now turn to selected findings from the study.

SELECTED HIGHLIGHTS

Respondents were asked an early general question about whether they see various issues as a problem for women in their community and then a series of specific questions about whether they personally experience problems with such issues. Results are shown in Table 1. The issues are arranged in descending order of the percentage of women who think that a particular issue is a serious problem for women in their community. As the table shows, the issue chosen most often was substance abuse, followed by employment. When asked if they personally experience any problems with these same issues, the issue reported most often as a problem is health care followed by the family, employment and child care. (Where the wording varied, the different wording is given in parentheses.)

Table 1. Issues for Wyoming women, in their community and by personal experience.

	Percent who believe that the issue is a serious problem for women in their community	Percent who report that they personally experience problems with the issue	Difference
Substance abuse	70.1%	19.3%	50.8%
Employment	68.4%	(Employment and wages) 29.3%	39.1%
Domestic violence	65.4%	(Violence) 4.2%	61.2%
Health care	63.4%	38.8%	24.6%
Child care	62.1%	29.2%	32.9%
Family issues	57.2%	29.8%	41.4%
Caring for elderly relatives	54.5%	16.1%	38.4%
Child custody or child support	54.3%	(Not asked)	
Education	52.4%	(Own) 16.7% (Children's) 26.3%	
Housing	48.6%	6.4%	42.2%
Sexual assault	45.1%	(Not asked)	
Discrimination	38.9%	13.1%	25.8%
Transportation	35.0%	7.6%	27.4%

On all issues, more women see the problem as serious for their community than the number who report it as a problem for themselves. The widest gap between their own experiences and their perception of the experiences of other women in the community is on the issue of domestic violence, followed by substance abuse.

Those respondents who reported experiencing a particular problem were then asked for specifics.

- Of the family related issues listed, the one most often reported as a personal problem is “Communicating with teens” (18%).
- Of the issues related to children at school, the one most often reported to be a personal concern is “Drugs and alcohol” (48%).
- Of the issues related to employment and wages, the one most often reported as a personal concern to women is “Low wages” (51%).
- Of the issues associated with discrimination, the one that seems to be of most concern to women is “Discrimination against women and girls” (53%).
- Of the potential problems associate with housing, “Affordability in general” appears to be of most concern to women (47%). However, in general only 6% report to experience problems related to housing.
- Of the potential problems related to transportation the one of highest concern appears to be “No adequate public transportation around town” (34%). But again only 7% of women think of transportation as a problem.
- On the issue of substance abuse, the two that concern women personally the most are “Alcohol” (42%) and “Illegal drugs” (39%).

Respondents reporting particular problems were also asked about the source of those problems. Several of these questions used the same or very similar response choices. For present purposes we have combined some response choices to make them comparable, as shown in Table 2. With respect to the Elder care question, 11.1% of the respondents reported that the convenience of elder care was their biggest concern, while for children’s education, only 2.2% were concerned with convenience.

Table 2. Problems with different kinds of care and education

Response choices (N)	Child care (108)	Elder care (162)	Own Education (988)	Children’s Education (230)	Health Care (391)
Convenience	3.7%	11.1%	14.8%	2.2%	18.1%
Availability	31.5%	19.8%	23.1%	7.8%	9.9%
Cost	31.5%	32.1%	38.5%	33.9%	66.0%
Quality	30.6%	34.0%	11.8%	46.1%	12.5%
(Other)	.9%	1.2%	9.5%	8.2%	3.3%
(No concerns)	1.9%	1.9%	2.4%	1.7%	

The issue of cost is of most concern in several areas, and especially for health care. For a substantial percentage of respondents, the quality of children’s education is of high concern.

To address the issue of cost from a different point of view, we provide a final table that brings together the relative amounts spent by Wyoming women on different kinds of care for their families. Table 3 shows results on the average monthly spending by households on child care, elder care and health care. To make sense of the comparisons, responses were grouped in broad categories that would apply across all three items. (A more detailed look at cost is provided in the next section of the report, where the frequency distribution of responses to all questions are given in the order they appeared on the questionnaire.)

Table 3. Monthly expenditures on Child care, Elder care, and Health care.

(N)	Child care (357)	Elder care (107)	Health care (953)
Up to \$100	30.2%	36.3%	22.4%
\$101-\$500	57.9%	39.2%	49.8%
More than \$500	11.9%	24.5%	27.7%

Far more women have health care expenses than either child care or elder care, and the cost of health care is also greatest. 27.7% of the women in this sample reported that their households spent more than \$500 per month on health care; 11.9% and 24.5%, respectively, reported spending that much for child care and for elder care. A relatively small proportion currently have elder care expenses, but demographic trends suggest that the proportion is likely to increase as the next generation begins to care for its older family members.

To complete this introductory narrative, we highlight some results from the open-ended comments in the Appendices. Appendix II reports the comments from respondents on health concerns for their children. Dental care is mentioned often in the responses, but what is mentioned in several different ways, sometimes reluctantly and sometimes as a hope, is the need for mental health practitioners in the state. Since this question is about children under 18 years of age, the request is for mental health practitioners who specialize in pediatric or adolescent mental health care. There are several comments about “shame,” “not knowing who to call,” the extreme standard that has to be met before some people can get help, etc. Attention to these concerns might help to address Wyoming's rates of teenage pregnancy, teen suicide, etc.

Similarly, in Appendix III, the respondents have said in several ways that women do not have the right information on where to go to get help -- “Don't know where to go to get help” (21); “Knowing where to go for help/info” (11); “Not knowing where to go for help” (12); “They don't know where to go to get help” (13). And of course, how many of the “don't know” responses (40) are really about not knowing what is a woman's issue and where help is available? This lack of information must be frustrating for the groups who publicize their work, but it does suggest that women still need help getting the message.

Wyoming Women's Issues Survey 2004 Detailed Results

Respondents = 1011

Questions are presented as they appeared in the telephone survey. Following each question, in parenthesis is the abbreviated variable name used in the electronic data file. Raw frequency counts are shown for all response categories. Results shown under "Valid Percent" are based solely on non-missing cases, excluding Don't Know, No Answer, and System Missing. "System Missing" refers to households that were not asked a particular question because of a logical skip in the interviewing program. (For example, respondents reporting that they do not personally experience any problems with a particular issue were not asked further questions regarding that issue.) Responses with an asterisk to the left are flagged as outliers; these responses are so extreme that they may indicate a misunderstanding of the question (for example, reporting annual cost when asked about monthly costs).

Hello, I'm calling from the University of Wyoming Survey Research Center, and I'm NOT selling anything. Your phone number was randomly drawn for a statewide survey about issues of concern to women. I need to speak to any adult female who lives in this household.

[If female respondent available] **Great. Is this a private household in Wyoming?**

(If needed: Private household means a residence where one or more individuals or families live. It could be a house, an apartment, a mobile home, or some other housing unit, but not a business where nobody lives.)

[If yes] **And just to confirm, are you at least 18 years of age?**

[If yes] **The University will keep all responses confidential, but if there are any questions you'd rather not answer, just tell me and we'll skip to the next one. It should only take about 10 minutes.**

The questions on this survey have to do with issues that affect women in Wyoming. At the end of the survey I will ask you if there are any issues we haven't covered that you want me to take down.

If you'd like more information about the survey, I can give you a phone number call.

1. I am going to read a list of issues that sometimes affect women. For each one, please tell me whether or not you think that it is a serious problem for WOMEN in your community. (QG1)
(Check all that apply.)

	Frequency	Percent
Child care	628	62.1
Caring for elderly relatives	551	54.5
Family issues	578	57.2
Education	530	52.4
Employment	692	68.4
Domestic violence	661	65.4
Discrimination	393	38.9
Child custody or child support	549	54.3
Health care	641	63.4
Housing	491	48.6
Sexual assault	456	45.1
Transportation	354	35.0
Substance abuse	709	70.1
(Other)	11	1.1

☞ For complete text listings see Appendix I.

2. Now I have a few questions about children. First, I'd like you to think about your own children of any age, whether by birth or adoption, and no matter if they live with you or not. How many children of your own do you have now? (D1)
(If needed: Do not include children who are no longer alive.)

	Frequency	Valid Percent
No children	143	14.2
1	126	12.5
2	334	33.1
3	216	21.4
4	99	9.8
5	46	4.6
6	26	2.6
7	8	.8
8	6	.6
9	2	.2
10	1	.1
14	1	.1
Valid total	1008	100.0
(No answer)	3	
Total	1011	

3. Next, I'd like you to think not only about children of your own, but also any other children under 18 who live with you, no matter if they are your own or not. (D1B)
How many children who are under 18 live with you now?

	Frequency	Valid Percent
None	635	63.5
1	135	13.5
2	140	14.0
3	59	5.9
4	17	1.7
5	8	.8
6	2	.2
7	1	.1
8	2	.2
14	1	.1
Valid total	1000	100.0
(No answer)	11	
Total	1011	

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4. For this survey, CHILD CARE includes: day care, preschool, after school care, home care, or babysitting, for any of your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews or other children if you are responsible for their care. (Q11)
Do you personally experience problems related to CHILD CARE?

	Frequency	Valid Percent
(Yes)	106	29.2
(No)	257	70.8
Valid total	363	100.0
(Don't know)	1	
(No answer)	1	
System missing	646	
Total missing	648	
Total	1011	

☞ Skip to question 7.

5. Of the following issues about CHILD CARE, which ONE concerns you personally the most? (Q12)

(Read first 4 response choices.)

	Frequency	Valid Percent
Convenience	4	3.7
Availability	34	31.5
Cost	34	31.5
Quality	33	30.6
(Other)	1	.9
(No concerns)	2	1.9
Valid total	108	100.0
System missing	903	
Total	1011	

6. When the children that live with you need child care from someone other than yourself, who USUALLY provides that child care? (Q13)

(Read first 5 response choices.)

