



**LEADING ECONOMIC GROWTH
BUILDING RESILIENT COMMUNITIES
CREATING OPPORTUNITIES**





SEPARATING MYTH FROM REALITY

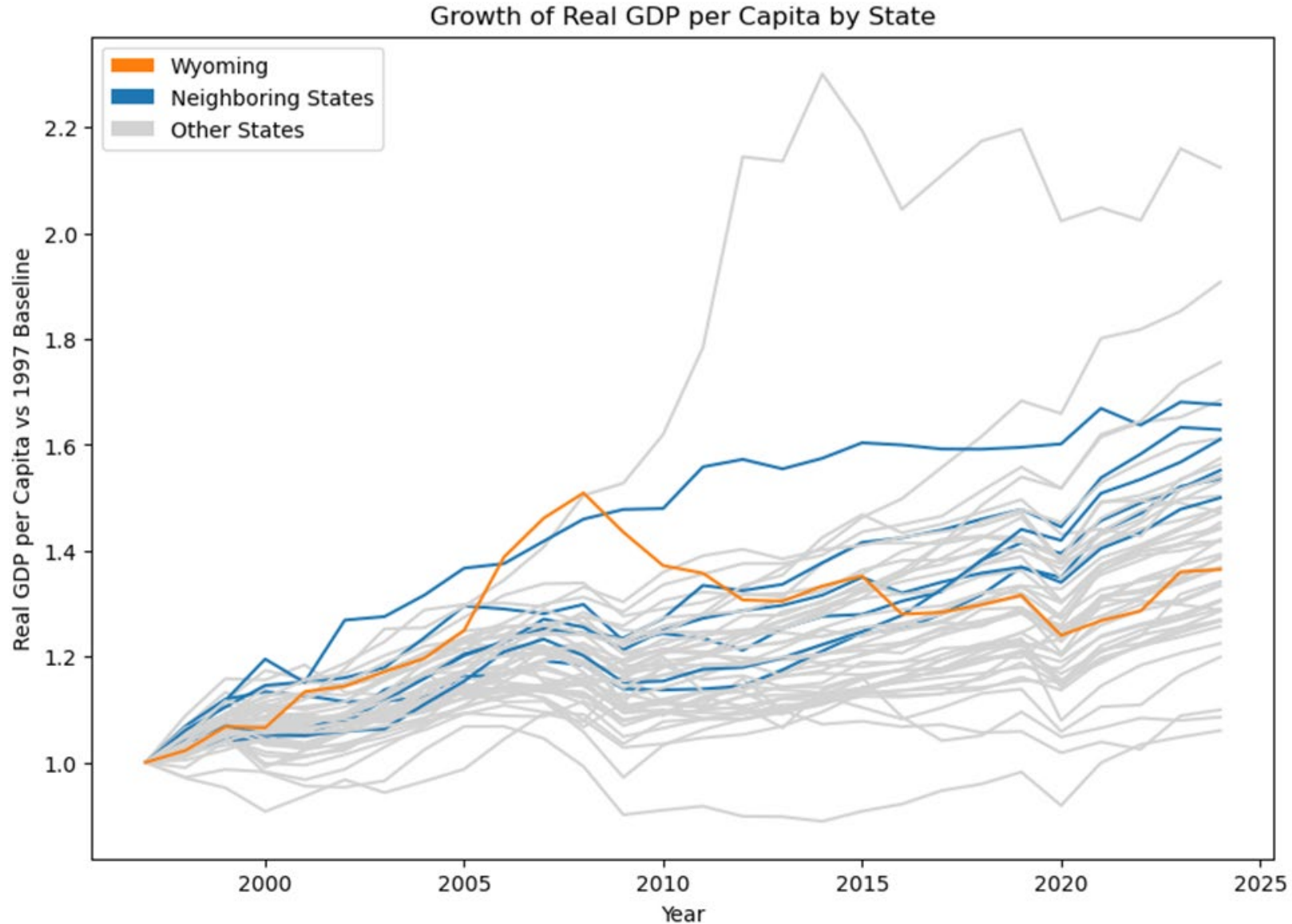
FROM BOOM TO BUST: GETTING REAL ABOUT THE ECONOMY



