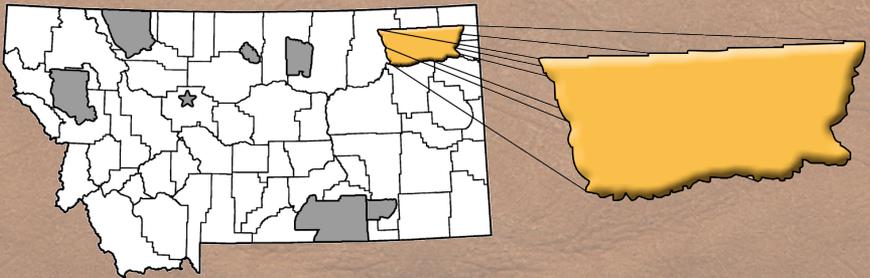


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Demographic and Economic Information



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## Fort Peck Reservation

The Fort Peck Reservation is home to the Assiniboine and Sioux people. The Tribes share the 2.1 million acres of the reservation in northeastern Montana. Fort Peck is the state's second largest reservation and is approximately 100 miles long and 40 miles wide. The Missouri River forms the reservation's southern border and this, along with the close proximity to the Fort Peck Dam and Reservoir, makes the area attractive to hunters and fishermen. Agricultural pursuits are largely centered on cattle ranching and wheat farming. The major communities on the reservation are Frazer, Oswego, Wolf Point, Poplar, Brockton, Riverside, and Fort Kipp. Major highway access is through Montana Highway 13 (north/south) and US Highway 2 (east/west). Wolf Point has both a commercial airport serviced by Silver Airways and a train depot serviced by Burlington Northern and Amtrak.

The Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes each have distinct cultures, languages, customs, and traditions. There are an estimated 12,975 enrolled tribal members and approximately 6,700 live on the reservation.

The tribal government is headquartered in Poplar. The Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribal Executive Board, commonly referred to as the "Tribal Council," governs the daily operations of the Nation. The elected positions are Chairman, Vice-Chair, Sergeant-At-Arms and 12 Board Members. Elections are held the last Saturday in October every other year. The Tribal Council holds committee meetings every Monday through Friday and the second and the fourth Monday of every month is the full Tribal Council meeting, where resolutions passed at the committee level are brought forward for final vote before becoming official action of the tribal government.

Entities wishing to do business with the Fort Peck Tribes should contact the Economic Development Office and begin the background check process. Through this process the business entity will be introduced to the protocols, policies, laws, and various programs of the tribal government. Businesses are also encouraged to become familiar with the Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) and the Office of Environmental Protection (OEP). Phone numbers and contact persons for these programs can be found at the official tribal government website at [www.fortpecktribes.us](http://www.fortpecktribes.us).

The Bakken oil development has impacted northeastern Montana and the tribal government is working to capitalize on related economic opportunities. Major employers on the reservation are the tribal government, federal government, Fort Peck Community College, local school districts, Fort Peck Tech Services, and West Electronics, Inc.

Workforce training and apprenticeship opportunities are provided through the Tribes' Workforce Development Program and TERO. The Fort Peck Community College provides associate of arts and associate of science degrees and certificates in a variety of academic fields. Through the College's partnerships with several four-year institutions, it is also possible to earn a bachelor and master degrees while remaining on the Poplar campus. Additional information regarding the tribal college services is available online at [www.fpcc.edu](http://www.fpcc.edu).

