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# Montana

## COUNTY FLIERS

### Economic and Demographic Information for

# BEAVERHEAD COUNTY



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





# BEAVERHEAD COUNTY

Beaverhead County is Montana's twenty-third most populous county, with a population of 9,298 residents according to the 2010 Census. Dillon, the county seat, is the state's twenty-first largest city, with a population of 4,134 in 2010.<sup>1</sup> Other cities and towns in Beaverhead County include Dell, Glen, Jackson, Lima, Polaris, Wisdom, and Wise River.

Beaverhead is the top cattle-producing county in Montana, making agriculture one of the staples of the county's economy. Beaverhead County is also home to Barretts Minerals, one of the world's largest talc mines. Gold and precious gemstones are also mined in Beaverhead County.<sup>2</sup>

Dillon is known as the economic center for the region, being the largest city in a 60 mile radius, and having the only hospital (Barrett Hospital & Healthcare) within 65 miles to the north, 110 miles to the west, 140 miles to the south, and 120 miles to the east.<sup>2</sup> Dillon is also home to the University of Montana-Western Montana College, which reported an enrollment of 1,379 students for the Fall 2011-2012 semester.<sup>3</sup>

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

<sup>2</sup>"Our Region and Community," [www.barrethospital.org/getpage.php?name=community](http://www.barrethospital.org/getpage.php?name=community)

<sup>3</sup><http://my.umwestern.edu/registrar/Rpt10yrEnrollments.pdf>

## TOP 10 PRIVATE EMPLOYERS IN BEAVERHEAD COUNTY

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

Business Name	Size Class	Business Name	Size Class
Barrett Hospital & Healthcare	6	Renaissance Senior Care	4
Barretts Minerals Inc.	5	Rocky Mountain Supply	4
KCI MedClaim	5	Safeway	5
McDonalds	4	Southwestern Montana Family YMCA	4
Parkview Acres Care & Rehabilitation Center	5	Town Pump	5

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

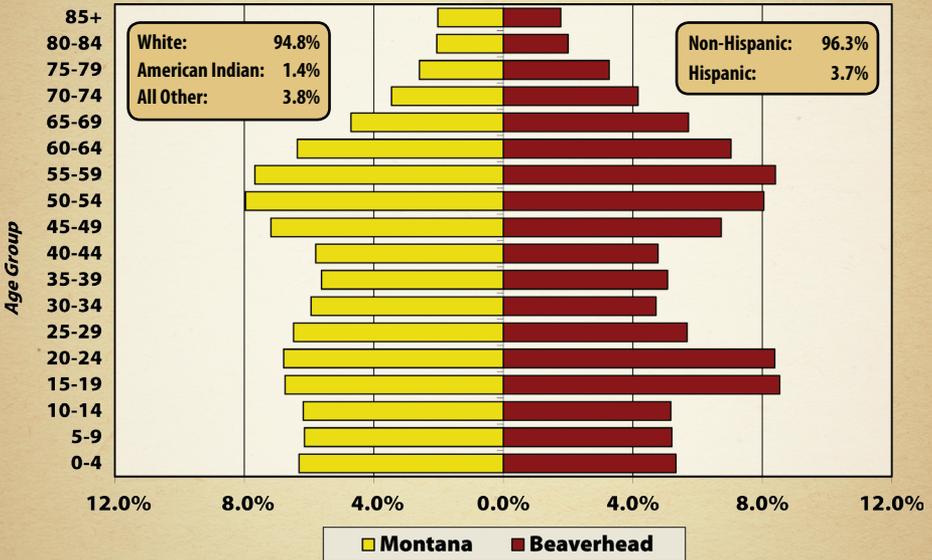
Source: Montana Department of Labor and Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment of Wages (QCEW) Program. This list ONLY includes industry employers subject to unemployment insurance. Railroads, tribal entities, and government agencies are excluded.

