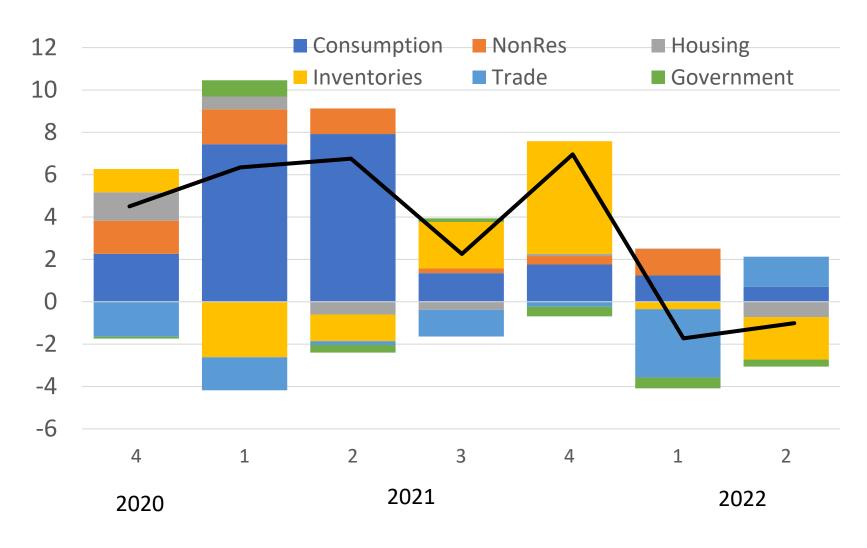
The Economic Outlook for the U.S. and Montana

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The Ice is Getting Thinner For Maintaining US Growth

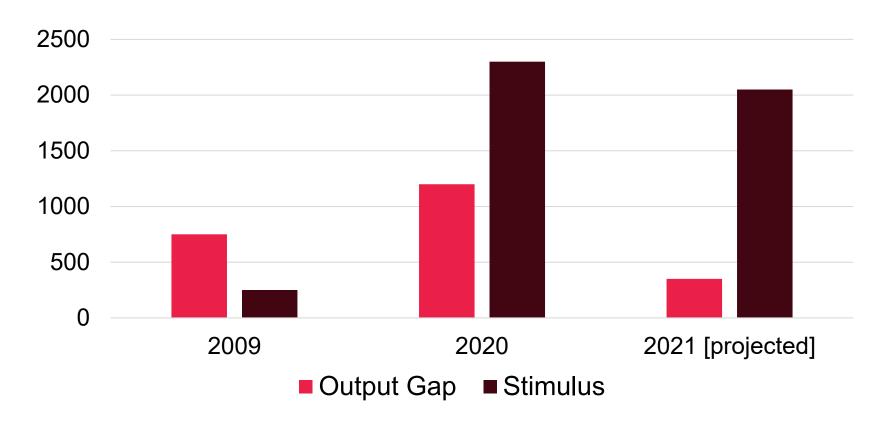
- Challenges are stacking up for the U.S. economy
- Current growth stall is not a recession, but it could turn into one
- The Federal Reserve will need to act boldly to head off an entrenched inflationary surge, can it really do it?
- The view out the rear view mirror looks great, its what is ahead that is troubling

Consumer Spending is the Only Constant in U.S. Growth Contribution to Growth in Real Gross Domestic Product, Percent



Realized Output Gap vs. Fiscal Stimulus

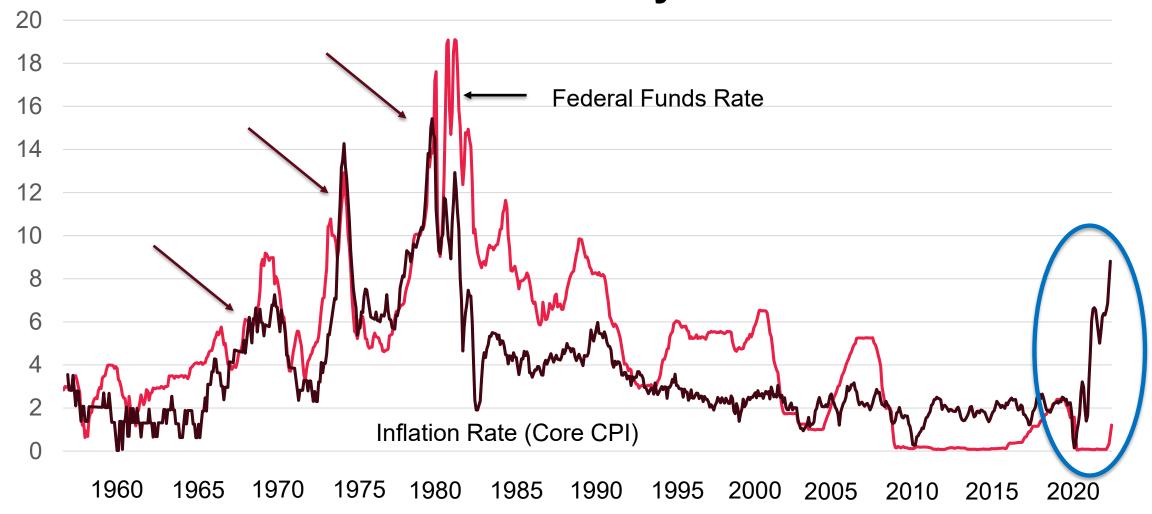
Billions of Inflation-Corrected Dollars



Source: CBO "Estimated Impact of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act on Employment and Economic Output in 2014" and "An Update to the Budget Outlook, 2020 to 2030."



