

# THE *Wyoming* ECONOMIC DATABOOK

*A summary of regional economic indicators  
for the state of Wyoming*



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## **SUMMARY OF CURRENT WYOMING ECONOMIC CONDITIONS**

In Wyoming, the unemployment rate was 4.7 percent in February, and total payroll employment declined 2.5 percent compared to the previous year. Employment growth was mixed across industries, with the strongest gains in the federal government and healthcare and social assistance sectors. Wyoming nominal personal income shrank 2.3 percent in the third quarter of 2016 compared to the previous year, with workplace earnings down 4.3 percent. Home prices decreased 1.6 percent in the fourth quarter of 2016 compared to the previous year, while single-family and multifamily permits recorded changes of 2.7 and -10.0 percent, respectively, year-to-date through February 2017. In December 2016, crude oil production was down 17.5 percent over last year, and rig counts were above year-ago levels. Wyoming exports were 6.7 percent lower in 2016 compared to 2015.

This databook provides current economic indicators to help monitor trends and allow comparison of past information. These indicators include: employment; employment by industry; county and state unemployment; personal income; home prices; housing indicators; manufacturing activity; oil, gas and coal production; and exports. These indicators can be found on the following pages.



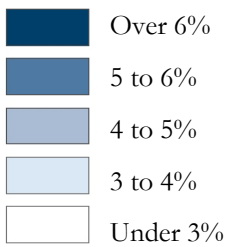
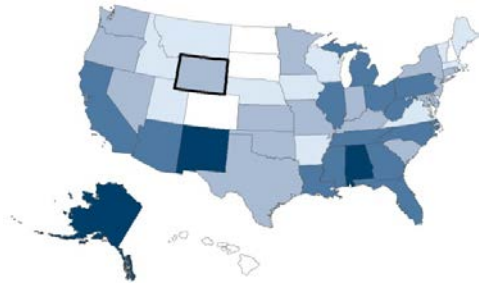
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**Unemployment Rates**

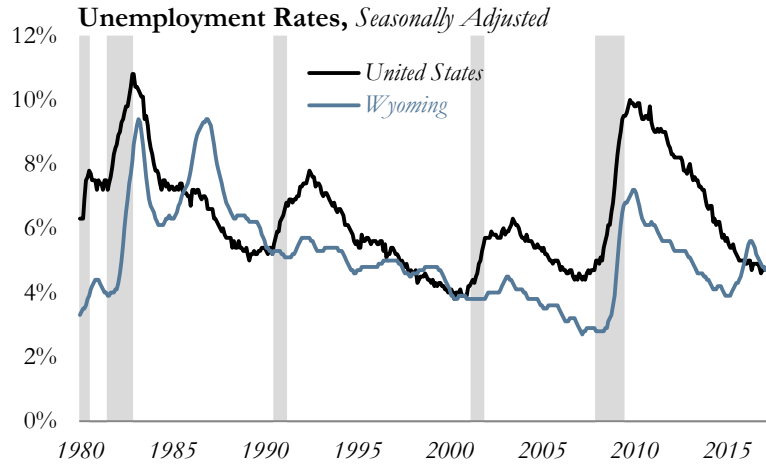
*Seasonally Adjusted*

**February 2017 Unemployment Rates**

*Seasonally Adjusted*



February 2017		
	United States	Wyoming
Unemployment Rate	4.7%	4.7%
Unemployment Rate, Last Year	4.9%	5.3%



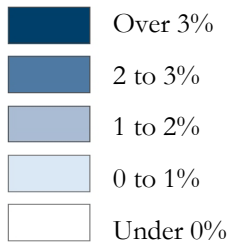
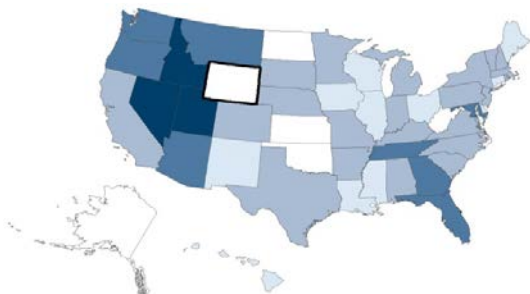
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**Payroll Employment**

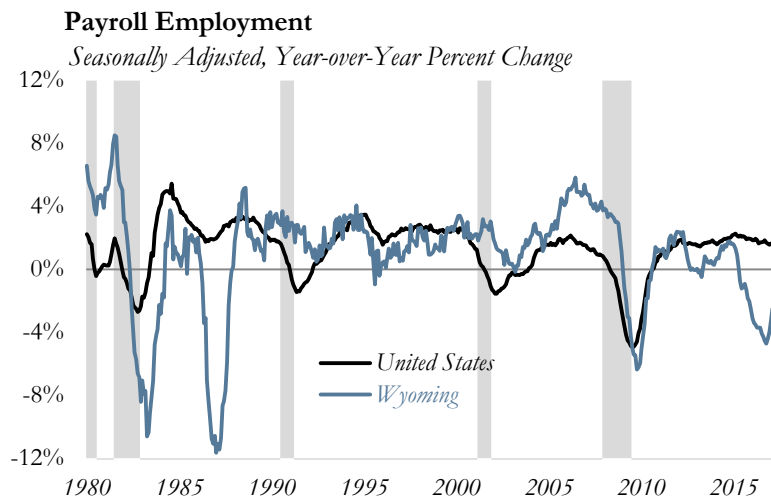
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**February 2017 Payroll Employment**