**MYTH:
WYOMING'S ECONOMY IS
DOING FINE.**

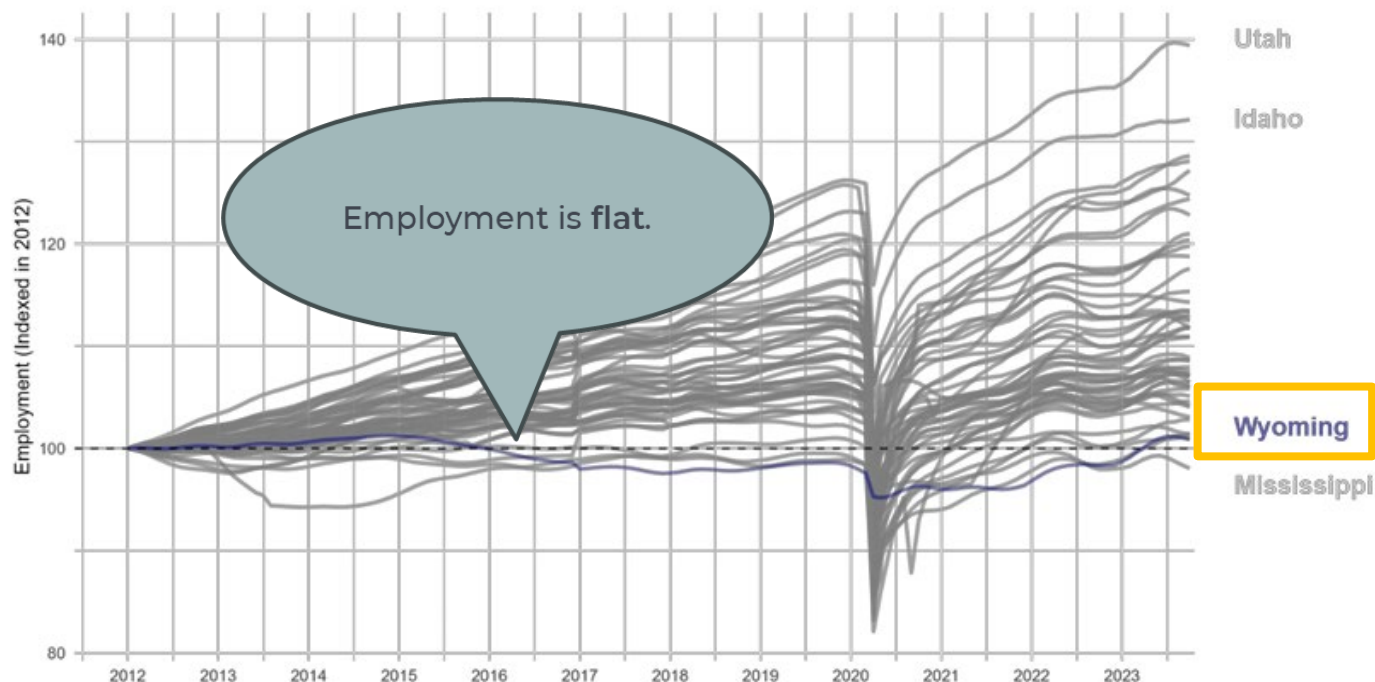


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