



# CITY OF GILLETTE

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## ADMINISTRATION

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### MEMORANDUM

**TO: Mayor and Members of the City Council**

**FROM: Michael Cole, City Administrator**

**RE: General Information**

**DATE: July 31, 2026**

The following meetings are scheduled for the week of **August 1-7, 2026**

**Monday, August 3rd** 6:00 p.m. City Council Special Meeting  
City Hall 2nd Floor Community Room

**Tuesday, August 4th** 5:00- 8:00 p.m. PD National Night Out, Third Street Plaza

**Wednesday, August 5th** 4:00 p.m. Youth Treatment Graduation  
Campbell County Courthouse, Circuit Courtroom B

1. Attached please find a **Notice of Cancellation of Regular Meeting for August 4, 2026** and **Notice of Special Meeting for August 3, 2026** of the **City of Gillette City Council** dated **July 27, 2026** provided by **City Administrator Cole**.
2. Attached please find a **news release** dated **July 28, 2026** and a **flyer** regarding **Meet Local Responders at National Night Out on August 4, 2026** from **5:00 - 8:00 p.m.** at the **Third Street Plaza** provided by **Public Affairs Director Toscana**.
3. Attached please find an **ECED Quarterly Update** dated **July 2026** provided by **Energy Capital Economic Development**.

4. Attached please find an **Economic Indicators Update** dated **June 30, 2026** provided by the **Wyoming Department of Administration & Information Economic Analysis Division**.

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**NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF REGULAR MEETING FOR AUGUST 4, 2026  
AND  
NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING FOR AUGUST 3, 2026  
OF THE  
CITY OF GILLETTE CITY COUNCIL**

**TAKE NOTICE** that the presiding officer of the Gillette City Council has cancelled the regular meeting scheduled for August 4, 2026. Instead of this meeting, the presiding officer of the Gillette City Council has called for a special meeting. This special meeting will be held on **Monday, August 3, 2026, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Gillette City Hall Council Chambers located at 201 E. 5<sup>th</sup> St., Gillette, WY 82716.**

The agenda for this special meeting will be available by the close of business on July 31, 2026. Copies of the agenda will be available at:

<https://www.gillettewy.gov/Government/Meetings-Agendas-Minutes>

**DATED** July 27, 2026.

Michael H. Cole  
City of Gillette Administrator



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## PUBLIC AFFAIRS

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 28, 2026

## **Meet Local First Responders at National Night Out** *Free Community Event Scheduled for Tuesday, August 4*

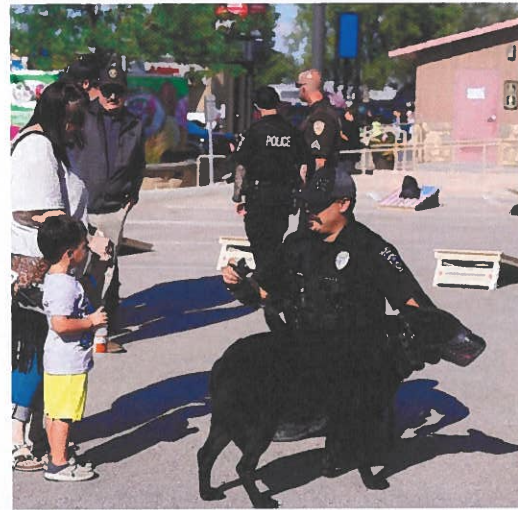
GILLETTE, Wyoming- Local first responders invite the public to attend a free National Night Out event on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Third Street Plaza in downtown Gillette. National Night Out events are held across the country on the first Tuesday in August to promote positive relationships between law enforcement and members of the community.

Gillette's National Night Out event will again feature members of the Gillette Police Department, Campbell County Fire Department, Campbell County Health Emergency Medical Services and the Campbell County Sheriff's Office. The event will also include free food, an up-close look at a wide variety of first responder vehicles, K9 and drone demonstrations, adoptable pets from the animal shelter and a temporary tattoo station.

A new addition to this year's National Night Out event will promote bicycle safety. The Gillette Police Department has partnered with the Campbell County Extension Office and the Wyoming Department of Transportation's Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) to provide bicycle safety information and a limited number of free bicycle helmets for members of the community.

For more information about National Night Out, visit [www.natw.org](http://www.natw.org). For details about the local event, contact Public Affairs Director Jennifer Toscana at (307) 686-5202.

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**TUESDAY**  
**AUGUST 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**5:00 p.m. TO 8:00 p.m.**

**THIRD**  
**STREET**  
**PLAZA**

Join us for a FREE evening of food, fun and community building with our local first responders!





Angela Williams <angelaw@gillettewy.gov>

## Economic Development News

1 message

**Energy Capital Economic Development**

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Reply-To: marci@energycapital.ccscend.com

To: angelaw@gillettewy.gov

Thu, Jul 30, 2026 at

11:11 AM

Our Mission: To stimulate and facilitate a diverse economy through business retention, expansion, and recruitment



## Economic Development

Energy Capital Economic Development continues to work for the economic betterment of Campbell County. Here are some activities that we would like to share with you.

### ECED Quarterly Update

July 2026

#### From the Office of the CEO

The second quarter of 2026 marked one of the most active periods of industrial recruitment and economic development activity in recent memory for Campbell County and the Powder River Basin. Momentum continued to build around large-scale energy, manufacturing, and advanced industrial projects, while ongoing work surrounding mine infrastructure co-use positioned the region for future investment opportunities.

Project Mammoth remained active throughout the quarter as the company continued evaluating opportunities for heavy industrial development utilizing mine infrastructure and coal resources in the Powder River Basin. Discussions surrounding permanent site selection and property acquisition continued, while international coordination efforts and future site planning remained underway. Additional site visits are anticipated later this summer as the project team returns to Wyoming.



One of the largest milestones was continued advancement of Project Transformer, a proposed uranium conversion facility representing more than 250 jobs and an estimated \$1.1 billion construction investment. Following a successful site selection visit in March, ECED continued coordinating infrastructure discussions involving utilities, transportation providers, rail access, and state agencies as final siting activities progressed. The project represents the first major site selector-led industrial recruitment effort brought to Campbell County in many years and demonstrated the region's ability to rapidly coordinate complex development opportunities.

Additional industrial activity continued with BWXT/Kairos, Airo Carbon Technologies, Nucleon Energy, Metasorbex, WTR-TRU, Frontieras, Earthics, and several emerging energy and manufacturing companies exploring opportunities tied to uranium conversion, graphite manufacturing, rare earth processing, advanced carbon products, synthetic fuels, and value-added coal technologies. Interest from energy-intensive industries and advanced manufacturing sectors continues to reinforce Campbell County's growing role in Wyoming's economic diversification efforts.

A major emphasis throughout the quarter remained mine infrastructure co-use and industrial siting reform. ECED worked alongside coal producers, industry partners, legislators, and regulatory agencies to advance statutory changes intended to streamline industrial development on mine properties. Proposed reforms could reduce project timelines by approximately two years and lower regulatory costs by an estimated \$5 million for qualifying projects, significantly improving Wyoming's competitiveness for large industrial investments.

## **Business Recruitment & Industry Projects**

National and international interest in Campbell County remained strong throughout the quarter, particularly surrounding advanced energy production, uranium processing, coal infrastructure co-use, and value-added manufacturing opportunities. ECED leadership continued engagement with investors, utilities, site selectors, and energy developers exploring opportunities throughout the Powder River Basin. Discussions also continued surrounding modular housing, large-scale power generation, data centers, and industrial redevelopment opportunities on reclaimed mine lands.

Participation in events such as the Wyoming Energy Summit, Energy Communities Alliance Conference, Joint Minerals and Economic Development Committee meetings, and national energy forums continued to elevate Campbell County's

profile as a destination for large industrial projects and next-generation energy development.

## Wyoming Innovation Center

The Wyoming Innovation Center continues to serve as a cornerstone for coal-to-products research, commercialization, and advanced energy innovation in northeast Wyoming. Continued infrastructure investments and growing interest from industrial partners have strengthened WylC's position as a premier location for demonstration projects and commercialization activities focused on coal-derived products and emerging technologies.



## FUEL Program & Entrepreneurial Development

ECED and its partners continued strengthening entrepreneurial support services throughout the quarter through enhancements to the Energy Capital Start-Up Challenge and ongoing support for businesses participating in the FUEL program.

The Start-Up Challenge is evolving to place greater emphasis on long-term business success through additional workshops and mentoring opportunities focused on market research, business planning, business formation, and effective pitching strategies. These changes are intended to provide stronger support both before and after the competition to improve long-term business viability and entrepreneurial success throughout the region.

The Enterprise Center also continued supporting business growth and expansion. During the quarter, Kona Consulting graduated from the Enterprise Center after outgrowing its space and hiring additional employees, while Peak Services joined the facility as its newest tenant supporting the region's energy and industrial sectors. ECED also continued refining the FUEL application process and implementing performance indicators designed to better track business growth and program outcomes.

## Community Outreach & Partnerships

ECED leadership remained actively engaged throughout the quarter at the local, state, and national levels through participation in economic development forums, legislative discussions, energy conferences, and stakeholder meetings.

Highlights included participation in the Wyoming Resiliency Summit, Energy Communities Alliance Conference, DOE Northern Region Coal Forum, Joint Minerals and Economic Development Committee meetings, Wyoming Energy Summit, Resilient Energy Economies meetings in Washington, D.C., and numerous discussions with state agencies, utilities, educational institutions, and industry partners. These efforts continue to position Campbell County and the Powder River Basin as leaders in energy innovation, industrial development, and economic diversification.

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# MACRO Report:

## Review of Wyoming's Economy



## Economic Indicators Update as of June 30, 2026

The MACRO Report is a quarterly publication comprised of charts focusing on employment, energy, state revenues, and other indicators that provide an overview of Wyoming's economy.



