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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM **Michael Cole, City Administrator**

RE: **General Information**

DATE: **October 30, 2026**

The following meetings are scheduled for the week of **October 31 - November 6, 2026**

Sunday, November 1st **Daylight Savings Time (Set Clocks Back 1 Hour)**

Tuesday, November 3rd **General Election**

Tuesday, November 3rd **6:00 p.m. City Council Meeting, Council Chambers**

Wednesday, November 4th **5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Community Open House for United Development Code, Campbell County Rec Center**

1. **Administrator Cole** will be **Out of the Office** attending the **Wyoming City Managers Association Conference** on **November 4-6. Development Services Director Muzzarelli** will serve as **Acting City Administrator** in his absence.

2. Attached please find a **flyer** regarding **Public Workshop for Gillette UDC** on **November 4th** from **5:00 - 7:00 p.m.** at the **Campbell County Recreation Center** provided by **Development Services Director Muzzarelli**.

3. Attached please find **Visit Gillette** & **Wright Wyoming News** dated **September 2026** provided by the **Campbell County Convention** & **Visitors Bureau**.

4. Attached please find **MACRO Report**: **Review of Wyoming's Economy** dated **September 30, 2026** provided by the **State of Wyoming Department of Administration and Information Economic Analysis Division**.

5. Attached please find **Wyoming Energy News** Dated **October 2026** provided by the **Wyoming Energy Authority**.

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GilletteUDC
Unified Development Code

Simplifying the code, shaping our community.

The City is updating its development code. **Your input belongs in the process.**

Help shape the standards for Gillette's future.

Join us for a public workshop and share your thoughts. Drop in anytime.

Wednesday, November 4th
5:00 to 7:00 PM
Campbell County Recreation Center
250 Shoshone Ave
Gillette, WY 82718

Follow the project here:

Scan the QR code or use the link to share your thoughts and follow the project:

https://engagekh.mysocialpinpoint.com/gillette-udc

The City of Gillette is updating its Unified Development Code (UDC), which guides growth, construction, and redevelopment. The update will put the City's Comprehensive Plan into action through clear, fair, and practical development standards. Gillette's current code was written in pieces over time, making it difficult to follow and apply. This project will simplify the code and better reflect the community's needs and vision for the future.

Scan the QR code to explore our Events Calendar!

SCAN ME

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Summer Tourism

6,464
Visitor Center guests through August

919
Coal Mine Tour guests

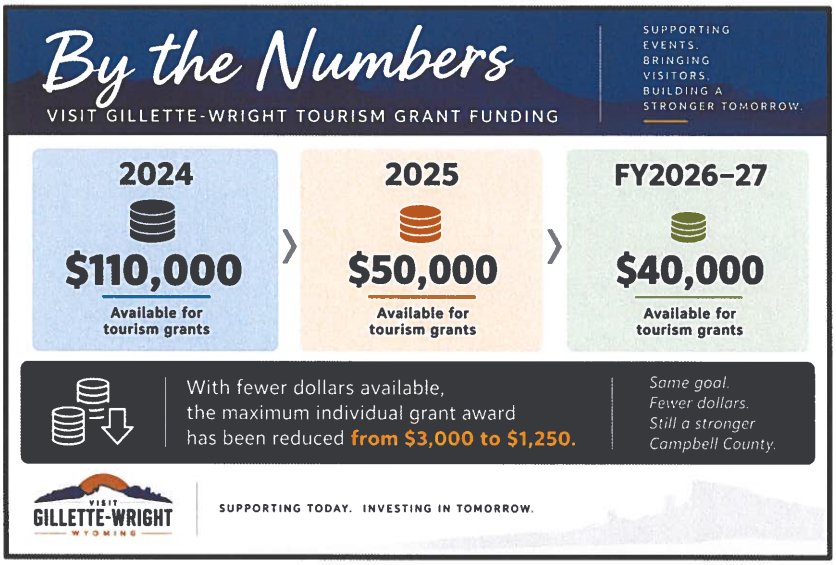
↓ 1,040
Fewer Visitor Center guests than Jan.–Aug. 2025

June +101 | August +35
Two months that outpaced 2025

VISIT GILLETTE & WRIGHT WYOMING NEWS

September 2026

Less Funding Equals Fewer Dollars for Local Events



Visit Gillette-Wright has long supported local events that bring visitors to Campbell County through its tourism grant program. However, the amount available to support those events continues to decline.

Following the failure of the optional 2% lodging tax on the November 2024 ballot, Visit Gillette-Wright has significantly fewer lodging tax dollars available for tourism promotion and grant funding. As a result, approximately $40,000 is available for grants in FY2026-27, compared to $50,000 last year and approximately $110,000 in 2024.

With fewer dollars to distribute, the maximum individual grant award has been reduced from $3,000 to $1,250. The reduction allows Visit Gillette-Wright to stretch the limited funding available and continue supporting as many qualifying events as possible.

Tourism grant funding reaches beyond the events themselves. When an event attracts visitors to Campbell County, those guests may stay in our hotels, eat at local restaurants, shop at area businesses and explore our community. That visitor spending helps strengthen our local economy, making tourism grants an investment not only in events, but in the businesses and communities that benefit from the people those events bring to our area.

These grants continue to help local organizations market events that bring visitors to Campbell County, generate overnight stays and encourage visitor spending. Although less funding means smaller awards, Visit Gillette-Wright remains committed to making the most of the dollars available and supporting events that have a positive tourism impact.

The optional lodging tax is expected to return to Campbell County voters in November 2028. Until then, Visit Gillette-Wright will continue working within the funding available to promote Gillette and Wright as destinations and support events that contribute to Campbell County's tourism economy.

Summer Tourism: A Look Back at 2026

Another summer tourism season is in the books! Visitors once again made Gillette and Wright part of their travels, stopping at our Visitor Centers and experiencing some of Campbell County's most unique attractions.



Wyoming Funding Summit attendees enjoy a private Coal Mine Tour hosted by Visit Gillette-Wright.

Travel was noticeably softer this summer. While there is no single explanation for the decrease, economic uncertainty and tighter household budgets may have played a role in travel decisions.

Our Coal Mine Tours remained a popular experience, along with private tours arranged for visiting groups, including attendees of the Wyoming Funding Summit held at CAM-PLEX this summer.

Even in a slower travel year, every visitor matters. We remain committed to sharing what makes Gillette and Wright unique and giving travelers plenty of reasons to discover Campbell County.

Paid for by the Campbell County Lodging Tax

2026 WINTER WALK

Purchase Buttons for $5 from PARTICIPATING BUSINESSES starting Nov. 7th

Check back at all PARTICIPATING BUSINESSES starting Nov. 28th

to see if your button number is a winner!

Only 500 uniquely numbered buttons will be SOLD!

LIST OF PARTICIPATING BUSINESS ON FACEBOOK AT:

Gillette Main Street 2026 Parade of Lights & Winter Walk



DEC 5th, 2026
PARADE OF LIGHTS

Starting at 5pm on Gillette Ave

Parade Theme this year is "Sleigh Bells & Liberty Bells"

Parade Entries Due by Nov. 23rd

CONTACT gillettemainstreet@gmail.com to enter

The Heart of the Holidays Is Downtown Gillette!

PLAID FRIDAY
FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 27TH

WEAR PLAID FOR GIVEAWAYS WHILE THEY LAST!

Support Local!

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY EST. 2010

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER
28TH

Sponsered by: LANDMARK

MACRO Report:
Review of Wyoming's Economy

Economic Indicators Update as of September 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: The conflict and uncertainty in the middle east over the past seven months has resulted in elevated global oil prices, which are contributing significantly to strong state revenues at the start of fiscal year 2027. A low unemployment rate and gradual employment growth highlight Wyoming's labor market.

- Positives:
  1. Total statewide employment has improved annually in 8 of the last 9 months.
  2. Sales & use and severance tax collections (cash based) through the first three months of fiscal year 2027 (July 2026 – September 2026) are each more than 10% higher than they were a year ago.
  3. The statewide unemployment rate (3.0%) over the last three months (July-September) is the lowest it has been since April 2024.
  4. Oil production in July (+4.2%) and August (+7.7%) increased year-over-year.

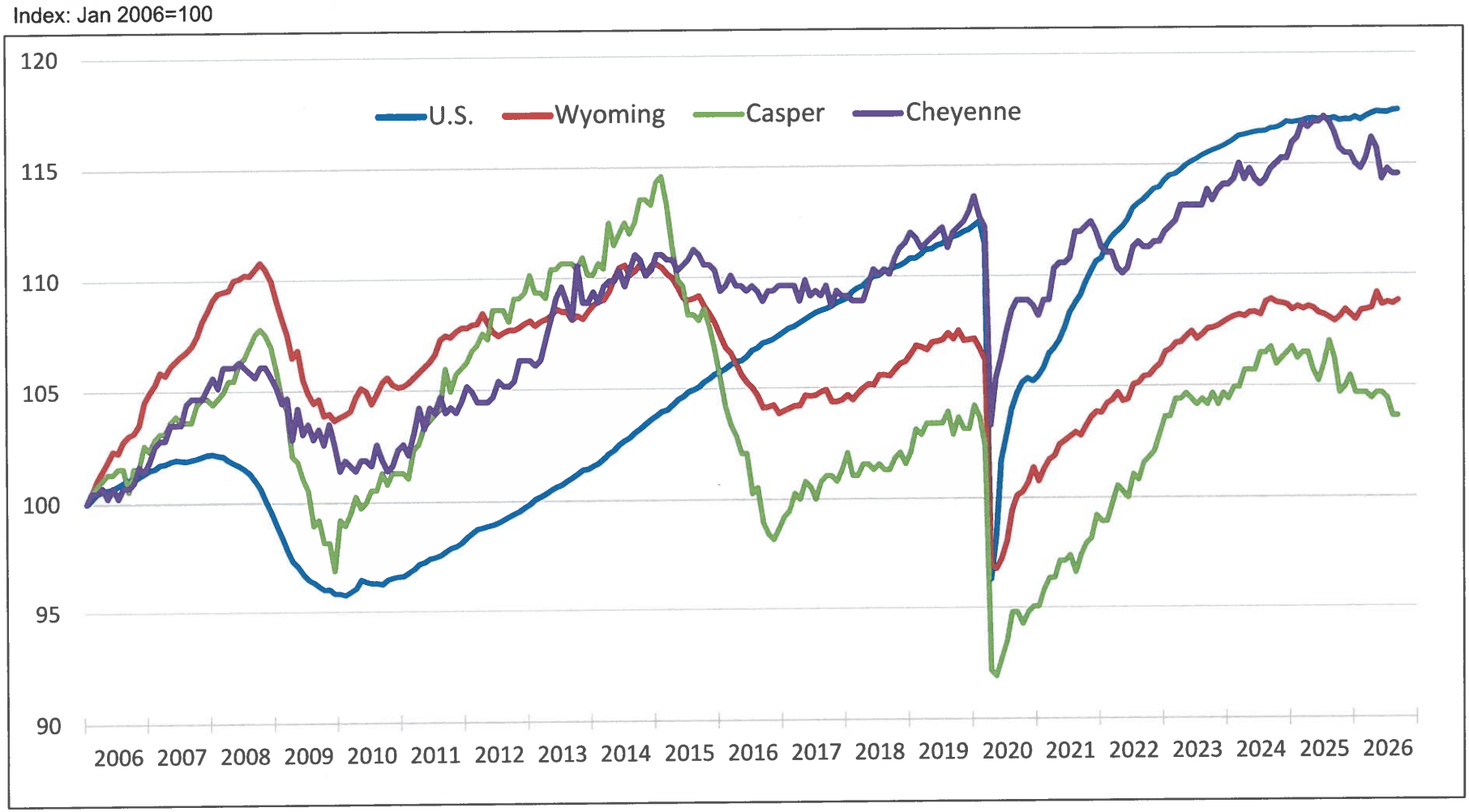
- Negatives:
  1. Natural gas and coal production calendar year-to-date through August are both lower than they were in 2025.
  2. Natural gas prices and rigs in September are lower than they were in September last year.
  3. Single family and multi-family housing units permitted calendar year-to-date through August are down compared to the same period in 2025.

