



# RIVERTON

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

# 2007 Community Profile

## History

Riverton's site at the joining of the Big Wind and Little Wind River has been a meeting place and cross-roads since pre-historic times. Chief Washakie, Jim Bridger and Sacajawea are only a few of the legends that walked this land.

The modern city of Riverton was founded in 1906 during the land rush to settle acreage withdrawn by treaty from the Wind River Indian Reservation. Totally insular within the reservation, our history blends the pioneer spirit of the homesteaders with the native cultures of the Arapahoe and Shoshone Indians. As Riverton evolved from a freewheeling ranching and mining town into the commercial and educational hub of west-central Wyoming, it has retained the "can do" spirit and vitality of the New West.

## Geography

Located in the heart of Fremont County, an area larger than many Eastern States, Riverton is surrounded by mountains and rivers. The Wind River Range of the Rocky Mountains lies south and west; the Owl Creek Range is north. The Wind River is south and east of town, with the Gas Hills to the east.

Elevation: 4956 ft.  
Longitude: 108 23' 11"      Latitude: 43 01' 25.5"

## Climate

Sheltered by mountains to the west and north and on the edge of the precipitation shadow cast by the Rockies, Riverton has the mildest year-round weather in the state of Wyoming.

Annual average temperature: 44.4°f  
January average temperatures: 29.3°f high & 0.0°f low  
July average temperatures: 88.8°f high & 51.7°f low  
Annual average rainfall: 13.60 inches  
Average wind gust: 7 mph  
Annual average snow pack: 8 inches in winter  
Average growing season: 139 days per year  
Average sunshine days: 347 days per year  
Annual average humidity: 30%

## Population

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2004 Est.</u>
City	9,202	9,310	9,389
County	33,662	35,804	36,310

## Housing

Housing is available for families of all sizes and income brackets. The information contained here is subject to change. Precise and updated information can be obtained from area realtors through the Riverton Chamber of Commerce.

### Monthly Rental Rates:

Single Family Home, 3 Bedrooms      \$500 to \$800/month  
Apartments (1, 2, & 3 Bdrms)      \$350 to \$550/month  
Mobile home lots:      \$100 to \$154/month

### Senior Citizen's Housing

The cost of Senior Citizen housing ranges anywhere from a HUD-subsidized percentage income to \$325/month. There are 117 units of Senior housing currently available. Sertoma West Senior Housing, 856-7117, has assisted living facilities. This facility also has a community center, and 150 living units, including duplexes, triplexes, and four-plexes.

### Apartments:

Brookhaven Apartments (307) 856-6823  
304 Spire Drive

College Hill Apartments (307) 856-5100  
3002 College Hill Drive

Esterbrook Apartments (307) 856-7011  
1415 West Park

South Glen Apartments (307) 851-3502  
-HUD low Income      (800) 877-9975

Wind River Village Apartments (307) 856-4480  
20 Arroyo Lane

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## **Utilities**

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### **Natural Gas**

KN Energy (800) 563-0012  
maximum capacity: 13,000 (mcf) peak demand: 6,268 (mcf), thermal rating: 85,000 Btu/cf

### **Electricity**

Rocky Mountain Power (307) 856-2235  
Base monthly rate: \$9.02/month plus \$4.467/month plus 0.660¢ per kilowatt-hour

### **Rural Electricity**

High Plains Power, Inc. (307) 856-9426.

### **Water & Sewer**

City of Riverton (307) 856-2227  
The municipal water system has two separate sources, a well field of 13 wells ranging from 450 to 1,300 feet below the surface for use during the winter months, and a surface water treatment plant for use during the summer months. The sustained combined yield of the water production facilities is slightly in excess of 8 million gallons per day, sufficient to accommodate a population of 35,000.

Riverton's new \$12 million wastewater treatment facility has a design capacity, which will accommodate a population of 26,000.

### **Irrigation**

Surface water for cooling and irrigation purposes are provided by three separate irrigation companies; Midvale Irrigation, Riverton Valley Irrigation, and LeClair Irrigation districts. For information on irrigation water rights and availability within the city limits, contact the City of Riverton, Public Works Department, at (307) 856-2227.

