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Wyoming Cost of Living Index for the Second Quarter of 2026

CHEYENNE - The second quarter of 2026 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 results:

- All Items Statewide inflation was 3.9%

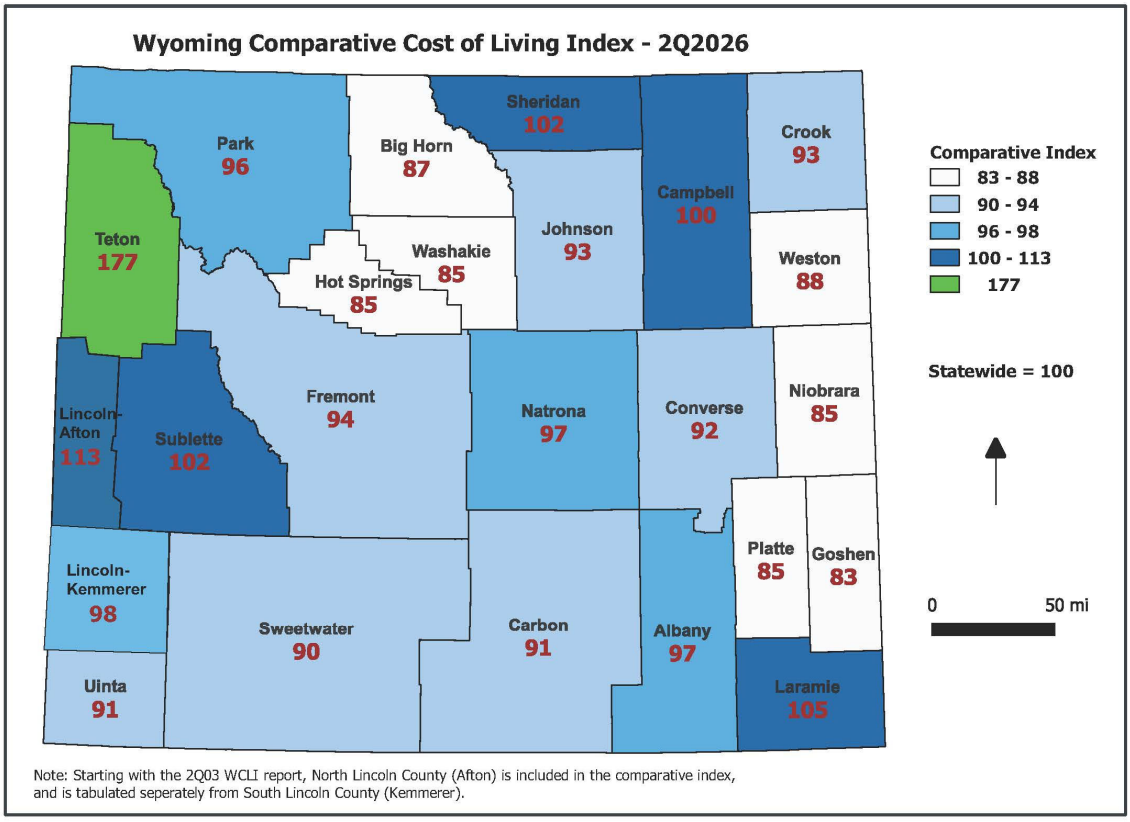
- Statewide inflation by consumer category:
  - Housing 4.5%
  - Transportation 4.3%
  - Apparel 4.0%
  - Medical 2.8%
  - Food 2.7%
  - Recreation & Personal Care 2.4%

- Regional inflation rates:
  - Northeast 4.9%
  - Southeast 4.0%
  - Northwest 3.8%
  - Central 3.7%
  - Southwest 3.1%

U.S. inflation rate, CPI-U, from June 2025 to June 2026 was 3.5% (Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, BLS - Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers).

WCLI 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 2026 represent the percent change in the price level of a standard

basket of selected consumer items priced in the second quarter of 2026, compared with the price level of the same goods and services recorded one year prior (second quarter of 2025).