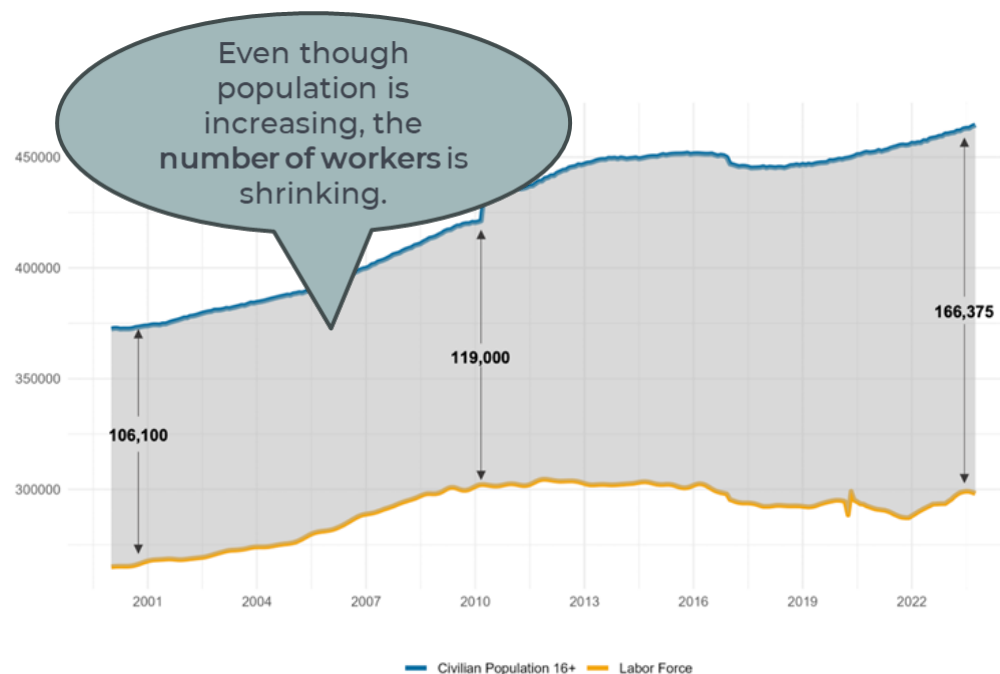


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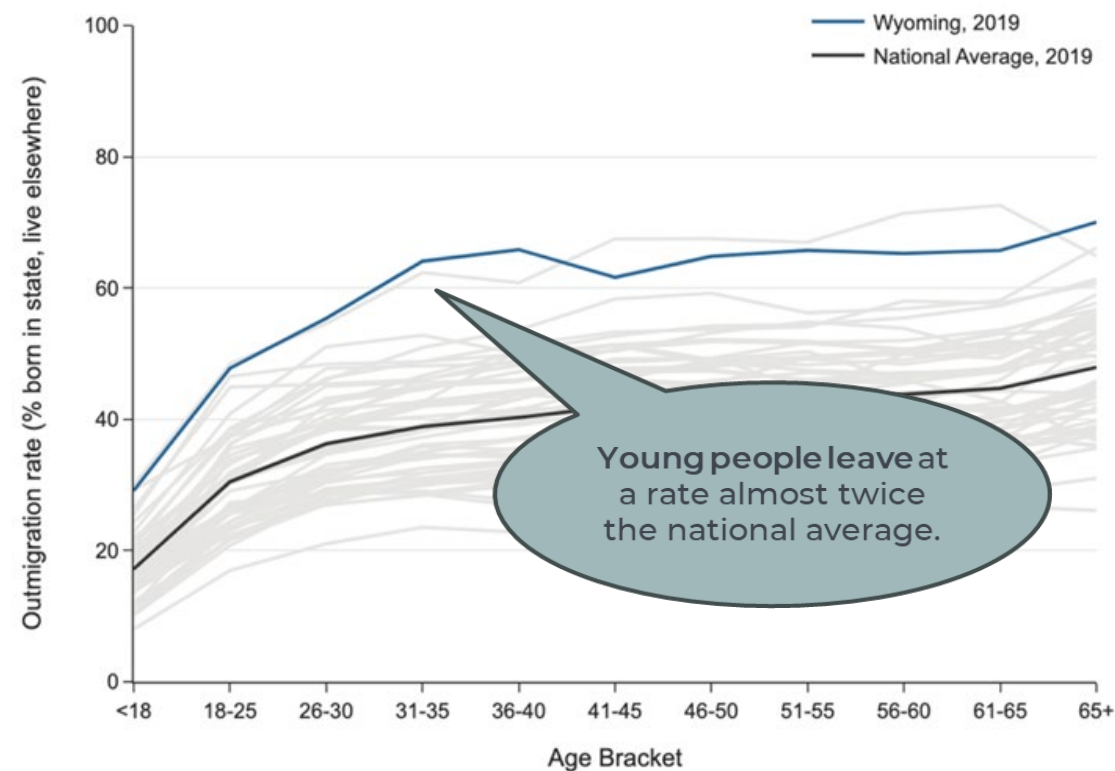




