

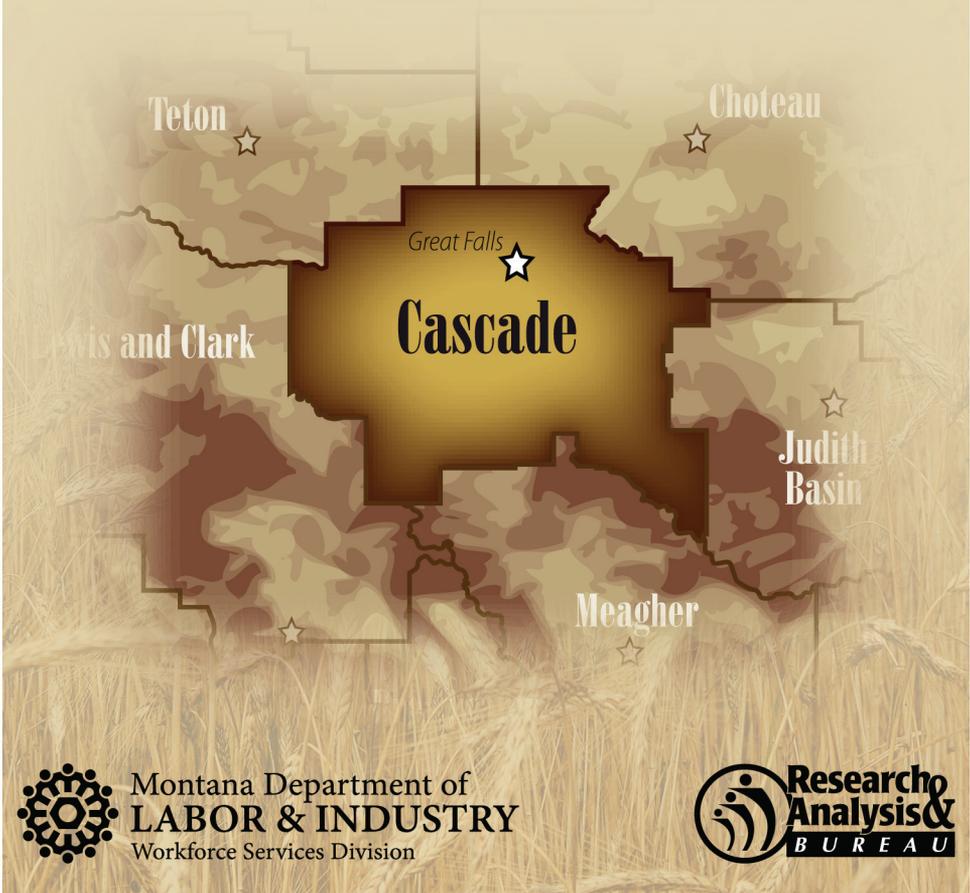
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Montana

COUNTY FLIERS

Economic and Demographic Information for

CASCADE COUNTY



Montana Department of
LABOR & INDUSTRY
Workforce Services Division





CASCADE COUNTY

Cascade County is Montana's fifth most populous county with 81,327 residents according to the 2010 census. Great Falls, the county seat, is the state's third largest city with a population of 58,505 in 2010.¹ Great Falls accounts for 72% of Cascade County's total population. Other cities and towns in Cascade County include: Belt, Cascade, Millegan, Monarch, Neihart, Sun River, and Ulm.

Great Falls is bordered on the west by the Rocky Mountains, to the southeast by the Little Belt and Highwood Mountains, and by the Hi-line area to the north. The city is home to Malmstrom Air Force Base, which is a driving force in the regional economy, employing the majority of the 2,728 military employees reported for Cascade County in 2010.² Great Falls also boasts the C. M. Russell Museum, the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center, and two colleges: the University of Great Falls, and the MSU-Great Falls College of Technology.

