

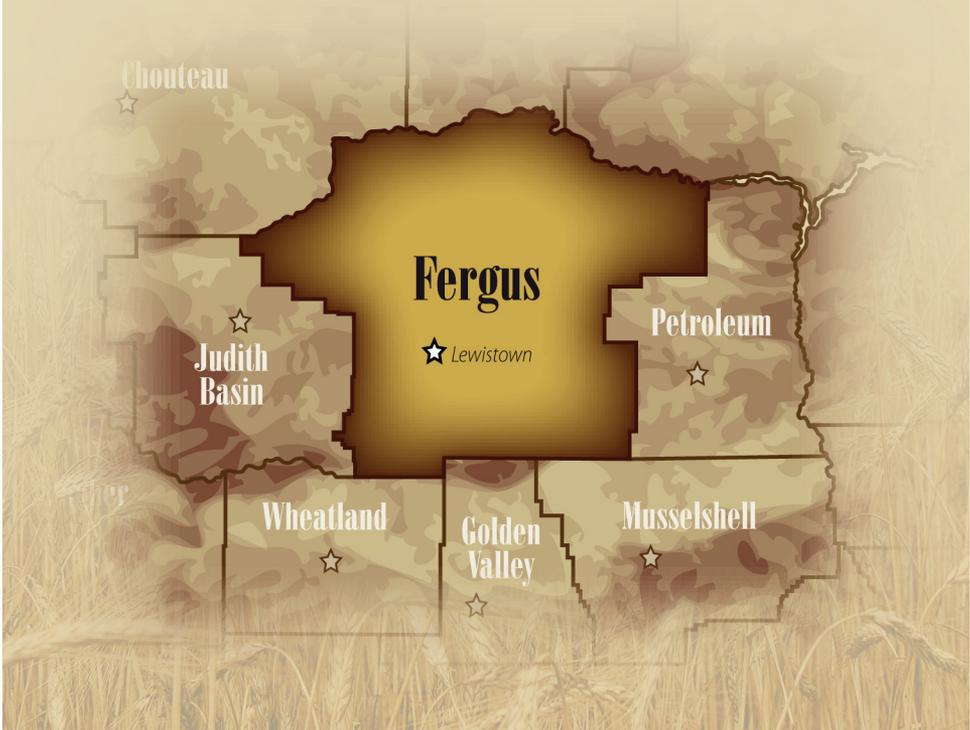
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# Montana

## COUNTY FLIERS

### Economic and Demographic Information for

# FERGUS COUNTY



Montana Department of  
**LABOR & INDUSTRY**  
Workforce Services Division





# FERGUS COUNTY

Fergus County is Montana's 16th most populous county with 11,586 residents according to the 2010 census. Lewistown, the county seat, is located at the geographic center of Montana, and is the state's 15th largest city with a population of 5,901 in 2010<sup>1</sup>. Other cities and towns include Denton, Grass Range, Moore, and Winifred.

The majority of Fergus County consists of rolling prairie, aside from the Big Snowy and Little Snowy Mountain Ranges to the south. The Missouri River forms the northern border of Fergus County, and much of the surrounding land has been designated part of the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument. The southwest corner of the Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge is also located within Fergus County.

<sup>1</sup>*U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program*

## TOP 10 PRIVATE EMPLOYERS IN FERGUS COUNTY

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

Business Name	Size Class	Business Name	Size Class
Albertsons	5	McDonalds	5
Allied Steel	5	MK Weeden Construction	5
Central Montana Medical Center	7	Moodie Implement Company	5
Century Construction	5	Valle Vista Manor	5
Hi-Heat Industries	5	Yogo Inn of Montana	5

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.

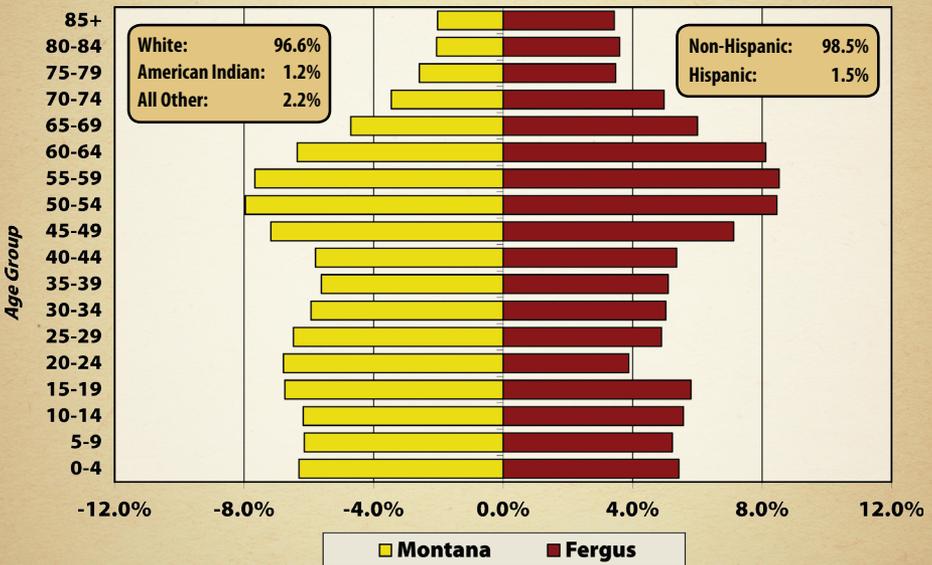
Source: Montana Department of Labor and Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment of Wages (QCEW) Program. This list ONLY includes industry employers subject to unemployment insurance. Railroads, tribal entities, and government agencies are excluded.

