## MACRO Report: Review of Wyoming's Economy



# Economic Indicators Update as of June 30, 2021

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



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# **Summary**: Most Economic Indicators Still Down, but Rising Vaccinations and Oil Prices Point Towards Improvement.

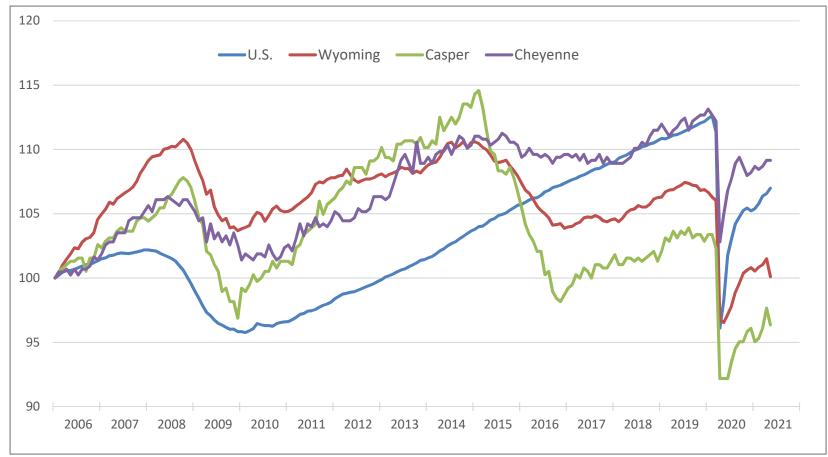
- Negatives:
  - 1. While most industries show improvement relative to the pandemic, the mining sector is still struggling.
  - 2. Coal, oil, and natural gas all experienced year-to-date declines in production through April.
  - 3. Sales & use tax collections at the end of fiscal year 2021 are down 5.2% relative to fiscal year 2020.
- Positives:
  - 1. Housing prices continue to rise.
  - Natural Gas prices are above \$3/MMBtu, the highest summer prices since 2014.
  - 3. Oil prices are above \$70/barrel for the first time since October 2018.

## **Employment:** Most Industries Continue to Recover from the Pandemic; Mining and Related Industries Lag Behind.

- State-wide employment in May 2021 increased by 9,700 jobs (3.7%) when compared to May 2020.
- The mining and construction sectors declined the most, down 1,300 jobs (-7.9%) and 1,600 jobs (-7.6%), respectively, compared to May 2020. The leisure & hospitality sector increased the most, up 9,200 jobs (35.1%) year-over-year.
- Casper experienced an increase in jobs of 1,500 (4.2%) while Cheyenne experienced an increase of 2,200 (4.9%) in a May year-over-year comparison.