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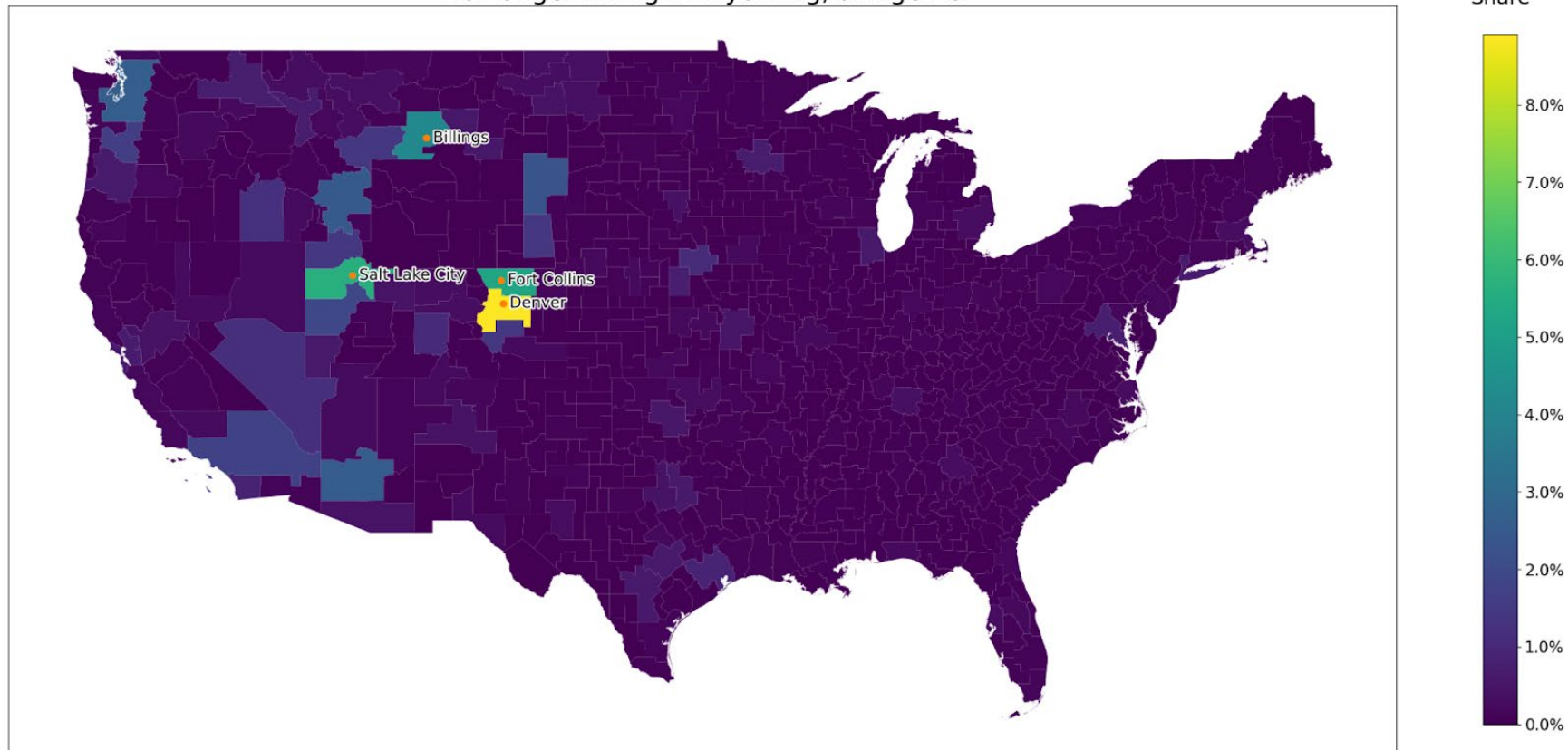


