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Economic and Demographic Information for

JEFFERSON COUNTY



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JEFFERSON COUNTY

Jefferson County is Montana's 18th most populous county with 11,406 residents according to the 2010 census. Boulder, the county seat, is the state's 50th largest town with a population of 1,183 in 2010.¹ Other cities and towns in Jefferson County include Basin, Clancy, Jefferson City, Montana City, and Whitehall. Jefferson County is located between three major cities: Helena to the north, Butte to the southwest, and Bozeman to the southeast.

Jefferson County is perhaps best known for its Health Mines, which have been featured in numerous national magazines including National Geographic and Life. Each year, thousands of visitors from all over the world journey to Boulder and Basin to visit one of five mines reputed to relieve pain from ailments such as arthritis, emphysema, bursitis, cataracts, and others. The mines' owners do not guarantee visitors will be cured, but many claim breathing the naturally occurring gas within the mines has greatly improved their health.²

¹*U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Decennial Census*

²<http://jeffco.mt.gov/visitors/health.shtml>

TOP 15 PRIVATE EMPLOYERS IN JEFFERSON COUNTY

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

Business Name	Size Class	Business Name	Size Class
Alternative Youth Adventures	4	Harlows School Bus Service	4
Ash Grove Cement Company	5	Liberty Place	4
Boulder Hot Springs	4	Montana City Grill & Saloon	4
Boyd Andrew Community Services	4	Smith and Sons Construction	4
Bullock Contracting	4	Stewart Title Co	4
Eagle Ambulance Service	4	Sussex Construction	4
Elkhorn Health & Rehabilitation LLC	5	Town Pump	4
Golden Sunlight Mine	6		

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.

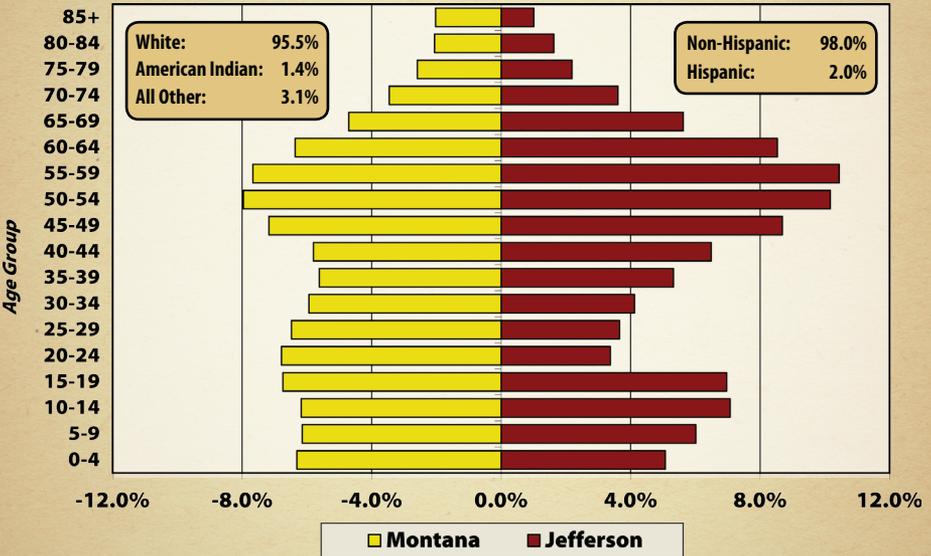
Source: Montana Department of Labor and Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment of Wages (QCEW) Program. This list ONLY includes industry employers subject to unemployment insurance. Railroads, tribal entities, and government agencies are excluded.

POPULATION FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY AND RELATED AREAS

Geography	Census 2000	2002 Estimate	2004 Estimate	2006 Estimate	2008 Estimate	Census 2010	% Change 2000-2010
Jefferson County	10,049	10,223	10,566	10,868	11,288	11,406	13.5%
Boulder city	1,300	1,325	1,367	1,405	1,454	1,183	-9.0%
Whitehall town	1,044	1,068	1,104	1,126	1,173	1,038	-0.6%
Balance Jefferson County	7,705	7,830	8,095	8,337	8,661	9,185	19.2%

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

DISTRIBUTION OF POPULATION BY AGE - JEFFERSON COUNTY, 2010



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

Educational Attainment	Jefferson County	Montana	United States
Less than a High School Diploma	9.1%	8.3%	14.4%
High School Diploma (or equivalent)	29.9%	29.9%	28.5%
Some College	22.1%	25.1%	21.3%
Associate's Degree	7.4%	7.9%	7.6%
Bachelor's Degree	19.8%	19.8%	17.7%
Graduate or Professional Degree	11.8%	9.0%	10.4%

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

JEFFERSON COUNTY - EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY ANNUAL AVERAGES 2010