Employment:

Total employment continues to show moderate growth, improving year-over-year in September.

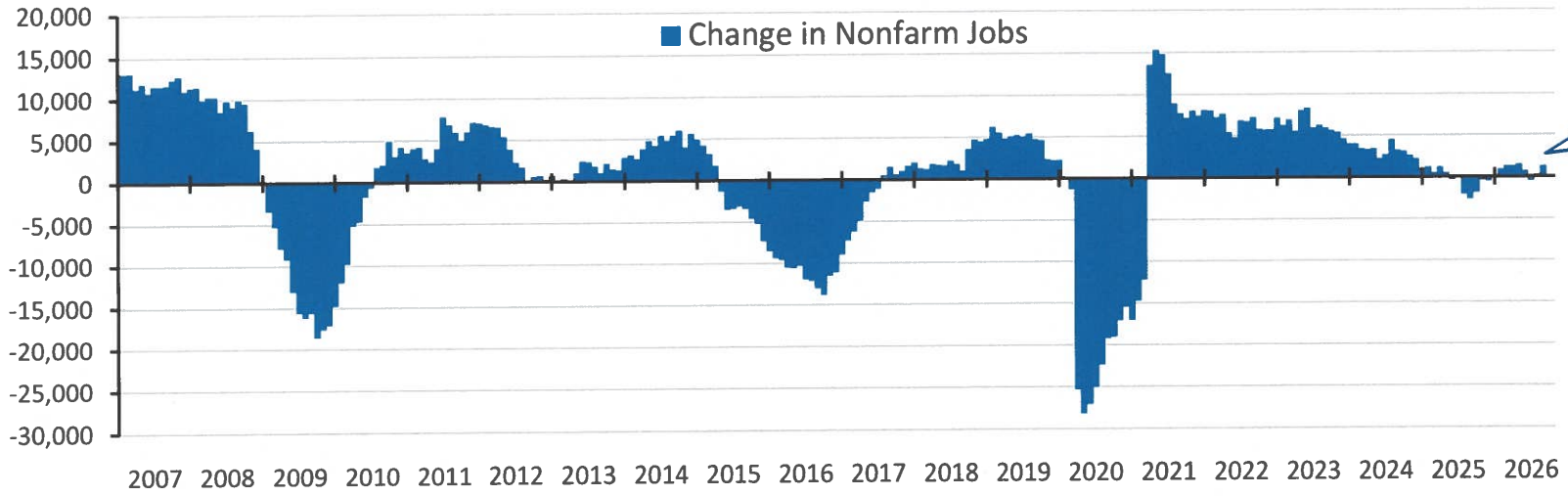
- Statewide employment in September 2026 increased by 1,300 jobs (+0.4%) compared to September 2025.
- Construction added the most jobs year-over-year (+1,500 jobs) in September, followed by leisure & hospitality (+800 jobs).
- Mining employment improved (+400 jobs) in September.
- The Cheyenne MSA saw a decline in employment in September, down 700 jobs (-1.4%) year-over-year. The Casper MSA also declined in September, down 900 jobs (-2.2%).
- The statewide seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for September was 3.0%, lower than the national unemployment rate of 4.2% and the statewide September 2025 unemployment rate (3.4%).

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

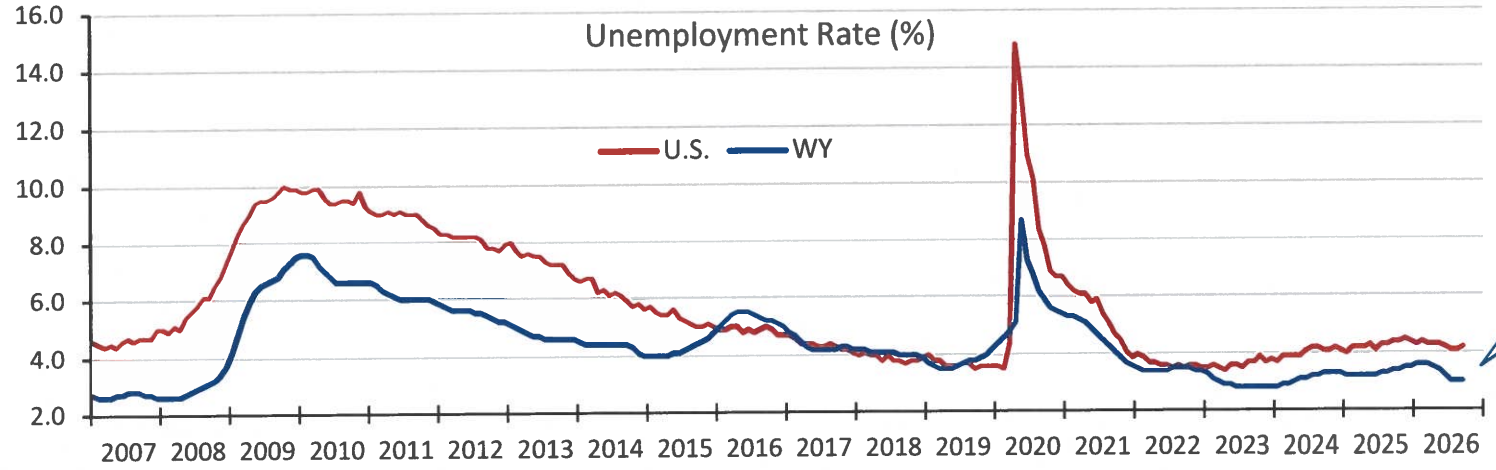


Note: MSA stands for Metropolitan Statistical Area. The Casper MSA covers all of Natrona County, while the Cheyenne MSA covers all of Laramie County.
Source: U.S Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Annual Change in Nonfarm Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted) for Wyoming, Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted) for the U.S. and Wyoming



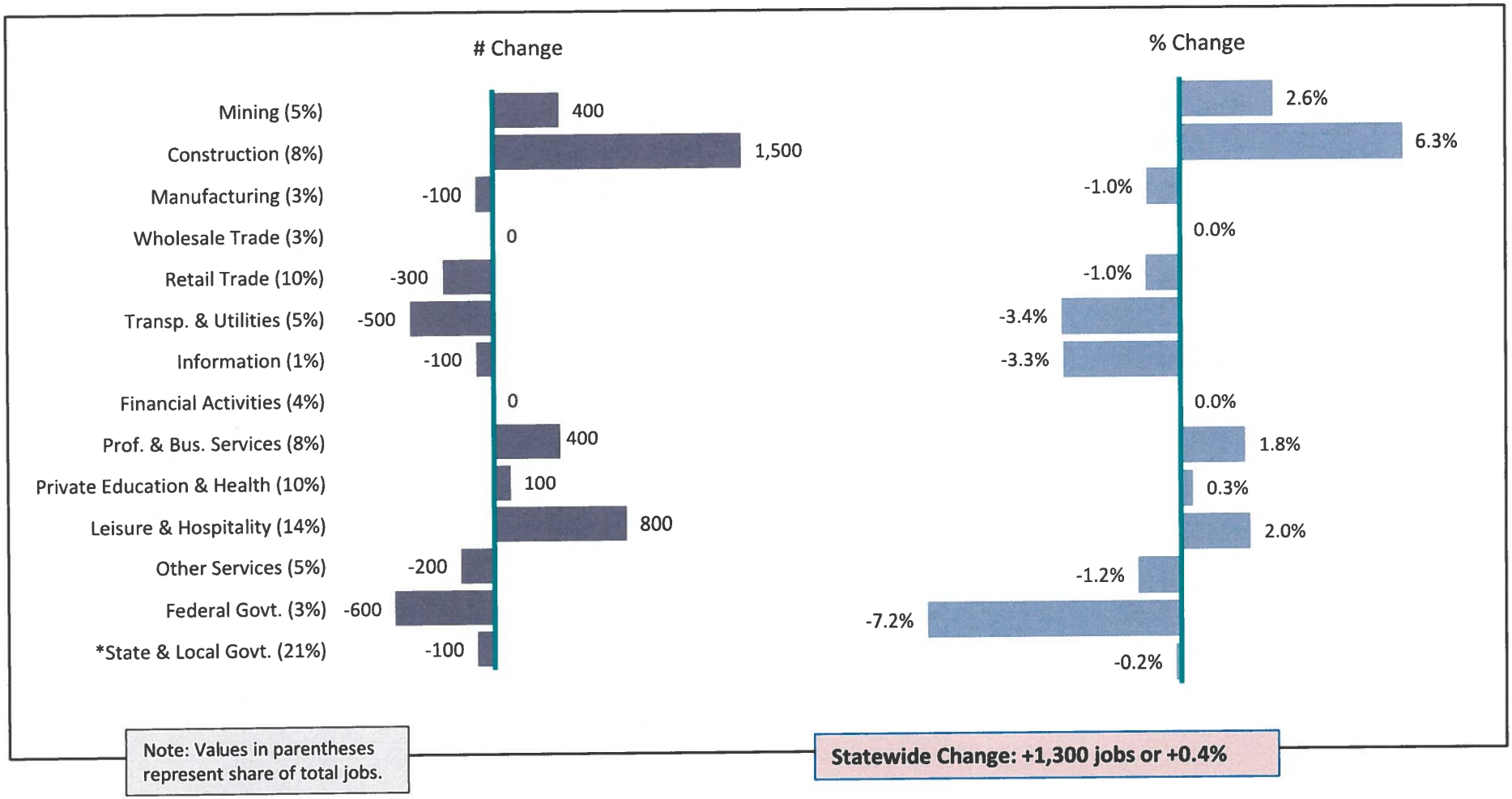
September year-over-year job change was +1,300 or +0.4%.



