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COUNTY FLIERS

Economic and Demographic Information for **FLATHEAD COUNTY**



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LABOR & INDUSTRY
Workforce Services Division





FLATHEAD COUNTY

The Flathead Valley is known as one of Montana's tourism hotspots, boasting such attractions as Glacier National Park, Flathead Lake (the largest freshwater lake in the western U.S.), the Bob Marshall Wilderness, the Whitefish Mountain Resort, and the Blacktail Mountain Ski Area. Flathead County is Montana's third most populous county with 90,928 residents according to the 2010 census. Kalispell, the county seat, is the state's seventh largest city, with a population of 19,927 in 2010.¹ Other cities and towns in Flathead County include: Bigfork, Columbia Falls, Coram, Evergreen, Hungry Horse, Lakeside, Martin City, Niarada, Somers, and Whitefish.

Flathead County is one of the fastest growing counties in the state, with a population increase of 22.1% from 2000 to 2010. It is also home to three of the ten fastest growing cities in Montana: Kalispell (40.1% growth from 2000-2010), Columbia Falls (28.6%), and Whitefish (26.3%).

¹U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Decennial Census

TOP 20 PRIVATE EMPLOYERS IN FLATHEAD COUNTY

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

Business Name	Size Class	Business Name	Size Class
Applied Health Services	6	McDonald's	6
Applied Materials	8	National Flood Services	7
Brendan House	6	North Valley Hospital	7
Costco	6	Plum Creek	7
Flathead Electric Co-op Inc.	6	Schellinger Construction	6
Glacier Bank	6	Smith's Food & Drug	6
Healthcenter Northwest	6	Summit Medical Fitness Center	6
Immanuel Lutheran Home	6	Super 1 Foods	7
Kalispell Regional Medical Center	9	Teletech	8
L C Staffing Service	8	Wal-Mart	7

Employment Size Class Coding: Class 9 = 1,000+ employees, Class 8 = 500 to 999, Class 7 = 250 to 499, Class 6 = 100 to 249.

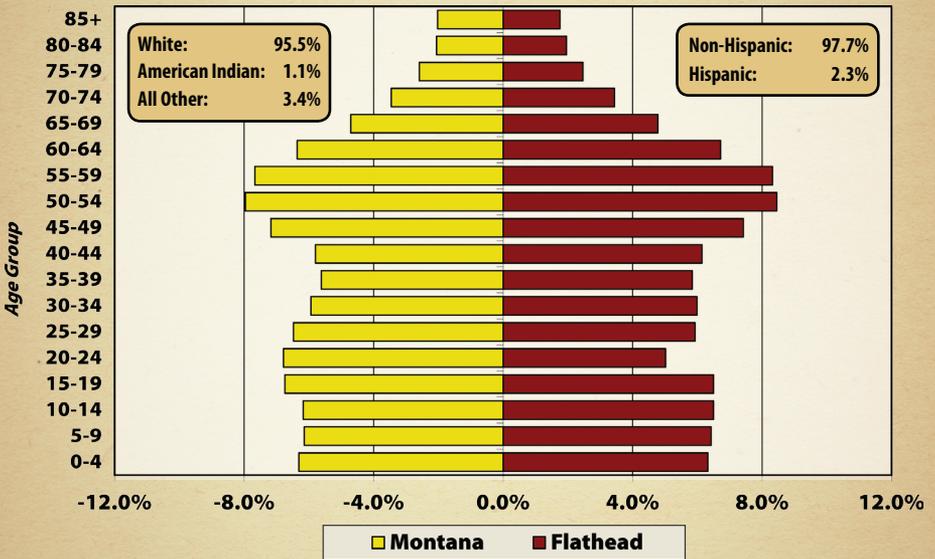
Source: Montana Department of Labor and Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment of Wages (QCEW) Program. This list ONLY includes industry employers subject to unemployment insurance. Railroads, tribal entities, and government agencies are excluded.

POPULATION FOR FLATHEAD COUNTY AND RELATED AREAS

Geography	Census 2000	2002 Estimate	2004 Estimate	2006 Estimate	2008 Estimate	Census 2010	% Change 2000-2010
Flathead County	74,471	77,284	80,635	84,824	89,104	90,928	22.1%
Columbia Falls city	3,645	4,074	4,397	4,893	5,301	4,688	28.6%
Kalispell city	14,223	16,080	17,416	19,337	21,221	19,927	40.1%
Whitefish city	5,032	6,212	6,803	7,735	8,332	6,357	26.3%
Balance Flathead County	51,571	50,918	52,019	52,859	54,250	59,956	16.3%

