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## WYOMING COST OF LIVING FOR THE SECOND QUARTER 2002

The **Economic Analysis Division** has completed the Wyoming Cost of Living Index (WCLI) for the second quarter of 2002. The WCLI is a summarization of price data collected in twenty-seven cities and towns throughout Wyoming over the period of July 10, 11, and 12, 2002. The price data collected are used to build a comparative index and to estimate inflation rates for Wyoming and the five regions of the state.

Twenty-seven communities across the state were included in the WCLI based on the following criteria. First, the largest city or town in each county was priced. In addition, prices were collected in any city or town with a population of more than 5,000 persons or where a city or town had at least 85% of that county's largest community's population. In counties where only one community was priced, those prices were used to represent the entire county. In counties where two communities were priced, a population based weighted average of the prices for the two communities was used for the entire county.

The 140 items surveyed were aggregated into six categories, which were then weighted according to their overall importance in the average consumer's budget. These categories and their respective weight components include Housing (46.3%), Transportation (17.1%), Food (14.7%), Recreation & Personal Care (10.3%), Apparel (5.8%), and Medical (5.8%)<sup>1</sup>. The Housing category, due to its relative importance in the average consumer's budget, carries the largest weight factor and is the most influential category in both the comparative index and the inflation rates.

### COMPARATIVE INDEX

The comparative index is found in **Table I**. It compares each county's price level to the statewide average for the second quarter of 2002. All twenty-three counties are included in the comparative index. Movement in ranking from a previous survey does not indicate that the price level has increased or decreased in a particular county. Instead, this table reflects only the price level of each county, *at the time of data collection*, compared with the statewide average of 100.

As it has historically, Teton County ranked as the most expensive county in the State to live with an **All Items** index value of 142. "Teton County, for the second quarter of 2002, was, on average, 42% more expensive to live in than the rest of the state," stated Justin Ballard, senior economist with the State Economic Analysis Division. "Driving the comparatively high cost of living in Teton County were housing costs, highlighted by a **Housing** index value of 179." Also, in Teton County, every item category ranked above the statewide average, ensuring that the county's cost of living index value ranked well above any other priced location in the state.

As has been reported in recent WCLI reports, Laramie County and counties located in the Northeast region (Campbell, Sheridan, and Johnson counties) of the state ranked near the top of the comparative cost of living index. "Propelled by high **Housing** index values caused by tight rental markets, Laramie County and the larger counties of the Northeast sector of the state rank as the most expensive counties in the state to live behind Teton County," said Ballard. "Activity in the mineral industry continued to drive the economy of the Northeast region of the state. General economic development experienced in Laramie County helped fuel economic growth in the

<sup>1</sup> Total may not add to 100.0 due to rounding.

region. These factors were the main determinants causing higher housing costs, and thus, higher overall costs of living.”

Residing at the bottom of the comparative cost of living index are Weston and Niobrara counties. These two counties also possess the lowest **Housing** index values. “Low housing costs are the main factor in keeping prices relatively low when compared to the statewide average not only for the lowest cost of living counties, but for all counties that rank below the statewide average for cost of living,” commented Ballard.

Teton County is not expected to experience a decline in its **Housing** index values any time in the near future. It is also expected that the larger counties in the Northeast and Southeast of the state will continue to experience tight rental markets. Because of these two factors, the large disparity in costs of living currently seen across the state are expected to continue, unless the other regions of the state experience significant growth of their own.

## **ANNUAL INFLATION RATES**

**Tables II** and **III** show estimated Wyoming inflation rates. **Table II** shows estimated inflation rates for all categories, and the respective category weights. **Table III** shows the estimated annual **All Items** inflation rates for the five regions of the state, as well as statewide rates.

The Wyoming annual **All Items** inflation rate for the second quarter of 2001 through the second quarter of 2002, was 2.5%. The inflation rate represents the percent change in the price level of a standard basket of selected consumer items priced this quarter, compared with the price level of the same goods recorded one year ago.

The **Medical** category saw the highest inflation in the second quarter of 2002, compared to the price levels seen in the second quarter of 2001. “The 5.9% increase in medical costs experienced in the second quarter of 2002 was a continued trend of relatively high annual increases in this category that is expected to continue at least for the near future,” noted Ballard.

