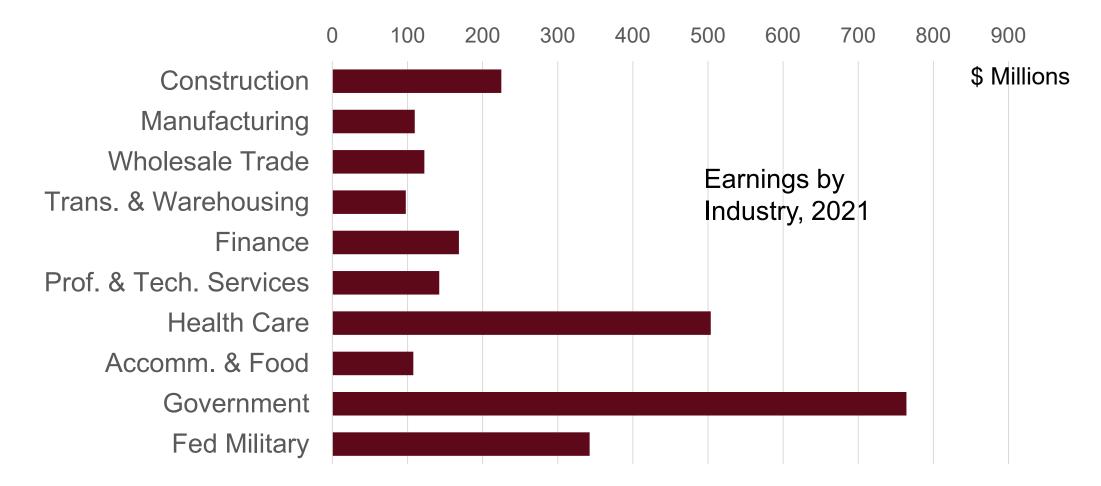
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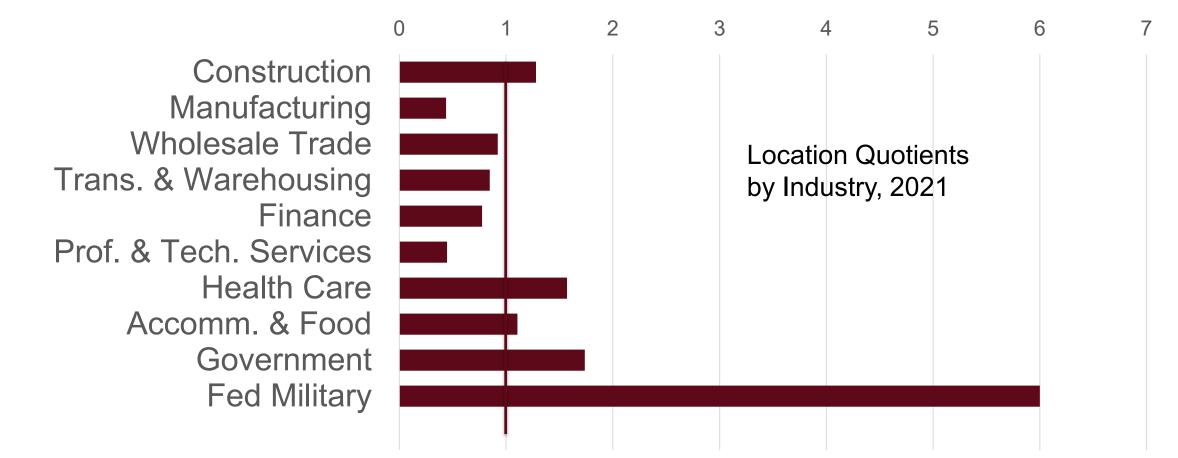
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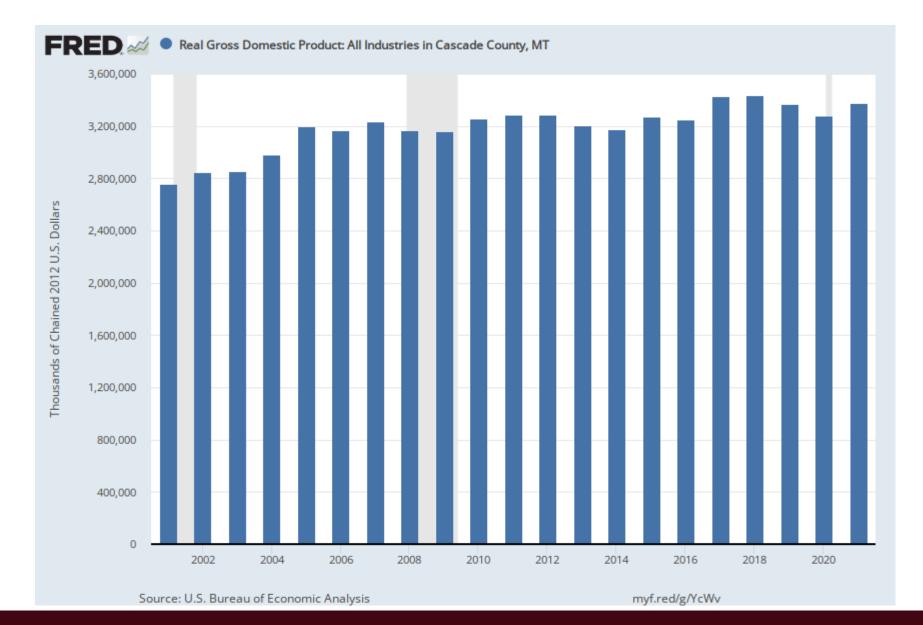


