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## Food and Transportation Drive Inflation for the Second Quarter of 2011

### Wyoming Cost of Living Index

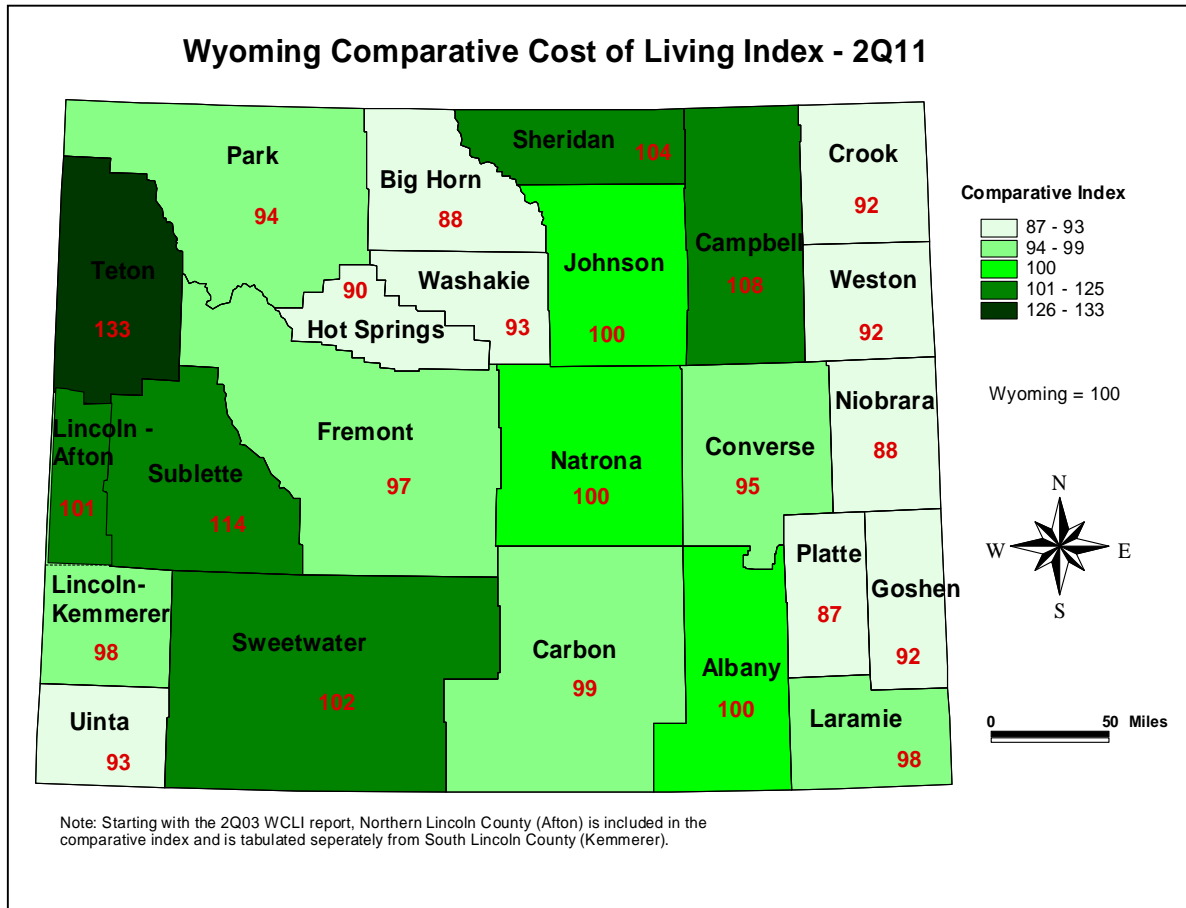
**CHEYENNE** – Wyoming experienced a 4.5% increase in annual (**All Items**) inflation from the second quarter of 2010 (2Q10) to the second quarter of 2011 (2Q11). The Wyoming Cost of Living Index (WCLI) measures statewide and regional inflation twice-a-year (second and fourth quarter). Overall, statewide inflation was driven by increases in **Food** and **Transportation** prices. “The higher prices for food items were not surprising considering the impact of natural disasters on agricultural production over the past year. Agricultural producers across the U.S. have battled with flooding and drought conditions,” stated Amy Bittner, a Senior Economist with the State of Wyoming’s Economic Analysis Division. WCLI inflation is measured over six consumer categories, **Food, Housing, Apparel, Transportation, Medical, and Recreation & Personal Care**. Elevated **Transportation** costs over the year also fueled inflation in Wyoming for the second quarter of 2011. **Transportation** inflation for 2Q11 was 11.5%. “Similar to other areas of the U.S., Wyoming was plagued with higher **Transportation** costs including gasoline. Higher **Transportation** inflation hits Wyoming residents especially hard due to the rural nature of the state, and the longer distances that Wyomingites may have to travel,” stated Bittner.