*Seasonally Adjusted, Year-over-Year Percent Change*



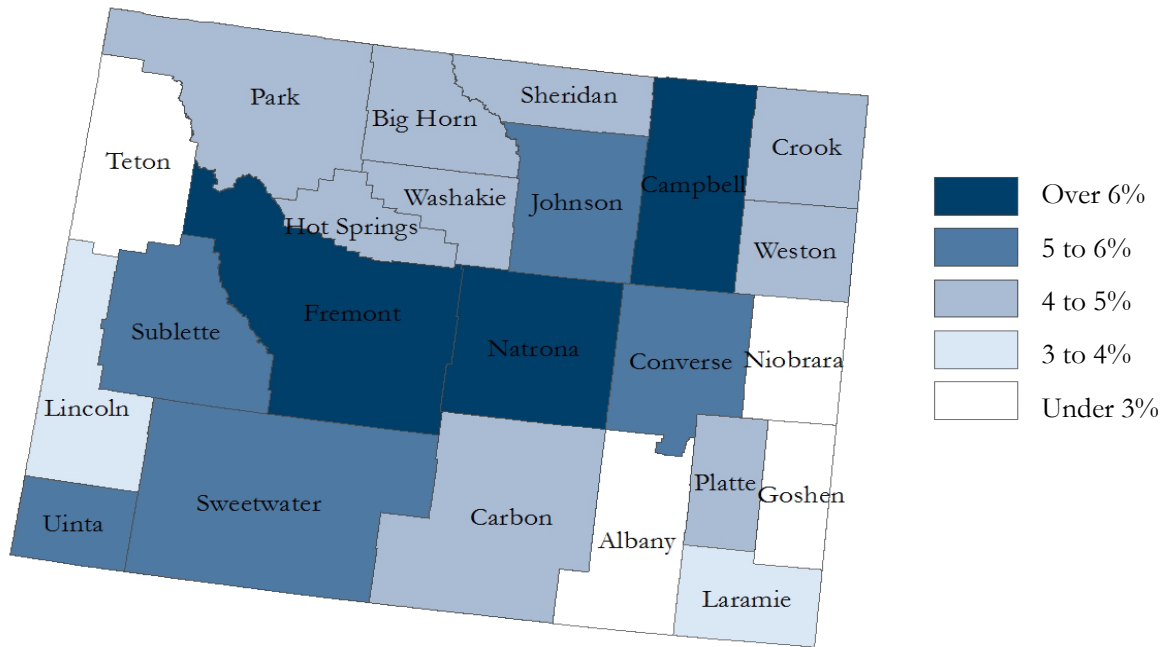
February 2017		
	United States	Wyoming
Jobs (Thousands)	145,798.0	278.4
Change from Last Year	1.6%	-2.5%



Note: Gray bars indicate recession.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics/Haver Analytics

**January 2017 Unemployment Rates & Civilian Labor Force**  
*Seasonally Adjusted*

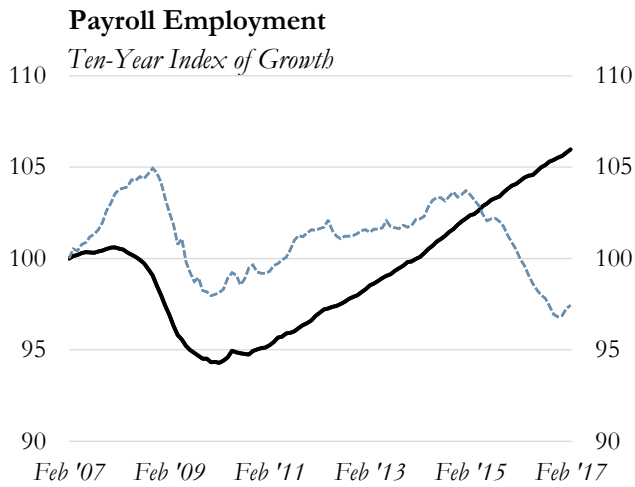


	Percent Unemployed	Labor Force (Thousands)		Percent Unemployed	Labor Force (Thousands)		
<b>United States</b>	<b>4.8%</b>	<b>159,716.0</b>	12	Crook	4.3	3.8	
<b>Wyoming</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>302.2</b>	13	Sheridan	4.2	16.5	
1	Natrona	6.9	40.2	14	Hot Springs	4.1	2.5
2	Fremont	6.3	20.2	15	Washakie	4.1	4.3
3	Campbell	6.2	24.1	16	Carbon	4.0	8.5
4	Sublette	5.4	4.4	17	Platte	4.0	4.9
5	Sweetwater	5.4	22.2	18	Laramie	3.7	50.1
6	Uinta	5.4	9.4	19	Lincoln	3.4	9.0
7	Converse	5.3	7.8	20	Albany	2.9	21.0
8	Johnson	5.1	4.3	21	Teton	2.9	15.9
9	Park	4.6	16.4	22	Goshen	2.9	7.2
10	Weston	4.6	4.0	23	Niobrara	2.8	1.4
11	Big Horn	4.3	5.7				