¹U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Decennial Census

²U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 American Community Survey

TOP 20 PRIVATE EMPLOYERS IN CASCADE COUNTY

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

Business Name	Size Class	Business Name	Size Class
Albertsons	6	Missouri River Manor	6
Benefis Healthcare	7	National Electronics Warranty	8
Benefis Hospital	9	North Central Independent Living	6
Optimum (formerly Bresnan)	6	Opportunities Inc.	6
Centene Corporation	6	Peak Health and Wellness Center	6
Center for Mental Health	6	Quality Life Concepts	6
D A Davidson & Co.	6	Sam's Club	6
Easter Seals - Goodwill	7	Town Pump	6
Great Falls Clinic	7	University of Great Falls	6
McDonald's	6	Wal-Mart	8

Employment Size Class Coding: Class 8 = 500 to 999 employees, Class 7 = 250 to 499, Class 6 = 100 to 249, Class 5 = 50 to 99.

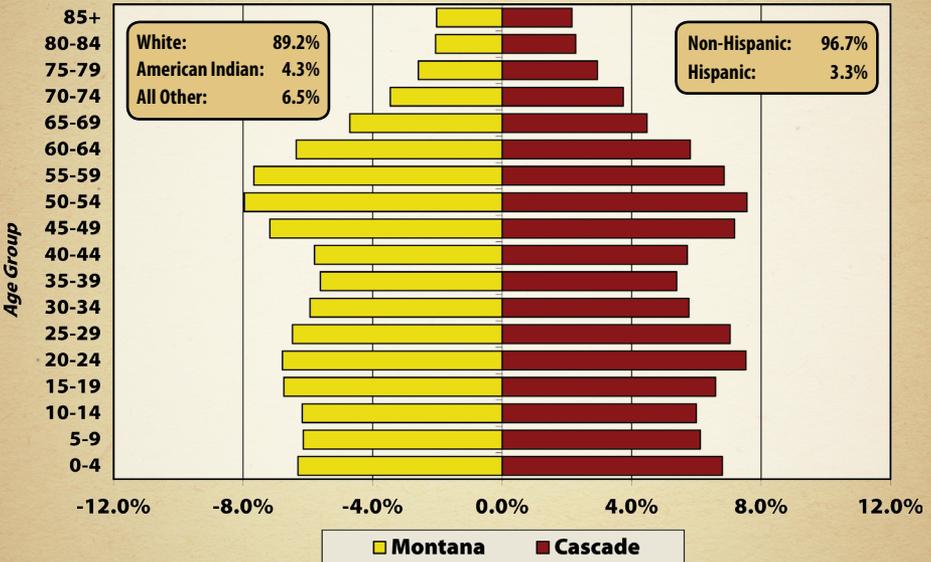
Source: Montana Department of Labor and Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment of Wages (QCEW) Program. This list ONLY includes industry employers subject to unemployment insurance. Railroads, tribal entities, and government agencies are excluded.

POPULATION FOR CASCADE COUNTY AND RELATED AREAS

Geography	Census 2000	2002 Estimate	2004 Estimate	2006 Estimate	2008 Estimate	Census 2010	% Change 2000-2010
Cascade County	80,357	80,600	81,681	81,813	82,022	81,327	1.2%
Belt town	633	621	638	616	593	597	-5.7%
Cascade town	819	804	826	805	775	685	-16.4%
Great Falls city	56,690	57,485	57,898	58,536	59,258	58,505	3.2%
Neihart town	91	89	91	89	86	51	-44.0%
Balance Cascade County	22,124	21,601	22,228	21,767	21,310	21,489	-2.9%

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

DISTRIBUTION OF POPULATION BY AGE - CASCADE COUNTY, 2010



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

Educational Attainment	Cascade County	Montana	United States
Less than a High School Diploma	9.8%	8.3%	14.4%
High School Diploma (or equivalent)	26.4%	29.9%	28.5%
Some College	29.0%	25.1%	21.3%
Associate's Degree	9.5%	7.9%	7.6%
Bachelor's Degree	18.7%	19.8%	17.7%
Graduate or Professional Degree	6.6%	9.0%	10.4%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2010 estimates

CASCADE COUNTY - EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY ANNUAL AVERAGES 2010

