

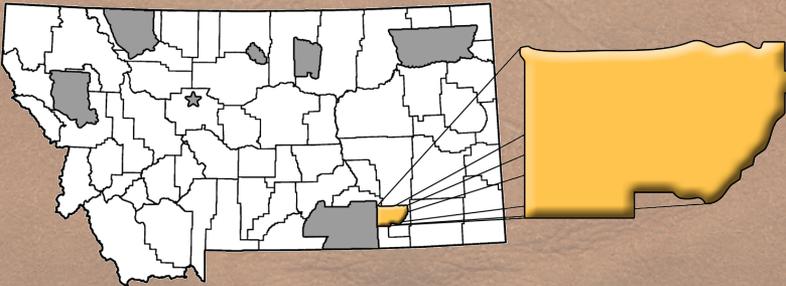


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Demographic and Economic Information



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The Northern Cheyenne Reservation, located in southeastern Montana, encompasses approximately 440,000 acres of grass covered hills, narrow valleys and steep outcroppings near the Tongue River Valley. Located in a rural area, the reservation is predominantly surrounded by ranching and coal mining activity. The major communities within the reservation include Lame Deer and Busby. Major highway access is through U.S. Highway 39 (north/south) and Montana Highway 212 (east/west). Air travelers will enjoy viewing the beautiful scenery on the way from the Billings Logan International Airport, Miles City Airport, and Sheridan County Airport.

Nearly half (44 percent) of the over 10,500 enrolled tribal members reside on the reservation. The Cheyenne Nation is historically comprised of ten bands spread across the Great Plains. Two bands, the Tsitsistas and So'taeoò, reside on the reservation.

The Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council, headquartered in Lame Deer, governs the Tribe. It is structured into three branches of government: the Executive, Legislative and Judicial Branches. The Executive Branch comprises the President, Vice President, and all tribal programs. The Legislative Branch comprises ten Tribal Council members representing five voting districts. The Judicial Branch comprises the Chief Judge, Associate Judge and all legal entities. Entities interested in doing business with the Northern Cheyenne Tribe or on the reservation should engage the Office of the President. Visitors should be mindful of tribal protocol, laws and regulations. Interested business parties are encouraged to become familiar with the Northern Cheyenne Planning Department, the Northern Cheyenne Development Corporation, the Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance (TERO) Office, the Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO), and the Tribe's Environmental Protection Department (EPD). Additional information regarding the tribal government and tribal programs is available online at www.cheyennenation.com.

The economy is primarily supported by the federal government, tribal government, farming and ranching, native-owned businesses, and private enterprises. The Tribe is the largest employer on the reservation. Tribal ventures include the Charging Horse Casino, the Cheyenne Depot Gas Station and Convenience Store, the Northern Cheyenne Development Corporation, and the Northern Cheyenne Arts and Crafts Center. In an effort to improve homeownership on the reservation, the

Tribal Council has adopted a Mortgage Lending Code that provides the security for financial institutions to initiate home loans for tribal members on the reservation.

The Chief Dull Knife College on the reservation serves members of the community and prepares students for achievement in higher education and meaningful employment by offering associate degrees, vocational certificates, and distance learning opportunities. The average annual college enrollment is over 300 part-time and full-time students. Additional information regarding the tribal college services is available online at www.cdkc.edu.