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 2026, the Comparative Cost of Living Index ranked Teton (177) as the county with the highest **All Items** value, which indicates that the cost of living in Teton County was estimated 77 percent higher than the statewide average in the quarter. On the other hand Goshen County showed the lowest index value at 83, followed by Hot Springs, Niobrara, Platte, and Washakie counties.

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.

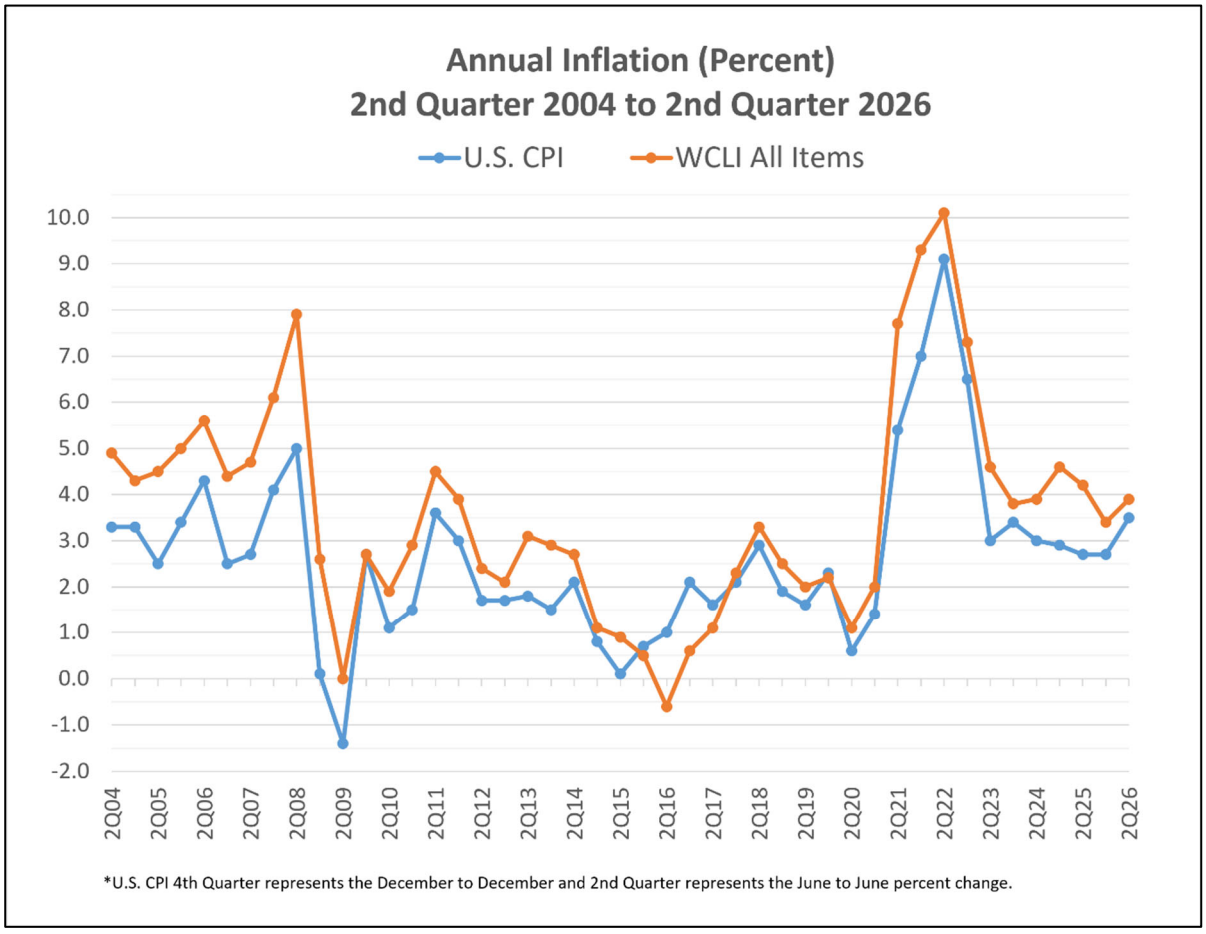
Survey Methodology

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 displayed 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 (49.9%), Transportation (16.3%), Food (13.7%), Recreation & Personal Care (8.6%), Medical (8.4%), 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 - 2Q26
(Statewide Average = 100)

