# **The Outlook for Yellowstone County**

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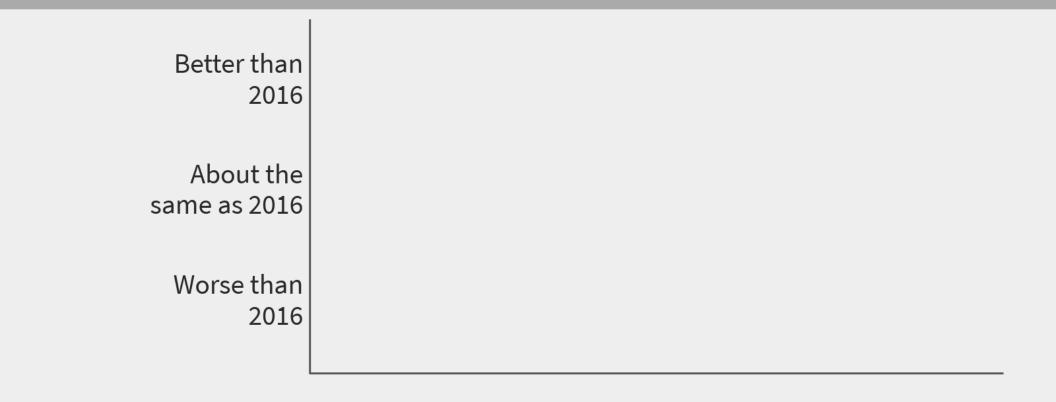
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# **Yellowstone County Profile**

Indicator		Value	State Rank
Total Population, 2016		158,437	1
	Percent change since 2010	7.1%	10
	Median age	38.2	46
	Percent Aged 65 or Older	15.4%	
	Percent with Bachelors Degree or Higher (Age 25+)	29.2%	8
	Percent without Health Insurance Coverage, 2015	12.4%	46

Source: U.S. Census Bureau



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# **Yellowstone County Profile**

Indicator		Value	State Rank
Earnings per Job, 2016		\$52,721	3
	Mining	\$163,824	2
	Utilities	\$115,482	7
	Construction	\$64,327	3
	Manufacturing	\$86,180	1
	Retail Trade	\$32,300	13
	Transportation and Warehousing	\$63,097	9

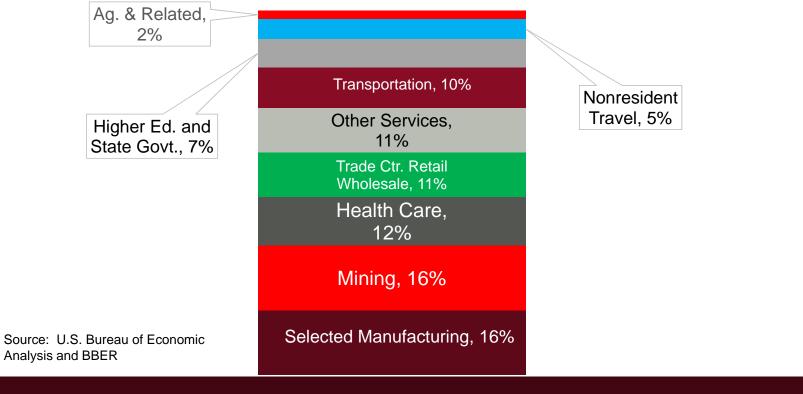
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# **Drivers of Economic Activity**

### Percent Share of Income in Basic Industries, Yellowstone County

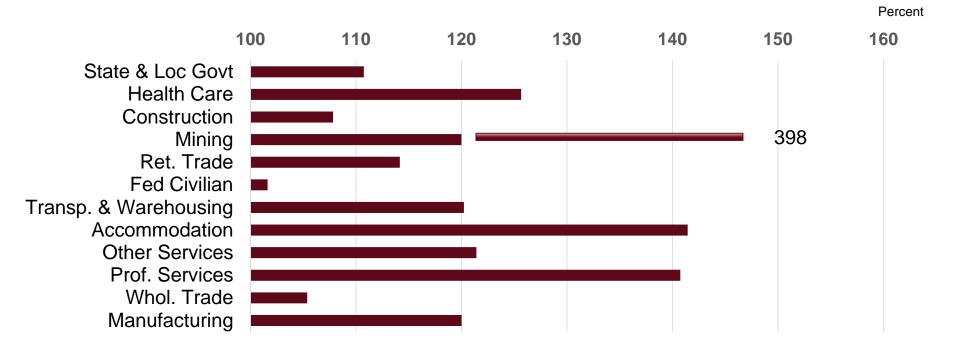




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### What Has Grown Since 2007