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

DISTRIBUTION OF POPULATION BY AGE - FLATHEAD COUNTY, 2010



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

Educational Attainment	Flathead County	Montana	United States
Less than a High School Diploma	7.3%	8.3%	14.4%
High School Diploma (or equivalent)	35.10%	29.9%	28.5%
Some College	23.10%	25.1%	21.3%
Associate's Degree	7.80%	7.9%	7.6%
Bachelor's Degree	18.10%	19.8%	17.7%
Graduate or Professional Degree	8.60%	9.0%	10.4%

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

FLATHEAD COUNTY - EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY ANNUAL AVERAGES 2010

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	4,235	37,019	\$32,986
TOTAL PRIVATE	4,122	32,037	\$31,849
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING	84	285	\$31,018
Crop production	16	91	\$24,672
Animal production	7	21	\$32,766
Forestry and logging	44	130	\$38,583
Agriculture & forestry support	16	43	\$20,775
MINING	19	268	\$47,563
Oil and gas extraction	3	*	*
Mining, except oil and gas	14	259	\$47,762
Support activities for mining	2	*	*
UTILITIES	11	197	\$63,438
CONSTRUCTION	778	2,364	\$38,486
Construction of buildings	257	507	\$38,437
Heavy and civil engineering construction	48	544	\$54,058
Specialty trade contractors	473	1,313	\$32,053
MANUFACTURING	180	2,366	\$46,881
Food manufacturing	14	165	\$19,314
Beverage and tobacco product mfg	2	*	*
Textile mills	1	*	*
Textile product mills	4	3	\$16,241
Leather and allied product manufacturing	3	12	\$20,987
Wood product manufacturing	38	953	\$48,832
Printing and related support activities	11	144	\$36,632
Chemical manufacturing	6	52	\$29,844
Plastics & rubber products manufacturing	5	13	\$109,500
Nonmetallic mineral product mfg	5	41	\$27,828
Primary metal manufacturing	2	*	*
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	35	165	\$31,493
Machinery manufacturing	3	*	*
Computer and electronic product mfg	4	88	\$35,495
Electrical equipment and appliance mfg	3	15	\$67,647
Transportation equipment manufacturing	5	12	\$46,238
Furniture and related product mfg	26	86	\$36,581
Miscellaneous manufacturing	13	24	\$26,488
WHOLESALE TRADE	146	887	\$41,578
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	64	378	\$40,287
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	37	428	\$38,141
Electronic markets & agents and brokers	45	80	\$66,031
RETAIL TRADE	468	5,504	\$24,979
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	57	655	\$36,083
Furniture and home furnishings stores	41	208	\$25,083
Electronics and appliance stores	21	192	\$24,792
Building material & garden supply stores	64	722	\$28,804
Food and beverage stores	36	994	\$22,656
Health and personal care stores	27	264	\$35,251
Gasoline stations	37	341	\$17,067
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	42	238	\$14,505
Sporting good, hobby, book, music stores	42	405	\$21,817
General merchandise stores	13	1,124	\$22,660
Miscellaneous store retailers	70	287	\$17,896
Nonstore retailers	20	74	\$34,256
TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING	122	583	\$32,982

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

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
Air transportation	7	59	\$25,380
Truck transportation	76	256	\$29,676
Transit and ground passenger transport	10	21	\$9,937
Scenic and sightseeing transportation	4	19	\$25,436
Support activities for transportation	15	95	\$42,330
Couriers and messengers	7	111	\$42,580
Warehousing and storage	1	*	*
INFORMATION	52	584	\$41,086
Publishing industries, except Internet	14	186	\$35,292
Motion picture, sound recording industry	7	51	\$15,786
Broadcasting, except Internet	4	49	\$33,598
Telecommunications	22	245	\$49,351
ISPs, search portals, & data processing	4	*	*
Other information services	2	*	*
FINANCE AND INSURANCE	204	1,596	\$49,028
Credit intermediation & related activity	78	856	\$43,112
Securities, comm. contracts, investments	37	*	*
Insurance carriers & related activities	89	638	\$48,809
Funds, trusts, other financial vehicles	1	*	*
REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AND LEASING	218	573	\$24,783
Real estate	183	389	\$26,225
Rental and leasing services	33	*	*
Lessors of nonfinancial intangible asset	2	*	*
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	448	1,345	\$42,503
MANAGEMENT OF COMPANIES AND ENTERPRISES	14	141	\$87,746
ADMINISTRATIVE AND WASTE SERVICES	241	2,275	\$24,987
Administrative and support services	228	2,157	\$24,454
Waste management and remediation service	13	117	\$34,793
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	39	393	\$26,874
HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	333	5,125	\$42,002
Ambulatory health care services	246	1,779	\$49,280
Hospitals	3	1,867	\$49,596
Nursing and residential care facilities	20	954	\$26,842
Social assistance	64	525	\$17,906
ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION	122	1,279	\$15,720
Performing arts and spectator sports	28	*	*
Museums, historical sites, zoos, & parks	2	*	*
Amusements, gambling, and recreation	92	1,169	\$15,455
ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES	332	4,824	\$14,713
Accommodation	81	1,507	\$17,697
Food services and drinking places	251	3,316	\$13,356
OTHER SERVICES	313	1,450	\$21,462
Repair and maintenance	103	413	\$30,087
Personal and laundry services	53	239	\$16,913
Membership associations & organizations	122	735	\$17,637
Private households	35	64	\$26,715
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	113	4,982	\$40,299
Local Government	57	3,413	\$37,222
State Government	14	652	\$41,625
Federal Government	42	917	\$50,807