The Comparative Cost of Living Index for the 2Q11 showed a higher cost of living in the counties associated with mineral extraction. “Teton County tends to rank at the top, above the statewide average of 100, in the Comparative Cost of Living Index. Sublette, Campbell, and Sheridan counties also had higher comparative index values for 2Q11. With the exception of Teton County, the higher comparative index values give the indication that the state’s mining sector is the driving force behind Wyoming’s economic recovery,” said Bittner.

### **Comparative Cost of Living Index**

The Comparative Cost of Living Index for the 2Q11 is found in Table 1 on page 4. It compares each county’s price level to the statewide average for the second quarter of 2011. 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. For example, in the 2Q11, Teton County’s **All Items** comparative index was 133. This indicates that the cost of living in Teton County is an estimated 33% higher than the statewide average in the 2Q11. The second quarter of 2011 Comparative Index values cannot be compared to Comparative Index values in previous WCLI surveys.

Comparative Index values are produced for all counties and for all six WCLI categories. Teton, Sublette, and Campbell counties saw comparative index values for the **Housing** category above the statewide average. Wyoming's more rural counties, Platte, Big Horn, Niobrara, and Hot Springs, experienced **Housing** Comparative Index values far below the statewide average. According to Bittner, "Jobs in Wyoming's mining sector are providing opportunities for Wyoming residents. The out-migration from rural areas is not a unique phenomenon to Wyoming; other rural areas of the U.S. have experienced population loss over the decade. One of the driving factors behind people leaving an area is the job opportunities available elsewhere." The lower **Housing** costs in these rural areas were the driving force behind their low Comparative Index values for the 2Q11," said Bittner.



**Annual Inflation Rates**

Tables 2 and 3 on page 4 show the estimated Wyoming inflation rates. Table 2 shows estimated inflation rates for all categories, and their respective category weights. Table 3 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 2Q10 through the second quarter of 2011 was 4.5%. 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. Annual inflation was also up across all five regions of the State. A map of the WCLI regions is on page 5. Almost every WCLI region recorded an annual inflation of 4.5% or higher in the second quarter of 2011. In addition, higher inflation rates were recorded in five of the

six consumption categories. **Housing** and **Transportation** carry the largest weights in a consumer's budget and the inflation rates were 2.2% and 11.5%, respectively, from 2Q10 to 2Q11. "Wyoming consumers are simply dealing with higher prices over multiple consumption categories in the 2Q11 compared to one year ago," said Bittner.

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 2010 to June 2011 was 3.6% (CPI-U), as reported by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

### ***Survey Background***

The 2Q11 WCLI is a summarization of price data collected in twenty-eight cities and towns throughout Wyoming over the period of July 6-8, 2011. A map of cities where price data were collected is on page 5. The price data collected are used to build a comparative index by county and to estimate inflation rates for Wyoming and the five regions of the State. The WCLI provides a snapshot in time, comparing the current time period, (2Q11), to the same time period, one-year prior (2Q10). The WCLI is a complement to the U.S. Consumer Price Index (CPI).

Twenty-eight 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. Also, starting with the second quarter 2003 WCLI report, Afton, in Lincoln County, was added through legislative action, and was included in the comparative index. Kemmerer is still priced. Afton and Kemmerer report separate Comparative Index numbers. Beginning with the second quarter of 2004, Afton, was included in the inflation calculations.

