Rising Crime Rate in Casper, Wyoming

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There is crime in every town, some places are worse than others, but it is everywhere. The amount of crime that happens in an area can depend on the population, the location of the town, and state laws. Casper, Wyoming is a town with a population of almost 60,000 people, this is not a significant number, but we are seeing crime increase.

The rate of crime in Casper varies as the population does. "Wyoming's long-term economic trajectory — based on data going back to 1870 — is intimately tied to its limited population agglomeration and specialization in natural resource industries" (Bùi, T et al., 2023, p.3). This article is saying that over time because of jobs in the oil and gas industries the population has either increased or decreased. The more people you put into a small area like Casper, the more likely it is that problems are going to rise. The population of Casper, and Wyoming in general, is expected to grow, which will mean that crime will also rise.

Casper is already towards the top of the list for the highest crime in the state. The severity of the crimes can vary from theft at a store, property damage, sexual assault abductions and in some cases murder. "Casper had the fourth-highest murder rate in Wyoming in 2020, as well as the fifth-highest rate of sexual assault cases. Property crime is much more prevalent, with about five property crimes occurring each day in Casper" (Ilic, 2023).

Being the victim of a crime is not something that a person thinks about every day. According to (The Safest and Most Dangerous Places in Natrona, nd), "your chance of being a victim of crime in Natrona County may be as high as 1 in 16 in the northeast neighborhoods, or as low as 1 in 31 in the southwest part of the county." Crimes happen pretty frequently in Natrona county according to these statistics. Crime in Casper is on the rise, but what can be done to stop this increase?

The image that I chose is of the Casper Police Department and Natrona County Sheriff's office located in downtown Casper, Wyoming. This image relates to this problem because any crime that is committed in Casper or in Natrona County will go through this office. This office looks at all of the cases and victims. The office is the "base" for these different departments that go out to fight crime in the community.

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