#### Nonfarm Employment: U.S., WY, Casper, and Cheyenne Through End of May 2021 – Seasonally Adjusted

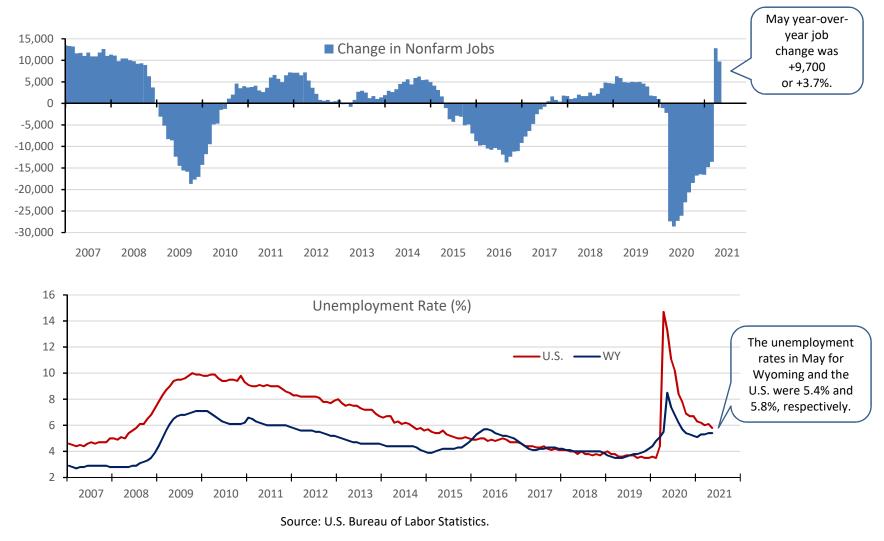
Index: Jan 2006=100



Source: U.S Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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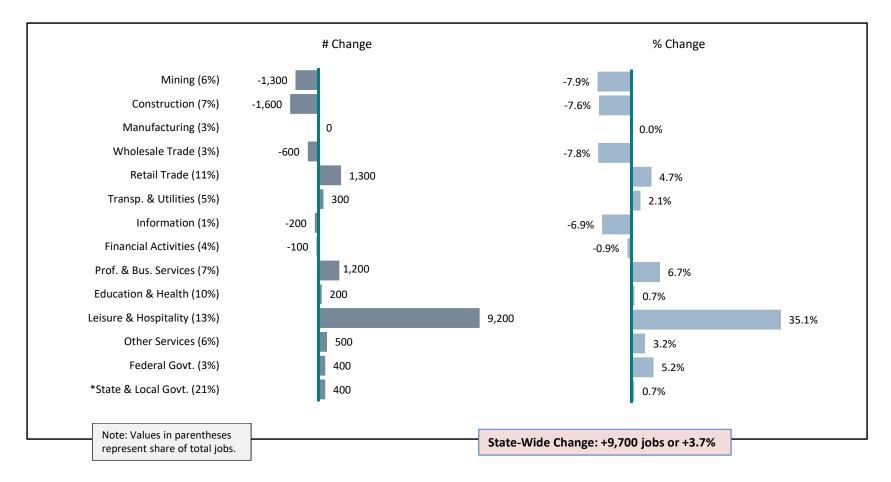
#### Annual Change in Nonfarm Jobs for Wyoming, and Unemployment Rates for the U.S. and Wyoming – Seasonally Adjusted



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#### WY Employment Change: May 2020 – May 2021 Year-over-Year: Seasonally Adjusted

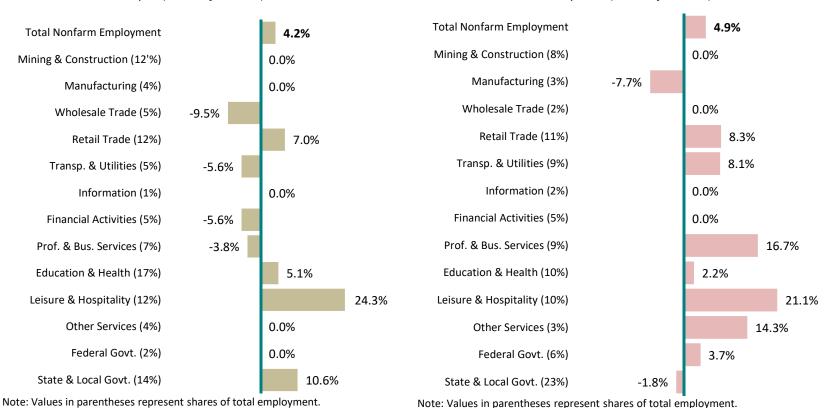


Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Note: The State & Local Government sector includes jobs affiliated with K-12 & higher education and public hospitals.

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#### Casper (MSA) & Cheyenne (MSA) Employment Change: May 2020 to May 2021 — Year-over-Year: Not Seasonally Adjusted



Casper (+1,500 jobs YoY)

Note: Values in parentheses represent shares of total employment.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

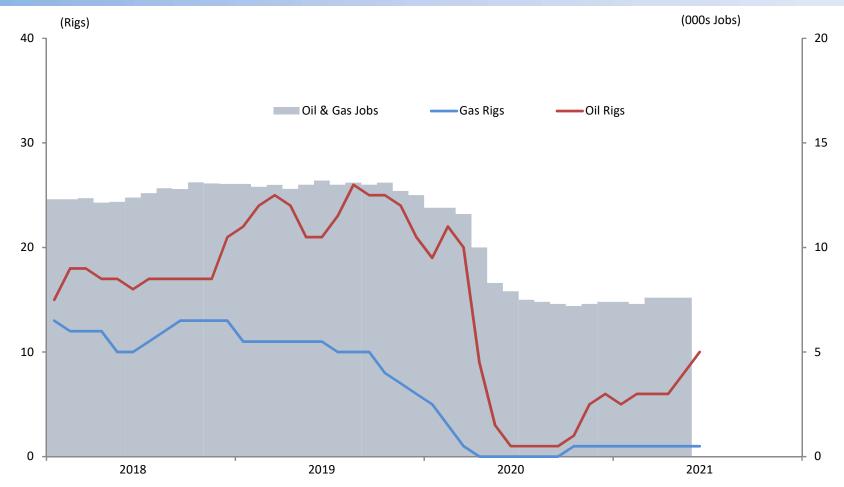
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Cheyenne (+2,200 jobs YoY)

**Energy:** Oil & Gas Jobs Continue to Decline; Coal Production Continues to Stay Low; Oil Prices Exceed Expectations; Oil Rigs Begin to Climb.