## Fort Peck Wage & Salary Employment Annual Averages 2009 - 2011

Industry	Employment			Wages			2009-2011 Growth	
	2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011	Emp.	Wage
<b>Total</b>	3,197	3,255	3,240	\$30,277	\$31,301	\$31,352	1.3%	4.9%
<b>Total Private</b>	1,495	1,536	1,605	\$25,298	\$25,529	\$25,570	7.4%	8.5%
<b>Goods Producing</b>	147	177	201	\$36,302	\$34,645	\$31,357	36.7%	18.1%
<b>Natural Resources and Mining</b>	29	34	47	\$35,757	\$36,254	\$36,762	62.1%	66.6%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	16	17	20	\$27,796	\$27,135	\$27,080	25.0%	21.8%
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	13	17	27	\$45,555	\$45,373	\$43,934	107.7%	100.3%
<b>Construction</b>	79	97	99	\$41,086	\$37,843	\$31,735	25.3%	-3.2%
Specialty Trade Contractors	20	30	34	\$20,003	\$29,851	\$21,424	70.0%	82.1%
<b>Manufacturing</b>	39	46	55	\$27,015	\$26,711	\$26,059	41.0%	36.0%
<b>Service Providing</b>	1,348	1,359	1,404	\$24,097	\$24,341	\$24,741	4.2%	6.9%
<b>Trade, Transportation and Utilities</b>	470	463	464	\$28,004	\$27,825	\$28,913	-1.3%	1.9%
Wholesale Trade	61	45	47	\$42,493	\$44,001	\$47,971	-23.0%	-13.0%
Retail Trade	346	350	346	\$22,090	\$22,754	\$23,383	0.0%	5.9%
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	46	49	50	\$26,576	\$25,928	\$28,261	8.7%	15.6%
Building Material and Garden Equipment and Supplies Dealers	35	34	39	\$20,982	\$22,110	\$20,700	11.4%	9.9%
Food and Beverage Stores	84	97	101	\$19,551	\$18,570	\$19,185	20.2%	18.0%
Gasoline Stations	137	127	114	\$23,254	\$25,411	\$26,468	-16.8%	-5.3%
Transportation and Warehousing	N/A	52	55	N/A	\$35,526	\$35,878	N/A	N/A
Utilities	N/A	16	16	N/A	\$68,235	\$68,564	N/A	N/A
<b>Information</b>	41	44	43	\$17,119	\$17,299	\$18,209	4.9%	11.6%
<b>Financial Activities</b>	78	82	80	\$27,123	\$27,356	\$28,006	2.6%	5.9%
Finance and Insurance	65	66	63	\$30,104	\$31,132	\$32,697	-3.1%	5.3%
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities	45	52	49	\$30,245	\$30,328	\$32,335	8.9%	16.4%
Insurance Carriers and Related Activities	20	14	14	\$29,784	\$34,120	\$33,966	-30.0%	-20.2%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	13	16	17	\$12,220	\$11,777	\$10,621	30.8%	13.7%
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	72	75	107	\$21,351	\$22,455	\$19,978	48.6%	39.1%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	24	21	52	\$26,024	\$28,100	\$19,938	116.7%	66.0%
<b>Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services</b>	48	N/A	N/A	\$19,015	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Health Care and Social Assistance</b>	364	375	371	\$30,484	\$30,618	\$31,428	1.9%	5.1%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	42	43	43	\$58,467	\$62,991	\$58,586	2.4%	2.6%
Social Assistance	322	33	31	\$26,834	\$15,893	\$16,123	-90.4%	-94.2%
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	253	246	265	\$12,013	\$13,178	\$13,612	4.7%	18.7%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	31	33	32	\$17,644	\$18,327	\$20,391	3.2%	19.3%
Accommodations and Food Services	222	213	153	\$11,227	\$12,380	\$12,831	-31.1%	-21.2%
Accommodation	73	71	80	\$9,916	\$11,662	\$12,393	9.6%	37.0%
Food Services and Drinking Places	149	142	153	\$11,869	\$12,739	\$12,831	2.7%	11.0%
<b>Drinking Places</b>	21	21	28	\$14,091	\$13,307	\$11,469	33.3%	8.5%
<b>Restaurants and Other Eating Places</b>	128	121	125	\$11,505	\$12,641	\$13,137	-2.3%	11.5%
<b>Total Government</b>	1,702	1,719	1,635	\$34,651	\$36,460	\$37,029	-3.9%	2.7%
Federal	237	240	191	\$59,271	\$62,216	\$60,935	-19.4%	-17.1%
State	103	99	98	\$38,485	\$39,314	\$40,448	-4.9%	-1.0%
Local	1,362	1,380	1,346	\$30,076	\$31,776	\$33,417	-1.2%	9.8%
Local Government Education	578	619	584	\$34,768	\$33,747	\$35,550	1.0%	3.3%
Local Government Non-Education	784	761	762	\$26,617	\$30,172	\$31,782	-2.8%	16.1%

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 Fort Peck Reservation and Related Areas

Geography	American Indian Population					
	Census		% Change	Estimate		% Change
	2000	2010	2000-2010	2013	2014	2013-2014
Fort Peck Reservation	6,577	6,973	6.0%	6,863	7,066	3.0%
Daniels County	52	61	17.3%	69	25	-63.8%
Roosevelt County	6,142	6,581	7.1%	6,576	6,748	2.6%
Brockton	212	245	15.6%	242	245	1.2%
Poplar	605	602	-0.5%	853	778	-8.8%
Wolf Point	1,123	1,456	29.7%	1,495	1,554	3.9%
Sheridan County	89	99	11.2%	131	176	34.4%
Reserve CDP	1	2	100.0%	4	7	75.0%
Valley County	825	838	1.6%	927	941	1.5%
Frazer CDP	418	347	-17.0%	244	258	5.7%

