

Local Outlook: Richland County

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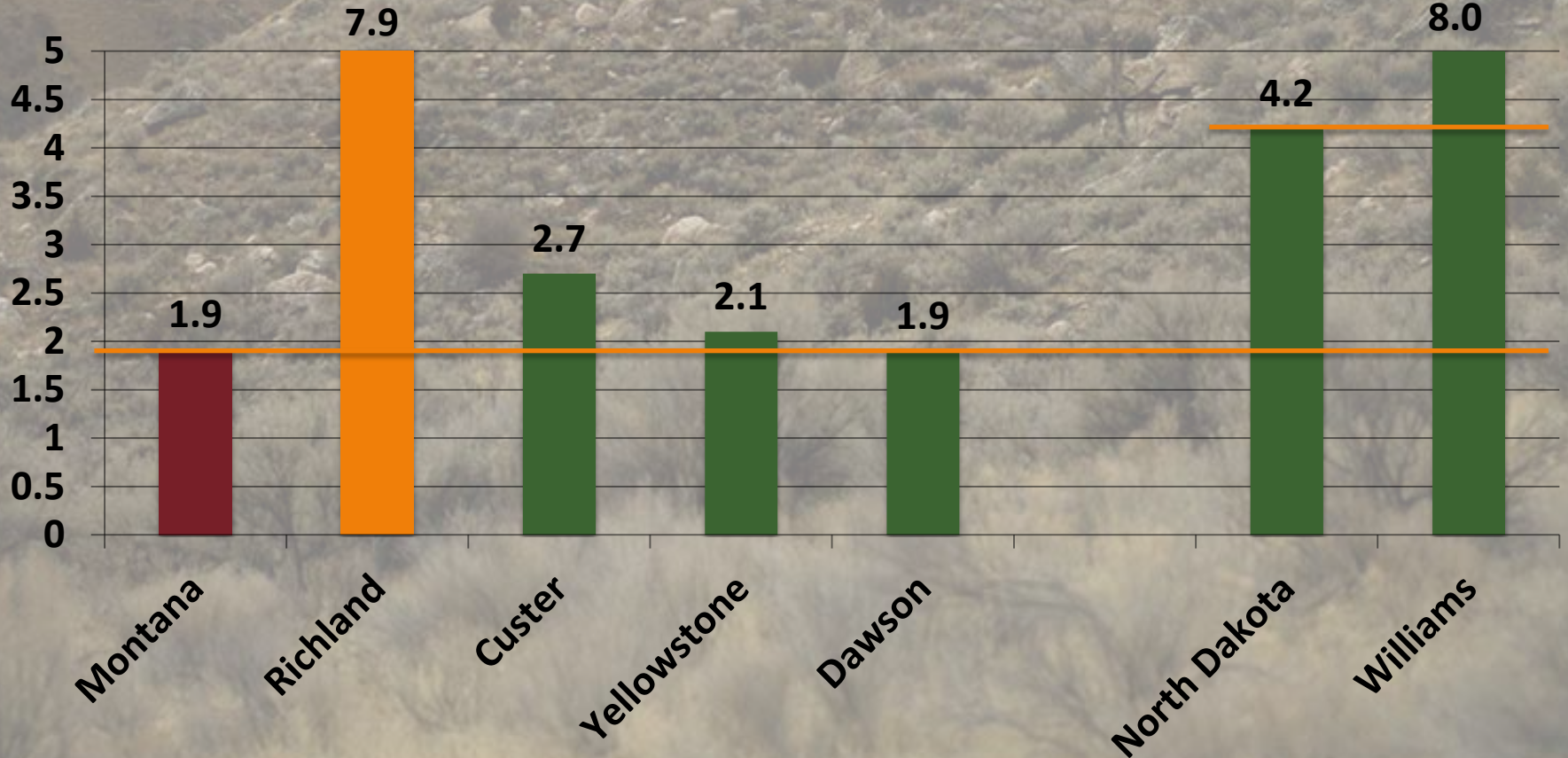
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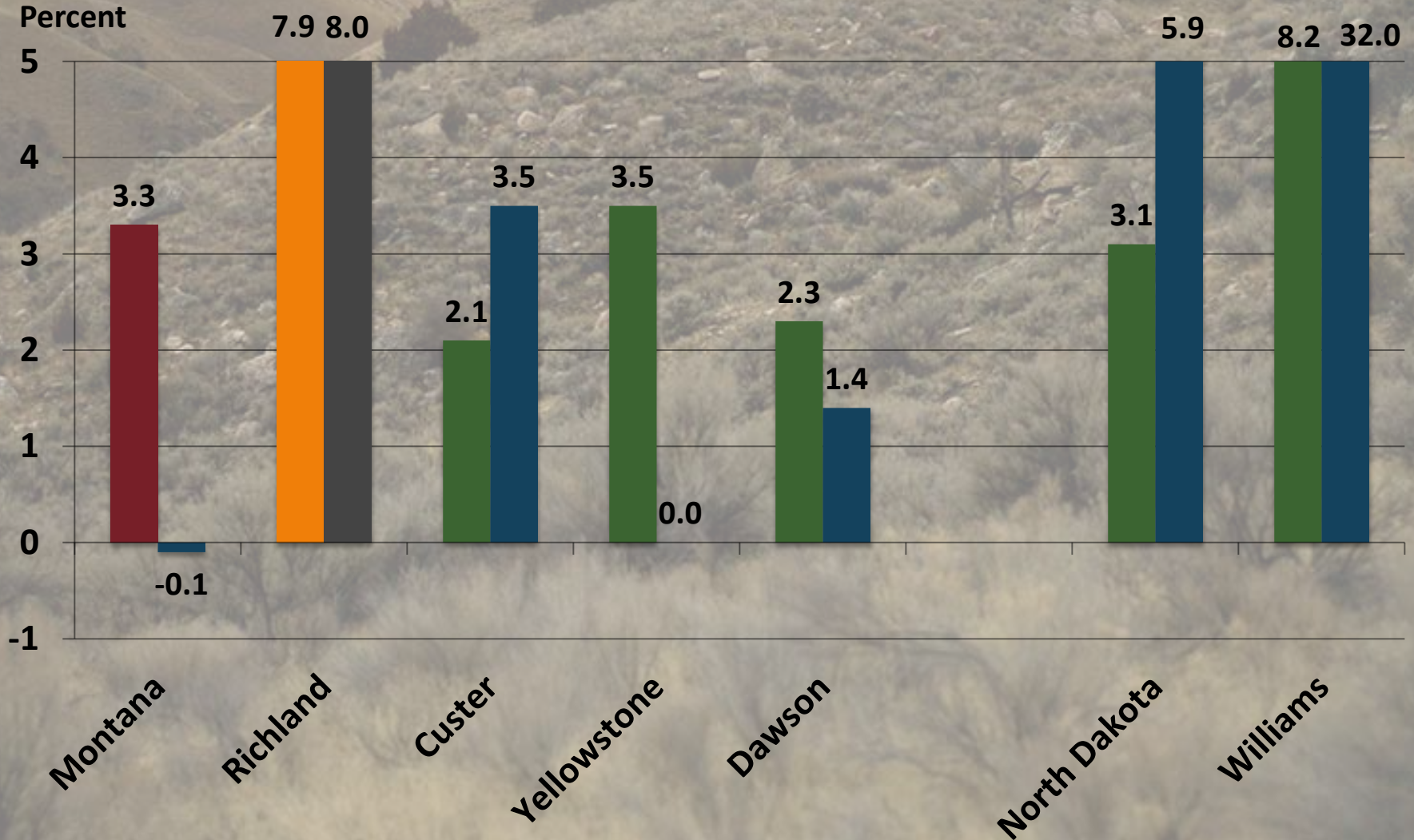
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Annual Percent Change in Nonfarm Earnings (in Constant Dollars), 2001-2011