The Federal Reserve's Policy Error in a Picture

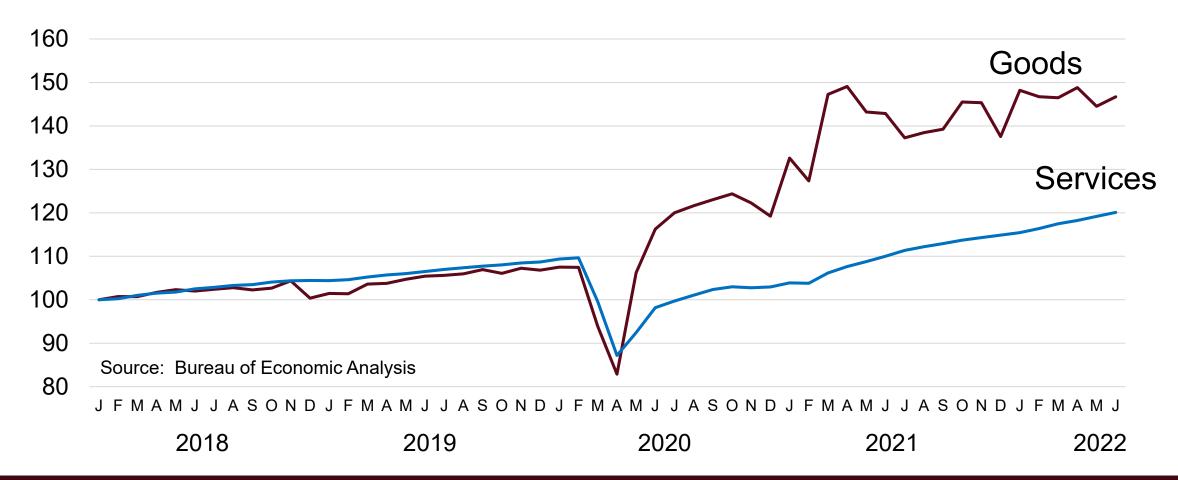




Consumer Spending Heavily Tilted Towards Goods

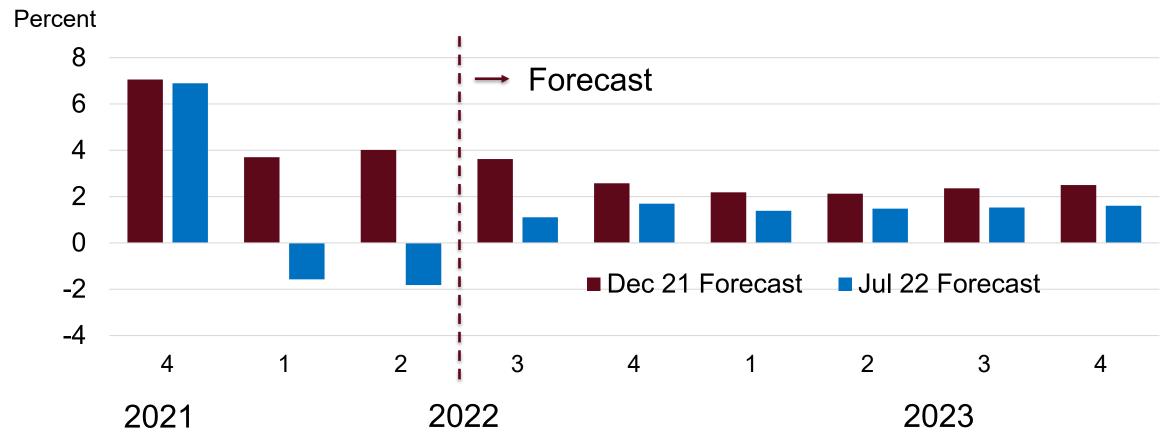
Personal Consumption Expenditures by Category, Index, 2018Q1=100

Percent



Slower U.S. Growth Shows Up Sooner Than Predicted

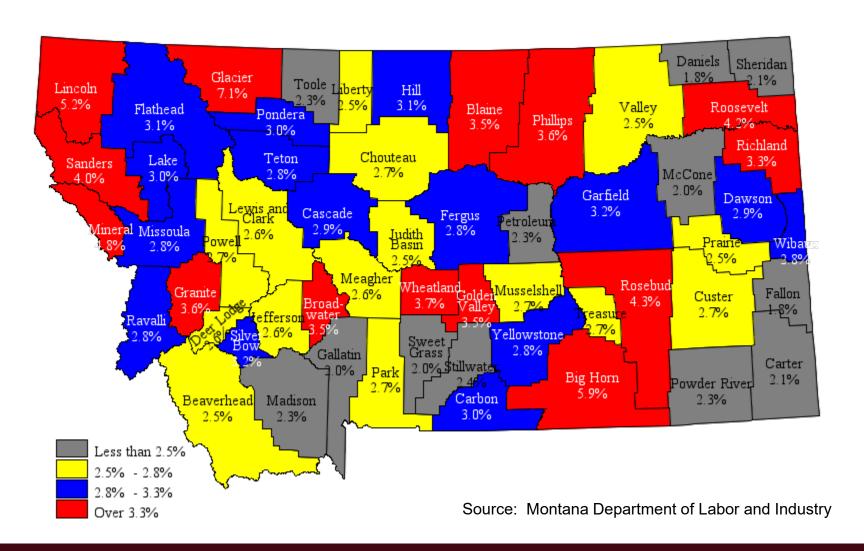
Percent Growth, Real Gross Domestic Product, 2021Q4 – 2023Q4



Source: S&P Global



Unemployment Rates, June 2022



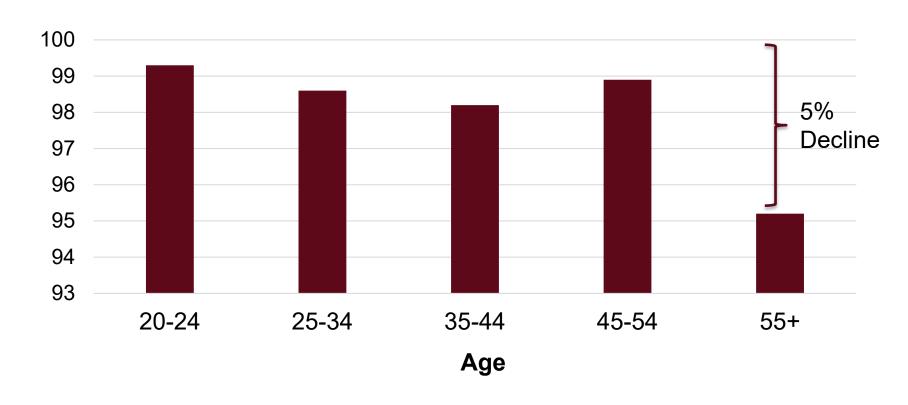
Unemployment Rates Do Not Include Labor Force Dropouts

Labor Force Participation Rate, Montana, Percent



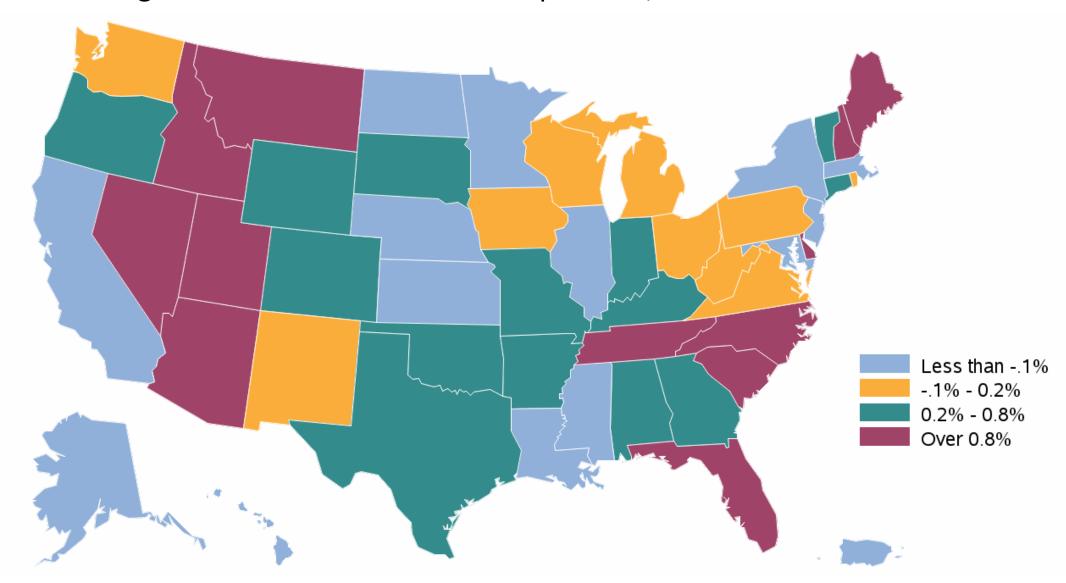
Labor Market Dropouts More Prevalent Among Older Workers

November 2021 Labor Force Participation Rate As Percent of Pre-Pandemic Rate, By Age, U.S.



