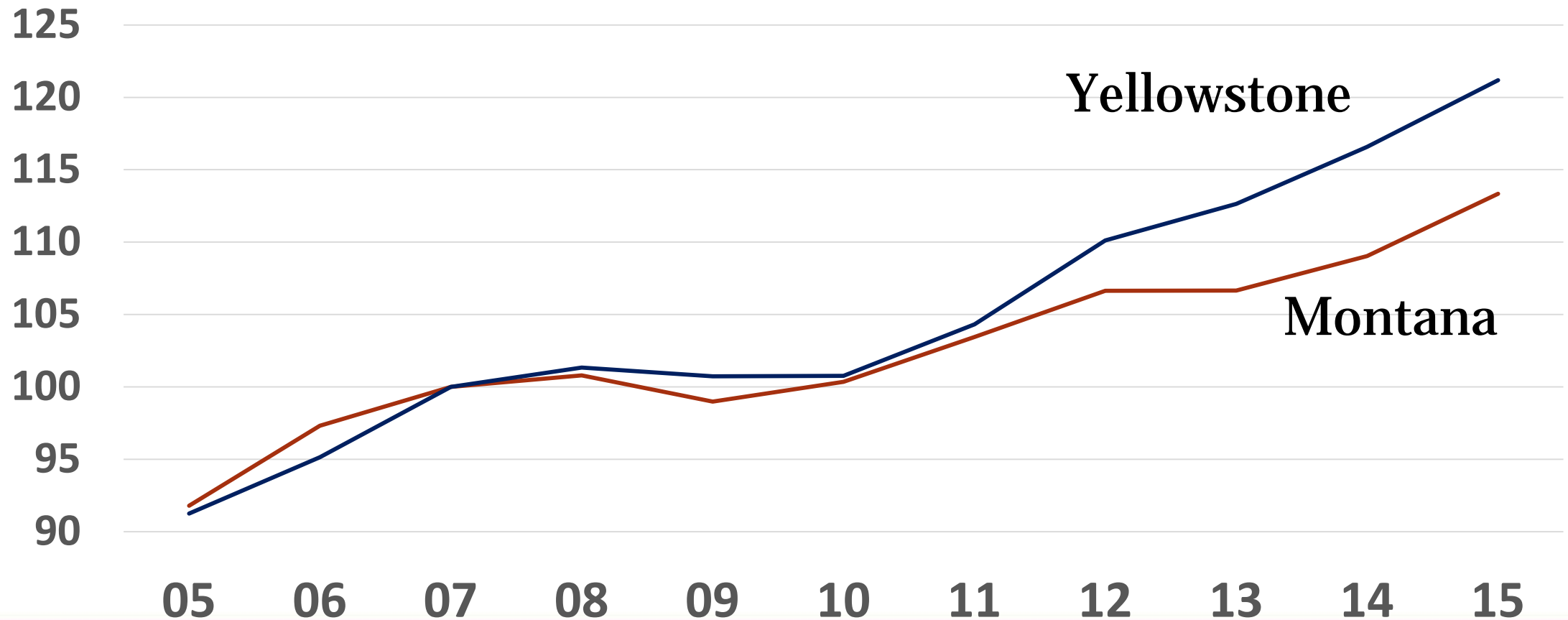


A photograph of a wooden fence post with barbed wire in a field. The fence post is in the foreground, and the background shows a vast, open field with mountains in the distance under a clear sky. The text is overlaid on a green semi-transparent box on the left side of the image.