Two categories that saw near zero or negative inflation were the **Apparel** and **Transportation** categories. Apparel recorded an inflation rate of 0.5%, and the items priced for the Transportation index actually experienced a 0.4% decrease compared to the same items priced last year. “Leading the decrease in the **Transportation** index was a reduction of gasoline prices from year ago levels across the entire state,” said Ballard.

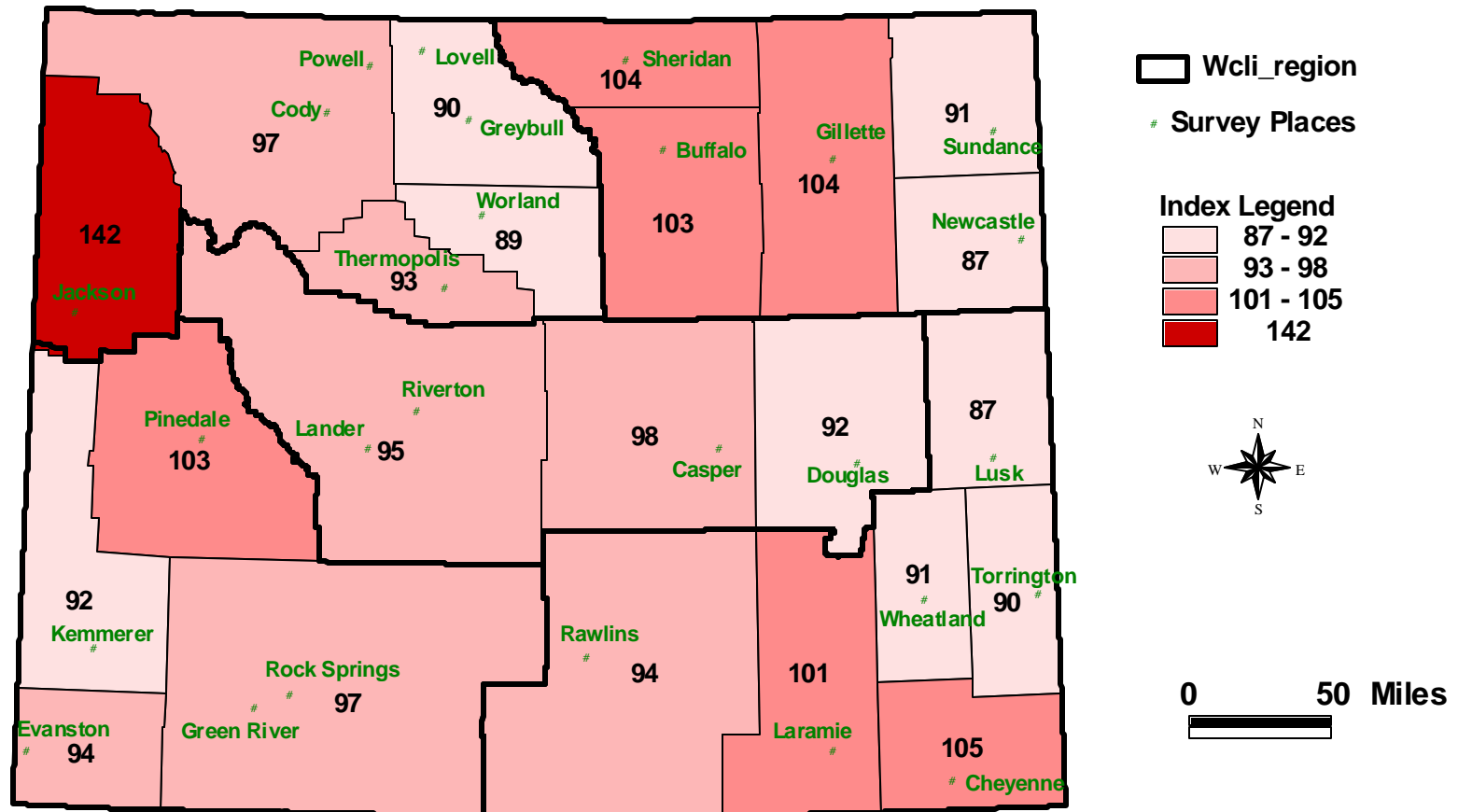
**Housing**, the most important category for determining inflation in Wyoming, experienced an increase of 3.1% when compared to last year. “Although Housing recorded an inflation level of over 3.0%, it was still the lowest category price increase since the fourth quarter of 1999,” Ballard commented. “Within the **Housing** index, some rental rate increases were experienced but utility rates were lower than year ago levels, and this had the effect of keeping the **Housing** inflation rate down.”

