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COUNTY FLIERS

Economic and Demographic Information for

MINERAL COUNTY



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MINERAL COUNTY

Mineral County is Montana's thirty-eighth most populous county, with a population of 4,223 residents according to the 2010 Census. Superior, the county seat, is the state's 65th largest town, with a population of 812 in 2010.¹ Other towns in Mineral County include Alberton, De Borgia, Haugan, St. Regis, and Saltese.

Located in western Montana, Mineral County is bordered by the Bitterroot Mountains and Idaho on the west, by Sanders County to the north, and by Missoula County to the east. Interstate 90 runs through the length of the county, repeatedly crossing over the winding Clark Fork River most of the way.

The terrain of Mineral County is mountainous and heavily forested, with the vast majority of the land area lying within the Lolo National Forest. As such, Mineral County affords abundant outdoor recreation opportunities including hunting, fishing, camping, hiking, biking, skiing, snowmobiling, and whitewater rafting.²

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

²www.mineralcounty.info

TOP 10 PRIVATE EMPLOYERS IN MINERAL COUNTY

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

Business Name	Size Class	Business Name	Size Class
Durango's Restaurant	3	St. Regis Travel Center	4
Jasper's Restaurant	4	Town Pump	4
Lincoln's Silver Dollar Bar	5	Tricon Timber	6
Mineral Community Hospital	5	Western Reclamation	4
Mountain West Bark Products	4	Westgate True Value Hardware & Castle's Market	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.

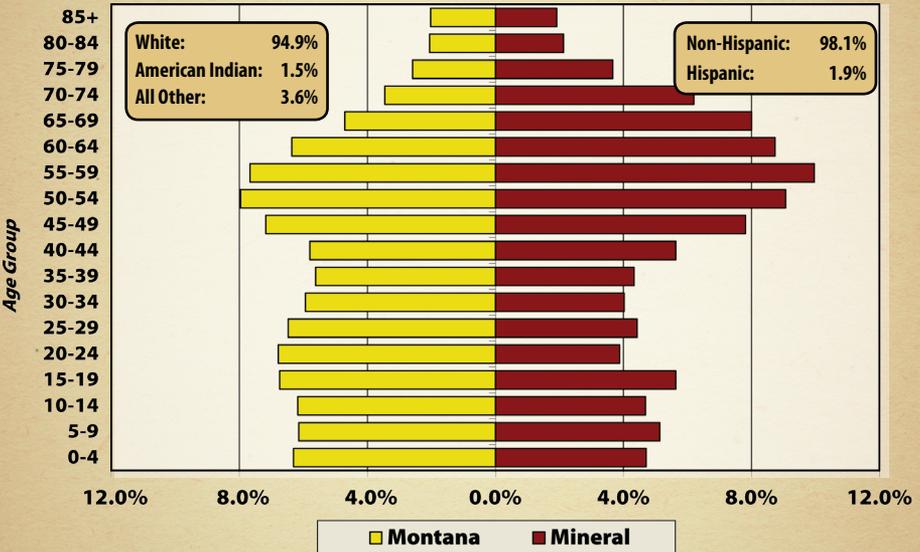
Source: Montana Department of Labor and Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment of Wages (QCEW) Program. This list ONLY includes industry employers subject to unemployment insurance. Railroads, tribal entities, and government agencies are excluded.

POPULATION FOR MINERAL COUNTY AND RELATED AREAS

Geography	Census 2000	2002 Estimate	2004 Estimate	2006 Estimate	2008 Estimate	Census 2010	% Change 2000-2010
Mineral County	3,884	3,778	3,843	3,973	3,861	4,223	8.7%
Alberton town	374	374	400	429	419	420	12.3%
Superior town	893	865	873	896	871	812	-9.1%
Balance Mineral County	2,617	2,539	2,570	2,648	2,571	2,991	14.3%

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

DISTRIBUTION OF POPULATION BY AGE - MINERAL COUNTY, 2010



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

Educational Attainment	Mineral County	Montana	United States
Less than a High School Diploma	16.6%	8.3%	14.4%
High School Diploma (or equivalent)	43.6%	29.9%	28.5%
Some College	20.8%	25.1%	21.3%
Associate's Degree	4.8%	7.9%	7.6%
Bachelor's Degree	10.1%	19.8%	17.7%
Graduate or Professional Degree	4.2%	9.0%	10.4%

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

MINERAL COUNTY - EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY ANNUAL AVERAGES 2010