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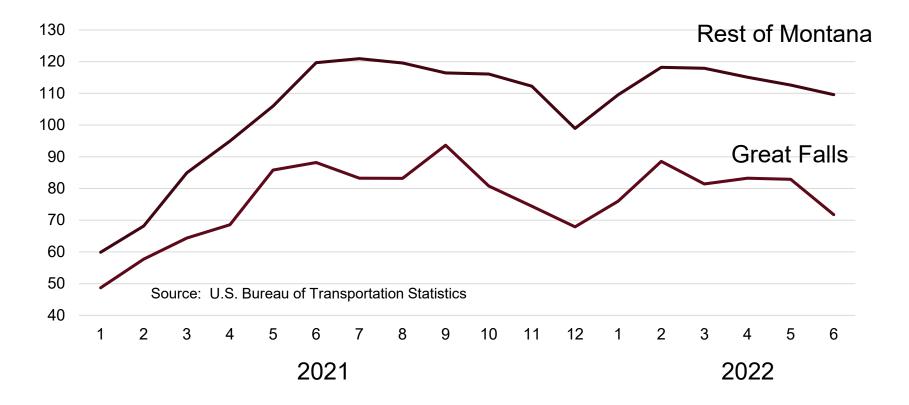






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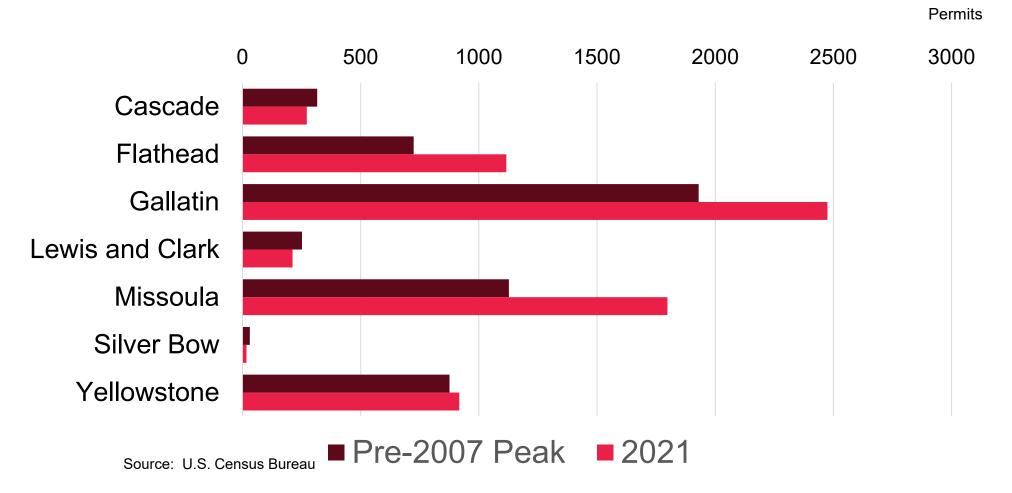