Wyoming Department of Administration and  
Information  
**Economic Analysis Division (EAD)**

WYOMING **MACRO** Report

**Summary:** Wyoming's labor market is a bright spot for the economy as total employment and the unemployment rate have both improved relative to the first quarter of 2026. Statewide mineral revenues end the fiscal year slightly behind last year, primarily due to lower oil prices seen before the conflict in the middle east.

■ **Positives:**

1. Statewide employment has improved month-over-month in each of the last five months.
2. Sales & use tax collections at the end of fiscal year 2026 (July 2025 – June 2026) are higher than they were in fiscal year 2025.
3. The statewide unemployment rate has declined relative to the previous month in each of the last three months.

■ **Negatives:**

1. Oil and natural gas production calendar year-to-date through April are both lower than they were in 2025.
2. June natural gas prices at the Opal Hub and Cheyenne Hub, two main hubs for Wyoming producers, have improved in each of the last two months, but are still down substantially year-over-year.
3. Severance tax collections at the end of fiscal year 2026 (cash based) are lower than they were in fiscal year 2025.

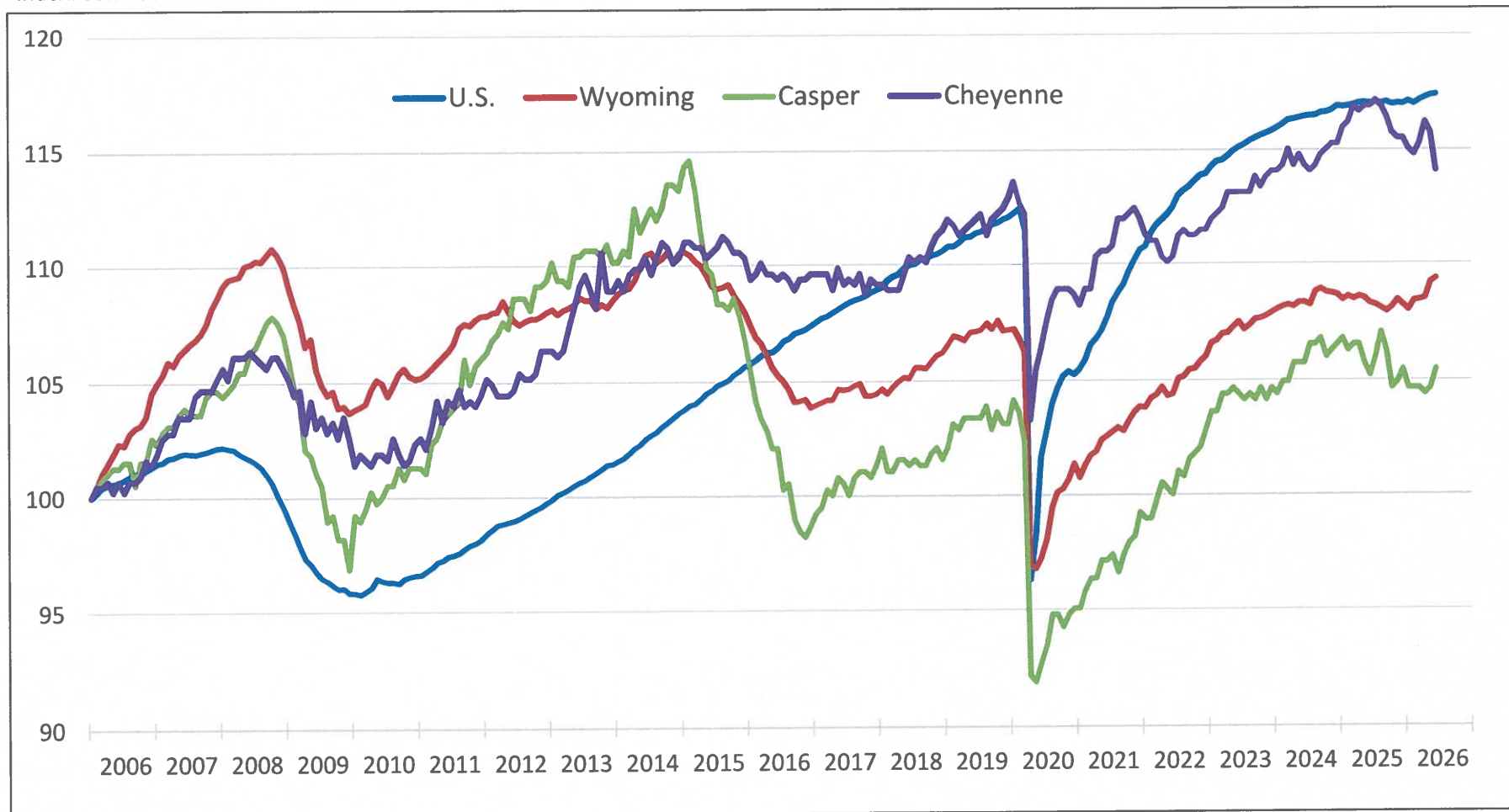
# Employment:

Total employment improves month-over-month and year-over-year.

- Statewide employment in June 2026 increased by 2,900 jobs (+1.0%) compared to June 2025.
- Leisure & hospitality added the most jobs year-over-year (+1,300 jobs) in June.
- Mining employment declined (-300 jobs) in June.
- The Cheyenne MSA saw a decline in employment in June, down 1,100 jobs (-2.2%) year-over-year. The Casper MSA followed, down 100 jobs (-0.2%).
- The statewide seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for June was 3.2%, lower than the national unemployment rate of 4.2% and equal to the statewide June 2025 unemployment rate.

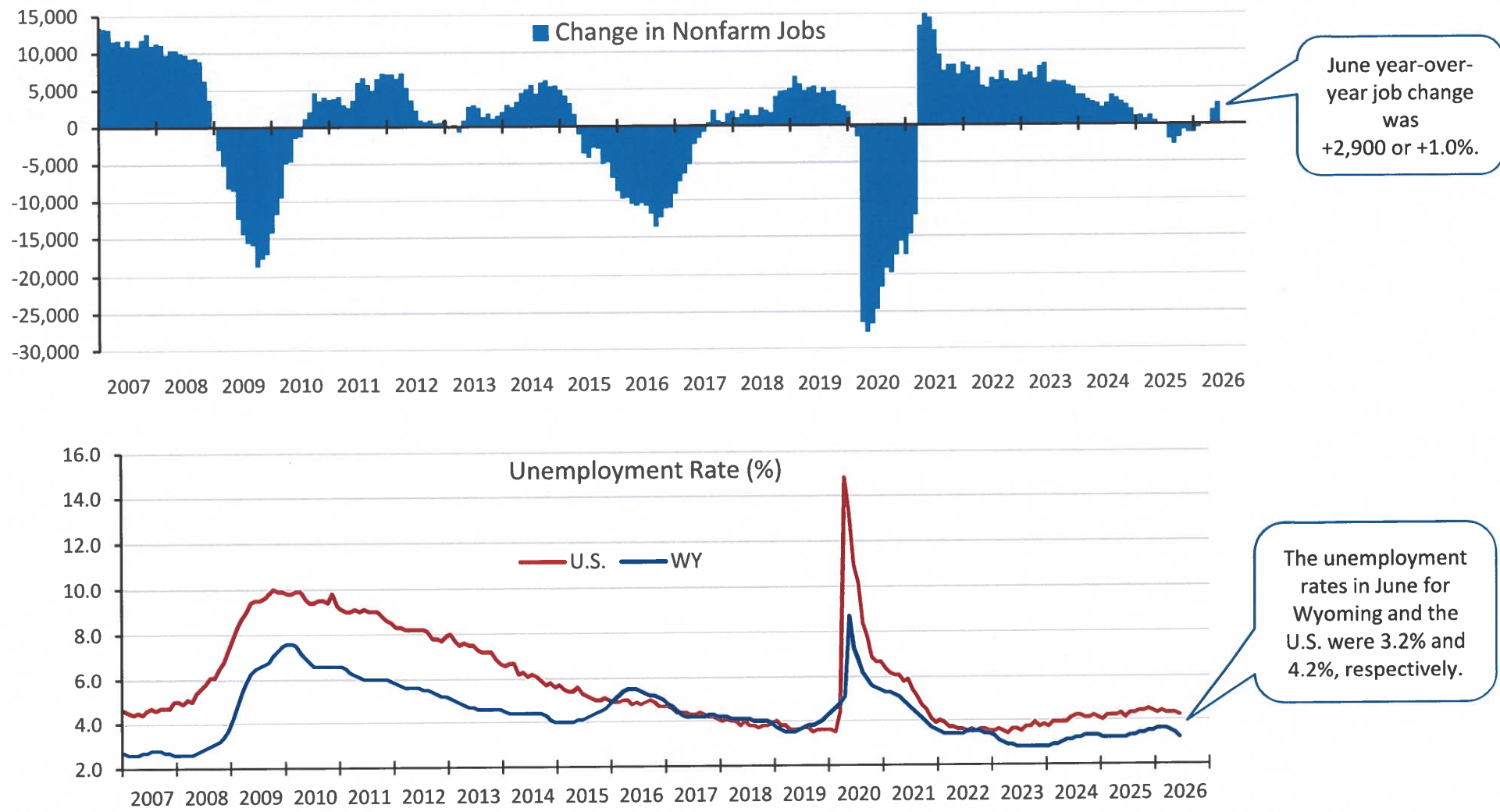
# Nonfarm Employment Index: United States, Wyoming, Casper (MSA), and Cheyenne (MSA) Through June 2026 – Seasonally Adjusted