	Frequency	Valid Percent
Other adult family members	165	46.1
Friends	42	11.7
Day care or sitter in someone's home	34	9.5
Day care center	37	10.3
They stay by themselves or with non-adults	39	10.9
(My children do not need child care)	38	10.6
(Other)	3	.8
Valid total	358	100.0
(Don't know)	2	
(No answer)	5	
System missing	646	
Total missing	653	
Total	1011	

7. In the past month, how much money do you think that your household spent on CHILD CARE? (Q14)

(Categorized from dollar figures reported.)

(If needed: DO NOT include CHILD SUPPORT payments. Child care includes: day care, preschool, after school care, home care, or babysitting, for any of your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews or other children if you are responsible for their care.)

(If needed: Just give us your best estimate in approximate round numbers.)

	Frequency	Valid Percent
None/Does not apply	231	64.7
up to \$100	38	10.6
\$101-\$200	23	6.4
\$201-\$350	25	7.0
\$351-\$500	25	7.0
\$501 and more	15	4.2
Valid total	357	100.0
(Don't know/No answer)	8	
System missing	646	
Total missing	654	
Total	1011	

8. Now I have a few questions about ELDER CARE. That would be care for a family member over the age of 65 who needs daily assistance. It includes all kinds of care for an elderly person in your family such as in-home care, retirement home care, nursing home, live-in nurse, hospice care, evening sitter, and transportation, as long as the care is for elderly persons. (Q21)

Do you personally experience problems related to ELDER CARE?

	Frequency	Valid Percent
(Yes)	163	16.1
(No)	847	83.9
Valid total	1010	100.0
(Don't know)	1	
Total	1011	

☞ Skip to question 23.

9. Of the following issues associated with ELDER CARE, which ONE concerns you personally the most? (Q22)

(Read first 4 response choices.)

	Frequency	Valid Percent
Convenience	18	11.1
Availability	32	19.8
Cost	52	32.1
Quality	55	34.0
(Other)	2	1.2
(No concerns)	3	1.9
Valid total	162	100.0
(Don't know/Not sure)	1	
(No answer)	1	
System missing	847	
Total missing	849	
Total	1011	

10. Do you personally help in the care for an elderly family member IN YOUR OWN HOME? (Q23)

	Frequency	Valid Percent
(Yes, or sometimes)	77	7.6
(No)	933	92.4
Valid total	1010	100.0
(No answer)	1	
Total	1011	

11. In the past month, how much money do you think that your household spent on ELDER CARE? (Q24)

(Categorized from dollar figures reported.)

(If needed: Elder care includes care for a family member over the age of 65 who needs daily assistance. It includes all kinds of care for an elderly person in your family such as in-home care, retirement home care, nursing home, live-in nurse, hospice care, evening sitter, and transportation, as long as the care is for elderly persons.)

(If needed: Just give us your best estimate in approximate round numbers.)

	Frequency	Valid Percent
None/Does not apply	869	89.5
Up to \$100	37	3.8
\$101-300	27	2.8
\$301-\$500	13	1.3
\$501-\$1000	11	1.1
\$1001-\$5000	12	1.2
* \$10000	1	.1
* \$80000	1	.1
Valid total	971	100.0
(Don't know/No answer)	40	
Total	1011	

12. Now I have a few questions about FAMILY issues. The family includes all those to whom you have ever been related, whether or not they live in your home. These may include an ex-husband, grown sisters and brothers, etc. (Q31)

Do you personally experience any problems related to your FAMILY?

	Frequency	Valid Percent
(Yes)	301	29.8
(No)	710	70.2
Total	1011	100.0

☞ Skip to question 41

13. Of the following issues associated with the FAMILY, which ONE concerns you personally the most? (Q32)

(Read first 7 response choices.)

	Frequency	Valid Percent
Communicating with teens	54	18.0
Single parenting	35	11.7
Dealing with aging relatives	53	17.7
Relatives in poor health	29	9.7
The need to spend more time with children	43	14.3
Differences in ethnic, religious, or cultural background	16	5.3
Problems with the Department of Family Services	17	5.7
(Other -- But code as one of the above, if appropriate)	31	10.3
(No concerns)	22	7.3
Valid total	300	100.0
(No answer)	1	
System missing	710	
Total missing	711	
Total	1011	

14. Please think for a moment about your OWN EDUCATION, not that of children. Do you personally experience any problems related to your own EDUCATION? (Q41)

	Frequency	Valid Percent
(Yes)	169	16.7
(No)	840	83.3
Valid total	1009	100.0
(Don't know)	2	
Total	1011	

☞ *Skip to question 43.*

15. Of the following issues associated with your own EDUCATION, which ONE concerns you personally the most? (Q42)

(Read first 6 response choices.)

	Frequency	Valid Percent
Convenience	25	14.8
Availability	39	23.1
Cost or financial aid issues	65	38.5
Quality	20	11.8
The system for registration	1	.6
Your culture is not included	6	3.6
(Other)	9	5.3
(No concerns)	4	2.4
Valid total	169	100.0
(Don't know)	1	
(No answer)	1	
System missing	840	
Total missing	842	
Total	1011	

If the response to question 2 (D1) was "0" and the response to question 3(D1B) was "0" or "Don't know/No answer," skip to question 19.

16. Now think about the EDUCATION of your children, not your own education. This would include your own children of any age, as well as any other children under 18 who live with you. Do you personally experience any problems related to your children's EDUCATION? (Q43)

	Frequency	Valid Percent
(Yes)	230	26.3
(No)	640	73.1
(Don't have children)	5	0.6
Valid total	875	100.0
(No answer)	1	
System missing	135	
Total missing	136	
Total	1011	

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17. Of the following issues associated with your CHILDREN'S EDUCATION, which ONE concerns you the most? This would include your own children of any age, as well as any other children under 18 who live with you. (Q44)

(Read first 5 response choices.)

	Frequency	Valid Percent
Convenience	5	2.2
Availability	18	7.8
Cost or financial aid issues	78	33.9
Quality	106	46.1
Some children's cultures are not included	7	3.0
(Other)	12	5.2
(No concerns)	4	1.7
Valid total	230	100.0
(Don't know)	1	
(No answer)	1	
System missing	779	
Total missing	781	
Total	1011	

If the response to question 3 (D1B) was "0", or Don't know/No answer, skip to question 19.

18. Here are some other issues related to children at school. Which one of the following concerns you personally the most? (Q45)

(Read first 5 response choices.)

	Frequency	Valid Percent
Children's safety at school	27	22.1
Drugs or alcohol	58	47.5
Education about sexually transmitted diseases	3	2.5
Education about preventing teenage pregnancy	8	6.6
Provisions to assist teenage mothers	3	2.5
(Other)	9	7.4
(No concerns)	14	11.5
Valid total	122	100.0
(Don't know)	2	
(No answer)	2	
System missing	885	
Total missing	889	
Total	1011	

19. Do you personally experience any problems with regard to EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES? (Q81)

	Frequency	Valid Percent
(Yes)	295	29.3
(No)	713	70.7
Valid total	1008	100.0
(Don't know)	2	
(No answer)	1	
Total missing	3	
Total	1011	

☞ Skip to question 21.

20. Of the following issues associated with EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES, which ONE concerns you personally the most? (Q82)

(Read first 7 response choices.)

	Frequency	Valid Percent
Not enough jobs	23	7.9
Not enough opportunities for the kind of work I want	54	18.5
Poor job security	9	3.1
Low wages	149	51.0
Poor benefits	23	7.9
Hostile work environment	26	8.9
Difficulties with transportation to work	2	.7
(Other)	6	2.1
Valid total	292	100.0
(Don't know)	2	
(No answer)	4	
System missing	713	
Total missing	719	
Total	1011	

21. Do you personally experience any problems related to DISCRIMINATION? (Q91)

	Frequency	Valid Percent
(Yes)	132	13.1
(No)	879	86.9
Total	1011	100.0

☞ Skip to question 23.

22. Of the following issues associated with DISCRIMINATION, which ONE concerns you personally the most? (Q92)

(Read first 7 response choices.)

	Frequency	Valid Percent
Racial discrimination	18	13.8
Discrimination against women and girls	69	53.1
Discrimination against homosexuals	5	3.8
Religious discrimination	2	1.5
Discrimination against the handicapped	13	10.0
Age discrimination	20	15.4
Discrimination against overweight people	3	2.3
Valid total	130	100.0
(Don't know)	1	
(No answer)	1	
System missing	879	
Total missing	881	
Total	1011	

23. Now I have a few questions about HEALTH CARE. Do you personally experience any problems related to HEALTH CARE? (Q101)

	Frequency	Valid Percent
(Yes)	391	38.8
(No)	618	61.2
Valid total	1009	100.0
(Don't know)	2	
Total	1011	

☞ Skip to condition before question 25.

24. Of the following problems associated with HEALTH CARE, which ONE concerns you personally the most? (Q102)

(Read first 7 response choices.)

	Frequency	Valid Percent
Availability of health insurance	32	8.2
Cost of health insurance	166	42.5
Availability of services for physical health	33	8.4
Availability of mental health services	6	1.5
Cost of health care	92	23.5
Quality of health care	49	12.5
Confidentiality of personal health information	7	1.8
(Other)	6	1.5
Valid total	391	100.0
(Don't know)	2	
System missing	618	
Total missing	620	
Total	1011	

If the response to question 3(D1B) was "0" or "Don't know/No answer," skip to question 27.

25. What is your number one health concern for your children under 18? (Q103)

(If needed: Include your own children, whether they live with you or not, and also any other children under 18 who live with you.)

☞ For complete text listings see Appendix II.