The unemployment rates in September for Wyoming and the U.S. were 3.0% and 4.2%, respectively.

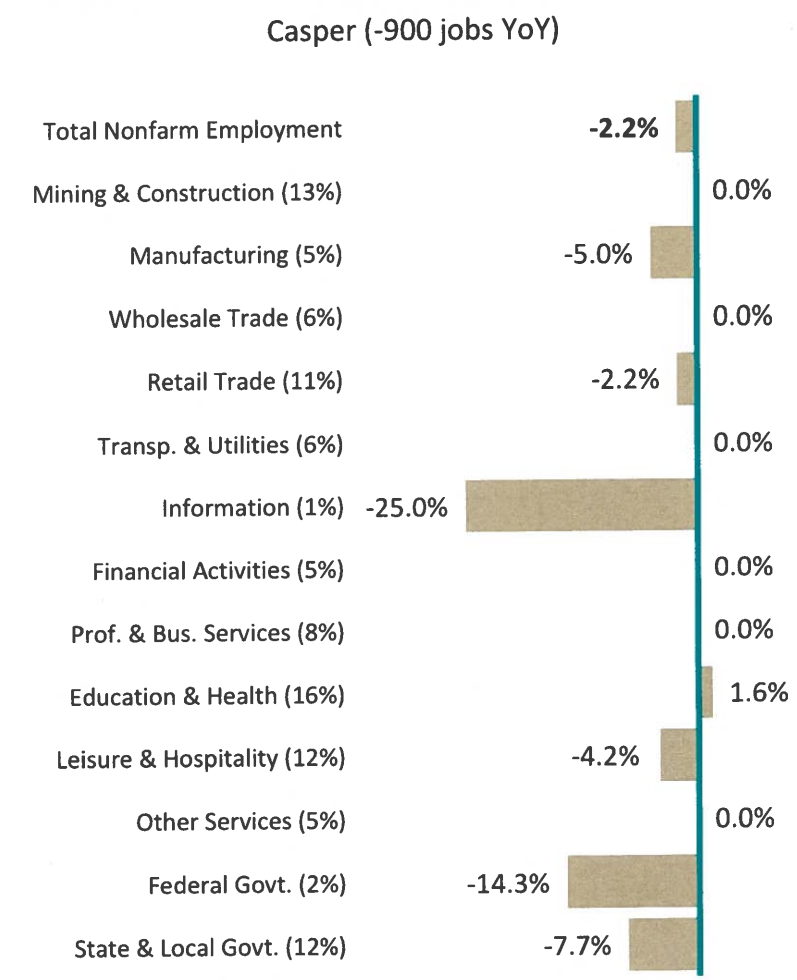
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Wyoming Nonfarm Employment Change By Industry: September 2026 Year-Over-Year: Not Seasonally Adjusted

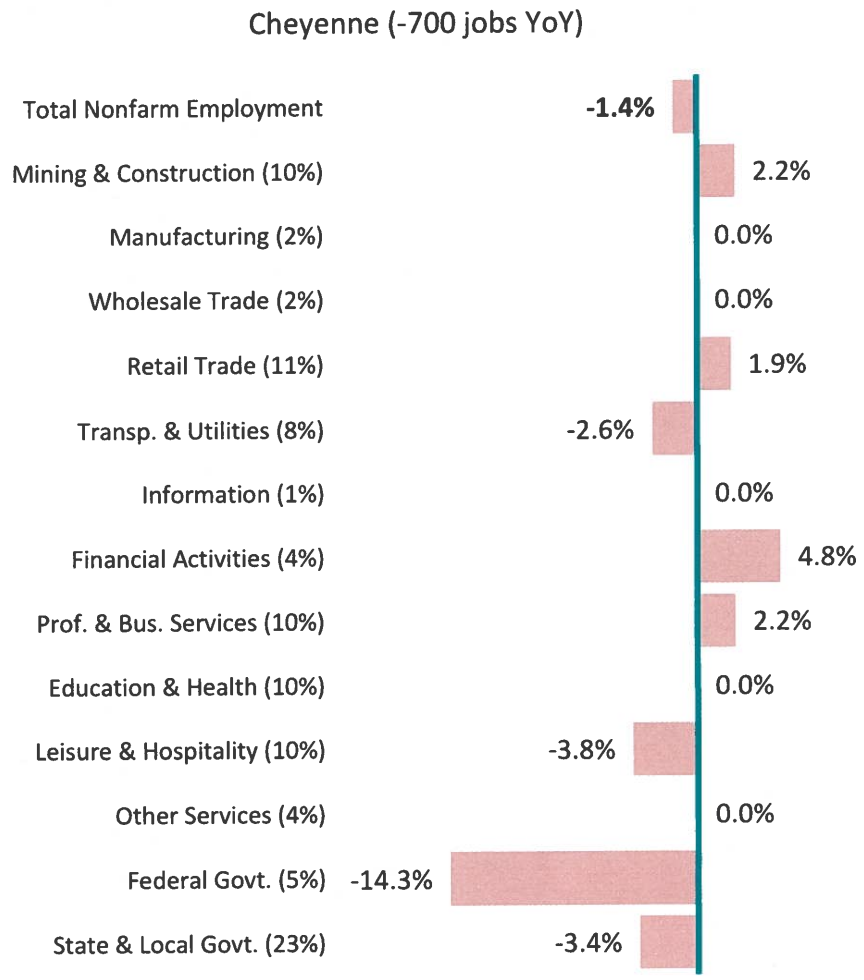


Note: The State & Local Government sector includes jobs affiliated with public K-12 & higher education and public hospitals.
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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



Note: Values in parentheses represent shares of total employment.



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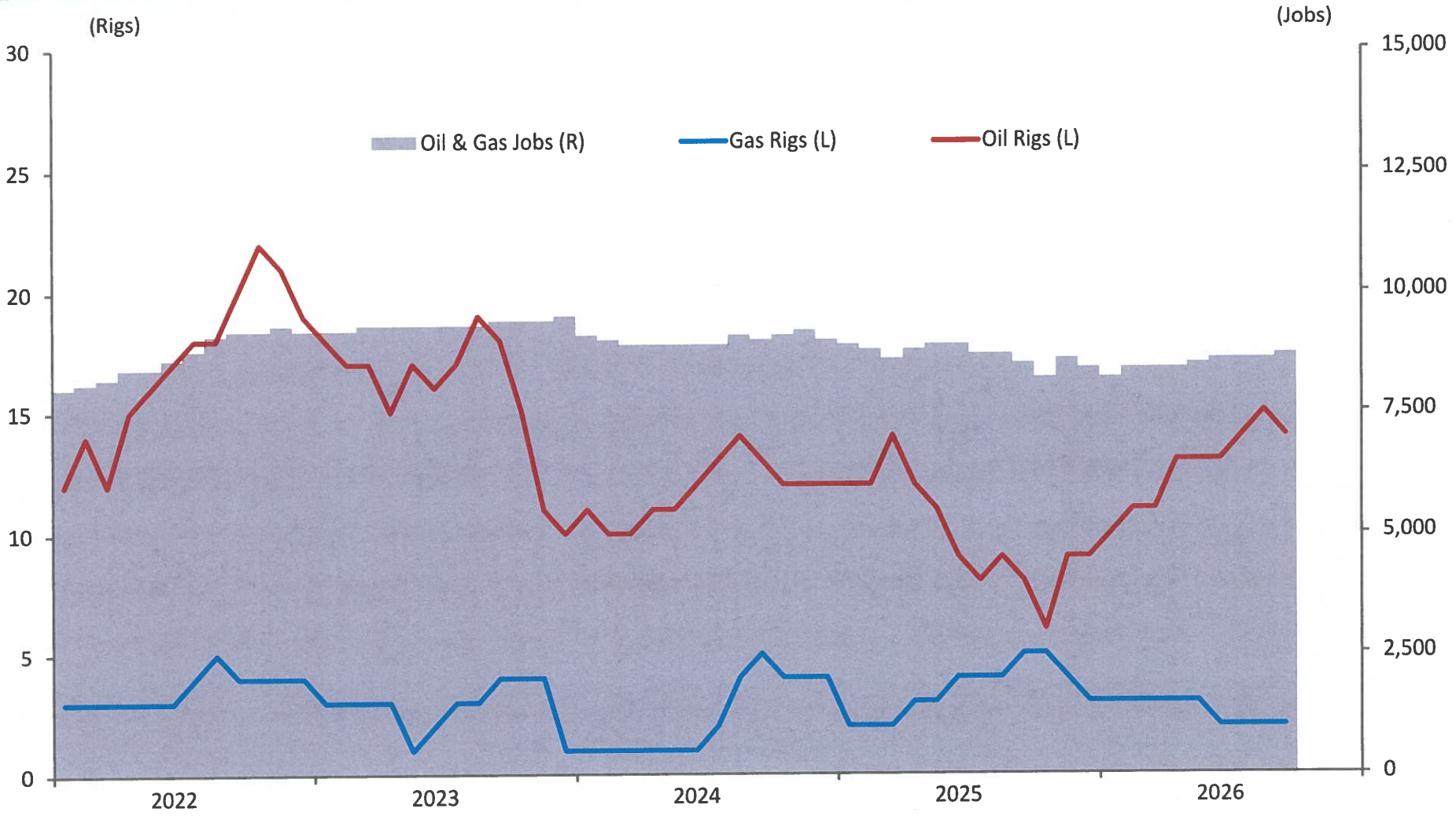
Energy:

Oil prices hover around $100/barrel as uncertainty in middle east continues.

Persistently low natural gas prices are something to watch as we head into winter.