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	140	1,155	\$25,906
TOTAL PRIVATE	122	821	\$24,607
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING	7	13	\$29,272
Forestry and logging	4	*	*
Agriculture & forestry support	3	*	*
UTILITIES	2	*	*
CONSTRUCTION	19	70	\$43,143
Construction of buildings	8	*	*
Heavy and civil engineering construction	1	*	*
Specialty trade contractors	10	62	\$46,623
MANUFACTURING	5	*	*
Textile product mills	1	*	*
Wood product manufacturing	1	*	*
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	1	*	*
Machinery manufacturing	1	*	*
Miscellaneous manufacturing	1	*	*
WHOLESALE TRADE	1	*	*
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	1	*	*
RETAIL TRADE	20	226	\$19,349
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	1	*	*
Building material & garden supply stores	2	*	*
Food and beverage stores	2	*	*
Health and personal care stores	2	*	*
Gasoline stations	6	95	\$15,655
Sporting good, hobby, book, music stores	2	*	*
General merchandise stores	1	*	*
Miscellaneous store retailers	3	*	*
Nonstore retailers	1	*	*
TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING	3	2	\$34,227
Truck transportation	1	*	*
Support activities for transportation	2	*	*

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

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
INFORMATION	1	*	*
Telecommunications	1	*	*
FINANCE AND INSURANCE	3	*	*
Credit intermediation & related activity	3	*	*
REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AND LEASING	3	5	\$13,958
Real estate	3	5	\$13,958
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	8	10	\$28,690
ADMINISTRATIVE AND WASTE SERVICES	8	19	\$19,191
Administrative and support services	4	7	\$10,348
Waste management and remediation service	4	12	\$24,209
HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	12	140	\$26,583
Ambulatory health care services	4	*	*
Hospitals	1	*	*
Social assistance	7	20	\$8,435
ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION	7	23	\$13,012
Amusements, gambling, and recreation	7	23	\$13,012
ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES	20	118	\$12,000
Accommodation	4	34	\$13,835
Food services and drinking places	16	85	\$11,273
OTHER SERVICES	4	4	\$10,685
Repair and maintenance	2	*	*
Personal and laundry services	2	*	*
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	18	333	\$29,108
Local Government	7	256	\$25,745
State Government	6	8	\$31,432
Federal Government	5	70	\$41,163

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 MINERAL COUNTY

	2007 Census	2002 Census	% Change
FARMS			
Farms: (number)	99	85	16%
Land in farms (acres)	22,654	16,277	39%
Average size of farms (acres)	229	191	20%
Median size of farms (acres)	80	92	-13%
Farms by size: (number)			
Less than 1,000 acres	95	82	16%
1,000 acres or more	4	3	33%
Farms by value of products sold: (number)			
Less than \$100,000	97	85	14%
\$100,000 or more	2	0	NA
Farms by type of organization: (number)			
Family, Individual, Partnership	87	80	9%
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	12	5	140%
LIVESTOCK INVENTORY AND CROPS HARVESTED			
Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)			
Cattle and calves	808	938	-14%
Hogs and pigs	0	0	NA
Sheep and lambs	0	71	-100%
Horses and ponies	347	375	-7%
Bison	0	*	*
Chickens (layers and broilers)	220	39	464%
Crops Harvested (acres)			
Corn for grain	0	0	NA
Corn for silage or greenchop	0	0	NA
Wheat for grain, All	0	*	*
Winter wheat for grain	0	0	NA
Spring wheat for grain	0	*	*
Durum wheat for grain	0	0	NA
Oats for grain	0	*	*
Barley for grain	232	*	*
Hay, haylage, grass silage	2,213	2,502	-12%
Sunflower seed, All	0	0	NA
OPERATOR DEMOGRAPHICS			
Primary occupation: (number)			
Farming	37	35	6%
Other	62	50	24%
Place of residence: (number)			
On farm operated	90	76	18%
Not on farm operated	9	9	0%
Years on present farm: (number)			
Less than 10 years	28	34	-18%
10 years or more	71	51	39%
Age group: (number)			
Under 55 years	32	49	-35%
55 years and over	67	36	86%
Average age of operators: (number)	60.7	55.0	10%