The Economic Outlook for Yellowstone County

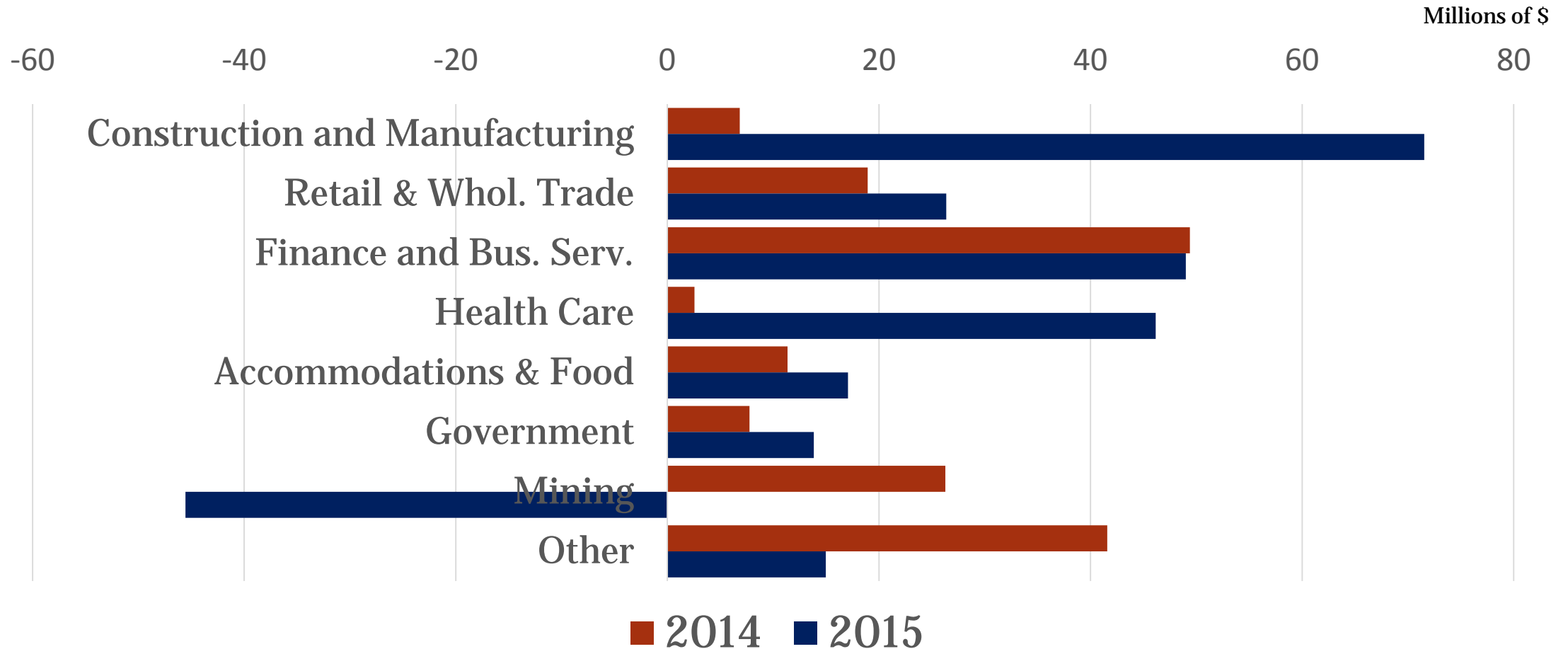
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Real Non-Farm Earnings, Yellowstone County vs. Montana Index, 2007 = 100