Regional inflation across the state ranged from 3.1% in the Northeast to 1.4% in the Southwest. “All regions of the state saw near zero or negative inflation in **Transportation** items,” noted Ballard. “The two regions with the lowest **Housing** inflation, the Southwest and Northwest regions, also recorded the lowest **All Items** regional inflation. This is another example of how important the items in the **Housing** category are to the average consumer.”

The data were weighted by population to more accurately represent the price changes experienced by the majority of consumers in Wyoming. Nationally, the inflation rate from June 2001 to June 2002 was 1.1% (CPI-U), as reported by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. The WCLI is also available on our homepage at <http://eadiv.state.wy.us>. For additional information about the survey, or retrieving the information electronically, please contact the Division at (307) 777-7504 or email: ead@state.wy.us. **The Division wishes to extend its sincere appreciation to all of the businesses and individuals whose cooperation and assistance made this survey possible.**

# Wyoming Comparative Cost of Living Index - 2Q02

(with surveyed communities in each county)



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**Table I**  
**Wyoming Comparative Cost of Living Index - 2Q02**  
**Prices as of July 10, 11, and 12, 2002 (Statewide Average = 100)**

COUNTY	Index Number by Category:						Recreation & Personal Care
	All Items	Food	Housing	Apparel	Transportation	Medical	
Teton	142	109	179	126	103	111	111
Laramie	105	108	110	90	98	101	96
Sheridan	104	106	103	114	101	109	104
Campbell	104	100	112	88	98	97	101
Johnson	103	108	101	130	100	90	104
Sublette	103	101	100	125	102	102	110
Albany	101	95	104	103	101	103	97
Natrona	98	101	98	104	100	94	96
Sweetwater	97	98	95	96	99	104	100
Park	97	102	90	108	102	101	103
Fremont	95	91	93	87	101	100	98
Uinta	94	95	90	96	100	102	97
Carbon	94	107	85	91	101	97	104
Hot Springs	93	104	79	106	101	106	112
Converse	92	91	87	91	100	99	101
Lincoln	92	91	85	102	99	88	107
Crook	91	96	81	95	102	97	101
Platte	91	100	78	109	100	97	104
Goshen	90	93	81	101	100	97	100
Big Horn	90	93	78	118	100	97	103
Washakie	89	91	76	114	100	103	102
Weston	87	87	77	90	101	105	100
Niobrara	87	90	73	109	100	105	99

**Table II**  
**Annual Inflation Rates by Category**

QUARTER:	Inflation Rate by Category (Statewide Average):						Recreation & Personal Care
	All Items	Food	Housing	Apparel	Transportation	Medical	
WEIGHTS:	100.0	14.7	46.3	5.8	17.1	5.8	10.3
2Q96	4.7	7.2	3.4	9.1	4.3	7.1	3.5
4Q96	4.8	9.3	2.4	7.0	7.0	4.1	2.9
2Q97	2.8	4.9	2.1	2.8	2.4	3.3	2.8
4Q97	2.9	4.5	2.5	-0.6	0.9	4.7	5.0
2Q98	1.5	2.6	0.9	3.6	0.0	0.2	3.7
4Q98	2.2	2.8	2.6	4.0	-2.2	0.7	6.2
2Q99	2.6	3.7	3.2	1.1	0.7	3.0	2.3
4Q99	3.1	4.7	2.5	-0.2	4.5	3.4	3.1
2Q00	4.3	4.9	3.6	-1.2	7.9	5.2	3.3
4Q00	3.2	1.8	3.9	-0.4	2.9	4.0	3.9
2Q01	4.3	3.0	6.6	3.1	1.6	4.0	2.0
4Q01	3.5	5.0	4.5	1.8	-0.1	7.3	2.3
2Q02	2.5	1.9	3.1	0.5	-0.4	5.9	4.3

Note: Item weights may not add to 100 due to rounding.

Note: The 2Q99 inflation calculations mark the first time the WCLI used all 23 counties to calculate the inflation rates.