Inflation Corrected Earnings in 2016 as Percent of 2007

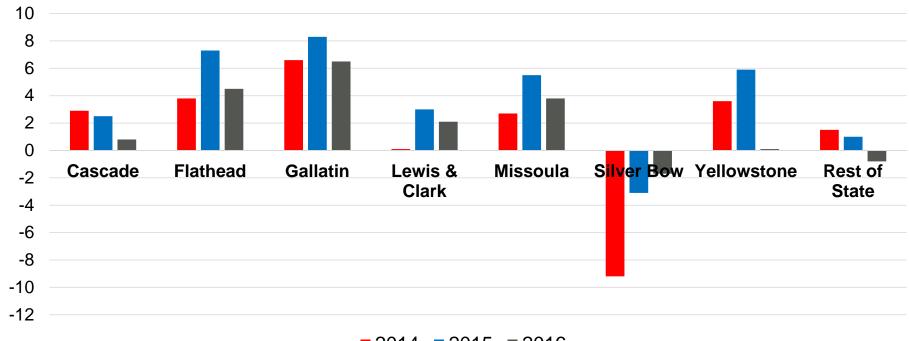


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### **Growth Slowdown in 2016 Widespread**

Percent Growth in Real Nonfarm Earnings, 2014-16



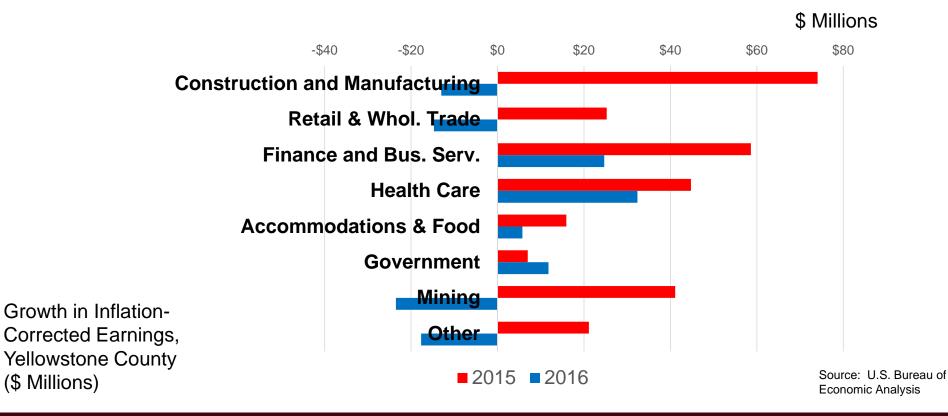
#### **2014 2015 2016**

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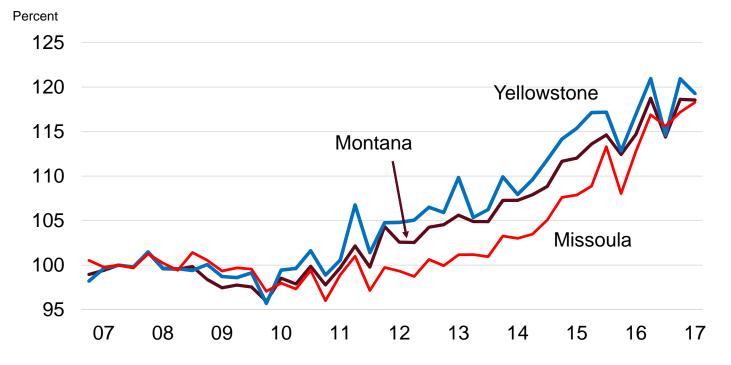
# **Earnings Reversal in 2016 Was Widespread**





# **Erratic Wage Growth Since 2016**

Inflation-Corrected Covered Wages, Index 2007=100

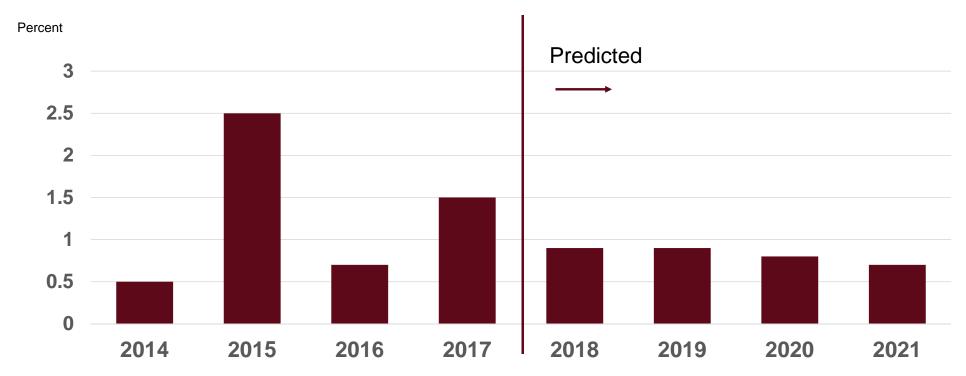


Seasonally adjusted by BBER Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages



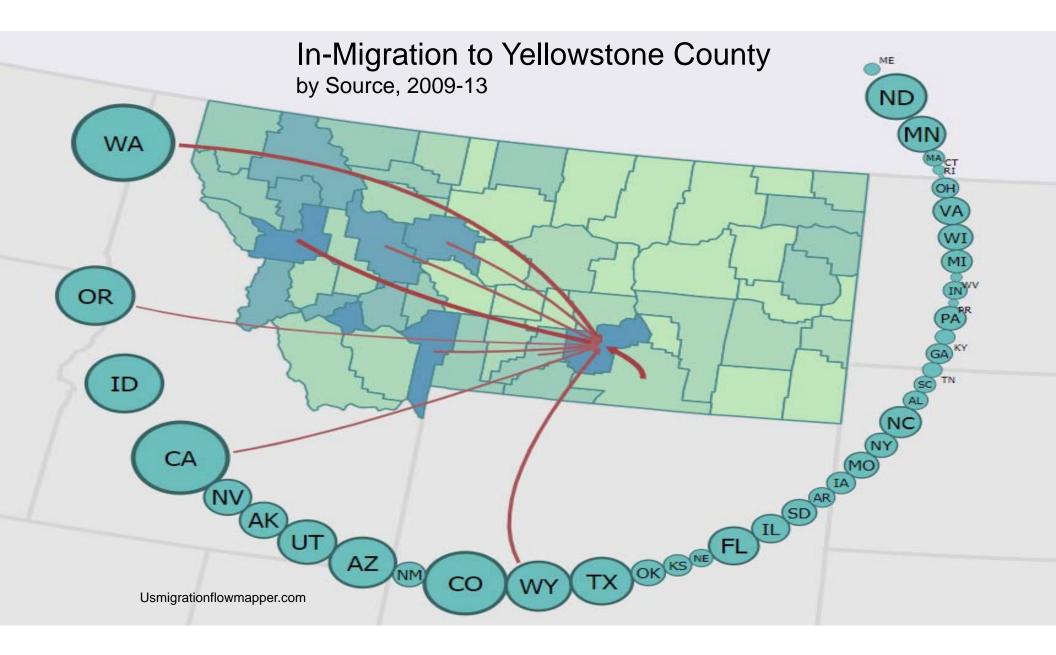
# **Outlook for Job Growth is Measured**

Employment Growth, Yellowstone County 2014-21



Source: IHS Markit





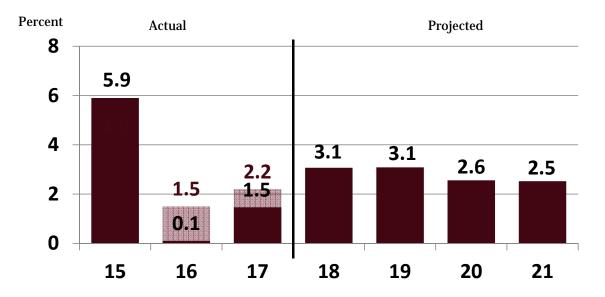
# Looking Ahead to 2018

- 2016 not quite as bad as earnings data suggest
- Construction, manufacturing did better in 2017
- Energy and agriculture woes in a four state area being felt in Billings
- Consolidation and uncertainty ahead for health care
- Growth not likely to exceed state average in years ahead



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### Growth in Nonfarm Earnings, Yellowstone County, 2015-2021



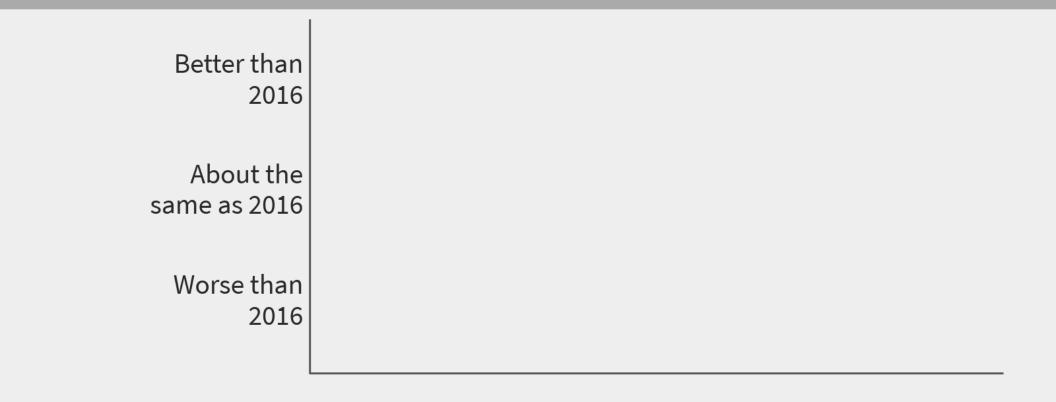
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# **Questions?**



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