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 FLATHEAD COUNTY

	2007 Census	2002 Census	% Change
FARMS			
Farms: (number)	1,094	1,075	2%
Land in farms (acres)	251,597	234,861	7%
Average size of farms (acres)	230	218	6%
Median size of farms (acres)	40	50	-20%
Farms by size: (number)			
Less than 1,000 acres	1,048	1,030	2%
1,000 acres or more	46	45	2%
Farms by value of products sold: (number)			
Less than \$100,000	1,033	1,006	3%
\$100,000 or more	61	69	-12%
Farms by type of organization: (number)			
Family, Individual, Partnership	1,001	1,025	-2%
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	93	50	86%
LIVESTOCK INVENTORY AND CROPS HARVESTED			
Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)			
Cattle and calves	12,538	14,831	-15%
Hogs and pigs	1,468	3,344	-56%
Sheep and lambs	381	599	-36%
Horses and ponies	3,660	3,432	7%
Bison	300	786	-62%
Chickens (layers and broilers)	(D)	1,991	(D)
Crops Harvested (acres)			
Corn for grain	209	0	NA
Corn for silage or greenchop	(D)	0	(D)
Wheat for grain, All	14,972	23,874	-37%
Winter wheat for grain	7,462	(D)	(D)
Spring wheat for grain	7,510	22,454	-67%
Durum wheat for grain	0	(D)	NA
Oats for grain	498	910	-45%
Barley for grain	10,350	12,492	-17%
Hay, haylage, grass silage	27,012	38,968	-31%
Sunflower seed, All	0	0	NA
OPERATOR DEMOGRAPHICS			
Primary occupation: (number)			
Farming	386	548	-30%
Other	708	527	34%
Place of residence: (number)			
On farm operated	949	939	1%
Not on farm operated	145	136	7%
Years on present farm: (number)			
Less than 10 years	302	301	0%
10 years or more	792	774	2%
Age group: (number)			
Under 55 years	413	520	-21%
55 years and over	681	555	23%
Average age of operators: (number)	58.6	55.9	5%

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

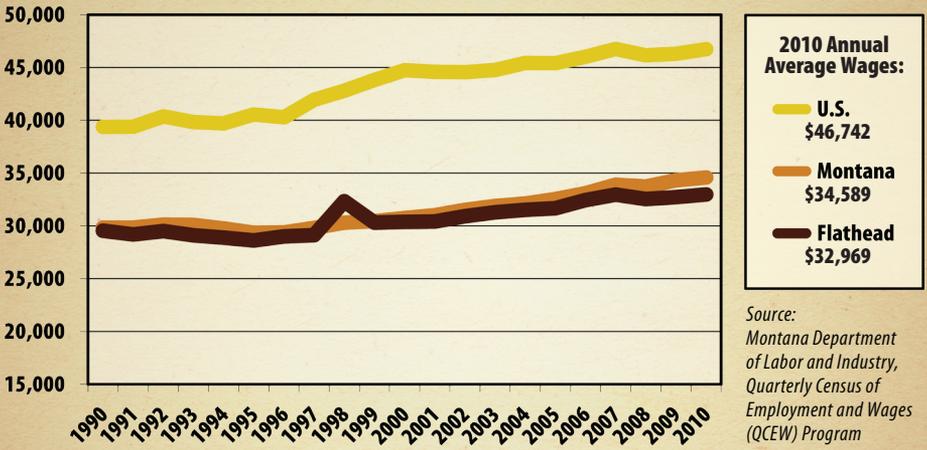
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ANNUAL AVERAGE LABOR FORCE - FLATHEAD COUNTY

