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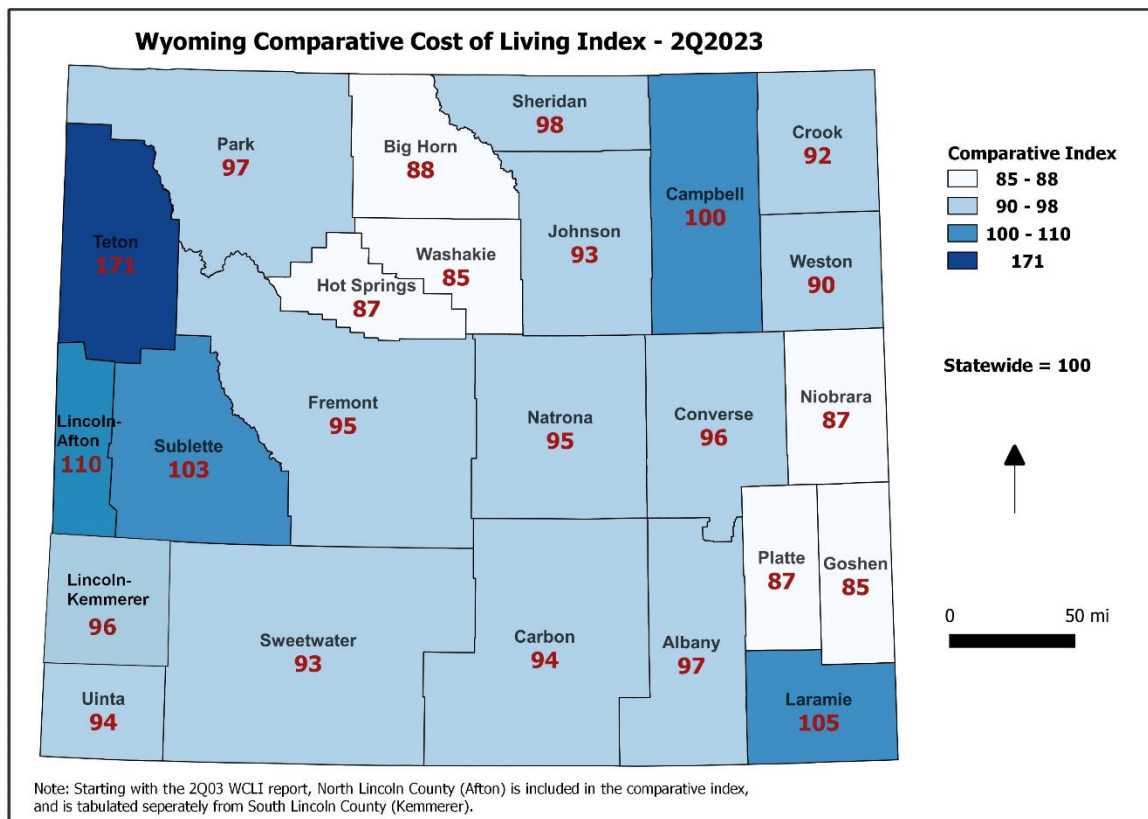
## Wyoming Cost of Living Index for the Second Quarter of 2023

CHEYENNE - The second quarter of 2023 Wyoming Cost of Living Index (WCLI) is now available from the State of Wyoming, Economic Analysis Division. The WCLI consists of two parts, **Inflation**, which measures year-over-year change (annual) and the **Comparative Cost of Living Index** which compares each county's cost of living in one period (not over time) to the statewide average.

Inflation is reported for the State, by consumer category, and for five regions in the State. Inflation measures year-over-year price changes in six consumer categories. The inflation figures for the second quarter of 2023 represent the percent change in the price level of a standard basket of selected consumer items priced in the second quarter of 2023, compared with the price level of the same goods and services recorded one year ago (second quarter of 2022).

