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# Montana

## COUNTY FLIERS

### Economic and Demographic Information for

# DAWSON COUNTY



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Dawson County is Montana's twenty-seventh most populous county, with a population of 8,966 residents according to the 2010 Census. Glendive, the county seat, is the state's 17th largest city, with a population of 4,935 in 2010.<sup>1</sup> Other cities and towns in Dawson County include Bloomfield, Lindsay, and Richey.

Glendive is considered the hub city of eastern Montana's agricultural area. Many large grain farms and ranches can be found throughout the region. This area is also known for its abundance of high quality agates.<sup>2</sup>

Dawson County is perhaps best known as the home of Makoshika State Park, an 11,531-acre badlands area renowned for its dramatic rock formations and an abundance of prehistoric fossils. Some of these fossils can be found on display at the Frontier Gateway Museum in Glendive, where visitors can also marvel at American Indian artifacts, antiquated farm machinery, and its "Merrill West" exhibit, a walk-through replica of the Glendive business district of the late 1800s.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Decennial Census

<sup>2</sup>"Glendive," <http://www.visitmt.com/categories/city.asp?siteid=1&city=glendive>

<sup>3</sup>Ibid.

## TOP 10 PRIVATE EMPLOYERS IN DAWSON COUNTY

(Based on 2nd Quarter 2011 Data - Listed in Alphabetical Order)

Business Name	Size Class	Business Name	Size Class
Albertsons	5	Kmart	4
Best Western Glendive Inn	4	Mid Rivers Telephone Cooperative	5
BOSS Office and Computer Products	4	Reynolds Market	5
Cross Petroleum Service	4	Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline	6
Glendive Medical Center	7	Yellowstone River Inn	4

Employment Size Class Coding: Class 7 = 250 to 499 employees, Class 6 = 100 to 249, Class 5 = 50 to 99, Class 4 = 20 to 49.

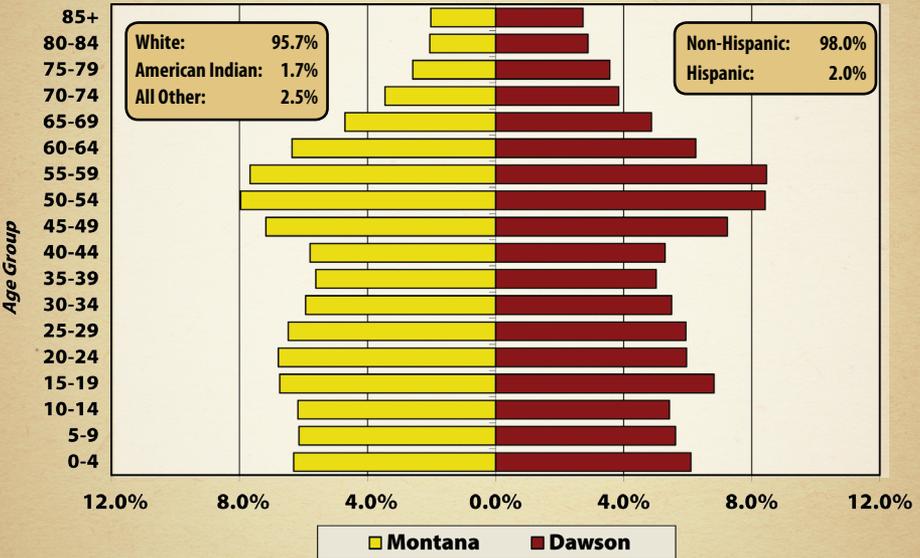
Source: Montana Department of Labor and Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment of Wages (QCEW) Program. This list ONLY includes industry employers subject to unemployment insurance. Railroads, tribal entities, and government agencies are excluded.

