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# Montana

## COUNTY FLIERS

### Economic and Demographic Information for

# CARBON COUNTY



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Carbon County is Montana's twentieth most populous county with 10,078 residents according to the 2010 U.S. Census. Red Lodge, the county seat, is the state's thirty-first largest city, with a population of 2,125 in 2010.<sup>1</sup> Other cities and towns in Carbon County include Bearcreek, Belfry, Boyd, Bridger, Edgar, Fromberg, Joliet, Luther, Roberts, Roscoe, and Silesia.

Carbon County took its name from the vast coal deposits discovered there; and for much of its history, coal mining was the county's major industry. The present day economy relies more on agriculture, recreation, and tourism.<sup>2</sup> The Red Lodge Mountain Ski Area and the Custer National Forest are major tourist draws, providing ample opportunities for outdoor recreation. The Pryor Mountain National Wild Horse Range, located in southeast Carbon County, is home to about 130 wild, free-roaming mustangs believed to be descended from a herd that may have arrived as early as the 1700s.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>U.S. Census Bureau, *Population Estimates Program*

<sup>2</sup>Red Lodge Information, "[www.redlodge.com/visitors/categories.asp?catID=VI503](http://www.redlodge.com/visitors/categories.asp?catID=VI503)

<sup>3</sup>Bridger, "[www.visitmt.com](http://www.visitmt.com)

## TOP 10 PRIVATE EMPLOYERS IN CARBON COUNTY

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

Business Name	Size Class	Business Name	Size Class
Bank of Bridger	4	Pollard Hotel	5
Beartooth Food Farm	4	Red Lodge Mountain Resort	6
Beartooth Hospital & Health Center	6	Red Lodge Pizza Company	5
Beartooth Industries	4	Rock Creek Resort	5
Cedar Wood Villa	4	Town & Country Supply	4

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

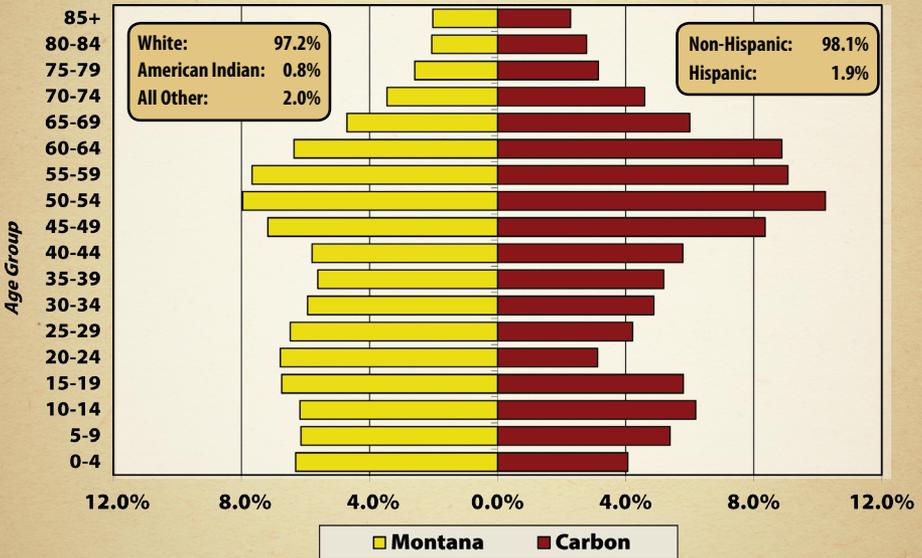
Source: Montana Department of Labor and Industry, *Quarterly Census of Employment of Wages (QCEW) Program*. This list ONLY includes industry employers subject to unemployment insurance. Railroads, tribal entities, and government agencies are excluded.