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics/Haver Analytics

**Payroll Employment**

*Seasonally Adjusted*

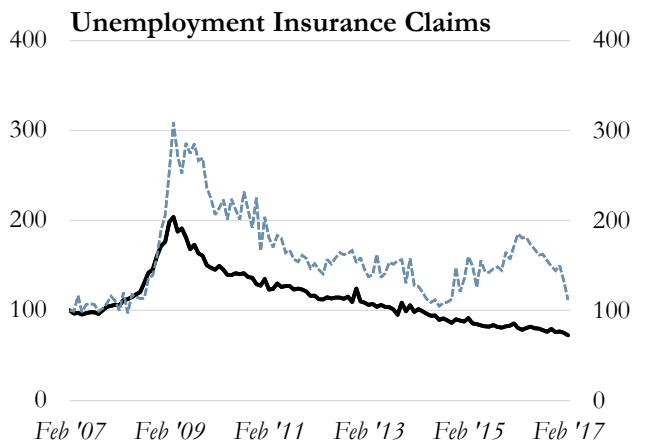
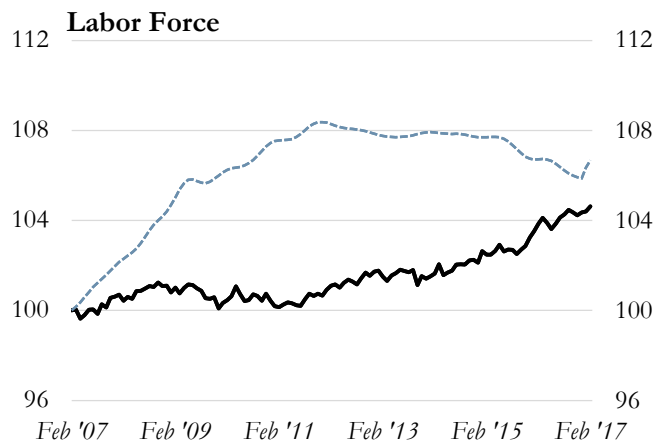
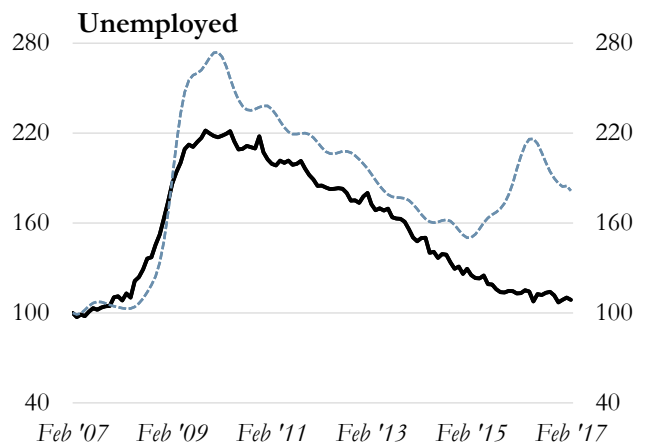
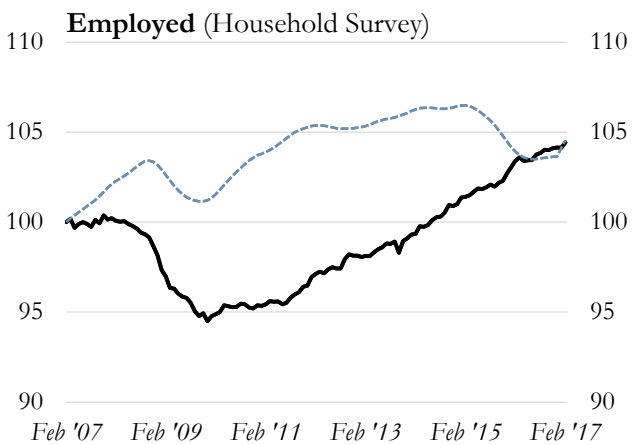


— United States  
 - - - Wyoming

February 2017		
	United States	Wyoming
Jobs (Thousands)	145,798.0	278.4
Change from Last Year (Thousands)	2,350.0	-7.2
Share of U.S. Employment		0.2%

**Labor Force Dynamics**

*Ten-Year Index of Growth, Seasonally Adjusted*

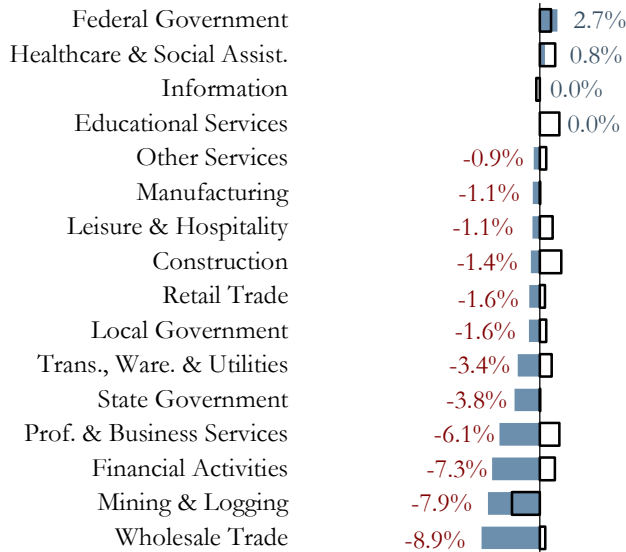


Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics & Department of Labor/Haver Analytics