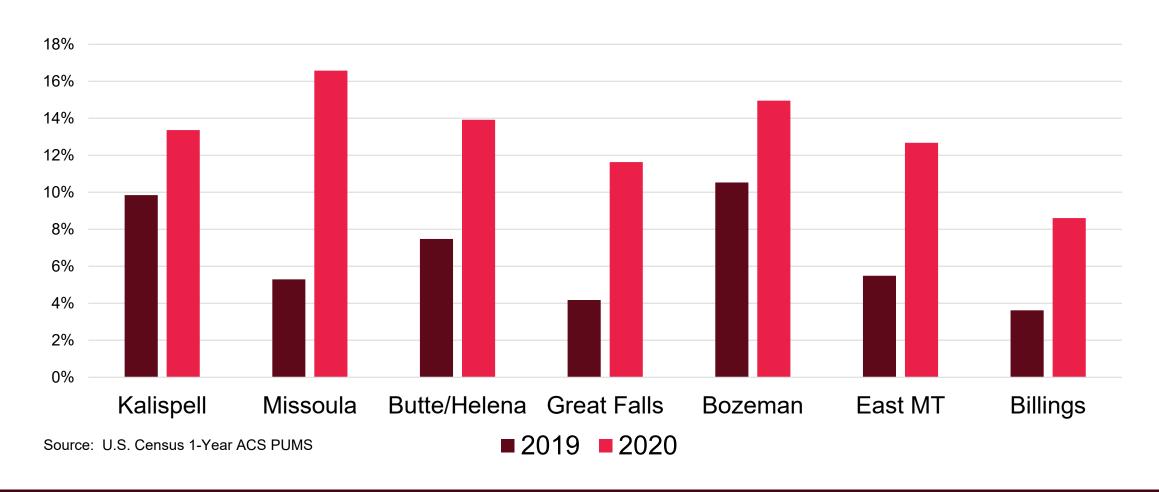
Mountain West States Attract Migrants From Other States

Net Domestic Migration as a Percent of 2020 Population, 2021

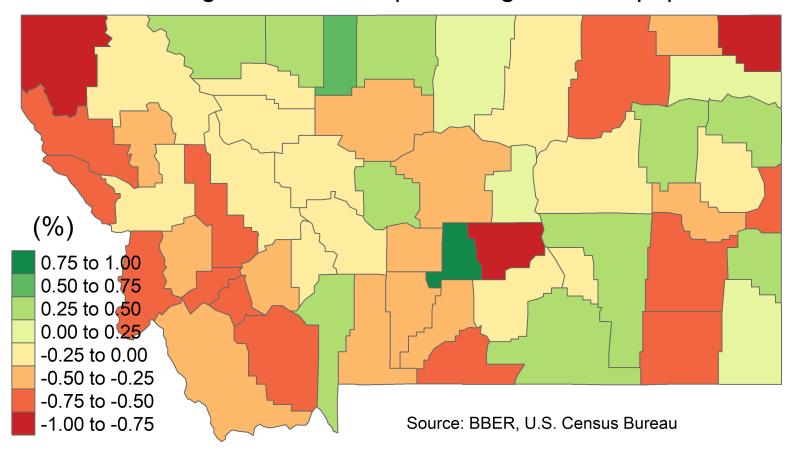


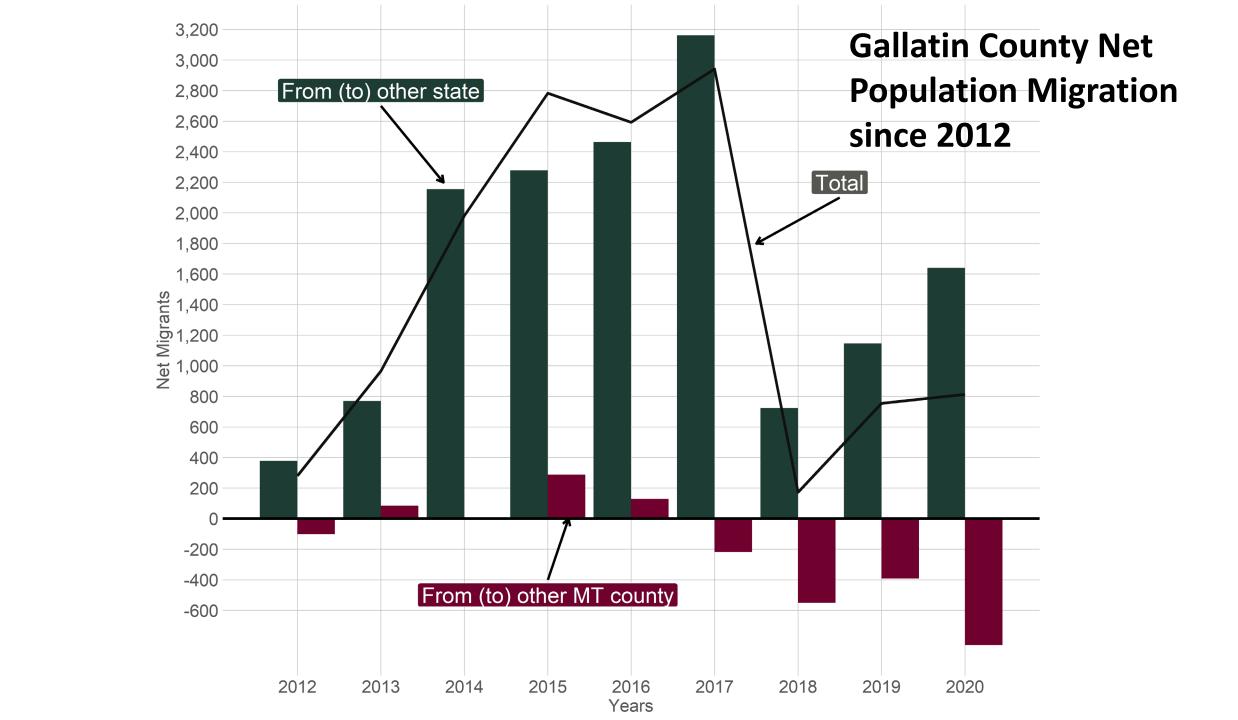
2020 Was A Year to Work From Home

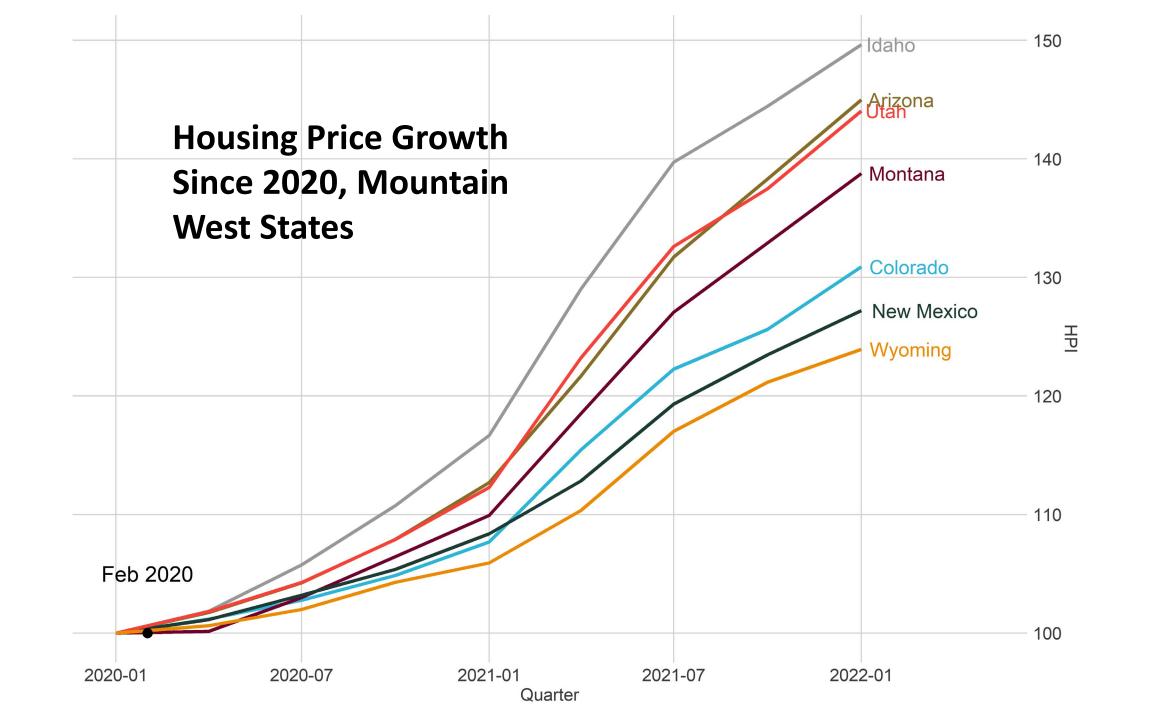
Percent of Workforce Working from Home, 2019-2020