COUNTY	Index Number by Category: All Items	Food	Housing	Apparel	Transportation	Medical	Recreation & Personal Care
Teton	177	119	240	131	106	107	119
Lincoln-Afton	113	106	115	112	104	139	102
Laramie	105	99	113	91	97	94	103
Sublette	102	109	98	119	103	102	108
Sheridan	102	101	100	119	105	98	101
Campbell	100	104	98	111	101	95	103
Lincoln-Kemmerer	98	106	90	104	101	120	103
Albany	97	99	98	94	98	86	100
Natrona	97	101	95	91	98	98	99
Park	96	101	90	102	103	99	100
Fremont	94	94	87	106	101	120	91
Johnson	93	109	84	112	100	96	101
Crook	93	102	81	113	100	109	105
Converse	92	99	86	90	98	105	96
Uinta	91	90	87	106	101	91	93
Carbon	91	97	82	91	98	117	92
Sweetwater	90	90	84	86	100	105	94
Weston	88	101	71	113	101	114	100
Big Horn	87	106	73	93	101	96	96
Platte	85	92	74	94	100	89	103
Washakie	85	96	74	100	99	90	98
Hot Springs	85	96	71	95	102	93	103
Niobrara	85	108	69	88	100	95	100
Goshen	83	98	68	96	98	93	95

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

Table 2 - Annual Inflation Rates by Category

QUARTER:	Inflation Rate by Category (Statewide Average): All Items	Food	Housing	Apparel	Transportation	Medical	Recreation & Personal Care
WEIGHTS:	100.0	13.7	49.9	3.1	16.3	8.4	8.6
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
4Q23	3.8	3.8	4.2	3.0	2.2	4.1	5.3
2Q24	3.9	5.8	4.4	1.3	1.2	4.3	3.2
4Q24	4.6	5.6	5.6	2.8	3.9	2.9	1.0
2Q25	4.2	3.7	5.8	4.9	0.4	3.8	2.7
4Q25	3.4	2.6	5.2	7.1	-1.8	3.7	2.3
2Q26	3.9	2.7	4.5	4.0	4.3	2.8	2.4