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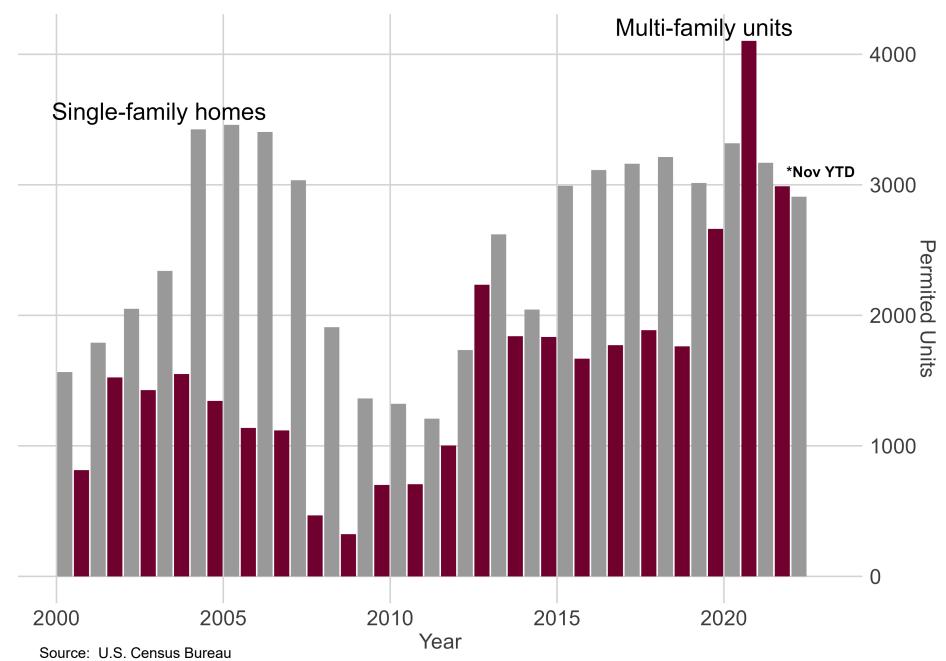
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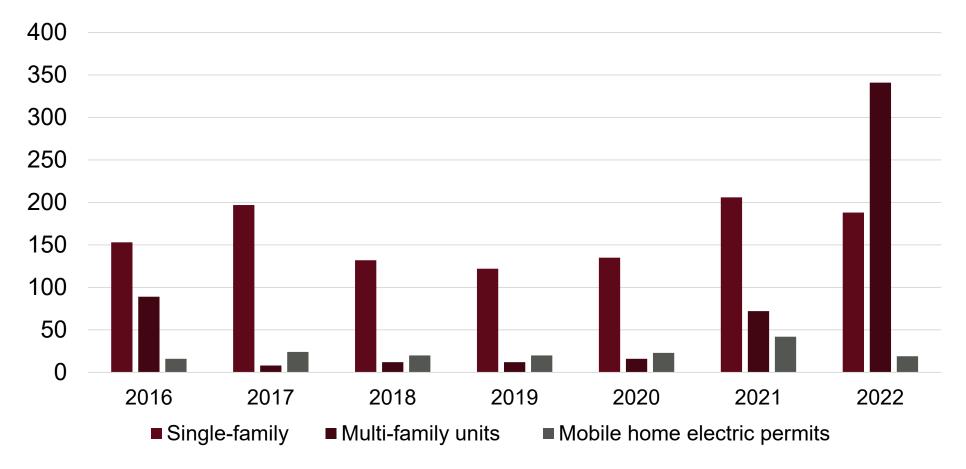




