

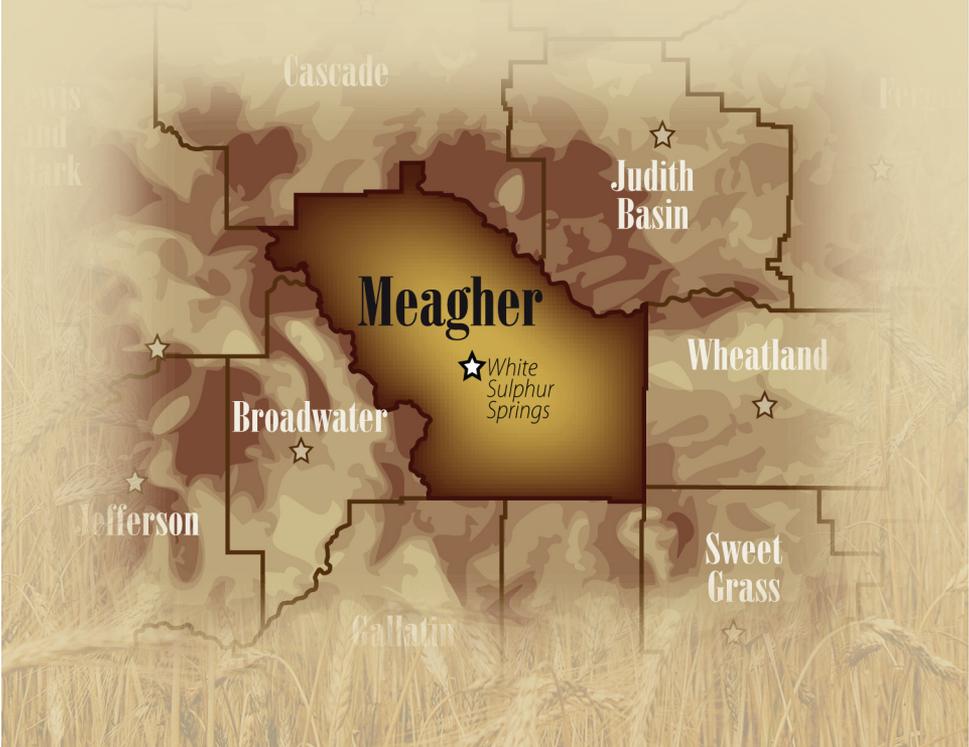
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COUNTY FLIERS

Economic and Demographic Information for

MEAGHER COUNTY



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MEAGHER COUNTY

Meagher County is Montana's 46th most populous county, with a population of 1,891 residents according to the 2010 Census. White Sulphur Springs, the county seat, is the state's 57th largest city, with a population of 939 in 2010.¹ Other towns in Meagher County include Martinsdale and Ringling.

White Sulphur Springs was named for the white deposits around the natural hot springs that have drawn people to the area since time immemorial. Crow Chief Plenty Coups recalled pilgrimages by warriors to the medicinal mud baths. In 1886, James Brewer "discovered" the area, and developed the hot springs into a stage stop and resort. Today, visitors still soak in these natural mineral pools at Spa Hot Springs.² In addition to the hot springs, visitors seek out the area for its abundant fishing, camping, hiking, and hunting opportunities.

In town, tourists can visit the Castle, a prominent Victorian Era landmark and home of the Meagher County Museum, which features period furniture, mineral samples, clothing and artifacts from the region's past.³

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

²www.visitmt.com/categories/city.asp?siteid=1&city=white+sulphur+springs

³*Ibid.*

TOP 10 PRIVATE EMPLOYERS IN MEAGHER COUNTY

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

Business Name	Size Class	Business Name	Size Class
Bank of the Rockies	3	Mountainview Medical Center	5
Branding Iron Café	3	Seventy-One Ranch LP	3
Castle Mountain Ranch Inc.	3	Showdown Ski Area	4
Galt Ranch	3	The Equestrian Center at Horse Creek	4
Mathis Food Farm	3	Town Pump	4

Employment Size Class Coding: Class 6 = 100 to 249 employees, Class 5 = 50 to 99, Class 4 = 20 to 49, Class 3 = 10 to 19.