26. And what health insurance coverage do your children under 18 have? (Q104)*(Read first 4 response choices.)**(If needed: Include your own children, whether they live with you or not, and also any other children under 18 who live with you.)*

	Frequency	Valid Percent
Medicaid or Equality Care (Title 19, Kidcare)	63	17.7
Health insurance through an employer or union	228	64.2
Other health insurance	40	11.3
No health insurance	21	5.9
(Other)	3	.8
Valid total	355	100.0
(Don't know)	4	
(No answer)	6	
System missing	646	
Total missing	656	
Total	1011	

27. Health care expenses include the cost of prescriptions, doctor's visits, health insurance, co-payments, hospital bills, mental health, and any other kind of health care. In the past month, how much money do you think that your household spent on all kinds of HEALTH CARE? (Q105)
 (Categorized from dollar figures reported.)

(If needed: Just give us your best estimate in approximate round numbers.)

	Frequency	Valid Percent
None/Does not apply	120	12.6
up to \$100	187	19.6
\$101-\$200	160	16.8
\$201-300	120	12.6
\$301-400	66	6.9
\$401-\$500	69	7.2
\$501-750	44	4.6
\$751-\$1000	72	7.6
\$1001-\$2000	48	5.0
\$2001-\$10000	59	6.2
* \$14000 - \$15000	2	.2
* \$22000 - \$30000	3	3
* \$50000 - \$80000	3	3
Total	953	100.0
(Don't know/No answer)	58	
Total	1011	

28. Do you personally experience any problems related to HOUSING? (Q111)

	Frequency	Valid Percent
(Yes)	65	6.4
(No)	946	93.6
Total	1011	100.0

☞ *Skip to question 30.*

29. Of the following problems associated with HOUSING, which ONE concerns you personally the most? (Q112)

(Read first 4 response choices.)

	Frequency	Valid Percent
Affordability in general	30	46.9
Quality for the cost	15	23.4
Location for the cost	6	9.4
Space for the cost	3	4.7
Problems with the landlord or property manager	7	10.9
(Other)	3	4.7
Valid total	64	100.0
(Don't know)	1	
System missing	946	
Total missing	947	
Total	1011	

30. Cost of housing includes rent or mortgage payments, utility bills, and home insurance. In the past month, how much money do you think that your household spent on HOUSING? (Q113)

(If needed: Just give us your best estimate in approximate round numbers.)

	Frequency	Valid Percent
None/Does not apply	39	4.1
Up to \$200	88	9.3
\$201-\$500	208	22.1
\$501-\$800	213	22.6
\$801-\$1200	209	22.2
\$1201-\$1600	111	11.8
\$1601-\$5000	74	7.8
* \$12000	1	.1
Valid total	943	100.0
(Don't know/No answer)	68	
Total	1011	

31. Do you personally experience any problems related to TRANSPORTATION? (Q131)

	Frequency	Valid Percent
(Yes)	77	7.6
(No)	934	92.4
Total	1011	100.0

☞ Skip to question 33.

32. Of the following problems associated with TRANSPORTATION, which ONE concerns you personally the most? (Q132)

(Read first 6 response choices.)

	Frequency	Valid Percent
No adequate public transportation around town	26	33.8
No adequate public transportation to get to places out of town	8	10.4
Do not have a personal car at all	6	7.8
Do not have a dependable personal car	12	15.6
The cost of auto insurance	9	11.7
Air service availability	5	6.5
(Other)	11	14.3
Valid total	77	100.0
System missing	934	
Total	1011	

33. People can experience problems with substance abuse whether they use a substance themselves or have someone close to them who does. (Q141)

Do you personally experience any problems related to SUBSTANCE ABUSE?

	Frequency	Valid Percent
(Yes)	195	19.3
(No)	815	80.7
Valid total	1010	100.0
(Don't know)	1	
Total	1011	

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34. Of the following SUBSTANCE ABUSES, which ONE concerns you personally the most? (Q142)

(Read first 5 response choices.)

	Frequency	Valid Percent
Alcohol	82	42.1
Tobacco	28	14.4
Over the counter drugs	2	1.0
Prescription drugs	6	3.1
Illegal drugs	76	39.0
(Other)	1	.5
Valid total	195	100.0
(Don't know)	1	
System missing	815	
Total missing	816	
Total	1011	

35. Next I will read a list of some other issues that women might have to deal with. Which of these are problems that you personally have to deal with? (QG22)

(Read first 7 response choices. Check all that apply.)

	Frequency	Valid Percent
Proper nutrition	178	17.6
Eating disorders	75	7.4
Mental health	116	11.5
Violence	42	4.2
Crime	32	3.2
Work environment that is hazardous to your health	55	5.4
Home environment that is hazardous to your health	28	2.8
(No problems)	661	65.4

36. We also want to know how you think your community is doing in providing services to help women with these problems. I'm going to read the list again, and I want you to tell me the THREE issues that are most in need of additional services in your community. (QG23)
(Read first 7 response choices. Check no more than 3 responses.)

	Frequency	Valid Percent
Proper nutrition	261	25.8
Eating disorders	161	15.9
Mental health	383	37.9
Violence	480	47.5
Crime	304	30.1
Work environment that is hazardous to your health	164	16.2
Home environment that is hazardous to your health	274	27.1
(No need for more services)	120	11.9

37. What do you think is the most frequent difficulty that women face in getting services for problems like that? (QG24)

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38. When you are concerned about problems of any kind that affect you, which one or more of the following would you talk to about your problems? (QG25)
(Read first 8 response choices. Check all that apply.)

	Frequency	Valid Percent
Family members	771	76.3
Friends	543	53.7
Co-workers	148	14.6
Professional care giver	224	22.2
Religious group	277	27.4
Political action groups	43	4.3
Official authorities	183	18.1
(No one, prefer to keep thing to myself)	28	2.8

39. We are almost at the end of the questionnaire. For research purposes only, I need to ask some background information about yourself. Which of the following BEST describes your current employment situation? (QG36)

(Read first 9 response choices.)

(If needed: Please answer for the job you worked the most hours.)

	Frequency	Valid Percent
Self-employed or running your own business	111	11.0
Employed full time for wages or salary	408	40.4
Employed part time for wages or salary	120	11.9
An unpaid worker for a family business, farm, or home	15	1.5
Unemployed and looking for work	29	2.9
Not employed and not looking for work	23	2.3
Homemaker	106	10.5
Retired	160	15.9
Full-time student (3/4 time or greater)	24	2.4
(Living on disability or other support)	9	.9
(Other)	4	.4
Valid total	1009	100.0
(No answer)	2	
Total	1011	

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40. How many hours did you work last week at all jobs combined? (QG37)

(Categorized from dollar figures reported.)

(If needed: Include self employment and wage or salary jobs, but not unpaid family work.)

	Frequency	Valid Percent
None	17	2.7
Up to 20	64	10.1
21-30	62	9.8
31-40	260	40.9
41-50	132	20.8
more than 50	100	15.7
Valid total	635	100.0
(Don't know/No answer)	4	
System missing	372	
Total missing	376	
Total	1011	

41. Next I need to know the total number of adults, children, and infants in your household. INCLUDING YOURSELF how many people currently live in your household? (D3)

	Frequency	Valid Percent
1	123	12.2
2	436	43.2
3	161	16.0
4	169	16.7
5	81	8.0
6	25	2.5
7	8	.8
8	3	.3
9	2	.2
10	1	.1
Valid total	1009	100.0
(No answer)	2	
Total	1011	

42. And is your household paying rent for this residence, or does someone in the household own it or make mortgage payments? (D4)

	Frequency	Valid Percent
(Household is paying rent)	178	17.7
(Household owns it or pays mortgage)	807	80.3
(Any other situation mentioned)	20	2.0
Valid total	1005	100.0
(Don't know)	2	
(No answer)	4	
Total missing	6	
Total	1011	

43. Which of the following categories best describes your age? (D6)
(Read first 8 response choices.)

	Frequency	Valid Percent
18-24	75	7.5
25-34	149	14.8
35-44	198	19.7
45-54	269	26.7
55-64	173	17.2
65-74	94	9.3
75-84	40	4.0
85 or older	8	.8
Total	1006	100.0
(Don't know)	1	
(No answer)	4	
Total missing	5	
Total	1011	

44. Which of the following categories best describes your education? (D8)*(Read first 9 response choices.)*

	Frequency	Valid Percent
Grades 6 to 8	2	.2
Some high school	39	3.9
High school graduate or GED	239	23.7
Some college	337	33.4
College degree	260	25.8
Some post-graduate work	63	6.3
Post - graduate degree	68	6.7
Valid total	1008	100.0
(Don't know)	2	
(No answer)	1	
Total missing	3	
Total	1011	

45. What is your current marital status? (D9)*(Read first 7 response choices.)*

	Frequency	Valid Percent
Single	121	12.0
Married	702	69.5
Living with partner, not married	27	2.7
Have partner but not living together	4	.4
Separated	12	1.2
Divorced	84	8.3
Widowed	60	5.9
Valid total	1010	100.0
(Don't know)	1	
Total	1011	

46. Which one or more of the following would you identify as your race? (D10)
(Read first 6 response choices. Check all that apply.)

	Frequency	Valid Percent
White	948	93.8
Black or African American	7	.7
Asian	3	.3
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	4	.4
Alaska Native, American Indian	29	2.9
Other (Please specify:)	28	2.8
(Don't know/Not sure)	1	
(Refused)	4	

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47. And are you of Hispanic or Latino descent? (D11)

	Frequency	Valid Percent
(Yes)	47	4.8
(No)	932	95.2
Valid total	979	100.0
(Don't know/Not sure)	22	
(Refused)	3	
System missing	7	
Total missing	32	
Total	1011	

48. What was your own INDIVIDUAL take home income LAST MONTH from all sources? (D12)
(Categorized from dollar figures reported.)

(If needed: Include any social security benefits, veterans pay, child support, income from rent, etc., as well as your net wages and salaries, after taxes.)

(If needed: Just give us your best estimate in approximate round numbers.)