**POPULATION FOR BEAVERHEAD COUNTY AND RELATED AREAS**

Geography	Census 2000	2002 Estimate	2004 Estimate	2006 Estimate	2008 Estimate	Census 2010	% Change 2000-2010
Beaverhead County	9,202	8,950	8,802	8,860	8,980	9,246	0.5%
Dillon City	3,752	4,126	4,080	4,139	4,222	4,134	10.2%
Lima Town	242	235	230	230	231	221	-8.7%
Balance Beaverhead County	5,208	4,589	4,492	4,491	4,527	4,891	-6.1%

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

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



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

Educational Attainment	Beaverhead County	Montana	United States
Less than a High School Diploma	9.2%	8.3%	14.4%
High School Diploma (or equivalent)	31.9%	29.9%	28.5%
Some College	23.1%	25.1%	21.3%
Associate's Degree	5.3%	7.9%	7.6%
Bachelor's Degree	20.9%	19.8%	17.7%
Graduate or Professional Degree	9.4%	9.0%	10.4%

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

## BEAVERHEAD COUNTY - EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY ANNUAL AVERAGES 2010

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	460	3,557	\$29,066
TOTAL PRIVATE	419	2,653	\$26,685
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING	46	245	\$24,649
Crop production	6	33	\$21,134
Animal production	33	204	\$25,177
Forestry and logging	2	*	*
Agriculture & forestry support	5	*	*
MINING	3	96	\$78,979
Mining, except oil and gas	3	96	\$78,979
UTILITIES	3	*	*
CONSTRUCTION	51	147	\$31,155
Construction of buildings	20	43	\$21,950
Heavy and civil engineering construction	5	43	\$46,769
Specialty trade contractors	26	61	\$26,660
MANUFACTURING	13	61	\$23,224
Food manufacturing	4	24	\$28,165
Textile product mills	1	*	*
Wood product manufacturing	2	*	*
Printing and related support activities	1	*	*
Plastics & rubber products manufacturing	1	*	*
Nonmetallic mineral product mfg	1	*	*
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	2	*	*
Machinery manufacturing	1	*	*
WHOLESALE TRADE	16	144	\$23,654
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	4	*	*
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	9	73	\$25,115
Electronic markets & agents and brokers	3	*	*
RETAIL TRADE	46	400	\$20,307
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	7	62	\$29,100
Furniture and home furnishings stores	1	*	*
Electronics and appliance stores	2	*	*
Building material & garden supply stores	2	*	*
Food and beverage stores	6	116	\$20,050
Health and personal care stores	1	*	*
Gasoline stations	8	66	\$14,564
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	4	43	\$21,230
Sporting good, hobby, book, music stores	8	23	\$10,458
General merchandise stores	5	46	\$21,643
Miscellaneous store retailers	2	*	*
Nonstore retailers	1	*	*
TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING	10	15	\$24,404
Truck transportation	9	14	\$23,171
Support activities for transportation	1	*	*

## BEAVERHEAD COUNTY - EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

### ANNUAL AVERAGES 2010 (cont.)

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
<b>INFORMATION</b>	7	37	\$33,879
Publishing industries, except Internet	1	*	*
Motion picture, sound recording industry	1	*	*
Broadcasting, except Internet	2	*	*
Telecommunications	3	*	*
<b>FINANCE AND INSURANCE</b>	21	110	\$40,956
Credit intermediation & related activity	7	77	\$41,405
Securities, comm. contracts, investments	2	*	*
Insurance carriers & related activities	12	*	*
<b>REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AND LEASING</b>	23	167	\$31,718
Real estate	19	38	\$18,265
Rental and leasing services	3	*	*
Lessors of nonfinancial intangible asset	1	*	*
<b>PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES</b>	31	73	\$24,825
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE AND WASTE SERVICES</b>	15	41	\$28,008
Administrative and support services	13	*	*
Waste management and remediation service	2	*	*
<b>EDUCATIONAL SERVICES</b>	2	*	*
<b>HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE</b>	38	478	\$35,083
Ambulatory health care services	23	107	\$28,578
Hospitals	1	*	*
Nursing and residential care facilities	2	*	*
Social assistance	12	82	\$15,535
<b>ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION</b>	16	50	\$14,597
Performing arts and spectator sports	1	*	*
Museums, historical sites, zoos, & parks	1	*	*
Amusements, gambling, and recreation	14	48	\$13,915
<b>ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES</b>	51	451	\$10,858
Accommodation	13	128	\$11,990
Food services and drinking places	39	323	\$10,407
<b>OTHER SERVICES</b>	28	114	\$11,157
Repair and maintenance	9	30	\$20,470
Personal and laundry services	5	*	*
Membership associations & organizations	13	74	\$6,668
Private households	1	*	*
<b>TOTAL GOVERNMENT</b>	41	904	\$36,057
Local Government	15	371	\$29,196
State Government	11	317	\$34,080
Federal Government	15	215	\$50,794