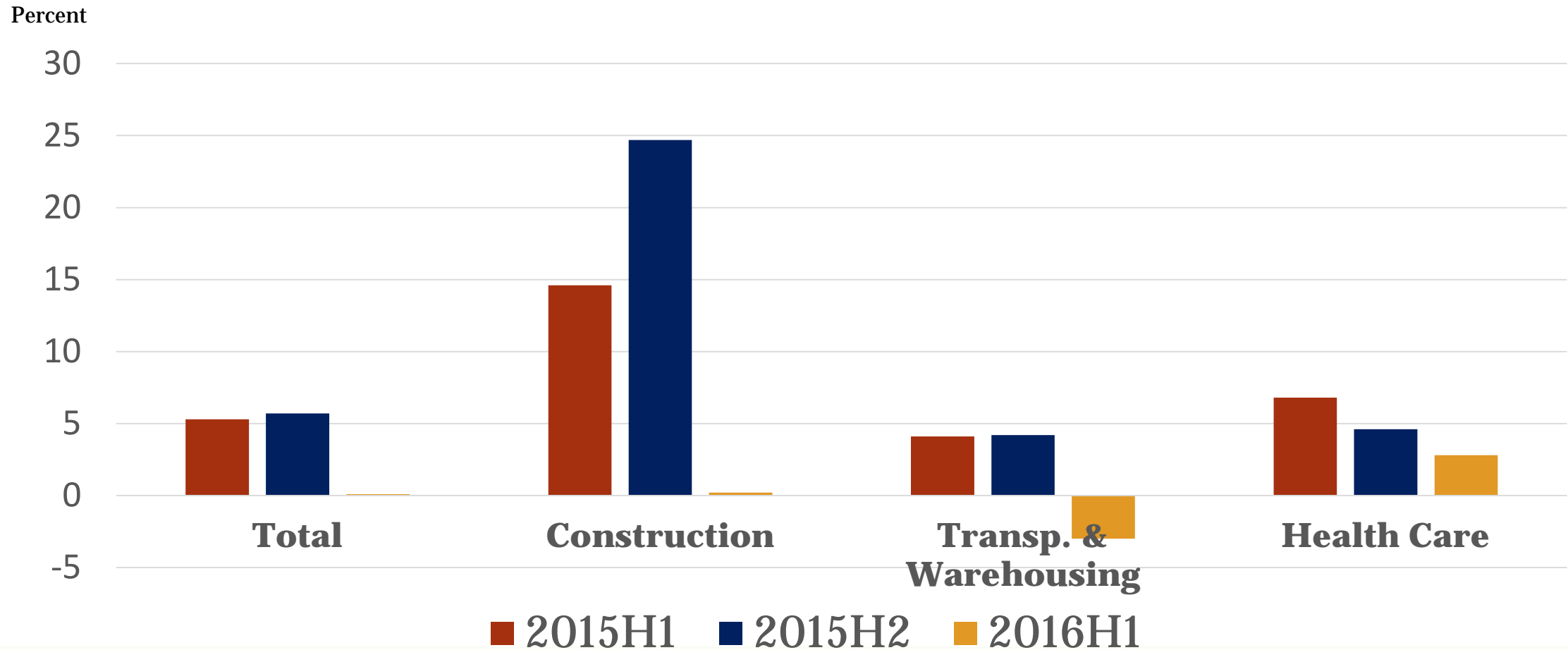
2015 Overcame Energy Cutbacks to Record Strong Growth

Growth in Real Nonfarm Earnings, Yellowstone County, 2014-15, Millions of Dollars



2016 Started Very Poorly for Billings

Percent Change in Real Wages, Yellowstone County, Select Industries, 2015H1 – 2016H1



What Drives the Yellowstone County Economy?

