

**Department/Division/Program**

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**Wyoming Quality of Life Result**

Wyoming has a diverse population that values the quality of life that the state has to offer. Stable employment, education, health and safety for Wyoming residents are a very important part of that quality of life. Post secondary education, small business as well as corporate business with good guidelines to follow help ensure and sustain the quality of life Wyoming residents have come accustomed to.

**Contribution to Wyoming Quality of Life**

Cosmetology offers stable employment for thousands of Wyoming residents which in turn helps strengthen the overall economy of the state. Cosmetology schools in our state offer post secondary education to approximately 400 students per year, training them for a profitable and rewarding career. Cosmetology offers the consumers of the state an outlet for self improvement through education, beautification and contact with trained professionals able to assist in many areas such as domestic abuse and child neglect. The Board of Cosmetology sets standards for the Cosmetology industry to ensure the health safety and welfare of the Wyoming citizens.

**Basic Facts**

**Staff:**

One full-time, two part-time

**Budget:**

Administration           \$262,940.00  
No General Funds

**Clients Served:**

The Board of Cosmetology serves approximately 7500 licensees, including cosmetologists, hairstylist, nail technicians, estheticians, instructors, independent contractors, salons and schools.

**Number of Members:**

Five, Governor appointed Board Members serving 3 year terms. At least one member must be a licensed cosmetology instructor.

**Agency to which group reports:**

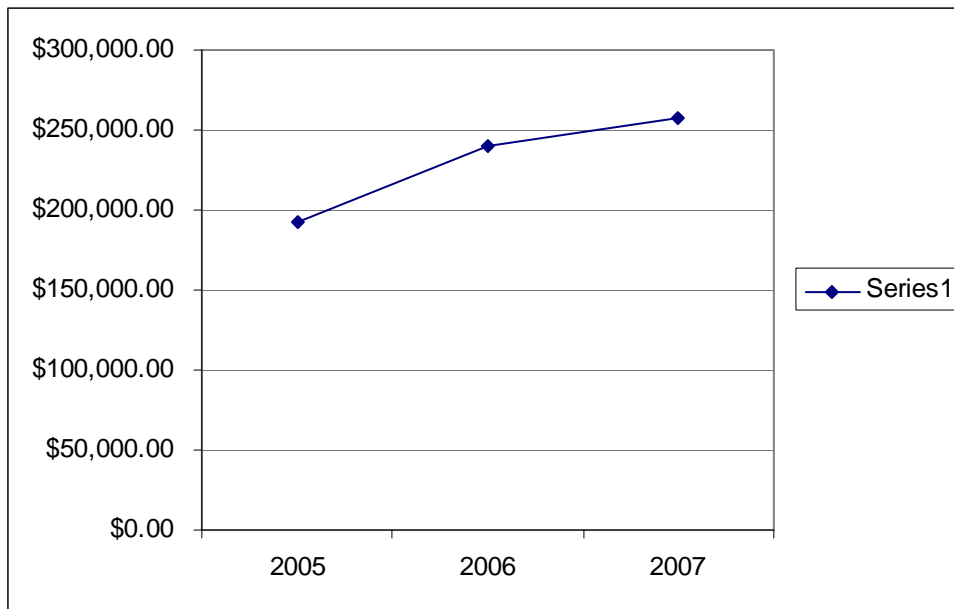
Department of Administration and Information

**Meeting Frequency**

Four meetings per year are required by law; normally a minimum of six meetings are held each year.

**Performance**

Wyoming has continued to grow in population through out the state and we continue see a direct correlation to the increase in licensees applying from other states. With the increase number of licensees, there comes the increase in violations and complaints. The Board continues to take their duties to ensure consumer safety very seriously. The Board will continue to perform its duties in strict compliance with state laws and with the highest integrity. The Board will perform its duties efficiently and consistently to the general public and licensees, while remaining flexible to adjust to the ever changing needs of the cosmetology industry. With the implementation of two new license categories, Hair Stylist and Independent Contractor, it has put a strain on our current staff to perform all required functions, including inspections.



The increased revenue during FY08 is due to the increase in licensee's and the licensure of Independent Contractors and new licensees coming into the state. This increase helps enable the Board to perform the required duties of inspections and investigations as required by law. Due to these increases the need for additional inspection staff is needed. There has been a noticeable increase in complaints from consumers, as well as increased violations found during annual inspections. There are approximately 1500 inspections to be done each year and impossible for one inspector to do them. An additional inspector is needed to comply with the legislative mandate for annual inspections.