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 BEAVERHEAD COUNTY

	2007 Census	2002 Census	% Change
<b>FARMS</b>			
Farms: (number)	431	421	2%
Land in farms (acres)	1,239,068	1,279,031	-3%
Average size of farms (acres)	2,875	3,038	-5%
Median size of farms (acres)	230	500	-54%
Farms by size: (number)			
Less than 1,000 acres	284	264	8%
1,000 acres or more	147	157	-6%
Farms by value of products sold: (number)			
Less than \$100,000	310	301	3%
\$100,000 or more	121	120	1%
Farms by type of organization: (number)			
Family, Individual, Partnership	328	323	2%
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	103	98	5%
<b>LIVESTOCK INVENTORY AND CROPS HARVESTED</b>			
Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)			
Cattle and calves	137,888	135,926	1%
Hogs and pigs	74	*	*
Sheep and lambs	14,065	15,823	-11%
Horses and ponies	2,279	2,679	-15%
Bison	*	*	*
Chickens (layers and broilers)	*	295	*
Crops Harvested (acres)			
Corn for grain	0	0	NA
Corn for silage or greenchop	0	0	NA
Wheat for grain, All	7,077	6,307	12%
Winter wheat for grain	0	2,692	-100%
Spring wheat for grain	7,077	3,615	96%
Durum wheat for grain	0	0	NA
Oats for grain	*	391	*
Barley for grain	1,854	2,557	-27%
Hay, haylage, grass silage	111,249	110,782	0%
Sunflower seed, All	0	0	NA
<b>OPERATOR DEMOGRAPHICS</b>			
Primary occupation: (number)			
Farming	214	259	-17%
Other	217	162	34%
Place of residence: (number)			
On farm operated	357	352	1%
Not on farm operated	74	69	7%
Years on present farm: (number)			
Less than 10 years	118	120	-2%
10 years or more	313	301	4%
Age group: (number)			
Under 55 years	170	213	-20%
55 years and over	261	208	25%
Average age of operators: (number)	58.0	54.7	6%

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

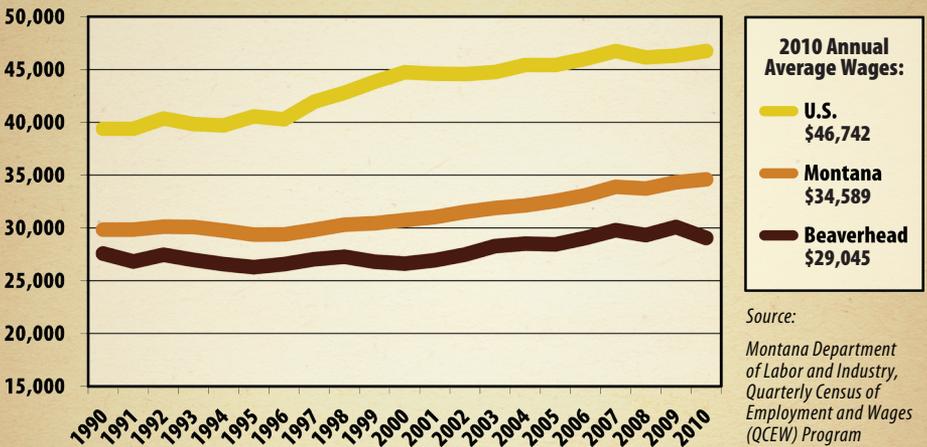
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**ANNUAL AVERAGE LABOR FORCE - BEAVERHEAD COUNTY**

