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Wyoming Cost of Living Index for the Fourth Quarter of 2025

CHEYENNE - The fourth quarter of 2025 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.

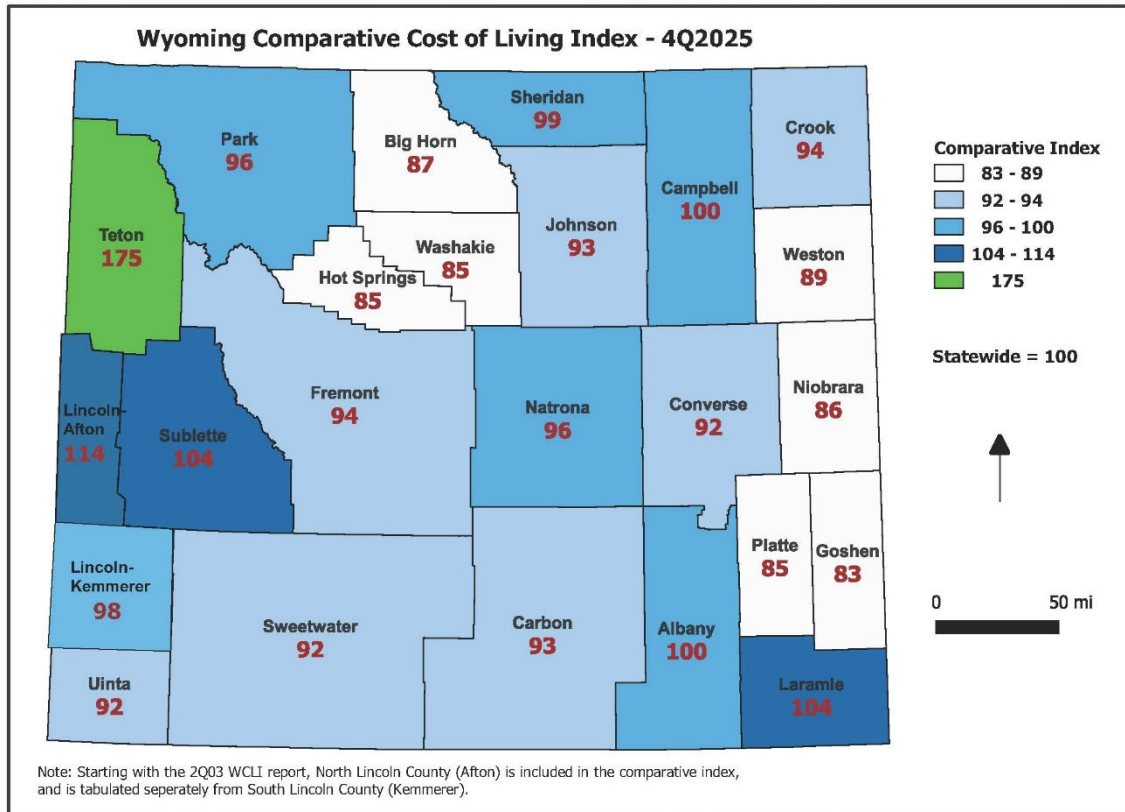
Inflation results:

- All Items Statewide inflation was 3.4%
- Statewide inflation by consumer category:
 - Apparel 7.1%
 - Housing 5.2%
 - Medical 3.7%
 - Food 2.6%
 - Recreation & Personal Care 2.3%
 - Transportation -1.8%
- Regional inflation rates:
 - Northwest 3.7%
 - Southwest 3.7%
 - Southeast 3.5%
 - Northeast 3.4%
 - Central 2.6%

U.S. inflation rate, CPI-U, from December 2024 to December 2025 was 2.7% (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 fourth quarter of 2025 represent the percent change in the price level of a standard basket

of selected consumer items priced in the fourth quarter of 2025, compared with the price level of the same goods and services recorded one year prior (fourth quarter of 2024).