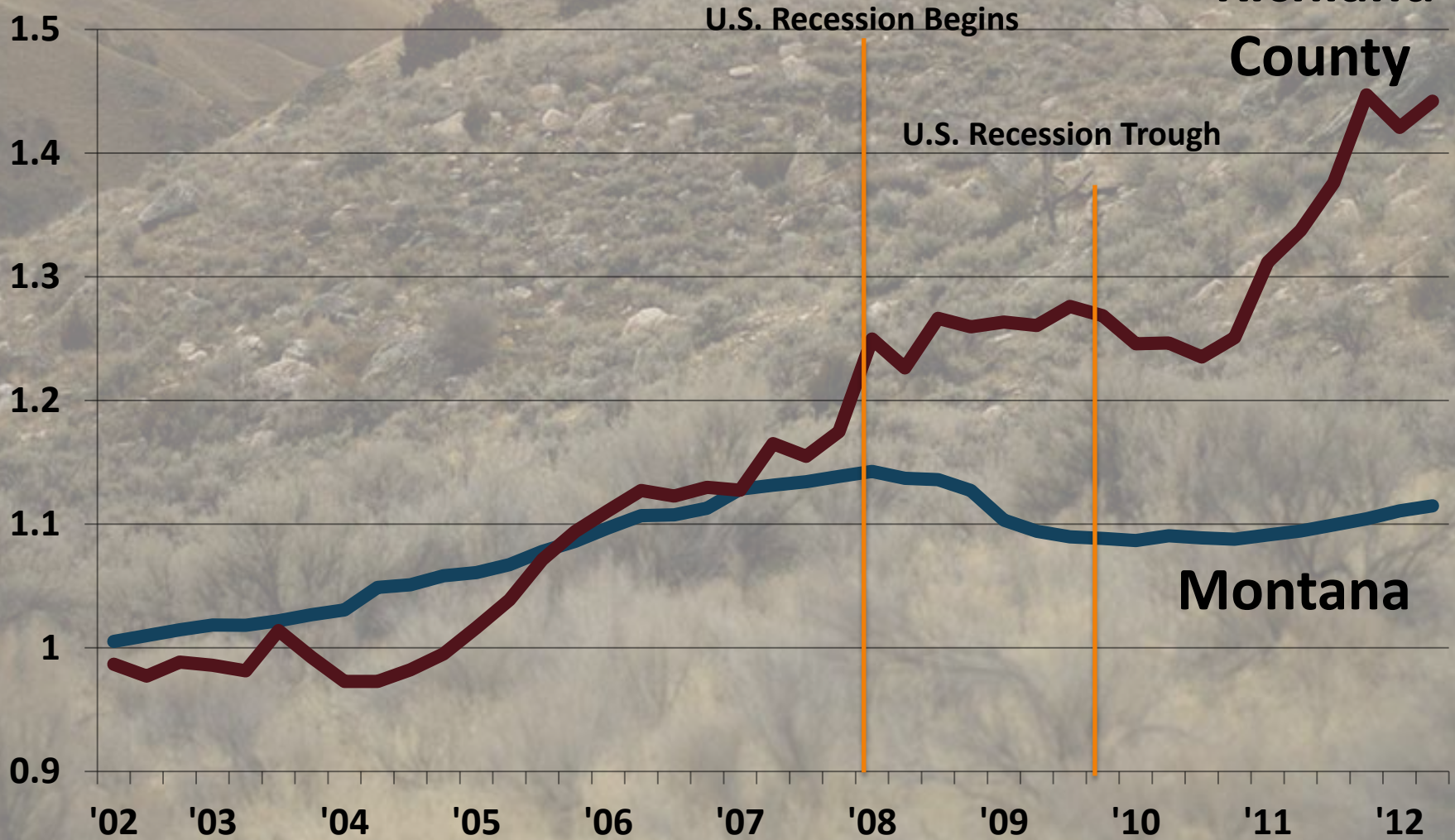
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Annual Percent Change in Nonfarm Earnings (in Constant Dollars), 2001-07 and 2007-11