### **Trash Disposal**

City of Riverton (307) 856-2227  
City public works provides trash disposal for all residential and commercial customers within the city limits of Riverton. For service outside the city limits, contact Waste Management of Wyoming at (307) 856-5354.

## **Cellular Phone**

Verizon Wireless Local Authorized Agents

Radio Shack/Hammer Electronics Inc (307) 857-7788  
Traveling Computers Inc (307) 856-8676

Union Cellular

Porter's Mountain View Supply Inc (307) 856-6993  
Union Wireless (307) 782-4265

## **Telephone**

Residential: Qwest Communications (800) 244-1111  
Business: Qwest Communications (800) 603-6000  
Local Number 307-856-8455  
Local Pager 307-261-4702  
Local Wireless 307-340-1461

Residential: Bresnan Communications (307) 856-3248

Business: McLeod USA (307) 856-8600

## **Cable Television**

Bresnan Communications (307) 856-3248

\*HDTV Available

Contact vendor for current price and service packages.

## **Satellite Television**

Dish Network  
Direct TV

\*HDTV Available

Authorized Agents for both:

Porter's Mountain View Supply Inc (307) 856-6993

## **Internet Service Providers**

Bresnan Communications (307) 856-3248

Traveling Computers Inc (307) 856-8676

Wyoming.com (307) 856-6400

\* Contact vendor for current price and service packages.

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## College and University

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Central Wyoming College (CWC), 1-800-735-8418, offers coursework for everyone from the serious student to the individual interested in taking single classes. Fremont County residents 60 years of age or older pay no tuition, but are responsible for payment of fees. The college's facilities are used extensively by the community for entertainment and cultural events. Central Wyoming College provides nationally recognized equine education, nursing, broadcasting, fine arts and microcomputer technology classes. Microsoft and Cisco Systems have chosen CWC as a national certification center and an educational partner by NASA. Continuing education and outreach programs for bachelor and post-graduate degrees are available through CWC and through Riverton's University of Wyoming Extension Office, 856-8651.

## Primary and Secondary schools

A high quality faculty enables Riverton's public school district to provide exceptional educational opportunities for all children. The school district has a full range of academic programs including special education, vocational education, gifted education, art, physical education, and music from kindergarten through grade 12. Elementary school-aged children can attend parochial school if preferred, and there are several fine daycare facilities available.

Number Of Schools: Preschools-5; 3 Grades K-3; 1 Grades 4-5; 1 Middle School; 1 Senior High; 1 Alternative School; 1 Community College; and 2 Parochial Schools.

Student Enrollment 2004-2005: High School (9-12) enrollment is 751 not including Alternative School. Average teacher to student ratio is 1 to 20, and the graduation rate is 73.399%.

Parochial Schools: St. Margaret's Catholic School (preschool through 5). Trinity Lutheran School (preschool through 8). Both parochial schools have a teacher to student ratio of 1 to 16.

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## Communications

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With high-speed data services and the only daily newspaper published in Fremont County, Riverton is the communications center for west-central Wyoming. Riverton also offers four radio stations, Wyoming's only public television broadcasting station, regional Internet service, a weekly shoppers guide, local cable and off-air broadcast television reception.

## Telecommunications

Riverton's local telephone service provider (LEC) is Qwest Communications. Service is also available through other long distance carriers and alternative local exchanges. Through an agreement between Qwest, the State of Wyoming, and Central Wyoming College, Riverton has a telecom system comparable to a much larger, urban community. Riverton's central office digital switch provides frame relay and ATM capability, allowing DSL, a variable high bandwidth service and fractional T-1s.

Postal/Delivery Service: United States Post Office, Federal Express, Airborne Express and United Parcel Service.

Newspaper: Riverton Ranger (307) 856-2244.

Shopping Guide: The Advertiser (307) 857-6114.

Wyoming Public Television: KCWC - Central Wyoming College, PBS, (307) 856-9291.

Cable Television: Bresnan Communications (307) 856-3248.