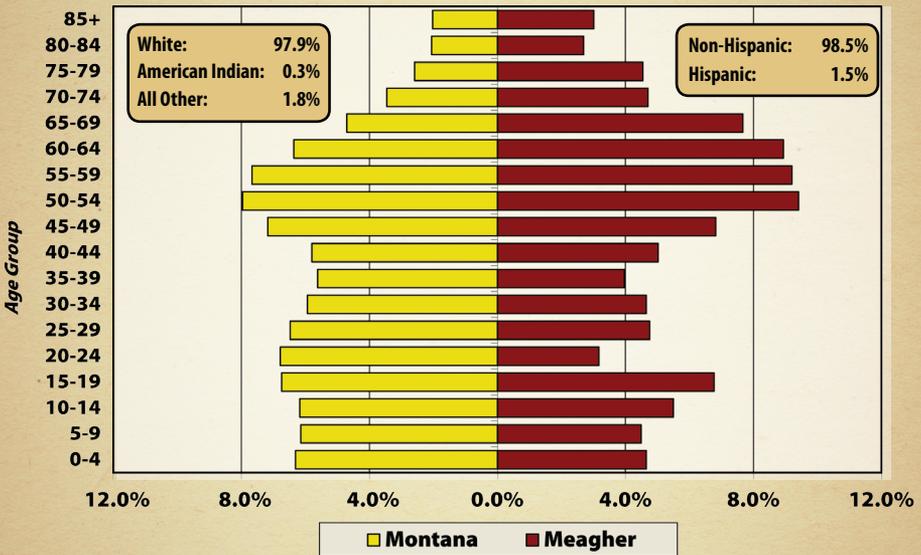
Source: Montana Department of Labor and Industry, *Quarterly Census of Employment of Wages (QCEW) Program*. This list ONLY includes industry employers subject to unemployment insurance. Railroads, tribal entities, and government agencies are excluded.

POPULATION FOR MEAGHER COUNTY AND RELATED AREAS

Geography	Census 2000	2002 Estimate	2004 Estimate	2006 Estimate	2008 Estimate	Census 2010	% Change 2000-2010
Meagher County	1,932	1,907	1,947	1,931	1,900	1,891	-2.1%
White Sulphur Springs	984	972	992	984	968	939	-4.6%
Balance Meagher County	948	935	955	947	932	952	0.4%

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

DISTRIBUTION OF POPULATION BY AGE - MEAGHER COUNTY, 2010



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

Educational Attainment	Meagher County	Montana	United States
Less than a High School Diploma	17.7%	8.3%	14.4%
High School Diploma (or equivalent)	36.9%	29.9%	28.5%
Some College	17.3%	25.1%	21.3%
Associate's Degree	6.5%	7.9%	7.6%
Bachelor's Degree	18.2%	19.8%	17.7%
Graduate or Professional Degree	3.4%	9.0%	10.4%

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

MEAGHER COUNTY - EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY ANNUAL AVERAGES 2010

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	102	542	\$23,544
TOTAL PRIVATE	85	401	\$21,688
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING	16	88	\$25,705
Animal production	13	87	\$25,460
Forestry and logging	2	*	*
Agriculture & forestry support	1	*	*
MINING	1	*	*
Mining, except oil and gas	1	*	*
UTILITIES	1	*	*
CONSTRUCTION	14	19	\$28,918
Construction of buildings	5	*	*
Heavy and civil engineering construction	3	*	*
Specialty trade contractors	6	5	\$22,068
MANUFACTURING	3	*	*
Food manufacturing	1	*	*
Textile product mills	1	*	*
Machinery manufacturing	1	*	*
WHOLESALE TRADE	1	*	*
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	1	*	*
RETAIL TRADE	10	56	\$17,765
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	2	*	*
Building material & garden supply stores	1	*	*
Food and beverage stores	2	*	*
Health and personal care stores	1	*	*
Gasoline stations	2	*	*
General merchandise stores	1	*	*
Nonstore retailers	1	*	*
TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING	1	*	*
Truck transportation	1	*	*