Natural Change in 2021 as a percentage of 2020 population

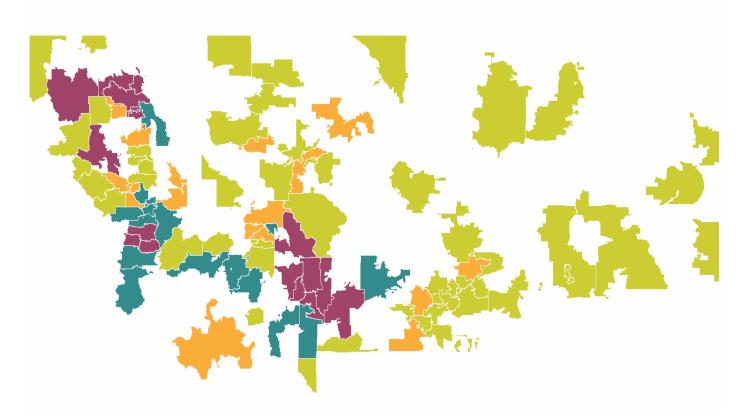






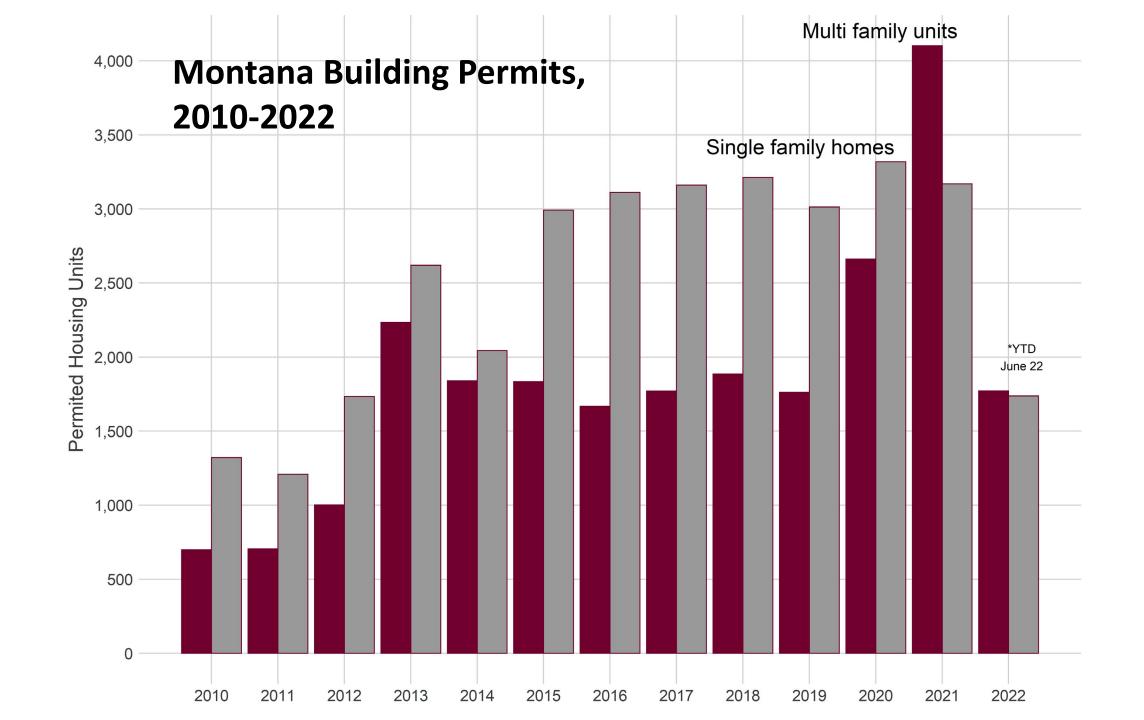
Housing Price Growth Strongest in the West

Housing Price Index by Zip Code, Percent Growth, 2016-21



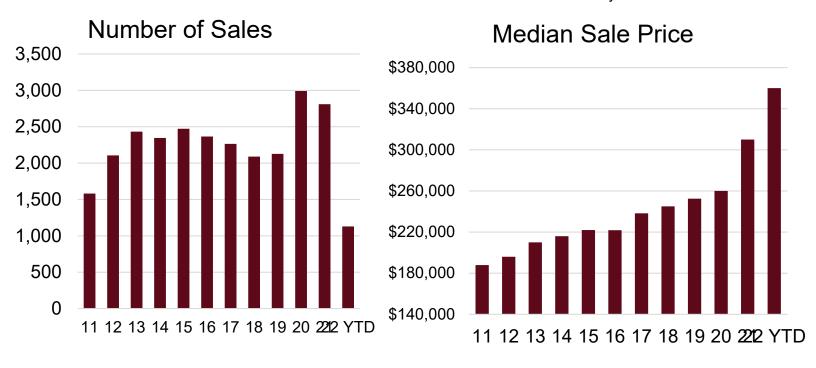
Less than 30.4%
30.4% - 44.9%
44.9% - 54.7%
Over 54.7%

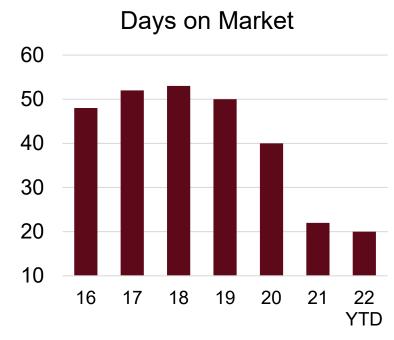
Source: Federal Housing Finance Agency



Home Prices Continue Surging in 2022

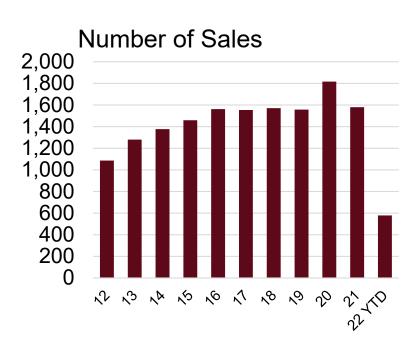
Yellowstone County Market Statistics





Source: Billings Association of Realtors

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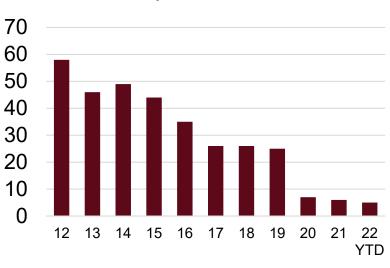