## Radio Stations

KVOW-AM (1450) Oldies, 856-2251  
KTAK-FM (93.9) Country, 856-2251  
KTRZ-FM (93.1) Adult Contemporary, 856-2922  
KCWC-FM (88.1) Jazz and New Age, 856-9291

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## Transportation

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### Air Service

United Express serves the Riverton Regional Airport, located within the corporate limits of the city, with five daily flights to and from Denver. A new passenger terminal to serve a second carrier was completed in 1998. Western Executive Air provides charter service. The airport has a primary runway surface of 8,200 ft., stressed to 110,000 dual wheels loading. Navigational aids available include ILS, VASI, HIRI, TVOR, AWOS, (computerized 24-hour weather), and other necessary facilities for year-round operation. The NWS operates a NEXRAD Doppler Doppler-Radar Station at the airport.

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## **Motor Freight Service**

Our highway system provides year-round access to all of Wyoming and to the surrounding states via US Highway 26 & Wyoming Highway 789. There are eleven motor transport firms located in Riverton providing regular and reliable motor freight services.

## **Parcel Services and Overnight Mail**

United Parcel Service and Federal Express each have facilities in Riverton, and the United States Post Office also has express mail services.

## **Bus Services**

Powder River Transportation (1-800-442-3682) has a local stop (856-7455) that connects with the regular Greyhound route.

Local public transit service is provided by the Riverton Senior and Community Center (307-856-6332) and the Wind River Transportation Authority (307-856-7118).

## **Car Rental**

Hertz (856-2344), Jim's Aircraft Service (856-3599), and Rent-A-Wreck (332-5159) provide a variety of vehicles for competitive local and one-way rental. Hertz and Jim's Aircraft Services are located at the Riverton Regional Airport.

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## **Medical Services**

Riverton Memorial Hospital is a 70-bed, full service, primary/acute care hospital with one of the two best equipped radiology departments in the state. RMH offers many services including: outpatient care, mammography, nuclear medicine, cardiac rehab, pharmacy, respiratory and physical therapy. RMH is a teaching facility for Central Wyoming College, Casper College, Laramie College and the University of Wyoming. RMH also provides 24-hour ambulance service. Several affiliated and private clinics provide a full range of specialist and general medical services including orthopedics, urology, physical therapy, mental health, general and vascular surgery and internal medicine.

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## **Religion**

Riverton has thirty churches representing a variety of faiths and denominations. Please see the Church Locator on pages 6-7.

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## **Public Safety Services**

The Riverton Police Department maintains 2.05 uniformed officers per 1,000 residents to assure adequate law enforcement. The Fremont County Sheriff's Department, Wyoming Highway Patrol, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the Wyoming Department of Criminal Investigation also provide public safety services to Riverton.

The Riverton Fire Department has about fifty volunteer firemen and professional investigators and staff. In addition, Riverton is the home of the Wyoming State Fire Training Academy.

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## **Senior Services**

The Riverton Senior Citizens and Community Center, 856-6332, provides recreational, educational, social, and advocacy resources to area seniors. The Center also provides free and/or low cost transportation services and an adult day care facility.

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## **Culture & Recreation**

### **Libraries**

The two libraries in our community, the Riverton Branch Library and the Central Wyoming College Library, provide a full range of services including listening stations, outreach services to the handicapped, meeting rooms, video cassettes, and televisions. The Riverton Branch Library, (856-3556), also has concerts, children's story hour, film showings, compact discs, exhibits and plays.

### **Museums, Galleries and Fine Arts**

The Riverton Museum features a delightful collection of local memorabilia donated by area residents to preserve Riverton's history.

At CWC's Robert A. Peck Fine Arts Center, you can view the fine creations of local artists and collections and exhibitions from across the country. CWC also features one of the finest theater facilities in the state.

The Wind River Heritage Center (856-0706) provides a look at natural and human history of this area and the west. Along with wildlife displays and a trap collection, it has a gift shop featuring the finest Indian Crafts from the Wind River Reservation.

## Recreation Facilities

Riverton has one Recreation Center (307) 857-4157. Riverton has nine public parks, four baseball/softball complexes, eight soccer fields, ten tennis courts, one golf courses, 3 fitness centers, 11 gymnasiums, 1 400m track, 1 remote control modelers park, 1 skate park, 1 ice rink, 1 horse arena, thirteen miles of bike paths, two movie theaters (with a total of 5 screens), and an Olympic-size swimming pool. And of course, the Rocky Mountains!