The Comparative Cost of Living Index represents each county's price level compared to the statewide average (100) during a single period. For the fourth quarter of 2025, the Comparative Cost of Living Index ranked Teton (175) as the county with the highest **All Items** value, which indicates that the cost of living in Teton County was estimated 75 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

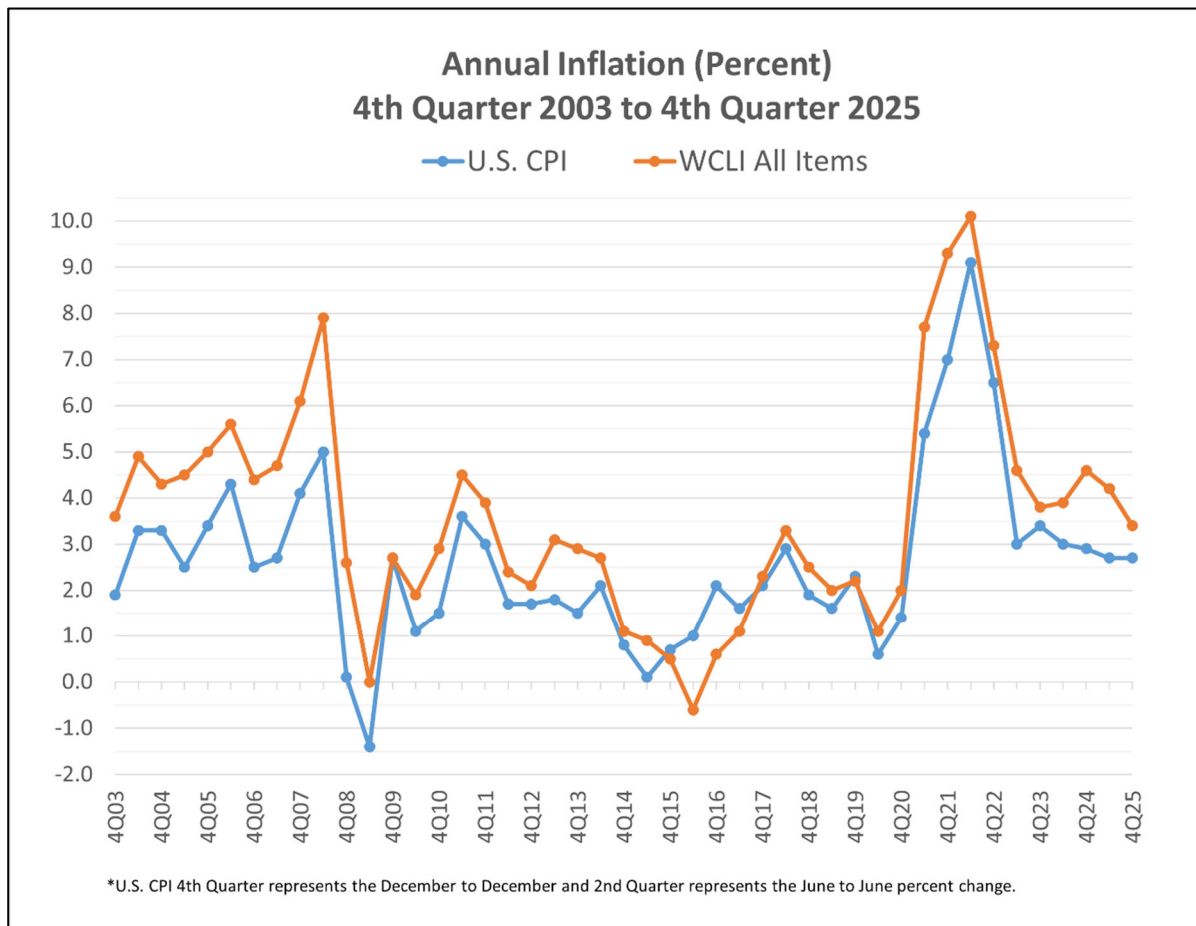
The WCLI is produced biannually, the second quarter and the fourth quarter. Price data are collected in twenty-eight cities and towns in Wyoming and the data are used to build a Comparative Cost of Living Index by county and to estimate overall inflation rates for Wyoming and the five designated regions of the State. A map of the twenty-eight cities and towns where price data were collected is 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 (49.4%), Transportation (16.6%), Food (13.7%), Recreation & Personal Care (8.9%), Medical (8.3%), and Apparel (3.2%).