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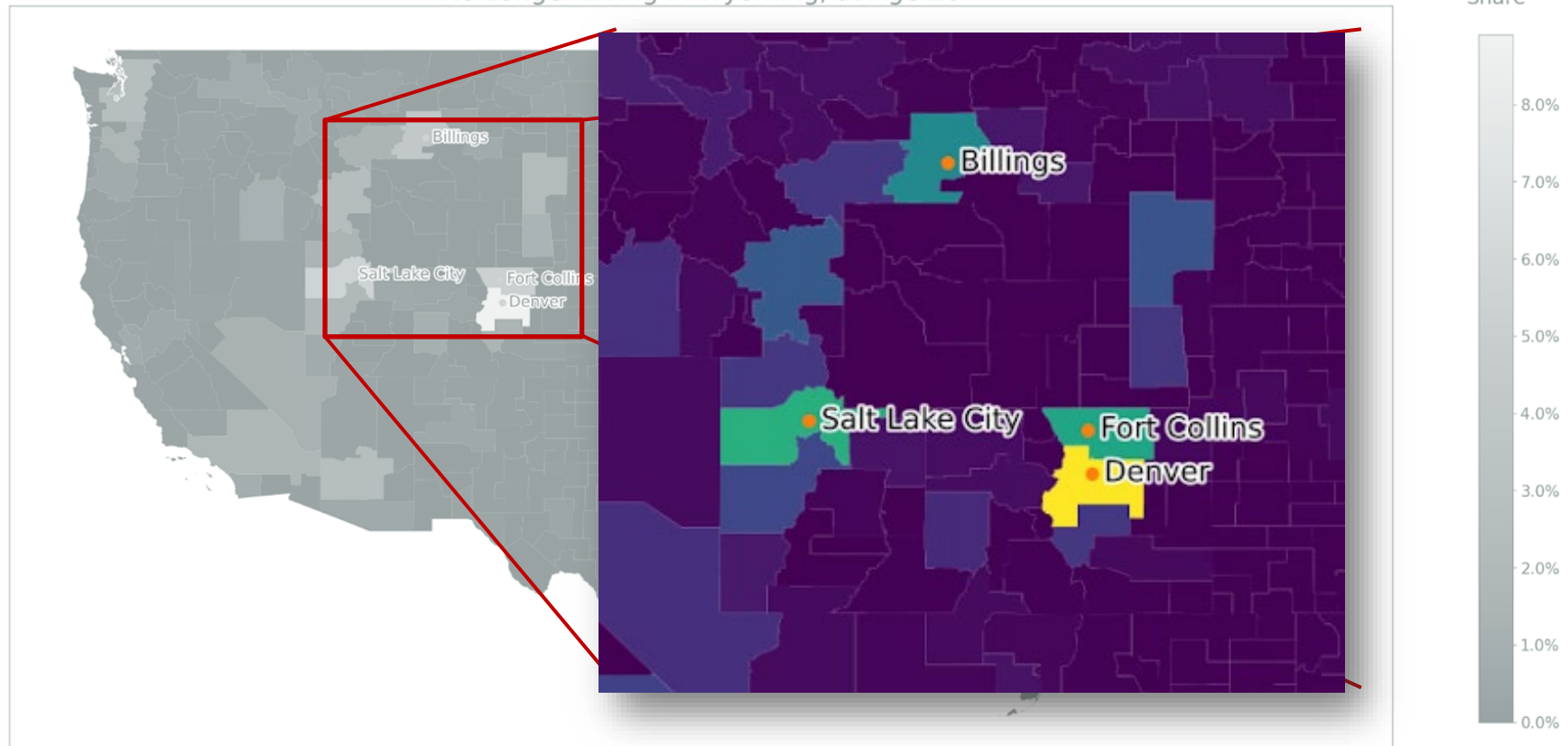