- **All Items Statewide inflation 4.6%**
- Statewide inflation by consumer category:
  - Apparel 8.2%
  - Food 7.0%
  - Housing 6.1%
  - Recreation & Personal Care 4.2%
  - Medical 3.8%
  - Transportation -1.5%
- Regional inflation rates:
  - Northwest 6.5%
  - Southwest 5.1%
  - Southeast 4.3%
  - Northeast 4.2%
  - Central 4.1%

Nationally, the inflation rate from June 2022 to June 2023 was 3.0% (CPI-U), as reported by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) in the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers.



The Comparative Cost of Living Index represents each county's price level compared to the statewide average (100) during a single period. For the second quarter of 2023, the Comparative Cost of Living Index ranked Teton (171) as the county with the highest **All Items** value, which indicates that the cost of living in Teton County was estimated 71 percent higher than the statewide average in the quarter.

Comparative Cost of Living Index values for all counties in Wyoming are listed in Table 1 on page 4. Movement in ranking from a previous survey does not indicate that the price level has increased or decreased in a particular county. Instead, these values reflect relative price levels in each county, *at the time of data collection*, compared with the statewide average of 100. Comparative Cost of Living Index data were also produced by consumer category for every county.

### Survey Methodology

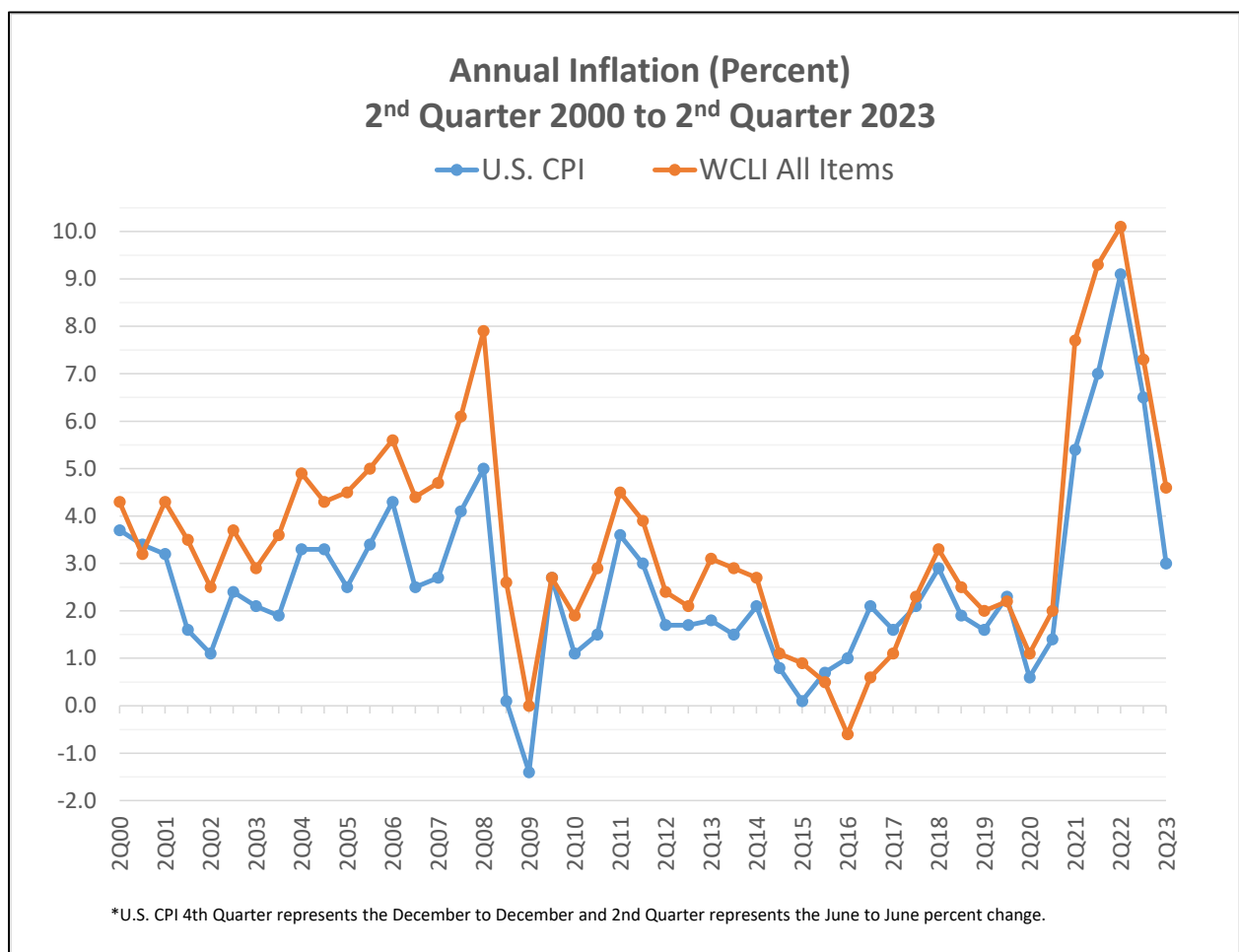
The WCLI is produced biannually, the second quarter and the fourth quarter. Price data are collected in twenty-eight cities and towns in Wyoming and the data are used to build a Comparative Cost of Living Index by county and to estimate overall inflation rates for Wyoming and the five designated regions of the State. A map of the twenty-eight cities and towns where price data were collected is on page 5.

