

**Project:** EVALUATION OF DEMOGRAPHIC AND ECONOMIC TRENDS IN SWEETWATER COUNTY, WYOMING

**Location:** Sweetwater County, Wyoming

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**Project Scope:**

Booz Allen Hamilton (BAH) was providing technical assistance to various state and local agencies providing services under the federal Head Start program. One of its clients, Sweetwater County School District 1 (SCSD 1), desired an evaluation of relevant economic and demographic trends that would help the agency to better identify program needs within the communities it served.

This assessment initially examined population, labor force, sources of employment, unemployment, and household income trends to estimate the number of children under five years of age who were potentially eligible to participate in the Head Start program in Sweetwater County. These analyses also enabled PPC to pinpoint the type of Sweetwater County households that were most vulnerable to cyclical swings in employment and the type of lower paid type of jobs wage earners likely held.

PPC correlated the estimated number of children under five years of age, who were potentially eligible to participate in the Head Start program, with recent program enrollments to determine the proportion of potential eligible children that were presently not served by the Head Start program.

PPC also evaluated other available information associated with children with disabilities and student academic proficiency assessments to help identify the extent of program needs for children with disabilities, as well as potential educational needs and priorities for the Head Start program.