Northern Cheyenne Wage & Salary Employment Annual Averages 2009 - 2011

Industry	Employment			Wages			2009-2011 Growth	
	2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011	Emp.	Wage
Total	1,430	1,472	1,434	\$30,474	\$31,634	\$33,130	0.3%	9.0%
Private	522	519	513	\$22,751	\$23,121	\$24,690	-1.7%	6.7%
Goods Producing	N/A	N/A	15	N/A	N/A	\$22,136	N/A	N/A
Construction	N/A	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	\$24,852	N/A	N/A
Service Providing	N/A	N/A	498	N/A	N/A	\$24,767	N/A	N/A
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	92	84	71	\$13,229	\$14,079	\$15,144	-22.8%	-11.7%
Retail Trade	92	84	71	\$13,229	\$14,079	\$15,144	-22.8%	-11.7%
Information, Financial Activities, Professional and Business Services	12	22	26	\$29,075	\$24,470	\$23,294	116.7%	73.6%
Education and Health Services	348	343	340	\$25,303	\$25,518	\$27,676	-2.3%	6.9%
Leisure and Hospitality	N/A	N/A	54	N/A	N/A	\$20,594	N/A	N/A
Other Services	10	7	7	\$30,185	\$31,566	\$18,730	-30.0%	-56.6%
Total Government	908	953	921	\$34,914	\$36,270	\$37,830	1.4%	9.9%
Federal	172	184	193	\$55,225	\$60,203	\$61,775	12.2%	25.5%
Local	736	769	728	\$30,168	\$30,544	\$31,482	-1.1%	3.2%
Local Government Education	N/A	255	234	N/A	\$33,592	\$33,930	N/A	N/A
Local Government Non-Education	N/A	514	494	N/A	\$29,031	\$30,323	N/A	N/A

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Note: This data is based on the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) series which compiles data reported by all employers covered under Montana unemployment insurance. Some sectors are not shown to preserve confidentiality of individual businesses.

American Indian and Total Population for Northern Cheyenne Reservation and Related Areas

Geography	American Indian Population					
	Census		% Change	Estimate		% Change
	2000	2010	2000-2010	2011	2012	2011-2012
Northern Cheyenne Reservation	4,029	4,406	9.36%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Big Horn County	7,597	8,369	10.16%	8,229	8,416	2.27%
Busby CDP	622	690	10.93%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Muddy CDP	591	586	-0.85%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rosebud County	3,059	3,215	5.10%	3,195	3,297	3.19%
Ashland CDP	349	539	54.44%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Birney CDP	93	133	43.01%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Lame Deer CDP	1,866	1,922	3.00%	n/a	n/a	n/a

Geography	Total Population					
	Census		% Change	Estimate		% Change
	2000	2010	2000-2010	2011	2012	2011-2012
Northern Cheyenne Reservation	4,470	4,789	7.14%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Big Horn County	12,669	12,865	1.55%	13,093	13,061	-0.24%
Busby CDP	695	745	7.19%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Muddy CDP	627	617	-1.59%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rosebud County	9,399	9,233	-1.77%	9,379	9,396	0.18%
Ashland CDP	464	824	77.59%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Birney CDP	108	137	26.85%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Lame Deer CDP	2,018	2,052	1.68%	n/a	n/a	n/a

Source: U.S. Census Bureau n/a = Not available

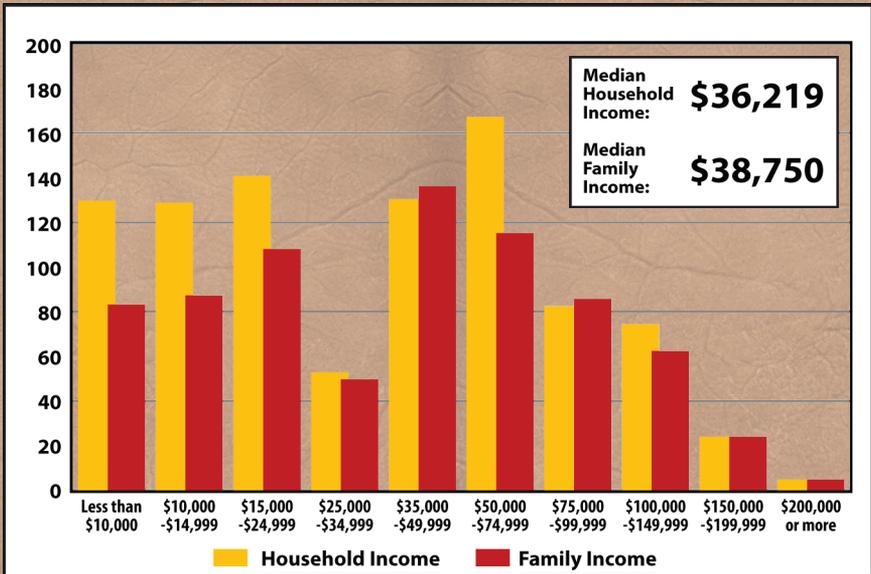
CDP = Census designated places. CDPs are delineated for each decennial census as the statistical counterparts of incorporated places. CDPs are delineated to provide data for settled concentrations of population that are identifiable by name but are not legally incorporated under the laws of the state in which they are located. The boundaries usually are defined in cooperation with local and tribal officials. These boundaries, which usually coincide with visible features or the boundary of an adjacent incorporated place or other legal entity boundary, have no legal status, nor do these places have officials elected to serve traditional municipal functions.