Nonfarm Employment, Richland County and Montana, Seasonally Adjusted, 2002-2012



**Richland
County**

Montana

U.S. Recession Begins

U.S. Recession Trough

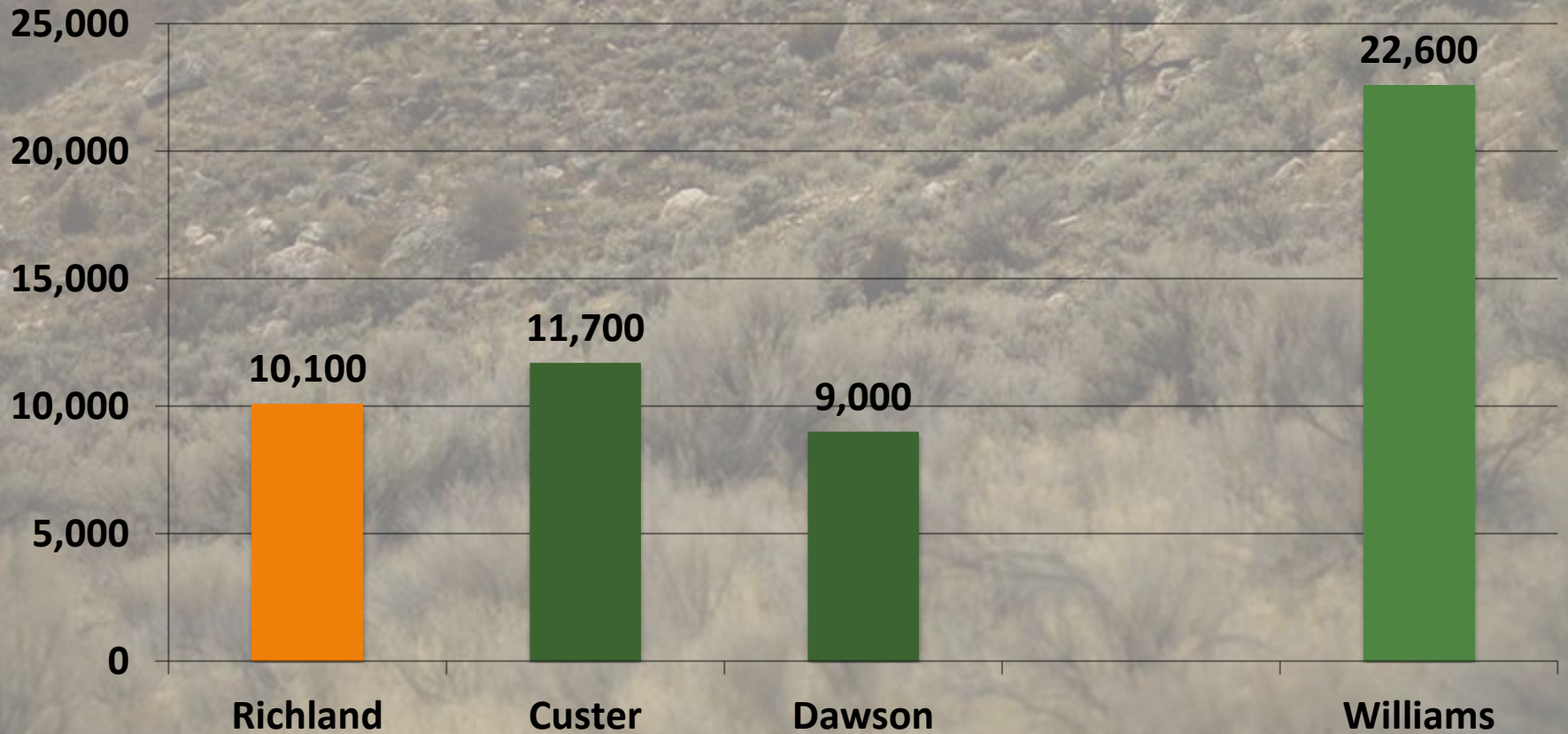


Montana's Regional Health Care Industries

Definition of Health Care

NAICS Code	
62	Health Care
621	Ambulatory Health Care Services
622	Hospitals
623	Nursing and Residential Care Facilities

2010 Population

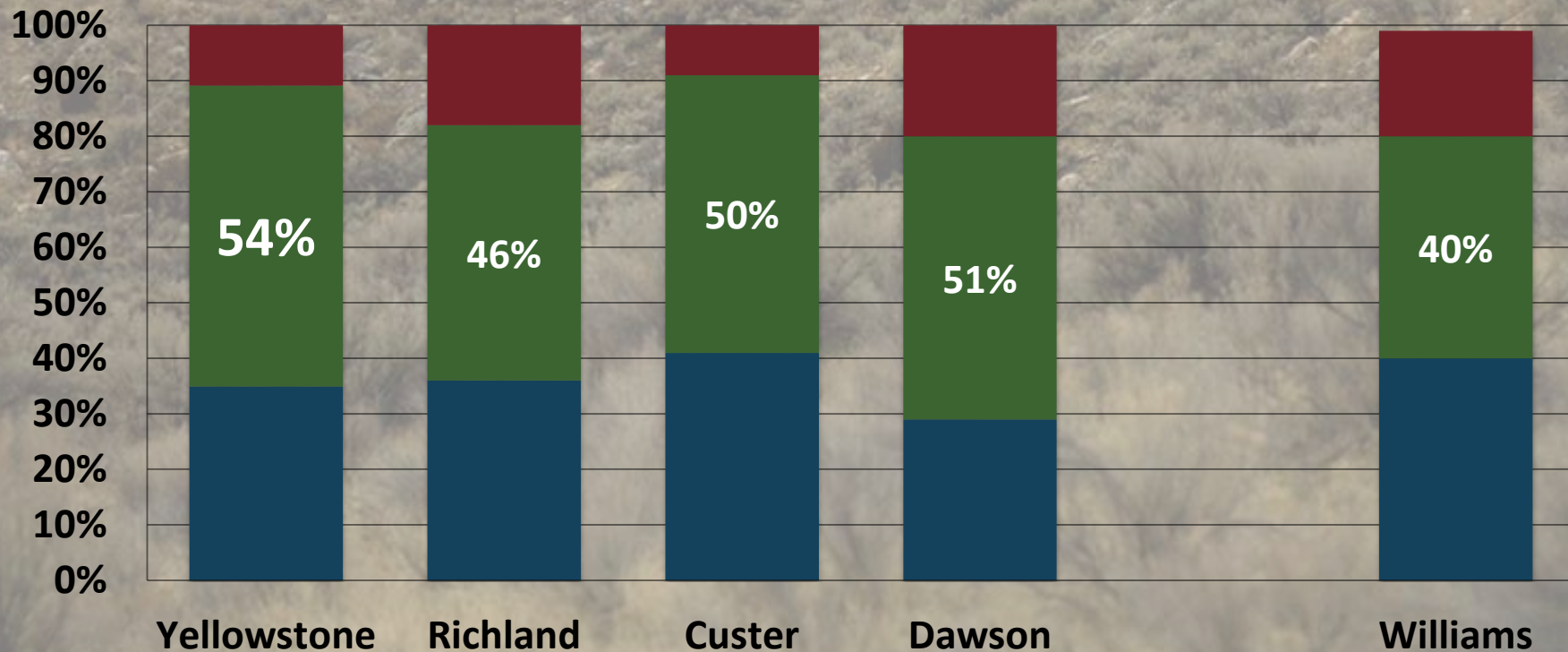


Health Care Earnings (millions of 2011 dollars)