Geography	Total Population					
	Census		% Change	Estimate		% Change
	2000	2010	2000-2010	2013	2014	2013-2014
Fort Peck Reservation	10,321	10,008	-3.0%	10,085	10,262	1.8%
Daniels County	2,017	1,751	-13.2%	1,778	1,813	2.0%
Roosevelt County	10,620	10,425	-1.8%	10,665	10,861	1.8%
Brockton	245	255	4.1%	273	274	0.4%
Poplar	911	810	-11.1%	995	901	-9.4%
Wolf Point	2,663	2,621	-1.6%	2,673	2,730	2.1%
Sheridan County	4,105	3,384	-17.6%	3,473	3,510	1.1%
Reserve CDP	37	23	-37.8%	36	30	-16.7%
Valley County	7,675	7,369	-4.0%	7,465	7,518	0.7%
Frazer CDP	452	362	-19.9%	282	306	8.5%

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

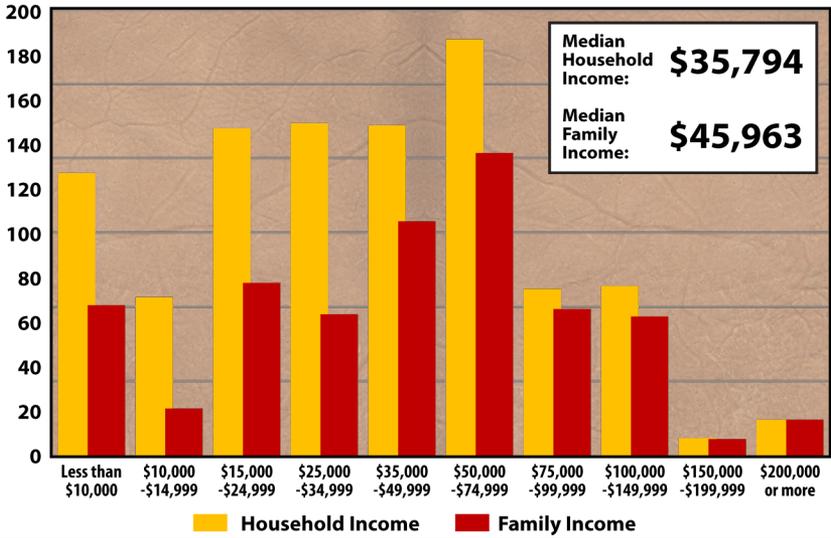
CDP = Census designated places. CDPs are delineated for each decennial census as the statistical counterparts of incorporated places. CDPs are delineated to provide data for settled concentrations of population that are identifiable by name but are not legally incorporated under the laws of the state 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.

## Fort Peck Reservation - Educational Attainment Population 25 Years and Older

Educational Attainment	American Indian			Total Population
	Male	Female	Total %	
Less than high school diploma	20.0%	22.8%	21.6%	15.5%
High school graduate, GED, or alternative	41.4%	40.4%	40.8%	39.9%
Some college or associate's degree	29.0%	21.5%	24.8%	30.1%
Bachelor's degree or higher	9.7%	15.2%	12.8%	14.6%

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

## Fort Peck 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

## Fort Peck Reservation\* - Occupation by Gender Employed Civilian Population 16 Years and Over

Occupation	American Indian	Total
<b>Total - All Occupations</b>	<b>1,660</b>	<b>3,429</b>
<b>Total Male</b>	<b>812</b>	<b>1,763</b>
Management, business, science, and arts occupations	200	636
Service occupations	227	327
Sales and office occupations	112	191
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations	187	427
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	86	183
<b>Total Female</b>	<b>848</b>	<b>1,666</b>
Management, business, science, and arts occupations	228	591
Service occupations	331	499
Sales and office occupations	261	507
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations	7	22
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	21	46

\*Includes both Fort Peck Reservation and Off-Reservation Trust Land, MT

Source: 2007-2011 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

## Fort Peck 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	3,873	3,510	363	9.4%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statistics represent labor characteristics of the reservation, not the tribe.</li> <li>• <b>Labor Force definition</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Civilian, non-institutional population 16 years and older</li> <li>• The sum of Employment and Unemployment</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Employment definition</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Did any work as paid employees</li> <li>• Worked in their own business, profession, or farm</li> <li>• Worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers in a family owned enterprise</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Unemployment definition</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have not worked during monthly survey period (usually the week of the 12th of the month)</li> <li>• Available for work                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Actively seeking a job during last four weeks</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Unemployment Rate equals the number Unemployed divided by number in the Labor Force</b></li> </ul>					

Source	Year	Labor Force	Employed	Unemp.	Unemp. Rate
U.S. Census Bureau	2007-11	3,737	3,429	308	8.2%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statistics represent labor characteristics of the reservation, not the tribe.</li> <li>• Uses the same definitions for Labor Force, Employment, and Unemployment as U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics</li> <li>• From the American Community Survey</li> <li>• Rate reflects the five-year estimates from the years 2007 to 2011</li> </ul>					