**POPULATION FOR DAWSON COUNTY AND RELATED AREAS**

Geography	Census 2000	2002 Estimate	2004 Estimate	2006 Estimate	2008 Estimate	Census 2010	% Change 2000-2010
Dawson County	9,059	8,692	8,552	8,538	8,524	8,966	-1.0%
Glendive city	4,729	4,682	4,611	4,595	4,591	4,935	4.4%
Richey town	189	180	177	175	175	177	-6.3%
Balance Dawson County	4,141	3,830	3,764	3,768	3,758	3,854	-6.9%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

**DISTRIBUTION OF POPULATION BY AGE - DAWSON COUNTY, 2010**



**HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT (population 25 years and older)**

Educational Attainment	Dawson County	Montana	United States
Less than a High School Diploma	11.0%	8.3%	14.4%
High School Diploma (or equivalent)	34.5%	29.9%	28.5%
Some College	24.8%	25.1%	21.3%
Associate's Degree	13.5%	7.9%	7.6%
Bachelor's Degree	10.4%	19.8%	17.7%
Graduate or Professional Degree	5.7%	9.0%	10.4%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2010 (US & MT), and 2005-2009 estimates (county)

## DAWSON COUNTY - EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY ANNUAL AVERAGES 2010

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	344	3,438	\$31,357
TOTAL PRIVATE	309	2,625	\$31,407
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING	3	*	*
Crop production	2	*	*
Fishing, hunting and trapping	1	*	*
MINING	12	78	\$67,826
Oil and gas extraction	1	*	*
Mining, except oil and gas	1	*	*
Support activities for mining	10	60	\$70,762
UTILITIES	4	*	*
CONSTRUCTION	24	63	\$28,505
Construction of buildings	3	*	*
Heavy and civil engineering construction	2	*	*
Specialty trade contractors	19	54	\$28,019
MANUFACTURING	6	41	\$31,185
Food manufacturing	1	*	*
Nonmetallic mineral product mfg	1	*	*
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	1	*	*
Machinery manufacturing	1	*	*
Computer and electronic product mfg	1	*	*
Transportation equipment manufacturing	1	*	*
WHOLESALE TRADE	23	212	\$31,578
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	6	*	*
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	15	109	\$22,092
Electronic markets & agents and brokers	2	*	*
RETAIL TRADE	47	450	\$25,452
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	11	113	\$28,197
Furniture and home furnishings stores	2	*	*
Electronics and appliance stores	2	*	*
Building material & garden supply stores	7	48	\$32,784
Food and beverage stores	6	139	\$30,201
Health and personal care stores	2	*	*
Gasoline stations	8	49	\$19,197
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	3	8	\$14,155
Sporting good, hobby, book, music stores	1	*	*
General merchandise stores	2	*	*
Miscellaneous store retailers	3	16	\$8,448
TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING	18	164	\$64,252
Truck transportation	11	29	\$44,371
Transit and ground passenger transport	1	*	*
Pipeline transportation	4	*	*

## DAWSON COUNTY - EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY ANNUAL AVERAGES 2010 (cont.)

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
Support activities for transportation	1	*	*
Couriers and messengers	1	*	*
INFORMATION	8	92	\$41,310
Publishing industries, except Internet	1	*	*
Broadcasting, except Internet	3	19	\$22,285
Telecommunications	4	*	*
FINANCE AND INSURANCE	20	89	\$35,016
Credit intermediation & related activity	9	64	\$33,399
Securities, comm. contracts, investments	3	7	\$57,671
Insurance carriers & related activities	8	17	\$32,202
REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AND LEASING	12	33	\$54,753
Real estate	11	*	*
Rental and leasing services	1	*	*
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	21	68	\$29,498
MANAGEMENT OF COMPANIES AND ENTERPRISES	1	*	*
ADMINISTRATIVE AND WASTE SERVICES	9	47	\$28,035
Administrative and support services	8	*	*
Waste management and remediation service	1	*	*
HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	32	667	\$33,600
Ambulatory health care services	14	*	*
Hospitals	1	*	*
Nursing and residential care facilities	5	182	\$23,890
Social assistance	12	132	\$21,156
ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION	11	76	\$19,060
Performing arts and spectator sports	1	*	*
Amusements, gambling, and recreation	10	*	*
ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES	27	365	\$12,084
Accommodation	10	150	\$12,684
Food services and drinking places	17	215	\$11,666
OTHER SERVICES	34	135	\$17,313
Repair and maintenance	13	51	\$24,965
Personal and laundry services	6	14	\$32,514
Membership associations & organizations	15	70	\$8,750
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	35	814	\$31,195
Local Government	16	603	\$29,505
State Government	10	176	\$33,989
Federal Government	9	36	\$45,987

Source: Montana Department of Labor and Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) program. The QCEW program compiles data reported by all employers covered under Montana unemployment insurance. (Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data, or to rounding.)