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 (47.5%), Transportation (17.3%), Food (13.7%), Recreation & Personal Care (9.9%), Medical (6.9%), and Apparel (4.7%)<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.

**The Division wishes to extend its sincere appreciation to all of the businesses and individuals whose cooperation and assistance made this survey possible.**

The WCLI is available on the Division's homepage at <http://eadiv.state.wy.us>. For additional information about the survey, please contact the Division, phone: (307) 777-7504 or email: [ai-ead-info@wyo.gov](mailto:ai-ead-info@wyo.gov).

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

**Table 1 - Wyoming Comparative Cost of Living Index - 2Q11**  
**Prices as of July 6-8, 2011 (Statewide Average = 100)**

| COUNTY           | Index Number by Category: |      |         |         |                |         | Recreation & Personal Care |
|------------------|---------------------------|------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|----------------------------|
|                  | All Items                 | Food | Housing | Apparel | Transportation | Medical |                            |
| Teton            | 133                       | 102  | 162     | 115     | 103            | 108     | 109                        |
| Sublette         | 114                       | 107  | 121     | 130     | 102            | 107     | 108                        |
| Campbell         | 108                       | 105  | 114     | 99      | 100            | 101     | 101                        |
| Sheridan         | 104                       | 109  | 102     | 124     | 99             | 99      | 104                        |
| Sweetwater       | 102                       | 97   | 105     | 94      | 100            | 105     | 99                         |
| Lincoln-Afton    | 101                       | 99   | 100     | 96      | 100            | 95      | 113                        |
| Natrona          | 100                       | 98   | 102     | 101     | 100            | 96      | 97                         |
| Albany           | 100                       | 99   | 100     | 105     | 99             | 96      | 97                         |
| Johnson          | 100                       | 104  | 95      | 119     | 100            | 100     | 103                        |
| Carbon           | 99                        | 98   | 97      | 113     | 102            | 97      | 104                        |
| Lincoln-Kemmerer | 98                        | 98   | 99      | 92      | 100            | 93      | 99                         |
| Laramie          | 98                        | 100  | 99      | 84      | 99             | 93      | 96                         |
| Fremont          | 97                        | 97   | 94      | 91      | 101            | 112     | 101                        |
| Converse         | 95                        | 94   | 90      | 100     | 100            | 99      | 107                        |
| Park             | 94                        | 104  | 86      | 98      | 100            | 104     | 96                         |
| Uinta            | 93                        | 90   | 92      | 89      | 99             | 93      | 99                         |
| Washakie         | 93                        | 103  | 77      | 122     | 100            | 115     | 113                        |
| Crook            | 92                        | 99   | 82      | 110     | 101            | 100     | 103                        |
| Goshen           | 92                        | 97   | 81      | 120     | 99             | 109     | 100                        |
| Weston           | 92                        | 99   | 83      | 97      | 100            | 104     | 98                         |
| Hot Springs      | 90                        | 106  | 74      | 106     | 101            | 113     | 105                        |
| Niobrara         | 88                        | 96   | 77      | 100     | 101            | 97      | 98                         |
| Big Horn         | 88                        | 102  | 73      | 105     | 100            | 97      | 99                         |
| Platte           | 87                        | 98   | 70      | 101     | 102            | 104     | 105                        |

Starting with the 2Q03 Comparative Index, Lincoln-Afton was included.

