

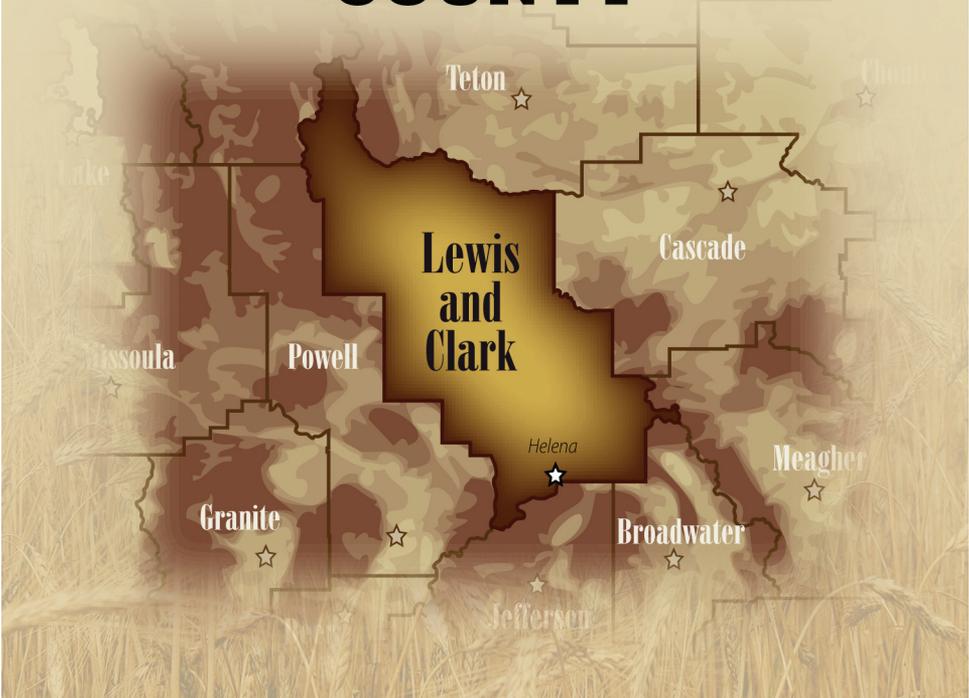
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# Montana

## COUNTY FLIERS

Economic and Demographic Information for

# LEWIS & CLARK COUNTY



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# LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY

Lewis and Clark County is Montana's sixth most populous county with 63,395 residents according to the 2010 U.S. Census. Helena, the state capitol and the county seat, is the state's 6th largest city, with a population of 28,190 in 2010.<sup>1</sup> Other cities and towns in Lewis and Clark County include: Augusta, Canyon Creek, Craig, East Helena, Fort Harrison, Lincoln, Marysville, and Wolf Creek.

The capital city of Helena is known for its record of economic stability, owing in large part to government employment. Roughly one-third of Helena's workforce is employed in government positions.<sup>2</sup> Helena is regarded as a trading and transportation hub due to its central location in Montana.

Helena is also home to two institutions of higher education: Carroll College and the University of Montana-Helena College of Technology. Carroll enrolls 1,502 students and US News and World Report ranked Carroll as #1 in their 2012 Regional Colleges West and #1 in their 2012 Regional Colleges West Best Value Schools rankings.<sup>3</sup> U of M-Helena COT enrolled 1,496 students in Fall Semester 2010.<sup>4</sup>

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

<sup>2</sup>[www.city-data.com/us-cities/The-West/Helena-Economy.html](http://www.city-data.com/us-cities/The-West/Helena-Economy.html)

<sup>3</sup><http://www.carroll.edu/about/>

<sup>4</sup><http://umbelena.edu/home/glance.aspx>

## TOP 20 PRIVATE EMPLOYERS IN LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY

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

Business Name	Size Class	Business Name	Size Class
A2Z Staffing Solutions	6	Optimum (formerly Bresnan)	6
Albertsons	6	Rocky Mountain Develop. Council	6
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	7	Shodair Hospital	7
Carroll College	7	St. Peter's Hospital	9
Costco	6	Student Assistance Foundation	6
Family Outreach	6	Summit Aeronautics	6
Helena Sand & Gravel	6	Town Pump	6
Intermountain Childrens Home	6	Valley Bank	6
McDonald's	6	Wal-Mart	7
Mountain West Bank	6	West Mont	6

Employment Size Class Coding: Class 9 = 1,000+ employees, Class 8 = 500 to 999, Class 7 = 250 to 499, Class 6 = 100 to 249.