Housing Permits, Montana, 2000-2022



Housing Starts, Cascade County

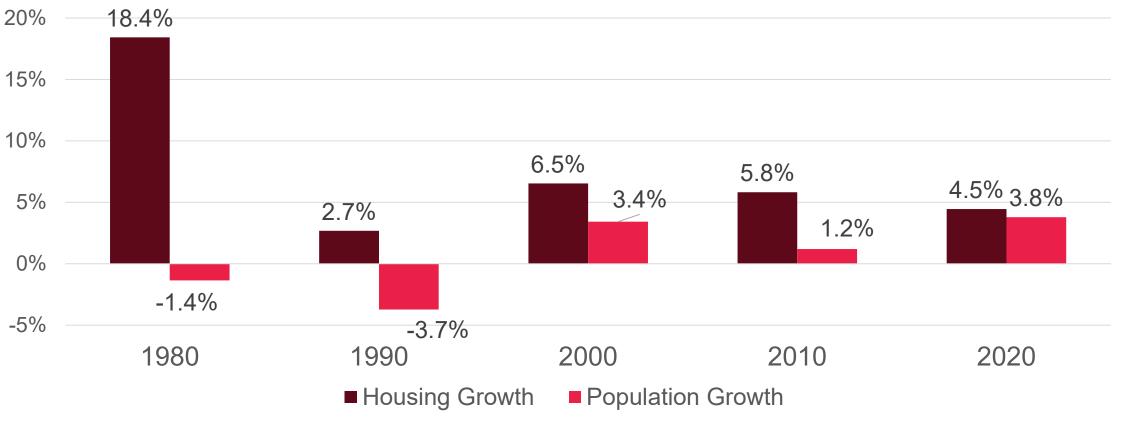


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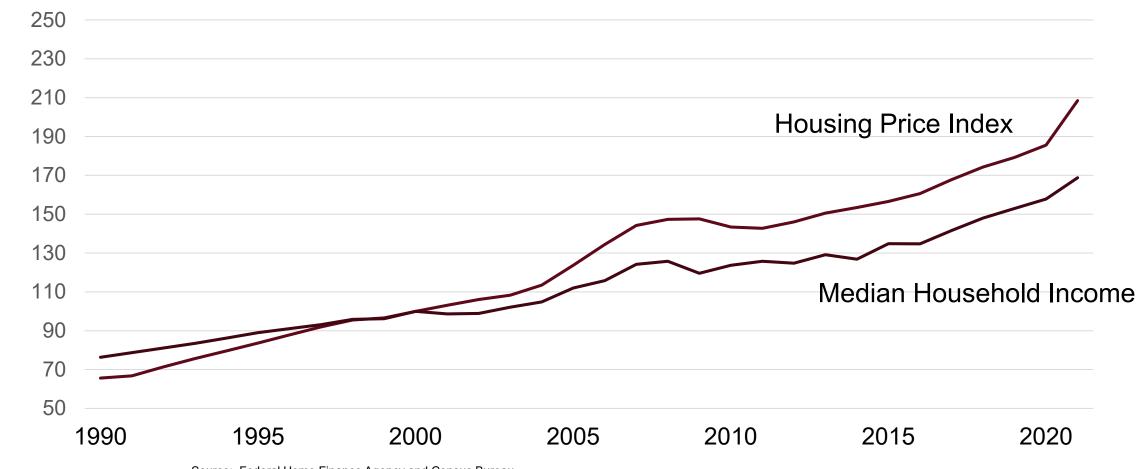
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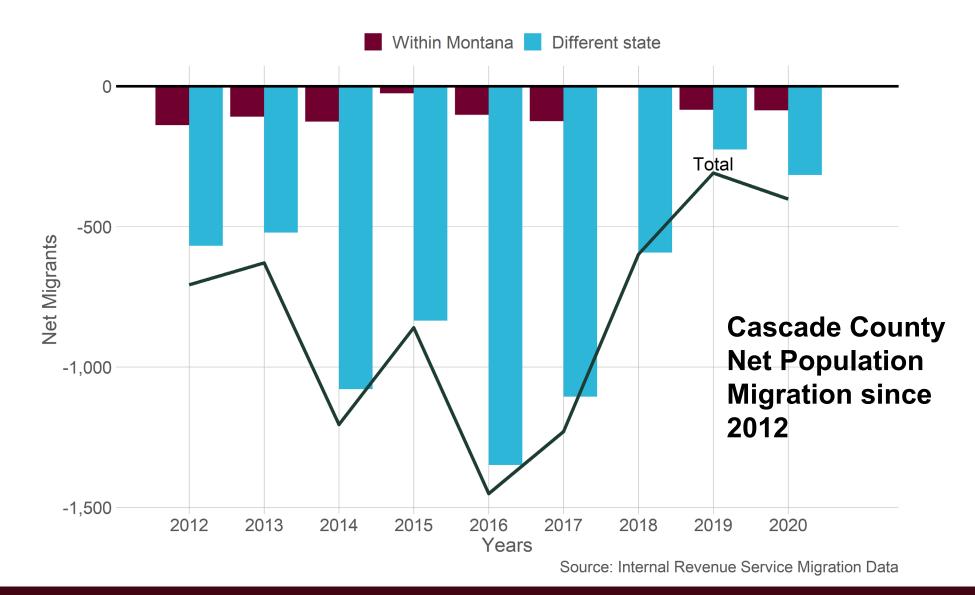
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Cascade County Market Statistics for Single Family Homes



