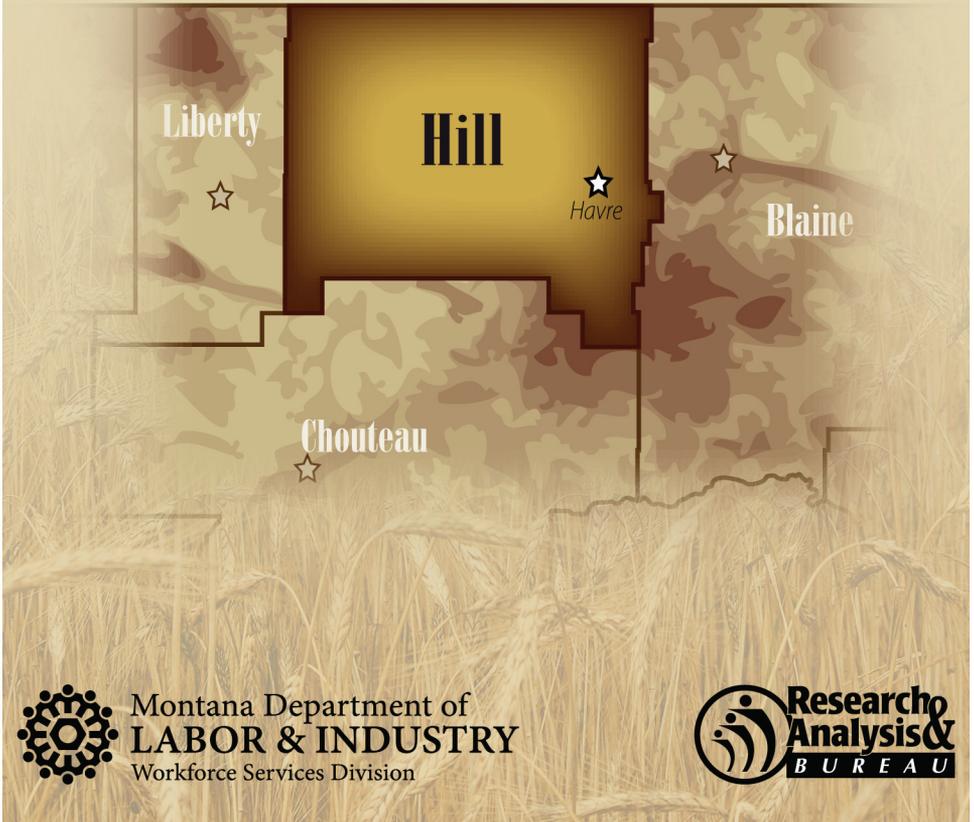


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Economic and Demographic Information for **HILL COUNTY**



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HILL COUNTY

Hill County is Montana's eleventh most populous county with 16,096 residents according to the 2010 U.S. Census. Havre, the county seat, is the state's eighth largest city with a population of 9,310 in 2010.¹ Other cities and towns in Hill County include Box Elder, Hingham, Inverness, Kremlin, and Rudyard. Much of the Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation lies within Hill County.

Hill County has historically depended upon agriculture. While farming and ranching remain vital to the area's economy, the county has become more financially diverse, with hospital and health services, education, professional and retail business, manufacturing and railroads making significant contributions. Havre is the most populous city on Montana's Hi-Line, and serves as a wholesale and retail hub for surrounding communities.²

¹U.S. Census Bureau, *Population Estimates Program*

²"Havre History," www.havremt.com

TOP 20 PRIVATE EMPLOYERS IN HILL COUNTY

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

| Business Name | Size Class | Business Name | Size Class |
|--|------------|---|------------|
| Chippewa Cree Construction Corp. | 5 | Kmart | 5 |
| Devon Energy | 4 | McDonalds | 4 |
| Duck Inn Tavern & Supper Club | 5 | North Star School | 5 |
| Gary and Leo's IGA | 6 | Northern Montana Hospital | 8 |
| Havre Day Activity Center | 5 | Optimum (formerly Bresnan Communications) | 5 |
| Heberly & Assoc. | 5 | Pizza Hut | 4 |
| Herberger's | 4 | Tilleman Motor Company | 5 |
| Hill County Electric Cooperative | 6 | Torgersons LLC | 4 |
| Human Resources Development Council - District 4 | 5 | Town Pump | 5 |
| Independence Bank | 4 | Walmart | 6 |

Employment Size Class Coding: Class 8 = 500 to 999 employees, Class 6 = 100 to 249, Class 5 = 50 to 99, Class 4 = 20 to 49.