### Payroll Employment by Industry

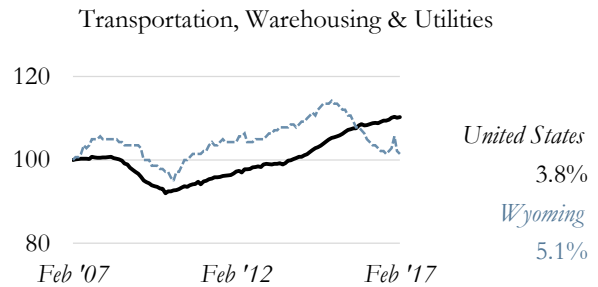
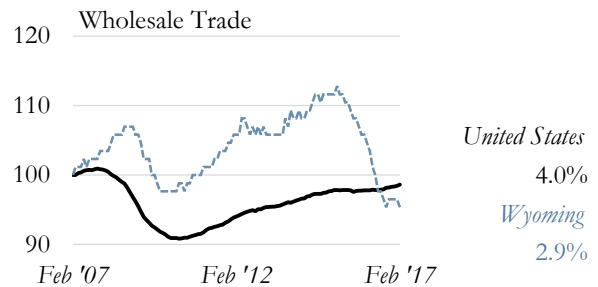
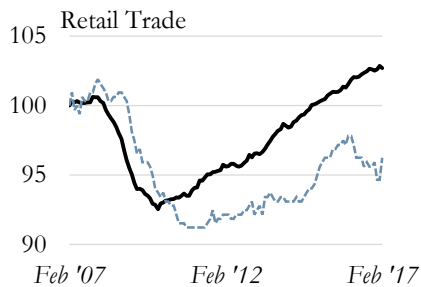
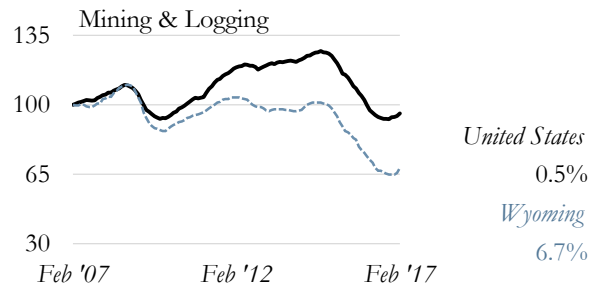
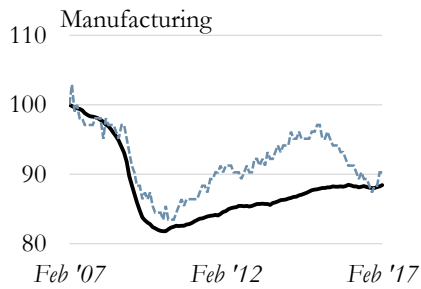
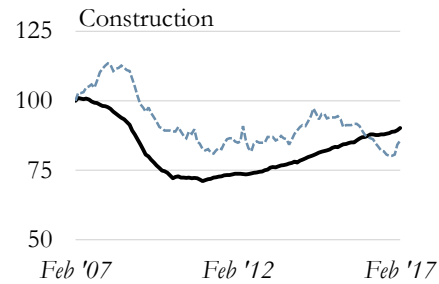
*Seasonally Adjusted*

**February 2017** *Percent Change Year-over-Year*



— United States  
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*Ten-Year Index of Growth*

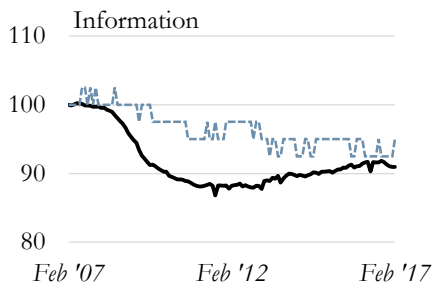


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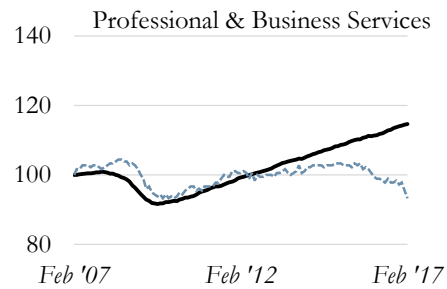
**Payroll Employment by Industry**

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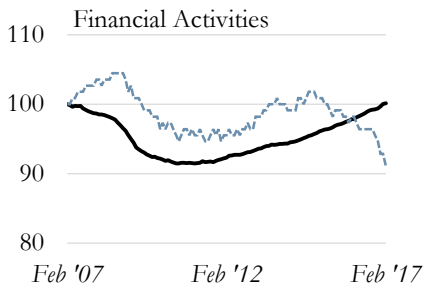
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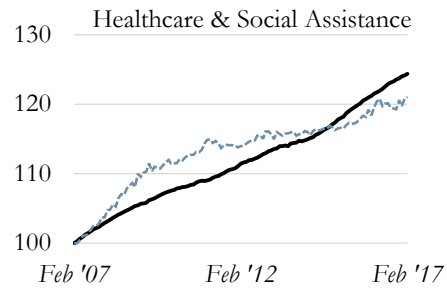
**Share of Jobs**  
 United States 1.9%  
 Wyoming 1.4%



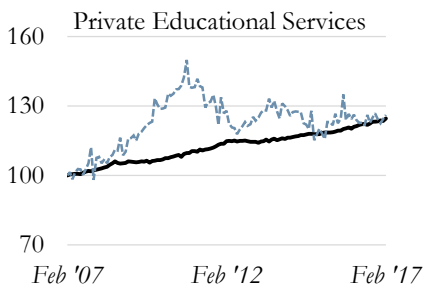
**Share of Jobs**  
 United States 14.1%  
 Wyoming 6.0%



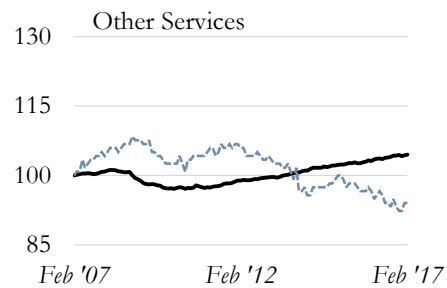
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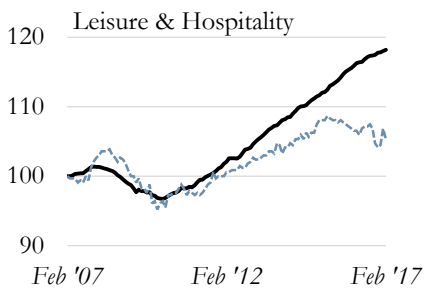
**Share of Jobs**  
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 Wyoming 9.0%