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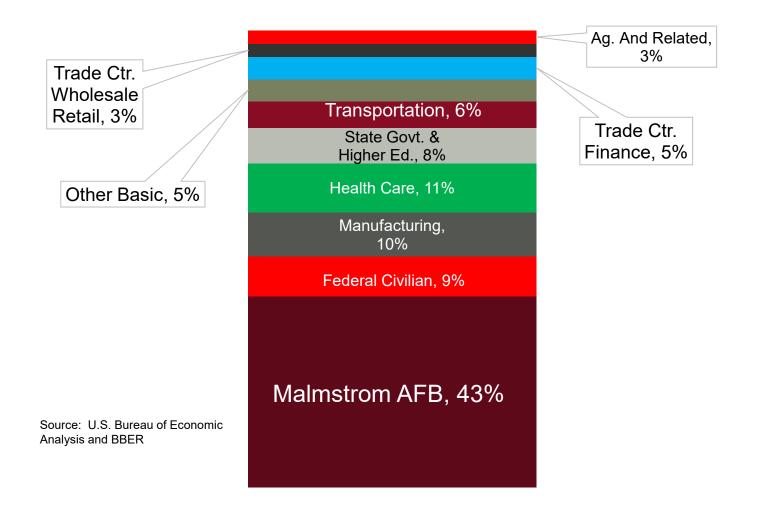




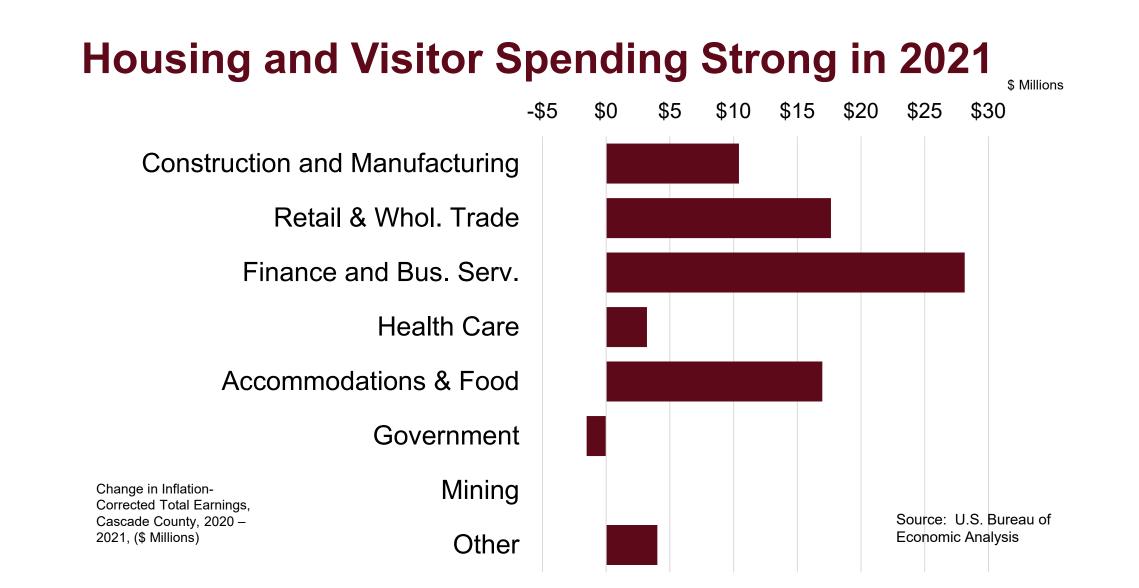
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Drivers of Economic Activity