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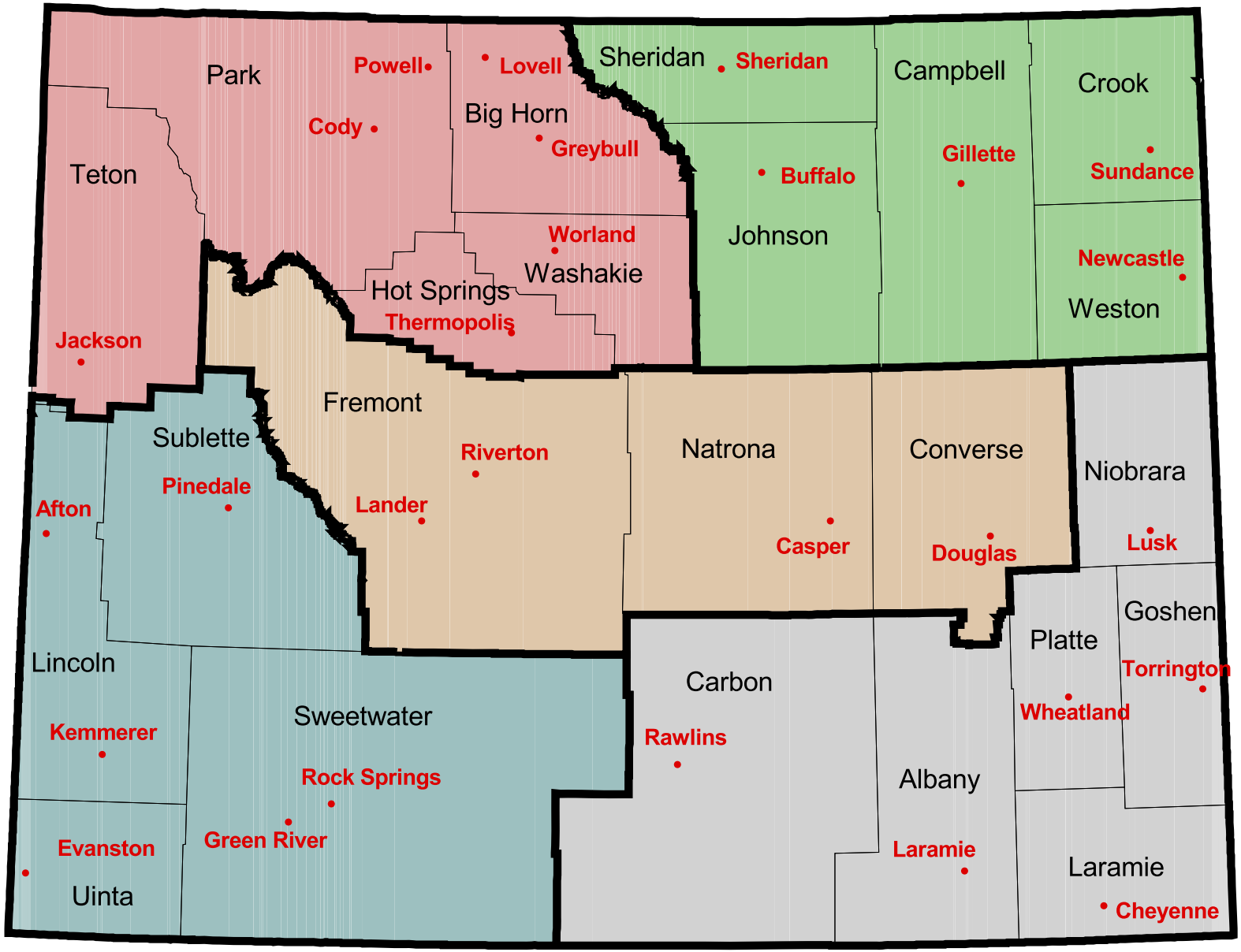
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*** 4th Quarter represents the December to December and 2nd Quarter represents the June to June percent change in the US CPI-U.**

Regional Composition for Inflation Estimate:

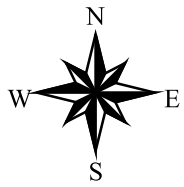
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Northeast: Campbell, Crook, Johnson, Sheridan, and Weston counties.
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Surveyed Communities and WCLI Regions



WCLI Regions

- Southeast: Albany, Carbon, Goshen, Laramie, Niobrara, and Platte
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Note: Starting with the 2Q03 WCLI report, North Lincoln County (Afton) is included in the comparative index, and is tabulated seperately from South Lincoln County (Kemmerer).