**Table 2 - 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   | 13.7 | 47.5    | 4.7     | 17.3           | 6.9     | 9.9                        |
| 2Q05     | 4.5   | 3.1  | 5.1     | 1.0     | 6.2            | 5.0     | 1.5                        |
| 4Q05     | 5.0   | 5.3  | 5.3     | 4.4     | 6.6            | 5.8     | 0.4                        |
| 2Q06     | 5.6   | 2.0  | 6.9     | 3.7     | 7.9            | 4.3     | 2.0                        |
| 4Q06     | 4.4   | 0.4  | 7.2     | 3.6     | 1.2            | 3.8     | 2.3                        |
| 2Q07     | 4.7   | 6.5  | 6.1     | 3.5     | 1.2            | 5.0     | 2.2                        |
| 4Q07     | 6.1   | 6.8  | 5.2     | 2.9     | 9.9            | 5.9     | 4.6                        |
| 2Q08     | 7.9   | 7.4  | 7.2     | 2.3     | 15.0           | 5.5     | 3.4                        |
| 4Q08     | 2.6   | 7.0  | 6.5     | 2.3     | -15.1          | 5.6     | 7.5                        |
| 2Q09     | 0.0   | 1.7  | 1.1     | 2.4     | -11.2          | 5.3     | 5.2                        |
| 4Q09     | 2.7   | -0.8 | -0.6    | 1.7     | 16.9           | 2.8     | 2.6                        |
| 2Q10     | 1.9   | 1.5  | 0.8     | 0.1     | 5.4            | 4.0     | 1.5                        |
| 4Q10     | 2.9   | 4.2  | 2.1     | 1.0     | 5.0            | 5.4     | 0.7                        |
| 2Q11     | 4.5   | 6.9  | 2.2     | 5.4     | 11.5           | 5.4     | -0.8                       |

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. Starting with the 2Q04 report, the inflation numbers include Lincoln-Afton.

**Table 3 - Annual Inflation Rates by Region**

| QUARTER: | U.S. CPI* | Statewide All Items | Inflation Rate By Region (All Items): |           |         |           |           |
|----------|-----------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|
|          |           |                     | Southeast                             | Southwest | Central | Northeast | Northwest |
| 2Q05     | 2.5       | 4.5                 | 4.4                                   | 6.6       | 4.6     | 3.2       | 3.5       |
| 4Q05     | 3.4       | 5.0                 | 3.8                                   | 8.3       | 5.1     | 5.5       | 3.4       |
| 2Q06     | 4.3       | 5.6                 | 5.3                                   | 7.6       | 5.2     | 6.2       | 4.0       |
| 4Q06     | 2.5       | 4.4                 | 3.5                                   | 4.8       | 4.7     | 5.6       | 3.8       |
| 2Q07     | 2.7       | 4.7                 | 2.1                                   | 6.2       | 6.0     | 6.4       | 4.6       |
| 4Q07     | 4.1       | 6.1                 | 3.4                                   | 8.1       | 8.0     | 6.6       | 5.9       |
| 2Q08     | 5.0       | 7.9                 | 6.9                                   | 8.1       | 9.1     | 8.4       | 7.4       |
| 4Q08     | 0.1       | 2.6                 | 1.8                                   | 2.1       | 3.0     | 3.7       | 2.7       |
| 2Q09     | -1.4      | 0.0                 | 0.2                                   | -0.2      | 0.1     | 0.1       | -0.5      |
| 4Q09     | 2.7       | 2.7                 | 3.4                                   | 1.5       | 2.7     | 3.0       | 2.1       |
| 2Q10     | 1.1       | 1.9                 | 2.6                                   | 1.6       | 1.9     | 1.0       | 2.1       |
| 4Q10     | 1.5       | 2.9                 | 3.2                                   | 2.1       | 3.4     | 1.7       | 3.8       |
| 2Q11     | 3.6       | 4.5                 | 5.0                                   | 3.6       | 4.7     | 4.5       | 4.5       |