Index: Jan 2006=100



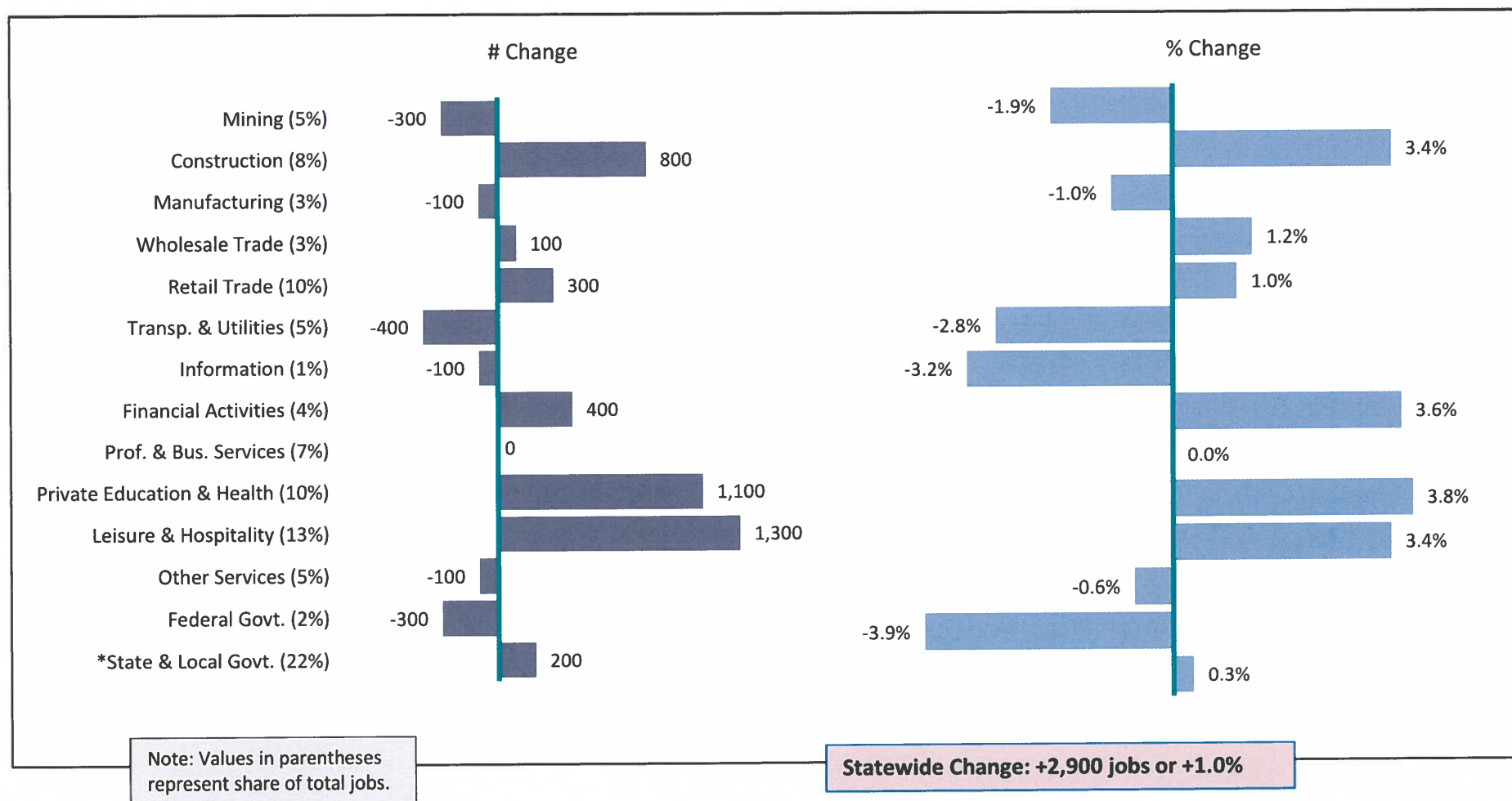
Note: MSA stands for Metropolitan Statistical Area. The Casper MSA covers all of Natrona County, while the Cheyenne MSA covers all of Laramie County.  
Source: U.S Bureau of Labor Statistics.

# Annual Change in Nonfarm Jobs for Wyoming, Unemployment Rates for the U.S. and Wyoming – Seasonally Adjusted



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

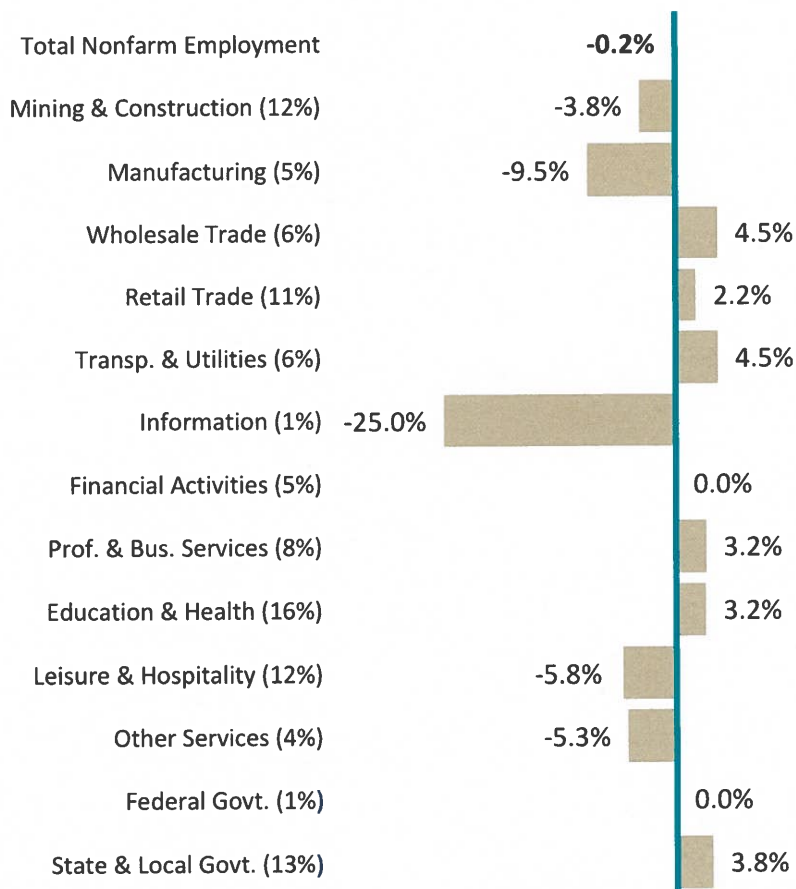
# Wyoming Nonfarm Employment Change By Industry: June 2026 Year-Over-Year: Seasonally Adjusted



Note: The State & Local Government sector includes jobs affiliated with public K-12 & higher education and public hospitals.  
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

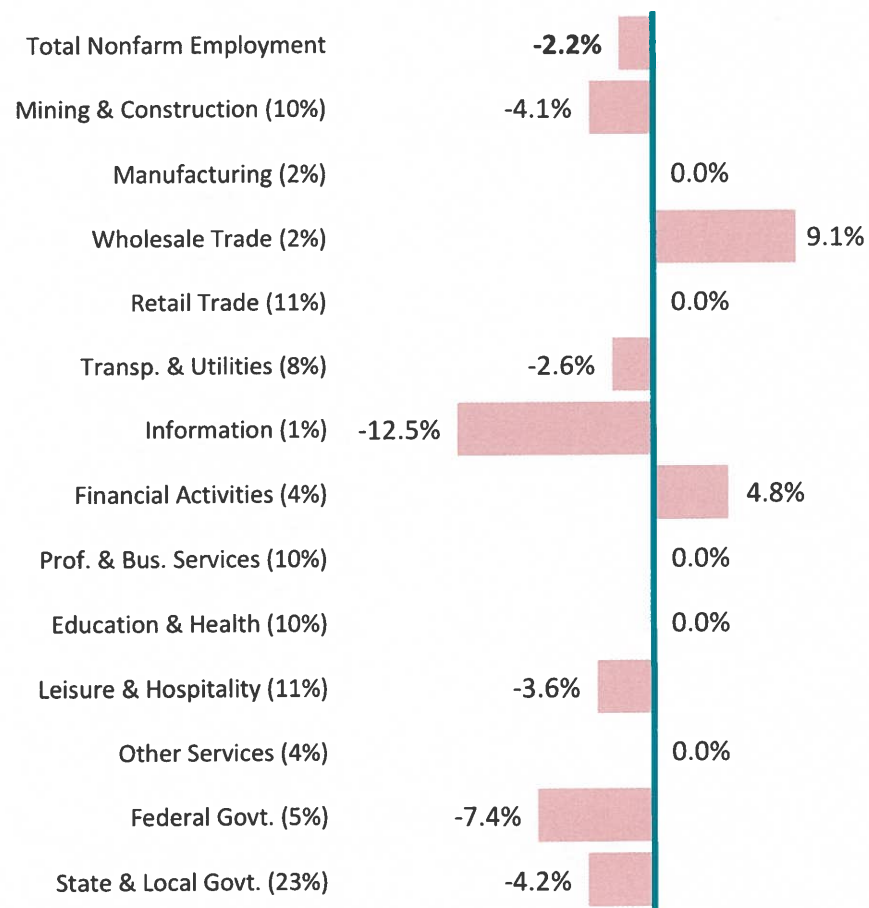
# Casper (MSA) & Cheyenne (MSA) Nonfarm Employment Change: June 2026 — Year-over-Year: Not Seasonally Adjusted

Casper (-100 jobs YoY)



Note: Values in parentheses represent shares of total employment.

