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# Montana

## COUNTY FLIERS

### Economic and Demographic Information for

# TOOLE COUNTY

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Montana Department of  
**LABOR & INDUSTRY**  
Workforce Services Division





# TOOLE COUNTY

Toole County is Montana's 35th most populous county, with a population of 5,324 residents according to the 2010 Census. Shelby, the county seat, is the state's 23rd largest city, with a population of 3,376 in 2010.<sup>1</sup> Other cities and towns in Toole County include Ethridge, Galata, Kevin, Oilmont, Sunburst, and Sweetgrass.

In Shelby, travelers can visit the Marias Museum of History and Art to learn about the area's history and homesteading, and view its dinosaur collection. For wildlife enthusiasts, the nearby Sweet Grass Hills offer ample opportunities to view deer, antelope, elk, foxes, golden eagles, and grouse. North of Shelby, Lake Shel-ooole offers camping and outdoor recreation.<sup>2</sup>

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

<sup>2</sup>[www.visitmt.com/categories/city.asp?siteid=1&city=shelby](http://www.visitmt.com/categories/city.asp?siteid=1&city=shelby)

## TOP 10 PRIVATE EMPLOYERS IN TOOLE COUNTY

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

Business Name	Size Class	Business Name	Size Class
Albertsons	4	Dick Irvin Inc.	4
Ben Taylor Inc.	4	Marias Healthcare	4
Cenex	4	Marias River Electric Co-op	4
Comfort Inn of Shelby and Town Pump	5	Pamida	4
CrossRoads Correctional Facility	6	Somont Oil Company	5

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.

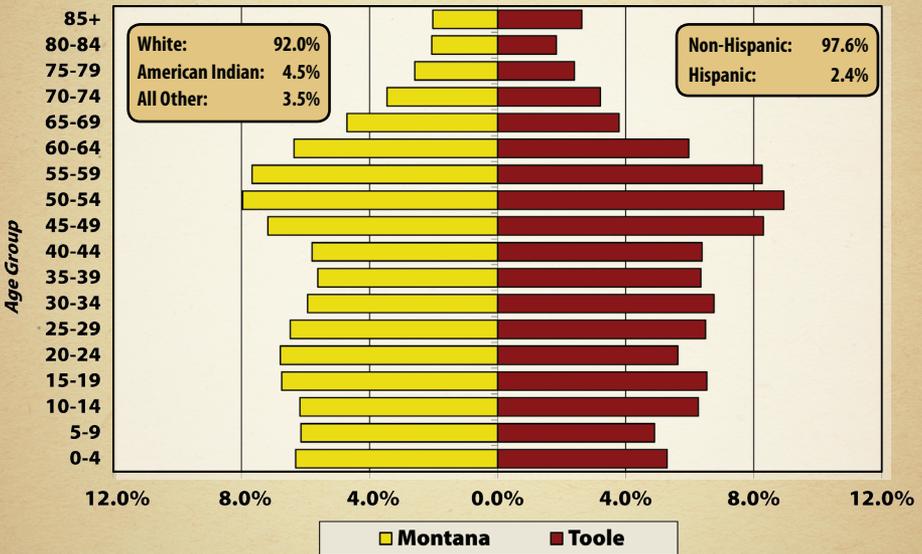
Source: Montana Department of Labor and Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment of Wages (QCEW) Program. This list ONLY includes industry employers subject to unemployment insurance. Railroads, tribal entities, and government agencies are excluded.