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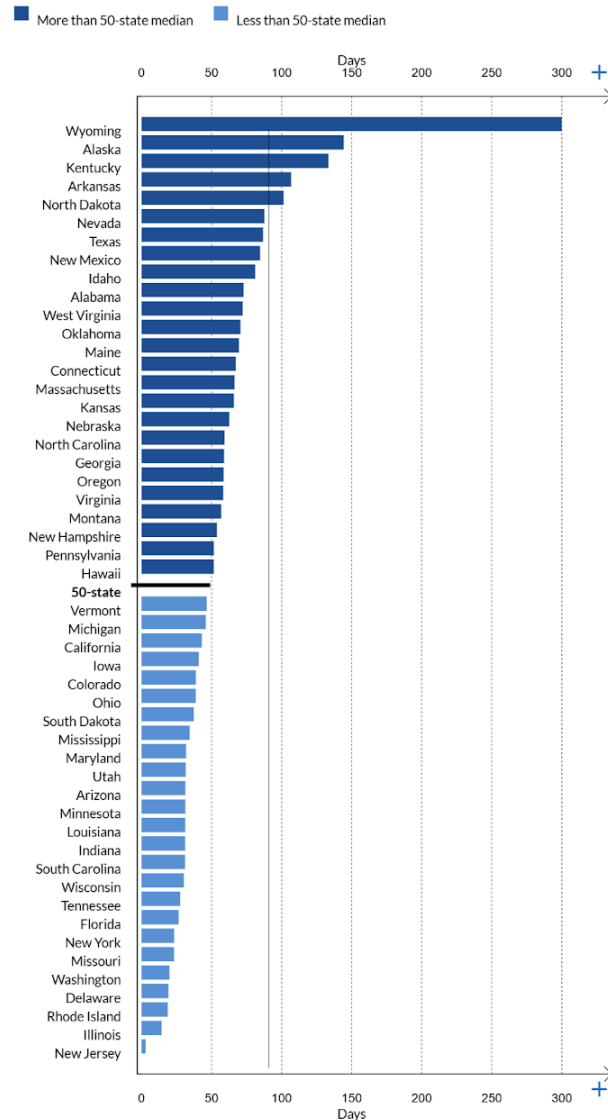
**MYTH:
THE STATE IS BROKE.**



