

BLUE CHIP ECONOMIC FORECAST

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The table below displays the **2017** consensus forecast (expressed in terms of annual growth percentage changes) in 12 Western states, as of July 2017:

	 CURRENT \$ PERSONAL INCOME	 RETAIL SALES	 WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT	 POPULATION GROWTH	 SINGLE FAMILY HOUSING PERMITS
ARIZONA	4.8%	4.3%	2.5%	1.6%	14.5%
CALIFORNIA	4.9%	3.7%	2.1%	0.8%	10.2%
COLORADO	5.1%	4.4%	3.0%	1.7%	13.0%
IDAHO	4.6%	4.0%	2.5%	1.5%	7.1%
MONTANA	3.5%	2.8%	1.3%	0.7%	4.5%
NEVADA	4.3%		2.5%	1.9%	9.7%
NEW MEXICO	2.8%		0.8%	-0.2%	-1.4%
OREGON	4.0%		2.3%	1.6%	10.0%
TEXAS	5.0%	3.9%	1.9%	1.7%	16.4%
UTAH	5.3%	5.5%	3.4%	1.8%	7.2%
WASHINGTON	4.8%	6.3%	2.4%	1.7%	5.3%
WYOMING	2.0%	1.7%	-0.4%	0.2%	2.1%

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The table below displays the **2018** consensus forecast (expressed in terms of annual growth percentage changes) in 12 Western states, as of July 2017:

	 CURRENT \$ PERSONAL INCOME	 RETAIL SALES	 WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT	 POPULATION GROWTH	 SINGLE FAMILY HOUSING PERMITS
ARIZONA	5.0%	4.5%	2.6%	1.7%	9.4%
CALIFORNIA	5.1%	4.5%	1.5%	0.7%	7.7%
COLORADO	4.6%	3.7%	2.6%	1.3%	9.6%
IDAHO	4.4%	2.9%	2.3%	1.4%	7.5%
MONTANA	3.3%	2.1%	1.6%	0.8%	5.5%
NEVADA	4.5%		2.3%	1.8%	6.3%
NEW MEXICO	2.8%		0.6%	-0.2%	4.3%
OREGON	4.3%		2.4%	1.6%	6.1%
TEXAS	6.0%	5.4%	2.2%	1.8%	21.3%
UTAH	5.2%	5.3%	3.0%	1.8%	2.4%
WASHINGTON	5.2%	6.2%	2.1%	1.7%	7.5%
WYOMING	2.7%	2.4%	0.8%	0.2%	3.3%

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