	Frequency	Valid Percent
None/Does not apply	176	20.0
Up to \$500	91	10.3
\$521-\$800	62	7.0
\$801-\$1200	116	13.2
\$1201-\$1500	84	9.5
\$1501-\$2000	112	12.7
\$2001-\$3000	146	16.6
\$3001-\$4000	55	6.3
\$4001-\$6000	29	3.3
\$6001-\$12000	8	.9
* \$25000	1	.1
Valid total	880	100.0
(Don't know/No answer)	131	
Total	1011	

49. And what was the total take home income for the ENTIRE HOUSEHOLD from all sources LAST MONTH? (D13)

(Categorized from dollar figures reported.)

(If needed: Include any social security benefits, veterans pay, child support, income from rent, etc., as well as net wages and salaries, after taxes.)

(If needed: Just give us your best estimate in approximate round numbers.)

	Frequency	Valid Percent
None/Does not apply	62	7.5
Up to \$1000	61	7.4
\$1001-\$1500	64	7.8
\$1501-\$2000	81	9.8
\$2001-\$3000	174	21.1
\$3001-\$4000	142	17.2
\$4001-\$5000	91	11.0
\$5001-\$7000	89	10.8
\$7001-\$9000	25	3.0
\$9001-\$20000	24	2.9
* \$23000 - \$35000	5	.6
* \$50000 - \$80000	6	.7
Valid total	824	100.0
(Don't know/No answer)	187	
Total	1011	

50. Do you or any children who live with you currently receive any of the following? (QG38)
(Read first 9 response choices. Check all that apply.)

	Frequency	Valid Percent
Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)	81	8.0
Free or reduced school lunches	48	4.7
Section 8 housing (HUD, housing assistance, housing voucher)	10	1.0
Women, Infants, and Children program (WIC)	18	1.8
Head Start	10	1.0
SSI (Supplemental Security Income), SSDI (Disabled)	37	3.7
TANF (Temporary Aid to Needy Families), AFDC, POWER	4	.4
Low income energy assistance	16	1.6
Food stamps	28	2.8
(None of the above)	829	82.0

51. That's all the questions I have. Thanks for your help with this survey of women's issues in Wyoming. Is there anything else you would like to share with us at this time?

☞ For complete text listings see Appendix V.

APPENDIX I

1. I am going to read a list of issues that sometimes affect women. For each one, please tell me whether or not you think that it is a serious problem for WOMEN in your community. (QG1)

Other:

- Health insurance
- Lack of doctors
- Mental health
- Mental illness
- Recreation: far away from lakes and stuff to do. Need more art activities.
- Self-employed women have difficulties in Wyoming.

APPENDIX II**25. What is your number one health concern for your children under 18? (Q103)**

- 100 miles to doctor
- Ability to get good medical care for them without it being very expensive
- Ability to maintain insurance
- Access
- Access to pediatricians
- Accidents (3)
- ADHD (2)
- ADHD and having the community not informed and apt to put children on medication to deal with it
- Affects of environment
- Affordability (3)
- Affordable health care
- Affordable insurance
- Affordable medical insurance and prescriptions
- All serious types of accidents or illnesses
- All the diseases around
- Allergies (3)
- Any major/serious illness (2)
- Asthma (3)
- Asthma and allergies
- Asthma problems
- Asthma, allergies and cost of health care
- Availability (3)
- Availability of birth control
- Availability of doctors (2)
- Availability of health care
- Availability of health care providers who accept your insurance
- Availability of health providers
- Availability of quality doctors
- Availability to see any doctor
- Avoiding diseases and accidents
- Becoming overweight
- Being able to afford adequate insurance for them
- Being able to afford it in the future
- Being able to keep it until they are 18
- Brain injury; not enough help
- Broken bones

- Catching illnesses at school; caring for a sick child
- Child care
- Choking on something
- Clean air
- Communicable diseases
- Competent doctors
- Contracting a serious illness
- Contracting serious illnesses like cancer
- Cost (8)
- Cost complications
- Cost of health care (3)
- Cost of health insurance (9)
- Cost to take kids to the doctor
- Croup
- Dental and eye care
- Dental care (10)
- Dental care, lack of care
- Dental issues
- Dental services are overpriced
- Diabetes (3)
- Diet
- Don't trust any of the doctors in town if they were to get sick
- Drug use (2)
- Drugs (2)
- Drugs and alcohol (4)
- Drugs that children can get a hold of out there
- Ear infections (2)
- Ear infections and strep throat
- Ears
- Everyday viruses
- Exposure to drugs
- Exposure to drugs and alcohol
- Exposure to secondhand smoke
- Finding a dentist
- Finding an appropriate doctor that will accept the insurance she has
- Getting the child to go
- Getting what the child needs to be able to function on their own
- Good health
- Hard to get into a health care provider in times of an emergency
- Have a clotting (bleeding) disorder
- Have adequate health insurance as they get older
- Having enough coverage when they get sick
- Having good coverage (2)
- Having the best quality care

- He just stays healthy
- Health care is very expensive and you put off going to the doctor
- Health in general (2)
- Health insurance (4)
- Health: not enough information
- Heart murmurs
- Her ears: has had three ear surgeries to patch a hole
- Hospitalization
- Hospitalization and terminal illness
- How to provide it period because of the cost
- Hurt playing sports (2)
- I don't have any right now
- I just am concerned that they stay healthy
- If I can afford it
- If they need a doctor there isn't any qualified in the area
- Illness -- airborne illnesses
- Immunization (3)
- Incompetent people in health care
- Influenza
- Insurance
- Insurance and paying for health care
- Insurance cost that are skyrocketing
- Just keeping away from illness
- Just that they remain healthy
- Just worry about health period
- Keep them healthy
- Keeping them away from drugs
- Keeping them well
- Lack of available professionals to choose from
- Lack of having it
- Lack of specialized health care
- Major medical emergency
- Managing asthma and problems.
- Meeting deductible
- Mental health
- More dental is needed
- Nearby specialists for any extreme needs
- No coverage
- No health care or insurance
- No insurance
- No pediatrician here
- No proper health officer in grade schools
- None (34)
- Not enough doctors

- Not enough room for my kids
- Not getting any of the life threatening diseases
- Not getting pregnant
- Not getting quality care if they got sick
- Not having enough specialized children's doctors
- Not having insurance (2)
- Not having insurance and having something major happen
- Not many people continue doing annual wellness checks for their children (preventive care)
- Nutrition and exercise--better help
- Nutrition education
- Nutrition, don't stay as healthy as they should
- Nutrition.
- Obesity
- Oldest girl has hypoglycemia and she can't afford treatment
- Overall nutritional health
- Overweight
- Paying for health care for them
- Pediatrician more available
- Physical fitness
- Premature babies with health problems and can't afford insurance
- Preventative health care
- Preventing accidents
- Proper diagnoses
- Proper medical care
- Proper nutrition in the schools
- Quality (2)
- Quality access that is affordable
- Quality of care
- Quality of care; had problem with contaminated needles from booster shot
- Quality of the health care
- Regular visits to the physician and annual checkups
- Safety
- Safety and prevention
- Safety in eating in restaurants: i.e. fast food restaurants not knowing about health problems like mice at a restaurant
- Secondhand smoke, STDs
- Serious illness
- Sexual transmitted disease education
- Sexually transmitted diseases (4)
- Sexually transmitted diseases when they are older
- Sick from being in daycare, too many germs
- Smoking
- Something catastrophic
- Son with a chronic health problem

- Sports injuries
- Staying away from drugs
- Substance abuse (3)
- Teaching them to live a healthy lifestyle and not be influenced by people who don't.
- Teenage pregnancy
- Terminal diseases
- That he stays healthy
- That lawyers run the health care system
- That she is taken care of
- That they are getting a good lunch and are learning to eat right
- That they don't catch a disease
- That they don't get sick
- That they get the best quality health care possible
- That they have insurance
- That they won't have health care insurance
- The amount of drugs and alcohol in this town and the lack of anything else to do
- The cost of medicine
- The doctors in this town are stupid
- The fact that we don't have any health care
- The flu that killed the boy in Denver
- The selection of doctors in the community
- Their general state of health.
- Their health in general (3)
- Their teeth
- Them getting sick
- There is a cluster of cancer in our town
- There is no health insurance for them
- They are always sick; expensive bills
- They are cutting 360 doctors out of the state of Wyoming and her pediatrician is on the list.
- They are not exercising enough
- They won't be able to receive the same kind of health care that we receive now
- To have health insurance
- Water in a small town
- We can't afford insurance.
- Weight
- Weight management
- Well-care checkups that are not easily available and too expensive
- West Nile Virus
- What they are going to be paying in the future
- Whether they'll have insurance when they grow up
- Will not be able to get any because of cost

APPENDIX III

37. What do you think is the most frequent difficulty that women face in getting services for problems like that? (QG24)

- A band-aid on a hemorrhage--the laws don't have any bite.
- A fear of the offender coming back on them because they told on them.
- A lot of elderly women who are homeless and it is difficult for them to eat properly; difficult for a lot of elderly who don't have money; need more services for homeless women.
- A lot of it is the women not coming forward with their problems.
- A lot of the services offered weren't listed in the local telephone book. When pregnant, I had to go to the Department of Family Services to find out where services were available. A lot of people don't know about available services.
- A lot of the women here are underpaid, working 2 or 3 jobs, no health insurance, and in debt; not enough money to get help.
- A need for anonymity.
- A ride; transportation.
- A small state like Wyoming frequently does not have enough resources to go around.
- A woman alone; getting support for any services that she might want.
- Abuse
- Accessibility (2)
- Accessibility, hard to locate resources
- Admitting it. (3)
- Admitting that there is a need for help.
- Admitting that there is a problem and admitting that they need help.
- Admitting that you need it.
- Admitting the substance abuse; lack of education for nutrition
- Affordability (5)
- Affordability and availability
- Afraid of judgment; fear of the situation worsening; not aware that they need help.
- Afraid of stigma.
- Afraid to get help and can't get the help.
- All the paper work involved; the bureaucracy.
- Aren't enough services
- Authorities do not recognize the signs and people don't go to get help themselves.
- Availability and cost (7)
- Availability and protection from the abuser is a problem.
- Availability and time; services are available but sometimes have to wait a long time to get help.
- Availability in the area.
- Availability of health and transportation to health care.