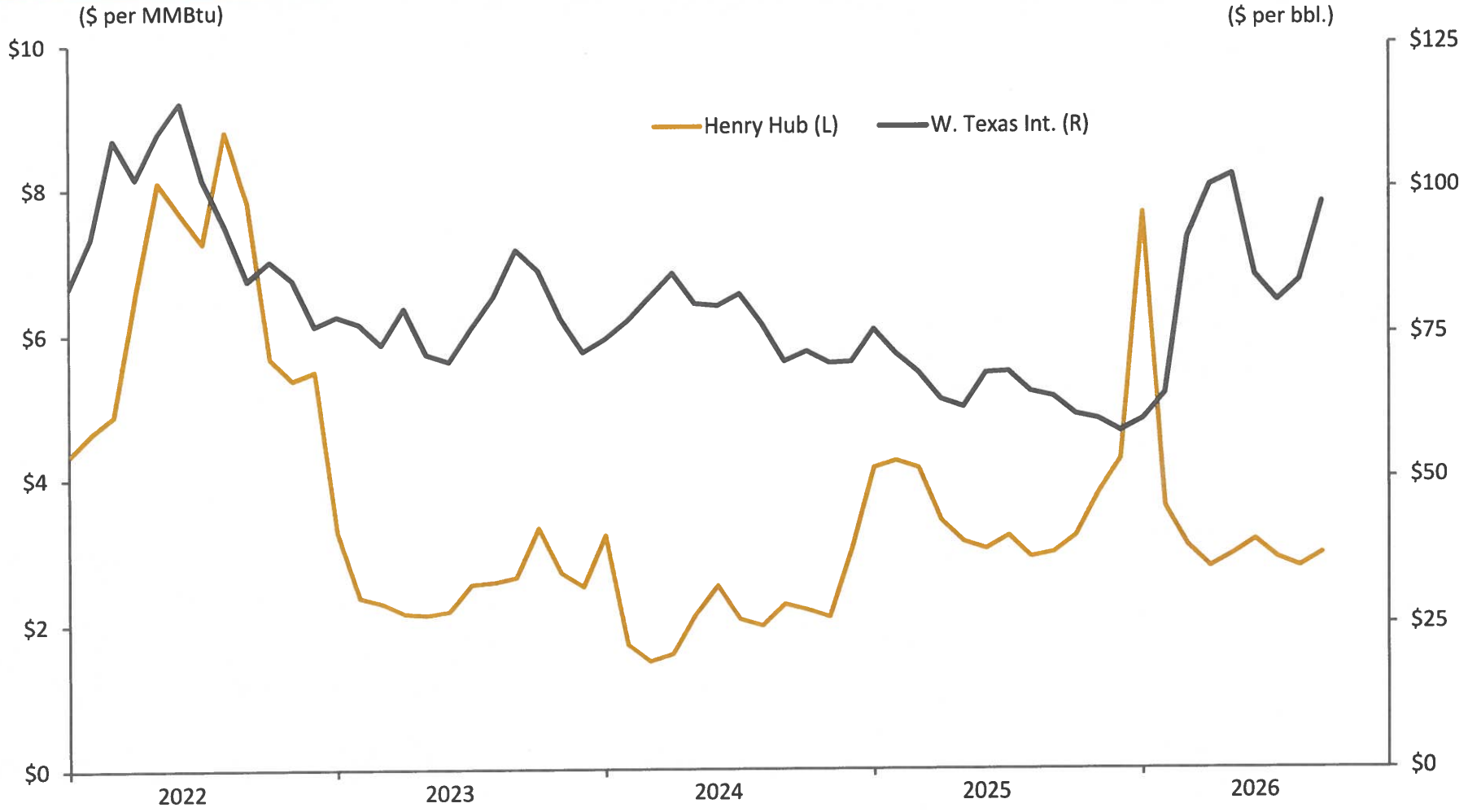
- Oil & gas jobs numbered 8,700 in September 2026, 200 more (+2.4%) than September last year.
- Oil & gas rig counts were 14 and 2, respectively, in September 2026. There were 8 oil rigs and 5 gas rigs in September last year.
- The price of West Texas Intermediate (WTI) oil averaged $97.31/barrel in September, 16.0% more than last month and 52.1% more than September 2025. The price of Henry Hub natural gas averaged $2.95/MMBtu for the month of September, $0.18 more than last month, but $0.02 less than September last year.
- August 2026 coal production calendar year-to-date was 4.2% lower than last year. Natural gas production was also lower, down 5.1%, while oil production through August is almost the same as last year.

Wyoming Oil & Gas Jobs and Rig Counts (through September)



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

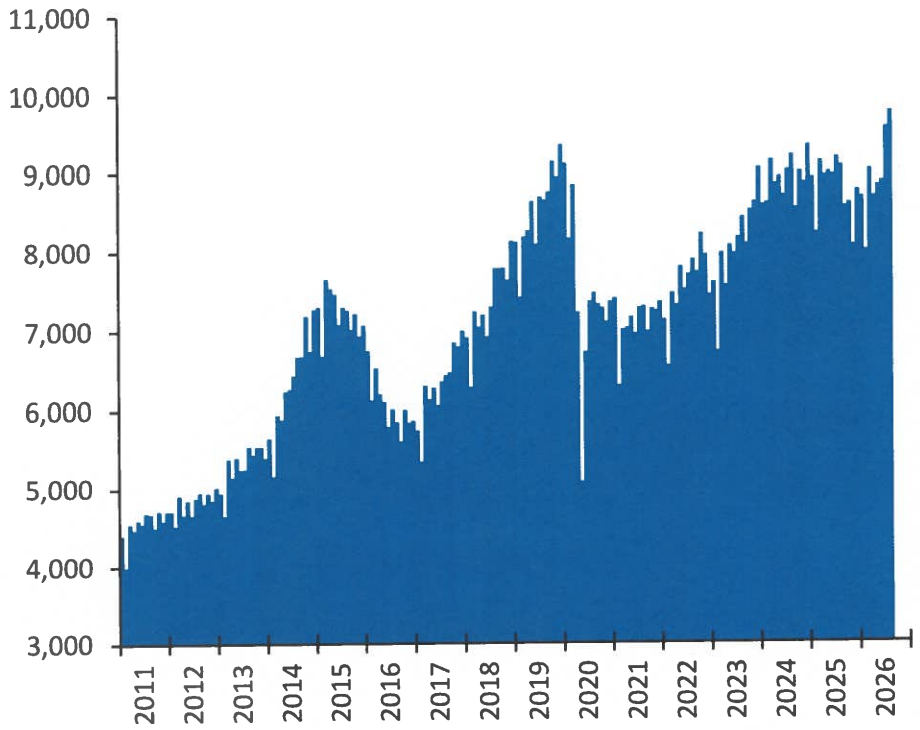
Henry Hub Natural Gas Prices and WTI Crude Oil Prices (through September)



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

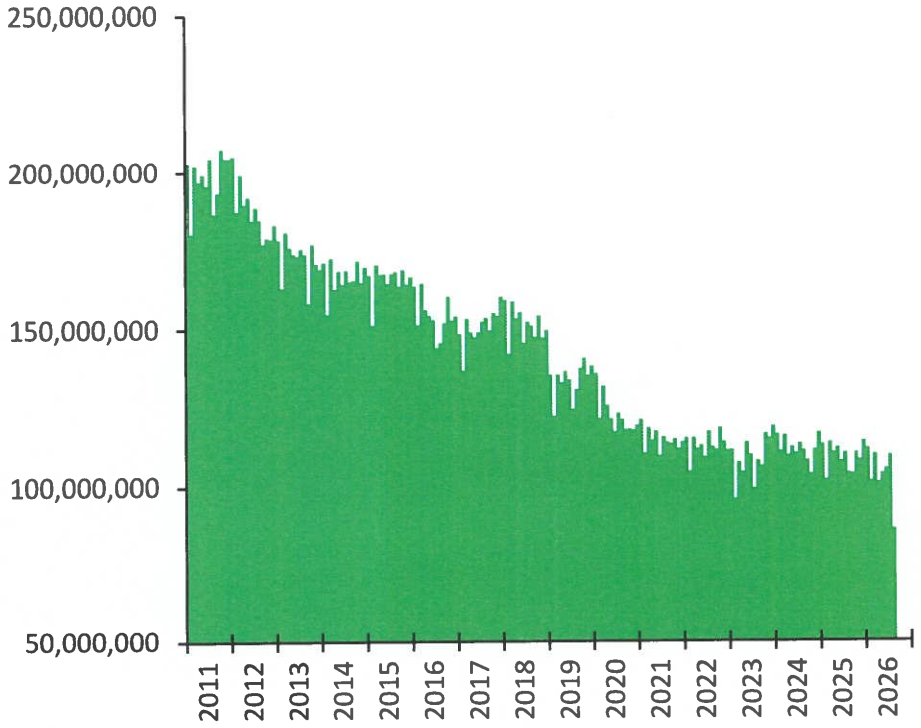
Wyoming Oil and Natural Gas Production (through August 2026)

Wyoming Oil Production
(thousands of bbls. - monthly)



