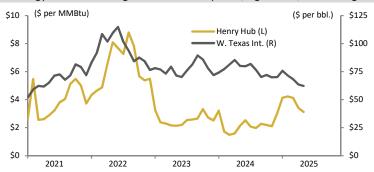
# Wyoming Insight

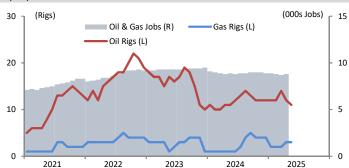
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# ▶ Energy index: natural gas and crude oil prices, rig counts, and oil & gas employment. ¹,3,8,11



▶ The West Texas Intermediate crude oil price averaged \$62.17 in May, 2.2% less than the previous month. The Henry Hub natural gas price averaged \$3.12 per MMBtu in May, \$0.29 less than a month ago, but \$0.99 more than May 2024.



▶ Oil & gas jobs numbered 8,800 in April, the same as the total a year ago. Average active oil rigs were 11 in May while the conventional gas rig count was 3. Note: Oil & gas jobs include both the NAICS 211 (oil and gas extraction) and NAICS 213 (support activities for mining) subsectors.

NATURAL GAS	[ \$/MMBtu ]		
Historical Spot Prices <sup>1</sup>	May 2024	4 Apr 2025	May 2025
Opal Hub	\$1.34	\$1.98	\$2.22
Cheyenne Hub	\$1.33	\$1.98	\$2.21
Henry Hub	\$2.13	\$3.41	\$3.12
Futures <sup>2</sup> (As of 5.31.25)	Jul 2025	Aug 2025	Jul 2026
NYMEX - Henry Hub	\$3.45	\$3.52	\$4.14
January 2025 CREG <sup>5</sup>	CY 2025	CY 2026	CY 2027
CREG - All Gas (\$ per Mcf)	Gas (\$ per Mcf) \$3.60 \$3.70	\$3.70	\$3.70
RIGS & APDs*3	Mar 2025/20	024 Apr 2025/2024	May 2025/2024
Oil Rigs	14/10	12/11	11/11
Conventional Gas Rigs	2/1	3/1	3/1
Oil APDs	346/247	337/305	284/232
Conventional Gas APDs	25/8	26/8	9/31
WY APDs			
1,371	1,571		
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		63	93
YTD May 2024 YTI	D May 2025	YTD May 2024	YTD May 2025
Oil APDs		Gas AP	Ds

*Active conventional	drilling rigs and	applications f	or permits to	drill (APDs).

4Q-2023

2Q-2024

CRUDE OIL & FUEL		[ \$/bbl. ]	
Historical Spot Prices	May 2024	Apr 2025	May 2025
WY Sour <sup>13</sup>	\$59.75	\$44.32	\$45.41
WY Sweet <sup>13</sup>	\$68.24	\$51.68	\$50.54
W.Texas Int.11	\$80.12	\$63.54	\$62.17
Futures <sup>2</sup> (As of 5.31.25)	Jul 2025	Aug 2025	Jul 2026
NYMEX - WTI	\$60.79	\$59.79	\$58.23
January 2025 CREG <sup>5</sup>	CY 2025	CY 2026	CY 2027
CREG - All Oil	\$65.00	\$70.00	\$70.00
		[\$/gallon]	
WY Fuel Prices 14	May 2024	Apr 2025	May 2025
Gasoline	\$3.32	\$3.12	\$3.11
Diesel	\$3.72	\$3.42	\$3.41
COAL - PRB*		[ \$/ton ]	
Historical Spot Prices 11	May 2024	Apr 2025	May 2025
PRB* 8800 Btu	\$13.68	\$14.30	\$14.30
January 2025 CREG <sup>5</sup>	CY 2025	CY 2026	CY 2027
CREG Surface Coal	\$14.25	\$14.25	\$13.75
WY Coal Production 11	Feb 25/24	Mar 25/24	Apr 25/24
Millions of Tons	13.2/16.1	16.0/15.3	14.6/12.0

#### ▶ Business indicators: cost of living, unemployment rates, per capita and quarterly personal income, and ag price index.