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

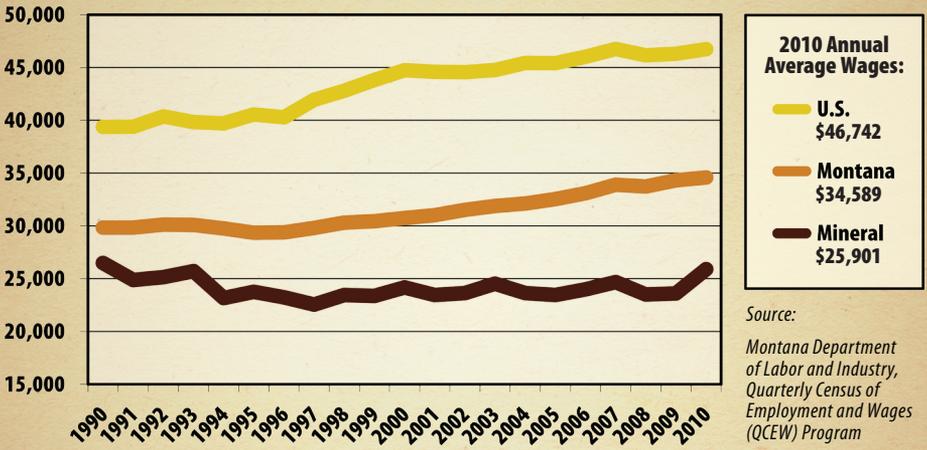
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ANNUAL AVERAGE LABOR FORCE - MINERAL COUNTY

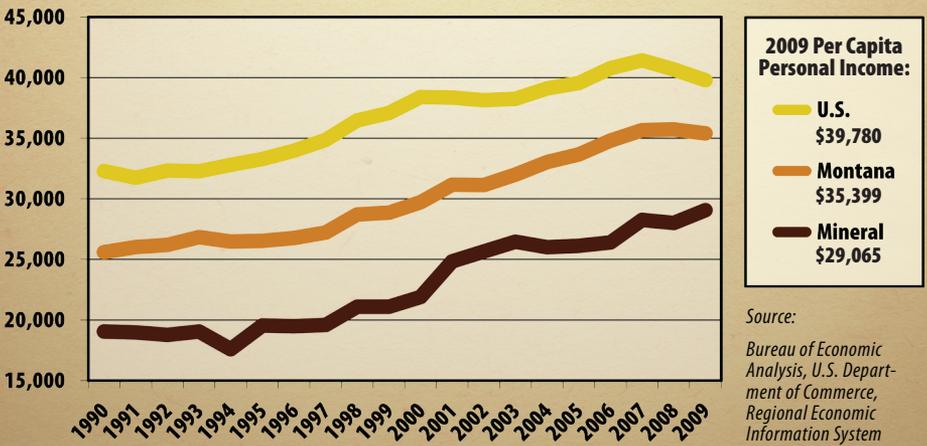
Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2010	1,919	1,699	220	11.5%
2009	1,894	1,712	182	9.6%
2008	1,887	1,766	121	6.4%
2007	1,968	1,879	89	4.5%
2006	1,949	1,859	90	4.6%
2005	1,922	1,824	98	5.1%

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

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

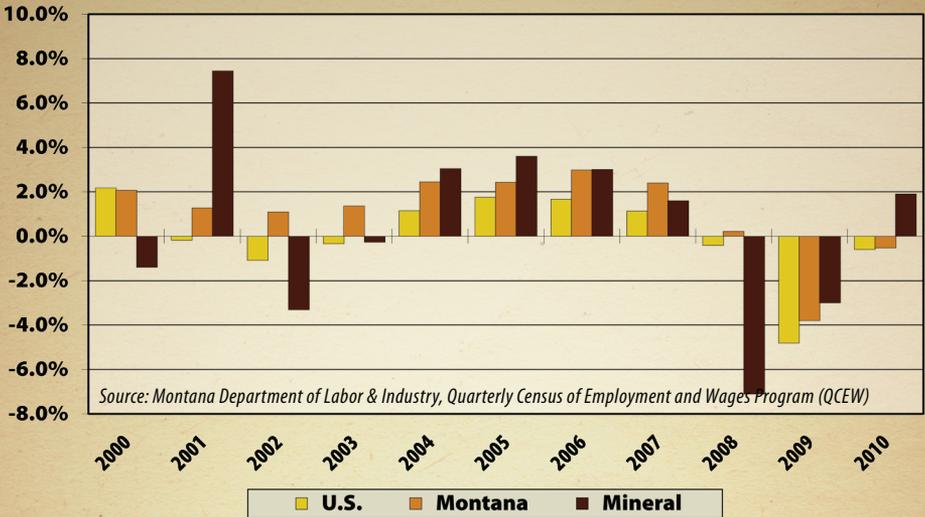


PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME - MINERAL COUNTY, 1990-2009
(In 2010 Dollars)



PERCENT CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT - 2000 TO 2010

(United States, Montana, and Mineral County)



RESOURCES FOR MINERAL COUNTY

Chamber of Commerce

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Job Service Workforce Center

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 539 S. 3rd Street W.
 Missoula, MT 59806
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 Email: MissoulaJSC@mt.gov
<http://wsd.dli.mt.gov/local/missoula>

Economic Development

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