# The Economic Outlook for Hill County

Patrick M. Barkey, Director Bureau of Business and Economic Research University of Montana



#### **Hill County Profile**

l	ndicator	Value	State Rank
Total Population, 2020		16,309	12
	Percent change since 2010	1.32%	<b>34(↓</b> 10)
	Median age	34.3	51
	Percent Aged 65 or Older	14.5%	
	Percent with Bachelors Degree or Higher (Age 25+)	25.4%	22
	Percent without Health Insurance Coverage, 2018	12.1%	25

Source: U.S. Census Bureau





#### **Hill County Profile**

Ir	ndicator	Value	State Rank
E	arnings per Job, 2020	\$53,173	17
	Construction	\$54,798	20
	Manufacturing	\$24,681	28
	Retail Trade	\$34,415	17
	Information	\$75,354	3
	Transportation and Warehousing	\$-	-

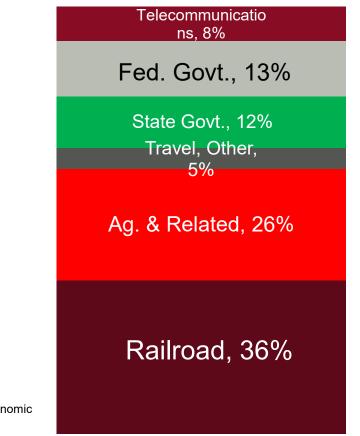
Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis





## **Drivers of Economic Activity**

Percent Share of Income in Basic Industries, Hill County

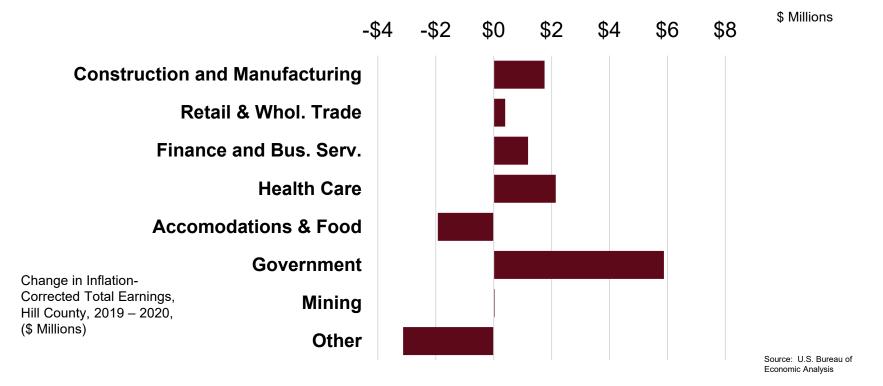


Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis and BBER





#### **Federal Spending Helped Stabilize Growth**

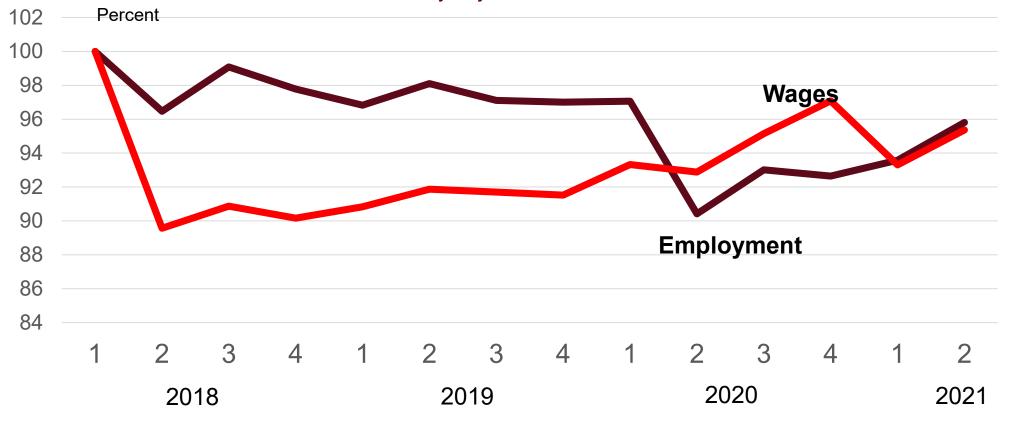






## Wages and Employment, Hill County, 2018Q1 – 2021Q2

Seasonally Adjusted Index, 2018Q1 = 100

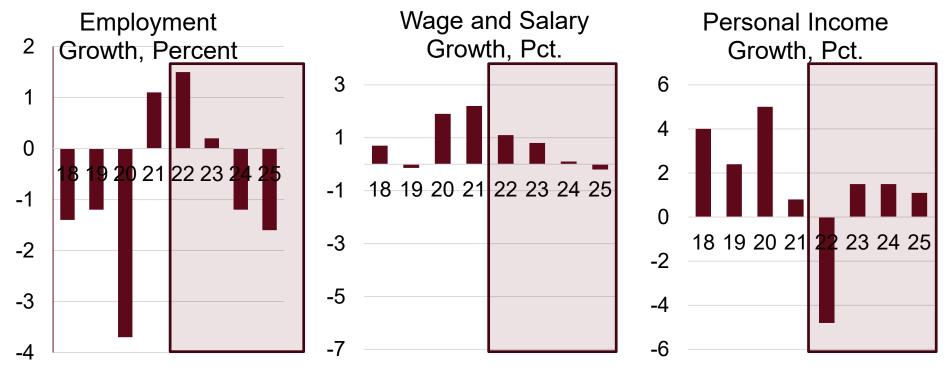


Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages



#### **Hill County's Recession Experience**

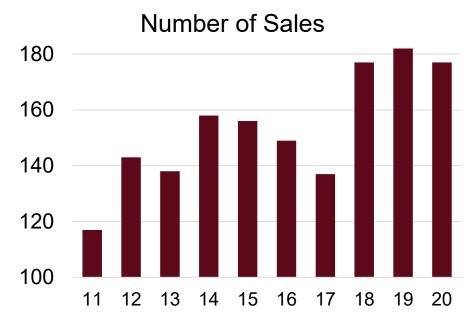
Employment, Wages and Salary and Income Growth, Actual and Forecast, Percent