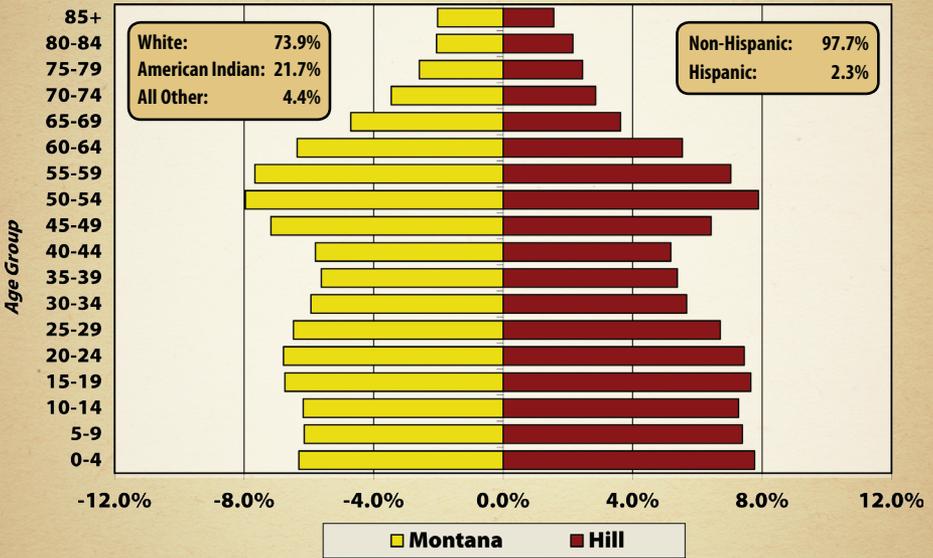
Source: Montana Department of Labor and Industry, *Quarterly Census of Employment of Wages (QCEW) Program*. This list ONLY includes industry employers subject to unemployment insurance. Railroads, tribal entities, and government agencies are excluded.

POPULATION FOR HILL COUNTY AND RELATED AREAS

| Geography | Census 2000 | 2002 Estimate | 2004 Estimate | 2006 Estimate | 2008 Estimate | Census 2010 | % Change 2000-2010 |
|---------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Hill County | 16,673 | 16,292 | 16,206 | 16,393 | 16,453 | 16,096 | -3.5% |
| Havre city | 9,621 | 9,400 | 9,349 | 9,480 | 9,543 | 9,310 | -3.2% |
| Hingham town | 157 | 153 | 152 | 151 | 151 | 118 | -24.8% |
| Balance Hill County | 6,895 | 6,739 | 6,705 | 6,762 | 6,759 | 6,668 | -3.3% |

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

DISTRIBUTION OF POPULATION BY AGE - HILL COUNTY, 2010



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

| Educational Attainment | Hill County | Montana | United States |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|---------|---------------|
| Less than a High School Diploma | 9.7% | 8.3% | 14.4% |
| High School Diploma (or equivalent) | 33.0% | 29.9% | 28.5% |
| Some College | 28.5% | 25.1% | 21.3% |
| Associate's Degree | 8.8% | 7.9% | 7.6% |
| Bachelor's Degree | 13.2% | 19.8% | 17.7% |
| Graduate or Professional Degree | 6.8% | 9.0% | 10.4% |

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

HILL COUNTY - EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY ANNUAL AVERAGES 2010