Gallatin County Market Statistics for Single Family Homes

\$800,000 \$700,000 \$600,000 \$500,000 \$300,000 \$200,000

Median

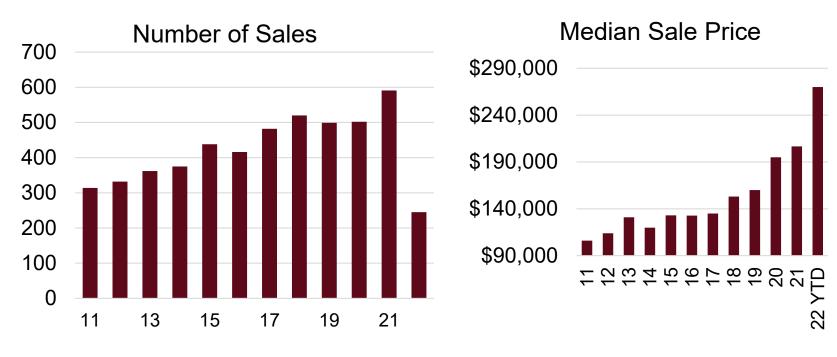
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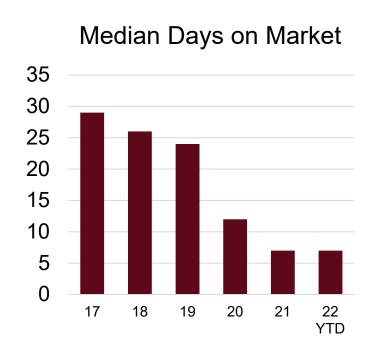


Source: Big Sky Country Multiple Listing Service.

Prices Surge in 2022

Silver Bow County Market Statistics

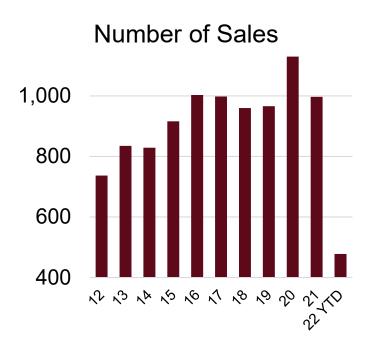




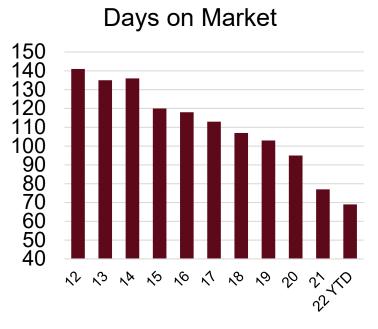
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Home Prices Continued Surging in 2022

Lewis & Clark County Market Statistics for Single Family Homes



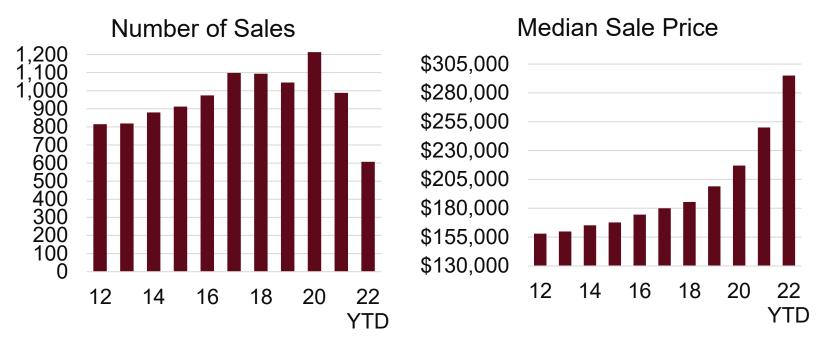




Source: Montana Regional MLS.

Real Estate Markets Are Hot

Cascade County Market Statistics for Single Family Homes





Source: Great Falls Association of Realtors.

Home Prices Surged in 2021

Missoula County Market Statistics for Single Family Homes



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Housing Prices Continue to Rise in 2022

Flathead County Market Statistics for Single Family Homes



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The Montana Economy Had a Great Year

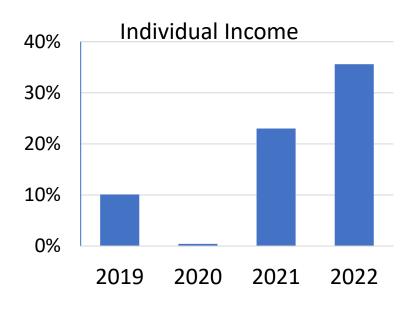
- Strong gains in income, re-opening of services economy produced significant gains
- A big year for visitor spending
- Population in-migration is being felt
- Commodity price surges helped some industries more than others
- Energy and agriculture will not want to repeat 2021

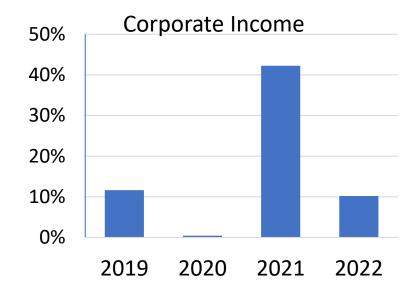
Wages and Employment, Montana, 2018Q1 – 2021Q4

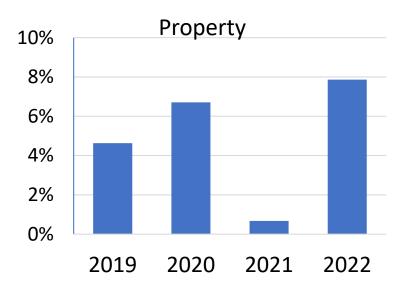
Seasonally Adjusted Index, 2018Q1 = 100

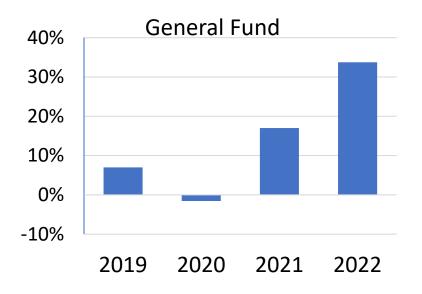


Montana Tax Collections are Booming



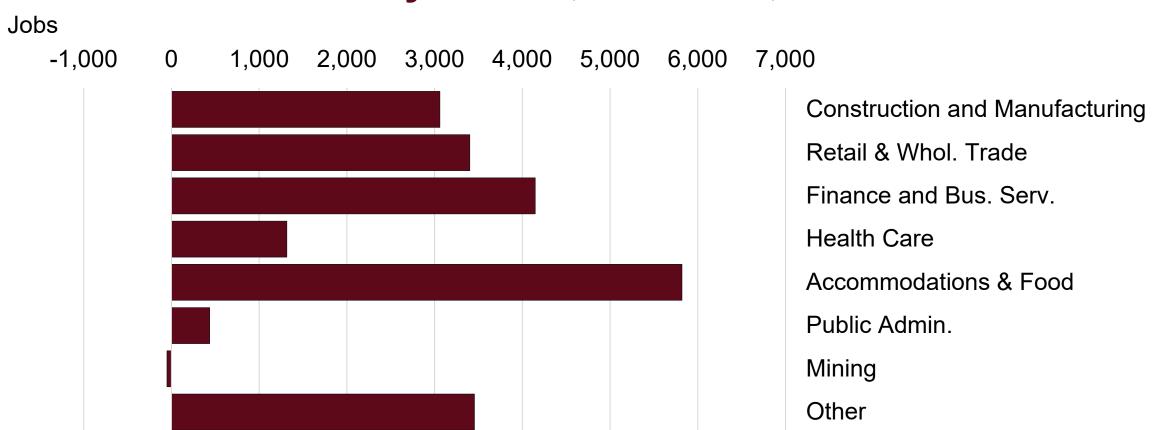






Note: Years shown are fiscal years, July - June.