Communities across the State are included in the WCLI based on the following criteria: First, the largest city or town in each county is priced; additionally, prices are collected in any city or town with populations greater than 5,000 or in cases of a city or town having at least 80 percent of a

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 surveyed, a population-weighted average of the prices for the two communities was used for the entire county. In addition, starting with the second quarter of 2003 WCLI report, Afton, in Lincoln County, was added as a sampling point through legislative action in 2003. Kemmerer is still priced. Comparative Cost of Living Index numbers are reported separately for Afton and Kemmerer. Beginning with the second quarter of 2004, Afton, has been included in the inflation calculations.

The 140 consumer items surveyed were aggregated into six categories, which were then weighted using item weights from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), Consumer Price Index (CPI-U), reflective of their overall importance in the average consumer's budget. These categories, and their respective weight components, include Housing (49.8%), Transportation (16.7%), Food (13.5%), Recreation & Personal Care (8.7%), Medical (8.1%), and Apparel (3.1%).

The data are weighted by population to more accurately represent the price changes experienced by the majority of consumers in Wyoming.



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

**Table 1 - Wyoming Comparative Cost of Living Index - 2Q23**  
(Statewide Average = 100)

	Index Number by Category:						Recreation & Personal Care
COUNTY	All Items	Food	Housing	Apparel	Transportation	Medical	Personal Care
Teton	171	114	232	123	105	102	116
Lincoln-Afton	110	99	116	113	103	107	103
Laramie	105	99	113	95	98	90	102
Sublette	103	112	99	123	103	99	105
Campbell	100	106	97	104	101	97	102
Sheridan	98	99	96	101	101	100	96
Albany	97	101	96	110	99	92	98
Park	97	106	91	103	103	97	101
Lincoln-Kemmerer	96	105	87	103	103	114	101
Converse	96	102	92	99	99	104	96
Fremont	95	99	90	99	99	115	95
Natrona	95	97	92	97	98	103	98
Carbon	94	96	88	92	99	118	94
Uinta	94	84	89	98	100	116	101
Sweetwater	93	91	89	86	101	105	98
Johnson	93	112	83	119	102	94	98
Crook	92	103	81	91	103	105	102
Weston	90	108	74	111	100	118	99
Big Horn	88	107	74	86	102	96	100
Hot Springs	87	99	74	97	102	92	110
Niobrara	87	111	71	101	100	98	102
Platte	87	95	78	104	100	82	100
Washakie	85	98	72	100	101	83	102
Goshen	85	96	74	96	97	87	97