**POPULATION FOR CARBON COUNTY AND RELATED AREAS**

Geography	Census 2000	2002 Estimate	2004 Estimate	2006 Estimate	2008 Estimate	Census 2010	% Change 2000-2010
Carbon County	9,552	9,657	9,670	9,721	9,718	10,078	5.5%
Bearcreek town	83	83	83	85	84	79	-4.8%
Bridger town	745	746	744	735	731	708	-5.0%
Fromberg town	486	490	486	481	474	438	-9.9%
Joliet town	575	576	578	602	628	595	3.5%
Red Lodge city	2,177	2,245	2,304	2,405	2,456	2,125	-2.4%
Balance Carbon County	5,486	5,517	5,475	5,413	5,345	6,133	11.8%

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

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



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

Educational Attainment	Carbon County	Montana	United States
Less than a High School Diploma	8.9%	8.3%	14.4%
High School Diploma (or equivalent)	33.1%	29.9%	28.5%
Some College	21.6%	25.1%	21.3%
Associate's Degree	8.2%	7.9%	7.6%
Bachelor's Degree	20.9%	19.8%	17.7%
Graduate or Professional Degree	7.2%	9.0%	10.4%

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

## CARBON COUNTY - EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY ANNUAL AVERAGES 2010

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	447	2,476	\$26,720
TOTAL PRIVATE	411	1,881	\$24,876
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING	15	86	\$30,335
Crop production	2	*	*
Animal production	8	43	\$31,837
Agriculture & forestry support	5	*	*
MINING	6	34	\$56,382
Mining, except oil and gas	2	*	*
Support activities for mining	4	*	*
UTILITIES	7	29	\$71,102
CONSTRUCTION	85	180	\$28,170
Construction of buildings	34	59	\$27,612
Heavy and civil engineering construction	7	33	\$34,222
Specialty trade contractors	44	88	\$26,289
MANUFACTURING	11	51	\$25,946
Food manufacturing	4	26	\$22,726
Beverage and tobacco product mfg	1	*	*
Wood product manufacturing	1	*	*
Printing and related support activities	1	*	*
Chemical manufacturing	1	*	*
Nonmetallic mineral product mfg	1	*	*
Computer and electronic product mfg	1	*	*
Electrical equipment and appliance mfg	1	*	*
WHOLESALE TRADE	16	56	\$34,168
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	6	*	*
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	2	*	*
Electronic markets & agents and brokers	8	13	\$45,137
RETAIL TRADE	47	239	\$20,909
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	3	11	\$26,828
Furniture and home furnishings stores	3	17	\$19,090
Electronics and appliance stores	2	*	*
Building material & garden supply stores	6	43	\$23,380
Food and beverage stores	7	69	\$21,639
Health and personal care stores	1	*	*
Gasoline stations	6	25	\$19,327
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	5	27	\$17,006
Sporting good, hobby, book, music stores	1	*	*
General merchandise stores	1	*	*
Miscellaneous store retailers	9	16	\$10,191
Nonstore retailers	3	12	\$38,695
TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING	9	33	\$67,400
Air transportation	1	*	*
Truck transportation	6	12	\$37,152

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

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
Pipeline transportation	2	*	*
Support activities for transportation	1	*	*
<b>INFORMATION</b>	8	36	\$22,924
Publishing industries, except Internet	3	20	\$25,646
Broadcasting, except Internet	1	*	*
Telecommunications	1	*	*
ISPs, search portals, & data processing	2	*	*
<b>FINANCE AND INSURANCE</b>	10	57	\$45,239
Credit intermediation & related activity	5	41	\$45,206
Securities, comm. contracts, investments	1	*	*
Insurance carriers & related activities	4	*	*
<b>REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AND LEASING</b>	18	32	\$16,171
Real estate	17	*	*
Rental and leasing services	1	*	*
<b>PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES</b>	44	80	\$37,754
<b>MANAGEMENT OF COMPANIES AND ENTERPRISES</b>	1	*	*
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE AND WASTE SERVICES</b>	20	43	\$18,992
Administrative and support services	20	43	\$18,992
<b>EDUCATIONAL SERVICES</b>	4	5	\$16,746
<b>HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE</b>	21	246	\$29,134
Ambulatory health care services	7	31	\$37,939
Hospitals	1	*	*
Nursing and residential care facilities	3	*	*
Social assistance	11	72	\$16,496
<b>ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION</b>	13	166	\$15,407
Performing arts and spectator sports	4	*	*
Museums, historical sites, zoos, & parks	1	*	*
Amusements, gambling, and recreation	9	157	\$14,986
<b>ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES</b>	49	450	\$14,100
Accommodation	14	137	\$16,571
Food services and drinking places	35	313	\$13,016
<b>OTHER SERVICES</b>	28	58	\$14,220
Repair and maintenance	9	16	\$19,538
Personal and laundry services	2	*	*
Membership associations & organizations	13	36	\$12,117
Private households	4	*	*
<b>TOTAL GOVERNMENT</b>	36	595	\$32,548
Local Government	15	478	\$28,405
State Government	6	9	\$69,116
Federal Government	15	109	\$47,941