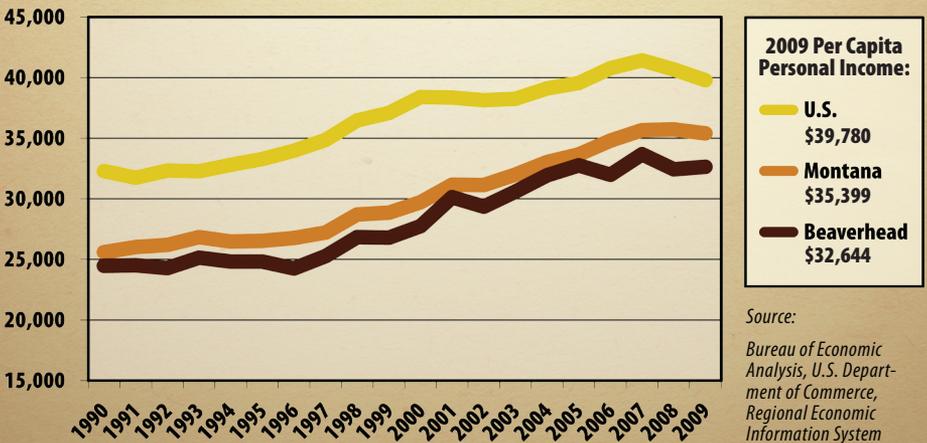
Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2010	5,158	4,866	292	5.7%
2009	5,123	4,888	235	4.6%
2008	5,125	4,939	186	3.6%
2007	5,034	4,902	132	2.6%
2006	5,041	4,900	141	2.8%
2005	4,908	4,760	148	3.0%

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

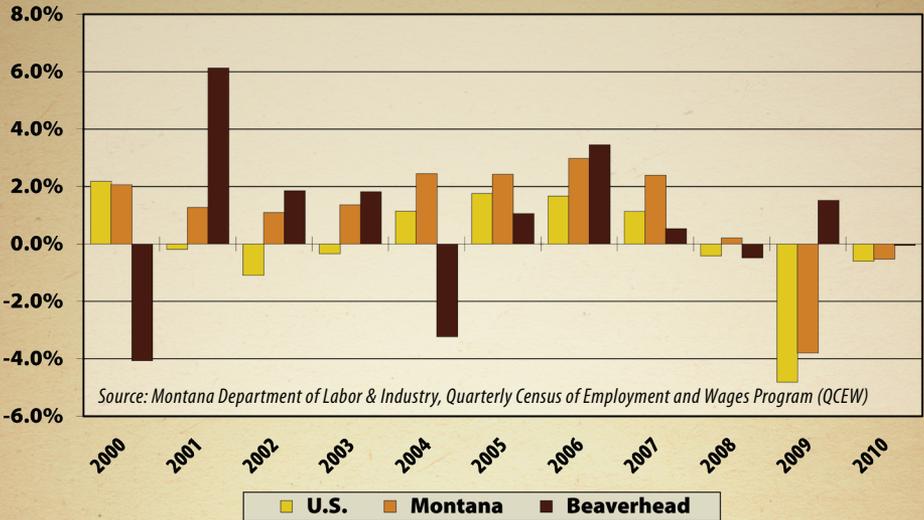
**ANNUAL AVERAGE WAGES - BEAVERHEAD COUNTY, 1990-2010**  
(In 2010 Dollars)



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



## PERCENT CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT - 2000 TO 2010 (United States, Montana, and Beaverhead County)



## RESOURCES FOR BEAVERHEAD COUNTY

### Chamber of Commerce

#### Beaverhead County Chamber of Commerce

10 West Reeder Street  
 P.O. Box 425  
 Dillon, MT 59725  
 Phone: (406) 683-5511  
 E-mail: [info@beaverheadchamber.org](mailto:info@beaverheadchamber.org)  
[www.beaverheadchamber.org](http://www.beaverheadchamber.org)

### Job Service Workforce Center

#### Dillon Job Service Workforce Center

730 North Montana, Suite #4  
 Dillon, MT 59725-8497  
 Phone: (406) 683-4259  
 Fax: (406) 683-2903  
 E-mail: [DillonJSC@mt.gov](mailto:DillonJSC@mt.gov)  
[www.wsd.dli.mt.gov/local/dillon](http://www.wsd.dli.mt.gov/local/dillon)

### Economic Development

#### MSU Extension Service- Beaverhead County

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 Dillon, MT 59725  
 Ph: (406) 683-3785  
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