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 - 4Q25
(Statewide Average = 100)

COUNTY	Index Number by Category:							Recreation & Personal Care
	All Items	Food	Housing	Apparel	Transportation	Medical		
Teton	175	118	238	129	108	108	122	
Lincoln-Afton	114	105	118	113	105	134	105	
Laramie	104	97	112	98	97	94	100	
Sublette	104	117	101	120	105	100	99	
Campbell	100	105	98	103	101	95	104	
Albany	100	102	100	114	99	88	103	
Sheridan	99	101	97	106	102	95	105	
Lincoln-Kemmerer Park	98	106	91	103	100	118	96	
Park	96	104	90	100	103	99	100	
Natrona	96	100	94	91	98	97	99	
Fremont	94	93	89	92	100	116	93	
Crook	94	106	81	104	104	108	109	
Johnson	93	109	83	114	101	96	104	
Carbon	93	96	85	97	99	116	95	
Uinta	92	96	86	100	100	102	91	
Converse	92	97	86	87	98	104	93	
Sweetwater	92	88	86	91	100	108	96	
Weston	89	103	74	102	103	114	99	
Big Horn	87	105	74	89	101	96	95	
Niobrara	86	106	70	102	101	97	101	
Platte	85	91	75	98	100	89	101	
Washakie	85	93	74	101	100	90	100	
Hot Springs	85	97	72	82	102	94	99	
Goshen	83	97	70	106	99	94	89	

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	49.4	3.2	16.6	8.3	8.9	
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	
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	