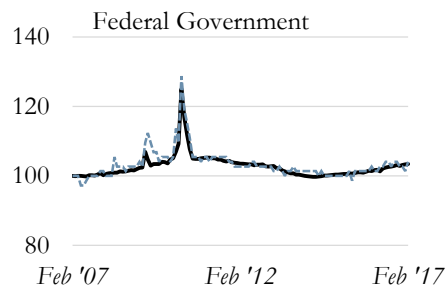
**Share of Jobs**  
 United States 2.5%  
 Wyoming 1.0%



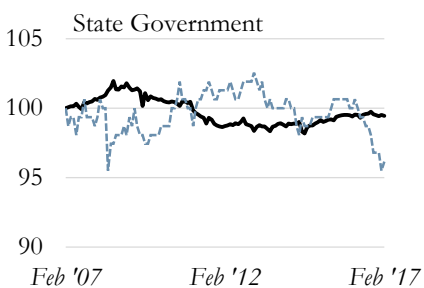
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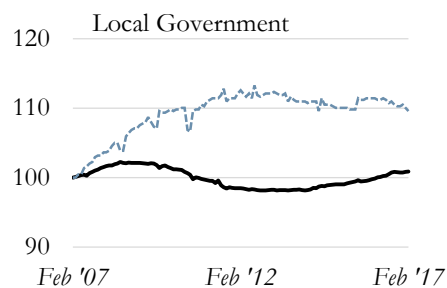
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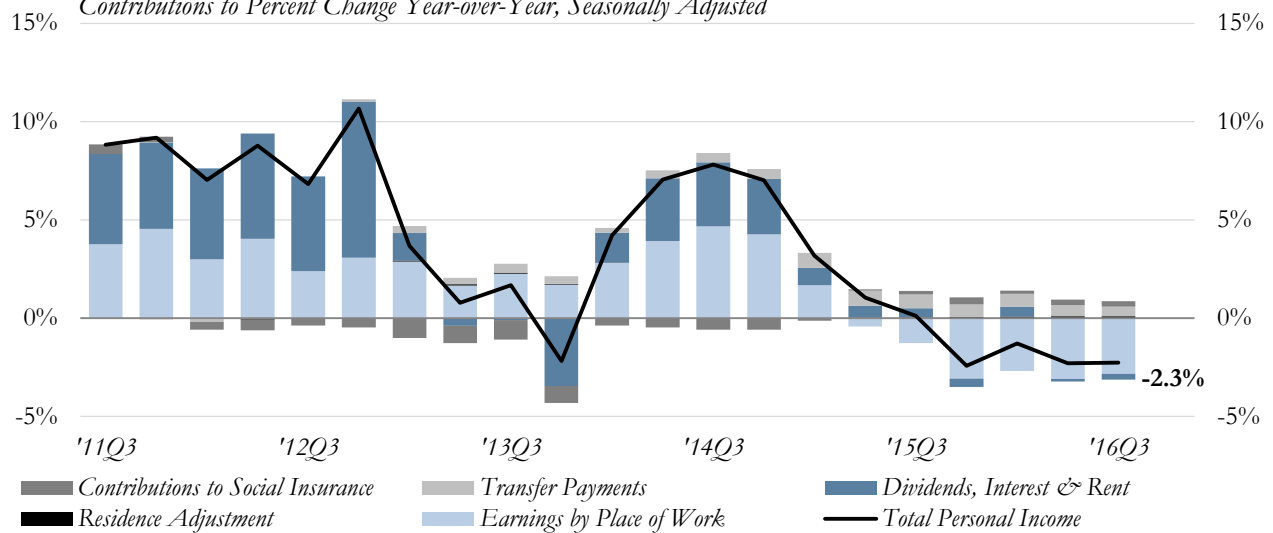


**Share of Jobs**  
 United States 9.9%  
 Wyoming 17.2%

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics/Haver Analytics

### Wyoming Nominal Personal Income Growth

*Contributions to Percent Change Year-over-Year, Seasonally Adjusted*

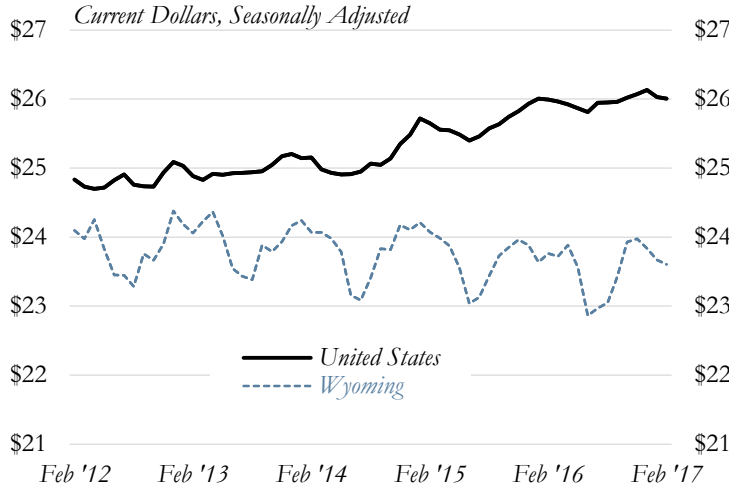


2016Q3	Percent Change Year-over-Year		Share of Personal Income	
	United States	Wyoming	United States	Wyoming
<b>Total Personal Income</b>	<b>3.6%</b>	<b>-2.3%</b>		
Earnings by Place of Work	4.3%	-4.3%	72.0%	64.8%
Social Insurance Contributions*	-4.2%	3.4%	-7.8%	-7.8%
Residence Adjustment		-16.0%		-0.5%
Dividends, Interest & Rent	1.1%	-1.0%	18.5%	30.1%
Transfer Payments	3.5%	4.0%	17.3%	13.4%

\*Subtracted from personal income.