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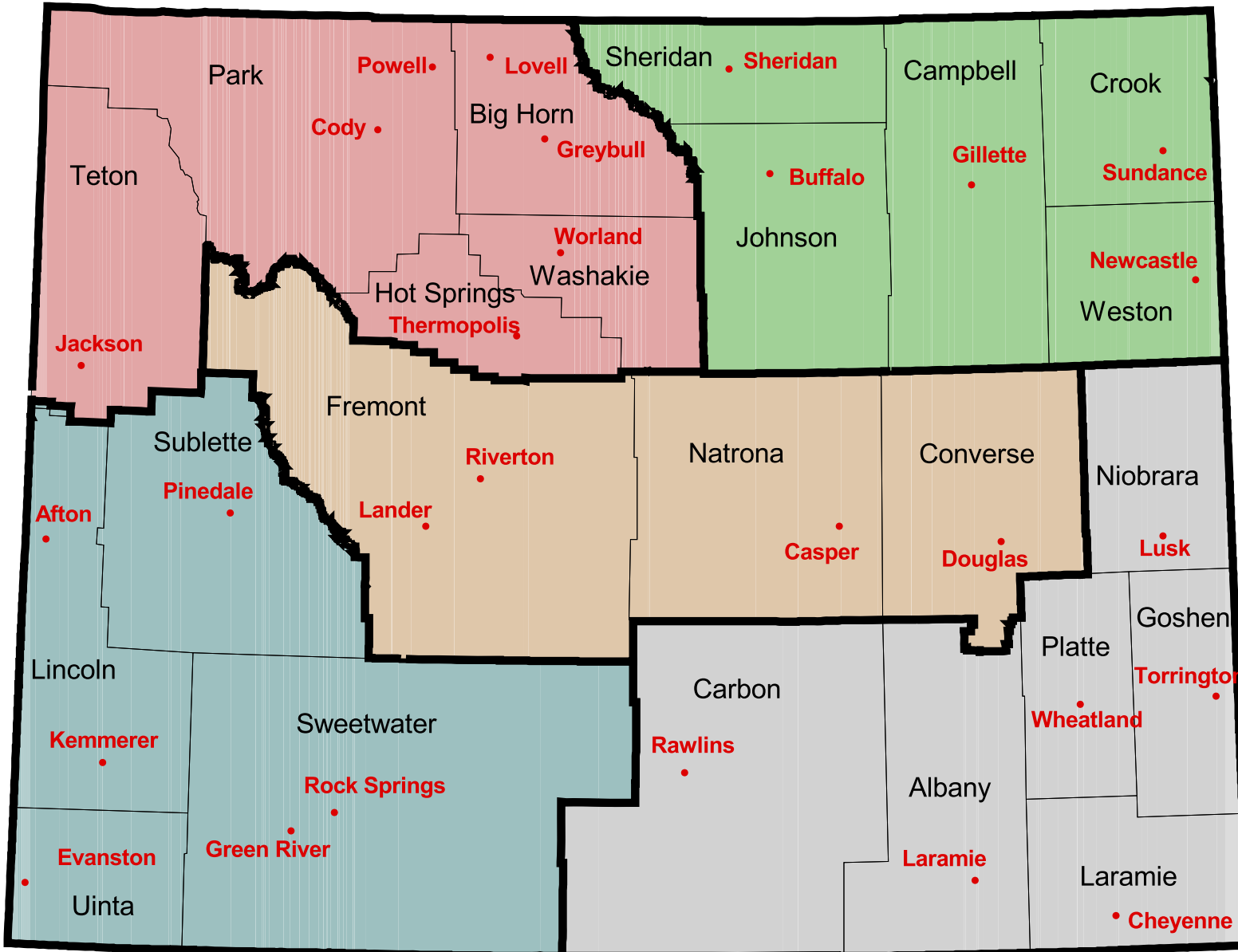
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\* 4th Quarter represents the December to December and 2nd Quarter represents the June to June percent change in the US CPI-U.

**Regional Composition for Inflation Estimate:**

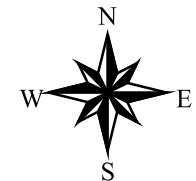
- Southeast: Albany, Carbon, Goshen, Laramie, Niobrara, and Platte counties.
- Southwest: Lincoln-Kemmerer, Lincoln-Afton, Sublette, Sweetwater, and Uinta counties.
- Central: Converse, Fremont, and Natrona counties.
- Northeast: Campbell, Crook, Johnson, Sheridan, and Weston counties.
- Northwest: Big Horn, Hot Springs, Park, Teton, and Washakie counties.

# Surveyed Communities and WCLI Regions



## WCLI Regions

- Southeast: Albany, Carbon, Goshen, Laramie, Niobrara, and Platte
- Southwest: Lincoln (Kemmerer), Lincoln (Afton), Sublette, Sweetwater, and Uinta
- Central: Converse, Fremont, and Natrona
- Northeast: Campbell, Crook, Johnson, Sheridan, and Weston
- Northwest: Big Horn, Hot Springs, Park, Teton, and Washakie



Note: Starting with the 2Q03 WCLI report, North Lincoln County (Afton) is included in the comparative index, and is tabulated separately from South Lincoln County (Kemmerer).