Cheyenne (-1,100 jobs YoY)



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Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

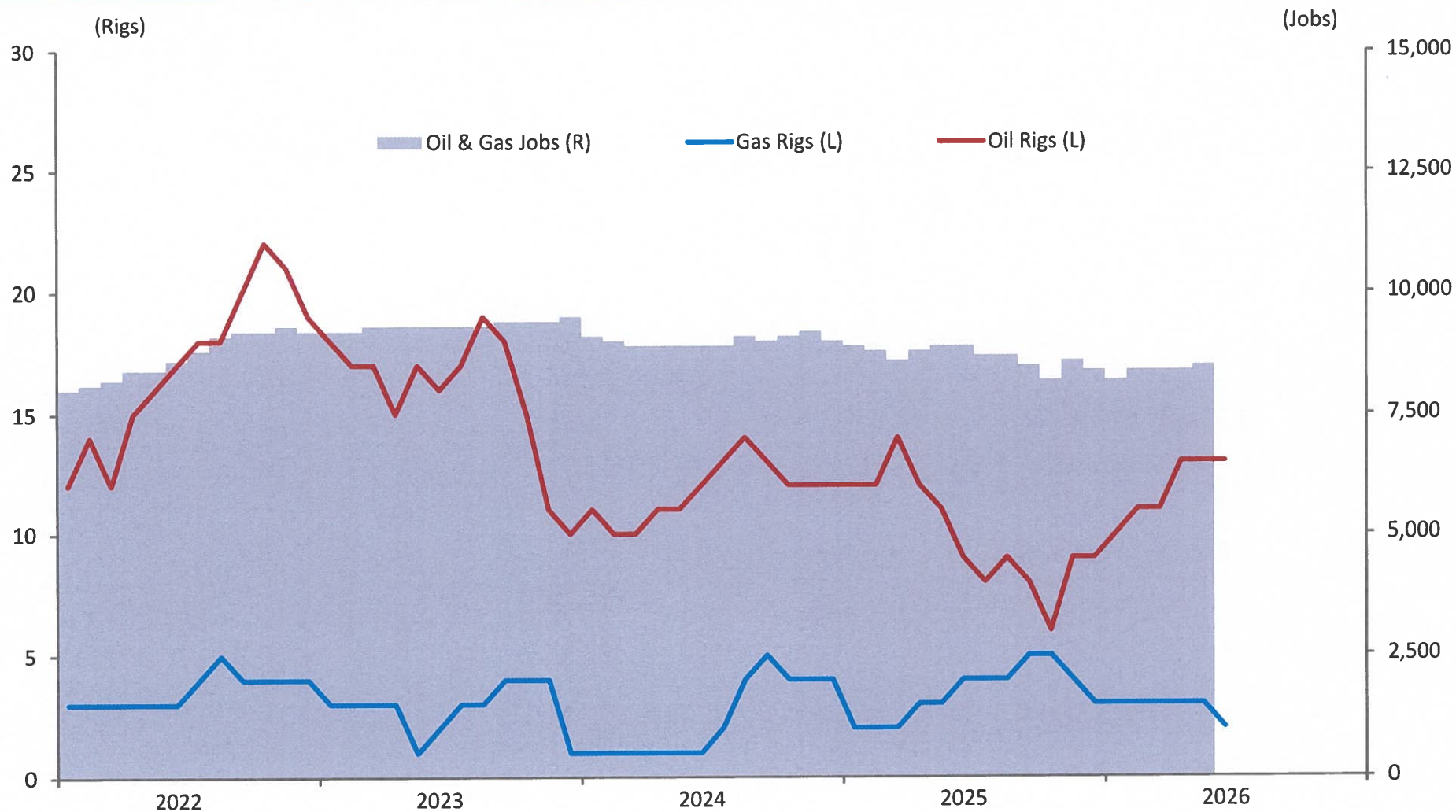
# Energy:

Oil prices fluctuate as uncertainty in middle east continues.

Natural gas prices slowly rise amid summer heat.

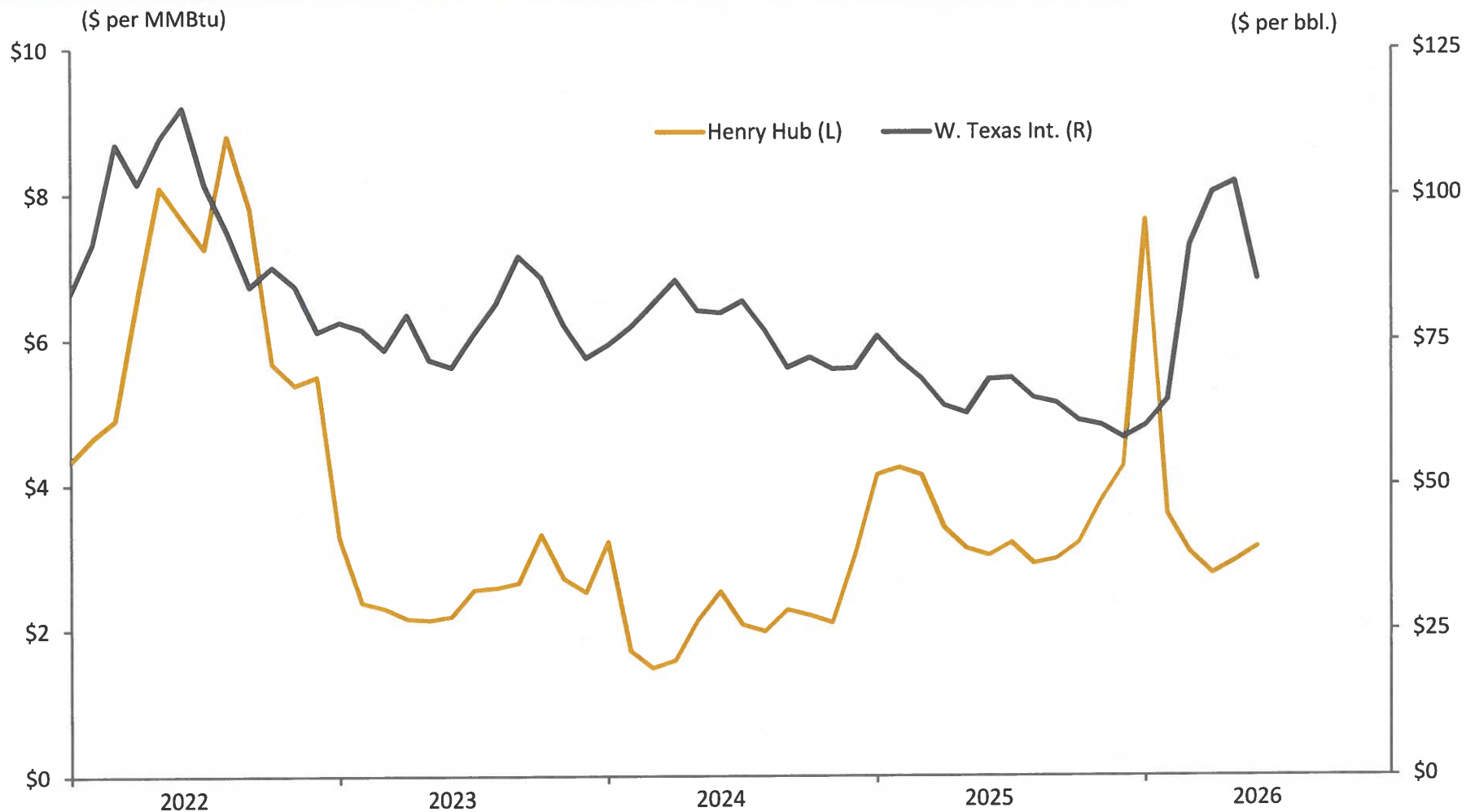
- Oil & gas jobs numbered 8,500 in May 2026, 400 less (-4.5%) than May last year.
- Oil & gas rig counts were 13 and 2, respectively, in June 2026. There were 9 oil rigs and 4 gas rigs in June last year.
- The price of West Texas Intermediate (WTI) oil averaged \$84.81/barrel in June, 17.0% less than last month, but 24.4% more than June 2025. The price of Henry Hub natural gas averaged \$3.14/MMBtu for the month of June, \$0.20 more than last month and \$0.12 more than June last year.
- April 2026 coal production calendar year-to-date was 4.6% higher than last year. Natural gas and oil production were both lower in the same comparison, down 3.5% and 3.2%, respectively.

# Wyoming Oil & Gas Jobs (through May) and Rig Counts (through June)



Sources: WY Oil & Gas Conservation Commission; U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

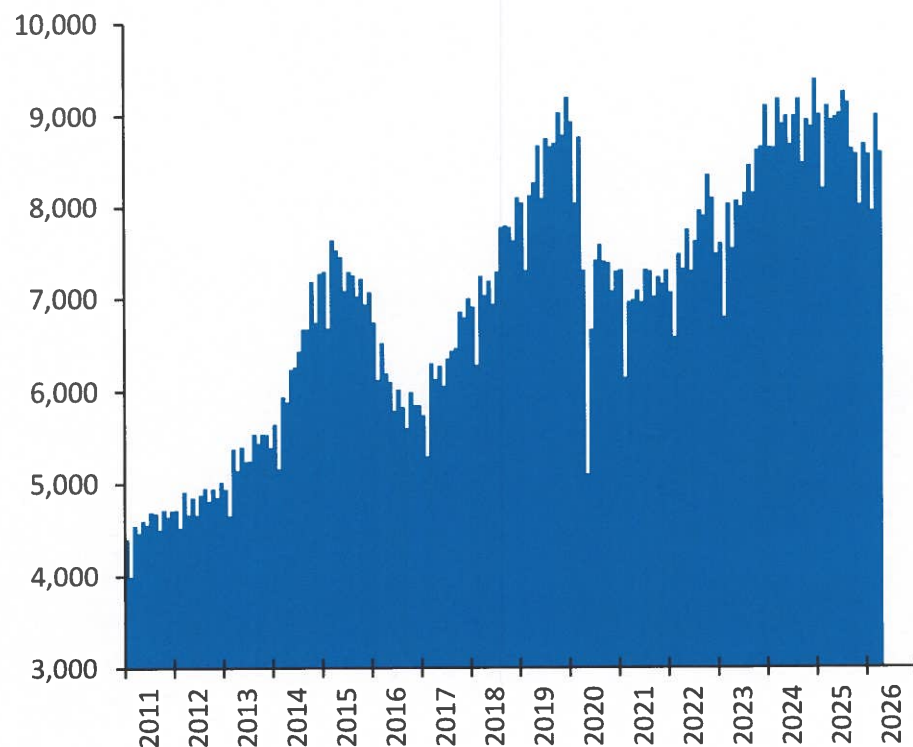
# Henry Hub Natural Gas Prices and WTI Crude Oil Prices (through June)



Sources: Natural Gas Intelligence; U.S. Energy Information Administration.