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 CARBON COUNTY

	2007 Census	2002 Census	% Change
<b>FARMS</b>			
Farms: (number)	715	703	2%
Land in farms (acres)	793,628	753,504	5%
Average size of farms (acres)	1,110	1,072	4%
Median size of farms (acres)	200	292	-32%
Farms by size: (number)			
Less than 1,000 acres	586	552	6%
1,000 acres or more	129	151	-15%
Farms by value of products sold: (number)			
Less than \$100,000	633	619	2%
\$100,000 or more	82	84	-2%
Farms by type of organization: (number)			
Family, Individual, Partnership	638	655	-3%
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	77	48	60%
<b>LIVESTOCK INVENTORY AND CROPS HARVESTED</b>			
Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)			
Cattle and calves	56,859	53,261	7%
Hogs and pigs	695	838	-17%
Sheep and lambs	6,011	8,754	-31%
Horses and ponies	3,191	2,808	14%
Bison	49	*	*
Chickens (layers and broilers)	*	456	*
Crops Harvested (acres)			
Corn for grain	2,490	1,479	68%
Corn for silage or greenchop	2,659	4,848	-45%
Wheat for grain, All	4,188	5,513	-24%
Winter wheat for grain	2,777	5,017	-45%
Spring wheat for grain	1,411	496	184%
Durum wheat for grain	0	0	NA
Oats for grain	492	1,063	-54%
Barley for grain	6,840	8,749	-22%
Hay, haylage, grass silage	49,378	52,324	-6%
Sunflower seed, All	0	0	NA
<b>OPERATOR DEMOGRAPHICS</b>			
Primary occupation: (number)			
Farming	335	453	-26%
Other	380	250	52%
Place of residence: (number)			
On farm operated	593	580	2%
Not on farm operated	122	123	-1%
Years on present farm: (number)			
Less than 10 years	213	190	12%
10 years or more	502	513	-2%
Age group: (number)			
Under 55 years	307	385	-20%
55 years and over	408	318	28%
Average age of operators: (number)	56.9	54.4	5%

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

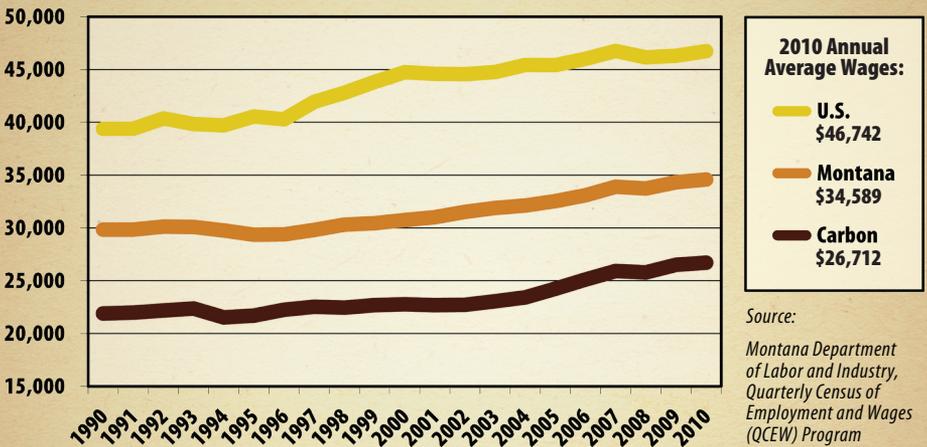
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**ANNUAL AVERAGE LABOR FORCE - CARBON COUNTY**

Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2010	5,196	4,874	322	6.2%
2009	5,209	4,934	275	5.3%
2008	5,309	5,106	203	3.8%
2007	5,351	5,207	144	2.7%
2006	5,378	5,227	151	2.8%
2005	5,334	5,164	170	3.2%