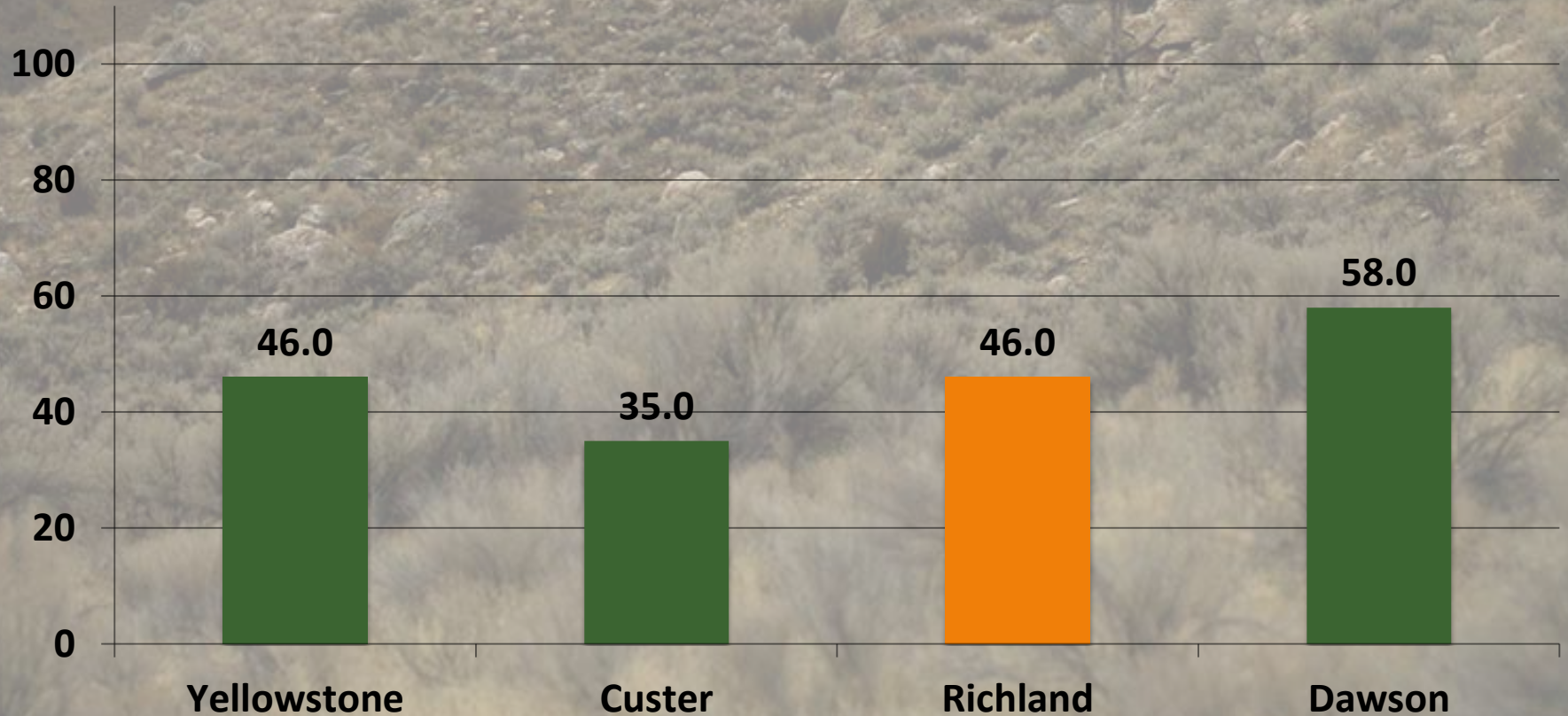
Composition of Health Care Industry

- Nursing and Residential Care Facilities
- Hospitals
- Ambulatory Health Care Services



NAICS 62, Health Care Industry Growth 2001-2011, Percent Change, Constant Dollars