**POPULATION FOR TOOLE COUNTY AND RELATED AREAS**

Geography	Census 2000	2002 Estimate	2004 Estimate	2006 Estimate	2008 Estimate	Census 2010	% Change 2000-2010
Toole County	5,267	5,272	5,083	5,139	5,052	5,324	1.1%
Kevin town	178	172	150	146	136	154	-13.5%
Shelby city	3,216	3,304	3,366	3,477	3,512	3,376	5.0%
Sunburst town	415	400	349	340	314	375	-9.6%
Balance Toole County	1,458	1,396	1,218	1,176	1,090	1,419	-2.7%

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

**DISTRIBUTION OF POPULATION BY AGE - TOOLE COUNTY, 2010**



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

Educational Attainment	Toole County	Montana	United States
Less than a High School Diploma	13.7%	8.3%	14.4%
High School Diploma (or equivalent)	33.5%	29.9%	28.5%
Some College	21.8%	25.1%	21.3%
Associate's Degree	10.8%	7.9%	7.6%
Bachelor's Degree	16.1%	19.8%	17.7%
Graduate or Professional Degree	4.0%	9.0%	10.4%

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

## TOOLE COUNTY - EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY ANNUAL AVERAGES 2010

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	249	2,053	\$34,637
TOTAL PRIVATE	211	1,328	\$31,441
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING	2	*	*
Crop production	2	*	*
MINING	26	156	\$47,958
Oil and gas extraction	20	114	\$44,116
Support activities for mining	6	42	\$58,425
UTILITIES	3	*	*
CONSTRUCTION	15	41	\$54,468
Construction of buildings	3	*	*
Heavy and civil engineering construction	7	26	\$61,239
Specialty trade contractors	5	*	*
MANUFACTURING	3	19	\$23,427
Food manufacturing	2	*	*
Nonmetallic mineral product mfg	1	*	*
WHOLESALE TRADE	13	74	\$40,402
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	1	*	*
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	11	69	\$39,762
Electronic markets & agents and brokers	1	*	*
RETAIL TRADE	27	188	\$21,833
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	3	14	\$25,027
Building material & garden supply stores	7	16	\$32,682
Food and beverage stores	3	45	\$21,907
Health and personal care stores	2	*	*
Gasoline stations	3	36	\$19,920
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	2	*	*
Sporting good, hobby, book, music stores	1	*	*
General merchandise stores	1	*	*
Miscellaneous store retailers	4	27	\$14,145
Nonstore retailers	1	*	*
TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING	16	150	\$42,407
Truck transportation	4	*	*
Pipeline transportation	2	*	*
Support activities for transportation	9	73	\$34,440
Warehousing and storage	1	*	*

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

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
<b>INFORMATION</b>	6	39	\$33,259
Publishing industries, except Internet	2	*	*
Motion picture, sound recording industry	1	*	*
Broadcasting, except Internet	1	*	*
Telecommunications	2	*	*
<b>FINANCE AND INSURANCE</b>	10	58	\$37,182
Credit intermediation & related activity	4	35	\$40,276
Securities, comm. contracts, investments	1	*	*
Insurance carriers & related activities	5	*	*
<b>REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AND LEASING</b>	6	10	\$31,224
Real estate	5	*	*
Rental and leasing services	1	*	*
<b>PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES</b>	20	54	\$35,957
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE AND WASTE SERVICES</b>	6	*	*
Administrative and support services	6	*	*
<b>HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE</b>	10	67	\$33,079
Ambulatory health care services	7	55	\$36,005
Social assistance	3	12	\$19,402
<b>ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION</b>	4	26	\$18,802
Amusements, gambling, and recreation	4	26	\$18,802
<b>ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES</b>	27	218	\$12,220
Accommodation	4	54	\$10,677
Food services and drinking places	23	165	\$12,722
<b>OTHER SERVICES</b>	20	36	\$14,366
Repair and maintenance	9	*	*
Personal and laundry services	1	*	*
Membership associations & organizations	10	19	\$8,656
<b>TOTAL GOVERNMENT</b>	38	725	\$40,491
Local Government	15	509	\$29,684
State Government	8	25	\$22,333
Federal Government	15	192	\$71,572