Northern Cheyenne Reservation - Educational Attainment Population 25 Years and Older

Educational Attainment	American Indian			Total Population
	Male	Female	Total %	
Less than high school diploma	22.5%	17.0%	19.4%	18.4%
High school graduate, GED, or alternative	28.9%	28.2%	28.5%	28.6%
Some college or associate's degree	40.4%	37.1%	38.6%	37.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher	8.2%	17.7%	13.4%	15.2%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007-2011 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Northern Cheyenne Reservation - Distribution of Income by Family and Household, 5-Year Estimates 2006-2010



Household Income: This includes the income of the householder and all other individuals 15 years or older in the household, whether they are related to the householder or not. Because many households consist of only one person, average household income is usually less than average family income.

Family Income: In compiling statistics on family income, the incomes of all members 15 years old and over related to the householder are summed and treated as a single amount.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007-2011 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Northern Cheyenne Reservation* - Occupation by Gender Employed Civilian Population 16 Years and Over

Occupation	American Indian	Total
Total - All Occupations	1,230	1,443
Total Male	557	649
Management, business, science, and arts occupations	138	166
Service occupations	200	209
Sales and office occupations	62	75
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations	128	166
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	29	34
Total Female	673	794
Management, business, science, and arts occupations	227	288
Service occupations	204	229
Sales and office occupations	207	240
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations	8	9
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	27	27

*Includes both Northern Cheyenne Reservation and Off-Reservation Trust Land, MT
Source: 2007-2011 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Northern Cheyenne Reservation - Labor Force Statistics

The labor force statistics come from three separate sources. The dissimilar numbers result from the differing definitions and statistical techniques used by each source. These differences are explained below:

Source	Year	Labor Force	Employed	Unemp.	Unemp. Rate
MT Dept. of Labor & Industry	2012	1,653	1,377	276	16.7%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statistics represent labor characteristics of the reservation, not the tribe. • Labor Force definition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civilian, non-institutional population 16 years and older • The sum of Employment and Unemployment • Employment definition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did any work as paid employees • Worked in their own business, profession, or farm • Worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers in a family owned enterprise • Unemployment definition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have not worked during monthly survey period (usually the week of the 12th of the month) • Available for work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actively seeking a job during last four weeks • Unemployment Rate equals the number Unemployed divided by number in the Labor Force 					

Source	Year	Labor Force	Employed	Unemp.	Unemp. Rate
U.S. Census Bureau	2007-11	1,842	1,443	449	23.7%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statistics represent labor characteristics of the reservation, not the tribe. • Uses the same definitions for Labor Force, Employment, and Unemployment as U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics • From the American Community Survey • Rate reflects the five-year estimates from the years 2007 to 2011 					

Source	Year	Labor Force	Employed	Unemp.	Unemp. Rate
U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs	2005	2,927	1,177	1,750	59.8%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statistics represent labor characteristics of the tribe, not the reservation. • Labor Force definition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of tribal members between 16 and 64 years old • Available for work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not disabled or incarcerated • Employment definition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tribal members working for money • Unemployment calculated by subtracting Employment from Labor Force 					

Owner and Renter Occupied Housing Units

Housing	American Indian	Total
Owner Occupied	55.3%	53.5%
Rental Occupied	44.7%	46.5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2007 to 2011