Source	Year	Labor Force	Employed	Unemp.	Unemp. Rate
U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs	2005	3,322	1,544	1,778	53.5%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statistics represent labor characteristics of the tribe, not the reservation.</li> <li>• <b>Labor Force definition</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of tribal members between 16 and 64 years old</li> <li>• Available for work                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not disabled or incarcerated</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Employment definition</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tribal members working for money</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Unemployment</b> calculated by subtracting Employment from Labor Force</li> </ul>					

## Owner and Renter Occupied Housing Units

Housing	American Indian	Total
Owner Occupied	49.0%	60.7%
Rental Occupied	51.1%	39.3%

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

## Fort Peck Reservation - Agricultural Statistics 2007 Census of Agriculture

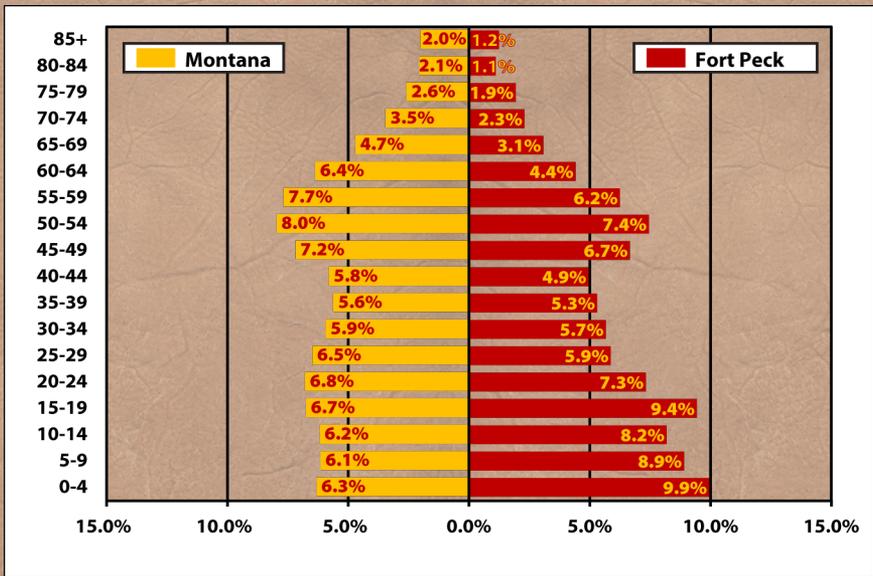
	2002		2007	
	All Farms	Farms Operated by American Indians	All Farms	Farms Operated by American Indians
<b>Farms</b>				
Farms: (number)	548	94	100	97
Land in farms (acres)	1,774,370	599,892	98,976	91,203
Average size of farms (acres)	3,238	6,382	990	940
<b>Farms by size: (number)</b>				
Less than 1,000 acres	187	27	91	90
1,000 acres or more	361	67	9	7
<b>Farms by value of products sold and government payments received: (number)</b>				
Less than \$100,000	358	57	95	93
\$100,000 or more	190	37	5	4
<b>Farms by type of organization: (number)</b>				
Family, Individual, Partnership	472	83	94	92
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	76	11	6	5
<b>Livestock Inventory and Crops Harvested</b>				
<b>Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)</b>				
Cattle and calves	38,884	7,072	2,996	(D)
Hogs and pigs	1,184	-	-	-
Sheep and lambs	2,941	330	3	3
Horses and ponies	1,270	428	530	(D)
Bison	122	(D)	-	-
Chickens (layers and broilers)	532	-	32	32
<b>Crops Harvested (acres)</b>				
Corn for grain	-	-	-	-
Corn for silage or greenchop	575	(D)	-	-
Wheat for grain, All	424,383	59,481	(D)	(D)
Winter wheat for grain	448	-	(D)	(D)
Durum wheat for grain	114,282	13,485	-	-
Spring wheat for grain	309,653	45,996	3,441	(D)
Barley for grain	13,426	1,330	-	-
Oats for grain	1,286	145	680	680
Sunflower seed, All	-	-	-	-
Soybeans for beans	(D)	-	-	-
Hay, haylage, grass silage	77,931	13,459	2,735	(D)
<b>Operator Demographics</b>				
<b>Primary occupation: (number)</b>				
Farming	619	79	625	107
Other	214	28	378	83
<b>Place of residence: (number)</b>				
On farm operated	658	86	715	138
Not on farm operated	175	21	288	52
<b>Years on present farm: (number)</b>				
Less than 10 years	211	40	195	38
10 years or more	622	67	808	152
<b>Age group: (number)</b>				
Under 55 years	496	66	490	104
55 years and over	337	41	513	86
Average age of operators	52.3	50.6	55.7	54.5

(D): Not Disclosable

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

## Fort Peck Reservation - Population Pyramid

### Percent of Total Reservation Population by Age Group



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2010

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