- Availability of professionals. (2)
- Availability of services in the area are low and more need to be added.
- Availability of services-they're far away. Transportation to a battered women's shelter is hard due to big mouthed people in the community.
- Availability or knowing where to go.
- Availability or knowledge about services for women; transportation can be a problem.
- Availability to help because we're in a small town.
- Availability/availability of these services (27)
- Availability; lack of information
- Available but don't know where to get it.
- Awareness
- Awareness of resources; knowledge they don't have to deal with stuff.
- Because of prejudice, people won't believe them; lack of information regarding safety issues such as sexual assault.
- Because they're women, if something goes wrong and a woman calls about it, they're not as respected as much as a man. They ignore women and do something about it when a man calls.
- Because they're women, they have to prove themselves and women don't always get a fair deal.
- Because we live in an area that has domestic violence, they can't help themselves out of the situation they're in; need home shelters and training to help the get out of violence they're in; and advertisement where they can get help.
- Being a woman period, you're not taken seriously.
- Being a woman, they need more money, and men of all ages need more schooling on how to treat women right.
- Being able to afford it or finding out that it's there.
- Being able to afford the services. (2)
- Being able to get to a doctor or hospital in this small community.
- Being able to provide for children if they are separated.
- Being able to speak out.
- Being afraid of the consequences; will they actually believe me?
- Being anonymous.
- Being believed, afraid to come forward.
- Being taken seriously.
- Bureaucracy- system doesn't work.
- Can't get to the right person or service.
- Community pressure and lack of education.
- Complacency; ignore problems; and asking for help.
- Confidence to get help.
- Confidentiality (3)
- Confidentiality and availability
- Cops do not enforce or punish enough.
- Corruption in the law enforcement.
- Cost (3)
- Cost and availability.

- Cost and lack of knowledge.
- Cost and not wanting to seek it.
- Cost and peer pressure because you don't want people around you to know you have a problem.
- Cost and the agencies are full and unhelpful in some cases.
- Cost for low income people; but not that big a deal because of pro bono work.
- Cost of having good-quality housing.
- Cost of living is rising.
- Cost of mental health care.
- Cost of services. (4)
- Cost of services; a lot of single women don't have the resources.
- Cost; being taken seriously; quality of the programs provided; more outreach programs.
- Cost; pride
- Cost; single moms
- Cost; social stigma
- Counseling and payment of this.
- Courage to seek help. (2)
- Crime from county
- Depression: for instance, obesity and abuse. They don't want to go for help and get found out about it. There's not enough strong women out there in the world to go out and not be ashamed to get help.
- Difficult to get any type of information; may lose your job when filing a complaint; process is too lengthy and cumbersome.
- Discrimination (2)
- Discrimination against women. (2)
- Disinclination for persons to seek help for mental health. Violence, not knowing self-defense. Work environment, not able to be in labor union.
- Distance and availability is a problem.
- Distance between communities with not a lot of specialists in each one.
- Distance from providers is most important.
- Distance from town so it is hard to get to services.
- Distance from town.
- Distance they have to go to get help.
- Don't have enough services for domestic violence, etc.
- Don't know where to go.
- Don't know. (40)
- Don't think women are serious and take problems seriously.
- Don't bother with it until it is too late.
- Don't have enough money to get out of a difficult situation and can't afford to have kids without support.
- Don't have the money.
- Don't know where to go/get help. (21)
- Don't recognize problems.
- Don't report it.

- Don't report or don't try to seek help.
- Don't see any problems.
- Don't take them seriously; get something for nothing, not taken seriously.
- Don't want to ask for help.
- Economic
- Education about the services.
- Education and fear of reprisal from abuser.
- Education and support.
- Education on the eating disorders.
- Education/Awareness; lack of education on where they can receive help. (3)
- Embarrassment (4)
- Embarrassment; being turned away; people in that position don't get the care that they need to get.
- Expense and location.
- Expense or unavailability.
- Fear of leaving and having a problem or having children taken away.
- Fear of more violence.
- Fear of outside opinions.
- Fear of reaching out.
- Fear or pride.
- Fear to get help; afraid of repercussions of getting help; substandard housing issues.
- Fear, labels, financial difficulties
- Fear/Fear of going for/asking for help. (6)
- Feeling overwhelmed; don't know where to go.
- Feeling that it is safe; fear of loss of confidentiality.
- Feeling threatened and being able to discuss openly.
- Financial (7)
- Financial ability to use the services provided.
- Financial ability; little staff that can help.
- Financial assistance and knowledge of where to get these services.
- Financial assistance; availability of services.
- Financial problems. (2)
- Financial qualifications.
- Financial support.
- Financial: low income families that don't have insurance have a difficult time in Teton County.
- Find someone who believes their problems; a lot of females don't know what to eat.
- Finding a decent doctor to keep going to.
- Finding a place that can provide the help.
- Finding a real person who will listen and can help.
- Finding a source for help.
- Finding out about them and then having someone who is going to follow through with the kind of help that they need.

- Finding places and programs that are good enough: not just for drugs (AA in particular); alcohol and drugs biggest problems.
- Finding someone that is willing to help them; finding the resources that are available.
- Finding someone to trust and tell what is going wrong.
- Finding someone who is willing to listen.
- Finding the help.
- Finding the resources.
- Finding the right people to contact.
- Finding which one will help you.
- Finding who to talk to.
- Follow-up help.
- Funding (2)
- Gender discrimination.
- Get it through Sheriff's department; get too involved; overreact.
- Get somebody to listen to them.
- Getting anywhere, places are so far and transportation is difficult.
- Getting employment is a problem so they don't have money for it.
- Getting help they need when there is domestic violence other than law enforcement; if they try to get out of the home, the criminal justice system doesn't give any help to getting child support; also, nutrition suffers when the children move out of the home.
- Getting people to believe in them that violence happens to them. (2)
- Getting resources to pay for things, especially if single.
- Getting someone to listen to them.
- Getting someone to listen to you and take you seriously.
- Getting someone to listen. If you go to the cops, they treat you like you're totally stupid.
- Getting the assistance they need.
- Getting the attention of the people who have the influence of people to handle the problem; if in either police or investigation they don't seem to think it is important.
- Getting the help they need.
- Getting the police department to believe in the women and to do something about it; not taken seriously enough.
- Getting through the system.
- Going to get it; hard to get help.
- Government red tape.
- Hard for anyone to get the right services for your problem.
- Hard to afford mental health services and women may not seek help if they need it for domestic abuse/violence.
- Hard to get authorities to respond.
- Hard to get people to understand when they haven't experienced them.
- Have no idea; don't get out much.
- Have not lived in Cheyenne long enough to be familiar with the problems or how to meet them.
- Have nowhere to go.
- Haven't established a good credit reading.

- Having family helping out or having the police trust you and help you out.
- Having someone to actually go talk to about it.
- Having the nerve to go to someone and avoiding the social stigma.
- Having the services nearby.
- Hazardous home environments are hard to get out of due to the situation; needing emotional support; and being able to finance leaving.
- Help is limited and/or people are afraid to get help.
- Home mothers.
- Housing and being told what to do.
- How much money they pay for it.
- How people will look at them.
- I don't think a lot of them know where to go; suffer in silence and taught that it's something to be ashamed of; need education on it.
- I don't think there are any services for problems like that. I don't think there are any solutions.
- I don't think there are that many things to assist women in Wyoming; there are not enough services available.
- I don't think we have the resources; also, I don't think women want to come forward for assistance out of pride or fear.
- I only know of one place for them to go; I don't know if the center is all that well-hidden either.
- I see younger people like single mothers need child support.
- I think it is knowing how to find what is available; hard time finding it or knowing what to do.
- I think it's just fear with them or they don't feel comfortable coming forward.
- I think that probably for the mental health, finding financial support for it is hard.
- I think that women are provided for very well for all those issues here, but I am not sure.
- I think they are afraid to get it, don't know they can get it, or where to get it.
- I wouldn't know.
- Ignorance
- Ignorance of existence of services and fear of seeking help.
- Ignore them.
- In many instances, it's a case of lack of knowledge; people don't know they need to get the services or where to go to get them.
- In the area of crime or violence, I believe there is excellent assistance, but there needs to be a service to help men break their cycle of violence. Their cycle of violence needs to be stopped.
- Inability to pay.
- Inability to talk to people who can help them communicate problems, a lot of other problems stem from that one; afraid of being perceived as stupid.
- Information
- Information about what is out there.
- Information and communication.
- Information, lack of
- Insurance (2)
- Insurance issues and not being able to afford without insurance.

- It all relates to money. People who are victims of those situations are frequently not aware of programs to help them. Mental health is notoriously under-funded.
- It is easy to slip between the cracks, cost.
- It is hard for a single woman to get assistance; also, women are preyed upon by men.
- It needs improvement.
- It takes too long for emergency response. You could die in the time it takes the emergency personnel to get to your home.
- It's difficult for them to get services to deal with their problems.
- It's such a long drawn-out process and doesn't often do any good.
- It's a small community and everyone is related or knows each other; hard to seek help discretely.
- It's an overcrowded system and there's not enough people to deal with the problems.
- Jumping through hoops and red tape; general attitude of society towards those who seek these services; cost.
- Just in knowing how to go and get help; getting the information out there to the public, especially to those who don't have much money or access to things that provide this information; need to have something like a hotline.
- Just not getting out and doing something about their own problems.
- Just that they don't go to the places that already exist.
- Just the lack of any programs.
- Knowing exactly where to go to find help.
- Knowing that these services are available.
- Knowing where to access help.
- Knowing where to find the services; and having enough services to help people along with possible costs of the services.
- Knowing where to get the services.
- Knowing where to go and scared a lot!
- Knowing where to go and who to talk to.
- Knowing where to go/go for help/information (11)
- Knowing where to turn to for help, whether emotional, physical or information sources.
- Knowing who to call or who to go to.
- Knowing who to go to for help.
- Knowing who to talk to and where to go for help.
- Knowledge about where to go to get help; women think the situation has to be extremely serious before getting help.
- Knowledge of the offered services.
- Lack of access to health care.
- Lack of availability and affordability.
- Lack of availability and education.
- Lack of availability for problems like this, having some courage to actually seek help; confidentiality.
- Lack of availability of help.
- Lack of availability of law enforcement or other personnel to handle those cases.
- Lack of availability of services.