## **Real Estate Markets Were Stable**

Hill County Market Statistics



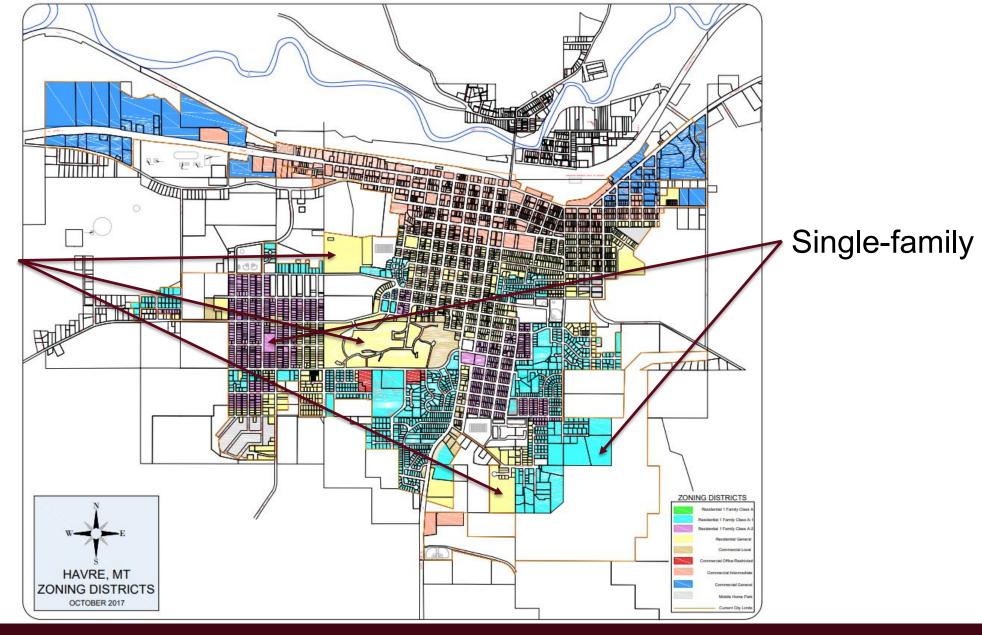
Source: Montana Department of Revenue.



#### Median Sale Price



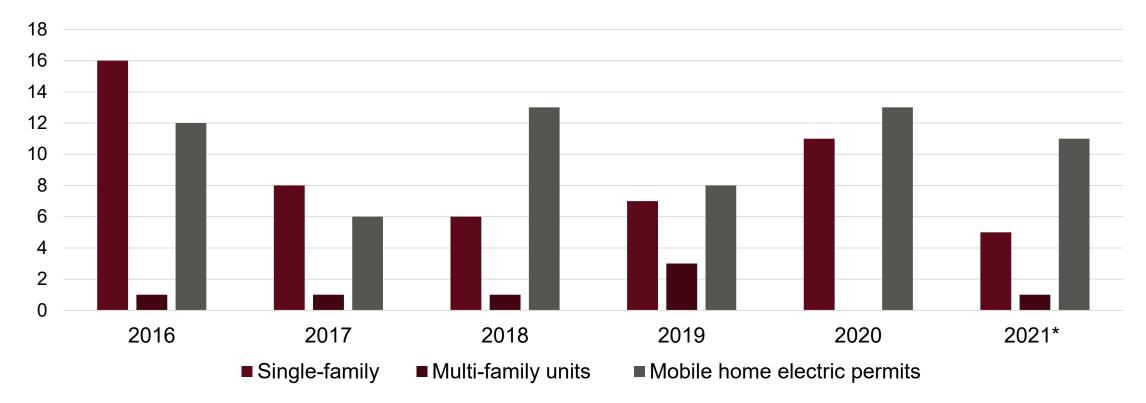
General Residential







## Building Was Weaker in 2021 Housing Starts, Hill County



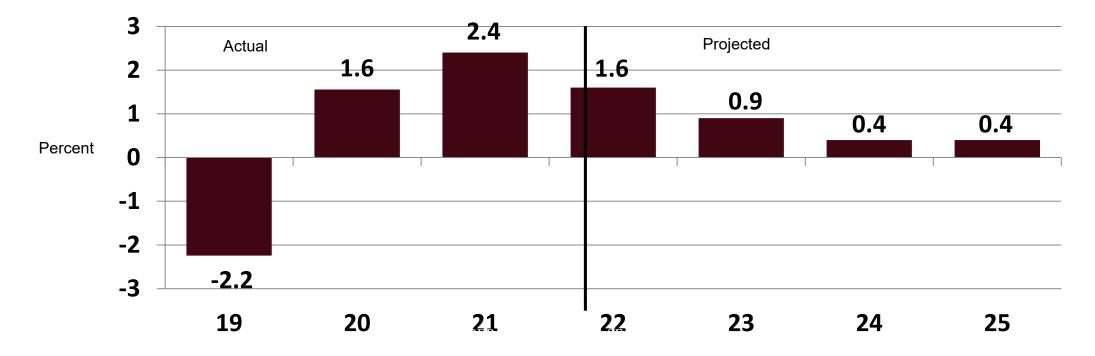
\*2021 data include starts through November only

Source: U.S. Census Bureau and Montana Dept. of Labor and Industry





### Growth in Nonfarm Earnings, Hill County, 2019-2025



Source: BBER and U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