| Industry | Number of Establishments | Average Annual Employment | Annual Wages Per Job |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES | 608 | 6,980 | \$32,118 |
| TOTAL PRIVATE | 551 | 4,855 | \$29,617 |
| AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING | 8 | 37 | \$22,571 |
| Crop production | 4 | 15 | \$18,425 |
| Animal production | 1 | * | * |
| Agriculture & forestry support | 3 | * | * |
| MINING | 12 | 122 | \$70,611 |
| Oil and gas extraction | 3 | 73 | \$78,322 |
| Mining, except oil and gas | 1 | * | * |
| Support activities for mining | 8 | * | * |
| UTILITIES | 8 | 35 | \$63,867 |
| CONSTRUCTION | 65 | 337 | \$36,788 |
| Construction of buildings | 20 | 97 | \$41,476 |
| Heavy and civil engineering construction | 7 | 76 | \$36,055 |
| Specialty trade contractors | 38 | 165 | \$34,367 |
| MANUFACTURING | 10 | 64 | \$32,207 |
| Food manufacturing | 1 | * | * |
| Beverage and tobacco product mfg | 1 | * | * |
| Wood product manufacturing | 1 | * | * |
| Printing and related support activities | 3 | 24 | \$25,806 |
| Fabricated metal product manufacturing | 3 | 15 | \$25,561 |
| Miscellaneous manufacturing | 1 | * | * |
| WHOLESALE TRADE | 28 | 228 | \$36,787 |
| Merchant wholesalers, durable goods | 7 | * | * |
| Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods | 19 | 115 | \$33,259 |
| Electronic markets & agents and brokers | 2 | * | * |
| RETAIL TRADE | 85 | 1,014 | \$21,964 |
| Motor vehicle and parts dealers | 16 | 180 | \$31,974 |
| Furniture and home furnishings stores | 7 | 30 | \$30,787 |
| Electronics and appliance stores | 5 | 25 | \$19,667 |
| Building material & garden supply stores | 10 | 58 | \$24,044 |
| Food and beverage stores | 3 | * | * |
| Health and personal care stores | 4 | 22 | \$19,192 |
| Gasoline stations | 12 | 111 | \$15,483 |
| Clothing and clothing accessories stores | 8 | 30 | \$17,717 |
| Sporting good, hobby, book, music stores | 5 | 22 | \$12,516 |
| General merchandise stores | 6 | 376 | \$19,096 |
| Miscellaneous store retailers | 8 | 30 | \$17,595 |
| Nonstore retailers | 1 | * | * |
| TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING | 20 | 108 | \$30,165 |
| Truck transportation | 13 | 48 | \$27,115 |
| Transit and ground passenger transport | 2 | * | * |

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

| Industry | Number of Establishments | Average Annual Employment | Annual Wages Per Job |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Support activities for transportation | 2 | * | * |
| Couriers and messengers | 4 | 24 | \$40,900 |
| INFORMATION | 11 | 254 | \$48,049 |
| Publishing industries, except Internet | 1 | * | * |
| Motion picture, sound recording industry | 1 | * | * |
| Broadcasting, except Internet | 2 | * | * |
| Telecommunications | 7 | 198 | \$54,523 |
| FINANCE AND INSURANCE | 39 | 206 | \$39,726 |
| Credit intermediation & related activity | 11 | 133 | \$40,549 |
| Securities, comm. contracts, investments | 9 | 18 | \$59,673 |
| Insurance carriers & related activities | 19 | 55 | \$31,316 |
| REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AND LEASING | 19 | 54 | \$22,758 |
| Real estate | 12 | 38 | \$17,018 |
| Rental and leasing services | 7 | 16 | \$36,540 |
| PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES | 39 | 227 | \$45,437 |
| ADMINISTRATIVE AND WASTE SERVICES | 21 | 97 | \$16,338 |
| Administrative and support services | 20 | * | * |
| Waste management and remediation service | 1 | * | * |
| EDUCATIONAL SERVICES | 3 | 88 | \$19,203 |
| HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE | 43 | 851 | \$37,832 |
| Ambulatory health care services | 23 | * | * |
| Hospitals | 2 | * | * |
| Social assistance | 18 | 197 | \$17,564 |
| ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION | 23 | 121 | \$13,435 |
| Performing arts and spectator sports | 1 | * | * |
| Museums, historical sites, zoos, & parks | 1 | * | * |
| Amusements, gambling, and recreation | 21 | 111 | \$14,074 |
| ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES | 51 | 688 | \$11,801 |
| Accommodation | 8 | 141 | \$13,757 |
| Food services and drinking places | 43 | 547 | \$11,295 |
| OTHER SERVICES | 66 | 323 | \$20,341 |
| Repair and maintenance | 22 | 75 | \$24,456 |
| Personal and laundry services | 11 | 53 | \$15,816 |
| Membership associations & organizations | 27 | 178 | \$19,483 |
| Private households | 7 | 18 | \$25,159 |
| TOTAL GOVERNMENT | 58 | 2,125 | \$37,832 |
| Local Government | 26 | 1,546 | \$36,336 |
| State Government | 11 | 402 | \$31,940 |
| Federal Government | 21 | 177 | \$64,202 |

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 non-disclosure of confidential industry data, or to rounding.