- Lack of availability. (6)
- Lack of awareness.
- Lack of being close to your community, distance.
- Lack of caring.
- Lack of community and family support.
- Lack of confidentiality; fear of repercussions for past actions; not enough rehabilitation.
- Lack of credibility.
- Lack of doctors.
- Lack of education about what's available.
- Lack of education and cultural acceptance.
- Lack of education for resources.
- Lack of education.
- Lack of education; they don't know where to go for help; low self-esteem among young women is also a problem.
- Lack of finances for help; low wages create lack of opportunities.
- Lack of finances; make too much money to get help and can't afford it without help.
- Lack of funding.
- Lack of funds from the county provided for public services.
- Lack of health care; shortage of doctors.
- Lack of health insurance.
- Lack of help.
- Lack of information. (5)
- Lack of knowledge about how to go about it.
- Lack of knowledge about what is available.
- Lack of knowledge and access.
- Lack of knowledge of availability for the services, not knowing where to go or turn to.
- Lack of knowledge of what is available to them.
- Lack of knowledge of where to go to get help; needs to be advertised more for where to go.
- Lack of knowledge of where to go. (2)
- Lack of knowledge on what to do.
- Lack of knowledge on where to go; lack of services in some communities.
- Lack of knowledge or lack of facilities.
- Lack of knowledge. (6)
- Lack of knowledge; fear of reprisals; inability to get to the services.
- Lack of money or education.
- Lack of money to deal with them.
- Lack of money. (3)
- Lack of payment.
- Lack of people believing you.
- Lack of people to follow up.
- Lack of resources and not knowing where to go.
- Lack of resources, lack of knowledge about the services provided.
- Lack of resources. (2)
- Lack of resources; people to contact; feel like they're shuffled through the system.

- Lack of seriousness.
- Lack of services available to women; lack of education available.
- Lack of services in a small town.
- Lack of services or outlets for help.
- Lack of services. (5)
- Lack of services; knowing where to go and who to talk to.
- Lack of support from the proper authorities.
- Lack of support services; lack of enforcement.
- Lack of understanding by the public.
- Lack of will to do anything about it or ignorance.
- Legal help.
- Liability issues; cost.
- Limited availability of care.
- Little services.
- Live in a very small town; can have 911 people there in about three minutes.
- Living in a rural area it is hard to get availability of services.
- Location (2)
- Mainly cost because there are a lot of places that don't accept Medicaid and if they can't pay out of pocket they can't get it.
- Making people understand to respond to help them.
- Marital status, which affects cost and permission.
- Maybe education or knowing where to go for help and what to do; money is definitely an issue to for some people; drugs play a big part too.
- Maybe themselves; maybe they don't call when they need to.
- Maybe there are people who don't know whom to go to for problems.
- Medications are expensive; they need to get to the right person.
- Men being in charge of the whole area.
- Mental health: people don't get help unless they are thought of as a danger to themselves or someone else; people aren't getting the help they need.
- Money (23)
- Money and easy access.
- Money and expenses.
- Money and financial support.
- Money and transportation/overcoming embarrassment.
- Money, wages and benefits are awful for women.
- Money; education on right and wrong.
- Money; no way out of bad relationships due to money, especially with no children.
- More insistent people who abuse prescription drugs.
- More publicized.
- Most places in town will take advantage of widows--overcharging and slick talking.
- Mostly financial.
- Mostly there's nothing here in Gillette geared towards helping women.
- Navigation of regulations and the systems; too complicated and they don't know where to go for help; they end up getting shuffled around instead of getting the proper help that they need.

- Need for more advertisement.
- Need some services to help separation from continuation of hurt.
- Need support for children, help from spouses, welfare, etc.
- Need time and money to get help.
- Need to change the laws instead of providing more services.
- Need to get help with counseling; need more court support.
- No close enough services.
- No difficulties.
- No good help services.
- No idea where to go.
- No insurance.
- No money or jobs; substance abuse.
- No one listens anymore.
- No one to offer them.
- No one trained in the community to deal with domestic violence; I don't believe women know what to do or what their choices are.
- No place to go. (3)
- No problem/none (9)
- No problems with access to services, well advertised.
- No resources; fear.
- No services are available and they don't know where to go.
- No services/no services available (3)
- No understanding of where to go.
- Nobody paying any attention to their problems.
- Nobody takes women seriously.
- Nobody wants to listen to women with these problems; they don't want to believe women.
- Non-action
- Not access to services.
- Not affordable.
- Not available or do not know where they are at.
- Not available to everyone.
- Not available.
- Not available; lack of programs in small community.
- Not aware of services. (2)
- Not being able to pay for the services.
- Not being aware of any programs already available and the health community not as aware of women's health issues as they should be.
- Not being aware of what is available to them.
- Not being taken seriously unless there is physical evidence; believing males over females.
- Not caring to do it.
- Not educated.
- Not enough government monies to deal with issues.
- Not enough help or not enough money on the state level.
- Not enough information about where to get help.

- Not enough information. (3)
- Not enough mental health services for the population; lack of affordable insurance for mental health services and/or high cost of insurance.
- Not enough money to get help for child care or transportation.
- Not enough money, personally.
- Not enough money. (2)
- Not enough people take women seriously.
- Not enough people to help; people are overworked and/or overbooked.
- Not enough places for women to go; not enough services; or if there are services, it's expensive; limited availability.
- Not enough places where women feel comfortable going.
- Not enough programs that offer services or you have to go through red tape to get to them.
- Not enough resources in the area that I live in and a lot of them are poorly educated.
- Not enough resources/services. (7)
- Not enough services available for non-insurance people; limited amount of support for disabled women.
- Not enough services provided.
- Not enough support groups.
- Not enough support, think they need money, no place to go to.
- Not enough time or money.
- Not enough variety of services.
- Not having a voice and not being heard; the redneck men in Wyoming.
- Not having enough money for them.
- Not having enough professionals to talk to.
- Not having the knowledge of help if there is anywhere to go; more advertising is needed for abusive relationship counseling.
- Not having the resources; don't know where to go; afraid to seek help.
- Not knowing about the services or afraid to go.
- Not knowing how to get help.
- Not knowing where to go and not having the money to do it.
- Not knowing where to go or being ashamed of where to go.
- Not knowing where to go or not knowing that there is help in getting their problems figured out.
- Not knowing where to go/go for help (12)
- Not knowing where to go; not having enough confidence to ask for help.
- Not knowing where to go; not sure what services are provided.
- Not knowing where to look.
- Not knowing where to turn or being afraid to turn to somewhere.
- Not knowing where to turn; not informed enough and don't know what kind of options they have.
- Not knowing who and where to call; elderly perhaps don't know where to go.
- Not knowing who to go to for help; lack of money and maybe shame.
- Not much availability for mental health.
- Not really many difficulties.

- Not sure. (2)
- Notifying and making aware.
- Opportunity for service.
- Our community is accessible to women with problems.
- Out in the country the distance from home to town would be a big problem.
- Overcoming reluctance to get help; don't know how to get help.
- Overcoming the fear of going out to get help.
- Over-income for help but no extra income for extra help.
- Owning their own problems and dealing with them.
- Paperwork and getting to the right agency; you also have to take time off work because they are only open from 9-5 or business hours.
- People aren't well trained enough to deal with domestic violence; not helpful; concern for the clients needed; people who need help won't get it.
- People deny that they have a problem in the first place.
- People don't know how to treat it; don't understand eating disorders.
- People don't listen to women.
- People don't listen. (3)
- People feel insecure about seeking help for these problems; not enough support.
- People having problems buying food and child support from husbands; the courts do not do enough to enforce child support.
- People just don't care (referring to authorities); they don't think it's that important.
- People not taking women seriously.
- People sometimes don't think women are smart enough; people don't think women are as knowledgeable as men.
- People taking them seriously and being able to ask for help; women are discriminated against when asking for help.
- People taking women seriously.
- People think girls over-exaggerate and don't believe them.
- Personal education, finances, and availability.
- Personal problems.
- Personal shame; inability to get out of the situation; services are offered so I know they are there; language barriers for Hispanic community.
- Police cooperation can be an issue.
- Poor school lunches with poor nutrition.
- Pride and money; also transportation might enter into it.
- Probably not enough support from community in general.
- Probably out of being scared, especially if they're in a hazardous home environment.
- Problems can be pushed aside; lack of finances to pay for services.
- Proper care isn't available; have to go to Utah.
- Public assistance and child care.
- Public ridicule.
- Qualifying for the services that are available, depends on level of income.
- Quality of the profession itself for mental health.
- Race; religion; and personal problems.

