

Town Profile

The Town of Jackson is located at the southern entrance to Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks in the northwest corner of Wyoming. Dramatic mountain peaks, including the Tetons, the Gros Ventres, and Snow King form a dramatic backdrop to our valley (called Jackson Hole). The Town of Jackson is home to approximately 10,600 people and another 12,900 live in the remainder of Teton County.

The current history of the Town continues to change rapidly. As a resort community in a world-class setting in the intermountain west, the pressures for growth, development, and change are tremendous. Yet 97% of the land in the county is public land. Tourists from all over the world, numbering over four million annually, visit the area for the scenery, the wildlife, the recreational opportunities, the geographic features, and the romance of the American West.



The impacts of these trends on the fragile landscape and the small community are incredible. The relationship between people, water, the landscape, and the environment continues to define the region today. Change occurs so rapidly that it is important that Jackson maintains a sense of its past and its values. The community needs to understand and remember the effects of the evolution of the valley on the human spirit over time, particularly as it defines its future.

The Town of Jackson, incorporated in 1914, is the only incorporated municipality in Teton County. The Town operates under a mayor-council form of government. The council is comprised of a mayor and four councilors all of whom serve 4 year alternating terms. The council appoints the Town Manager, Town Attorney, and Municipal Judge. The Town Manager directs the administrative and operational functions of the Town through appointed department directors.

Tourism and Entertainment

Tourism remains a critical industry in the area, as Jackson is a gateway to both Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks. Area transportation needs are served by the Jackson Hole Airport (JAC) and the Southern Teton Area Rapid Transit (START) bus system. The airport is served by four major airlines and has over 390,000 enplanements per year. START Bus System operates a variety of routes in town and to nearby communities, with a ridership over 1,000,000. The bus system continues to be a convenient and green solution for Jackson and the surrounding area.

Situated in the heart of downtown Jackson is the Jackson Hole Center for the Arts. This \$35 million dollar facility is home to local art, music, and dance organizations that offer year-round classes, openings, and performances. The 500 seat theater opened in the spring of 2007 and is a crown jewel of Jackson.





The National Museum of Wildlife Art, which sits above the National Elk Refuge, opened in 1994. It is home to nearly 5,000 pieces in the wildlife genre. Every year the museum hosts galas, meetings, presentations, and over 60,000 people who come for its art, its views and its ambiance.

The Chamber also hosts the annual Fall Arts Festival which takes place every September. The 35th annual Festival will take place from September 4th to September 15th, 2019 with world-class installments of visual, contemporary, culinary, western and Native American arts. Visitors will once again experience the works of nationally and internationally acclaimed artists, in addition to an exceptional array of music, cowboy poetry and cuisine. More than fifty events, gallery walks, workshops, artist receptions and more round out the eleven-day Festival.

The Jackson area boasts over 60 art galleries ranging from classic, western landscapes to bold modern depictions of the cowboy to stunning wildlife photography. Sauntering around the famous, board-walked Town Square and outlying blocks, the visitors and locals alike enjoy a myriad of artistic choices. Jewelry, furniture, and fine western clothing also play a beautiful role in Jackson's art scene. The Jackson Hole Chamber of Commerce has a full listing of the art galleries in the area.

Jackson's culinary scene is to be rivaled anywhere. High end, exquisite restaurants can be found in downtown, on spacious buttes, and at Teton Village. Peppered in between the Town of Jackson and Teton Village are quaint cafés, family-friendly eateries, and lively sports bars. Enjoying the choices for eating in Jackson is an activity unto itself.

Lifestyle

Besides being home to two National Parks, Jackson Hole is surrounded by multiple National Forests, the National Elk Refuge, and three world-class ski areas. Cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and snowmobiling are popular winter sports. Summer activities include hiking, biking and water sports. The Snake and surrounding rivers provide fishing, boating, kayaking and rafting opportunities. There are thousands of miles of trails, and two mountain climbing schools. The area surrounding Jackson is premier hunting country.

For a town of its size, Jackson offers a host of amenities for visitors and residents. The Teton County School District provides excellent K-12 public education and there are three private schools in the valley. The Teton County/Jackson Parks and Recreation Department offers several swimming pools, spas, yoga and other classes, and volleyball/basketball courts for adults and kids. The Snow King Center hosts ice skating and hockey activities. Walk Festival Hall in Teton Village features symphony orchestra performances throughout the summer and special programs during the winter season.



Industry

Jackson's economy is built around tourism and lifestyle. Over four million guests visit each year and more than 500,000 skier days are tallied at the Jackson Hole Mountain Resort, which was Ski Magazine's #1 ranked resort in 2014 and Forbes #1 ranked resort in 2015 and 2016. The abundance of outdoor recreation opportunities, the unsurpassed scenic beauty, the prevalence of many species of wildlife, the lack of individual state income tax, and the high quality of life give Jackson unsurpassed appeal as a place to live, visit and recreate.

Industry Sector	Establishments	Employees
Accommodation and Food Services	187	7,085
Retail Trade	218	2,242
Construction	365	2,096
Professional and Technical Services	432	1,019
Administrative and Waste Services	177	1,018
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	102	893
Health Care and Social Assistance	148	847
Other Services, Ex. Public Admin	195	633
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	168	574
Finance and Insurance	147	507

Source: wyomingatwork.com

Workforce

Principal Employers

Jackson Lake Lodge
Grand Teton Lodge Co
St John's Medical Ctr
Spa At Four Seasons Resrt
Four Seasons Resrt-Residences
Snow King Resort
Grand Targhee Resort
Snake River Lodge & Spa
Jackson Hole Mountain Resort
Jackson Hole Sothebys Intl

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According to the Wyoming Department of Employment, Teton County has an estimated annual labor force of 14,806. The unemployment rate is 9.4%.

Jackson Population

Based on the 2010 census, the population of Jackson was 9,577. This is an increase of 114% over the 1990 population and 11% over the 2000 census count. Per U.S. Census Bureau, the current estimated population is 10,559.

Year	Town of Jackson	Teton County
1960	1,437	3,062
1970	2,688	4,823
1980	4,511	9,355
1990	4,472	11,172
2000	8,647	18,251
2010	9,577	21,294

Source: U.S. Census & State of Wyoming