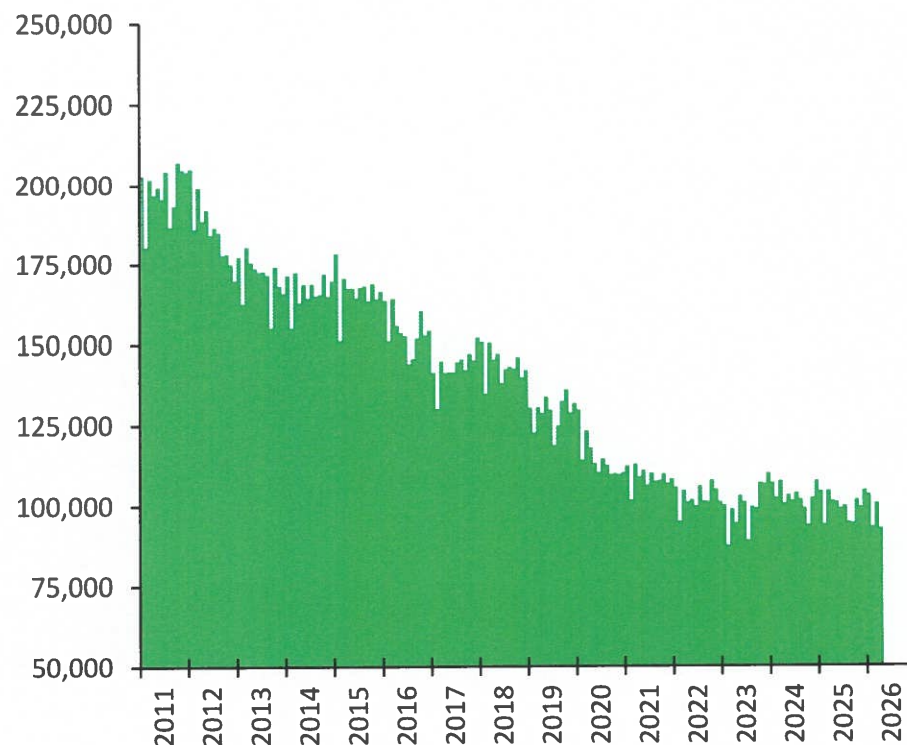
# Wyoming Oil and Natural Gas Production (through April 2026)

Wyoming Oil Production  
(thousands of bbls. - monthly)



Cumulative Change YTD:  
April 2026 vs. April 2025  
**-3.2%**

Wyoming Natural Gas Withdrawals  
(MMCF - monthly)

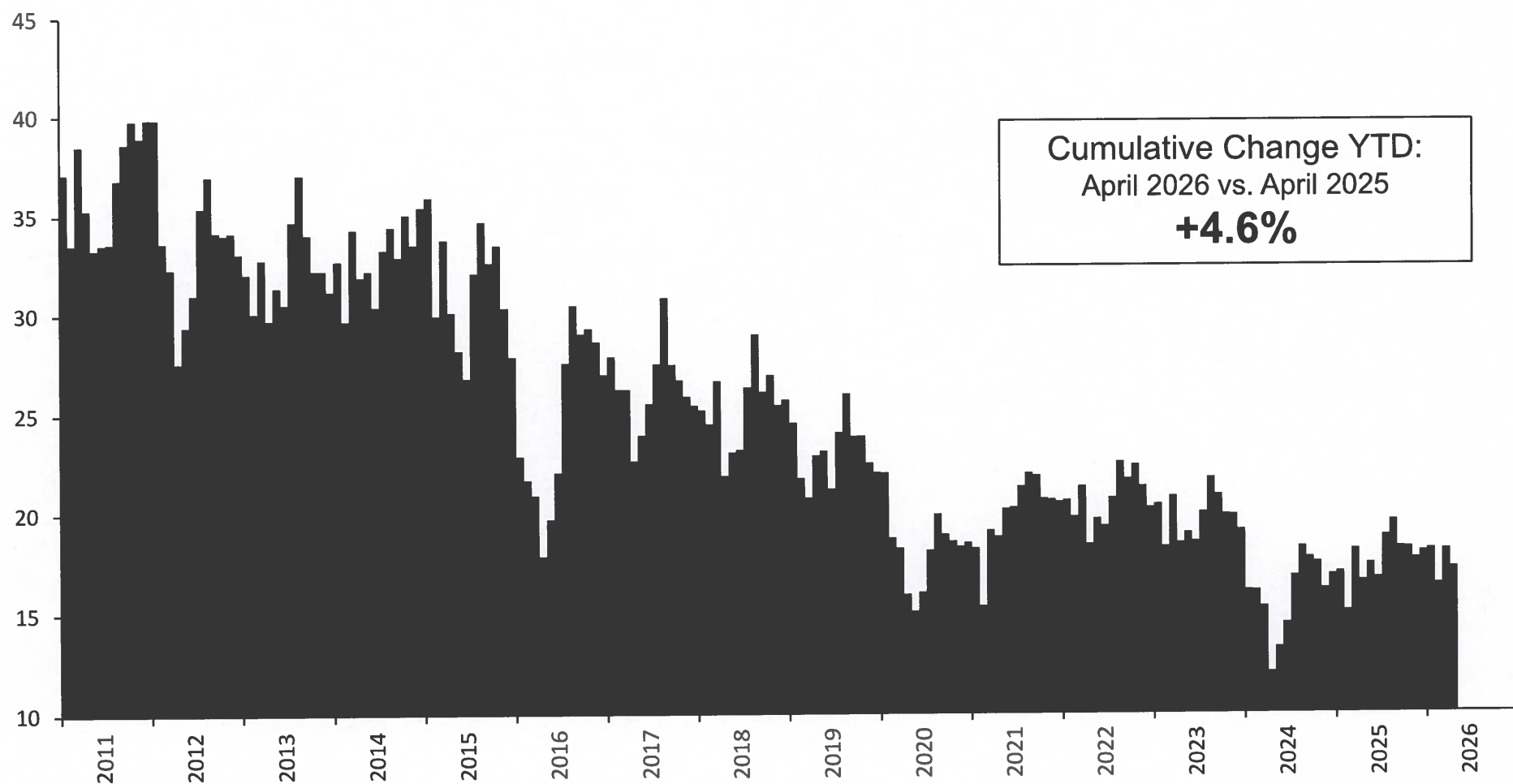


Cumulative Change YTD:  
April 2026 vs. April 2025  
**-3.5%**

Source: U.S Energy Information Administration.

# Wyoming Coal Production (through April 2026)

Wyoming Coal Production  
(millions of short tons - monthly)



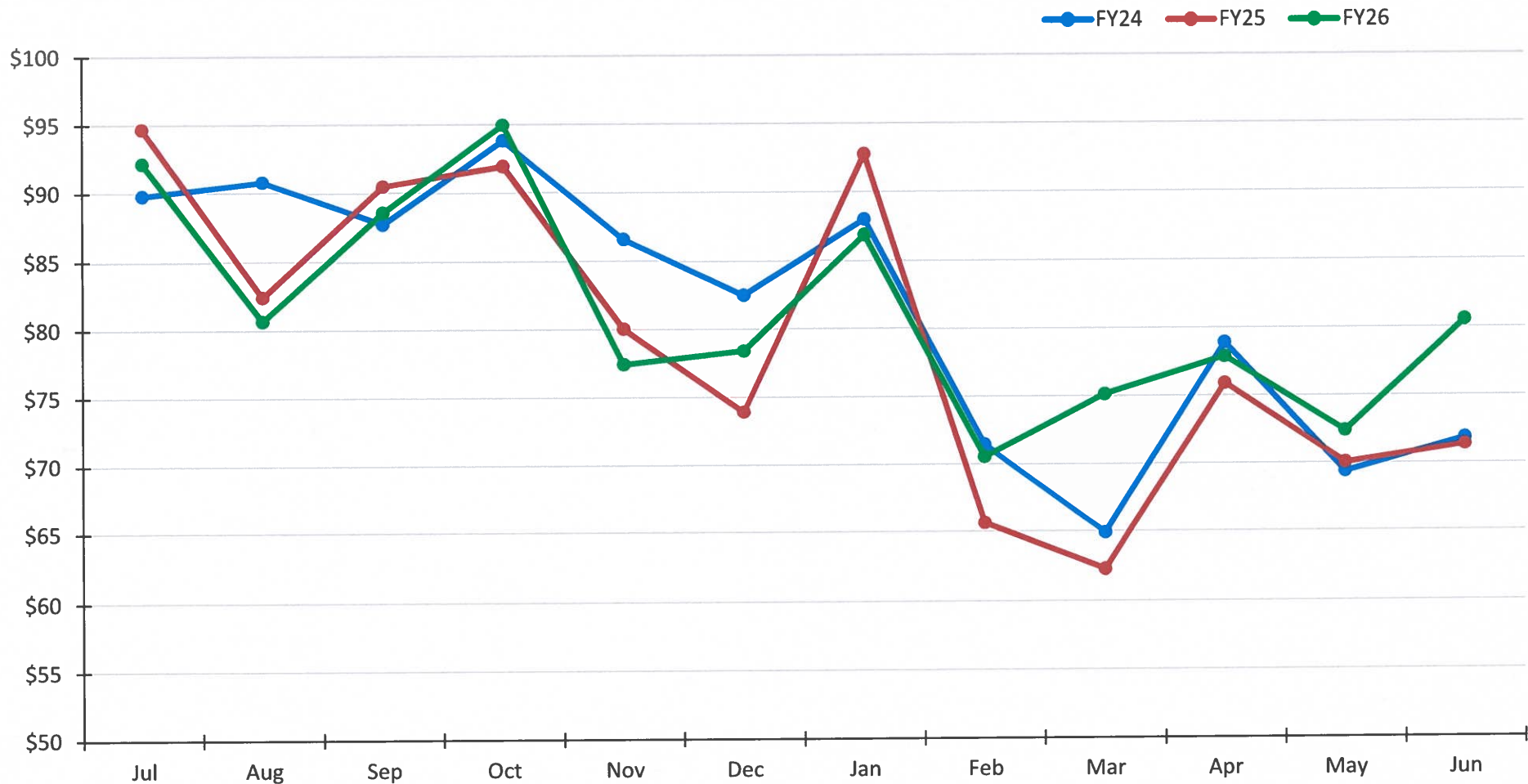
Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration.