**Table 4**  
Wyoming Cost of Living Index - Annual Inflation Rates

| Quarter | U.S. CPI | WCLI<br>All Items | Inflation Rate by Category (All Items): |         |         |       |         |      | Rec &<br>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    | 3.8      | 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    | 1.8      | -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    | 4.0      | 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  |  |
| 4Q02    | 2.4      | 3.7               | 3.3                                     | 3.1     | 4.5     | 4.7   | 6.0     | 3.9  | 3.0                | 2.5                                   | 5.1  | 5.1  | 2.7  |  |
| 2Q03    | 2.1      | 2.9               | 4.2                                     | 3.0     | 3.6     | 1.2   | 4.3     | 1.8  | 3.0                | 3.5                                   | 2.1  | 3.1  | 3.0  |  |
| 4Q03    | 1.9      | 3.6               | 5.1                                     | 5.7     | 2.2     | -1.2  | 3.0     | 1.4  | 4.1                | 4.3                                   | 2.6  | 3.4  | 3.9  |  |
| 2Q04    | 3.3      | 4.9               | 5.2                                     | 6.3     | 1.8     | 4.8   | 5.0     | -0.4 | 4.4                | 4.6                                   | 5.1  | 6.4  | 4.4  |  |
| 4Q04    | 3.3      | 4.3               | 4.2                                     | 4.8     | 0.4     | 5.9   | 5.5     | 0.4  | 4.0                | 4.8                                   | 4.8  | 4.3  | 3.3  |  |
| 2Q05    | 2.5      | 4.5               | 3.1                                     | 5.1     | 1.0     | 6.2   | 5.0     | 1.5  | 4.4                | 6.6                                   | 4.6  | 3.2  | 3.5  |  |
| 4Q05    | 3.4      | 5.0               | 5.3                                     | 5.3     | 4.4     | 6.6   | 5.8     | 0.4  | 3.8                | 8.3                                   | 5.1  | 5.5  | 3.4  |  |
| 2Q06    | 4.3      | 5.6               | 2.0                                     | 6.9     | 3.7     | 7.9   | 4.3     | 2.0  | 5.3                | 7.6                                   | 5.2  | 6.2  | 4.0  |  |
| 4Q06    | 2.5      | 4.4               | 0.4                                     | 7.2     | 3.6     | 1.2   | 3.8     | 2.3  | 3.5                | 4.8                                   | 4.7  | 5.6  | 3.8  |  |
| 2Q07    | 2.7      | 4.7               | 6.5                                     | 6.1     | 3.5     | 1.2   | 5.0     | 2.2  | 2.1                | 6.2                                   | 6.0  | 6.4  | 4.6  |  |
| 4Q07    | 4.1      | 6.1               | 6.8                                     | 5.2     | 2.9     | 9.9   | 5.9     | 4.6  | 3.4                | 8.1                                   | 8.0  | 6.6  | 5.9  |  |
| 2Q08    | 5.0      | 7.9               | 7.4                                     | 7.2     | 2.3     | 15.0  | 5.5     | 3.4  | 6.9                | 8.1                                   | 9.1  | 8.4  | 7.4  |  |
| 4Q08    | 0.1      | 2.6               | 7.0                                     | 6.5     | 2.3     | -15.1 | 5.6     | 7.5  | 1.8                | 2.1                                   | 3.0  | 3.7  | 2.7  |  |
| 2Q09    | -1.4     | 0.0               | 1.7                                     | 1.1     | 2.4     | -11.2 | 5.3     | 5.2  | 0.2                | -0.2                                  | 0.1  | 0.1  | -0.5 |  |
| 4Q09    | 2.7      | 2.7               | -0.8                                    | -0.6    | 1.7     | 16.9  | 2.8     | 2.6  | 3.4                | 1.5                                   | 2.7  | 3.0  | 2.1  |  |
| 2Q10    | 1.1      | 1.9               | 1.5                                     | 0.8     | 0.1     | 5.4   | 4.0     | 1.5  | 2.6                | 1.6                                   | 1.9  | 1.0  | 2.1  |  |
| 4Q10    | 1.5      | 2.9               | 4.2                                     | 2.1     | 1.0     | 5.0   | 5.4     | 0.7  | 3.2                | 2.1                                   | 3.4  | 1.7  | 3.8  |  |
| 2Q11    | 3.6      | 4.5               | 6.9                                     | 2.2     | 5.4     | 11.5  | 5.4     | -0.8 | 5.0                | 3.6                                   | 4.7  | 4.5  | 4.5  |  |