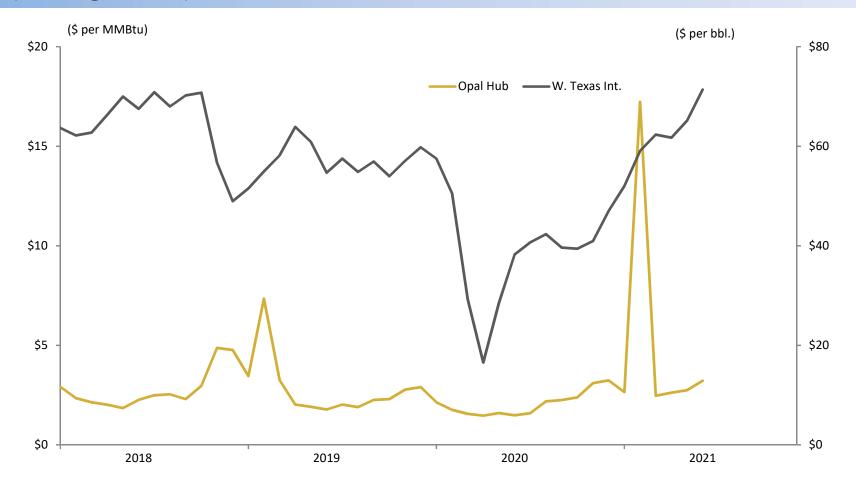
- Oil & gas jobs were at 7,600 in May 2021, 700 less (-8.4%) than May last year.
- Oil & gas rig counts were 10 and 1, respectively, in June 2021. A year ago, there was 1 oil rig and 0 gas rigs.
- The price of Opal natural gas averaged \$3.22/MMBtu for the month of June, \$1.73 higher than June last year. The price of West Texas Intermediate (WTI) oil averaged \$71.38/barrel in June, \$33.12 more than June 2020.
- April 2021 year-to-date (YTD) coal production decreased by 3.0% compared to last year. YTD oil production and natural gas withdrawals declined by 17.2% and 10.1% compared to 2020, respectively.

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



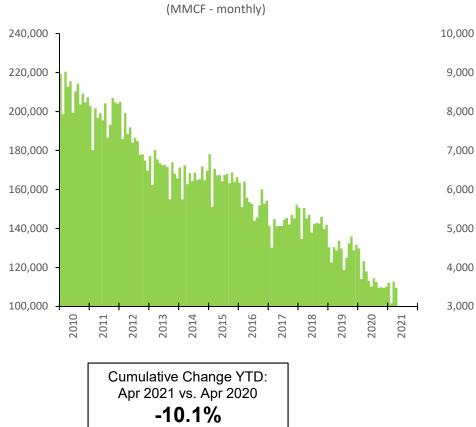
Sources: WY Oil & Gas Conservation Commission; U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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



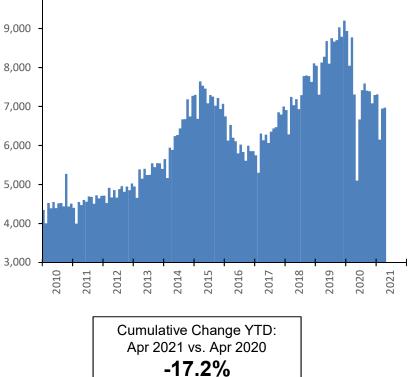
Sources: Natural Gas Intelligence; U.S. Energy Information Administration.