- Religious issues, and discrimination due to religion.
- Reluctant to expose the problem.
- Remoteness of area.
- Resources; knowing where to turn for the resources.
- Retribution and education about safety in the home.
- Rules or guidelines that keep them out of programs.
- Rural area where services are just not available.
- Safety issue.
- Scared to tell somebody (violence, crime); not aware that programs are available (nutrition, mental health).
- Scheduling around work, or being able to afford it.
- Services are available, but not sure where they would go for hazardous work environment.
- Services are limited or not available at all.
- Services are not available. (2)
- Services are not well advertised.
- Services aren't available because of the size of the community and people need to be more open about their problems and admit that they do need help.
- Services do the best they can with what they have to work with.
- Shame (2)
- Small rural area, not enough services here.
- Small towns have confidentiality that is not good; people don't want to go because of the problems that occur from going.
- Some are afraid to reach out for help; not suggested by the police department.
- Some women don't know how get help.
- Sometimes economic understanding and trying to get into the system is very difficult so they have a hard time getting it.
- Stairs, rugs, inaccessibility to different rooms, basements, unable to take care of the maintenance of their home (for elderly persons).
- States not having money to fund these programs to help women; budget cuts down on services for younger women.
- Step forward and ask; problems finding them.
- Stigma of suffering considered bad; cost for stuff.
- Stigma/stigma is attached (2)
- Stigma; lack of resources.
- Support in their own home from abuser.
- Taken advantage of
- That one would have to make the decision.
- The ability to find help.
- The assistance from police, etc.
- The attitude of society that women don't need help and should take care of their own problems.
- The availability of services for women.
- The availability of services.
- The cost of getting good nutrition and the rest.

- The cost of services. (4)
- The cost of services; discrimination against women in being able to find services.
- The cost or just the availability.
- The fact that they are a woman, discrimination.
- The fact that they are women.
- The fact that we are women; men are listened to more easily.
- The fact that you have oil rigs that employ very few women; makes it hard for women to speak up, difficulty in employing women; always hard for women in an unhealthy relationship to get themselves out of it emotionally or financially.
- The fear for what would happen to them; not enough intervention.
- The fear of coming forward and fear of retaliation.
- The idea that men are dominant.
- The lack of places that offer these services.
- The lack of programs.
- The money needed to go to doctors.
- The paperwork that is required. (2)
- The problems are pushed aside for too long.
- The program in the town Project Safe has a bad reputation, so no one wants to go to them.
- The requirement for work in order to receive state help, jobs are very limited in this community.
- The services are there but they are not easily found because the public might not be aware of them.
- The services just might not exist in Wyoming; if they do exist, paying for them is also a problem.
- The small community, hence lack of facilities.
- The stigma of what you did to cause it; women trying to raise children on their own, find child care if she is working; and keep up with child's work in school fighting uphill battle by herself.
- The system is such that it takes a great deal of problem before a woman can seek help; she has to suffer a lot before she can be helped.
- The town is small; unless they travel to a larger area services are not available; not even sure they are in the two nearest larger cities.
- The way that men treat women and women's problems not taken seriously.
- Their own fear to get help; not aware of how to get help.
- Their own inhibitions not to do something about it.
- Their own personal endeavors; if they are strong enough to come forward or not; cost is also an issue; small communities don't keep secrets if you let them out.
- Their own unwillingness to admit their problem, there is a lot more available than people are willing to use.
- Them not wanting to do it.
- There are just not the social services available to the women that need them.
- There are no problems.

- There are no safe houses for women in Wyoming; we need to listen to women and help them be self-sufficient even if they can't work for medical problems but are stuck in abusive relationships; if women could get day care they wouldn't have the other problems.
- There are no services available for these problems in the town I live in.
- There are not as many options as there needs to be for them.
- There are not enough programs, accessibility, and not enough places for women to go with their children that are safe.
- There are situations in which the mother and father are not being very good parents so children can't get help.
- There aren't enough resources available here in Wyoming like there are in other states.
- There is a lack of resources for the women to call on.
- There is nobody in this town that gives a shit.
- There is not a lot of help for women with these problems in Wyoming.
- There is not enough available help and they have nowhere to go.
- There should be more about it so they feel comfortable coming forward.
- There's no good ones out there.
- There's not adequate care.
- They are afraid or uneducated.
- They are afraid/afraid to get help (4)
- They are depressed and feel isolated and then they don't reach out for help; the churches need to do more to reach out to these people with problems.
- They are not here; you have to travel so far to get help; it is not available in Wyoming.
- They are not listened to as they should be, not taken seriously.
- They are scared; don't trust the confidentiality.
- They can't get welfare.
- They can't find help and it may be too expensive.
- They can't qualify for them to be financed for them.
- They don't know where to go.
- They don't have a place to go with their problems.
- They don't have the daycare that is affordable and they don't pay wages to women to get their child care or health care; and deadbeat, that's a problem.
- They don't have the money or the transportation to get the help and they don't have support from families.
- They don't know about the services and the cost or money.
- They don't know how to get the help, they are too embarrassed or scared.
- They don't know it's there.
- They don't know what is available.
- They don't know what is out there or they are too scared to go against whatever man is in their life.
- They don't know what resources are available.
- They don't know what to do or where to go or they're afraid to; they're also uneducated.
- They don't know where to find it or just don't go.
- They don't know where to go and I also believe that women are ignored.
- They don't know where to go and they feel no one will listen.

- They don't know where to go to get help.
- They don't know where to go to get the help they need or who to talk to.
- They don't know who to contact, denial.
- They don't live in the right place at the right time; there is no availability.
- They have a hard time getting child care so they can go there and then they have a hard time paying for it due to job issues and costs of child care and the services that they are in need of.
- They have to admit they have a problem and then they need guidance on where to go.
- They know how to get the right care.
- They might not be willing to report a problem.
- They need someone who will listen.
- They really have to work for what they feel is right; have to take the first step.
- They try to hide it rather to seek help.
- They won't initiate getting help.
- They wouldn't have the finances to help them.
- They're not readily available here; not much education.
- Threat of losing children.
- Time to take care of personal issues-eating, health-no time.
- Too many people coming for help and the communities are overwhelmed.
- Too scared to go get them.
- Transportation.
- Treatment is not well advertised.
- Trying to balance a decent wage and being eligible for public assistance.
- Trying to find a good doctor to help.
- Trying to find those people to help, safety in getting help and not getting caught by the abuser.
- Trying to get through all the red tape: too many forms to fill out, too many loopholes to deny services.
- Unavailability of services.
- Underpaid jobs.
- Unwillingness to admit there is a problem; lack of understanding about what women should not have to deal with.
- Updating need for lamb, not just beef.
- Very limited funds for services.
- Violence (3)
- Wait
- Wanting privacy.
- We are isolated from services; have to travel so far for any kind of services.
- We are learning; our state is becoming more aware of the needs of women and children; we are in the infantile stage of this and there's a lot more that can be done.
- We don't have very many services down here.
- When they seek help, having someone listen to them and understand them.
- When women tell people they need help other people won't listen.
- When you live in a small community, they would try to cover up the problem rather than trying to get people help.
- Where to go to get started on getting help.

- Who to contact.
- Willingness to go and get it.
- Women are afraid to ask.
- Women are afraid to seek help, cant afford it, and/or don't know what services are available to them.
- Women are in denial of their circumstances, embarrassment to get help, fear.
- Women aren't taken seriously when they try to get help.
- Women need to be taken seriously.
- Women need to have their children allowed into domestic-abuse shelters. There is a big problem with what to do with the children when no family is around to help. Housing for low-income families needs to be improved.
- Women need to open up and let people know what they need. They need to stop trying to do it all themselves.
- Women not knowing the right agency to contact.
- Women that don't want help with the problem.
- Women's problems with not going or holding themselves back.
- Working through the system to get it taken care of--pretty in depth, a hassle.
- Would need to have it up front and out so they would know where to go for help.
- You have to make no money because the government won't help you if you have an income.
- Young girls to talk to councilors.

APPENDIX IV

46. Which one or more of the following would you identify as your race? (D10)

Other:

- A mix of African American and Hispanic
- Basque
- Black/Asian
- Hispanic (6)
- Italian
- Japanese
- Spanish
- Spanish American
- White and American Indian

APPENDIX V**51. That's all the questions I have. Thanks for your help with this survey of women's issues in Wyoming. Is there anything else you would like to share with us at this time?**

- A lot of the attitudes in this state are negative towards women and they consider women second-class citizens, especially in Sheridan County.
- A lot of those questions were personal and I don't think that they should be asked.
- Abortion is a big issue. It should be outlawed completely.
- Abortion; right to life.
- Abuse of women and children; really need to get a handle on this.
- Adoption agency in Wyoming needs work; it's horrible.
- Am currently working on trying to lower speed of semi's on highways during the winter months for safety. Would you please help us write the bill up?
- Are they actually going to try to assist women with these issues? Can they look into schools that are pressing charges on a mother for child neglect because the child has been missing too much school?
- Been a single parent and it's hard for women and children to deal with; for women who are getting older, it's also an issue because there is insecurity there because you never know; also the emotional giving takes a toll.
- Big thing is the inequality of wages in the state between men and women.
- Biggest issue is housing cost, lots of out-of-state people coming in and making housing way too expensive.
- Biggest issue is inequality of wages between men and women's work.
- Biggest item is cost of health insurance.
- Cheyenne needs more services; terrible drug problem and poverty.
- Children get health insurance for low-income families but the moms don't; healthy household for low-income single mothers.
- Communities are trying to do a good job but they still have a little way to go.
- Covered everything.
- Daughter has moved in with children and can't get on food stamps due to living with parents, which puts a strain on the household.
- Definite lack of availability of health care for women; no hospital; pregnant women have to drive 81 miles one way to see a gynecologist; no facility for mammograms; and months in advance appointments for drop in service.
- Doctors do not have enough say when it comes to medical insurance. Medical benefits for women are poor and could be greatly improved.
- Domestic violence is a huge issue. They need new laws that are more effective because the women who have been abused are afraid to leave and the ex-spouses should not be taken lightly; victims (adults and children) need to be protected.
- Don't like that smaller schools are closing. As rich as this state is in natural resources, there is no reason; small classrooms are great for kids. Enjoy small schools better; hate to see it happen. Transportation, especially for elderly with health concerns.