Earnings by Industry, 2015, Millions of Real Dollars

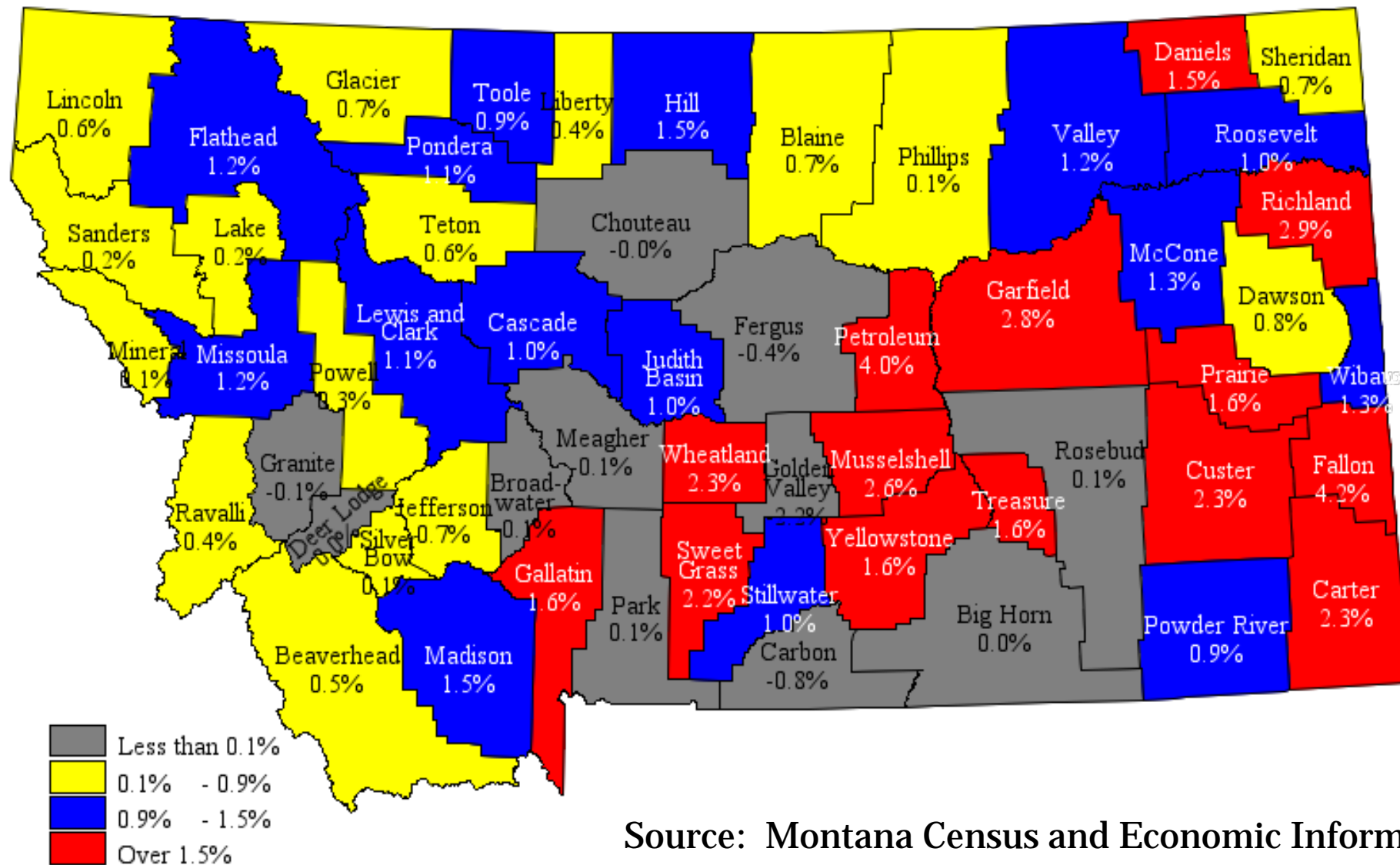


Billings Region – Top 10 Industries by Employment Concentration

NAICS Industry		Establishments	Employment	Wages (\$ mill.)
324	Petroleum and Coal Products Manufacturing	4	1043	\$122.8
423	Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	286	3226	\$189.0
481	Air Transportation	10	195	\$7.9
492	Couriers and Messengers	21	683	\$30.0
424	Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	133	2086	\$113.2
316	Leather and Allied Product Manufacturing	2	x	X
551	Management of Companies and Enterprises	50	610	\$44.5
332	Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	47	733	\$34.4
484	Truck Transportation	164	1553	\$74.8
425	Wholesale Electronic Markets and Agents and Brokers	122	413	\$23.0