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

**Table 2 - Annual Inflation Rates by Category**

	Inflation Rate by Category (Statewide Average):						Recreation & Personal Care
QUARTER:	All Items	Food	Housing	Apparel	Transportation	Medical	
WEIGHTS:	100.0	13.5	49.8	3.1	16.7	8.1	8.7
2Q17	1.1	3.8	-0.3	5.4	1.1	3.3	1.3
4Q17	2.3	3.5	1.7	1.9	2.8	3.2	2.1
2Q18	3.3	2.1	2.1	6.6	8.7	3.6	-0.3
4Q18	2.5	2.6	2.0	4.7	2.8	4.8	1.2
2Q19	2.0	2.3	2.7	3.6	-0.8	5.0	-0.3
4Q19	2.2	0.9	2.7	7.1	1.4	4.0	-0.4
2Q20	1.1	4.9	2.6	2.7	-7.3	3.0	-1.0
4Q20	2.0	2.7	3.2	4.0	-3.1	1.9	2.0
2Q21	7.7	1.9	5.5	4.6	23.3	3.6	8.0
4Q21	9.3	8.3	7.4	3.3	22.1	4.3	6.7
2Q22	10.1	15.6	8.6	3.2	16.4	3.9	5.6
4Q22	7.3	15.1	8.3	3.1	1.3	5.1	5.9
2Q23	4.6	7.0	6.1	8.2	-1.5	3.8	4.2

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
2Q17	1.6	1.1	1.7	1.1	0.2	0.4	2.7
4Q17	2.1	2.3	2.2	2.9	1.9	1.2	3.9
2Q18	2.9	3.3	3.2	1.8	3.6	4.1	3.2
4Q18	1.9	2.5	1.9	1.0	2.7	4.8	2.3
2Q19	1.6	2.0	1.7	2.2	2.3	2.3	1.9
4Q19	2.3	2.2	2.5	1.6	2.3	1.9	2.5
2Q20	0.6	1.1	1.8	0.2	1.7	-0.2	0.8
4Q20	1.4	2.0	1.9	1.9	2.7	0.9	2.1
2Q21	5.4	7.7	7.2	8.9	7.4	8.1	7.6
4Q21	7.0	9.3	10.2	9.2	7.4	10.4	9.1
2Q22	9.1	10.1	10.5	10.5	10.0	10.2	9.0
4Q22	6.5	7.3	7.2	8.2	7.4	6.7	7.0
2Q23	3.0	4.6	4.3	5.1	4.1	4.2	6.5

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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.