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	2,720	35,343	\$33,997
TOTAL PRIVATE	2,599	29,431	\$32,360
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING	31	162	\$27,077
Crop production	11	78	\$19,467
Animal production	12	77	\$34,029
Fishing, hunting and trapping	1	*	*
Agriculture & forestry support	7	*	*
MINING	4	8	\$29,093
Oil and gas extraction	1	*	*
Mining, except oil and gas	2	*	*
Support activities for mining	1	*	*
UTILITIES	19	183	\$67,473
CONSTRUCTION	316	2,191	\$43,386
Construction of buildings	95	481	\$36,018
Heavy and civil engineering construction	22	539	\$65,046
Specialty trade contractors	199	1,171	\$36,443
MANUFACTURING	57	941	\$45,461
Food manufacturing	14	447	\$45,760
Beverage and tobacco product mfg	4	86	\$36,607
Textile product mills	1	*	*
Leather and allied product manufacturing	2	*	*
Wood product manufacturing	3	19	\$35,497
Paper manufacturing	1	*	*
Printing and related support activities	6	102	\$35,892
Petroleum & coal products manufacturing	1	*	*
Plastics & rubber products manufacturing	1	*	*
Nonmetallic mineral product mfg	3	34	\$40,714
Primary metal manufacturing	1	*	*
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	2	*	*
Machinery manufacturing	1	*	*
Computer and electronic product mfg	1	*	*
Furniture and related product mfg	6	46	\$31,564
Miscellaneous manufacturing	10	32	\$36,392
WHOLESALE TRADE	162	1,263	\$46,815
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	87	733	\$48,130
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	44	427	\$44,227
Electronic markets & agents and brokers	30	104	\$48,175
RETAIL TRADE	346	5,003	\$23,877
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	50	686	\$34,859
Furniture and home furnishings stores	24	147	\$25,323
Electronics and appliance stores	21	108	\$33,449
Building material & garden supply stores	30	467	\$29,692
Food and beverage stores	27	531	\$21,650
Health and personal care stores	30	267	\$30,558
Gasoline stations	34	535	\$21,157
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	40	311	\$15,762
Sporting good, hobby, book, music stores	25	347	\$16,213
General merchandise stores	13	1,290	\$20,061
Miscellaneous store retailers	47	278	\$20,520
Nonstore retailers	8	35	\$35,118
TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING	86	984	\$38,384
Air transportation	3	22	\$21,146

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

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
Truck transportation	44	275	\$31,381
Transit and ground passenger transport	6	136	\$19,447
Pipeline transportation	3	9	\$79,550
Support activities for transportation	16	246	\$48,709
Couriers and messengers	11	257	\$47,068
Warehousing and storage	3	*	*
INFORMATION	39	743	\$36,721
Publishing industries, except Internet	7	*	*
Motion picture, sound recording industry	2	*	*
Broadcasting, except Internet	6	187	\$34,031
Telecommunications	14	302	\$45,604
ISPs, search portals, & data processing	6	*	*
Other information services	3	10	\$27,525
FINANCE AND INSURANCE	159	1,618	\$54,158
Credit intermediation & related activity	48	690	\$40,153
Securities, comm. contracts, investments	24	321	\$96,086
Insurance carriers & related activities	83	600	\$47,923
Funds, trusts, other financial vehicles	3	6	\$45,120
REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AND LEASING	113	375	\$22,780
Real estate	90	233	\$21,832
Rental and leasing services	21	*	*
Lessors of nonfinancial intangible asset	2	*	*
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	242	1,215	\$48,260
MANAGEMENT OF COMPANIES AND ENTERPRISES	13	160	\$57,773
ADMINISTRATIVE AND WASTE SERVICES	157	1,888	\$26,620
Administrative and support services	153	1,873	\$26,585
Waste management and remediation service	4	15	\$31,068
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	21	371	\$26,994
HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	271	6,333	\$36,973
Ambulatory health care services	154	1,911	\$51,301
Hospitals	2	*	*
Nursing and residential care facilities	34	*	*
Social assistance	82	1,283	\$17,400
ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION	87	872	\$15,016
Performing arts and spectator sports	11	96	\$20,361
Museums, historical sites, zoos, & parks	6	57	\$23,323
Amusements, gambling, and recreation	70	718	\$13,642
ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES	229	3,808	\$13,314
Accommodation	29	679	\$15,924
Food services and drinking places	200	3,130	\$12,748
OTHER SERVICES	248	1,310	\$24,104
Repair and maintenance	92	464	\$31,819
Personal and laundry services	41	314	\$19,808
Membership associations & organizations	90	488	\$20,239
Private households	25	44	\$16,227
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	120	5,912	\$42,145
Local Government	46	3,063	\$36,189
State Government	16	995	\$38,756
Federal Government	58	1,854	\$53,803

