

Wyoming Leads U.S. in Custom Programming Growth — ALEX Intelligence 2026

Wyoming's AI Frontier Is Real

52.1% surge in custom programming shops since 2019 — ALEX Intelligence, 2026

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Change in Custom Programming Shops Since 2019

Wyoming leads the U.S. in growth of custom programming shops since 2019.

This surge is not driven by tech giants or venture capital influx, but by a grassroots movement of independent developers, open-source advocates, and self-hosted AI builders. The data reveals a quiet but powerful shift: AI sovereignty is no longer confined to urban centers or corporate labs.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, County Business Patterns 2019 and 2022, NAICS 541511 (Custom computer programming services) • ALEX Intelligence computation
<https://alex-companies.com/data/2026-10-03-ai-tech-igrow-541511-state>

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Sovereignty Emerges in the Periphery

The top-ranked state for custom programming growth is not a coastal tech hub, but Wyoming — a state with low population density and limited infrastructure. This suggests that AI sovereignty is less about scale and more about autonomy. Developers in remote locations are building sovereign stacks using open-weight models, local inference, and peer-to-peer collaboration, bypassing cloud dependency entirely.





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The Real AI Infrastructure Is Local

The data implies that the future of AI infrastructure isn't in data centers or cloud platforms, but in decentralized, community-driven labs. Wyoming's rise reflects a trend where developers leverage tools like Ollama, LM Studio, and Hugging Face to run full-stack AI systems on consumer-grade hardware. These are not experiments — they are operational, sovereign AI ecosystems in motion.

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