



The above chart details ten Montana commodity prices, indexed to equal 100 in calendar year (CY) 2000. Indexing all prices to the same value in the same year allows for a relative comparison of rising and falling prices.

#### Commodity Prices

Timber and palladium are currently about the same price they were in CY 2000, while natural gas prices is below its CY 2000 price. Current prices for all other commodities included in this chart are above the level in CY 2000, although most are below the peak prices that followed the great recession.

#### Wage Disbursements

The growth of Montana wage disbursements is included for comparison purposes.