### Real Average Hourly Wage

*Current Dollars, Seasonally Adjusted*

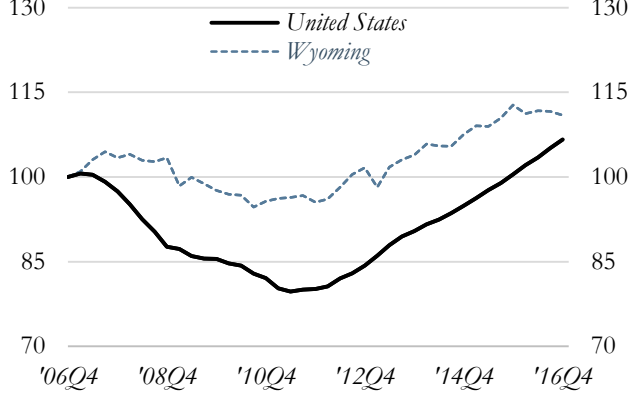


February 2017		
Average Hourly Wage	United States	Wyoming
	\$26.01	\$23.61
<i>Real Change from</i>		
Last Month	-0.1%	-0.3%
Last Year	0.1%	-0.7%

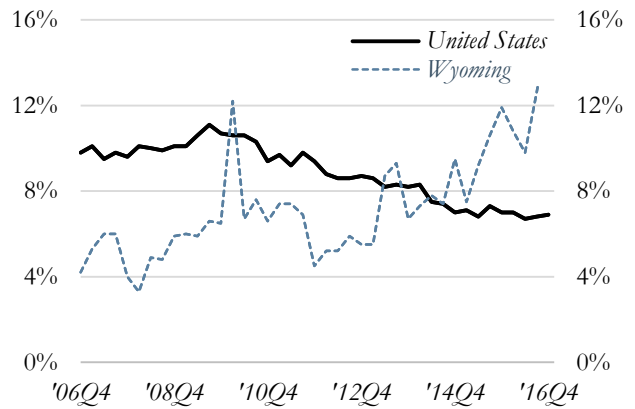
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### FHFA Purchase-Only Home Price Index

Ten-Year Index of Growth, Seasonally Adjusted

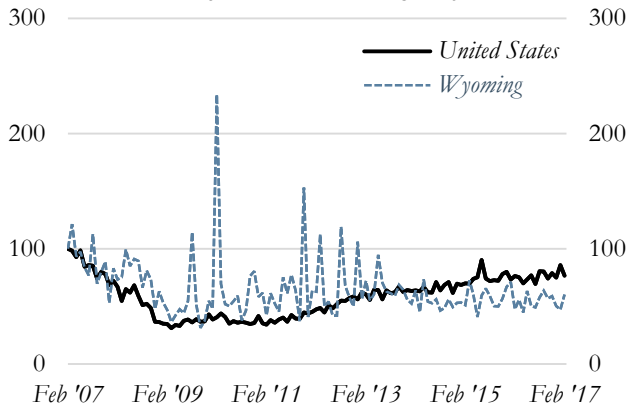


### Rental Vacancy Rates



### Housing Permits

Ten-Year Index of Growth, Seasonally Adjusted

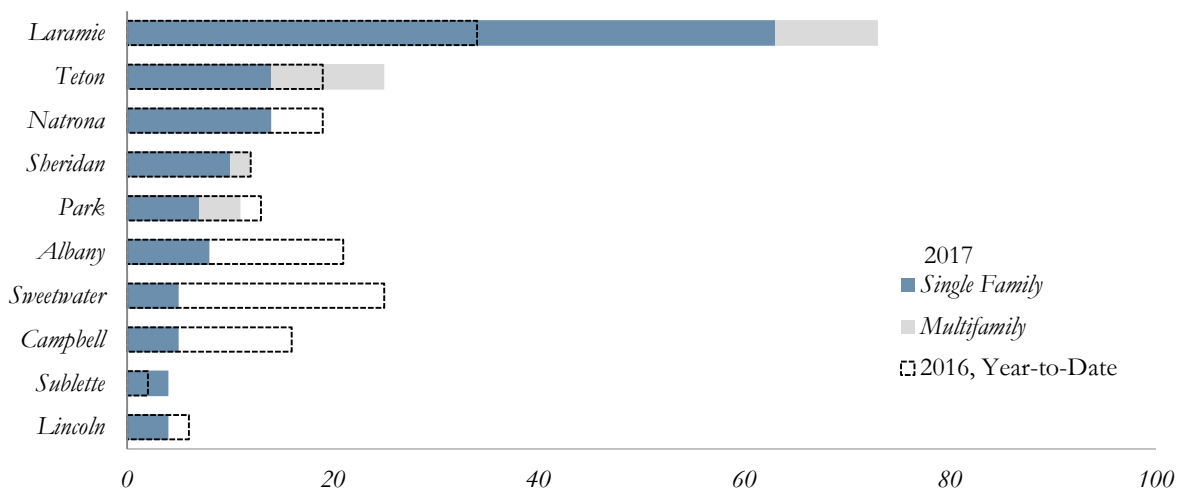


Summary Statistics		
	United States	Wyoming
Prices (2016Q4)*	6.2%	-1.6%
Vacancy Rates (2016Q4)	6.9%	15.6%
Permits (Year-to-Date)*		
Single Family	13.0%	2.7%
Multifamily	-0.8%	-10.0%

\*Percent change year-over-year.