Previously, only 15 counties were used.

**Table III**  
**Annual Inflation Rates by Region**

QUARTER:	U.S. CPI*	Statewide All Items	Inflation Rate By Region (All Items):				
			Southeast	Southwest	Central	Northeast	Northwest
2Q96	2.8	4.7	5.1	5.3	3.8	5.7	4.2
4Q96	3.3	4.8	5.2	4.0	5.0	4.2	4.9
2Q97	2.3	2.8	3.6	2.8	3.1	1.0	2.6
4Q97	1.7	2.9	3.3	4.0	1.9	3.0	2.2
2Q98	1.7	1.5	1.3	2.6	0.3	2.1	2.5
4Q98	1.6	2.2	2.7	2.8	1.4	2.0	2.4
2Q99	2.0	2.6	3.8	3.4	1.5	2.6	0.9
4Q99	2.7	3.1	3.6	2.6	2.8	3.4	3.0
2Q00	3.7	4.3	3.9	2.3	4.4	7.4	4.0
4Q00	3.4	3.2	2.8	2.6	3.4	6.9	3.8
2Q01	3.2	4.3	4.1	3.1	5.0	4.8	4.6
4Q01	1.6	3.5	4.9	2.3	2.9	4.0	2.6
2Q02	1.1	2.5	2.6	1.4	2.8	3.1	2.2

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\* 4th Quarter represents the December to December and 2nd Quarter represents the June to June percent change in the US CPI-U.

**Regional Composition for Inflation Estimate:**

Southeast: Albany, Carbon, Goshen, Laramie, Niobrara, and Platte counties.

Southwest: Lincoln, Sublette, Sweetwater, and Uinta counties.

Central: Converse, Fremont, and Natrona counties.

Northeast: Campbell, Crook, Johnson, Sheridan, and Weston counties.

Northwest: Big Horn, Hot Springs, Park, Teton, and Washakie counties.