*Data not disclosable

AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS FOR HILL COUNTY

| | 2007 Census | 2002 Census | % Change |
|--|-------------|-------------|----------|
| FARMS | | | |
| Farms: (number) | 854 | 836 | 2% |
| Land in farms (acres) | 1,697,232 | 1,808,835 | -6% |
| Average size of farms (acres) | 1,987 | 2,164 | -8% |
| Median size of farms (acres) | 875 | 1,440 | -39% |
| Farms by size: (number) | | | |
| Less than 1,000 acres | 459 | 389 | 18% |
| 1,000 acres or more | 395 | 447 | -12% |
| Farms by value of products sold: (number) | | | |
| Less than \$100,000 | 602 | 694 | -13% |
| \$100,000 or more | 252 | 142 | 77% |
| Farms by type of organization: (number) | | | |
| Family, Individual, Partnership | 638 | 633 | 1% |
| Corporation, Cooperative, Trust | 216 | 203 | 6% |
| LIVESTOCK INVENTORY AND CROPS HARVESTED | | | |
| Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number) | | | |
| Cattle and calves | 23,592 | 22,210 | 6% |
| Hogs and pigs | * | * | * |
| Sheep and lambs | 664 | 851 | -22% |
| Horses and ponies | 1,443 | 1,361 | 6% |
| Bison | 35 | * | * |
| Chickens (layers and broilers) | * | * | * |
| Crops Harvested (acres) | | | |
| Corn for grain | 0 | 0 | NA |
| Corn for silage or greenchop | * | 0 | * |
| Wheat for grain, All | 412,705 | 444,014 | -7% |
| Winter wheat for grain | 268,806 | 14,049 | 1813% |
| Spring wheat for grain | 140,864 | 426,723 | -67% |
| Durum wheat for grain | 3,035 | 3,242 | -6% |
| Oats for grain | 1,336 | 1,994 | -33% |
| Barley for grain | 23,787 | 17,983 | 32% |
| Hay, haylage, grass silage | 28,860 | 32,156 | -10% |
| Sunflower seed, All | 0 | 0 | NA |
| OPERATOR DEMOGRAPHICS | | | |
| Primary occupation: (number) | | | |
| Farming | 432 | 559 | -23% |
| Other | 422 | 277 | 52% |
| Place of residence: (number) | | | |
| On farm operated | 539 | 582 | -7% |
| Not on farm operated | 315 | 254 | 24% |
| Years on present farm: (number) | | | |
| Less than 10 years | 152 | 192 | -21% |
| 10 years or more | 702 | 644 | 9% |
| Age group: (number) | | | |
| Under 55 years | 402 | 507 | -21% |
| 55 years and over | 452 | 329 | 37% |
| Average age of operators: (number) | 55.7 | 53.1 | 5% |

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

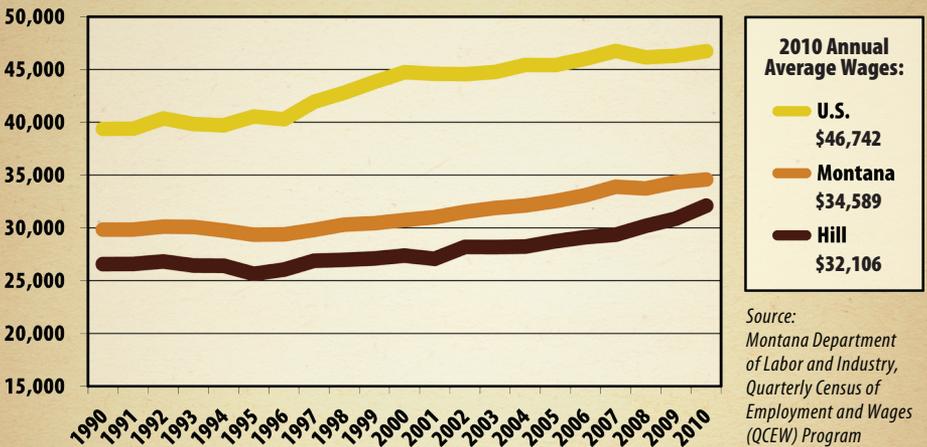
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ANNUAL AVERAGE LABOR FORCE - HILL COUNTY