TABLE 4 - AVERAGE RENTAL RATES - 2Q26 & 2Q25

County	APARTMENT (1)			MOBILE HOME LOT (2)			HOUSE (3)			MOBILE HOME (4)		
	2Q26	2Q25	Percent Change	2Q26	2Q25	Percent Change	2Q26	2Q25	Percent Change	2Q26	2Q25	Percent Change
Albany	$1,012	$983	2.9%	$594	$561	5.9%	$1,659	$1,554	6.7%	$1,019	$969	5.2%
Big Horn	$666	$678	-1.7%	NA	NA	NA	$1,033	$953	8.4%	$695	$643	8.1%
Campbell	$966	$935	3.4%	$590	$567	4.0%	$1,793	$1,642	9.2%	$1,154	$1,055	9.4%
Carbon	$774	$789	-1.9%	$451	$443	1.7%	$1,070	$1,072	-0.2%	$968	$1,002	-3.4%
Converse	$853	$847	0.8%	$353	$323	9.3%	$1,358	$1,273	6.7%	$894	$882	1.4%
Crook	$858	$813	5.5%	NA	NA	NA	$1,017	$989	2.8%	NA	NA	NA
Fremont	$921	$897	2.6%	$348	$331	5.1%	$1,233	$1,140	8.1%	$1,078	$1,022	5.5%
Goshen	$675	$663	1.7%	NA	NA	NA	$956	$843	13.4%	NA	NA	NA
Hot Springs	$736	$682	7.9%	$364	$385	-5.5%	$891	$871	2.2%	NA	NA	NA
Johnson	$734	$697	5.3%	$363	NA	NA	$1,513	$1,367	10.7%	$715	$721	-0.8%
Laramie	$1,364	$1,230	10.9%	$660	$634	4.1%	$1,832	$1,709	7.2%	$1,422	$1,239	14.8%
Lincoln (Kemmerer)	$882	$846	4.3%	NA	NA	NA	$1,181	$1,139	3.7%	$1,129	$1,084	4.1%
Lincoln (Afton)	$1,135	$1,230	-7.7%	NA	NA	NA	$1,688	$1,627	3.8%	NA	NA	NA
Natrona	$1,099	$1,019	7.8%	$622	$558	11.5%	$1,465	$1,397	4.8%	$806	$801	0.6%
Niobrara	$569	$569	0.0%	NA	NA	NA	$875	$829	5.6%	NA	NA	NA
Park	$919	$841	9.3%	$463	$423	9.3%	$1,400	$1,326	5.6%	$1,023	$982	4.1%
Platte	$729	$705	3.5%	NA	NA	NA	$953	$913	4.4%	NA	NA	NA
Sheridan	$968	$869	11.4%	$732	$617	18.6%	$1,687	$1,589	6.2%	$1,250	$1,204	3.8%
Sublette	$998	$1,003	-0.5%	NA	NA	NA	$1,618	$1,535	5.4%	NA	NA	NA
Sweetwater	$769	$761	1.0%	$540	$551	-2.0%	$1,210	$1,187	1.9%	$1,046	$1,013	3.2%
Teton	$3,641	$3,377	7.8%	$1,067	$965	10.5%	$4,332	$4,300	0.7%	$2,351	$1,795	31.0%
Uinta	$964	$884	9.0%	$394	$373	5.7%	$1,311	$1,264	3.7%	$937	$1,025	-8.6%
Washakie	$687	$672	2.2%	NA	NA	NA	$1,050	$984	6.7%	NA	NA	NA
Weston	$735	$738	-0.3%	NA	NA	NA	$807	$880	-8.3%	$765	$675	13.3%
Southeast	$1,153	$1,068	7.9%	$593	$570	4.1%	$1,619	$1,515	6.8%	$1,209	$1,107	9.2%
Southwest	$889	$875	1.7%	$507	$530	-4.3%	$1,323	$1,282	3.2%	$1,077	$1,021	5.5%
Central	$1,021	$966	5.7%	$513	$467	10.0%	$1,385	$1,309	5.8%	$895	$875	2.4%
Northeast	$924	$872	6.0%	$561	$511	9.7%	$1,614	$1,504	7.3%	$1,108	$1,041	6.5%
Northwest	$1,654	$1,542	7.2%	$587	$536	9.4%	$2,150	$2,091	2.8%	$1,333	$1,141	16.8%
Statewide Average	$1,108	$1,035	7.0%	$553	$523	5.7%	$1,589	$1,507	5.5%	$1,115	$1,033	8.0%

Regions:
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(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) - Two or three-bedroom, including lot rent.
Note: The regional averages are weighted by population within the region.
(NA) - There were too few observations to report the data.