Northern Cheyenne Reservation - Agricultural Statistics 2007 Census of Agriculture

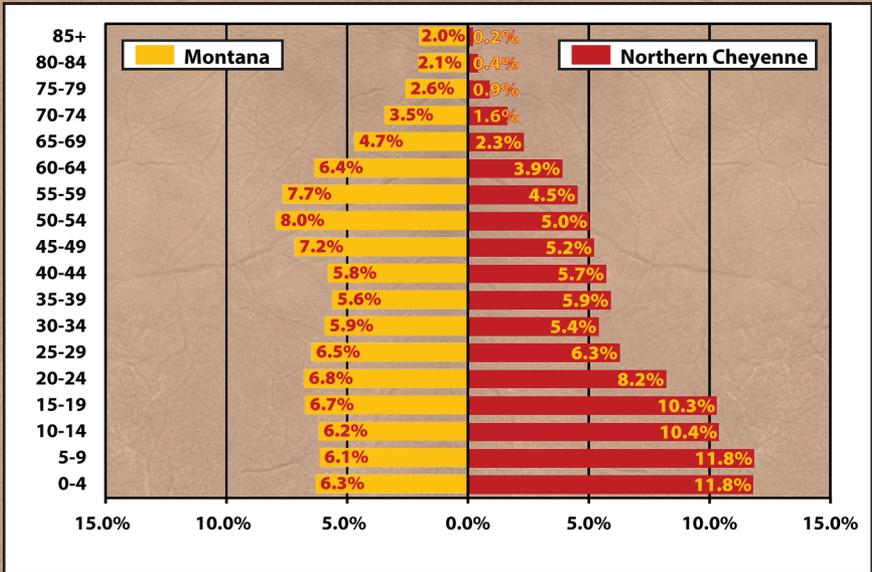
	2002		2007	
	All Farms	Farms Operated by American Indians	All Farms	Farms Operated by American Indians
Farms				
Farms: (number)	64	50	109	98
Land in farms (acres)	403,152	320,065	474,110	450,933
Average size of farms (acres)	6,299	6,401	4,350	4,601
Farms by size: (number)				
Less than 1,000 acres	43	38	85	77
1,000 acres or more	21	12	24	21
Farms by value of products sold and government payments received: (number)				
Less than \$100,000	49	39	95	85
\$100,000 or more	15	11	14	13
Farms by type of organization: (number)				
Family, Individual, Partnership	59	46	107	96
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	5	4	2	2
Livestock Inventory and Crops Harvested				
Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)				
Cattle and calves	10,364	7,360	11,477	10,715
Hogs and pigs	-	-	(D)	(D)
Sheep and lambs	(D)	(D)	(D)	-
Horses and ponies	558	456	1,096	1,018
Bison	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Chickens (layers and broilers)	0	0	59	(D)
Crops Harvested (acres)				
Corn for grain	-	-	-	-
Corn for silage or greenchop	-	-	-	-
Wheat for grain, All	(D)	-	(D)	-
Winter wheat for grain	(D)	-	(D)	-
Durum wheat for grain	-	-	-	-
Spring wheat for grain	(D)	-	-	-
Barley for grain	(D)	-	-	-
Oats for grain	-	-	(D)	-
Sunflower seed, All	-	-	-	-
Soybeans for beans	-	-	(D)	-
Hay, haylage, grass silage	7,674	4,402	16,860	15,358
Operator Demographics				
Primary occupation: (number)				
Farming	48	30	52	39
Other	59	42	86	71
Place of residence: (number)				
On farm operated	85	52	113	91
Not on farm operated	22	20	25	19
Years on present farm: (number)				
Less than 10 years	23	15	33	25
10 years or more	84	57	105	86
Age group: (number)				
Under 55 years	65	43	53	40
55 years and over	42	29	85	70
Average age of operators	50.4	50.7	56.6	57.0

(D): Not Disclosable

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

Northern Cheyenne Reservation - Population Pyramid

Percent of Total Reservation Population by Age Group



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2010

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