Cumulative Change YTD:
August 2026 vs. August 2025
0.0%

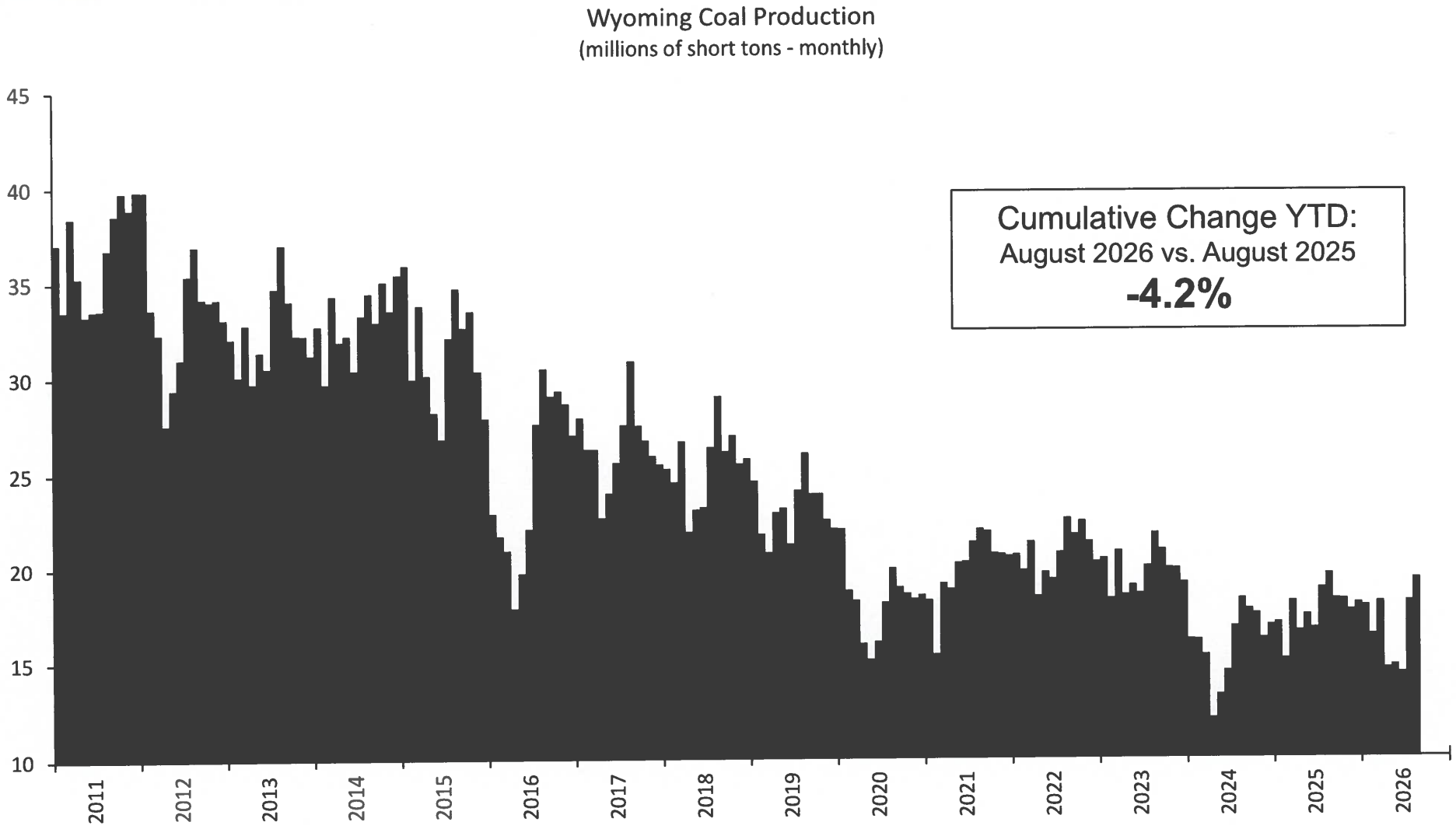
Wyoming Natural Gas Production
(MCF - monthly)



Cumulative Change YTD:
August 2026 vs. August 2025
-5.1%

Source: Wyoming Oil & Gas Conservation Commission.

Wyoming Coal Production (through August 2026)



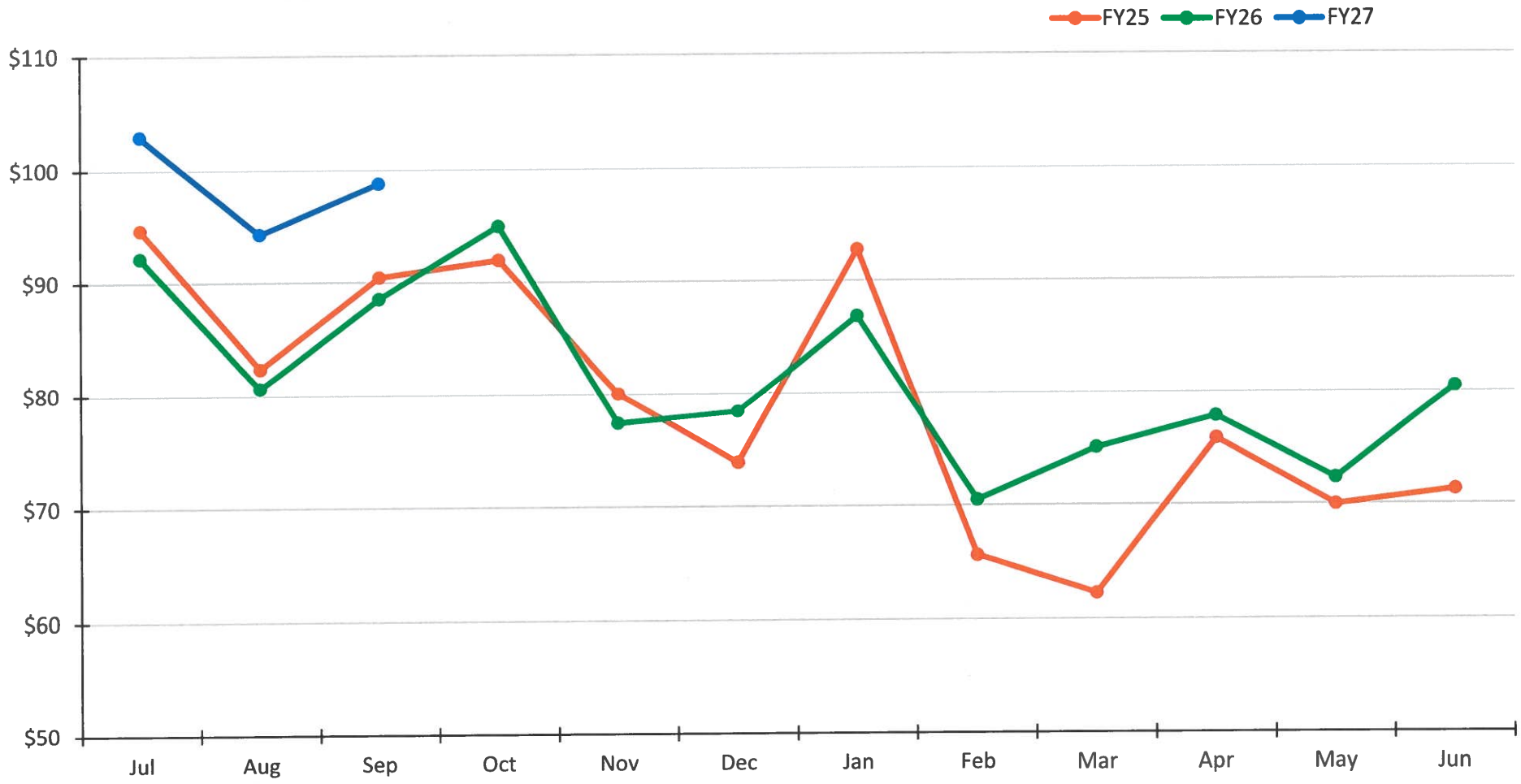
Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration.

State Revenues:

Sales & use and severance tax collections are both exhibiting strong growth to start fiscal year 2027.

- Statewide sales and use tax collections through the first three months of fiscal year 2027 (July 2026 – September 2026) improved by $34.7 million (+13.3%) compared to fiscal year 2026.
- Converse County has experienced the largest increase in sales & use tax collections so far, up $12.3 million (+88.5%), followed by Albany County (+48.2%) and Campbell County (+23.5%).
- Sales and use tax collections from the mining sector have improved the most so far in fiscal year 2027, up $14.8 million (+83.0%). Retail trade collections are also doing well, up $11.3 million (+10.2%).
- Severance tax collections (cash based) through the first three months of fiscal year 2027 have increased 20.0% compared to fiscal year 2026.

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

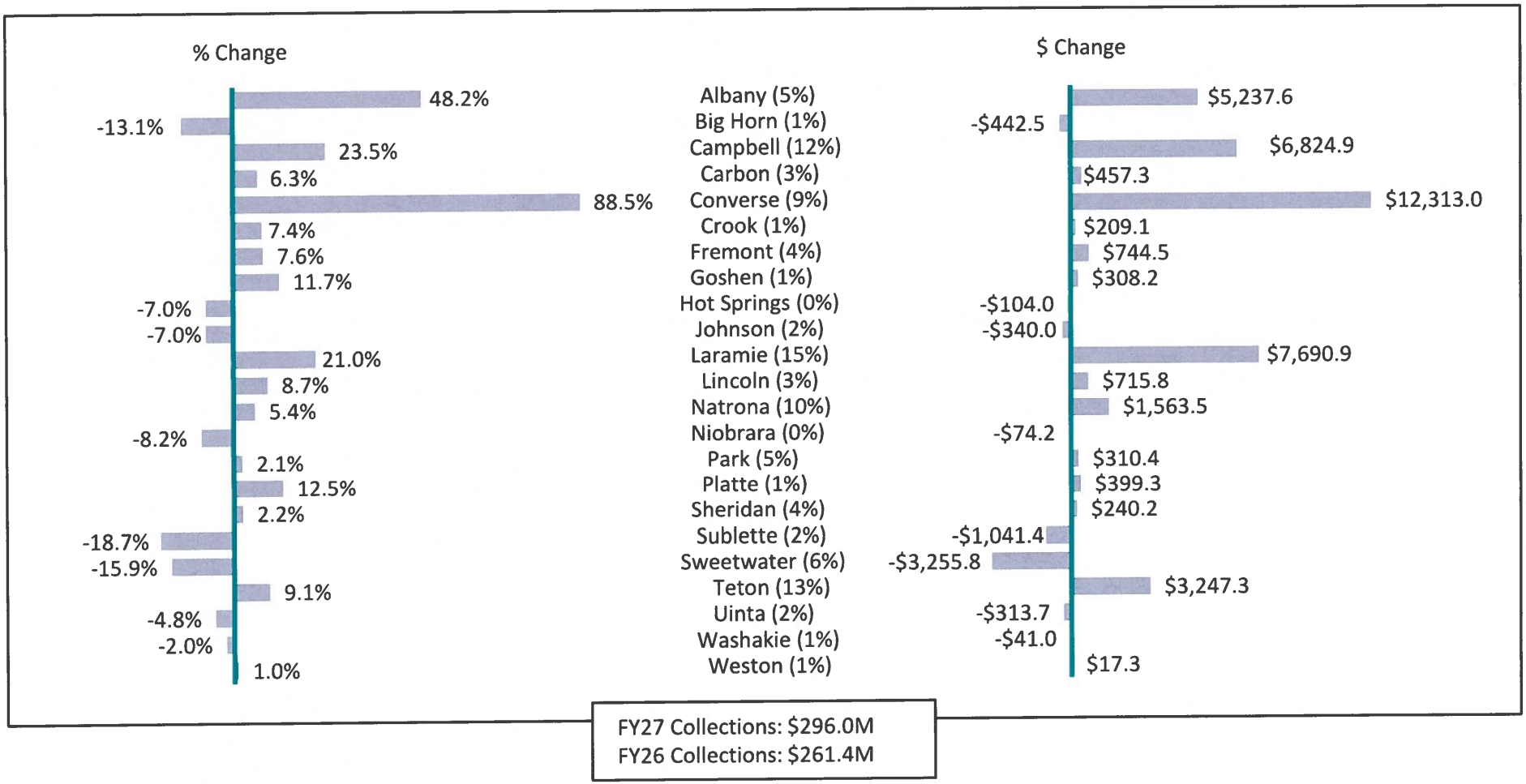


Note: Includes both the state and local shares of the state-wide 4% sales and use tax collections.
Source: Wyoming Department of Revenue.