REALITY:
WE HAVE
SIGNIFICANT
SAVINGS.

Days Each State Could Run on Only Rainy Day Funds

Fiscal year 2024, preliminary actual



Item	Amount
Rainy day funds Wyoming 2024	\$1.496 billion
Days covered by rainy day funds in Wyoming	302.2 days
Days covered by rainy day funds in Alaska	144.4 days
1 day of spending in WY	\$4.95 million
If Wyoming had 145 days of rainy day funds (1 day more than Alaska)	\$717.8 million
Difference that could be used in Wyoming if it had 145 days of savings	\$778.1 million





**MYTH:
MOST PEOPLE DON'T
WANT WYOMING TO
GROW.**



**REALITY:
MORE
WYOMINGITES
SUPPORT GROWTH
THAN YOU THINK.**

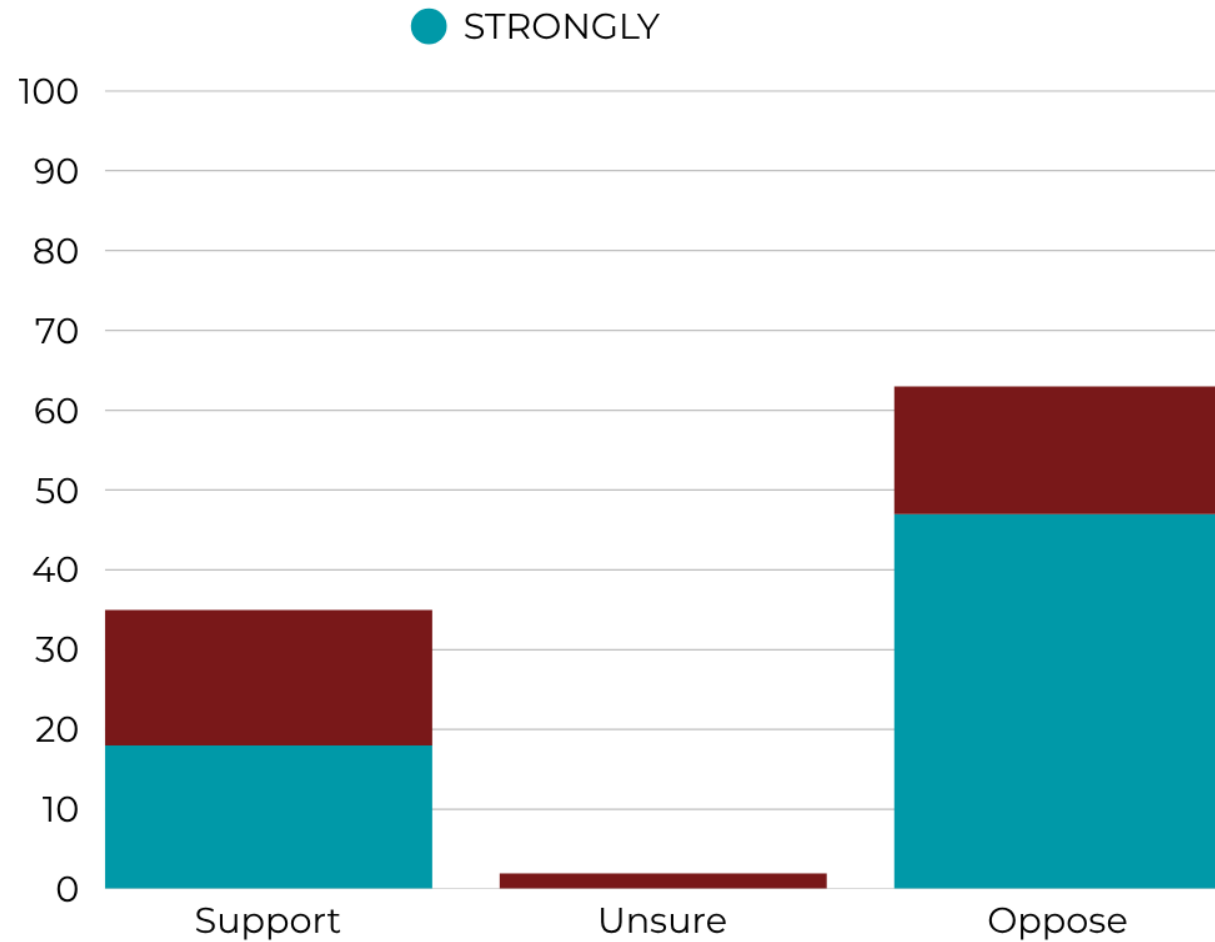




MYTH:
NOBODY WANTS TAXES TO
INCREASE.



REALITY: YOU MIGHT BE SURPRISED.





**MYTH:
WE SHOULDN'T DO ANYTHING
THAT WILL CREATE MORE
PROBLEMS.**

**REALITY:
PERFECT SOLUTIONS
DON'T EXIST, BUT WE
CAN GET BETTER AT
SOLVING PROBLEMS BY
SOLVING PROBLEMS.**





**MYTH:
NOBODY KNOWS
WHAT TO DO.**

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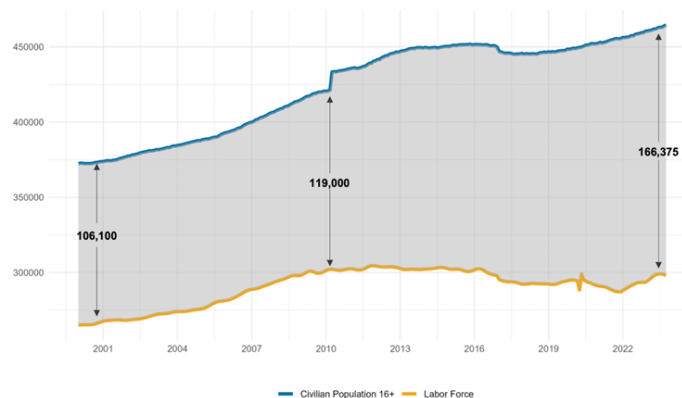