Percent

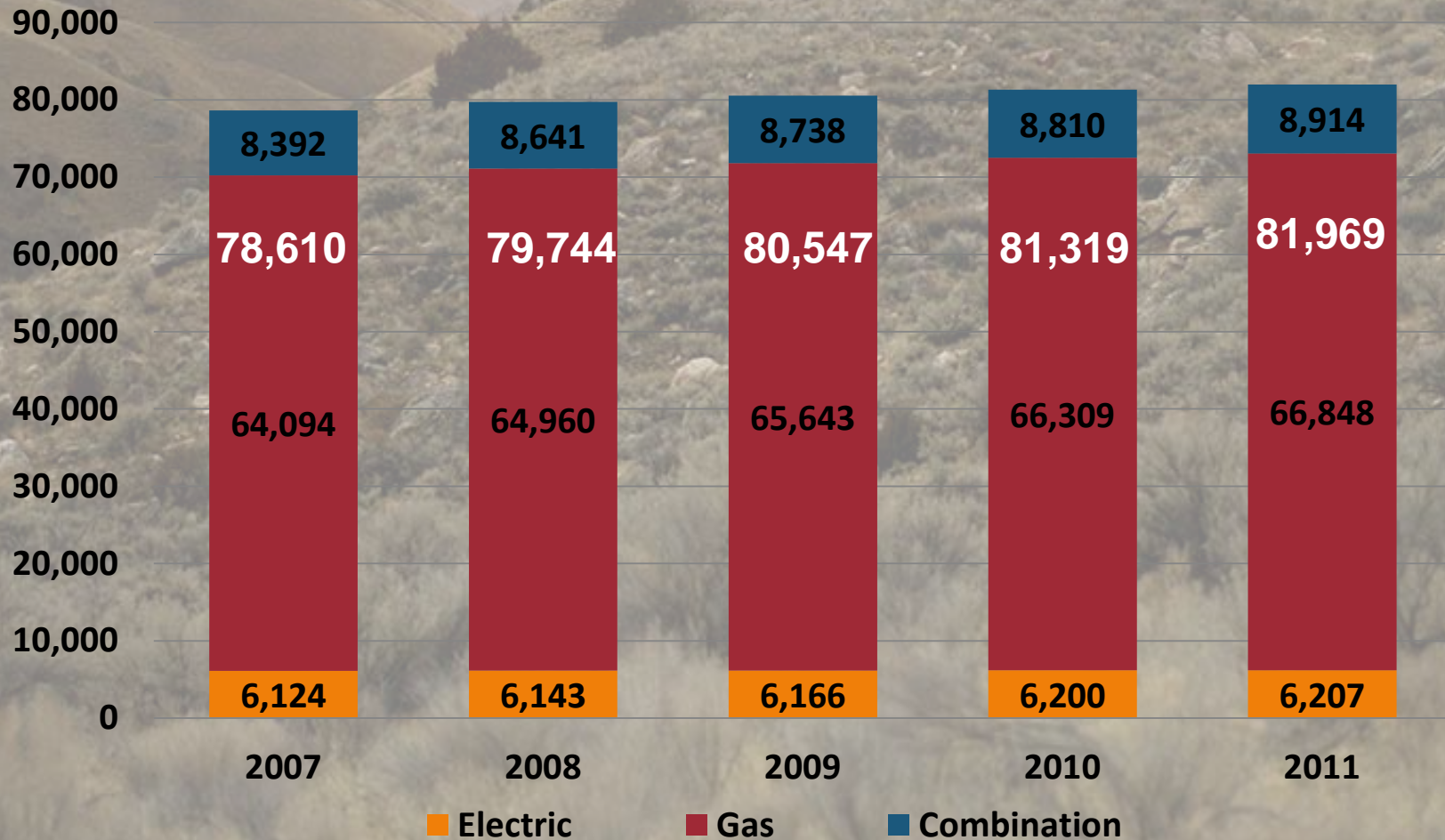


Montana, Dakota Utilities Rocky Mountain Region

- MDU provides service to 81,969 customers in our service territory
- Our service territory is Montana and Wyoming
 - Montana is all gas service
 - Wyoming is electric, gas and combination gas and electric