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
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
4Q23	3.4	3.8	3.3	5.0	2.7	4.1	5.1
2Q24	3.0	3.9	3.3	4.3	3.9	4.1	4.4
4Q24	2.9	4.6	4.0	4.2	5.6	4.8	4.5
2Q25	2.7	4.2	4.2	3.8	4.3	4.3	4.0
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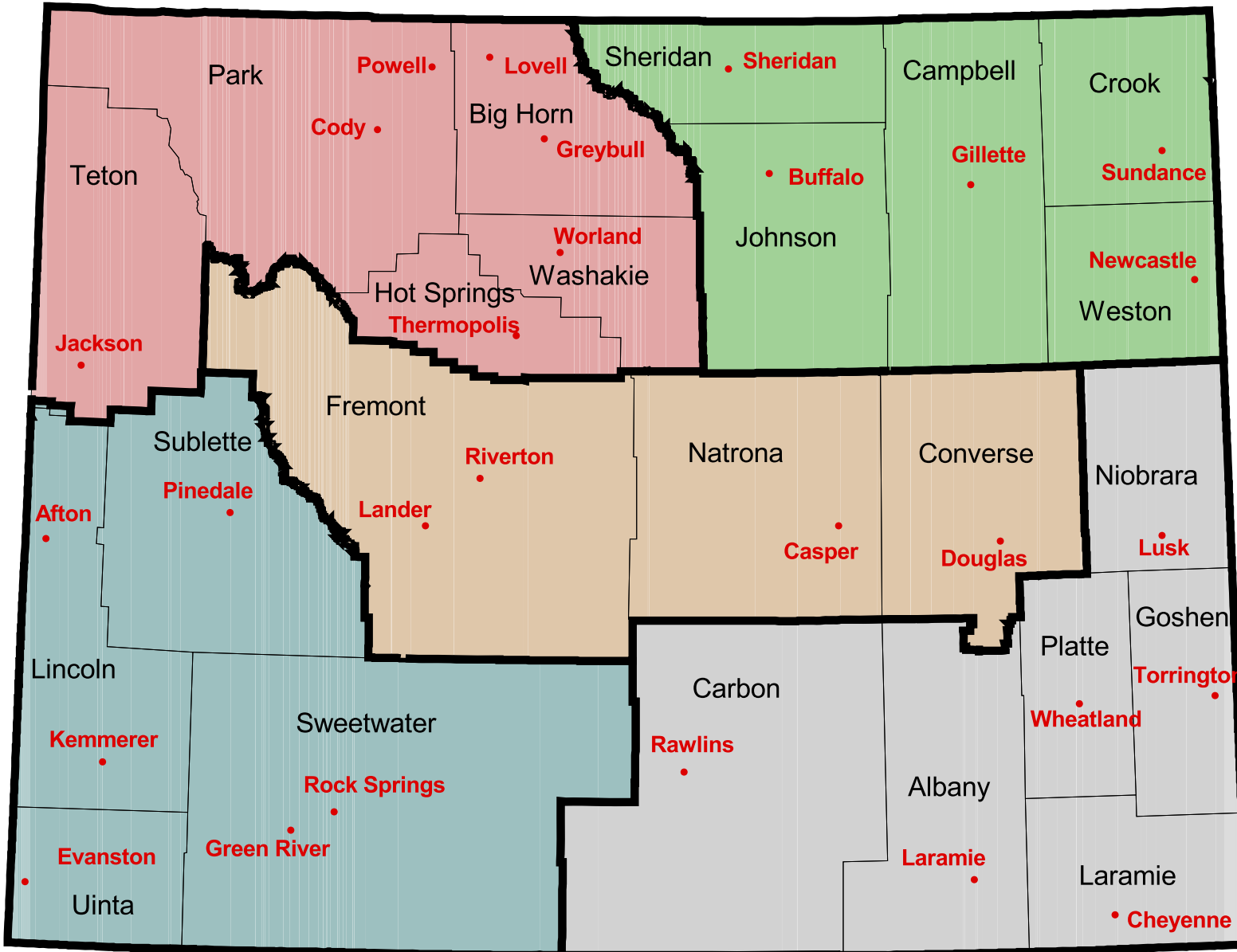
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* 4th Quarter represents the December to December and 2nd Quarter represents the June to June percent change in the US CPI-U.

Regional Composition for Inflation Estimate:

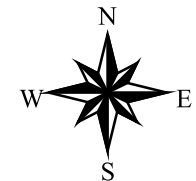
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Surveyed Communities and WCLI Regions



WCLI Regions

- Southeast: Albany, Carbon, Goshen, Laramie, Niobrara, and Platte
- Southwest: Lincoln (Kemmerer), Lincoln (Afton), Sublette, Sweetwater, and Uinta
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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 - 4Q25 & 4Q24