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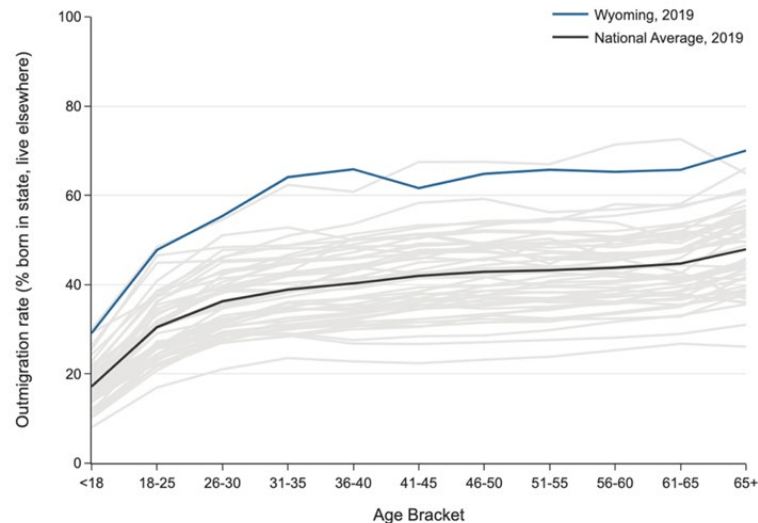




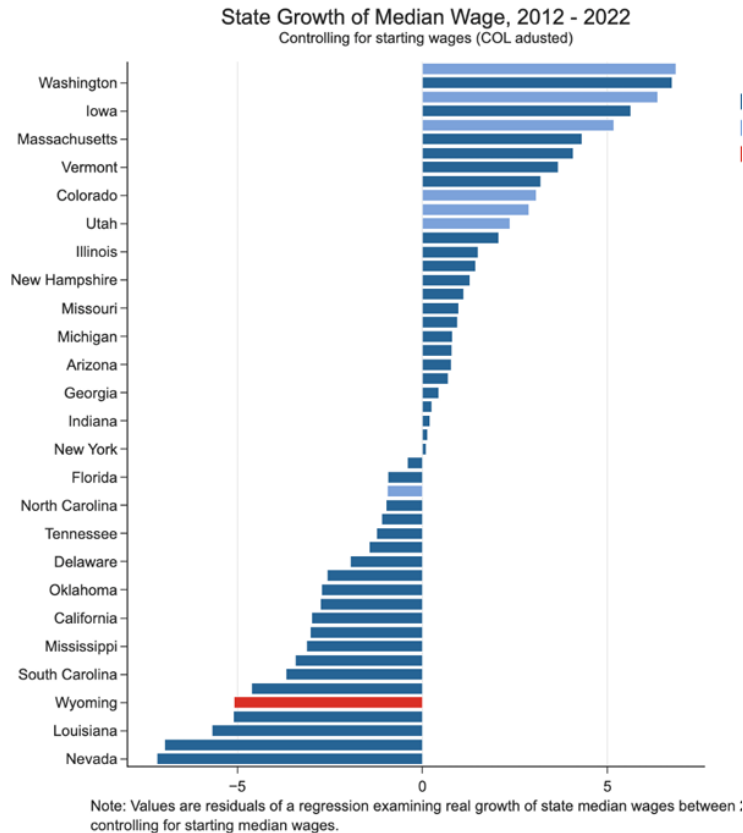
**MYTH:
WE HAVE TIME TO FIX THIS.**



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REALITY:
IT IS AN URGENT SITUATION



**MYTH:
NOBODY IS WILLING TO LEAD.**



**REALITY:
WE ARE!**