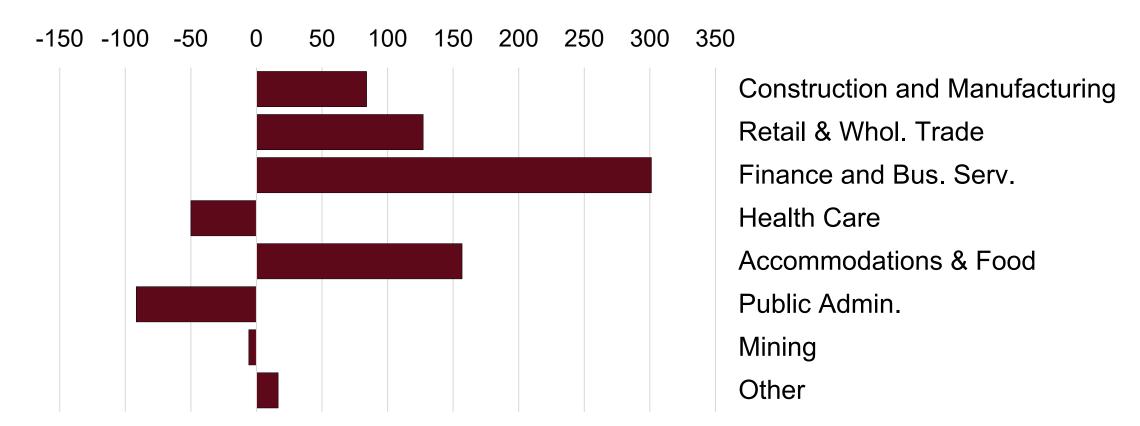
Job Gains by Sector, Montana, 2020 – 2021





Wage Loss/Growth by Sector, Montana, 2020 – 2021

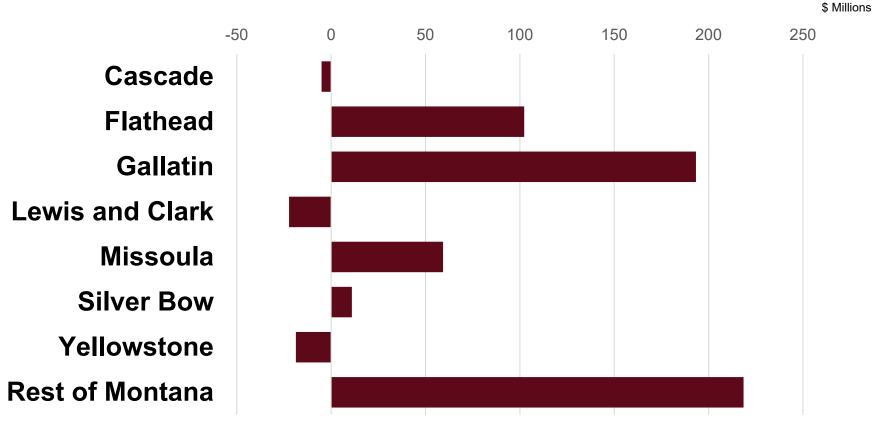
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Montana Growth Last Year Was Unbalanced

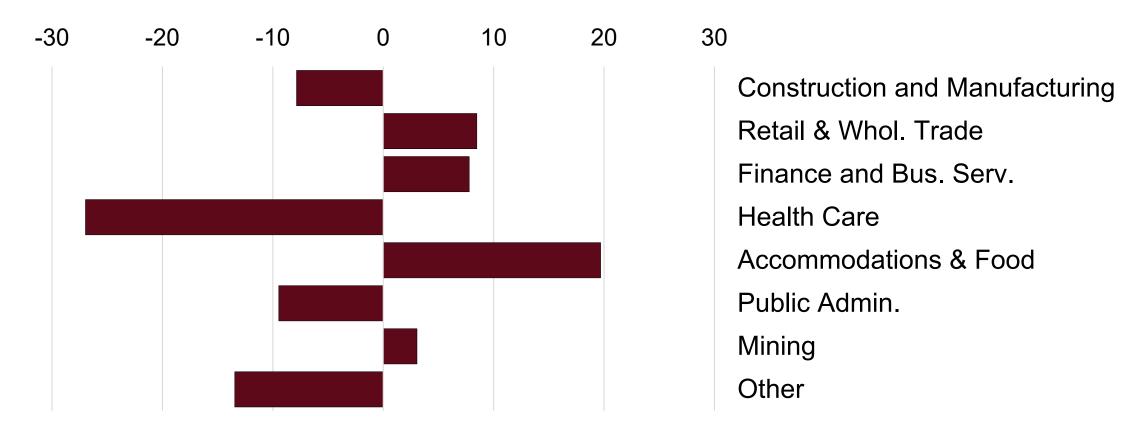




Source: Bureau of Business and Economic Research

Wage Loss/Growth by Sector, Yellowstone County, 2020 – 2021

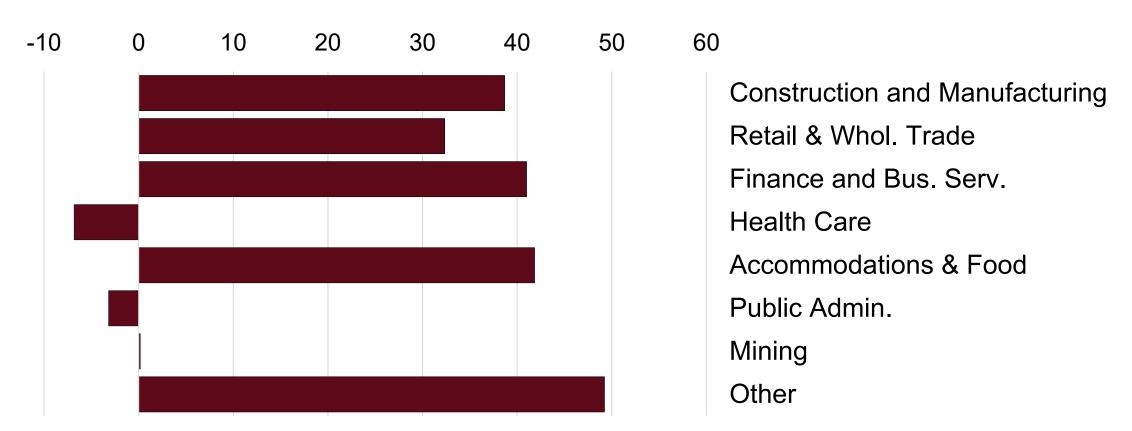
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Wage Loss/Growth by Sector, Gallatin County, 2020 – 2021