**POPULATION FOR FERGUS COUNTY AND RELATED AREAS**

Geography	Census 2000	2002 Estimate	2004 Estimate	2006 Estimate	2008 Estimate	Census 2010	% Change 2000-2010
Fergus County	11,893	11,572	11,379	11,269	11,168	11,586	-2.6%
Denton town	301	291	285	280	277	255	-15.3%
Grass Range town	149	148	145	144	143	110	-26.2%
Lewistown city	5,813	6,130	6,033	5,963	5,909	5,901	1.5%
Moore town	186	182	184	182	180	193	3.8%
Winifred town	156	151	148	146	145	208	33.3%
Balance Fergus County	5,288	4,670	4,584	4,554	4,514	4,919	-7.0%

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

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



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

Educational Attainment	Fergus County	Montana	United States
Less than a High School Diploma	13.5%	8.3%	14.4%
High School Diploma (or equivalent)	35.0%	29.9%	28.5%
Some College	20.2%	25.1%	21.3%
Associate's Degree	7.4%	7.9%	7.6%
Bachelor's Degree	14.7%	19.8%	17.7%
Graduate or Professional Degree	9.1%	9.0%	10.4%

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

## FERGUS COUNTY - EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY ANNUAL AVERAGES 2010

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	520	4,420	\$29,792
TOTAL PRIVATE	471	3,395	\$28,722
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING	10	26	\$22,635
Crop production	1	*	*
Animal production	5	17	\$25,697
Forestry and logging	1	*	*
Agriculture & forestry support	3	*	*
MINING	3	4	\$59,275
Mining, except oil and gas	1	*	*
Support activities for mining	2	*	*
UTILITIES	4	43	\$76,906
CONSTRUCTION	66	337	\$44,912
Construction of buildings	19	50	\$22,946
Heavy and civil engineering construction	11	211	\$56,058
Specialty trade contractors	36	76	\$28,456
MANUFACTURING	26	301	\$33,782
Food manufacturing	3	16	\$22,588
Beverage and tobacco product mfg	1	*	*
Wood product manufacturing	1	*	*
Printing and related support activities	1	*	*
Plastics & rubber products manufacturing	3	*	*
Nonmetallic mineral product mfg	2	*	*
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	8	120	\$50,686
Transportation equipment manufacturing	2	*	*
Furniture and related product mfg	1	*	*
Miscellaneous manufacturing	5	20	\$22,984
WHOLESALE TRADE	34	277	\$37,402
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	10	*	*
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	20	136	\$32,316
Electronic markets & agents and brokers	4	*	*
RETAIL TRADE	58	462	\$26,233
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	10	96	\$29,094
Furniture and home furnishings stores	4	18	\$25,184
Electronics and appliance stores	1	*	*
Building material & garden supply stores	7	48	\$24,149
Food and beverage stores	8	106	\$25,063
Health and personal care stores	3	22	\$32,615
Gasoline stations	3	23	\$15,305
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	5	31	\$14,248
Sporting good, hobby, book, music stores	3	*	*
General merchandise stores	2	*	*
Miscellaneous store retailers	11	39	\$14,515
Nonstore retailers	1	*	*
TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING	15	43	\$37,577
Air transportation	1	*	*