Wyoming 4% Sales and Use Tax Collections by County

Change in Percent and Dollars (Thousands)

Fiscal Year 2027 vs. Fiscal Year 2026: July-September

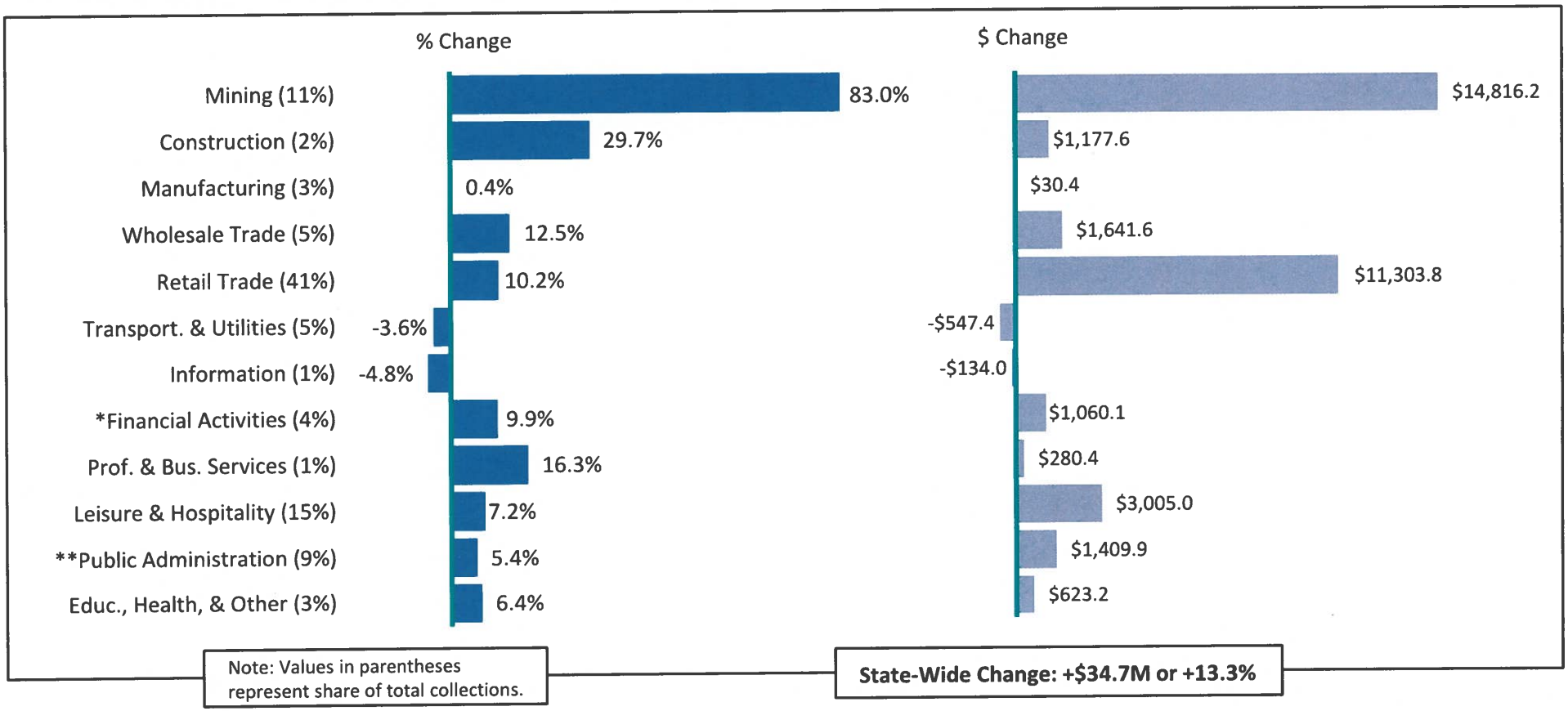


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Source: Wyoming Department of Revenue.

Wyoming 4% Sales and Use Tax Collections by Industry

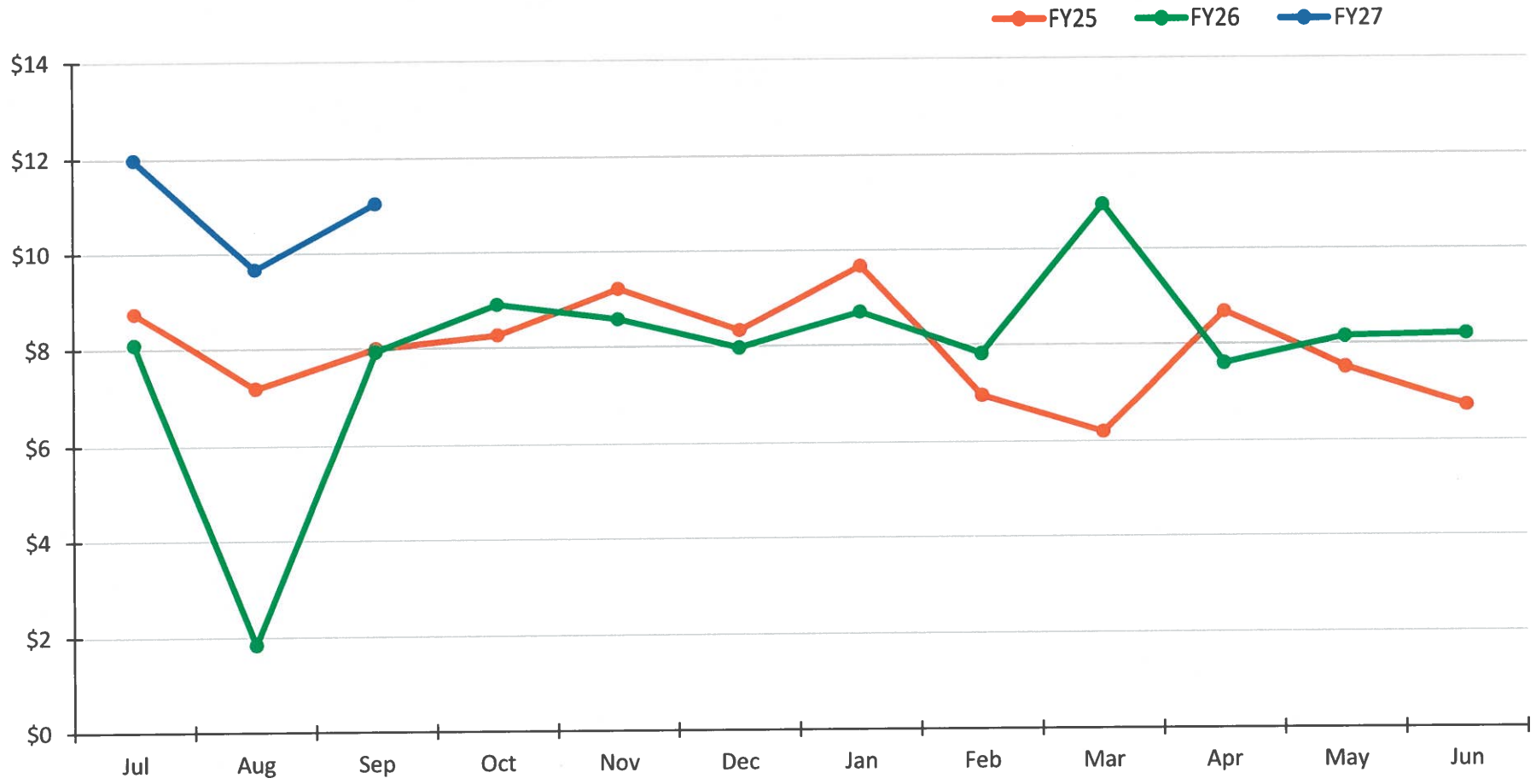
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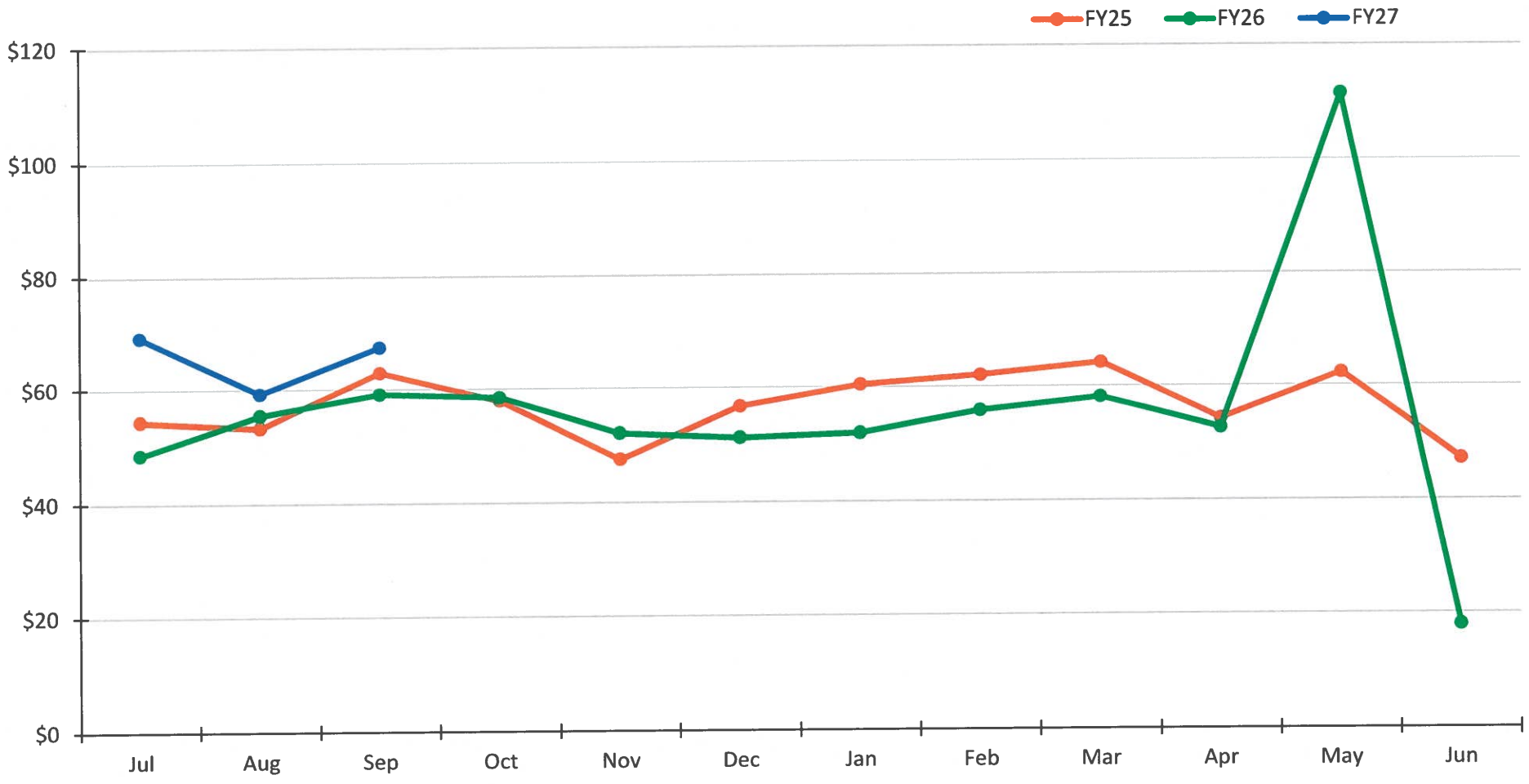
*Tax collections are mostly from automotive, machinery, and equipment leasing & rental.
**Reflects tax collections from automobile purchases.
Source: Wyoming Department of Revenue.