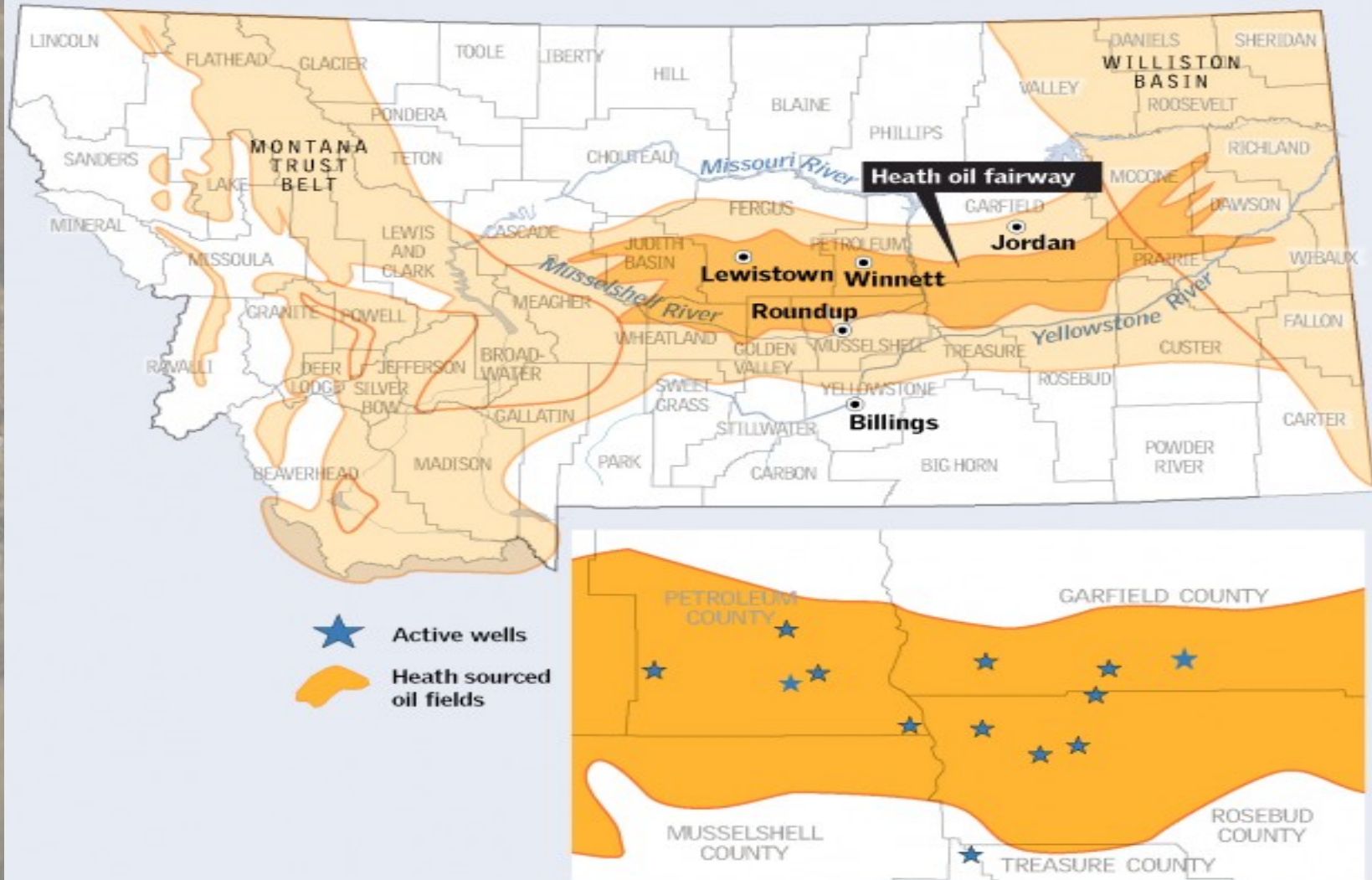
Rocky Mountain Region Customer Counts



Average growth at about 1% per year

Health Shale Play

Horizontal drilling in Montana



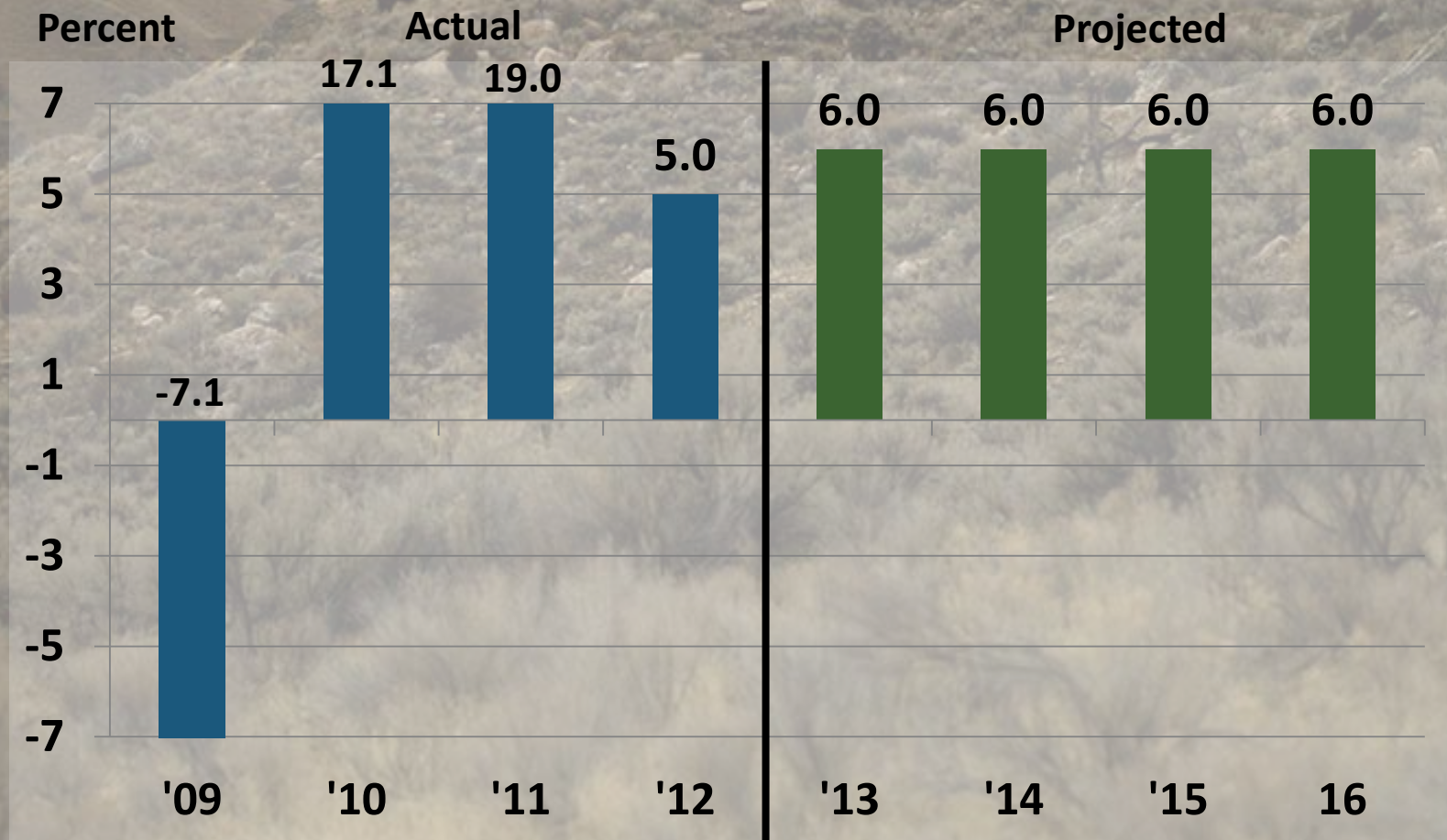
Key Points of the Play

- **The shale formation is 250 miles wide East to West and 150 miles North to South**
- **The formation varies 10 to 40 feet in thickness**
- **350 wells have been sunk into the shale play in the last 80 years**
- **The play is currently being evaluated with state of the art drilling technology to see if its economically viable.**