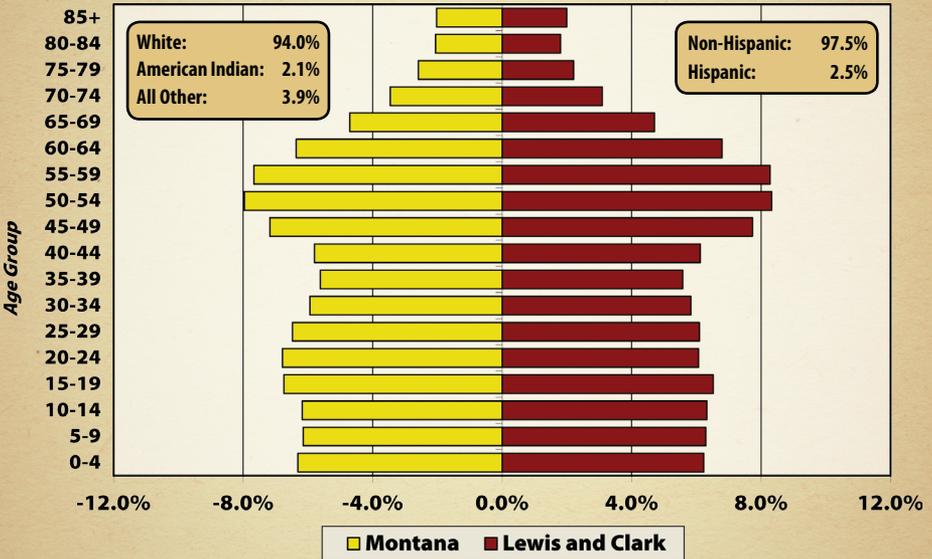
Source: Montana Department of Labor and Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment of Wages (QCEW) Program. This list ONLY includes industry employers subject to unemployment insurance. Railroads, tribal entities, and government agencies are excluded.

**POPULATION FOR LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY AND RELATED AREAS**

Geography	Census 2000	2002 Estimate	2004 Estimate	2006 Estimate	2008 Estimate	Census 2010	% Change 2000-2010
Lewis and Clark County	55,716	56,141	57,731	59,050	61,156	63,395	13.8%
East Helena town	1,642	1,652	1,792	2,044	2,109	1,984	20.8%
Helena city	25,780	26,567	27,528	28,168	29,481	28,190	9.3%
Balance Lewis and Clark County	28,294	27,922	28,411	28,838	29,566	33,221	17.4%

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

**DISTRIBUTION OF POPULATION BY AGE - LEWIS & CLARK COUNTY, 2010**



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

Educational Attainment	Lewis & Clark County	Montana	United States
Less than a High School Diploma	6.2%	8.3%	14.4%
High School Diploma (or equivalent)	27.7%	29.9%	28.5%
Some College	24.1%	25.1%	21.3%
Associate's Degree	8.6%	7.9%	7.6%
Bachelor's Degree	21.5%	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)

## LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY - EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY ANNUAL AVERAGES 2010

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	2,537	34,386	\$38,046
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,405	23,638	\$33,271
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING	30	164	\$24,810
Crop production	6	53	\$18,663
Animal production	13	85	\$27,492
Forestry and logging	5	7	\$19,870
Agriculture & forestry support	6	19	\$31,822
MINING	8	219	\$48,868
Mining, except oil and gas	6	*	*
Support activities for mining	2	*	*
UTILITIES	10	91	\$85,183
CONSTRUCTION	278	1,167	\$39,527
Construction of buildings	92	383	\$44,905
Heavy and civil engineering construction	21	95	\$43,463
Specialty trade contractors	166	689	\$35,992
MANUFACTURING	56	682	\$34,548
Food manufacturing	8	141	\$17,554
Beverage and tobacco product mfg	3	33	\$12,271
Textile product mills	1	*	*
Apparel manufacturing	1	*	*
Leather and allied product manufacturing	1	*	*
Wood product manufacturing	6	34	\$26,599
Printing and related support activities	4	46	\$32,574
Chemical manufacturing	4	*	*
Nonmetallic mineral product mfg	2	*	*
Primary metal manufacturing	1	*	*
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	4	13	\$21,366
Machinery manufacturing	2	*	*
Electrical equipment and appliance mfg	1	*	*
Transportation equipment manufacturing	2	*	*
Furniture and related product mfg	8	31	\$22,911
Miscellaneous manufacturing	8	58	\$23,127
WHOLESALE TRADE	88	616	\$44,990
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	33	238	\$45,868
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	27	310	\$36,416
Electronic markets & agents and brokers	28	69	\$80,394
RETAIL TRADE	274	3,857	\$24,595
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	38	468	\$36,420
Furniture and home furnishings stores	24	128	\$26,469
Electronics and appliance stores	14	93	\$43,508
Building material & garden supply stores	30	464	\$27,389
Food and beverage stores	17	519	\$21,221
Health and personal care stores	12	105	\$32,045
Gasoline stations	23	220	\$17,716
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	21	83	\$17,876
Sporting good, hobby, book, music stores	28	311	\$15,308
General merchandise stores	11	1,105	\$22,966
Miscellaneous store retailers	43	289	\$18,830
Nonstore retailers	15	71	\$32,585
TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING	52	535	\$29,569
Air transportation	3	36	\$17,496
Truck transportation	21	210	\$31,858

## LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY - EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY ANNUAL AVERAGES 2010 (cont.)

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
Transit and ground passenger transport	3	55	\$13,893
Pipeline transportation	2	*	*
Scenic and sightseeing transportation	1	*	*
Support activities for transportation	9	70	\$37,840
Couriers and messengers	12	150	\$28,576
<b>INFORMATION</b>	41	743	\$46,494
Publishing industries, except Internet	11	140	\$36,670
Motion picture, sound recording industry	2	*	*
Broadcasting, except Internet	7	74	\$31,378
Telecommunications	13	247	\$52,199
ISPs, search portals, & data processing	6	243	\$55,111
Other information services	2	*	*
<b>FINANCE AND INSURANCE</b>	134	1,826	\$54,331
Monetary authorities - central bank	1	*	*
Credit intermediation & related activity	50	793	\$46,934
Securities, comm. contracts, investments	21	65	\$83,598
Insurance carriers & related activities	62	910	\$58,125
Funds, trusts, other financial vehicles	1	*	*
<b>REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AND LEASING</b>	96	325	\$29,356
Real estate	76	195	\$22,386
Rental and leasing services	19	*	*
Lessors of nonfinancial intangible asset	1	*	*
<b>PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES</b>	328	1,913	\$53,193
<b>MANAGEMENT OF COMPANIES AND ENTERPRISES</b>	6	165	\$53,603
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE AND WASTE SERVICES</b>	138	1,170	\$31,705
Administrative and support services	129	1,136	\$31,346
Waste management and remediation service	9	33	\$43,966
<b>EDUCATIONAL SERVICES</b>	45	555	\$29,569
<b>HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE</b>	276	4,068	\$35,154
Ambulatory health care services	156	1,227	\$52,075
Hospitals	2	*	*
Nursing and residential care facilities	26	*	*
Social assistance	92	1,008	\$18,287
<b>ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION</b>	76	746	\$12,656
Performing arts and spectator sports	19	*	*
Museums, historical sites, zoos, & parks	1	*	*
Amusements, gambling, and recreation	56	638	\$12,303
<b>ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES</b>	187	2,938	\$12,910
Accommodation	30	428	\$16,262
Food services and drinking places	157	2,510	\$12,339
<b>OTHER SERVICES</b>	282	1,860	\$31,252
Repair and maintenance	68	314	\$31,172
Personal and laundry services	28	215	\$16,715
Membership associations & organizations	170	1,312	\$33,788
Private households	16	19	\$21,714
<b>TOTAL GOVERNMENT</b>	132	10,748	\$48,547
Local Government	42	2,313	\$42,323
State Government	35	6,490	\$46,202
Federal Government	55	1,945	\$63,777

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 LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY

	2007 Census	2002 Census	% Change
<b>FARMS</b>			
Farms: (number)	675	635	6%
Land in farms (acres)	971,240	841,826	15%
Average size of farms (acres)	1,439	1,326	9%
Median size of farms (acres)	50	60	-17%
Farms by size: (number)			
Less than 1,000 acres	578	541	7%
1,000 acres or more	97	94	3%
Farms by value of products sold: (number)			
Less than \$100,000	616	586	5%
\$100,000 or more	59	49	20%
Farms by type of organization: (number)			
Family, Individual, Partnership	618	596	4%
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	57	39	46%
<b>LIVESTOCK INVENTORY AND CROPS HARVESTED</b>			
Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)			
Cattle and calves	45,607	39,644	15%
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	(D)
Sheep and lambs	3,244	3,776	-14%
Horses and ponies	2,732	2,492	10%
Bison	196	(D)	(D)
Chickens (layers and broilers)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Crops Harvested (acres)			
Corn for grain	0	0	NA
Corn for silage or greenchop	(D)	0	(D)
Wheat for grain, All	17,552	6,829	157%
Winter wheat for grain	11,682	(D)	(D)
Spring wheat for grain	(D)	5,241	(D)
Durum wheat for grain	(D)	(D)	(D)
Oats for grain	(D)	175	(D)
Barley for grain	10,329	7,786	33%
Hay, haylage, grass silage	42,925	45,339	-5%
Sunflower seed, All	0	0	NA
<b>OPERATOR DEMOGRAPHICS</b>			
Primary occupation: (number)			
Farming	267	334	-20%
Other	408	301	36%
Place of residence: (number)			
On farm operated	597	570	5%
Not on farm operated	78	65	20%
Years on present farm: (number)			
Less than 10 years	185	186	-1%
10 years or more	490	449	9%
Age group: (number)			
Under 55 years	285	326	-13%
55 years and over	390	309	26%
Average age of operators: (number)	57.4	55.5	3%

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

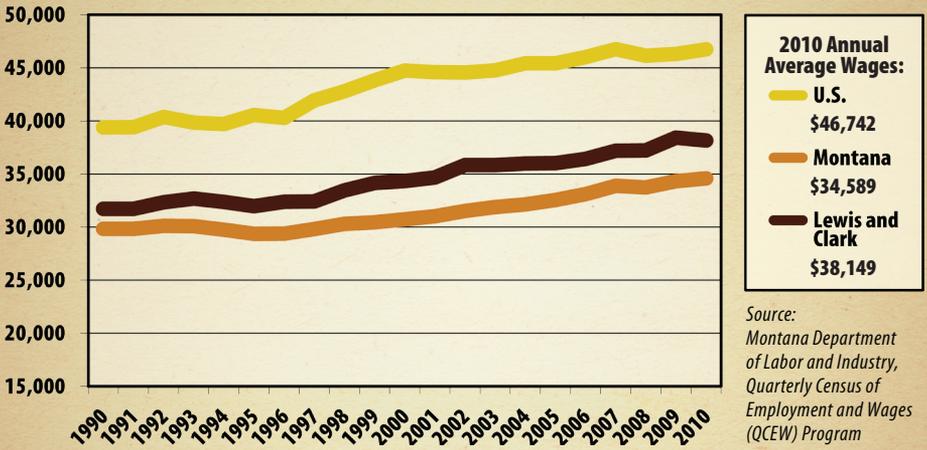
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**ANNUAL AVERAGE LABOR FORCE - LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY**

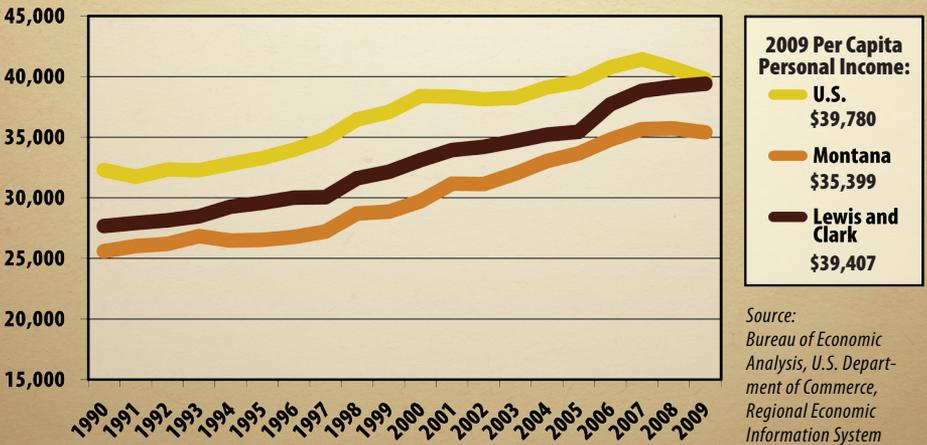
Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2010	34,114	32,242	1,872	5.5%
2009	33,684	32,120	1,564	4.6%
2008	34,076	32,820	1,256	3.7%
2007	33,292	32,344	948	2.8%
2006	31,711	30,766	945	3.0%
2005	30,528	29,509	1,019	3.3%