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)

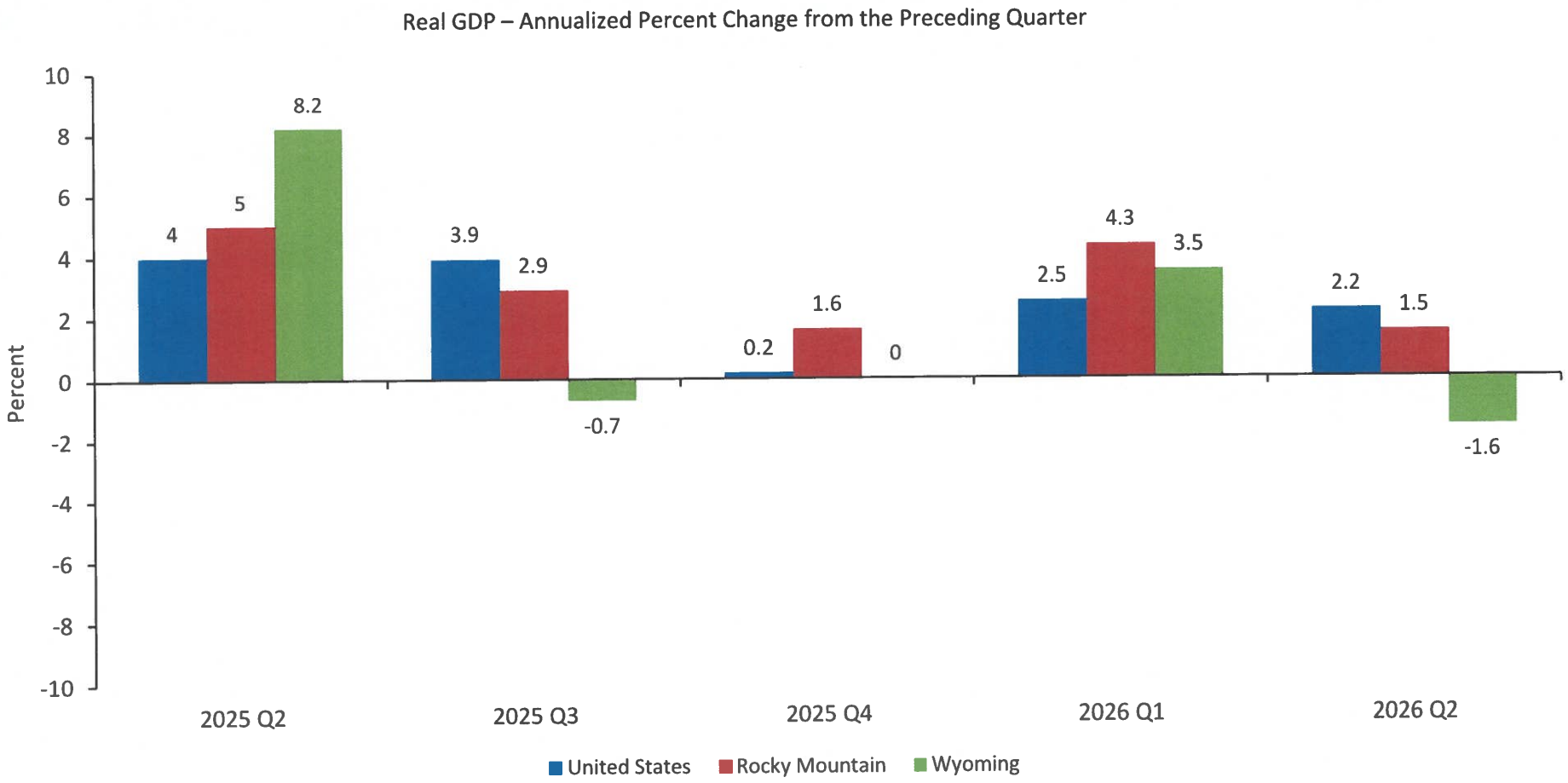


Note: Includes severance tax collections on all minerals in Wyoming (cash based).
Source: Wyoming Department of Revenue.

Other Indicators for the State:
Real Gross Domestic Product (GDP), House Price Appreciation, and Building Permits

- Q2 2026 real GDP decreased by 1.6% at an annualized rate from Q1 2026. The U.S. (+2.2%) and the Rocky Mountain region (+1.5%) both experienced increases over the same time period.
- Wyoming's house prices in Q2 2026 saw annual growth of 3.7%, higher than the U.S. (3.0%).
- The Cheyenne MSA house prices saw an annual increase of 5.2% in Q2 2026, while the Casper MSA saw annual growth of 1.0%.
- Statewide single-family housing units permitted decreased year-to-date through August 2026 by 159 (-13.0%) compared to 2025. Multi-family housing units permitted decreased by 40 (-18.3%) over this same comparison.

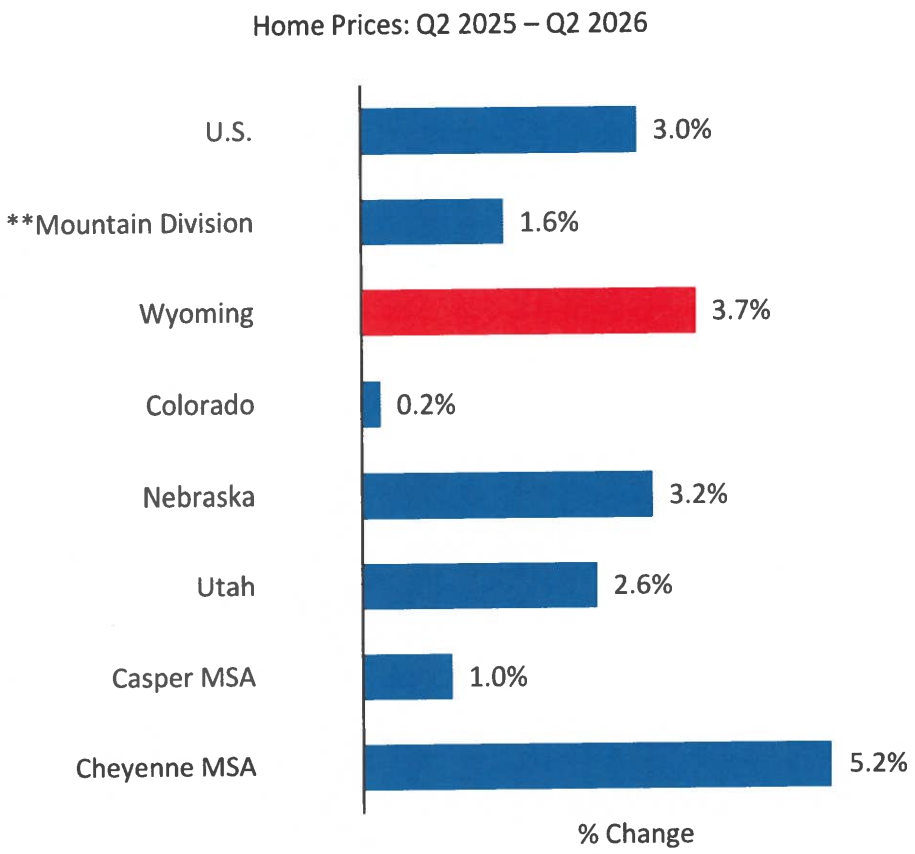
Quarterly Real Gross Domestic Product (GDP)
Wyoming, Rocky Mountain Region, & United States