### WY Natural Gas and Oil Production (through April 2021)



Wyoming Natural Gas Withdrawals

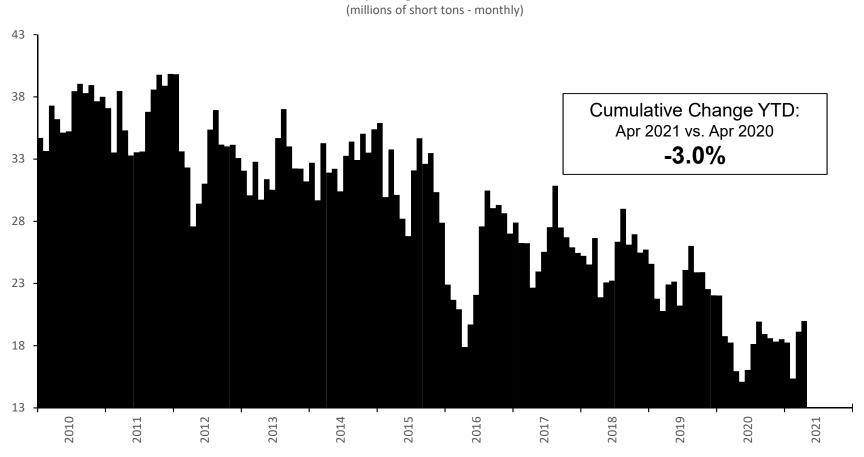
Wyoming Oil Production (thousands of bbls. - monthly)



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Source: U.S Energy Information Administration.

### WY Coal Production (through April 2021)



Wyoming Coal Production

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration.

### **State Revenues:**

**Revenues are Improving Due to Economic Stimulus and High Energy Prices.** 

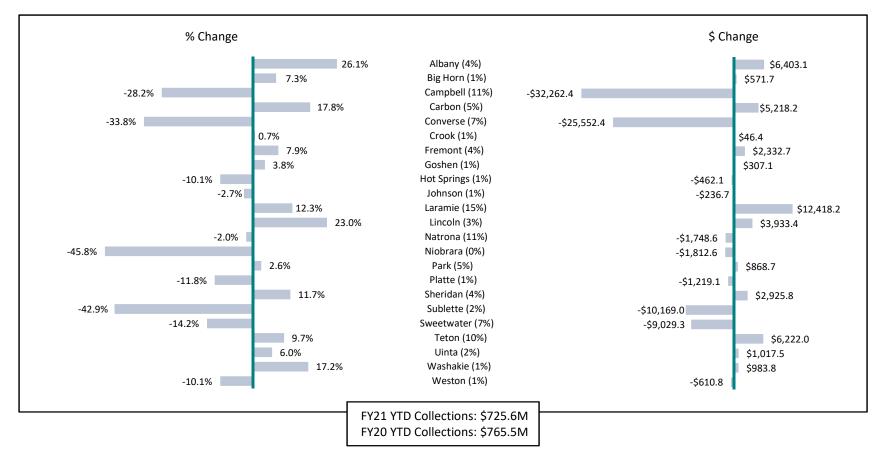
- State-wide sales and use (S&U) tax collections decreased in fiscal year 2021 (July-June) by \$39.9 million (-5.2%) compared to fiscal year 2020.
- Campbell (-28.2%), Converse (-33.8%), Niobrara (-45.8%), and Sublette (-42.9%) County all suffered large declines in S&U taxes fiscal YTD.
  Albany and Lincoln County both experienced fiscal YTD increases in S&U taxes of more than 20%, up 26.1% and 23.0%, respectively.
- S&U tax collections from the mining sector saw the largest fiscal YTD decline, falling by \$65.9 million (-58.1%).
- Severance tax collections state-wide increased by \$18.8 million (104.5%) year-over-year in June 2021.