## Annual Events

February	Wild West Winter Carnival
May	Memorial Day Gun & Coin Show
June	Powwows (through September)
July	1838 Mountain Man Rendezvous Riverton Rendezvous Balloon Rally Rendezvous Car and Bike Show
August	Fremont County Fair & Rodeo
September	Cowboy Poetry Gathering Cowboy Art Show & Sale
November	Winter Art Fair

## City Government

Riverton has a mayor-council form of government. Mayor is elected at-large for a four-year term. City Council consists of six members elected for four-year overlapping terms from three separate election wards. The Mayor appoints, with consent of the City Council: the Chief of Police, City Clerk, City Engineer, City Attorney, and the Municipal Judge. Regular meetings of the City Council are held at the Council Chambers in the City offices on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission	Yes
Industrial Plan Approval	Yes
Business License Required	No
Zoning Regulations	Yes
Building Codes	U.B.C.

## Professional Services

Riverton has a full range of professional services, including:

15 Public Accountants	19 Attorneys
21 Architects/Engineers	8 Veterinarians
2 Psychiatrists	8 Dentists
8 Chiropractors	6 Optometrists
27 Physicians & Surgeons	

## Taxes

There is no State income tax, corporate income tax, or business inventory tax in Wyoming. Riverton assesses no local business tax and provides one of the most conducive tax environments in the country.

Sales & Use Tax: 4% of Retail Sales

Property Tax Levy (mills): Total of 80.00 mills allocated between city (9.542), county (15.880), and school district (54.354). Industrial property is assessed at 11.5%. Residential property is assessed at 9.5%. For example, a \$100,000 home would have taxes of \$760. Other property, e.g. machinery and equipment, is assessed at the same rate as the classification in which it is used.

## Lodging

Hotels/Motels	13	Total Rooms	544
RV Parks	3	Total Spaces	104
Meeting Facilities	3	Capacity	1000

## Labor Analysis

Labor Drawing Area:	70 miles
Avg. Unemployment:	3.6%
Workforce Participation Rate:	69.0%
Total Labor Force:	18,204

## Major Employers - Riverton

	<u>Business</u>	<u>Employees</u>
School District 25	Education	450
Wal-Mart	Retail	325
Riverton Memorial Hospital	Healthcare	295
Central Wyoming College	Education	250
Community Entry Services	Social Services	230
City of Riverton	Government	117
Pertech	Manufacturing	92
Wind River Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center		85
BTI	Trucking	78
Smith's Food & Drug Center	Grocery	65
Brunton	Manufacturing	62
High Plains Power, Inc.	Utility	56
Intermountain Electric Service, Inc.	Utility	55

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# Church Locator

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## CATHOLIC

9. **St. Margaret's Catholic Church**  
7th and E. Fremont – 856-3757  
Father Andrew Duncan  
Services: Saturday Mass 5:30 pm  
Sunday Mass 8:00 am & 10:00 am
10. **St. Stephens Catholic Church**  
33 St. Stephens Rd. – 856-6797  
Father Dave Matzko  
Services: Sunday 8 am, 10 am, & 5 pm

## CHRISTIAN

11. **Christian Church of Riverton**  
1524 W. Main St. – 856-2334  
Pastors Dave Case  
Services: Sunday Worship 10:00 am

## CHRISTIAN ALLIANCE

12. **Neighborhood Alliance Church**  
4440 Riverview Rd. – 856-6554  
Pastor John Gocke  
Services: Sunday School 9:30 am  
Worship Service 11:00 am  
Evening Service 6:00 pm

## CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

13. **Christian Science Society**  
301 S. Broadway – 856-7753 or 856-1121  
Services: Sunday School 9:00 am  
Morning Service 10:30 am

## CHURCH OF GOD

15. **Faith Fellowship**  
3335 Lewis Road – 851-0604  
Pastor Aaron Justice  
Services: Sunday Worship 10:45 am

## EPISCOPAL

16. **St. James Episcopal Church**  
519 E. Park - 856-2369 or 856-9512  
Pastor Russell Peck  
Services: Sunday Service 9:00 am  
Wed. Service 10:00 am  
Sat. Service 6:30 pm