County	APARTMENT (1)			MOBILE HOME LOT (2)			HOUSE (3)			MOBILE HOME (4)		
	4Q25	4Q24	Percent Change	4Q25	4Q24	Percent Change	4Q25	4Q24	Percent Change	4Q25	4Q24	Percent Change
Albany	\$1,001	\$945	6.0%	\$574	\$566	1.4%	\$1,616	\$1,488	8.6%	\$979	\$941	4.0%
Big Horn	\$688	\$624	10.3%	NA	NA	NA	\$956	\$904	5.8%	\$673	\$643	4.7%
Campbell	\$948	\$912	4.0%	\$601	\$557	7.9%	\$1,681	\$1,574	6.8%	\$1,059	\$1,049	1.0%
Carbon	\$798	\$793	0.6%	\$447	\$428	4.4%	\$1,078	\$1,056	2.1%	\$1,000	\$981	2.0%
Converse	\$853	\$824	3.5%	\$342	\$346	-1.0%	\$1,296	\$1,229	5.5%	\$883	\$857	3.1%
Crook	\$824	\$808	2.0%	NA	NA	NA	\$958	\$956	0.2%	NA	NA	NA
Fremont	\$924	\$893	3.6%	\$339	\$323	5.0%	\$1,201	\$1,174	2.4%	\$1,012	\$1,059	-4.4%
Goshen	\$667	\$630	5.9%	NA	NA	NA	\$906	\$923	-1.8%	NA	NA	NA
Hot Springs	\$696	\$681	2.2%	\$385	\$377	2.2%	\$845	\$873	-3.3%	NA	NA	NA
Johnson	\$724	\$686	5.6%	\$333	NA	NA	\$1,356	\$1,414	-4.1%	\$711	\$675	5.4%
Laramie	\$1,269	\$1,199	5.8%	\$647	\$615	5.3%	\$1,762	\$1,676	5.1%	\$1,366	\$1,241	10.1%
Lincoln (Kemmerer)	\$878	\$778	12.9%	NA	NA	NA	\$1,183	\$1,054	12.3%	\$1,144	\$1,057	8.3%
Lincoln (Afton)	\$1,168	\$1,156	1.0%	NA	NA	NA	\$1,657	\$1,623	2.1%	NA	NA	NA
Natrona	\$1,050	\$979	7.3%	\$586	\$527	11.2%	\$1,424	\$1,322	7.7%	\$808	\$763	5.9%
Niobrara	\$569	\$559	1.7%	NA	NA	NA	\$846	\$808	4.8%	NA	NA	NA
Park	\$901	\$850	6.0%	\$432	\$411	5.2%	\$1,361	\$1,295	5.1%	\$1,001	\$962	4.1%
Platte	\$706	\$688	2.6%	NA	NA	NA	\$930	\$912	2.0%	NA	NA	NA
Sheridan	\$907	\$862	5.3%	\$640	\$617	3.8%	\$1,562	\$1,546	1.1%	\$1,191	\$1,200	-0.7%
Sublette	\$1,003	\$925	8.4%	NA	NA	NA	\$1,545	\$1,515	2.0%	NA	NA	NA
Sweetwater	\$764	\$750	1.8%	\$561	\$523	7.2%	\$1,201	\$1,157	3.8%	\$1,052	\$1,015	3.6%
Teton	\$3,476	\$3,366	3.3%	\$1,009	\$909	11.0%	\$4,358	\$4,286	1.7%	\$1,832	\$1,764	3.9%
Uinta	\$905	\$876	3.3%	\$381	\$369	3.3%	\$1,281	\$1,150	11.4%	\$1,015	\$938	8.2%
Washakie	\$677	\$665	1.8%	NA	NA	NA	\$988	\$961	2.7%	NA	NA	NA
Weston	\$738	\$738	0.0%	NA	NA	NA	\$919	\$825	11.4%	\$749	\$677	10.6%
Southeast	\$1,094	\$1,038	5.4%	\$580	\$558	4.0%	\$1,563	\$1,484	5.3%	\$1,178	\$1,086	8.4%
Southwest	\$877	\$844	3.9%	\$521	\$504	3.5%	\$1,301	\$1,231	5.8%	\$1,082	\$994	8.9%
Central	\$992	\$937	5.9%	\$488	\$448	8.9%	\$1,345	\$1,269	6.0%	\$876	\$860	1.9%
Northeast	\$893	\$858	4.2%	\$535	\$505	5.8%	\$1,512	\$1,456	3.9%	\$1,039	\$1,017	2.2%
Northwest	\$1,596	\$1,531	4.2%	\$552	\$513	7.5%	\$2,118	\$2,062	2.7%	\$1,169	\$1,105	5.8%
Statewide Average	\$1,060	\$1,019	4.1%	\$536	\$507	5.7%	\$1,538	\$1,468	4.8%	\$1,068	\$1,011	5.7%

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.