**Table IV**  
Wyoming Cost of Living Index - Annual Inflation Rates

Quarter	U.S. CPI	WCLI All Items	Inflation Rate by Category (All Items):						Rec & Pers Care	Inflation Rate by Region (All Items):				
			Food	Housing	Apparel	Trans	Medical	SE		SW	CEN	NE	NW	
3Q79	12.1	13.2	10.2	11.7	19.2	25.8	8.5	6.3	13.4	13.0	11.8	14.1	16.3	
4Q79	13.3	13.6	9.0	15.4	23.1	17.7	10.5	7.1	14.8	14.2	13.1	13.7	12.1	
1Q80	14.7	15.5	8.3	20.4	8.6	19.1	12.6	7.2	14.1	16.5	18.6	13.5	13.7	
2Q80	14.3	12.3	10.7	11.8	14.4	15.7	11.8	11.0	13.1	12.4	10.6	14.3	12.9	
3Q80	12.7	12.5	13.4	12.2	11.3	12.7	16.3	10.7	12.9	15.3	12.2	12.5	10.3	
4Q80	12.4	12.5	12.1	16.8	11.5	5.4	11.3	9.1	11.6	14.8	12.9	10.8	14.7	
1Q81	10.6	9.9	9.8	11.7	10.0	6.8	8.2	8.6	10.7	16.2	7.7	9.8	8.7	
2Q81	9.6	10.7	7.2	15.1	8.1	6.7	9.3	7.6	8.6	12.4	13.0	11.7	9.1	
3Q81	11.0	11.8	5.6	18.5	5.2	7.1	7.1	8.0	11.1	11.1	13.3	13.1	11.3	
4Q81	8.9	7.0	3.2	8.1	5.3	7.7	9.2	7.4	6.7	10.2	7.7	4.7	6.7	
1Q82	6.8	7.4	5.2	10.8	4.8	2.0	9.2	7.1	5.6	6.6	8.9	8.9	8.8	
2Q82	7.1	5.2	4.4	6.6	6.9	1.7	7.4	4.4	4.1	7.2	4.3	6.8	6.0	
3Q82	5.0	1.5	1.9	-2.0	10.6	1.6	9.5	5.7	0.1	3.2	0.0	3.0	4.8	
4Q82	3.9	1.6	1.8	-1.1	5.3	1.1	8.0	7.5	0.7	1.5	0.5	5.1	3.5	
1Q83	3.6	0.0	0.2	-4.7	5.2	3.6	7.0	6.5	0.7	1.7	-2.3	0.6	1.3	
2Q83	2.6	1.1	-1.4	-2.8	2.3	3.7	8.4	7.9	3.8	-0.9	-1.6	2.1	3.7	
3Q83	2.9	1.2	0.4	-1.1	-0.8	2.8	6.5	5.1	4.5	-0.6	-0.7	2.2	2.6	
4Q83	3.8	1.4	1.9	-1.5	5.6	2.7	7.4	2.4	4.4	-1.3	1.1	2.2	2.8	
1Q84	4.7	3.1	3.1	1.9	2.7	5.0	5.2	2.7	3.9	1.0	1.3	6.5	4.6	
2Q84	4.2	3.5	4.6	2.2	1.0	5.1	3.7	3.3	5.6	2.1	2.0	4.4	4.0	
3Q84	4.2	3.2	3.4	3.1	2.9	4.7	3.1	0.5	4.8	4.7	2.2	2.6	4.3	
4Q84	4.0	2.9	3.2	3.4	-1.8	3.0	3.9	2.6	3.4	2.9	1.4	4.0	4.3	
1Q85	3.7	2.6	3.3	1.6	1.9	3.3	4.8	2.4	3.3	2.3	1.8	3.2	2.8	
2Q85	3.7	0.8	-0.6	-0.7	0.9	3.1	5.0	1.3	1.9	2.7	0.4	-1.0	0.7	
3Q85	3.2	1.7	-1.2	1.3	0.7	3.6	5.8	2.4	1.4	3.5	1.3	1.1	2.0	
4Q85	3.8	1.8	0.4	0.7	3.9	3.3	5.4	2.0	2.7	3.6	1.0	1.0	1.3	
1Q86	2.3	-0.9	-2.1	-0.4	0.5	-5.0	-5.9	2.7	-0.5	0.1	-1.9	-2.0	0.6	
2Q86	1.7	-0.4	2.0	-0.7	1.6	-6.1	6.4	2.9	0.9	0.7	-1.5	-2.2	0.4	
3Q86	1.8	0.1	3.9	-0.2	3.6	-6.8	5.5	3.0	1.8	0.5	-1.0	-0.7	-0.5	