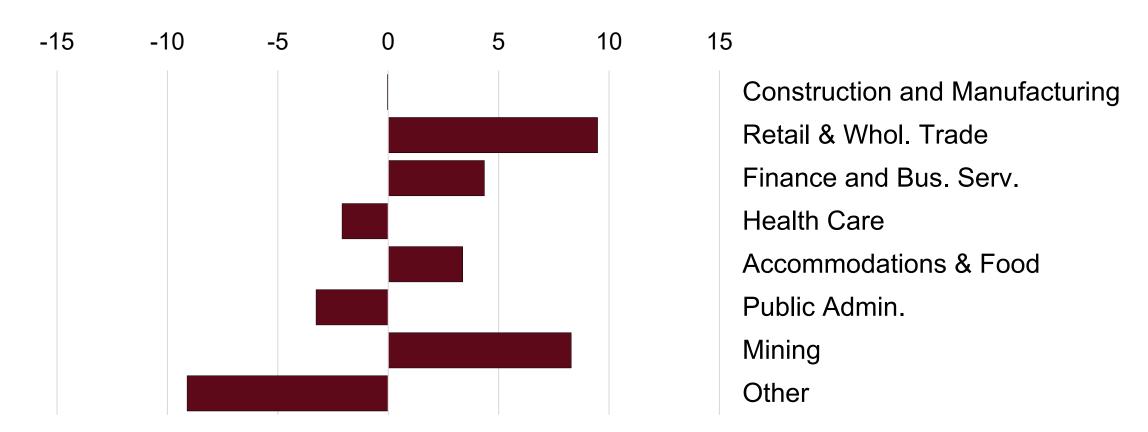
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Wage Loss/Growth by Sector, Silver Bow County, 2020 – 2021

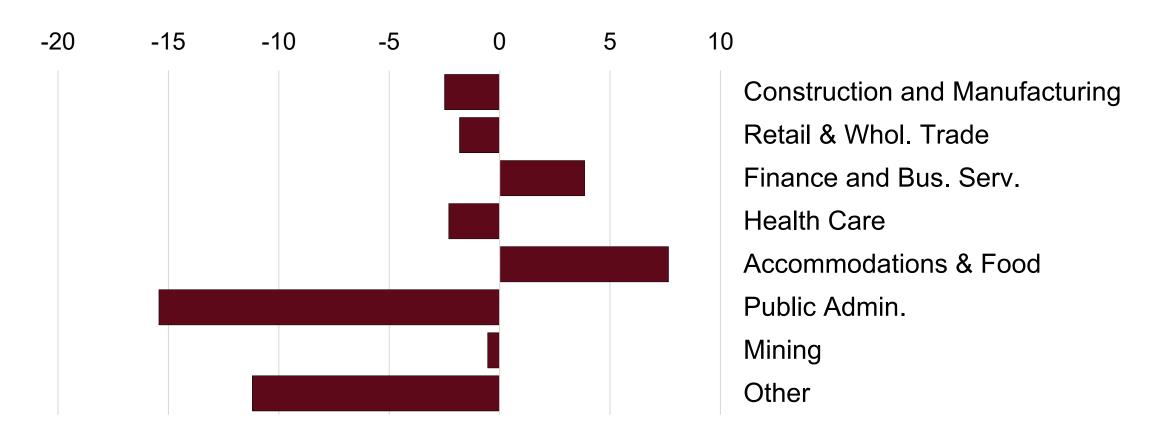
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Wage Loss/Growth by Sector, Lewis and Clark County, 2020 – 2021

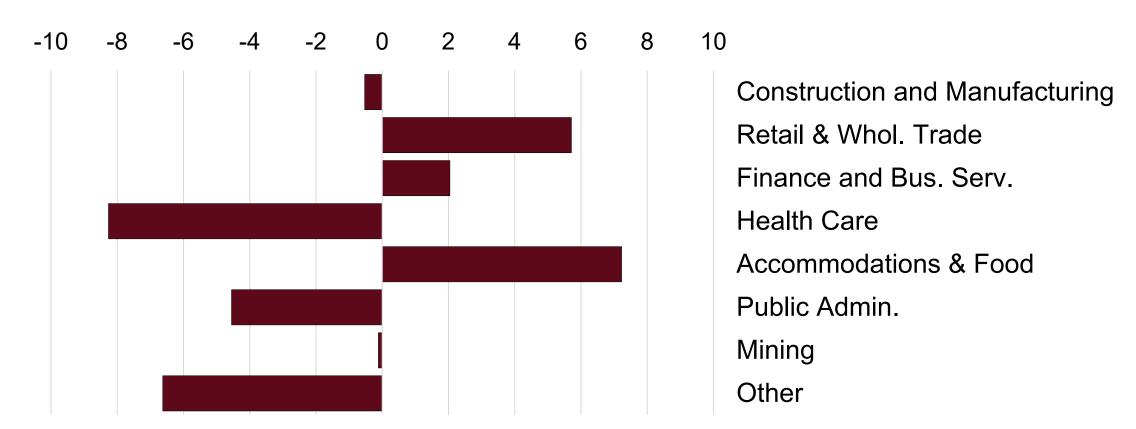
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Wage Loss/Growth by Sector, Cascade County, 2020 – 2021

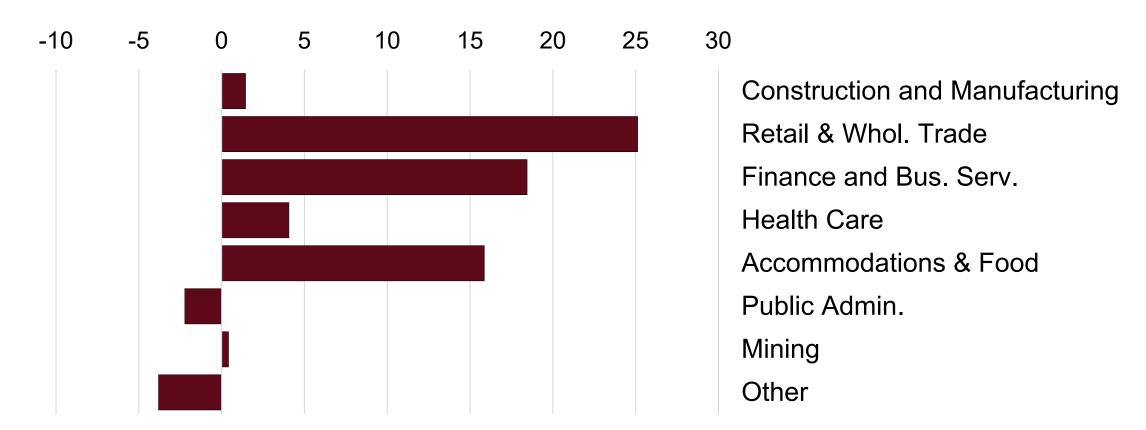
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Wage Loss/Growth by Sector, Missoula County, 2020 – 2021

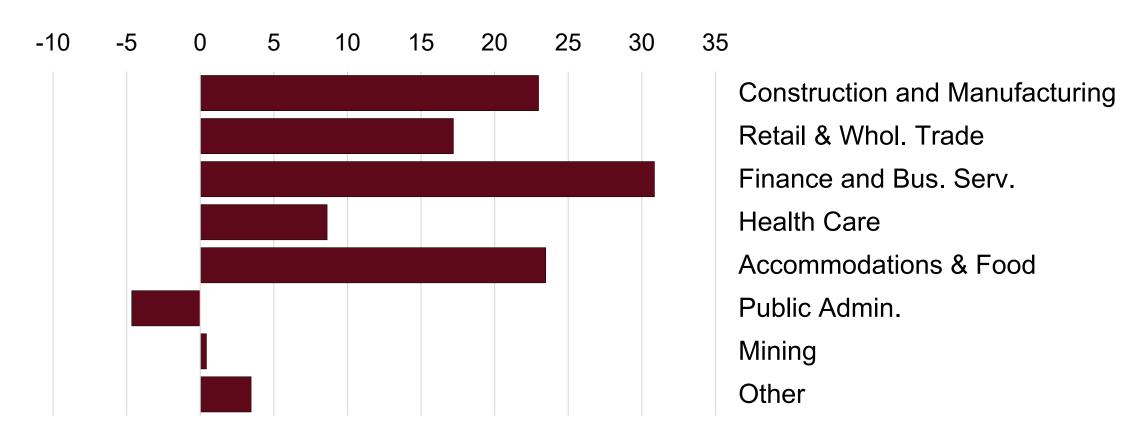
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Wage Loss/Growth by Sector, Flathead County, 2020 – 2021