4Q-2024

Wyoming <sup>b</sup>	3.8%	3.9%	4.6%			
U.S. CPI <sup>8</sup>	3.4%	3.0%	2.9%			
Cost of living measured as the percent change from the preceding year.						
JOBLESS RATES <sup>8</sup>	Apr 2024	Mar 2025	Apr 2025			
Wyoming - Seasonally Adj.	3.0%	3.4%	3.3%			
U.S Seasonally Adj.	3.9%	4.2%	4.2%			
NON FARM LORG <sup>8</sup>	A == 2024	Mar 2025	A == 202F			
NON-FARM JOBS <sup>8</sup>	Apr 2024	Mar 2025	Apr 2025			
Wyoming - Seasonally Adj.	293,200	296,700	297,100			

QUARTERLY PI <sup>9</sup>	2Q-2024	3Q-2024	4Q-2024
Wyoming	5.2%	4.2%	4.7%
Rocky Mountain Region	4.9%	0.9%	4.5%
U.S.	3.8%	2.3%	4.6%

Personal income measured as the annualized percent change from the preceding quarter.

AG PRICE INDEX <sup>12</sup>	Feb 2025/2024	Mar 2025/2024	Apr 2025/2024	
U.S Ag. Production	147.4/120.3	142.9/122.1	137.7/122.5	
U.S Crop Production	96.9/101.3	96.1/100.2	100.8/101.9	
U.S Livestock Production	193.8/140.8	182.7/144.1	168.1/142.2	
Prices received indexes: 2011	base.			

#### ▶ Energy benchmarks: for fiscal and calendar years to date.

SPOT PRICES [ As of May	31, 2025 ]	FY 2025 TD	CY 2025 TD
Opal Hub (\$/MMBtu)		\$2.43	\$2.82
Henry Hub (\$/MMBtu)		\$2.97	\$3.81
W. Texas Int. (\$/bbl.)		\$71.09	\$68.24
Powder River Coal (\$/ton)		\$14.13	\$14.24
Uranium (\$/lb.)4		\$73.89	\$67.56

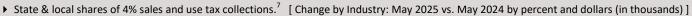
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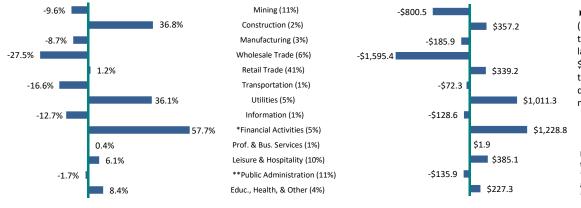


**COST OF LIVING** 

#### ▶ State & local shares of 4% sales and use tax collections. [Change by County: May 2025 vs. May 2024 by percent and dollars (in thousands)]







▶ In a year-over-year comparison (May 2025 vs. May 2024) by industry, the financial activities sector saw the largest increase year-over-year, up \$1.2 million (+57.7%). The wholesale trade sector experienced the largest decrease in collections, down \$1.6 million (-27.5%).

Note: Value in parentheses represents share of total collections.

#### Nonfarm wage and salary employment. [Change by Industry Sector: April 2025 vs. April 2024 by percent and jobs, seasonally adjusted]

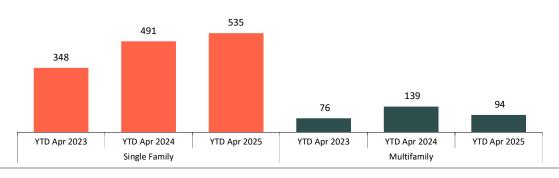


➤ Wyoming had 297,100 jobs in April, 3,900 more than April 2024, an increase of 1.3%. Construction added the most jobs in April (+1,400), while federal government lost the most jobs (-300).

Note: Value in parentheses represents share of total jobs.

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\*Includes public education and hospitals.

## ▶ Residential building permits. 10 [Comparisons: Single family and multifamily units]



➤ Single family housing units permitted through April 2025 increased by 44 (+9.0%) compared to 2024. The number of multifamily units decreased by 45 (-32.4%) during the same period compared to 2024.



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<sup>\*</sup>Taxes are mostly from automotive, machinery, and equipment leasing and rental.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Reflects taxes from automobile purchases.