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 CASCADE COUNTY

	2007 Census	2002 Census	% Change
FARMS			
Farms: (number)	1,407	1,279	10%
Land in farms (acres)	1,615,769	1,568,637	3%
Average size of farms (acres)	1,148	1,226	-6%
Median size of farms (acres)	80	144	-44%
Farms by size: (number)			
Less than 1,000 acres	1,182	1,042	13%
1,000 acres or more	225	237	-5%
Farms by value of products sold: (number)			
Less than \$100,000	1,212	1,123	8%
\$100,000 or more	195	156	25%
Farms by type of organization: (number)			
Family, Individual, Partnership	1,279	1,165	10%
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	128	114	12%
LIVESTOCK INVENTORY AND CROPS HARVESTED			
Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)			
Cattle and calves	124,158	127,980	-3%
Hogs and pigs	*	3,455	*
Sheep and lambs	3,593	4,588	-22%
Horses and ponies	5,454	4,102	33%
Bison	*	*	*
Chickens (layers and broilers)	*	*	*
Crops Harvested (acres)			
Corn for grain	6,953	1,212	474%
Corn for silage or greenchop	11,221	13,176	-15%
Wheat for grain, All	82,426	69,211	19%
Winter wheat for grain	57,473	50,264	14%
Spring wheat for grain	24,953	*	*
Durum wheat for grain	0	*	*
Oats for grain	683	439	56%
Barley for grain	17,683	20,397	-13%
Hay, haylage, grass silage	52,175	50,116	4%
Sunflower seed, All	0	0	NA
OPERATOR DEMOGRAPHICS			
Primary occupation: (number)			
Farming	538	643	-16%
Other	869	636	37%
Place of residence: (number)			
On farm operated	1,134	1,036	9%
Not on farm operated	273	243	12%
Years on present farm: (number)			
Less than 10 years	414	397	4%
10 years or more	993	882	13%
Age group: (number)			
Under 55 years	668	700	-5%
55 years and over	739	579	28%
Average age of operators: (number)	56.4	53.9	5%

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

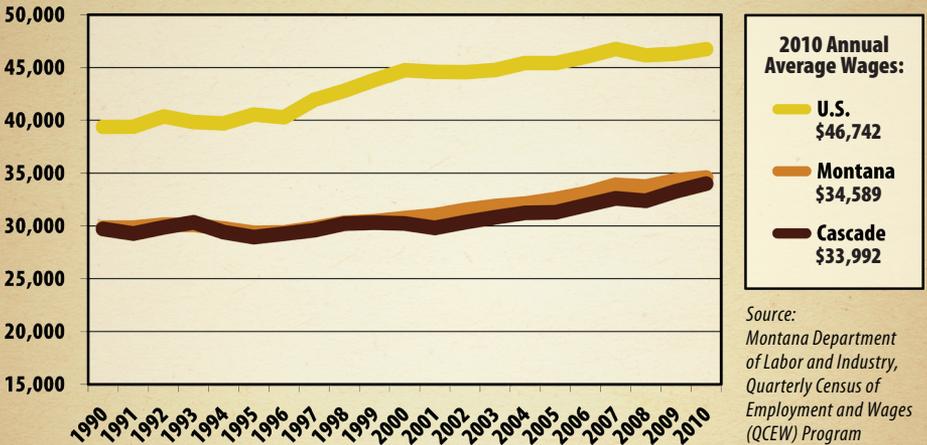
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ANNUAL AVERAGE LABOR FORCE - CASCADE COUNTY