- Don't really think we have issues; many agencies help; almost too much help, people don't have to support themselves anymore.
- Drug abuse is a huge problem in our community and it has come up a lot in the past few years.
- Drugs and substance abuse in schools.
- Drunk driving; meth problem.
- Education is bad.
- Employment is bad, improve it.
- Everyone in the area are ranchers; it's very independent and everyone fixes their own problems.
- Finding help in the phonebook for help about women's issues.
- Fremont County needs more women's services.
- From personal experience, I needed help but I had too much in food stamps and not enough in daycare. Many women want to be self-sufficient but need a little help to get started. Daycare is so important and the cost is so high that sometimes it's easier to stay home.
- Get wages up for women in Wyoming because it is too low.
- Glad to get called; Wyoming particularly needs to take care of women.
- Good issue; more men would have respect.
- Grueling survey; hard questions to answer.
- Handicap accessibility.
- Have had several young (22) female students married and already having domestic violence issues; big problem with sexual assault issues and the women aren't getting the help they need (sexual assault being treated as consensual sex).
- Health care and health insurance in the community and lack of child care.
- Health care is a huge issue in this state and they really need to figure something out.
- Health care needs to be improved.
- Health care needs work and there is a lot of drug abuse, especially in young people.
- Health insurance and discrepancies of it are a major problem.
- Homosexuality is a big issue and they shouldn't call this the equality state unless it is truly going to be equal.
- I am a fairly strong feminist and have lived in six different states and sexual bias in this state is more than any other I have lived in.
- I am concerned about these issues but I just don't get out to know how my community feels.
- I am concerned about women receiving low pay in Wyoming; it is really low.
- I appreciate being involved.
- I can't get Kid Care for my child because I work for the state; but if I wasn't working for the state, my child would qualify. So he has no health insurance.
- I feel that somehow some women of Wyoming have to make a comparable wage as men. No matter what they are doing.
- I have a husband who is Native American and my son is Native American also. We receive some care from the reservation, which causes a lot of conflict in this area.
- I hope that Wyoming never allows two women to get married.
- I hope this information gets passed on to Barbara Cubin.
- I just hope they get more help or assistance to women. They need to be able to go to school and earn higher wages.
- I like the WIC program and I hope they keep it.

- I lost my social security because I worked for the government.
- I may move elsewhere due to low wages.
- I think a little more about the questions, they are a little broad.
- I think that a marriage should be between a man and a woman.
- I think that it is a crime that we don't make enough money for, health care; but the people who provide these services say we make too much money. The little bit of money we could save to help ourselves, it goes to everything else.
- I think they need to work harder on getting child support from deadbeat dads.
- I think women should be treated equally. The women should be in the home and they should be home when the children are there.
- I wish that social security and disability would pay out more because living on \$8 dollars a month is hard and it's been a long wait trying to get help.
- I wish there was a question about unplanned pregnancies and STDs.
- I wish they could get health care under control.
- I wish they had better medical care here in Wyoming.
- I wish women could get a leg up like men have.
- I work in the health care field and I'd like to see more availability for mental health care. Women look for it but there is a long waiting list and they have to jump through hoops to get it --and that's in Cheyenne, so I'm sure the smaller cities are in the same situation.
- If you are an older, single unemployed woman in Wyoming there is no one to help you. I need to have insulin, heart medicine, and oxygen. Without help I will go blind and eventually die. There is no one to help me.
- In the EQUALITY STATE, women don't seem to earn the same as men.
- In this community, one doctor has left and 2 are leaving shortly, and it will be very disastrous for our community.
- Isolation causes stress for some people.
- It's a felony to beat your dog but not your wife; so, more emphasis on domestic violence.
- It's horrible the way they do the oil rigs-- men work so hard, women have to stay home, men have no time for home life. It's hard for women to get a professional job and keep one with all the needs at home. Also hard to find a job related to a professional.
- Jobs for women in Wyoming; pay scale is very low and it is an aging community. Need for more services targeted to elderly here and hard for young single mothers to make any economic gain here.
- Keep working with the young girls in our community about pregnancy, safe sex, and sexually transmitted diseases.
- Liability issue.
- Lists were awfully long.
- Live in an area with lots of Mexicans and American Indians and everybody gets along well.
- Mainly health care and adequate wages for women.
- More activities for seniors and disabled people; finding people to help disabled and seniors around the house and things; caring for community; government funding for programs.
- More care for the elderly is needed; and more help for substance abuse.
- More child care is needed in Wyoming (too many waiting lists); better health care services for mothers who have health problems; and work better with people who need social security benefits.

- More facilities available to women experiencing violence in home, child support; too many men getting away with not taking care of responsibilities and women getting no assistance.
- More hours and better paying jobs.
- More information about women's health.
- Need more educational services for dyslexic/learning disabled children at all levels.
- Need more women's groups; men have hats on here.
- Need public transportation in town; businesses need daycare; need more doctors in town including some women specialists.
- Need to do something to keep doctors in Wyoming; mental health could use major improvement.
- Need to evaluate teachers that are currently teaching from time to time; sometimes they're too relaxed and let things slip by that shouldn't.
- Need to fix schools; need funding.
- Need to get rid of right to work law; should always pay at least a minimum wage; insurance benefits needed regardless.
- Not many career opportunities and woman are paid less than men.
- Nutrition programs are important but are not advertised enough in Sheridan. Maybe more women would seek help if they knew where to go.
- Please help the single moms!
- Pleased with the support the college offered; got a lot of help.
- Police in area spend their time looking for drug related issues instead of domestic issues.
- Pretty content but could use changes compared to Philippines, but you can't whine. You have to just deal with things and present yourself properly to avoid discrimination.
- Problem with elder care; experienced a red tape problem when getting ready to obtain additional care for an elderly relative; advance notice should be given about what documents etc. will be needed when care is needed.
- Providing good child care is a major concern along with getting quality jobs.
- Really need to get a handle on the meth problems, really bad in this town or we'll end up with a whole generation of kids with no parents.
- Resources for women in small businesses.
- Right to work program.
- Seems to be a problem with people that fall "into the cracks" and as far as having medical and dental programs for people of low income; there doesn't seem to be help for that; there seems to be an age group that falls to the cracks.
- Sexual abuse toward women and little girls is a serious problem that's overlooked.
- Should ask how much leisure time people have; I have none.
- Some of the questions on the survey were ambiguous.
- Some of the questions were vague!
- Someone really needs to help them; there are a ton of children out there in trouble because the women in their lives aren't around to help them; they are not getting the help that they need.
- Take into account that a household is very different than it was several years ago. This individual's household is spread out over the country, and it makes a difference how all of these questions are worded.
- Telephone scams are bad.
- Thanks for calling me. I am very interested in women's issues. I believe the biggest issue facing women is equality in pay. It needs the most work. Governor is working on it, which is good.

- The “helpers” need to listen and not to pass judgment right away. The “helpers” need to be open-minded in order to help efficiently.
- The community could use Planned Parenthood and more liberal health care for women (cheaper).
- The discrepancy between men’s and woman’s wages is the highest in Wyoming, this really needs to be worked on.
- The income gap between women and men is tragic in this state.
- The lack of alimony in Wyoming; child support is a problem.
- The lack of women having access to birth control or abortion services.
- The medical care in Sweetwater County is deteriorating at an extreme rate. Our hospital leaders are ridiculous. Emergency responses are non-existence. One of the pediatricians is a child molester who had their license revoked. Something needs to be done.
- The one thing I am noticing in Wyoming is the epidemic of crystal meth use by women, both young and old, which concerns me. Also, the younger girls are being promiscuous and some education needs to happen about STD's.
- The state needs to get more laws about child support; need to be tougher in enforcing them.
- The way the elderly get treated and the amount of money they have to pay for care.
- There are a lot of women’s issues and Cody has a great crisis intervention. They do a good job.
- There is no transportation anywhere in this state. When Amtrak pulled out, it was real bad. People cannot get anywhere without a car. There is no mental health care here that is reliable. We are losing all our good doctors.
- There is such a high suicide rate that needs more programs and the insurance rates are ridiculous.
- There should be care for veterans in state because I have to go to Utah. Give us old folks a break.
- They need to revise their stalking and protection order laws. They do not work.
- They need to run the buses in Gillette on weekends as well.
- They should have more low-income housing for divorced parents or more affordable housing.
- This is the most fun survey I have ever taken.
Too many women in our community don't have health care or health insurance; low paid and can't afford it; these women are not willing to further educate themselves.
- Uninsurable status is discrimination (people born handicapped for example) because the cost is so outrageous they cannot afford help.
- Used to be an adult probation and parole agent; believe there are serious drug and alcohol problems with women in my community.
- Wage discrimination in Wyoming; services for single mothers; child care and infant care.
- Wage discrimination is really a problem in Wyoming. Women are very much underpaid for what they do.
- We have our problems and everyone else might have worse ones.
- We need more things for kids to do in this state. The kids and the prisoners should all either be in school the whole time - we should be sending our younger prisoners into war instead of our boys so they can come home and help their families.
- We need socialized medicine like Canada and England and more voters voting in every election.
- We need someone to standardize rules about child support issues.
- We need support here for children that are on drugs.
- We try to help out the single mothers.
- Why aren't people voting?
- Wish there were more jobs for woman and people in general in Wyoming.

- Women actually speaking up.
- Women are not paid what they are worth in the workforce in Wyoming and the nation as a whole.
- Women are so scared because they don't know that they can go anywhere confidential for help with abuse or substance abuse problems. There is no where that it wouldn't get around except for the coalition, which I run, and the funding has been cut so low.
- Women in the state of Wyoming are not paid enough here and the men are paid more than women; Wyoming is the worst in the nation and we need to change that.
- Women need more emotional support and we need more abortion services in the state.
- Women need somewhere to go to when they are having family difficulties.
- Women should take care of their own children and they shouldn't work outside the home.
- Women who don't qualify for help like TANF, etc and who need it is a problem.
- Women with kids when they're victims of domestic violence need more assistance from the court systems.
- Women's freedom of choice and women's freedom to obtain birth control.
- Wyoming's salary cap for women is way too low.
- You covered it.