Chart of the Week: Competition in U.S. Oil & Gas Upstream Development Yields Substantial Revenue to State Governments – the case of Wyoming

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Wyoming's 2019 State Budget of $4.7 Billion
Reliance on Federal Oil & Gas Royalties

Federal Oil & Gas Royalty Revenue 26%

Other Sources 74%

Federal receipts fund between 25 to 30 percent of the Wyoming budget.

Analysis Based on U.S. Dept. of Interior and Wyoming State Finance Administration Data
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Viewed together, New Mexico and Wyoming rely extensively on the Department of Interior’s Oil & Gas Royalty program. Federal receipts fund between 19 to 30 percent of these states’ budgets.
Wyoming’s Government Runs on Oil & Gas Money

• Wyoming is the eighth largest crude oil producing state in the U.S., producing approximately 280 thousand barrels per day.

• The state ranked ninth nationally in natural gas production with output over 4.1 billion cubic feet per day.

• Much of this production is on U.S. federal lands.

• For fiscal year 2019, federal oil and gas royalties funded over 26% ($1.24 billion) of the state budget, much of it dedicated to public schools, health, and higher education.

• Reducing Wyoming’s oil production will not result in lower oil and gas consumption, but higher imports.