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

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
Truck transportation	9	20	\$24,721
Support activities for transportation	2	*	*
Couriers and messengers	2	*	*
Warehousing and storage	1	*	*
<b>INFORMATION</b>	11	77	\$20,902
Publishing industries, except Internet	2	*	*
Motion picture, sound recording industry	1	*	*
Broadcasting, except Internet	2	*	*
Telecommunications	6	20	\$38,808
<b>FINANCE AND INSURANCE</b>	19	149	\$40,285
Credit intermediation & related activity	8	118	\$39,998
Securities, comm. contracts, investments	1	*	*
Insurance carriers & related activities	10	*	*
<b>REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AND LEASING</b>	25	68	\$16,924
Real estate	17	50	\$16,077
Rental and leasing services	8	19	\$19,193
<b>PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES</b>	35	73	\$32,116
MANAGEMENT OF COMPANIES AND ENTERPRISES	1	*	*
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE AND WASTE SERVICES</b>	23	98	\$24,939
Administrative and support services	20	79	\$23,447
Waste management and remediation service	3	18	\$31,346
<b>EDUCATIONAL SERVICES</b>	2	*	*
<b>HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE</b>	43	701	\$29,300
Ambulatory health care services	27	149	\$34,076
Hospitals	1	*	*
Nursing and residential care facilities	5	163	\$24,072
Social assistance	11	*	*
<b>ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION</b>	9	49	\$12,915
Museums, historical sites, zoos, & parks	1	*	*
Amusements, gambling, and recreation	8	*	*
<b>ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES</b>	48	526	\$11,526
Accommodation	9	106	\$13,670
Food services and drinking places	39	421	\$10,988
<b>OTHER SERVICES</b>	41	140	\$17,555
Repair and maintenance	15	34	\$23,830
Personal and laundry services	4	15	\$22,288
Membership associations & organizations	19	82	\$13,914
Private households	4	9	\$19,168
<b>TOTAL GOVERNMENT</b>	49	1,024	\$33,338
Local Government	19	599	\$28,039
State Government	12	247	\$34,309
Federal Government	18	179	\$49,773

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 FERGUS COUNTY

	2007 Census	2002 Census	% Change
<b>FARMS</b>			
Farms: (number)	898	830	8%
Land in farms (acres)	2,446,047	2,281,789	7%
Average size of farms (acres)	2,724	2,749	-1%
Median size of farms (acres)	1,062	1,500	-29%
Farms by size: (number)			
Less than 1,000 acres	438	399	10%
1,000 acres or more	460	431	7%
Farms by value of products sold: (number)			
Less than \$100,000	595	612	-3%
\$100,000 or more	303	218	39%
Farms by type of organization: (number)			
Family, Individual, Partnership	800	775	3%
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	98	55	78%
<b>LIVESTOCK INVENTORY AND CROPS HARVESTED</b>			
Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)			
Cattle and calves	116,094	96,825	20%
Hogs and pigs	272	416	-35%
Sheep and lambs	6,062	6,576	-8%
Horses and ponies	2,207	1,979	12%
Bison	*	32	*
Chickens (layers and broilers)	*	2,482	*
Crops Harvested (acres)			
Corn for grain	*	0	*
Corn for silage or greenchop	0	0	NA
Wheat for grain, All	161,649	151,901	6%
Winter wheat for grain	126,166	93,334	35%
Spring wheat for grain	*	58,085	*
Durum wheat for grain	*	482	*
Oats for grain	1,363	1,982	-31%
Barley for grain	32,604	43,118	-24%
Hay, haylage, grass silage	185,950	163,614	14%
Sunflower seed, All	0	*	NA
<b>OPERATOR DEMOGRAPHICS</b>			
Primary occupation: (number)			
Farming	541	571	-5%
Other	357	259	38%
Place of residence: (number)			
On farm operated	702	672	4%
Not on farm operated	196	158	24%
Years on present farm: (number)			
Less than 10 years	190	210	-10%
10 years or more	708	620	14%
Age group: (number)			
Under 55 years	377	436	-14%
55 years and over	521	394	32%
Average age of operators: (number)	57.9	55.2	5%

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

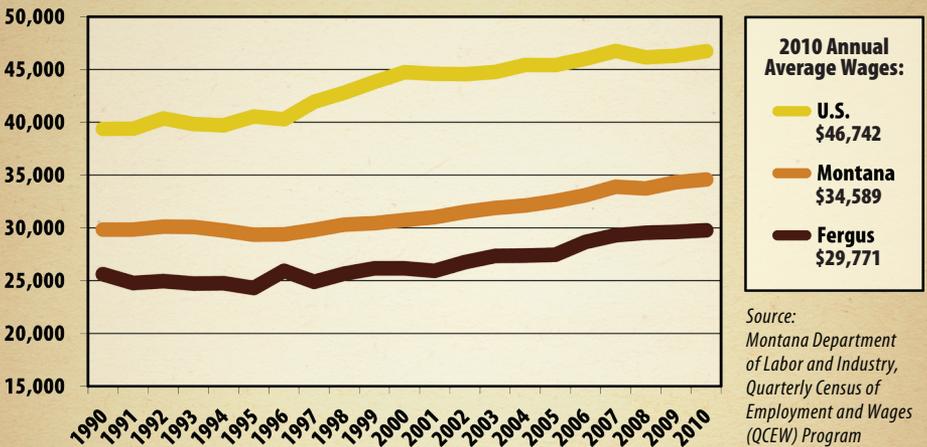
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**ANNUAL AVERAGE LABOR FORCE - FERGUS COUNTY**