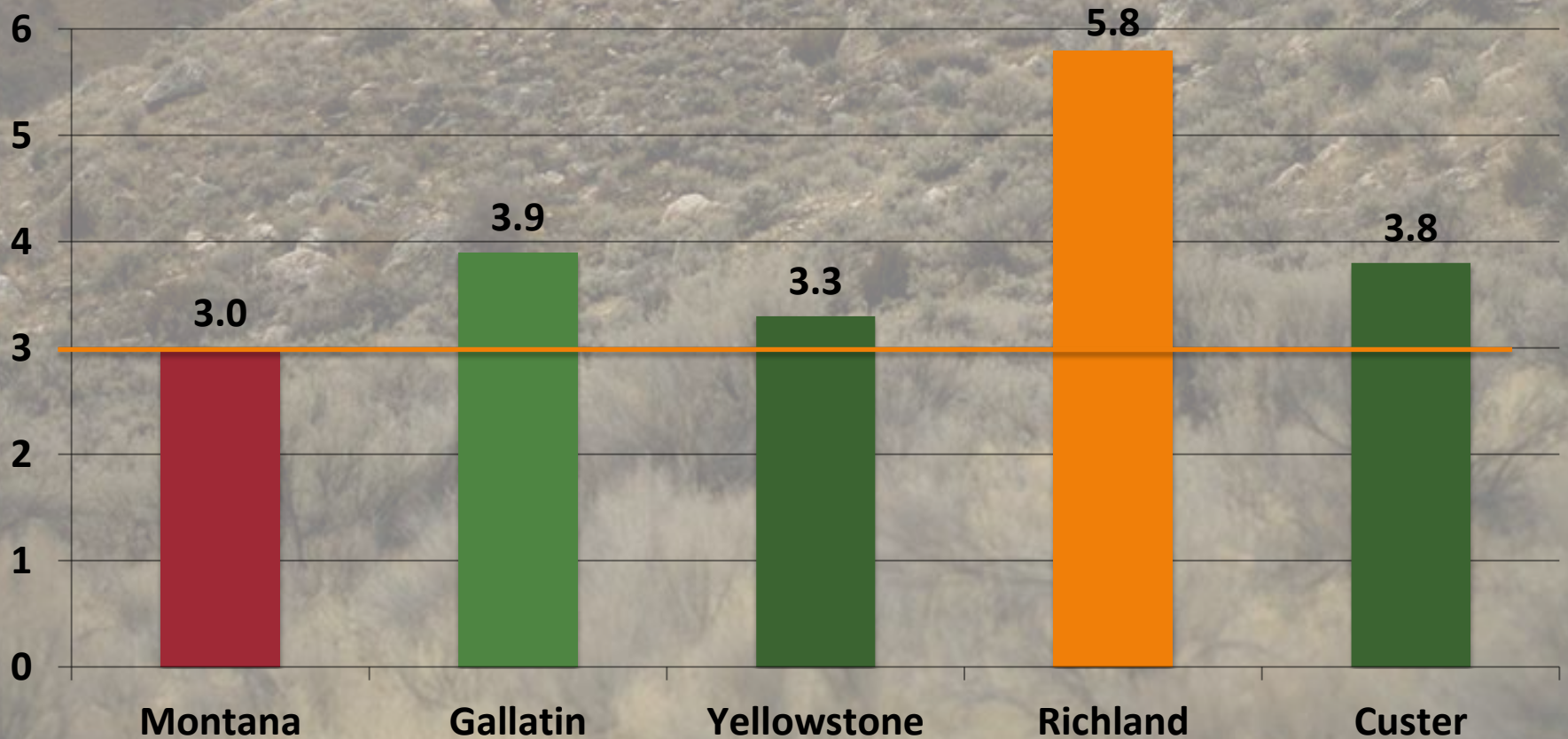
Richland County's Economic Base 2011-2013

• Other	9%	
• Federal Government	6%	Stable at Best
• Manufacturing	9%	Prospects Good
• Transportation	22%	Energy Growth
• Ag. And Related	24%	Prospects Good
• Oil	30%	???
Construction		Growth Expected

Actual and Projected Change in Nonfarm Earnings, Richland County, 2009-2016



Projected Annual Percent Change in Nonfarm Labor Income (in Constant Dollars) 2012-2016



A landscape photograph showing a mountain range. In the foreground, there are rolling green hills covered in low-lying vegetation and scattered rocks. In the background, more mountain peaks are visible, some with patches of snow. The sky is a pale, overcast grey. The word "Questions?" is written in a large, white, sans-serif font in the center of the image.

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