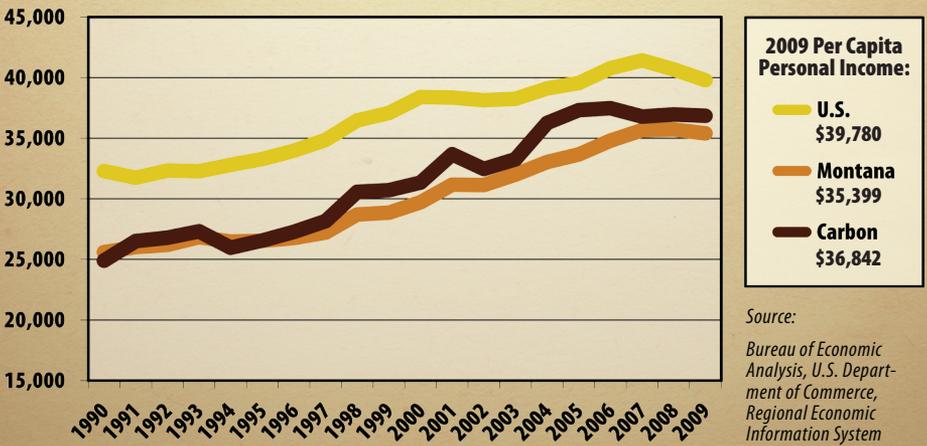
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**ANNUAL AVERAGE WAGES - CARBON COUNTY, 1990-2010**  
(In 2010 Dollars)



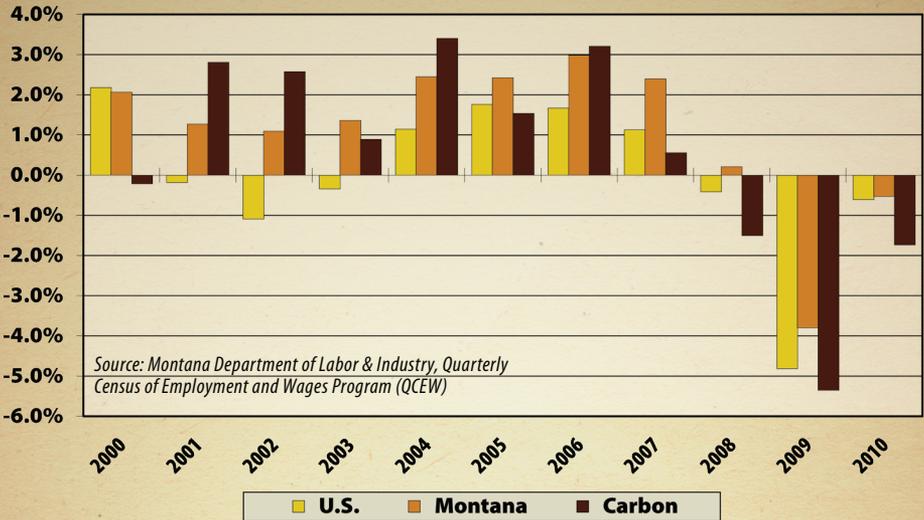
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**PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME - CARBON COUNTY, 1990-2009**  
(In 2010 Dollars)



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 Carbon County)



## RESOURCES FOR CARBON COUNTY

### Chambers of Commerce

#### Bridger Chamber of Commerce

P.O. Box 99  
Bridger, MT 59014  
Phone: (406) 662-3180  
Fax: (406) 252-8120  
[www.valleyprinters.com/bridger.html](http://www.valleyprinters.com/bridger.html)

#### Red Lodge Chamber of Commerce

601 N. Broadway  
P. O. Box 988  
Red Lodge, MT 59068  
Phone: (406) 446-1718  
or (888) 281-0625  
E-Mail: [redlodgechamber@qwestoffice.net](mailto:redlodgechamber@qwestoffice.net)  
[www.redlodgechamber.org](http://www.redlodgechamber.org)

### Economic Development

#### Beartooth RC&D

110 South Main Street  
P.O. Box 180  
Joliet, MT 59041  
Phone: (406) 962-3914  
Fax: (406) 962-3647  
[www.beartooth.org](http://www.beartooth.org)

### Newspaper

#### Carbon County News

P. O. Box 970  
202 South Hauser  
Red Lodge, MT 59068  
Phone: (406) 446-2222  
Toll-free: (800) 735-8843  
[www.carboncountynews.com](http://www.carboncountynews.com)