**WYOMING COST OF LIVING INDEX - TABLE 5  
AVERAGE RENTAL RATES - 2Q11 & 2Q10**

| County  | APARTMENT (1) |         |                | MOBILE HOME LOT (2) |       |                | HOUSE (3)   |         |                | MOBILE HOME (4) |       |                |
|---|---------------|---------|----------------|---------------------|-------|----------------|---|---------|----------------|-----------------|-------|----------------|
|   | 2Q11          | 2Q10    | Percent Change | 2Q11                | 2Q10  | Percent Change | 2Q11  | 2Q10    | Percent Change | 2Q11            | 2Q10  | Percent Change |
| Albany  | \$658         | \$636   | 3.4%           | \$285               | \$284 | 0.3%           | \$962   | \$924   | 4.1%           | \$647           | \$628 | 2.9%           |
| Big Horn  | \$395         | \$401   | -1.5%          | \$190               | \$162 | 17.2%          | \$463   | \$412   | 12.3%          | \$425           | \$366 | 16.0%          |
| Campbell  | \$729         | \$719   | 1.5%           | \$377               | \$363 | 3.7%           | \$1,118   | \$1,182 | -5.5%          | \$905           | \$844 | 7.1%           |
| Carbon  | \$699         | \$678   | 3.2%           | NA                  | NA    | NA             | \$791   | \$815   | -3.0%          | \$671           | \$640 | 4.9%           |
| Converse  | \$550         | \$603   | -8.7%          | \$190               | \$190 | 0.0%           | \$725   | \$693   | 4.6%           | \$646           | \$604 | 7.0%           |
| Crook   | \$479         | \$450   | 6.5%           | \$125               | \$133 | -6.2%          | \$489   | \$465   | 5.2%           | NA              | NA    | NA             |
| Fremont   | \$573         | \$567   | 1.1%           | \$200               | \$200 | 0.0%           | \$807   | \$790   | 2.2%           | \$736           | \$666 | 10.4%          |
| Goshen  | \$557         | \$520   | 7.2%           | \$200               | \$160 | 25.0%          | \$579   | \$524   | 10.4%          | NA              | NA    | NA             |
| Hot Springs   | \$416         | \$437   | -4.8%          | \$183               | \$150 | 22.2%          | \$588   | \$498   | 18.1%          | NA              | NA    | NA             |
| Johnson   | \$633         | \$625   | 1.3%           | \$281               | \$275 | 2.3%           | \$817   | \$833   | -2.0%          | \$577           | \$565 | 2.1%           |
| Laramie   | \$654         | \$621   | 5.4%           | \$287               | \$309 | -7.3%          | \$991   | \$936   | 5.9%           | \$656           | \$630 | 4.1%           |
| Lincoln (Kemmerer)  | \$665         | \$660   | 0.8%           | \$425               | \$368 | 15.6%          | \$672   | \$665   | 1.0%           | NA              | NA    | NA             |
| Lincoln (Afton)   | \$653         | \$624   | 4.7%           | NA                  | \$326 | NA             | \$770   | \$818   | -5.8%          | NA              | \$432 | NA             |
| Natrona   | \$661         | \$673   | -1.8%          | \$266               | \$269 | -0.9%          | \$1,085   | \$1,009 | 7.5%           | \$602           | \$597 | 0.8%           |
| Niobrara  | \$419         | \$433   | -3.3%          | NA                  | NA    | NA             | \$530   | \$542   | -2.3%          | NA              | NA    | NA             |
| Park  | \$522         | \$510   | 2.4%           | \$215               | \$199 | 7.8%           | \$736   | \$699   | 5.3%           | \$538           | \$509 | 5.8%           |
| Platte  | \$452         | \$451   | 0.3%           | \$150               | \$128 | 17.6%          | \$459   | \$455   | 0.9%           | \$366           | \$398 | -8.1%          |
| Sheridan  | \$677         | \$701   | -3.4%          | NA                  | NA    | NA             | \$939   | \$902   | 4.0%           | \$549           | \$555 | -1.1%          |