# State Revenues:

Sales & use tax collections statewide improved in fiscal year 2026, highlighted by strong retail trade collections.

- Statewide sales and use tax collections at the end of fiscal year 2026 (July 2025 – June 2026) improved by \$24.1 million (+2.5%) compared to fiscal year 2025.
- Laramie County experienced the largest increase in sales & use tax collections in FY 2026, up \$17.6 million (+12.9%). Albany County decreased the most, down \$8.2 million (-17.0%).
- Sales and use tax collections from the retail trade sector were strong in FY 2026, up \$24.6 million (+6.4%) compared to last fiscal year. Wholesale trade collections had the weakest performance, down \$10.4 million (-16.8%).
- Severance tax collections (cash based) ended fiscal year 2026 down 1.5% compared to fiscal year 2025.

# Wyoming 4% Statewide Sales and Use Tax Collections (In Millions of Dollars)



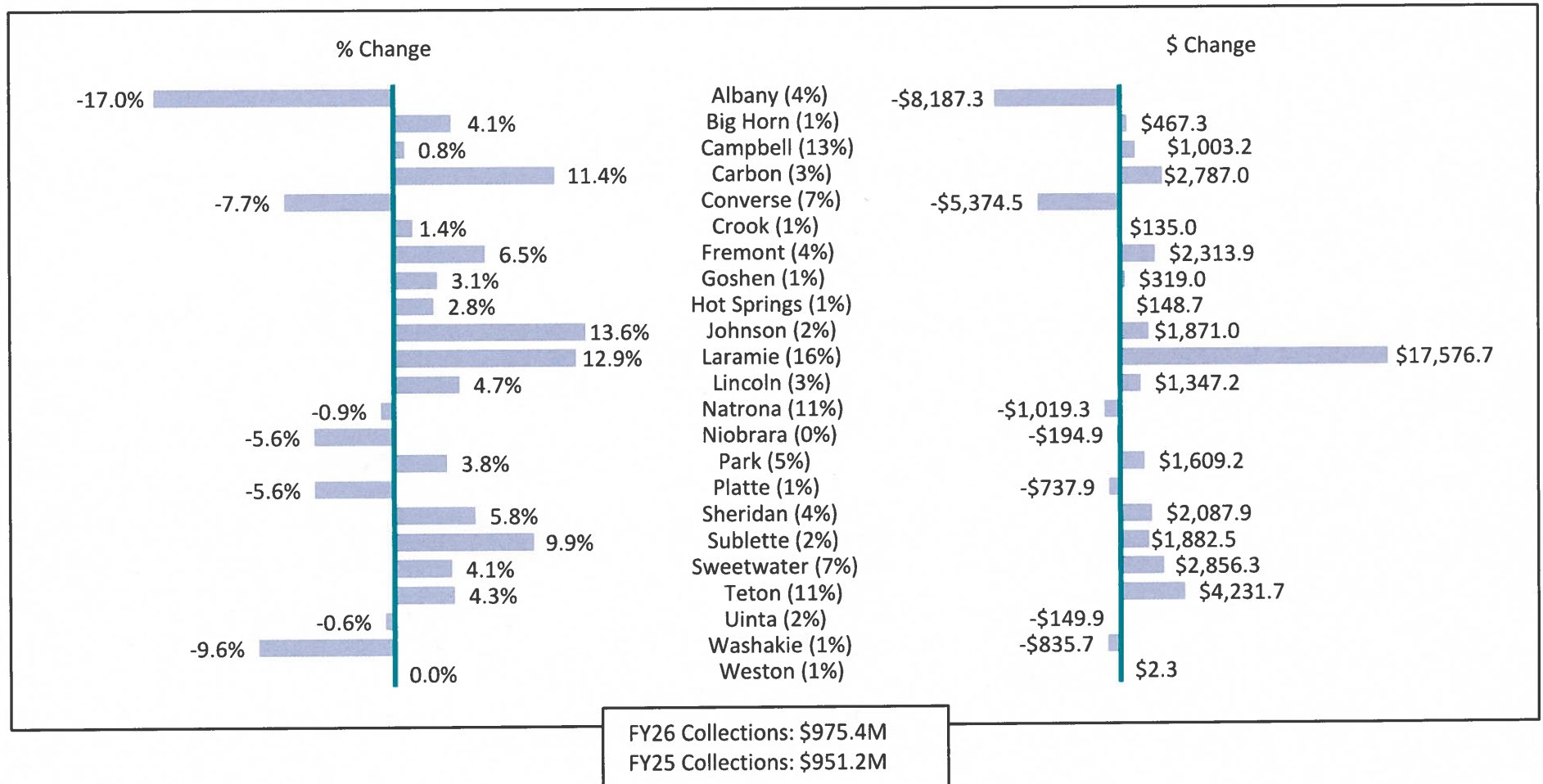
Note: Includes both the state and local shares of the state-wide 4% sales and use tax collections.

Source: Wyoming Department of Revenue.

# Wyoming 4% Sales and Use Tax Collections by County

## Change in Percent and Dollars (Thousands)

### Fiscal Year 2026 vs. Fiscal Year 2025: July-June

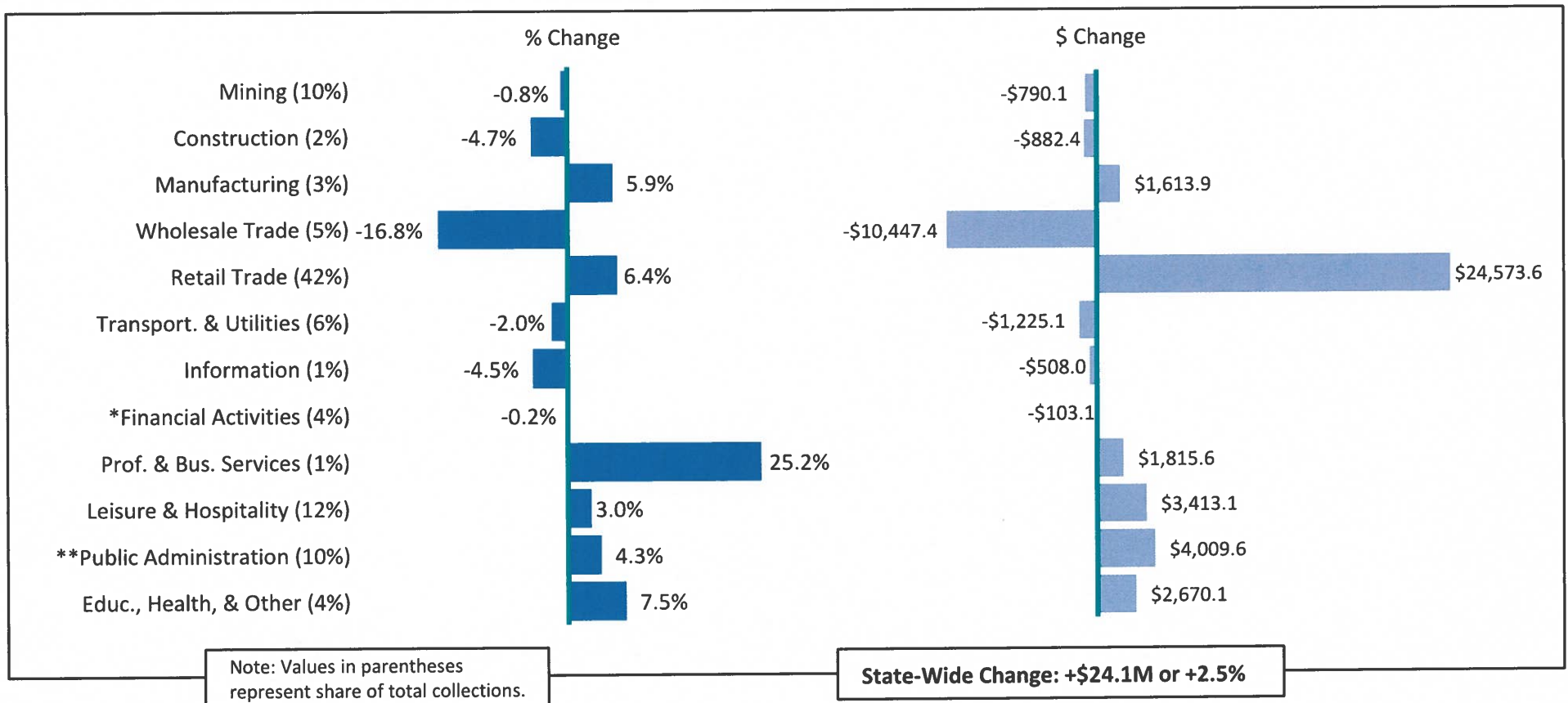


Note: Includes both the state and local shares of the state-wide 4% sales and use tax collections. Value in parentheses represents share of total collections.  
Source: Wyoming Department of Revenue.