\*Data not disclosable

## AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS FOR DAWSON COUNTY

	2007 Census	2002 Census	% Change
<b>FARMS</b>			
Farms: (number)	535	522	2%
Land in farms (acres)	1,378,564	1,410,885	-2%
Average size of farms (acres)	2,577	2,703	-5%
Median size of farms (acres)	1,220	1,500	-19%
Farms by size: (number)			
Less than 1,000 acres	253	237	7%
1,000 acres or more	282	285	-1%
Farms by value of products sold: (number)			
Less than \$100,000	368	394	-7%
\$100,000 or more	167	128	30%
Farms by type of organization: (number)			
Family, Individual, Partnership	413	420	-2%
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	122	102	20%
<b>LIVESTOCK INVENTORY AND CROPS HARVESTED</b>			
Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)			
Cattle and calves	46,579	44,594	4%
Hogs and pigs	458	1,089	-58%
Sheep and lambs	5,247	7,319	-28%
Horses and ponies	1,199	1,243	-4%
Bison	*	0	*
Chickens (layers and broilers)	407	*	*
Crops Harvested (acres)			
Corn for grain	3,226	1,331	142%
Corn for silage or greenchop	1,324	1,041	27%
Wheat for grain, All	162,022	164,040	-1%
Winter wheat for grain	26,899	5,781	365%
Spring wheat for grain	129,967	153,258	-15%
Durum wheat for grain	5,156	5,001	3%
Oats for grain	1,002	1,089	-8%
Barley for grain	14,361	14,972	-4%
Hay, haylage, grass silage	60,004	55,890	7%
Sunflower seed, All	0	0	NA
<b>OPERATOR DEMOGRAPHICS</b>			
Primary occupation: (number)			
Farming	321	371	-13%
Other	214	151	42%
Place of residence: (number)			
On farm operated	341	367	-7%
Not on farm operated	194	155	25%
Years on present farm: (number)			
Less than 10 years	119	112	6%
10 years or more	416	410	1%
Age group: (number)			
Under 55 years	248	285	-13%
55 years and over	287	237	21%
Average age of operators: (number)	57.2	54.7	5%

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2007

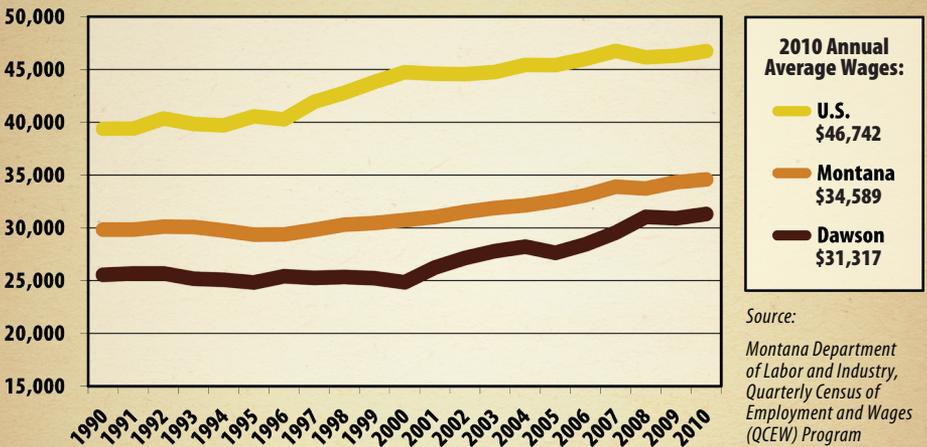
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**ANNUAL AVERAGE LABOR FORCE - DAWSON COUNTY**

Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2010	4,209	4,022	187	4.4%
2009	4,335	4,146	189	4.4%
2008	4,394	4,250	144	3.3%
2007	4,255	4,143	112	2.6%
2006	4,147	4,034	113	2.7%
2005	4,147	4,018	129	3.1%

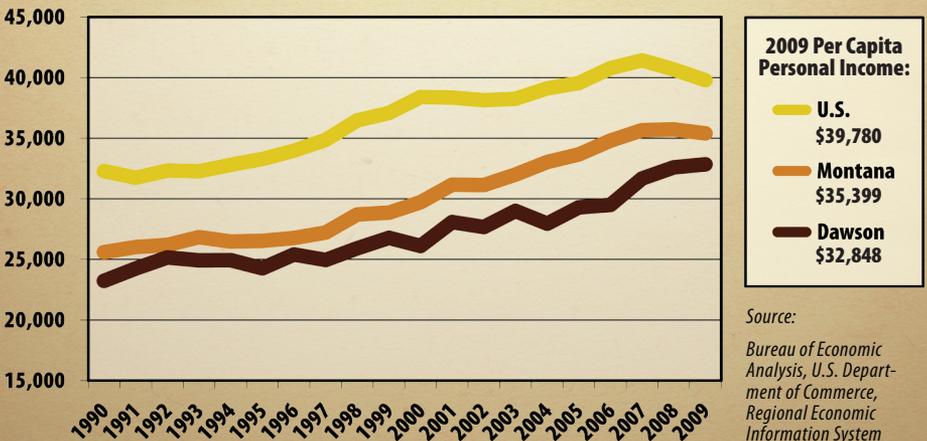
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**ANNUAL AVERAGE WAGES - DAWSON COUNTY, 1990-2010**  
(In 2010 Dollars)



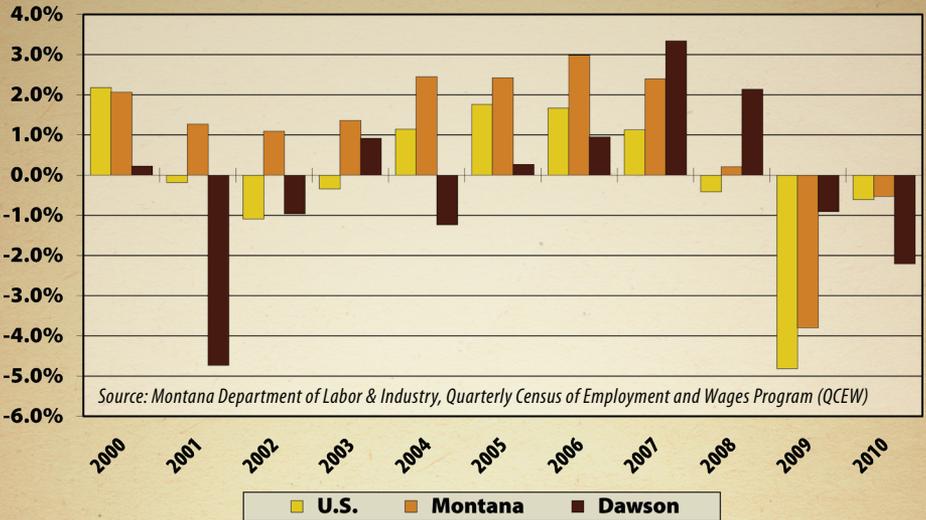
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**PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME - DAWSON COUNTY, 1990-2009**  
(In 2010 Dollars)



Source:  
Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, Regional Economic Information System

**PERCENT CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT - 2000 TO 2010**  
 (United States, Montana, and Dawson County)



**RESOURCES FOR DAWSON COUNTY**

**Chambers of Commerce**

**Glendive Chamber of Commerce**

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**Job Service Workforce Center**

**Glendive Job Service Workforce Center**

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**Economic Development**

**Dawson County Economic Development Council**

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