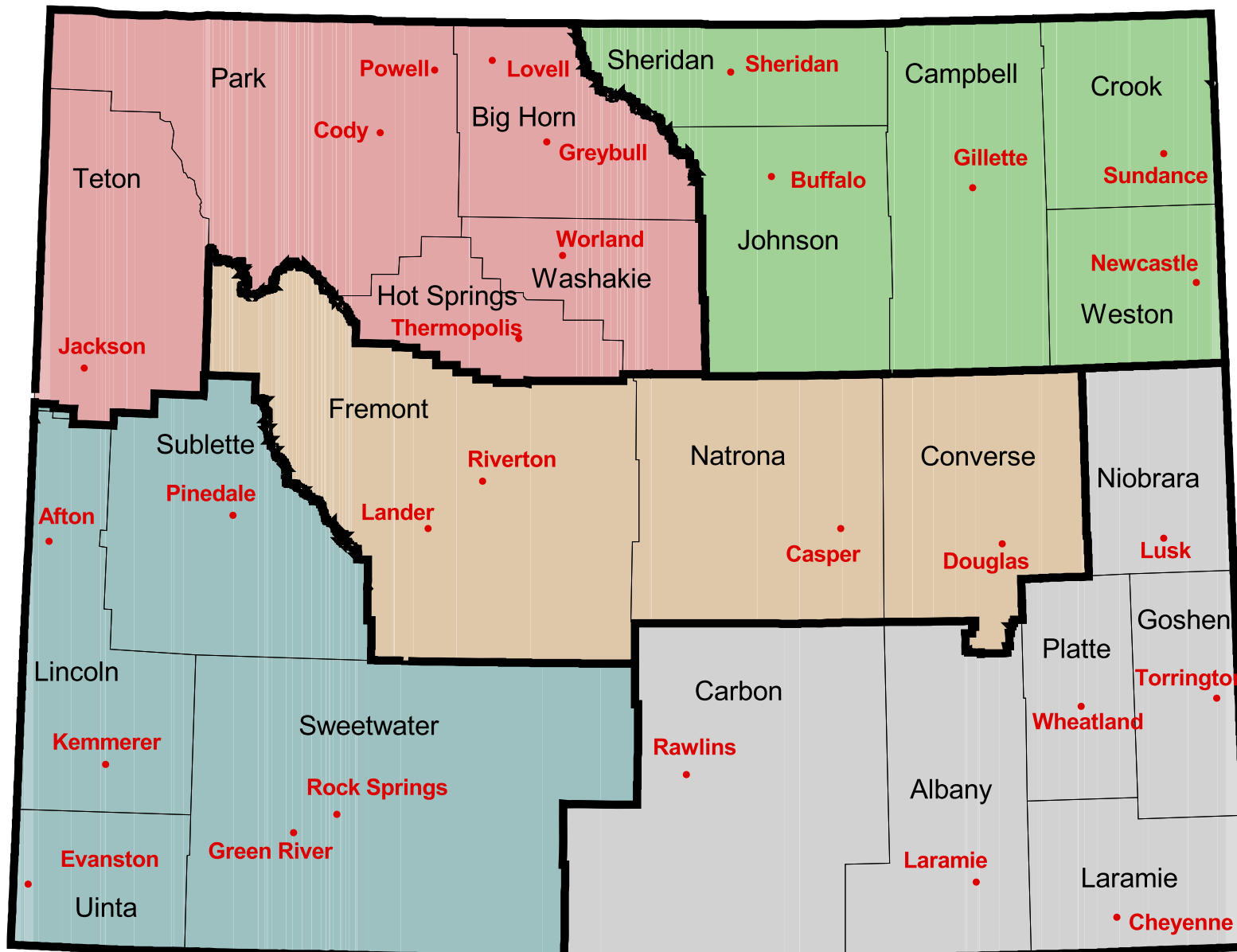
Southwest: Lincoln-Kemmerer, Lincoln-Afton, Sublette, Sweetwater, and Uinta counties.

Central: Converse, Fremont, and Natrona counties.

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

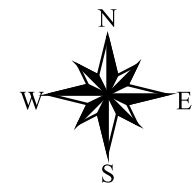
Northwest: Big Horn, Hot Springs, Park, Teton, and Washakie counties.