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	307	2,359	\$31,674
TOTAL PRIVATE	277	1,606	\$30,836
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING	12	31	\$28,912
Animal production	5	21	\$25,147
Agriculture & forestry support	7	10	\$36,879
MINING	4	*	*
Mining, except oil and gas	3	*	*
Support activities for mining	1	*	*
UTILITIES	3	*	*
CONSTRUCTION	54	171	\$34,086
Construction of buildings	17	52	\$27,972
Heavy and civil engineering construction	8	59	\$43,016
Specialty trade contractors	29	61	\$30,694
MANUFACTURING	9	128	\$50,849
Wood product manufacturing	2	*	*
Nonmetallic mineral product mfg	3	*	*
Miscellaneous manufacturing	1	*	*
WHOLESALE TRADE	20	44	\$50,085
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	7	15	\$38,611
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	9	25	\$52,829
Electronic markets & agents and brokers	4	4	\$75,684
RETAIL TRADE	19	153	\$17,234
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	6	17	\$19,184
Furniture and home furnishings stores	1	*	*
Building material & garden supply stores	4	22	\$24,915
Food and beverage stores	2	*	*
Health and personal care stores	1	*	*
Gasoline stations	5	72	\$13,392
Miscellaneous store retailers	1	*	*
TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING	9	89	\$24,299
Truck transportation	6	61	\$31,389
Transit and ground passenger transport	2	*	*
Couriers and messengers	1	*	*
INFORMATION	6	12	\$23,470
Publishing industries, except Internet	2	*	*

JEFFERSON COUNTY - EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

ANNUAL AVERAGES 2010 (cont.)

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
Telecommunications	4	*	*
FINANCE AND INSURANCE	8	67	\$51,986
Credit intermediation & related activity	2	*	*
Securities, comm. contracts, investments	1	*	*
Insurance carriers & related activities	5	49	\$46,345
REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AND LEASING	6	9	\$13,908
Real estate	3	6	\$12,714
Rental and leasing services	3	3	\$16,107
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	33	48	\$38,012
ADMINISTRATIVE AND WASTE SERVICES	11	48	\$13,079
Administrative and support services	10	*	*
Waste management and remediation service	1	*	*
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	6	*	*
HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	21	272	\$21,683
Ambulatory health care services	8	75	\$29,091
Nursing and residential care facilities	5	162	\$20,868
Social assistance	7	36	\$9,821
ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION	8	26	\$11,708
Performing arts and spectator sports	2	*	*
Museums, historical sites, zoos, & parks	1	*	*
Amusements, gambling, and recreation	5	21	\$12,777
ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES	29	215	\$9,854
Accommodation	5	34	\$8,755
Food services and drinking places	24	181	\$10,059
OTHER SERVICES	19	56	\$18,387
Repair and maintenance	9	32	\$22,339
Personal and laundry services	4	12	\$17,296
Membership associations & organizations	6	*	*
Private households	1	*	*
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	30	752	\$33,462
Local Government	12	373	\$30,520
State Government	8	*	*
Federal Government	10	47	\$37,802

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 JEFFERSON COUNTY

	2007 Census	2002 Census	% Change
FARMS			
Farms: (number)	370	372	-1%
Land in farms (acres)	391,248	387,077	1%
Average size of farms (acres)	1,057	1,041	2%
Median size of farms (acres)	160	154	4%
Farms by size: (number)			
Less than 1,000 acres	313	308	2%
1,000 acres or more	57	64	-11%
Farms by value of products sold: (number)			
Less than \$100,000	335	339	-1%
\$100,000 or more	35	33	6%
Farms by type of organization: (number)			
Family, Individual, Partnership	327	342	-4%
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	43	30	43%
LIVESTOCK INVENTORY AND CROPS HARVESTED			
Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)			
Cattle and calves	19,494	23,366	-17%
Hogs and pigs	*	*	*
Sheep and lambs	1,344	751	79%
Horses and ponies	1,528	1,786	-14%
Bison	*	34	*
Chickens (layers and broilers)	*	*	*
Crops Harvested (acres)			
Corn for grain	0	0	NA
Corn for silage or greenchop	*	*	*
Wheat for grain, All	*	*	*
Winter wheat for grain	*	*	*
Spring wheat for grain	*	*	*
Durum wheat for grain	0	0	NA
Oats for grain	*	178	*
Barley for grain	150	1,444	-90%
Hay, haylage, grass silage	20,912	23,090	-9%
Sunflower seed, All	0	0	NA
OPERATOR DEMOGRAPHICS			
Primary occupation: (number)			
Farming	127	180	-29%
Other	243	192	27%
Place of residence: (number)			
On farm operated	305	326	-6%
Not on farm operated	65	46	41%
Years on present farm: (number)			
Less than 10 years	97	111	-13%
10 years or more	273	261	5%
Age group: (number)			
Under 55 years	142	173	-18%
55 years and over	228	199	15%
Average age of operators: (number)	58.4	55.1	6%