4Q86	1.1	-1.5	1.5	-2.7	-0.6	-7.7	5.9	4.9	-0.2	-3.0	-1.9	-2.2	-1.4	
1Q87	3.0	-0.2	2.5	-2.8	2.7	-2.1	5.6	3.2	1.3	-2.4	0.1	-0.7	0.1	
2Q87	3.7	-0.3	1.8	-3.2	1.7	0.3	5.7	2.3	0.1	-2.0	0.2	0.2	-0.1	
3Q87	4.3	-0.2	0.0	-2.7	-0.2	2.8	4.0	1.5	1.4	-2.9	0.3	-0.8	1.1	
4Q87	4.4	0.4	0.3	-2.1	2.3	3.7	3.2	2.5	1.6	-0.9	-0.5	1.8	0.6	
1Q88	3.9	0.3	-0.6	-2.4	1.2	3.7	4.1	2.9	1.6	0.0	-0.6	1.8	0.0	
2Q88	3.9	1.8	-0.2	-1.3	3.3	8.1	5.0	3.4	4.3	0.1	0.4	3.1	2.5	
4Q88	4.4	0.5	3.4	-3.0	2.8	2.5	4.9	2.1	1.0	-0.6	1.9	0.2	1.5	
2Q89	5.2	3.7	6.0	2.0	2.3	6.3	4.2	3.3	3.7	4.4	3.4	3.8	4.6	
4Q89	4.6	4.4	6.0	2.6	1.0	8.2	5.8	4.0	5.0	4.2	3.4	5.1	5.9	
2Q90	4.7	3.7	5.5	3.3	4.5	1.2	6.0	4.6	3.5	3.8	3.3	3.0	6.7	
4Q90	6.2	5.1	5.8	4.9	4.7	4.2	6.2	5.9	4.5	6.0	5.2	4.0	7.0	
2Q91	4.7	4.1	3.8	4.0	1.8	3.6	6.3	5.5	3.5	5.4	4.1	4.2	4.3	
4Q91	3.0	2.8	-0.7	5.1	1.9	-1.7	6.5	5.2	2.3	2.7	3.6	3.0	3.8	
2Q92	3.1	3.2	-1.5	5.2	0.3	2.8	8.6	2.0	3.1	3.9	3.4	2.7	3.4	
4Q92	3.0	3.7	1.9	3.2	-1.8	7.8	5.5	3.7	5.5	2.8	3.4	2.8	3.4	
2Q93	3.0	3.3	2.7	3.5	-2.4	5.7	5.9	1.8	4.8	2.2	3.7	2.4	3.2	
4Q93	2.7	4.0	3.8	6.7	-0.5	0.8	7.8	-0.1	4.2	2.7	4.4	5.0	4.6	
2Q94	2.5	4.5	3.4	6.7	2.5	2.5	6.6	1.2	4.3	4.1	4.4	4.6	6.7	
4Q94	2.7	4.6	4.1	5.6	-0.1	5.4	7.9	1.8	3.9	3.4	5.6	6.7	6.4	
2Q95	3.0	4.7	3.1	5.4	4.7	5.2	4.4	3.8	1.1	3.6	5.7	5.0	4.4	
4Q95	2.5	3.0	2.8	1.7	12.0	1.7	4.1	4.5	2.1	3.9	3.8	1.4	4.4	
2Q96	2.8	4.7	7.2	3.4	9.1	4.3	7.1	3.5	5.1	5.3	3.8	5.7	4.2	
4Q96	3.3	4.8	9.3	2.4	7.0	7.0	4.1	2.9	5.2	4.0	5.0	4.2	4.9	
2Q97	2.3	2.8	4.9	2.1	2.8	2.4	3.3	2.8	3.6	2.8	3.1	1.0	2.6	
4Q97	1.7	2.9	4.5	2.5	-0.6	0.9	4.7	5.0	3.3	4.0	1.9	3.0	2.2	
2Q98	1.7	1.5	2.6	0.9	3.6	0.0	0.2	3.7	1.3	2.6	0.3	2.1	2.5	
4Q98	1.6	2.2	2.8	2.6	4.0	-2.2	0.7	6.2	2.7	2.8	1.4	2.0	2.4	
2Q99	2.0	2.6	3.7	3.2	1.1	0.7	3.0	2.3	3.8	3.4	1.5	2.6	0.9	
4Q99	2.7	3.1	4.7	2.5	-0.2	4.5	3.4	3.1	3.6	2.6	2.8	3.4	3.0	
2Q00	3.7	4.3	4.9	3.6	-1.2	7.9	5.2	3.3	3.9	2.3	4.4	7.4	4.0	
4Q00	3.4	3.2	1.8	3.9	-0.4	2.9	4.0	3.9	2.8	2.6	3.4	6.9	3.8	
2Q01	3.2	4.3	3.0	6.6	3.1	1.6	4.0	2.0	4.1	3.1	5.0	4.8	4.6	
4Q01	1.6	3.5	5.0	4.5	1.8	-0.1	7.3	2.3	4.9	2.3	2.9	4.0	2.6	
2Q02	1.1	2.5	1.9	3.1	0.5	-0.4	5.9	4.3	2.6	1.4	2.8	3.1	2.2	