#### WY 4% State-Wide Sales and Use Tax Collections (In Millions of Dollars)



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

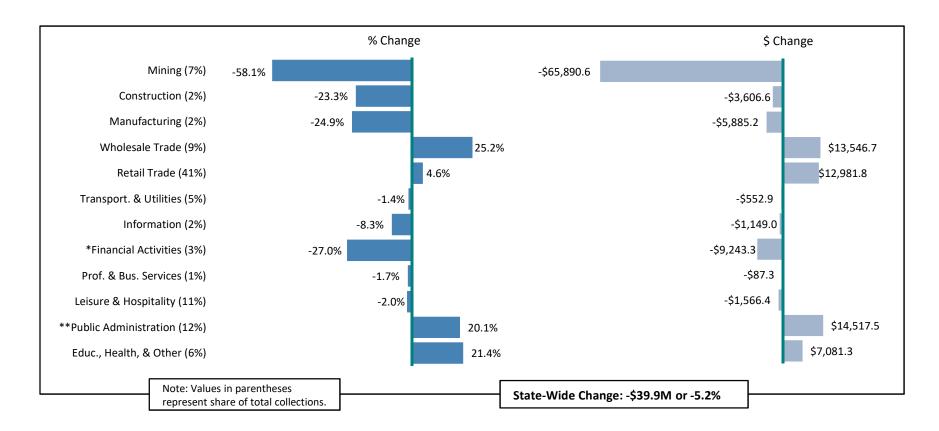
#### WY 4% Sales and Use Tax Collections by County Change in Percent and Dollars (Thousands) Fiscal Year 2021 vs. Fiscal Year 2020: July-June



Source: Wyoming Department of Revenue.

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.

#### WY 4% Sales and Use Tax Collections by Industry Change in Percent and Dollars (Thousands) Fiscal Year 2021 vs. Fiscal Year 2020: July-June

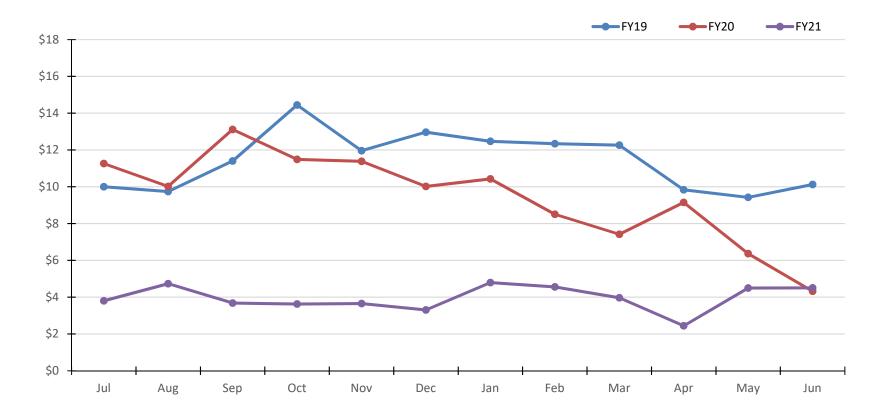


Source: Wyoming Department of Revenue.

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

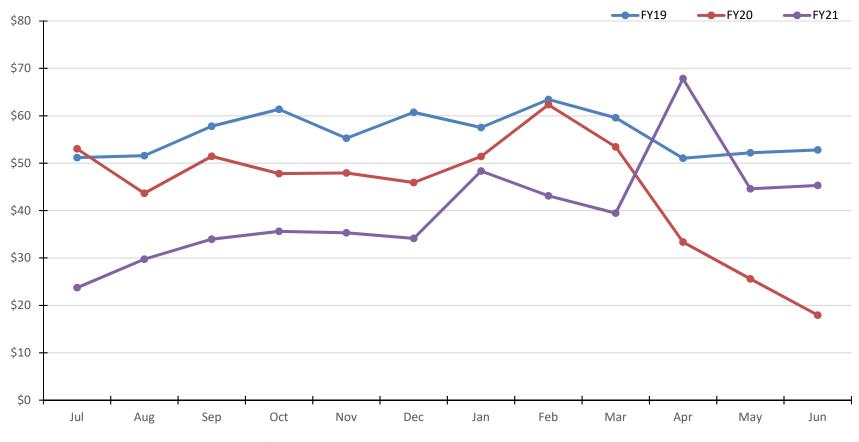
\*\*Reflects tax collections from automobile purchases.

# WY 4% State-Wide Sales and Use Tax Collections: Mining Sector (In Millions of Dollars)



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

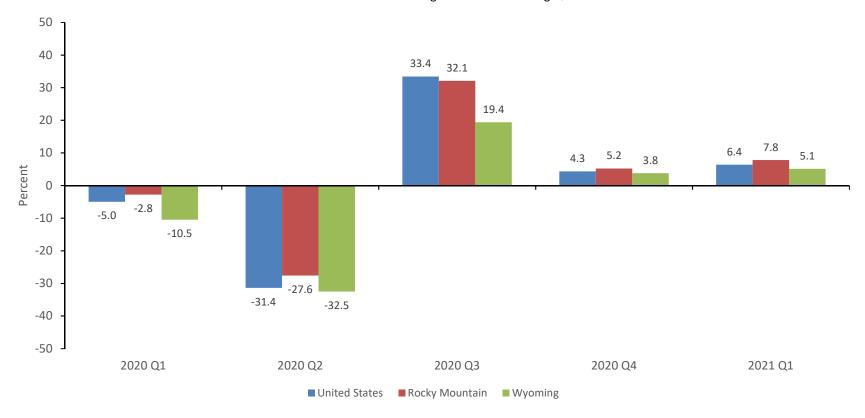
#### WY State-Wide Severance Tax Collections (In Millions of Dollars)