Percent Share of Income in Basic Industries, Cascade County



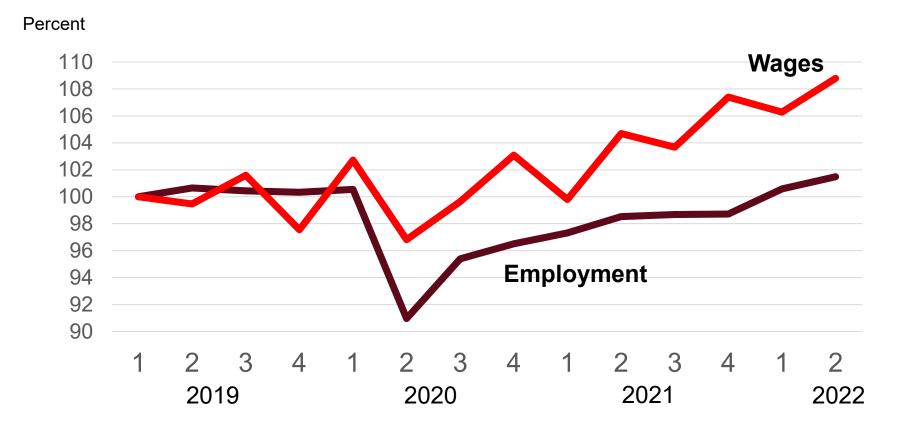






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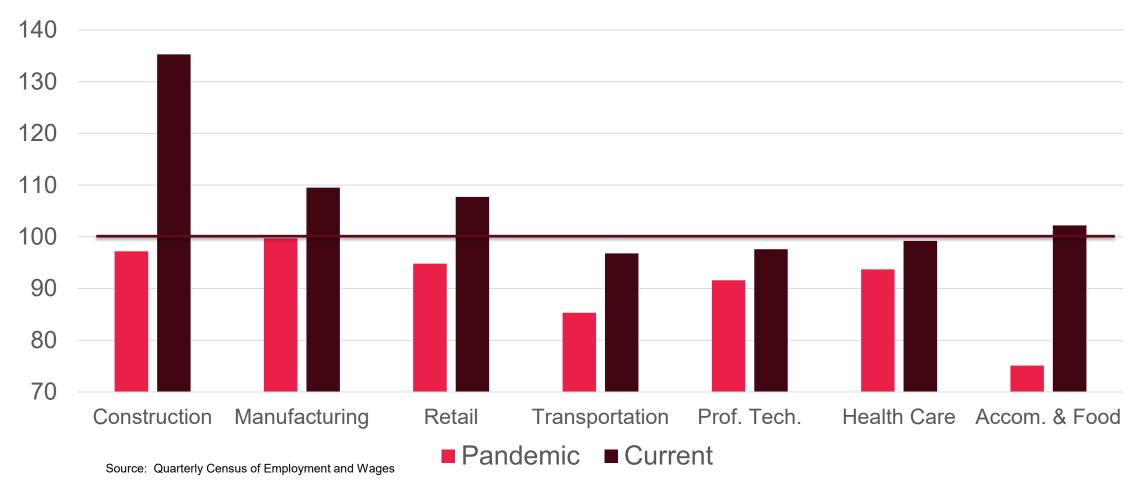
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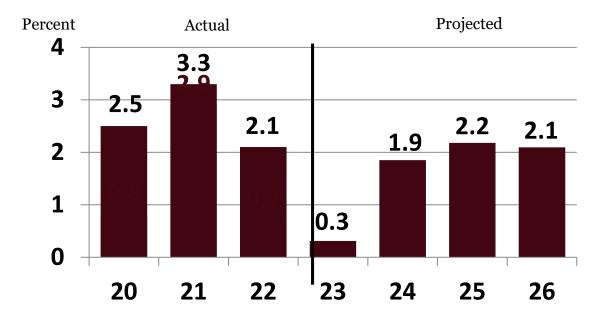


Cascade County Employment as Percent of pre-Pandemic Levels





Growth in Nonfarm Earnings, Cascade County, 2020-2026



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