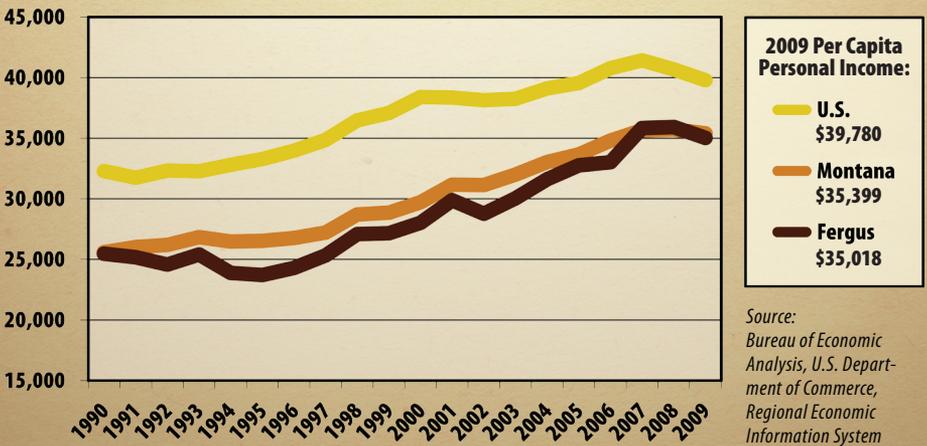
Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2010	5,996	5,617	379	6.3%
2009	5,996	5,695	301	5.0%
2008	5,941	5,690	251	4.2%
2007	5,861	5,641	220	3.8%
2006	5,728	5,505	223	3.9%
2005	5,747	5,497	250	4.4%

Source: Montana Department of Labor and Industry, Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program (LAUS)

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

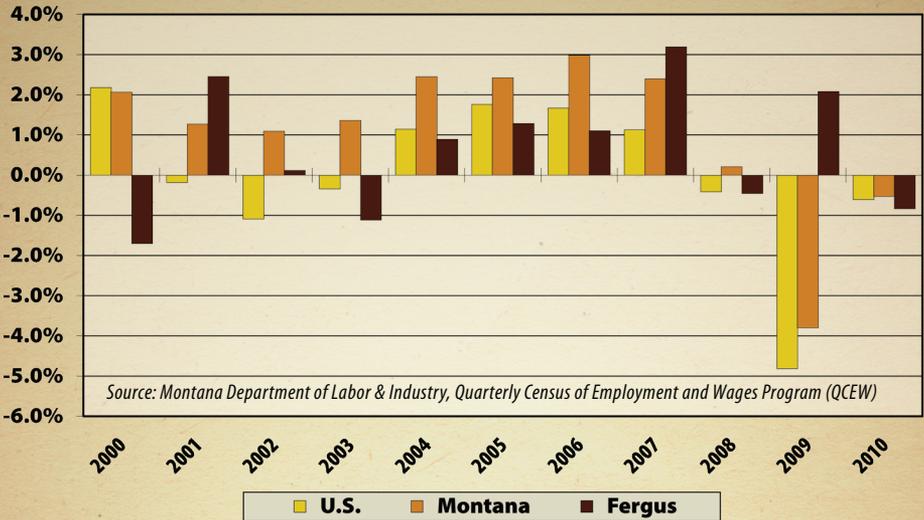


**PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME - FERGUS COUNTY, 1990-2009**  
(In 2010 Dollars)



## PERCENT CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT - 2000 TO 2010

(United States, Montana, and Fergus County)



## RESOURCES FOR FERGUS COUNTY

### **Economic Development**

Snowy Mountain Development Corporation  
 613 NE Main Street  
 Lewistown, MT 59457  
 (406) 535-2591  
[smdc@midrivers.com](mailto:smdc@midrivers.com)  
[www.snowymtndev.com](http://www.snowymtndev.com)

### **Business Expansion And Retention (BEAR)**

Contact: Kathie Bailey  
 Ph: (406) 535-2591  
 E-mail: [smdcdist6@hotmail.com](mailto:smdcdist6@hotmail.com)

### **Job Service Center**

Lewistown Job Service Workforce Center  
 300 First Avenue North  
 Lewistown, MT 59457  
 (406) 538-8701  
 E-mail: [LewistownJSC@mt.gov](mailto:LewistownJSC@mt.gov)  
<http://wsd.dli.mt.gov/local/lewisown>

### **Chamber of Commerce**

Lewistown Area Chamber of Commerce  
 408 NE Main Street  
 Lewistown, MT 59457  
 (406) 535-5436 or (888) 912-3980  
 E-mail: [lewchamb@midrivers.com](mailto:lewchamb@midrivers.com)  
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