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

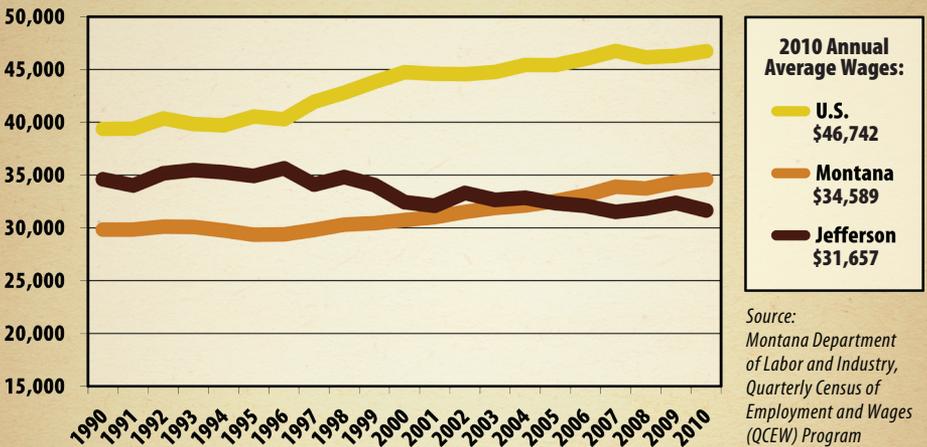
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ANNUAL AVERAGE LABOR FORCE - JEFFERSON COUNTY

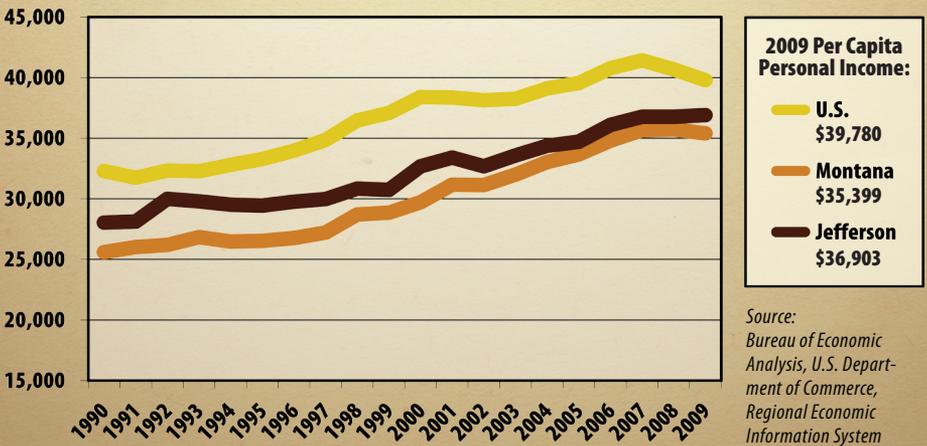
Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2010	6,003	5,655	348	5.8%
2009	5,984	5,634	350	5.8%
2008	5,988	5,743	245	4.1%
2007	5,851	5,679	172	2.9%
2006	5,725	5,532	193	3.4%
2005	5,538	5,342	196	3.5%

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

ANNUAL AVERAGE WAGES - JEFFERSON, 1990-2010
(In 2010 Dollars)

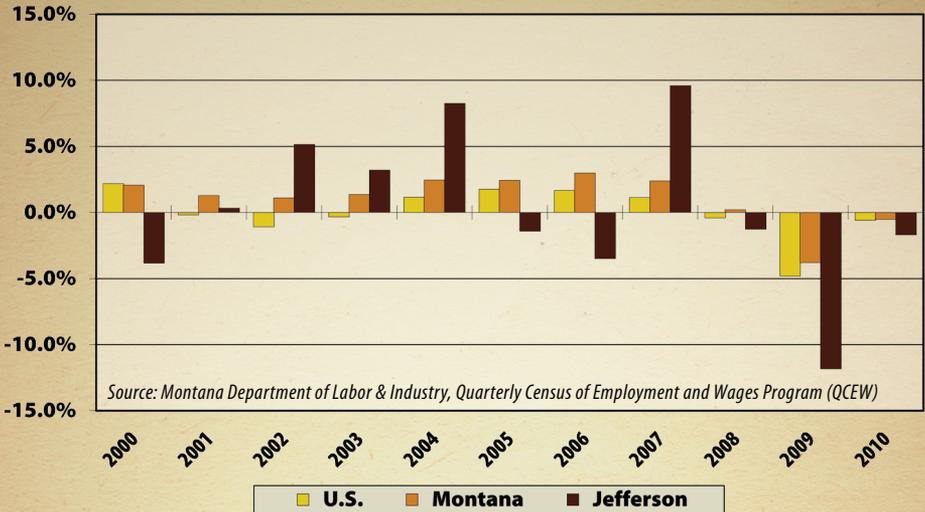


PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME - JEFFERSON COUNTY, 1990-2009
(In 2010 Dollars)



PERCENT CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT - 2000 TO 2010

(United States, Montana, and Jefferson County)



RESOURCES FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY

Economic Development

Jefferson Local Development Corporation

309 East Legion Avenue
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Whitehall, MT 59759
(406) 287-3282

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Job Service Centers

Helena Job Service

(North half of Jefferson County)
715 Front Street
Helena, MT 59601
(406) 447-3200

E-mail: helenaJSC@mt.gov
<http://wsd.dli.mt.gov/local/helena>

Butte Job Service

(South half of Jefferson County)
2201 White Boulevard
Butte, MT 59701
(406) 494-0300

E-mail: butteJSC@mt.gov
<http://wsd.dli.mt.gov/local/butte/>

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