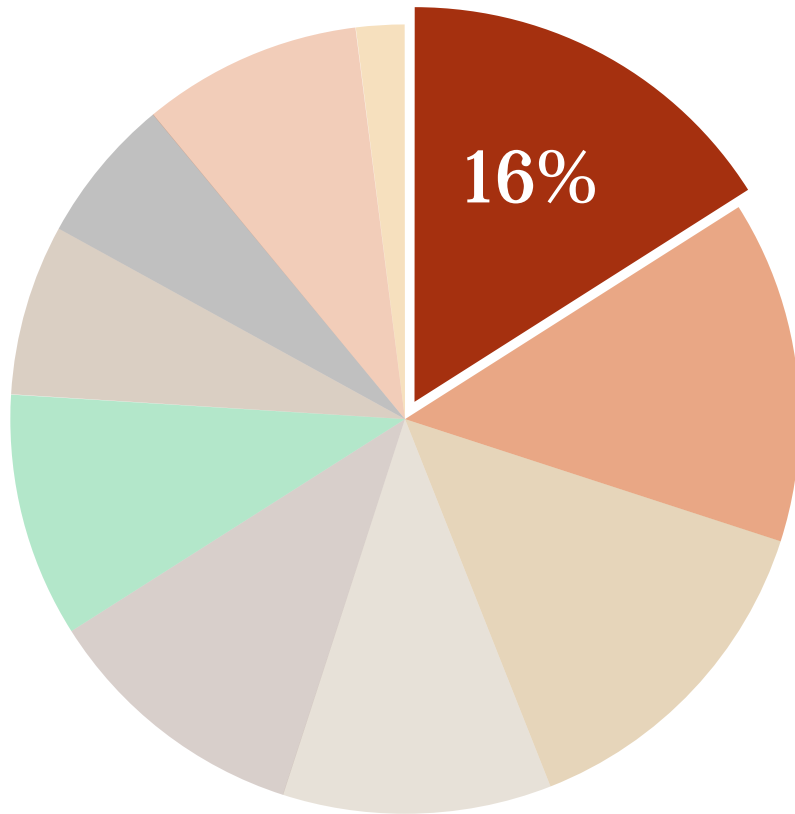
Population Growth Since 2010 Reveals Changing Growth Patterns

Average Annual Population Growth, 2011-15



Source: Montana Census and Economic Information Center

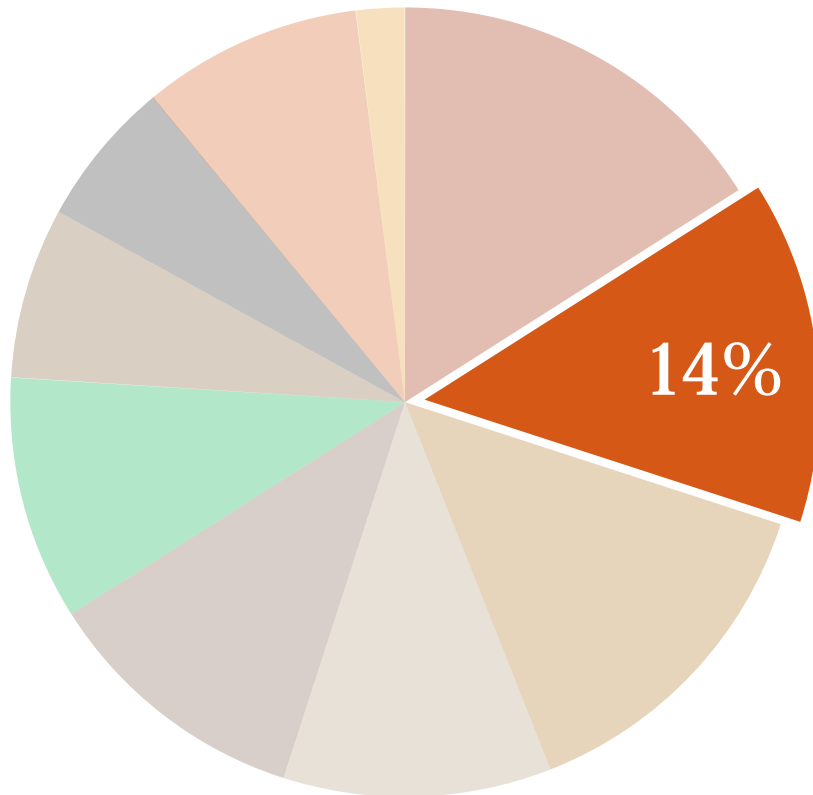
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Manufacturing:

Refineries have seen considerable new investment

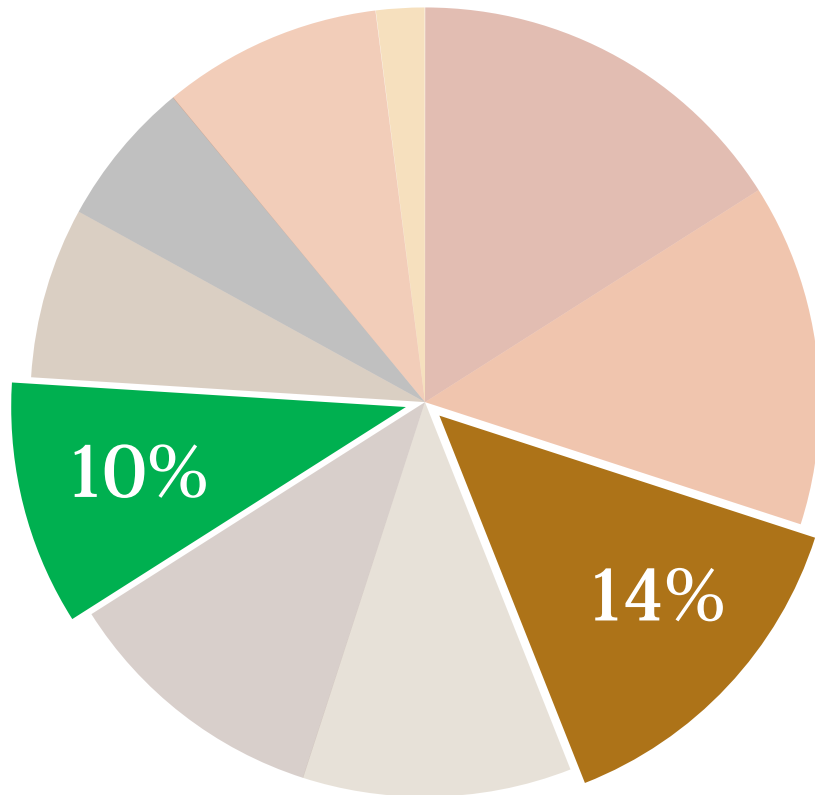
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Health Care:

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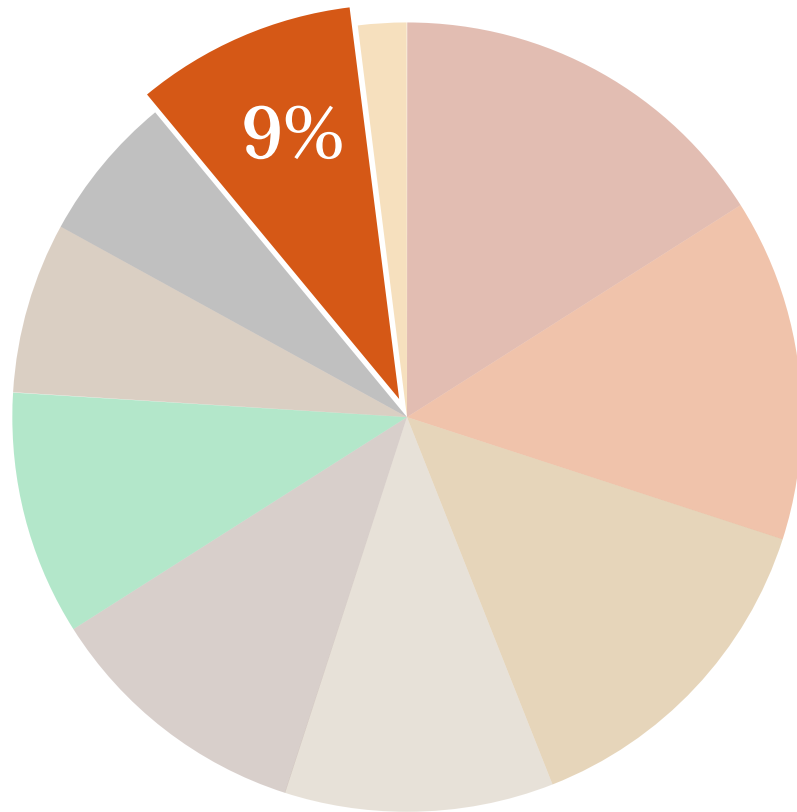
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Wholesale/Retail Trade Center and Transportation and Warehousing:

Deep declines in North Dakota and Wyoming have been felt in Billings

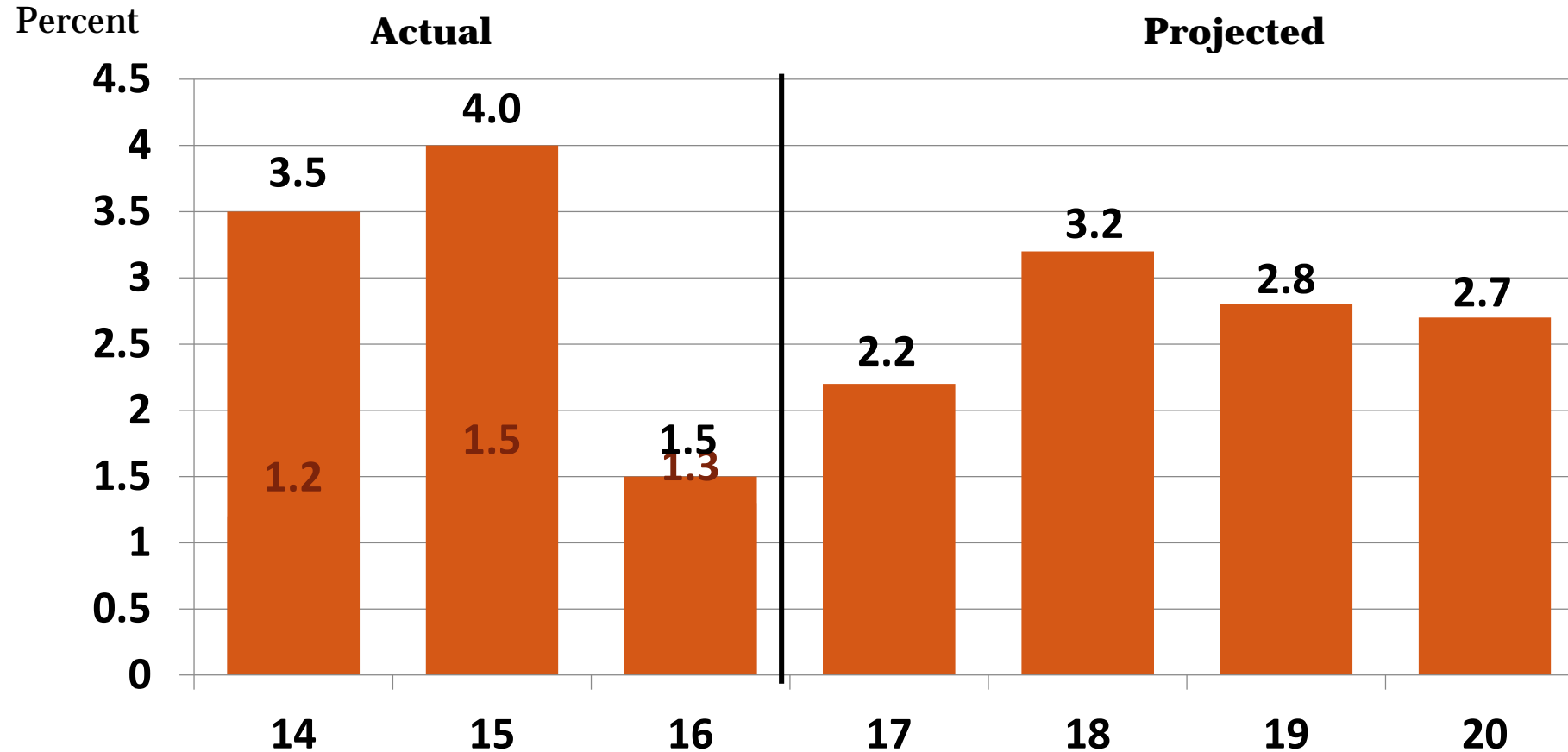
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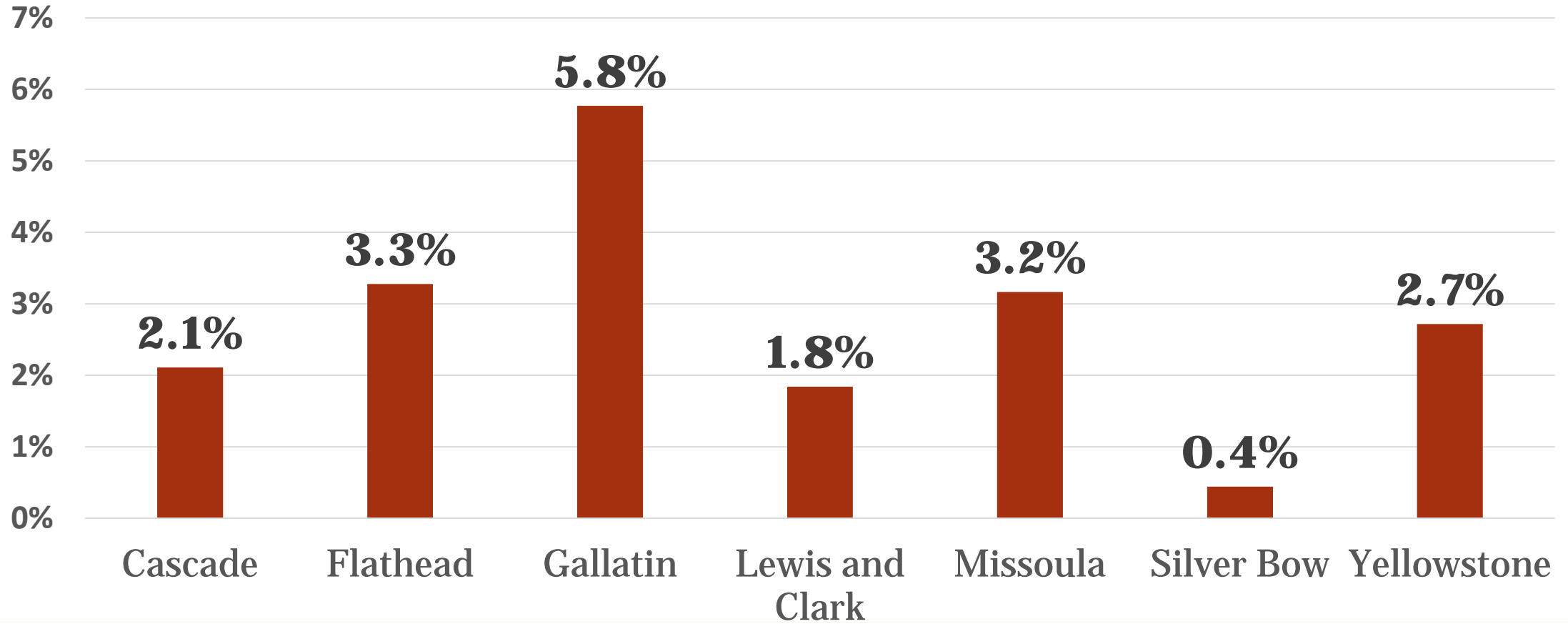
Mining:

Bakken woes being felt

Growth in Nonfarm Earnings, Yellowstone County, 2014-2020



Average Projected Growth in Real Nonfarm Earnings, Percent, 2017-2020



Questions?