### Top 10 Wyoming Counties for Permit Activity

Year-to-Date through February



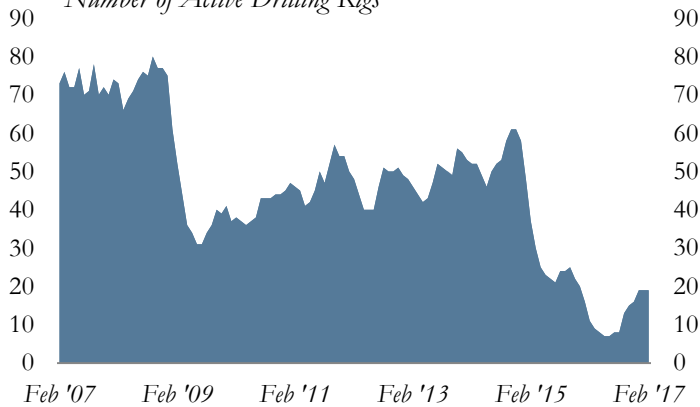
Source: Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) & Census Bureau/Haver Analytics



Wyoming Energy Activity

**Oil & Gas Rig Counts**

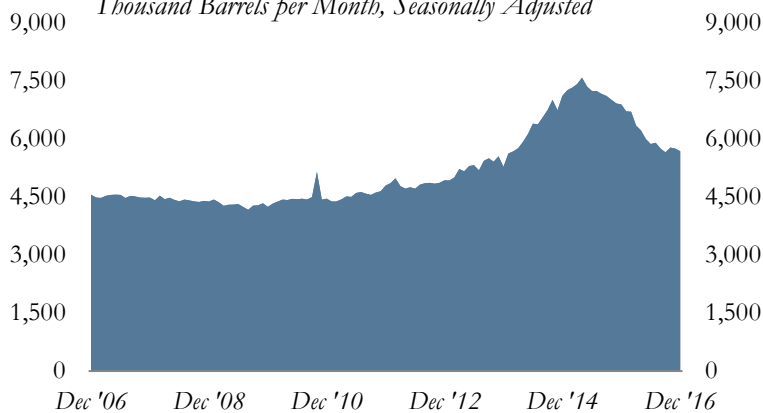
*Number of Active Drilling Rigs*



February 2017		
	United States	Wyoming
Rig Count	744	19
<i>Change from</i>		
Last Month	61	0
Last Year	212	8
Share of U.S. Activity		2.6%

**Crude Oil Production**

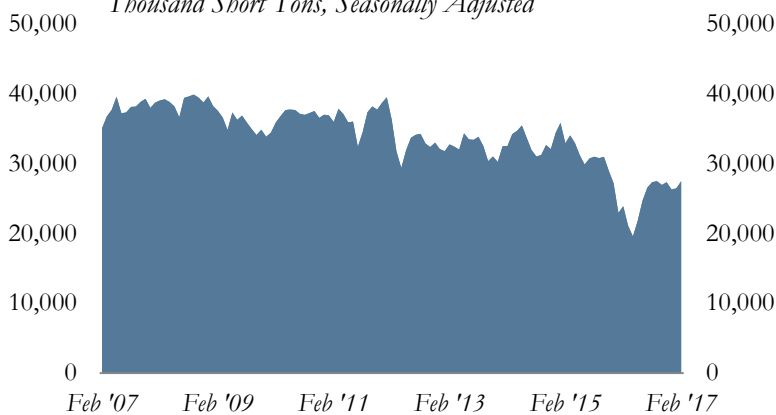
*Thousand Barrels per Month, Seasonally Adjusted*



December 2016		
	United States	Wyoming
Production	265,830	5,682
<i>Change from</i>		
Last Month	-0.9%	-1.2%
Last Year	-4.7%	-17.5%
Share of U.S. Activity		2.1%

**Coal Production**

*Thousand Short Tons, Seasonally Adjusted*

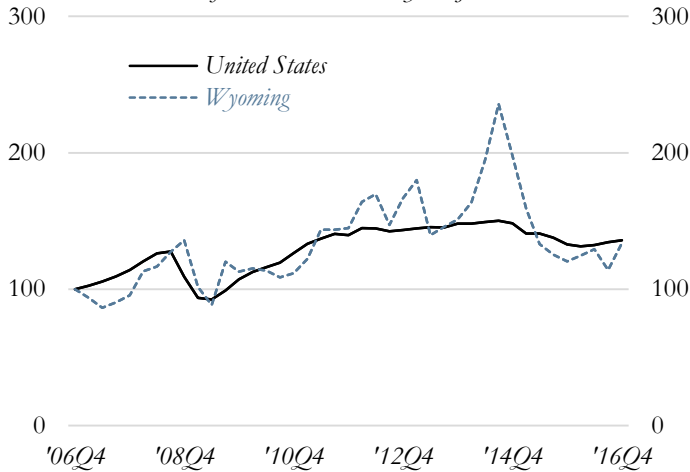


February 2017		
	United States	Wyoming
Production	71,787	27,437
<i>Change from</i>		
Last Month	5.2%	3.8%
Last Year	14.6%	15.0%
Share of U.S. Activity		38.2%

Source: Baker Hughes & Department of Energy, Energy Information Administration/Haver Analytics