# Wyoming 4% Sales and Use Tax Collections by Industry

## Change in Percent and Dollars (Thousands)

### Fiscal Year 2026 vs. Fiscal Year 2025: July-June

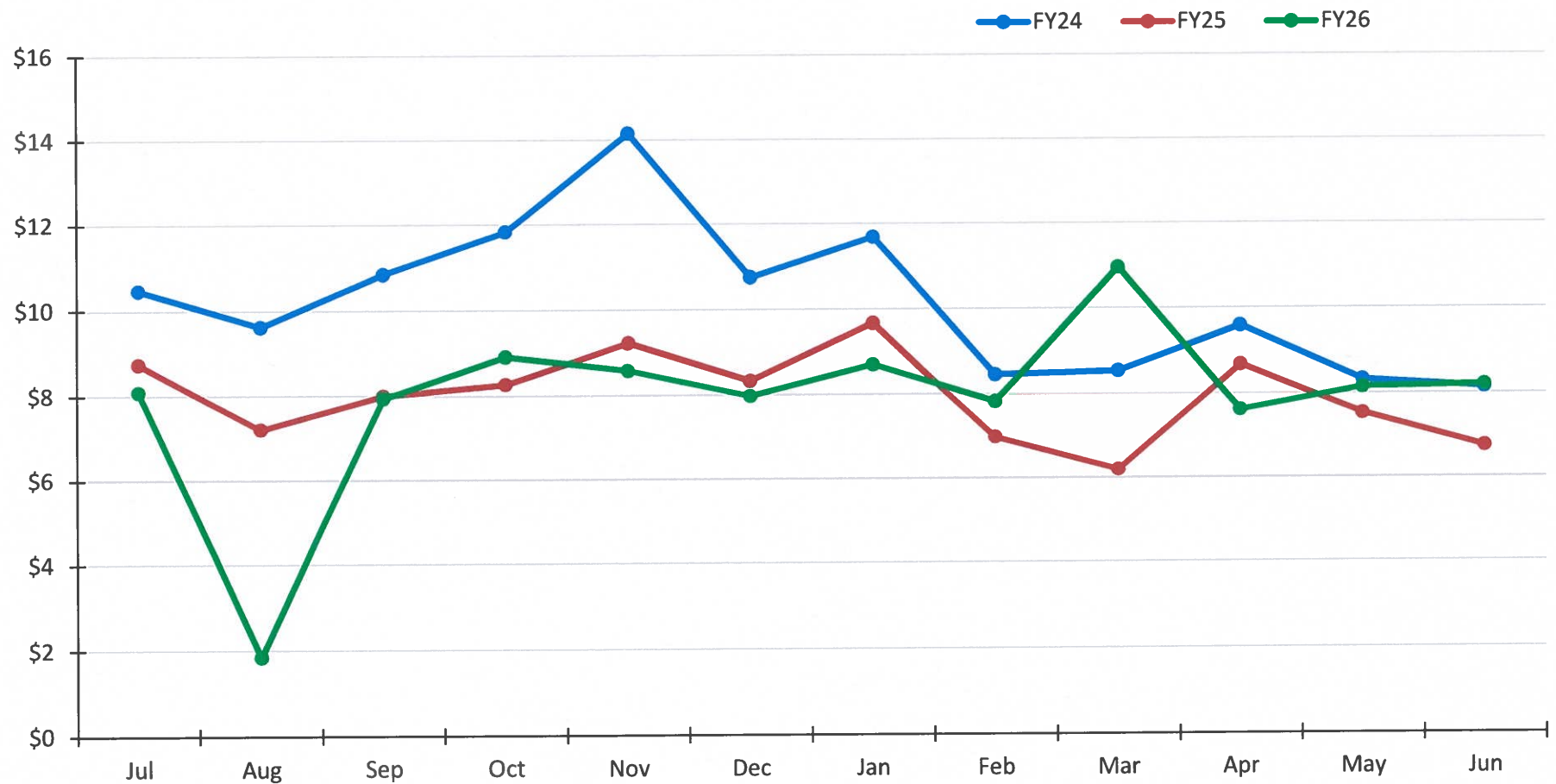


\*Tax collections are mostly from automotive, machinery, and equipment leasing & rental.

\*\*Reflects tax collections from automobile purchases.

Source: Wyoming Department of Revenue.

## Wyoming 4% Statewide Sales and Use Tax Collections: Mining Sector (In Millions of Dollars)

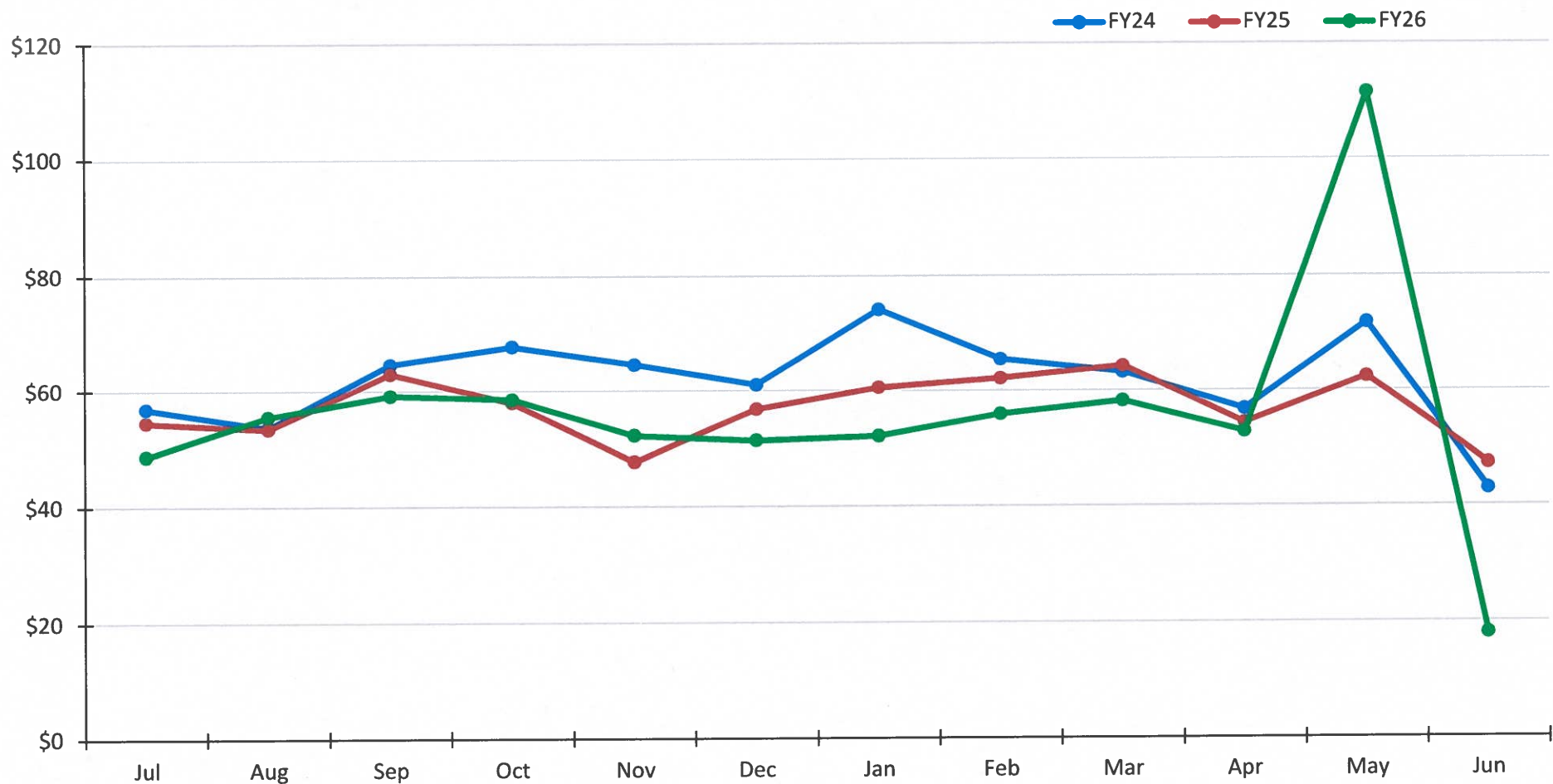


Note: Includes both the state and local shares of the state-wide 4% sales and use tax collections.

Note: For August 2025, there was about a \$5.0 million refund back to businesses due to an audit finding.

Source: Wyoming Department of Revenue.

# Wyoming Statewide Severance Tax Collections (In Millions of Dollars)



Note: Includes severance tax collections on all minerals in Wyoming (cash based).