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

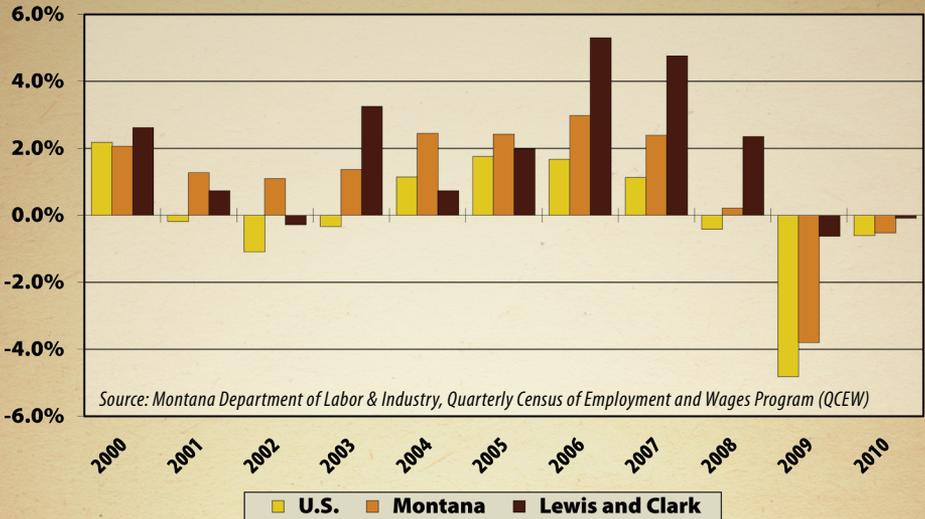
**ANNUAL AVERAGE WAGES - LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY, 1990-2010**  
(In 2010 Dollars)



**PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME - LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY, 1990-2009**  
(In 2010 Dollars)



## PERCENT CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT - 2000 TO 2010 (United States, Montana, and Lewis and Clark County)



## RESOURCES FOR LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY

### **Economic Development**

#### **Montana Business Assistance Connection**

225 Cruse Avenue, Ste. D - Helena, MT 59601  
 Phone: (406) 447-1510  
 E-mail: [cbrave@mbac.biz](mailto:cbrave@mbac.biz)  
 Web: <http://mbac.biz>

#### **Governor's Office of Economic Development**

P. O. Box 200801 - Helena, MT 59620-0801  
 Phone: (406) 444-5634  
 E-mail: [business@mt.gov](mailto:business@mt.gov)  
 Web: <http://business.mt.gov>

### **Newspapers**

#### **Helena Independent Record**

P. O. Box 4249 - Helena, MT 59604  
 Phone: (406) 447-4000  
 E-mail: [irstaff@helenair.com](mailto:irstaff@helenair.com)  
 Web: [www.helenair.com](http://www.helenair.com)

#### **Blackfoot Valley Dispatch**

216 Stemple Pass Rd. - Lincoln, MT 59639  
 Phone: (406) 362-4975  
 E-mail: [bvd2@lincnet.net](mailto:bvd2@lincnet.net)

### **Chambers of Commerce**

#### **Helena Chamber of Commerce**

225 Cruse Ave., Helena, MT 59601  
 (406) 442-4120, [www.helenachamber.com](http://www.helenachamber.com)

#### **Lincoln Valley Chamber of Commerce**

P. O. Box 985, Lincoln, MT 59639  
 Phone: (406) 362-4949, [www.lincolnmontana.com](http://www.lincolnmontana.com)

### **Job Service Center**

#### **Helena Job Service**

715 Front St. - Helena, MT 59620-1505  
 Phone: (406) 447-3200, E-mail: [HelenaJSC@mt.gov](mailto:HelenaJSC@mt.gov)  
 Web: <http://wsd.dli.mt.gov/local/helena>

### **Higher Education**

#### **Carroll College**

1601 North Benton Avenue - Helena, MT 59625-0002  
 Phone: (406) 447-4300, Web: [www.carroll.edu](http://www.carroll.edu)

#### **U of M-Helena College of Technology**

1115 North Roberts Street - Helena, MT 59601  
 Phone: (406) 444-6800, TTY: (406) 444-6897  
 Web: [www.umhelena.edu](http://www.umhelena.edu)