**Global Exports**

*Ten-Year Index of Growth, Seasonally Adjusted*

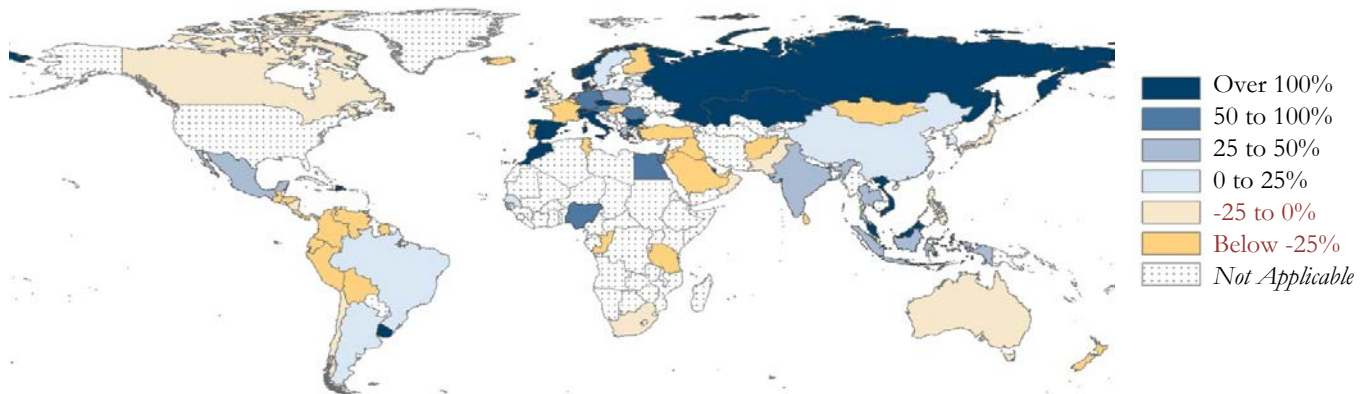


2016Q4		
	United States	Wyoming
Exports (Millions)	\$365,082.3	\$293.1
<i>Change from</i>		
Last Quarter	1.1%	17.3%
Last Year (year-to-date)	-3.3%	-6.7%
Share of U.S. Activity		0.1%

2015		
	United States	Wyoming
Exports as a Percent of GDP	8.3%	2.9%

**Wyoming Exports Year-to-Date through 2016Q4**

*Percent Change Year-over-Year*



Top Markets		Share
1	Brazil	17.2%
2	Canada	16.9
3	Indonesia	7.2
4	China*	5.2
5	Japan	4.8
6	United Kingdom	4.5
7	Chile	3.5
8	Mexico	3.5
9	South Korea	3.4
10	Australia	3.0

Top Exports		Share
1	Chemicals & Rare Earth Metals	79.5%
2	Machinery (Except Electrical)	5.0
3	Minerals & Ores	3.6
4	Electronic Equip. & Appliances	2.2
5	Nonmetallic Mineral Products	1.6
6	Oil & Gas	1.6
7	Petroleum & Coal Products	1.6
8	Fabricated Metal Products	1.5
9	Computers & Electronics	1.0
10	Transportation Equip.	0.7

\*China includes Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Macao.

Source: Census Bureau, WISERTrade & Bureau of Economic Analysis/Haver Analytics

*Pages 2 and 3:* County unemployment rates typically lag state data releases by one month. Gray bars show recessionary periods as designated by the National Bureau of Economic Research. The "official" and most commonly reported unemployment rate is calculated as the number of unemployed workers divided by the total civilian labor force. These data are reported from the Bureau of Labor Statistics Current Population Survey, or commonly called the "Household" survey.

*Page 2 and 4:* Nonfarm employment data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics Current Employment Survey are commonly called "Payroll" employment data. Estimates from this survey are revised throughout the year and a major revision or "benchmark" of the data occurs in March of each year. "Payroll" and "Household" surveys are released monthly, providing the most current estimates of employment published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Because methodologies differ between surveys, employment estimates also differ. For more information, visit:

[http://www.bls.gov/web/empsit/ces\\_cps\\_trends.pdf](http://www.bls.gov/web/empsit/ces_cps_trends.pdf)

Initial claims show monthly applications for initial claims for state unemployment insurance benefits.

*Pages 5 and 6:* Payroll employment by industry is shown for each of the major two-digit North American Industrial Classification System industries.

*Page 7:* Personal income provides a measure of all income received by residents of a given geographic area. Data shown are in nominal terms (not adjusted for inflation). Transfer payments include social benefits such as unemployment insurance, Social Security, and Medicaid. Contributions to social insurance are subtracted from personal income. These contributions include taxes paid by businesses and employees that support social insurance programs such as unemployment insurance, Social Security, and Medicaid. The residence adjustment adds income received outside of a recipient's state of residence and makes a corresponding subtraction from the area where this income was earned or received. Real average hourly wages are calculated as total earnings divided by total employment for a given geographic area. Data are adjusted for inflation using the consumer price index for all urban areas (CPI-U) and are indexed to the most current month of data.

*Page 8:* Home price indices estimate regional growth in home values based on repeat sales data for detached single family residential properties. Monthly single and multifamily housing permits data are not revised and therefore may not sum to published year-end totals.

*Page 9:* The active rig count is the number of rigs actively exploring for or developing oil or natural gas. Rig counts provide an indicator of new drilling activity and potential for expanded crude oil or natural gas production. Coal production is shown as production during a given month.

*Page 10:* Exports measure the total physical movement of a given product from the United States to a foreign country.

**Data Revisions**

Most data are revised periodically to correct for errors and incorporate additional information as it becomes available. Data shown in this report are subject to change.

**Seasonal Adjustments**

Most data are seasonally adjusted to remove variance caused by seasonal fluctuations in economic activity. Data in this report show the seasonal adjustments of data publishers where available. In other cases, Census X-12 adjustments were applied.

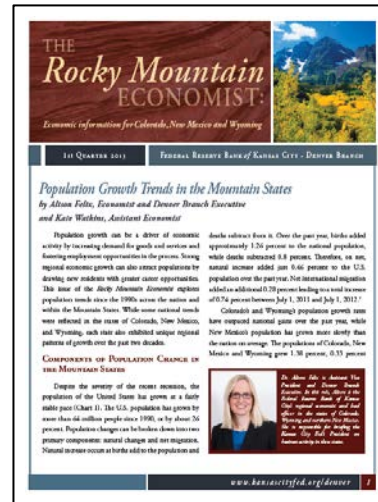
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