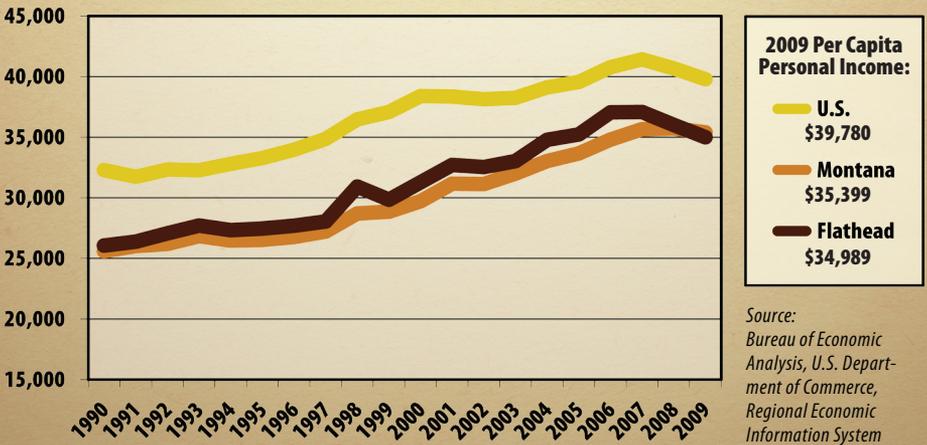
Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2010	44,046	38,866	5,180	11.8%
2009	44,036	39,239	4,797	10.9%
2008	46,153	43,395	2,758	6.0%
2007	45,718	44,011	1,707	3.7%
2006	44,102	42,507	1,595	3.6%
2005	42,335	40,584	1,751	4.1%

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

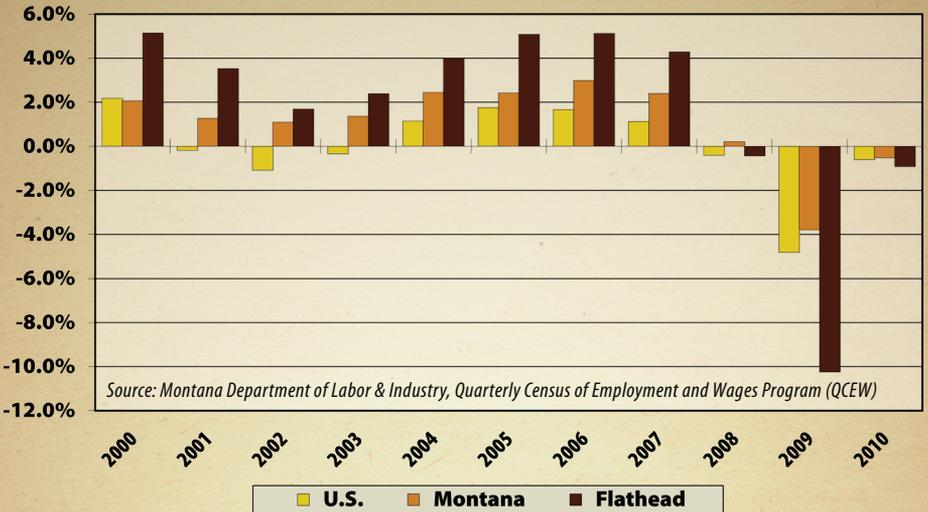
ANNUAL AVERAGE WAGES - FLATHEAD COUNTY, 1990-2010
(In 2010 Dollars)



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



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



RESOURCES FOR FLATHEAD COUNTY

Chambers of Commerce

Bigfork Chamber

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 Web: www.bigfork.org

Columbia Falls Chamber

Phone: (406) 892-2072
info@columbiafallschamber.org
www.columbiafallschamber.org

Kalispell Chamber

15 Depot Park, Kalispell, MT 59901
 Phone: (406) 758-2800
www.kalispellchamber.com

Lakeside and Somers Chamber

P. O. Box 177, Lakeside, MT 59922
 Phone: (406) 844-3715
www.lakesidesomers.org

Whitefish Chamber

P. O. Box 1120 - Whitefish, MT 59937
 Phone: (406) 862-3501
 Web: www.whitefishchamber.org

Economic Development

Kalispell Community Develop. Dept.

Phone: (406) 758-7740
 E-mail: comdev@kalispell.com
 Web: <http://kalispell.com>

Montana West Economic Development

Phone: (406) 257-7711
 E-mail: Info@DoBusinessInMontana.com
 Web: www.dobusinessinmontana.com

Business Expansion And Retention (BEAR)

Phone: (406) 205-8077
 E-mail: deanthomas5@gmail.com

Job Service Center

Flathead Job Service

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 Kalispell, MT 59901
 Phone: (406) 758-6200
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Newspapers

Bigfork Eagle

Phone: (406) 837-5131
www.bigforkeagle.com

Hungry Horse News

Phone: (406) 892-2151
 Email: csr@hungryhorsenews.com
 Web: www.hungryhorsenews.com

The Daily Inter Lake

Phone: (406) 755-7000
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Whitefish Pilot

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