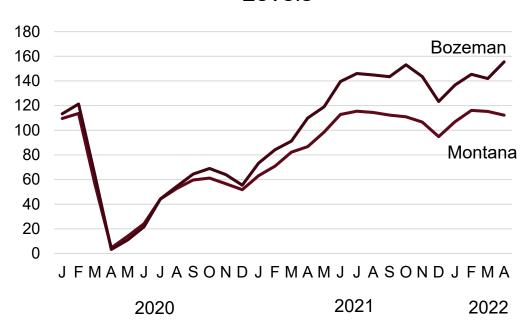
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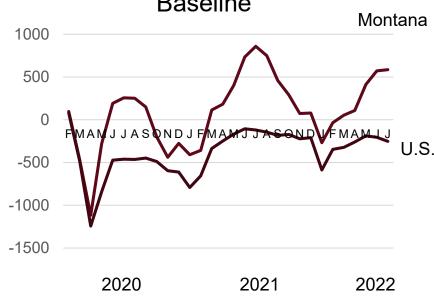
Travel and Tourism Indicators Have Stabilized

Enplanements as Percent of 2019 Levels



Source: U.S. Bureau of Transportation Statistics

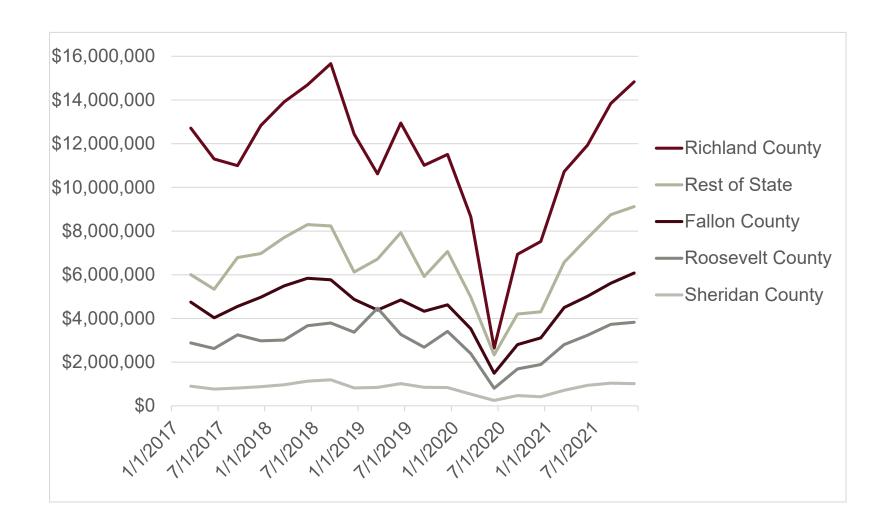
Google Mobility Index, Percentage Change from Baseline



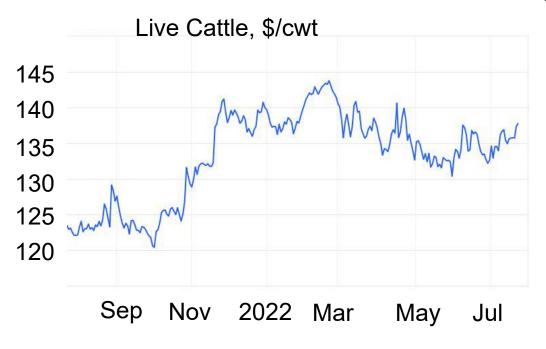
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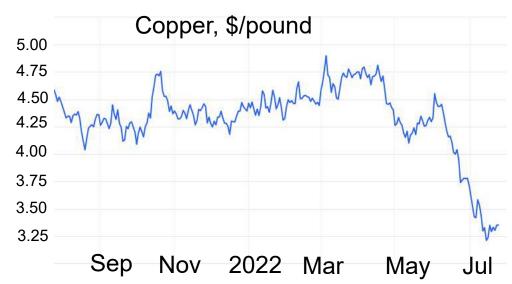
Montana Oil Production Had a Wild Year in 2021



Commodity Prices

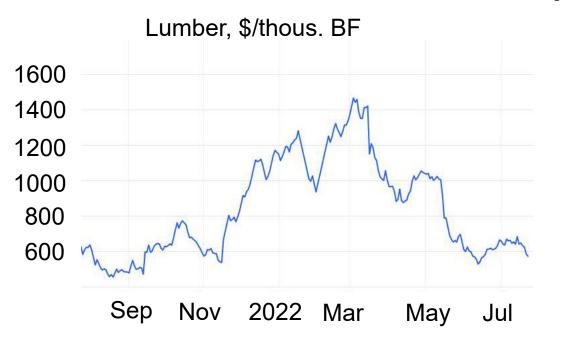


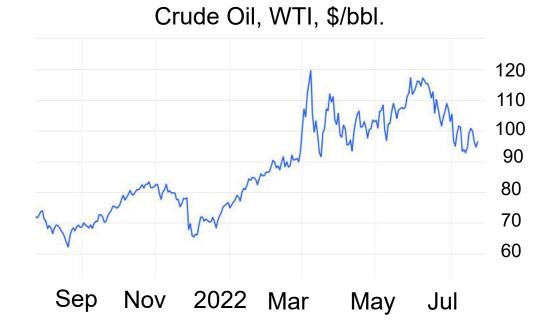






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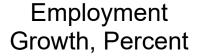


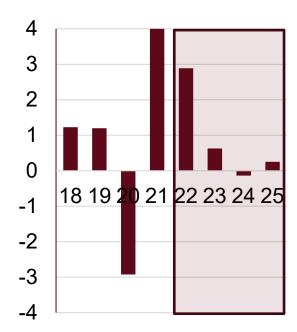
Outlook for Montana

- Inflation is taming the tsunami of demand
- Political pressure to ease monetary tightening will be intense
- Shift to lower growth will be an unwelcome surprise to many
- Montana will continue to benefit from migration trends
- Supply chains will heal, but housing markets will remain stressed

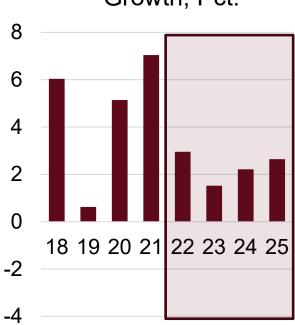
Montana's Economic Recovery

Employment, Real Wages and Salary and Real Income Growth, Actual and Forecast, Percent

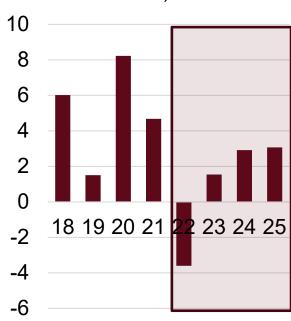




Wage and Salary Growth, Pct.



Personal Income Growth, Pct.



Source: IHS Markit