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 TOOLE COUNTY

	2007 Census	2002 Census	% Change
<b>FARMS</b>			
Farms: (number)	428	405	6%
Land in farms (acres)	1,115,019	1,087,797	3%
Average size of farms (acres)	2,605	2,686	-3%
Median size of farms (acres)	1,432	1,800	-20%
Farms by size: (number)			
Less than 1,000 acres	176	152	16%
1,000 acres or more	252	253	0%
Farms by value of products sold: (number)			
Less than \$100,000	293	299	-2%
\$100,000 or more	135	106	27%
Farms by type of organization: (number)			
Family, Individual, Partnership	297	303	-2%
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	131	102	28%
<b>LIVESTOCK INVENTORY AND CROPS HARVESTED</b>			
Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)			
Cattle and calves	15,055	13,645	10%
Hogs and pigs	16,312	15,048	8%
Sheep and lambs	1,873	1,774	6%
Horses and ponies	1,872	1,712	9%
Bison	0	0	NA
Chickens (layers and broilers)	*	*	*
Crops Harvested (acres)			
Corn for grain	*	0	NA
Corn for silage or greenchop	0	0	NA
Wheat for grain, All	240,949	247,135	-3%
Winter wheat for grain	89,089	2,083	4177%
Spring wheat for grain	147,911	237,894	-38%
Durum wheat for grain	3,949	7,158	-45%
Oats for grain	270	387	-30%
Barley for grain	52,425	50,077	5%
Hay, haylage, grass silage	13,104	25,123	-48%
Sunflower seed, All	0	0	NA
<b>OPERATOR DEMOGRAPHICS</b>			
Primary occupation: (number)			
Farming	239	284	-16%
Other	189	121	56%
Place of residence: (number)			
On farm operated	253	264	-4%
Not on farm operated	175	141	24%
Years on present farm: (number)			
Less than 10 years	75	91	-18%
10 years or more	353	314	12%
Age group: (number)			
Under 55 years	194	208	-7%
55 years and over	234	197	19%
Average age of operators: (number)	58.4	56.5	3%

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

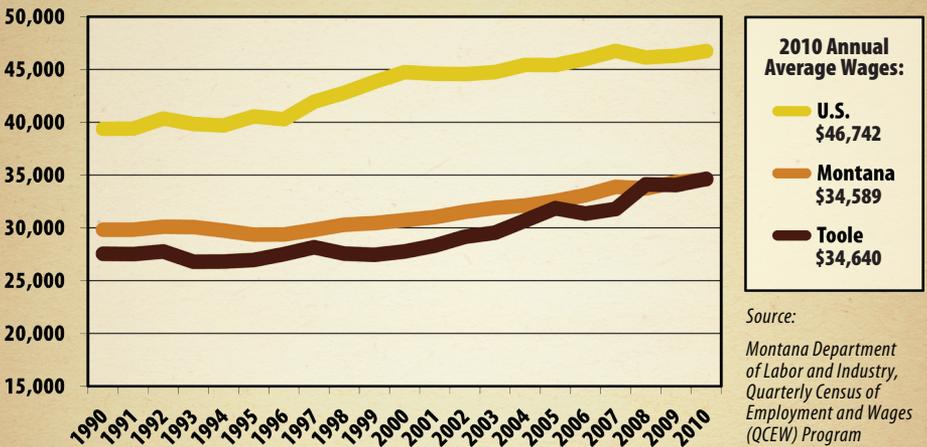
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**ANNUAL AVERAGE LABOR FORCE - TOOLE COUNTY**

Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2010	2,448	2,333	115	4.7%
2009	2,507	2,407	100	4.0%
2008	2,602	2,526	76	2.9%
2007	2,454	2,397	57	2.3%
2006	2,473	2,410	63	2.5%
2005	2,512	2,440	72	2.9%