# 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 - AVERAGE RENTAL RATES - 2Q23 & 2Q22**

County	APARTMENT (1)			MOBILE HOME LOT (2)			HOUSE (3)			MOBILE HOME (4)		
	2Q23	2Q22	Percent Change	2Q23	2Q22	Percent Change	2Q23	2Q22	Percent Change	2Q23	2Q22	Percent Change
Albany	\$839	\$811	3.5%	\$524	\$491	6.7%	\$1,468	\$1,315	11.7%	\$889	\$851	4.5%
Big Horn	\$603	\$566	6.5%	NA	\$221	NA	\$847	\$775	9.4%	\$599	\$494	21.3%
Campbell	\$857	\$753	13.8%	\$515	\$486	6.0%	\$1,461	\$1,295	12.8%	\$968	\$983	-1.6%
Carbon	\$767	\$738	3.9%	\$411	\$398	3.1%	\$1,019	\$1,071	-4.8%	\$951	\$937	1.5%
Converse	\$813	\$792	2.7%	\$313	\$270	15.7%	\$1,215	\$1,139	6.7%	\$903	\$801	12.7%
Crook	\$700	\$697	0.4%	NA	NA	NA	\$994	\$838	18.7%	NA	NA	NA
Fremont	\$830	\$771	7.7%	\$276	\$272	1.5%	\$1,096	\$1,083	1.2%	\$986	\$849	16.1%
Goshen	\$625	\$620	0.8%	NA	NA	NA	\$850	\$750	13.3%	NA	NA	NA
Hot Springs	\$664	\$611	8.7%	\$369	NA	NA	\$778	\$727	7.0%	NA	NA	NA
Johnson	\$643	\$646	-0.5%	\$287	\$285	0.6%	\$1,269	\$1,309	-3.1%	\$653	\$618	5.7%
Laramie	\$1,113	\$1,008	10.4%	\$559	\$522	7.0%	\$1,653	\$1,587	4.1%	\$1,230	\$1,152	6.7%
Lincoln (Kemmerer)	\$719	\$692	3.9%	NA	NA	NA	\$925	\$825	12.1%	NA	NA	NA
Lincoln (Afton)	\$1,113	\$1,003	10.9%	NA	NA	NA	\$1,473	\$1,379	6.8%	NA	NA	NA
Natrona	\$914	\$805	13.5%	\$496	\$467	6.2%	\$1,223	\$1,252	-2.3%	\$739	\$734	0.7%
Niobrara	\$506	\$550	-8.0%	NA	NA	NA	\$838	\$753	11.4%	NA	NA	NA
Park	\$774	\$733	5.5%	\$376	\$332	13.2%	\$1,243	\$1,111	11.8%	\$866	\$812	6.7%
Platte	\$600	\$599	0.1%	NA	NA	NA	\$933	\$863	8.2%	NA	NA	NA
Sheridan	\$808	\$728	11.0%	\$501	\$437	14.6%	\$1,474	\$1,477	-0.2%	\$901	\$912	-1.2%
Sublette	\$890	\$900	-1.1%	NA	NA	NA	\$1,458	\$1,274	14.4%	NA	NA	NA
Sweetwater	\$735	\$717	2.4%	\$516	\$464	11.2%	\$1,110	\$1,129	-1.7%	\$946	\$887	6.6%
Teton	\$3,168	\$2,782	13.9%	\$869	\$835	4.1%	\$3,887	\$3,429	13.4%	\$1,561	\$1,536	1.6%
Uinta	\$838	\$770	8.8%	\$350	\$331	5.6%	\$1,103	\$902	22.2%	\$905	\$737	22.9%
Washakie	\$575	\$547	5.1%	NA	NA	NA	\$830	\$743	11.7%	NA	NA	NA
Weston	\$644	\$644	-0.1%	\$180	\$188	-4.3%	\$785	\$669	17.4%	\$693	NA	NA
Southeast	\$961	\$890	8.0%	\$506	\$472	7.2%	\$1,458	\$1,380	5.6%	\$1,059	\$1,002	5.7%
Southwest	\$812	\$775	4.8%	\$495	\$448	10.4%	\$1,160	\$1,083	7.0%	\$961	\$856	12.2%
Central	\$879	\$793	10.7%	\$411	\$388	5.9%	\$1,184	\$1,190	-0.5%	\$829	\$775	7.0%
Northeast	\$797	\$725	10.0%	\$444	\$411	8.0%	\$1,369	\$1,278	7.2%	\$884	\$878	0.7%
Northwest	\$1,437	\$1,294	11.0%	\$471	\$456	3.2%	\$1,904	\$1,693	12.5%	\$1,011	\$946	6.8%
Statewide Average	\$954	\$875	9.0%	\$467	\$436	7.0%	\$1,393	\$1,314	6.0%	\$954	\$898	6.2%
Regions:							(1) - Two-bedroom, unfurnished, excluding gas and electric.					
<b>Southeast:</b> Albany, Carbon, Goshen, Laramie, Niobrara, Platte							(2) - Single-wide, including water.					
<b>Southwest:</b> Lincoln (Afton), Lincoln (Kemmerer), Sublette, Sweetwater, Uinta							(3) - Two or three-bedroom, single family, excluding gas and electric.					
<b>Central:</b> Converse, Fremont, Natrona							(4) - Two or three-bedroom, including lot rent.					
<b>Northeast:</b> Campbell, Crook, Johnson, Sheridan, Weston							Note: The regional averages are weighted by population within the region.					
<b>Northwest:</b> Big Horn, Hot Springs, Park, Teton, Washakie							(NA) - There were too few observations to report the data.					