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

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
INFORMATION	2	*	*
Publishing industries, except Internet	1	*	*
ISPs, search portals, & data processing	1	*	*
FINANCE AND INSURANCE	1	*	*
Credit intermediation & related activity	1	*	*
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	3	*	*
ADMINISTRATIVE AND WASTE SERVICES	1	*	*
Administrative and support services	1	*	*
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	1	*	*
HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	2	*	*
Hospitals	1	*	*
Social assistance	1	*	*
ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION	6	*	*
Museums, historical sites, zoos, & parks	1	*	*
Amusements, gambling, and recreation	5	*	*
ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES	16	77	\$7,941
Accommodation	3	22	\$9,645
Food services and drinking places	13	55	\$7,265
OTHER SERVICES	7	15	\$15,960
Repair and maintenance	3	6	\$18,229
Personal and laundry services	1	*	*
Membership associations & organizations	2	*	*
Private households	1	*	*
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	17	141	\$28,819
Local Government	5	108	\$23,911
State Government	5	2	\$52,667
Federal Government	7	31	\$44,435

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 MEAGHER COUNTY

	2007 Census	2002 Census	% Change
FARMS			
Farms: (number)	138	136	1%
Land in farms (acres)	812,412	857,215	-5%
Average size of farms (acres)	5,887	6,303	-7%
Median size of farms (acres)	1,156	3,600	-68%
Farms by size: (number)			
Less than 1,000 acres	67	54	24%
1,000 acres or more	71	82	-13%
Farms by value of products sold: (number)			
Less than \$100,000	92	90	2%
\$100,000 or more	46	46	0%
Farms by type of organization: (number)			
Family, Individual, Partnership	110	110	0%
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	28	26	8%
LIVESTOCK INVENTORY AND CROPS HARVESTED			
Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)			
Cattle and calves	46,296	45,467	2%
Hogs and pigs	*	*	*
Sheep and lambs	*	4,961	*
Horses and ponies	688	825	-17%
Bison	310	133	133%
Chickens (layers and broilers)	*	*	*
Crops Harvested (acres)			
Corn for grain	0	*	*
Corn for silage or greenchop	0	*	*
Wheat for grain, All	10,458	10,082	4%
Winter wheat for grain	6,206	6,302	-2%
Spring wheat for grain	4,252	3,780	12%
Durum wheat for grain	0	0	NA
Oats for grain	700	1,124	-38%
Barley for grain	5,855	11,850	-51%
Hay, haylage, grass silage	40,281	47,418	-15%
Sunflower seed, All	0	0	NA
OPERATOR DEMOGRAPHICS			
Primary occupation: (number)			
Farming	81	104	-22%
Other	57	32	78%
Place of residence: (number)			
On farm operated	98	113	-13%
Not on farm operated	40	23	74%
Years on present farm: (number)			
Less than 10 years	35	30	17%
10 years or more	103	106	-3%
Age group: (number)			
Under 55 years	63	66	-5%
55 years and over	75	70	7%
Average age of operators: (number)	56.8	55.5	2%

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

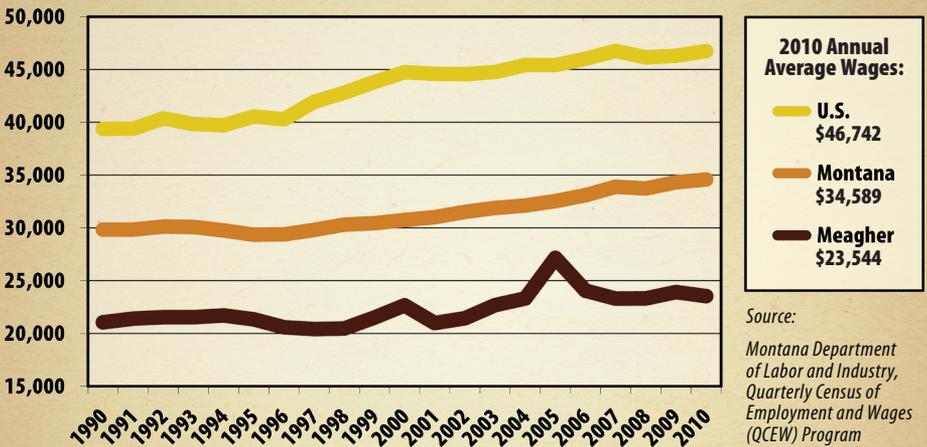
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ANNUAL AVERAGE LABOR FORCE - MEAGHER COUNTY

Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2010	836	761	75	9.0%
2009	847	781	66	7.8%
2008	887	832	55	6.2%
2007	900	852	48	5.3%
2006	901	864	37	4.1%
2005	931	893	38	4.1%

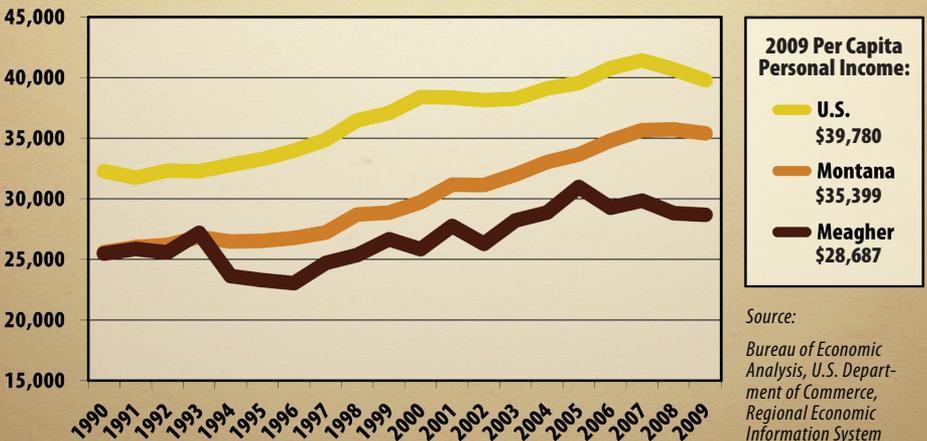
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ANNUAL AVERAGE WAGES - MEAGHER COUNTY, 1990-2010
(In 2010 Dollars)



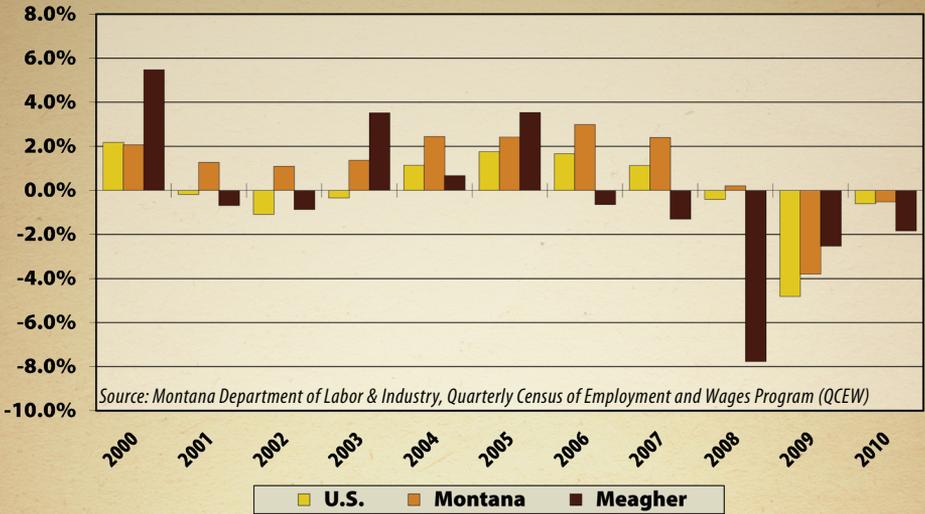
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PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME - MEAGHER COUNTY, 1990-2009
(In 2010 Dollars)



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 Meagher County)



RESOURCES FOR MEAGHER COUNTY

Chambers of Commerce

Meagher County Chamber of Commerce

Email: pres@meagherchamber.org
<http://meagherchamber.org/>

Job Service Workforce Center

Helena Job Service Workforce Center

715 Front Street
 Helena, MT 59620-1505
 Ph: (406) 447-3200
 Fax: (406) 447-3224
 Email: HelenaJSC@mt.gov
<http://wsd.dli.mt.gov/local/helena>

Economic Development

Montana Business Assistance Connection

225 Cruise Avenue
 Helena, MT 59601
 Ph: (406) 447-1510
 Email: cbrave@mbac.biz
www.mbac.biz

Newspaper

Meagher County News

P.O. Box 349
 White Sulphur Springs, MT 59645-0349
 Ph: (406) 547-3831
 Email: mcnews@mtintouch.net
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