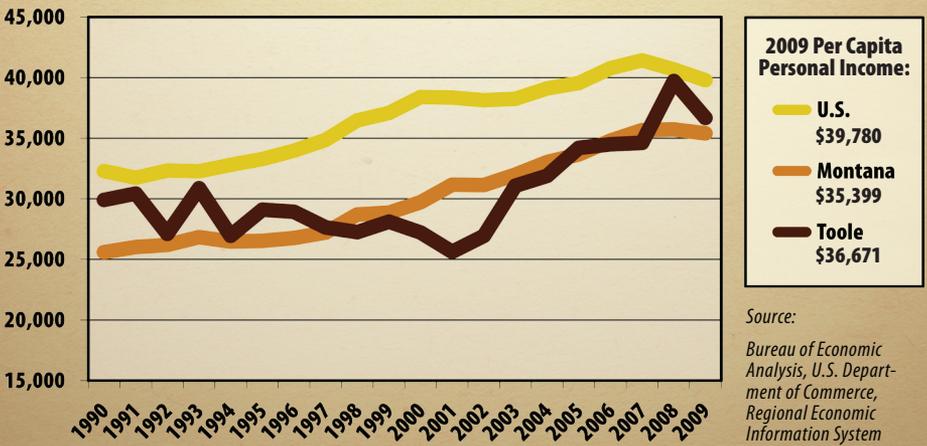
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**ANNUAL AVERAGE WAGES - TOOLE COUNTY, 1990-2010**  
(In 2010 Dollars)



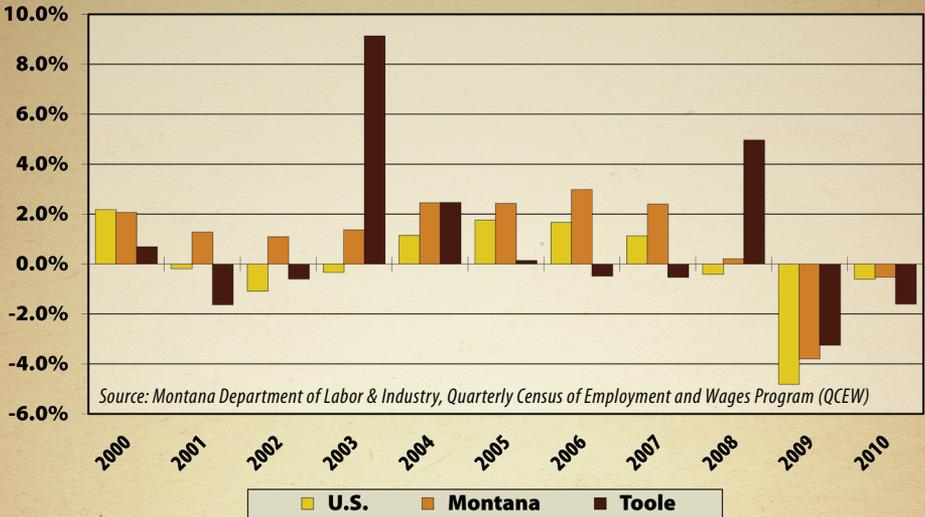
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**PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME - TOOLE COUNTY, 1990-2009**  
(In 2010 Dollars)



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 Toole County)



## RESOURCES FOR TOOLE COUNTY

### Chamber of Commerce

#### Shelby Area Chamber of Commerce

100 Montana Avenue  
Shelby, MT 59474  
Ph: (406) 434-7184  
Email: [shelbycoc@3rivers.net](mailto:shelbycoc@3rivers.net)  
[www.shelbymtchamber.org](http://www.shelbymtchamber.org)

### Economic Development

#### North Central Montana RC&D

1125 Oilfield Avenue  
Shelby, MT 59474-1698  
Phone: (406) 434-9161 ext. 111  
<http://northcentralrcd.org>

### Job Service Workforce Center

#### Shelby Job Service Workforce Center

202 Main Street  
Shelby, MT 59474  
Ph: (406) 434-5161  
Email: [ShelbyJSC@mt.gov](mailto:ShelbyJSC@mt.gov)  
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### Newspaper

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