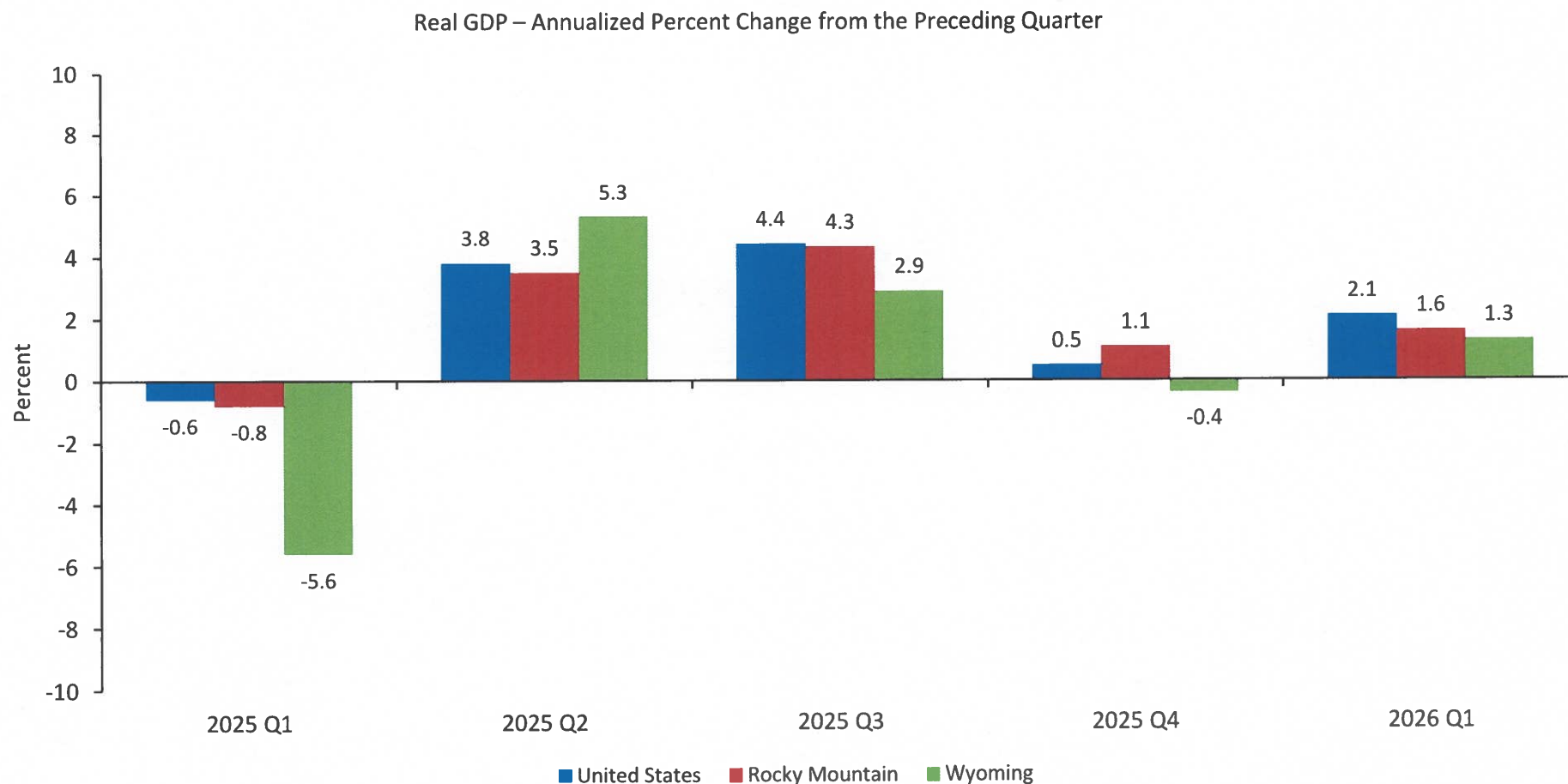
Source: Wyoming Department of Revenue.

## Other Indicators for the State:

### Real Gross Domestic Product (GDP), House Price Appreciation, and Building Permits

- Q1 2026 real GDP increased by 1.3% at an annualized rate from Q4 2025. This increase was lower than the U.S. (+2.1%) and the Rocky Mountain region (+1.6%).
- Wyoming's house prices in Q1 2026 saw annual growth of 3.5%, slightly higher than the U.S. (3.4%).
- The Cheyenne MSA house prices saw an annual increase of 5.2% in Q1 2026, while the Casper MSA saw annual growth of 1.4%.
- Statewide single-family housing units permitted decreased year-to-date through May 2026 by 85 (-11.7%) compared to 2025. Multi-family housing units permitted increased by 15 (+17.0%) over this same comparison.

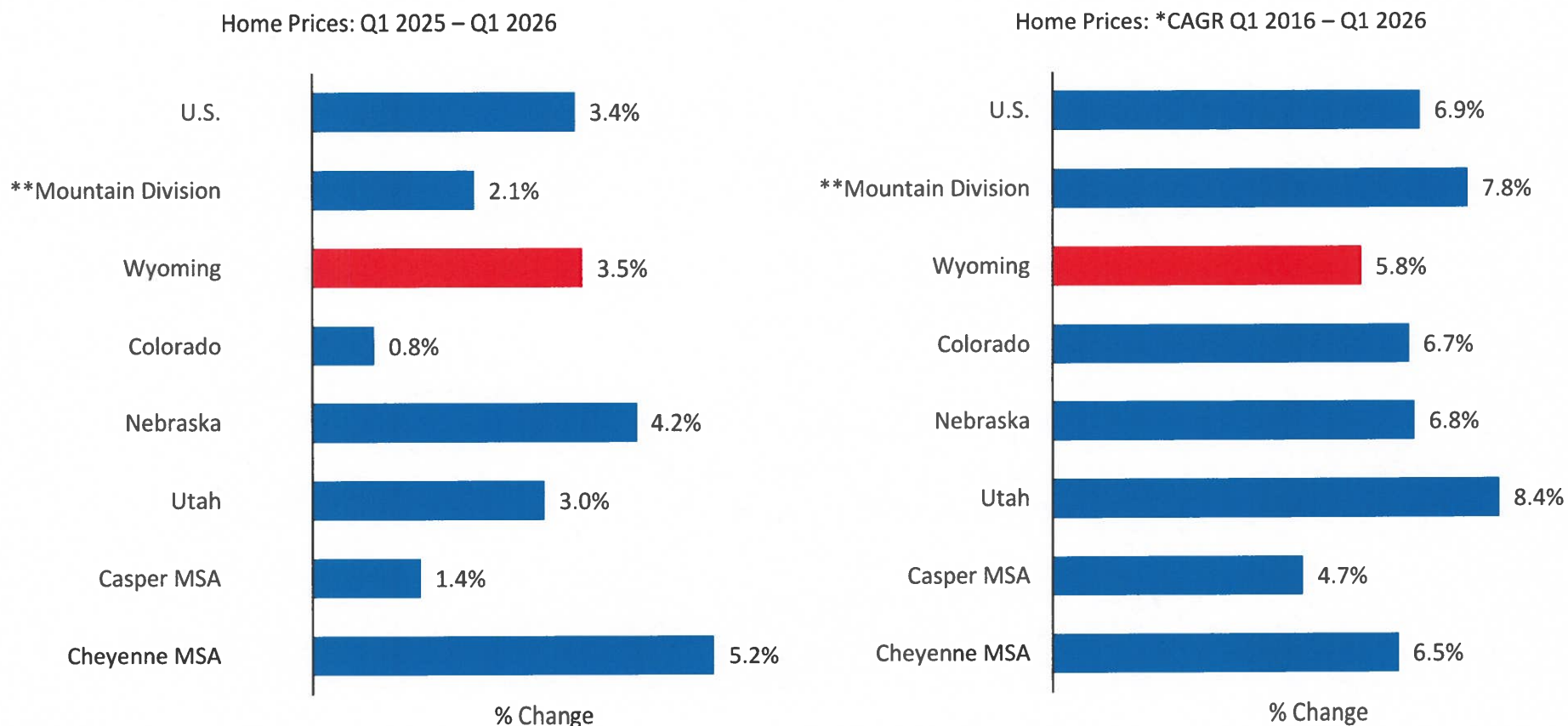
# Quarterly Real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) Wyoming, Rocky Mountain Region, & United States



Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis.

# Home Price Appreciation

## FHFA All-Transaction Index – Not Seasonally Adjusted



Note: All-Transactions Index includes purchase and mortgage refinance.

\*CAGR stands for compound annual growth rate, which is the average annual growth rate over a time period.

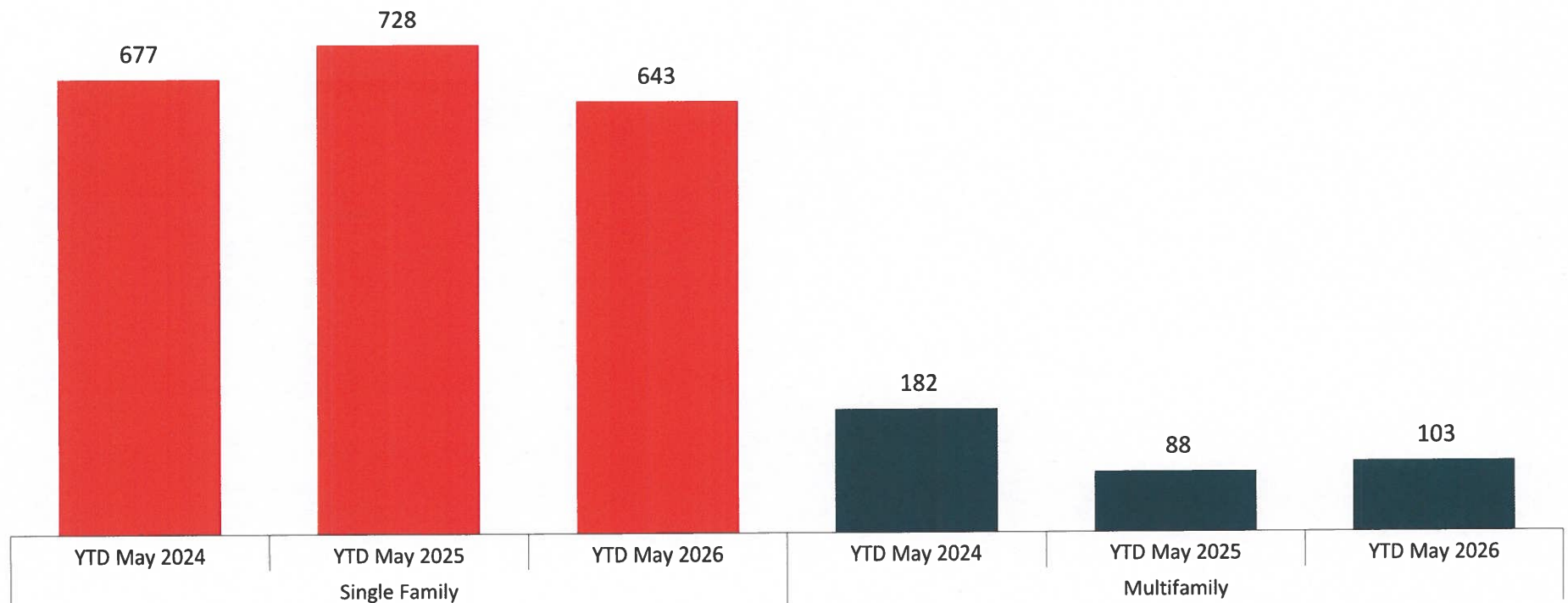
\*\*Mountain Division includes Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Arizona, and New Mexico.

Source: Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA).

# Residential Building Permits

## Statewide Units: Year-to-Date – May

Units Permitted State-Wide



Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

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