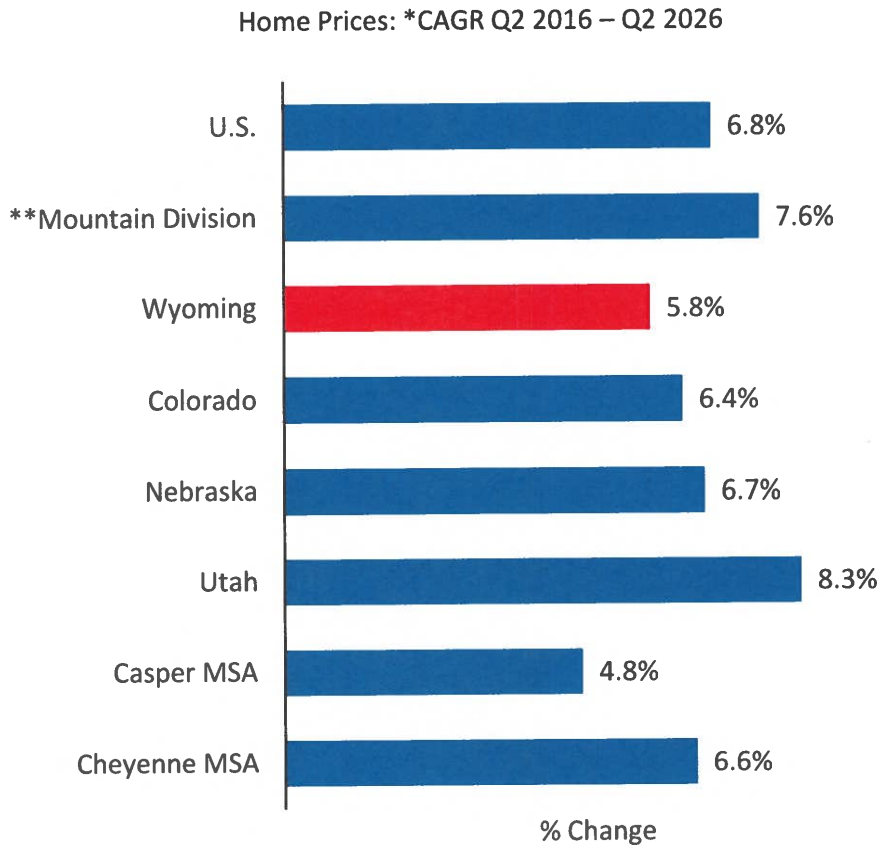


Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Home Price Appreciation

FHFA All-Transaction Index – Not Seasonally Adjusted

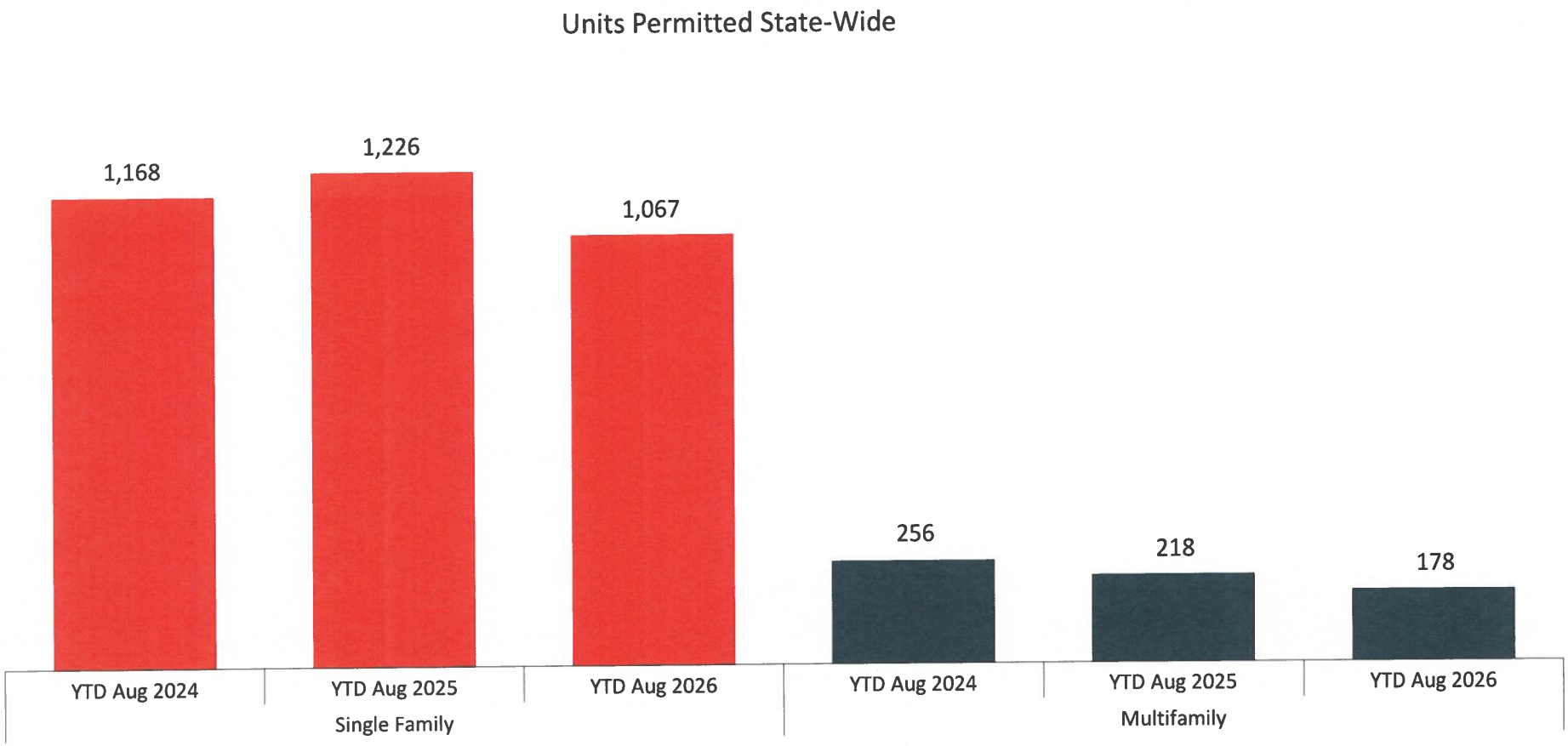




Note: All-Transactions Index includes purchase and mortgage refinance.
*CAGR stands for compound annual growth rate, which is the average annual growth rate over a time period.
**Mountain Division includes Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Arizona, and New Mexico.
Source: Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA).

Residential Building Permits

Statewide Units: Year-to-Date – August



Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

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- Visit our website at https://ai.wyo.gov/divisions/economic-analysis

WYOMING **MACRO** Report

Angela Williams <angelaw@gillettewy.gov>

WEA October News: Wyoming Energy Dominance Fund and Oil, Gas & Helium Study

1 message

Wyoming Energy Authority <wea@wyogov.ccsend.com> Thu, Oct 29, 2026 at 1:55 PM
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To: angelaw@gillettewy.gov

WYOMING ENERGY AUTHORITY

October News & Updates

Public Comment is Open on Three Wyoming Energy Dominance Fund Projects



The Wyoming Energy Dominance Fund (WEDF) review committee met on Wednesday, October 7, 2026, to review proposals applying for state funding as a cost share. The committee recommended that three proposals move forward to Governor Gordon for review. A 30-day public comment period opened on October 15 and closes on Monday, November 16, 2026.

The Wyoming Energy Dominance Fund is administered by the Wyoming Energy Authority. Governor Mark Gordon will review the projects and any public comments before making a final decision on the awards.

Summaries of the projects listed below are available on the Wyoming Energy Authority website. Public comments can be sent to wea@wyo.gov.

The projects recommended are:

- Nucleon Fuel LTD "Fort Union Uranium Conversion Facility," Award Recommendation: $20 million
- Williams "Flat Top Compressor Station Project," Award Recommendation: $15 million
- WE Soda "Westvaco Natural Gas Upgrade Project," Award Recommendation: $12,925,000

LEARN MORE

WEA Opens RFP for a Wyoming Oil, Gas, & Helium Study



The Wyoming Energy Authority is now seeking proposals from qualified firms to conduct a Wyoming Oil, Gas & Helium Study. This study will provide valuable insights into some of Wyoming's most important energy resources and support decisions about the state's energy future.

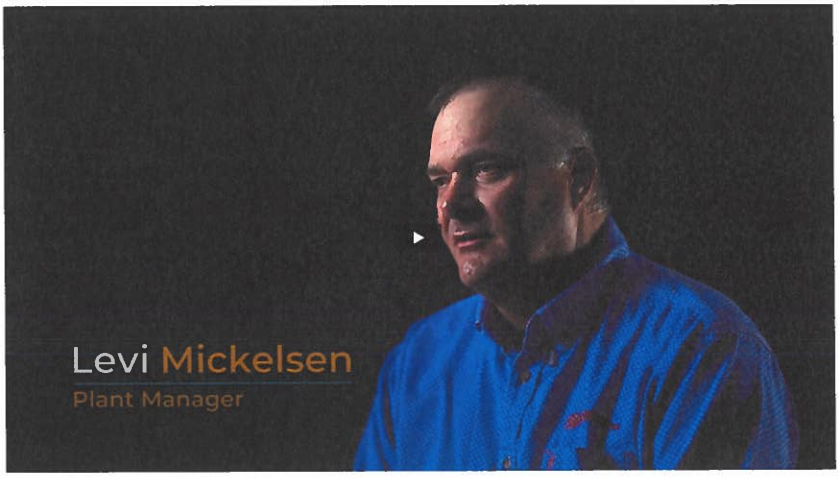
Proposals are due on Nov. 30, 2026.

Interested firms can find the full Request for Proposal, submission requirements and additional details on the WEA website: **wyoenergy.org/grants**

REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS

SCOPE OF WORK

WEA Supports Our Legacy Industries



In Wheatland, Laramie River Station's impact extends beyond generating electricity. In a recent interview, plant manager Levi Mickelsen describes how the coal-fired facility provides dependable power while supporting approximately 260 full-time jobs and contributing tax revenue that helps sustain local services. His perspective illustrates the connection between Wyoming's energy resources and the strength of its communities.

Facilities like Laramie River Station demonstrate what is at stake: reliable and affordable electricity, quality jobs, and a strong foundation for local economies.

Looking ahead, Mickelsen sees growing electricity demand that will require coal, natural gas, wind, solar, and emerging nuclear technologies. That outlook aligns with WEA's approach across Wyoming's energy portfolio—supporting the industries powering the nation today while helping develop the technologies and infrastructure needed for tomorrow.

WATCH MICKELSEN'S INTERVIEW

WEA at the Wyoming Energy Future Symposium



Tylynn Hall, Director of Fossil Fuel Development, and Brandi O'Brien, Nuclear and Critical Minerals Industry Coordinator, represented the Wyoming Energy Authority at the Wyoming Energy Future Symposium on October 22, hosted by the University of Wyoming School of Energy Resources.

This year's theme, "Critical Minerals in Critical Energy Industries," explored how Wyoming's oil, gas and coal infrastructure can support mineral extraction—and how advanced nuclear power

and growing demand from data centers are creating new needs for specialized materials.



WEA Director of Energy at California ISO Stakeholder Symposium

WEA's Director of Energy Market Development, John Jenks, was a featured panelist at the California ISO 2026 Stakeholder Symposium in Sacramento. The annual event brings together utilities, regulators, state officials, energy producers and market participants from across the West to discuss regional electricity markets and grid reliability.

For Wyoming, these discussions have direct implications for electricity costs, access to markets for the state's energy producers and future investment. As a broader Western regional energy market takes shape, Wyoming needs a seat at the table to advocate for reliable, affordable power and ensure its resources and economic interests are reflected in market decisions.

John joined industry leaders and energy experts for "Road to ROWE: Navigating the 2027 Transition," exploring the opportunities and challenges of a more interconnected Western grid. His participation brought Wyoming's perspective to a conversation that could shape the future of the state's energy industry.

Small Business Energy Audit/Retrofit Application



The Small Business Energy Audit/Retrofit grant is available to small businesses operating in Wyoming. The purpose of the grant is to identify cost-effective opportunities to lower energy usage. The grant can be used to complete an energy audit and pay for identified energy saving retrofits.

- Maximum grant amount is $25,000
- 10% required cash match from applicant
- Requires an investment-grade energy audit
- Applicant must be the owner of the building/facility

Application Deadline - Ongoing until funds are depleted

Please contact Patrick Millin with application questions at (307) 631-6652 or **patrick.millin@wyo.gov**.