Source: Wyoming Department of Revenue. Note: Includes severance tax collections on all minerals in Wyoming. **Other Indicators for the State:** Real Gross Domestic Product (GDP), House Price Appreciation, and Building Permits

- Q1 2021 real GDP increased by 5.1% at an annualized rate from Q4 2020.
- Wyoming's house price appreciation in Q1 2021 saw annual growth of 5.7%, lower than the U.S. (7.2%).
- The Cheyenne MSA house price appreciation saw annual growth of 7.3% in Q1 2021, while the Casper MSA saw annual growth of 4.6%.
- State-wide single family units permitted increased year-to-date through the end of May 2021 by 255 (44.6%) compared to 2020. Multifamily units permitted decreased year-to-date through the end of May by 16 (-11.8%) in a year-over-year comparison.

#### Quarterly Real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) Wyoming, Rocky Mountain Region, & U.S.

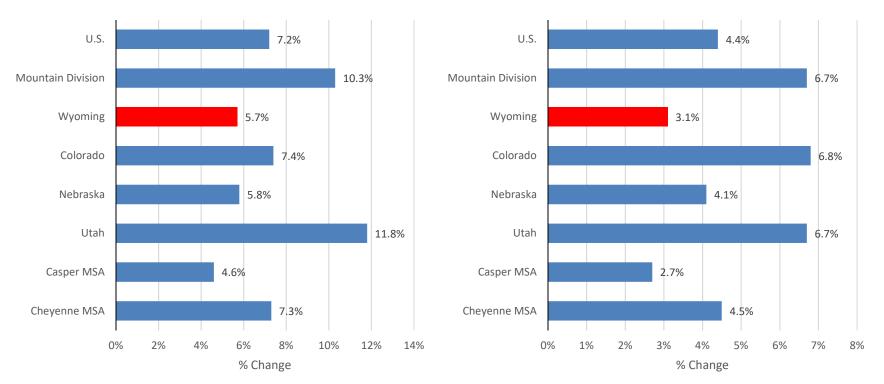


Real GDP – Annualized Percent Change from the Preceding Quarter

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis.

## Home Price Appreciation

#### FHFA All-Transaction Index – Not Seasonally Adjusted



#### Home Prices: Q1 2020 – Q1 2021

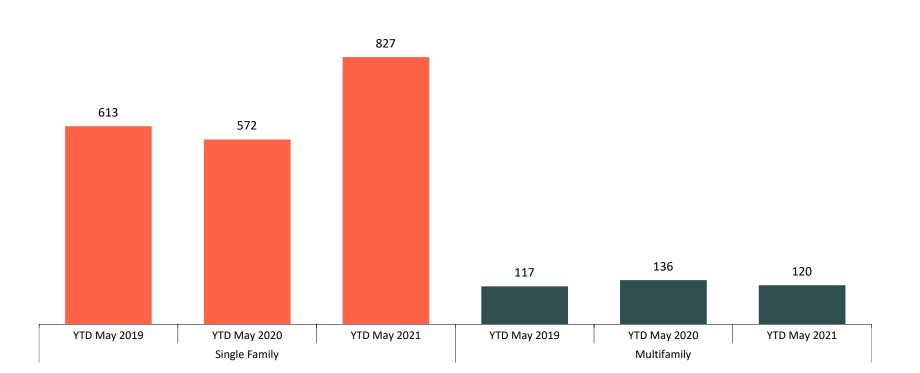
Source: Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA). Note: All-Transactions Index includes purchase and mortgage refinance. \*CAGR stands for compound annual growth rate, which is the average annual growth rate over a time period.

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Home Prices: \*CAGR Q1 2011 – Q1 2021

### Residential Building Permits State-Wide Units: Year-to-Date – May



**Units Permitted State-Wide** 

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

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