| Sublette  | \$962         | \$868   | 10.9%          | NA                  | NA    | NA             | \$1,247   | \$1,324 | -5.8%          | \$550           | \$550 | 0.0%           |
| Sweetwater  | \$673         | \$693   | -2.8%          | \$319               | \$326 | -2.0%          | \$998   | \$939   | 6.3%           | \$764           | \$754 | 1.3%           |
| Teton   | \$1,259       | \$1,219 | 3.3%           | \$325               | \$328 | -0.8%          | \$1,788   | \$1,675 | 6.7%           | \$768           | \$715 | 7.4%           |
| Uinta   | \$602         | \$627   | -3.9%          | \$292               | \$267 | 9.4%           | \$712   | \$724   | -1.7%          | \$465           | \$489 | -4.8%          |
| Washakie  | \$438         | \$480   | -8.6%          | \$200               | \$200 | 0.0%           | \$599   | \$592   | 1.2%           | \$463           | \$430 | 7.6%           |
| Weston  | \$570         | \$547   | 4.2%           | \$143               | \$123 | 16.5%          | \$681   | \$647   | 5.3%           | \$446           | \$438 | 1.7%           |
| Southeast   | \$638         | \$610   | 4.6%           | \$268               | \$281 | -4.5%          | \$900   | \$860   | 4.7%           | \$615           | \$601 | 2.2%           |
| Southwest   | \$683         | \$685   | -0.4%          | \$318               | \$316 | 0.6%           | \$900   | \$886   | 1.6%           | \$630           | \$623 | 1.1%           |
| Central   | \$622         | \$633   | -1.7%          | \$238               | \$239 | -0.6%          | \$961   | \$908   | 5.8%           | \$648           | \$619 | 4.6%           |
| Northeast   | \$675         | \$673   | 0.3%           | \$320               | \$364 | -11.9%         | \$960   | \$976   | -1.6%          | \$705           | \$674 | 4.5%           |
| Northwest   | \$696         | \$686   | 1.4%           | \$239               | \$227 | 5.2%           | \$968   | \$907   | 6.7%           | \$573           | \$536 | 7.0%           |
| Statewide Average   | \$656         | \$649   | 1.1%           | \$275               | \$284 | -3.3%          | \$934   | \$903   | 3.5%           | \$636           | \$613 | 3.6%           |
| Regions:  |               |         |                |                     |       |                | (1) - Two-bedroom, unfurnished, excluding gas and electric.                 |         |                |                 |       |                |
| Southeast: Albany, Carbon, Goshen, Laramie, Niobrara, Platte                |               |         |                |                     |       |                | (2) - Single-wide, including water.   |         |                |                 |       |                |
| Southwest: Lincoln (Afton), Lincoln (Kemmerer), Sublette, Sweetwater, Uinta |               |         |                |                     |       |                | (3) - Two or three-bedroom, single family, excluding gas and electric.      |         |                |                 |       |                |
| Central: Converse, Fremont, Natrona   |               |         |                |                     |       |                | (4) - This price reflects total monthly rental expense, including lot rent. |         |                |                 |       |                |
| Northeast: Campbell, Crook, Johnson, Sheridan, Weston                       |               |         |                |                     |       |                | Note: The regional averages are weighted by population within the region.   |         |                |                 |       |                |
| Northwest: Big Horn, Hot Springs, Park, Teton, Washakie                     |               |         |                |                     |       |                | (NA) - There were too few observations to report the data.                  |         |                |                 |       |                |