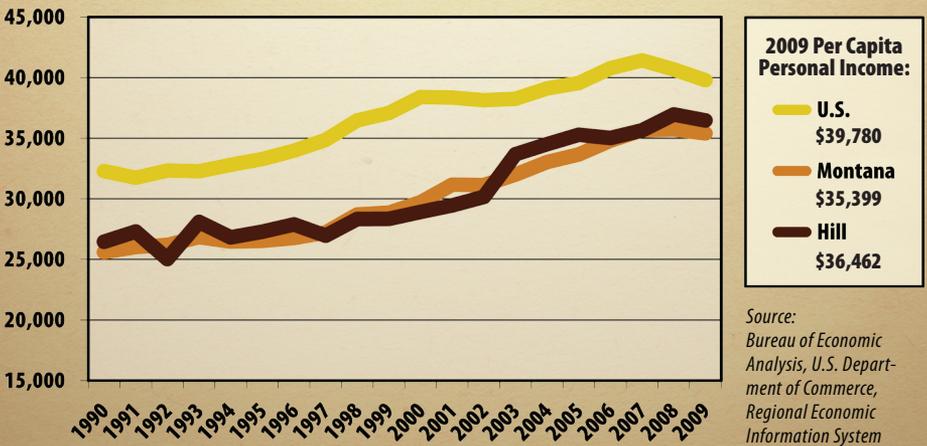
| Year | Civilian Labor Force | Employed | Unemployed | Unemployment Rate |
|------|----------------------|----------|------------|-------------------|
| 2010 | 8,359 | 7,893 | 466 | 5.6% |
| 2009 | 8,144 | 7,734 | 410 | 5.0% |
| 2008 | 8,218 | 7,849 | 369 | 4.5% |
| 2007 | 8,073 | 7,761 | 312 | 3.9% |
| 2006 | 7,880 | 7,597 | 283 | 3.6% |
| 2005 | 7,766 | 7,473 | 293 | 3.8% |

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

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

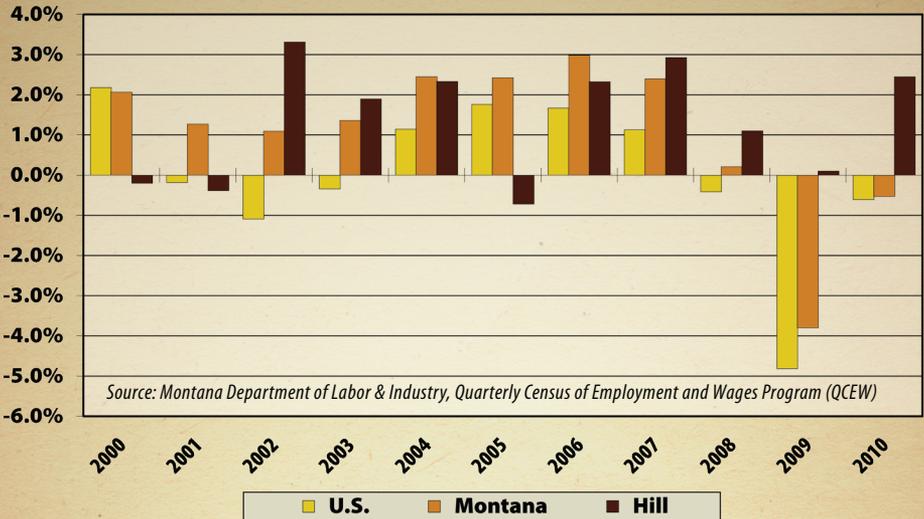


PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME - HILL COUNTY, 1990-2009
(In 2010 Dollars)



PERCENT CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT - 2000 TO 2010

(United States, Montana, and Hill County)



RESOURCES FOR HILL COUNTY

Economic Development

Bear Paw Development Corporation

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 P. O. Box 170, Havre, MT 59501
 Phone: (406) 265-9226
 Toll Free: (888) 528-2327
 Fax: (406) 265-5602
www.bearpaw.org

Job Service Center

Havre Job Service

160 First Avenue
 Havre, MT 59501
 Phone: (406) 265-5847
 Fax: (406) 265-1386
 E-mail: HavreJSC@mt.gov
 Web: <http://wsd.dli.mt.gov/local/havre>

Chamber of Commerce

Havre Area Chamber of Commerce

130 Fifth Avenue
 Havre, MT 59501
 (406) 265-4383
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Newspapers

Havre Daily News

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