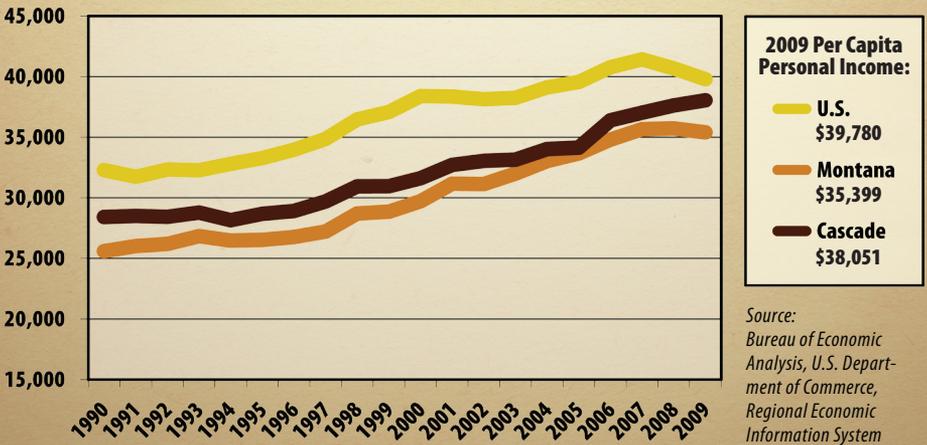
Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2010	40,712	38,236	2476	6.1%
2009	40,298	38,286	2012	5.0%
2008	40,347	38,681	1666	4.1%
2007	39,565	38,275	1290	3.3%
2006	39,338	38,105	1233	3.1%
2005	38,526	37,146	1380	3.6%

Source: Montana Department of Labor and Industry, Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program (LAUS)

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

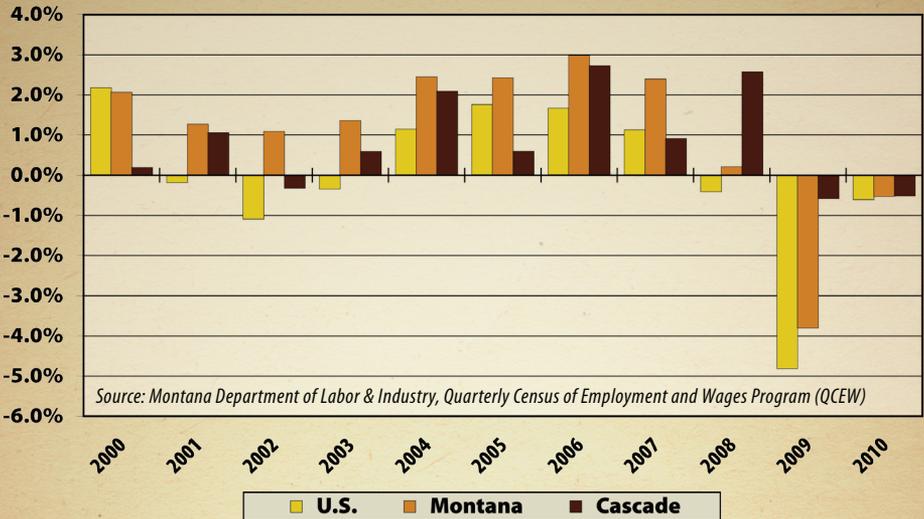


PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME - CASCADE COUNTY, 1990-2009
(In 2010 Dollars)



PERCENT CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT - 2000 TO 2010

(United States, Montana, and Cascade County)

**RESOURCES FOR CASCADE COUNTY****Economic Development****Business Expansion And Retention (BEAR)**

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Great Falls Development Authority

300 Central Avenue, Suite 406
 Great Falls, MT 59401
 Phone: (406) 771-9020, Fax: (406) 454-2995
 Web: www.gfdevelopment.org

Newspapers**Cascade Courier**

103 1st Street South
 Cascade, MT 59421
 Phone: (406) 468-9231

Web: www.cascademontana.com/courier.htm

Great Falls Tribune

205 River Drive South
 Great Falls, MT 59405
 Phone: (406) 791-1444

Web: www.greatfallstribune.com

Chamber of Commerce**Great Falls Chamber**

P. O. Box 2127 - Great Falls, MT 59403
 Phone: (406) 761-4434
 Web: <http://greatfallsonline.net>

Job Service Center**Great Falls Job Service Workforce Center**

1018 7th Street S. - Great Falls, MT 59405
 Phone: (406) 791-5800
 Web: wsd.dli.mt.gov/local/greatfalls

Higher Education**University of Great Falls**

1301 Twentieth Street S. - Great Falls, MT 59405
 Phone: (406) 791-5202, Fax: (406) 791-5209
 Web: www.ugf.edu

MSU-Great Falls College of Technology

2100 16th Avenue S. - Great Falls, MT 59405
 Phone: (406) 771-4300, TTY: (406) 771-4311
 Fax: (406) 771-4317, Web: www.msugf.edu