**WYOMING COST OF LIVING INDEX - TABLE Va**  
**AVERAGE RENTAL RATES - 2Q02 & 2Q01**

County	APARTMENT (1)			MOBILE HOME LOT (2)			HOUSE (3)			MOBILE HOME (4)		
	2Q02	2Q01	% Chge	2Q02	2Q01	% Chge	2Q02	2Q01	% Chge	2Q02	2Q01	% Chge
Albany	\$489	\$459	6.5%	\$221	\$204	8.3%	\$642	\$604	6.2%	\$481	\$507	-5.2%
Big Horn	\$308	\$320	-3.9%	\$98	\$97	0.7%	\$330	\$360	-8.2%	\$281	\$297	-5.5%
Campbell	\$566	\$478	18.5%	\$220	\$210	4.8%	\$638	\$612	4.2%	\$574	\$558	3.0%
Carbon	\$351	\$381	-8.0%	\$110	\$113	-2.9%	\$472	\$464	1.8%	\$350	\$356	-1.8%
Converse	\$380	\$395	-3.8%	\$150	\$128	17.6%	\$464	\$482	-3.7%	\$335	\$338	-0.9%
Crook	\$385	\$338	13.9%	\$115	\$133	-13.2%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Fremont	\$388	\$386	0.5%	\$156	\$143	9.0%	\$513	\$493	4.1%	\$425	\$386	10.1%
Goshen	\$320	\$318	0.9%	\$125	\$115	8.7%	\$427	\$439	-2.7%	\$306	\$315	-3.0%
Hot Springs	\$298	\$344	-13.3%	\$150	\$150	0.0%	\$374	\$361	3.7%	\$349	\$314	11.0%
Johnson	\$460	\$391	17.6%	\$132	\$138	-4.1%	\$614	\$555	10.6%	\$439	\$445	-1.3%
Laramie	\$480	\$453	5.8%	\$214	\$209	2.3%	\$730	\$681	7.1%	\$555	\$485	14.4%
Lincoln	\$285	\$295	-3.4%	\$163	\$175	-7.1%	\$441	\$464	-4.8%	\$328	\$330	-0.6%
Natrona	\$395	\$369	7.2%	\$167	\$178	-6.1%	\$629	\$542	15.9%	\$463	\$450	2.9%
Niobrara	\$277	\$280	-1.0%	NA	NA	NA	\$305	\$314	-3.1%	NA	NA	NA
Park	\$387	\$381	1.5%	\$169	\$166	1.9%	\$508	\$487	4.4%	\$350	\$337	3.9%
Platte	\$334	\$312	7.1%	\$110	\$105	4.8%	\$411	\$400	2.7%	\$317	\$308	2.8%
Sheridan	\$429	\$433	-1.0%	\$138	\$175	-21.0%	\$639	\$555	15.1%	\$494	\$436	13.4%
Sublette	\$472	\$455	3.7%	\$200	\$165	21.2%	\$611	\$608	0.4%	NA	NA	NA
Sweetwater	\$387	\$368	5.0%	\$202	\$200	1.1%	\$518	\$534	-3.1%	\$443	\$439	1.0%
Teton	\$973	\$883	10.2%	\$319	\$294	8.5%	\$1,447	\$1,473	-1.8%	\$630	\$602	4.7%
Uinta	\$372	\$359	3.6%	\$150	\$150	0.0%	\$492	\$449	9.4%	\$375	\$357	5.0%
Washakie	\$323	\$331	-2.6%	\$158	\$188	-15.7%	\$342	\$361	-5.3%	\$313	\$310	0.8%
Weston	\$329	\$330	-0.4%	\$93	\$97	-4.6%	\$371	\$350	6.0%	\$354	\$350	1.2%
Southeast	\$444	\$425	4.4%	\$190	\$183	3.8%	\$636	\$602	5.7%	\$480	\$449	7.0%
Southwest	\$370	\$359	3.2%	\$181	\$180	0.8%	\$504	\$505	-0.2%	\$398	\$388	2.7%
Central	\$391	\$377	3.8%	\$162	\$161	0.1%	\$575	\$521	10.5%	\$438	\$418	4.7%
Northeast	\$479	\$433	10.6%	\$167	\$177	-5.6%	\$598	\$555	7.7%	\$495	\$473	4.6%
Northwest	\$518	\$498	4.0%	\$195	\$190	2.4%	\$702	\$707	-0.7%	\$409	\$397	3.2%
Statewide Average	\$436	\$415	5.1%	\$179	\$178	0.8%	\$604	\$575	5.1%	\$450	\$429	4.9%

Regions:

Southeast: Albany, Carbon, Goshen, Laramie, Niobrara, Platte

Southwest: Lincoln, Sublette, Sweetwater, Uinta

Central: Converse, Fremont, Natrona

Northeast: Campbell, Crook, Johnson, Sheridan, Weston

Northwest: Big Horn, Hot Springs, Park, Teton, Washakie

(1) - Two-bedroom, unfurnished, excluding gas and electric.

(2) - Single-wide, including water.

(3) - Two or three-bedroom, single family, excluding gas and electric.

(4) - This price reflects total monthly rental expense, including lot rent.

(5) - The regional averages are weighted by population within the region.

(NA) - There were too few observations to report the data.