## FOURSQUARE

29. **Riverton Foursquare Church**  
212 Stone Drive – 856-4117  
Pastor Jim Zubik  
Services: Sunday Prayer 9:00 am  
Sunday Worship 10:00 am  
Wednesday Evening Youth Service 6:30pm

## ASSEMBLY OF GOD

1. **First Assembly of God**  
7th and E. Adams – 856-3637  
Pastor Dale Jackson  
Services: Sunday School 9:30 am  
Morning Worship 8:00 am & 10:30 am  
Evening Service 6:00 pm  
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm
2. **Way of the Cross Assembly of God**  
635 S. 2nd West – 856-0111  
Pastor Chuck Griffin  
Services: Worship Service 10:30 am  
Celebration of Praise 7:00 pm  
Spanish Service 5:00 pm

## BAPTIST

3. **Calvary Baptist Church**  
Pastor Rick Morgan  
Services: Sunday School 10:00 am  
Morning Worship 11:00 am  
Evening Worship 6:00 pm  
Wed. Prayer 7:00 pm
4. **First Baptist Church**  
1st and Sunset – 856-2319  
Pastor Gordon Penfold  
Services: Sunday School 9:45 am  
Worship 8:30 & 11:00 am  
Evening Service 6:00 pm  
Wed. Adult Prayer & Youth Group 7:00 pm
5. **Hillcrest Baptist Church, SBC**  
1002 West Main St. – 856-3635  
Services: Sunday School 9:00 am  
Worship 10:15 am  
Evening Worship 6:00 pm  
Wed. Prayer & Praise 7:00 pm
7. **United Baptist – SBC**  
1201 E. Pershing – 856-4410  
Pastor Dale Bascue  
Services: Sunday School 9:45 am  
Morning Worship 11:00 am  
Evening Worship 7:00 pm  
Wed. Prayer & Study 7:00 pm
30. **Victory Baptist Church**  
310 S. 1st – 856-5596

## BIBLE MISSIONARY

8. **Wesley Bible Missionary Church**  
800 S. Broadway – 856-1413  
Rev. I.P. Campbell  
Services: Sunday School 9:45 am  
Morning Worship 10:45 am  
Evening Service 7:00 pm  
Wed. Service 7:00 pm

**NON-DENOMINATIONAL**

**14. Cornerstone Community Church**  
7th and Jefferson – 856-3750  
Pastor Scott McFarland  
Services: Sunday Worship 10:00 am

**17. Gracepointe Church**  
312 E. Main, Acme Theater - 856-7818  
Pastor Layton Howerton  
Services: Sunday Worship 9am

**OPEN BIBLE**

**25. Riverton Christian Center**  
1st and Jefferson - 856-5999  
Services: Sunday Fellowship 9:30 am  
Sunday Worship 10:00 am

**PENTECOSTAL**

**26. First United Pentecostal Church**  
5th and E. Jefferson  
856-6633  
Pastor O. G. Garcia  
Services: Sunday School 10:00 am  
Morning Worship 11:00 am  
Evening Service 7:30 pm  
Wed. Bible Study 7:30 pm

**PRESBYTERIAN**

**27. United Presbyterian Church**  
N. Broadway & Elk - 856-5181  
Services: Morning Worship 11:00 am  
Sunday School 9:30 am  
Tues. Women’s Bible Study 9:30 am

**SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST**

**28. Seventh Day Adventist Church**  
1 1/2 miles west on Riverview Rd.  
P.O. Box 869 856-8250  
Services: Church Service 9:30 am  
Sabbath School 10:30 am

**JEHOVAH’S WITNESSES**

**18. Jehovah’s Witness**  
170 Mountain View Drive - 856-8698 or 856-5947

**LATTER DAY SAINTS**

**19. Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**  
N. 4th W. & Elizabeth Dr. - 856-6796

**LUTHERAN**

**20. St. John Lutheran Church**  
606 N. 8th W. - 856-5218  
Services: Sunday Worship 9:30 am  
Sunday School 8:30 am

**21. Trinity Lutheran Church**  
**5th and E. Park - 856-9340**

Vacancy Pastor Fred Schroeder  
Services: Sunday School 9:45 am  
Morning Worship 8:15 am & 11:00 am  
Wed. Christian Education 6:30 pm

**METHODIST**

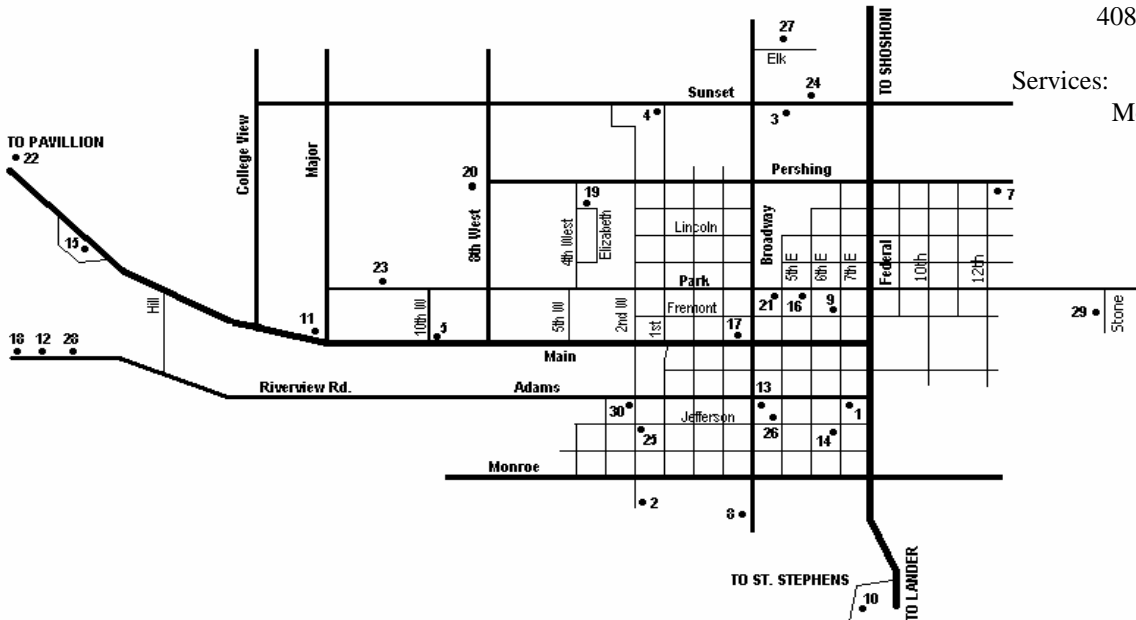
**22. Pavillion Community Methodist Church**  
25 miles NW of Riverton on US 26  
Pavillion, WY - 856-3460  
Pastor Ken Ballard  
Services: Sunday School 9:45 am  
Morning Service 11:00 am

**23. United Methodist Church**

1116 W. Park – 856-2544  
Senior Pastor Don Schlichting  
Associate Pastor - Cleve McSwain  
Services: Morning Worship 8 am, 9:15 am, & 10:30 am  
Sunday School 9:15 am  
Wed. Prayer & Share 10 am

**NAZARENE**

**24. Riverton Church of the Nazarene**  
408 E. Sunset Dr. - 856-3666  
Pastor Jerry Bell  
Services: Sunday School 9:30 am  
Morning Worship 10:45 am  
Evening Service 6:00 pm  
Wed. Service 7:00 pm



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**Industry**

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	<u>Percent</u>
Agriculture, forestry, fishing & hunting, & mining	7.7
Construction	7.3
Manufacturing	4.0
Wholesale trade	2.6
Retail trade	14.7
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	5.8
Information	2.3
Finance, insurance, real estate, rental & leasing	3.5
Professional, scientific, management, administrative, and waste management services	6.3
Educational, health and social services	25.8
Arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation and food services	8.4
Other services (except public administration)	5.9
Public administration	5.7

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**Most Common Asked for Numbers**

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City Hall	856-2227
Fairgrounds	856-6611
Aquatic Center (Pool)	856-4230
Post Office	856-3725
Department of Workforce Services	856-9231



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