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# Montana

## COUNTY FLIERS

### Economic and Demographic Information for **LAKE COUNTY**



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





# LAKE COUNTY

Lake County is Montana's ninth most populous county with 28,746 residents according to the 2010 U.S. Census. Polson, the county seat, is the state's 19th largest city, with a population of 4,488 in 2010.<sup>1</sup> Other cities and towns in Lake County include: Arlee, Big Arm, Charlo, Dayton, Dixon, Elmo, Pablo, Ravalli, Ronan, St. Ignatius, and Swan Lake.

The vast majority of Lake County resides within the Flathead Indian Reservation, home of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT). The CSKT Tribal Complex, the People's Center, and Salish-Kootenai College are all located in Pablo, MT, which serves as headquarters for the tribes.

Lake County is named for Flathead Lake, the majority of which is bordered by the county. Lake County also features the National Bison Range, St. Ignatius Mission, the Mission Mountain Range, and part of the vast Bob Marshall Wilderness.

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

## TOP 15 PRIVATE EMPLOYERS IN LAKE COUNTY

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

Business Name	Size Class	Business Name	Size Class
Ace Hardware - Ronan	4	Mission Valley Power	5
Ashley Martin Manufacturing	5	S & K Electronics	5
Community Bank	5	Safeway	5
Drs Technical Svc	5	St. Joseph Hospital	6
Home Caregivers Inc	5	St. Luke Community Hospital	7
Jore Corporation	6	Super 1 Foods	6
McDonald's of Polson & Ronan	5	Wal-Mart	6
Mission Mountain Enterprises	6		

Employment Size Class Coding: Class 7 = 250 to 499 employees, Class 6 = 100 to 249, Class 5 = 50 to 99, Class 4 = 20 to 49.

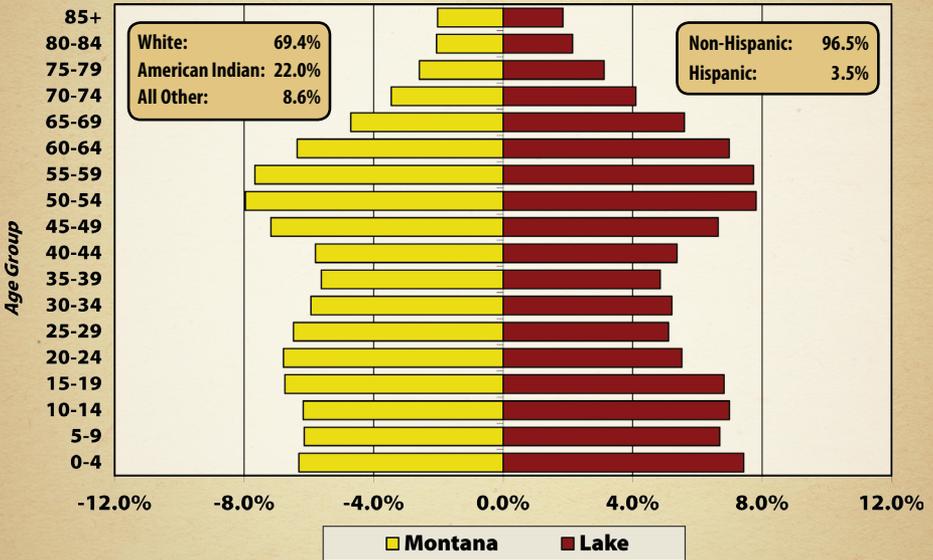
Source: Montana Department of Labor and Industry, *Quarterly Census of Employment of Wages (QCEW) Program*. This list **ONLY** includes industry employers subject to unemployment insurance. Railroads, tribal entities, and government agencies are excluded.

**POPULATION FOR LAKE COUNTY AND RELATED AREAS**

Geography	Census 2000	2002 Estimate	2004 Estimate	2006 Estimate	2008 Estimate	Census 2010	% Change 2000-2010
Lake County	26,507	26,827	27,586	28,173	28,373	28,746	8.4%
Polson city	4,041	4,354	4,682	4,929	5,135	4,488	11.1%
Ronan city	1,812	1,876	1,926	1,977	1,986	1,871	3.3%
St. Ignatius town	788	787	801	811	804	842	6.9%
Balance Lake County	19,866	19,810	20,177	20,456	20,448	21,545	8.5%

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

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



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

Educational Attainment	Lake County	Montana	United States
Less than a High School Diploma	11.8%	8.3%	14.4%
High School Diploma (or equivalent)	32.5%	29.9%	28.5%
Some College	24.9%	25.1%	21.3%
Associate's Degree	8.4%	7.9%	7.6%
Bachelor's Degree	14.2%	19.8%	17.7%
Graduate or Professional Degree	8.2%	9.0%	10.4%

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

## LAKE COUNTY - EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY ANNUAL AVERAGES 2010

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
<b>TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES</b>	936	8,104	\$30,279
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b>	884	5,330	\$27,886
<b>AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING &amp; HUNTING</b>	30	128	\$25,124
Crop production	13	65	\$24,403
Animal production	3	*	*
Forestry and logging	7	26	\$37,216
Agriculture & forestry support	7	*	*
<b>MINING</b>	4	21	\$36,976
Mining, except oil and gas	3	*	*
Support activities for mining	1	*	*
<b>UTILITIES</b>	6	*	*
<b>CONSTRUCTION</b>	176	423	\$27,486
Construction of buildings	61	116	\$26,554
Heavy and civil engineering construction	12	51	\$34,121
Specialty trade contractors	104	257	\$26,591
<b>MANUFACTURING</b>	47	577	\$30,727
Food manufacturing	6	38	\$23,850
Beverage and tobacco product mfg	3	10	\$17,709
Textile product mills	3	4	\$21,271
Apparel manufacturing	1	*	*
Leather and allied product manufacturing	1	*	*
Wood product manufacturing	6	61	\$25,387
Printing and related support activities	2	*	*
Petroleum & coal products manufacturing	1	*	*
Chemical manufacturing	1	*	*
Nonmetallic mineral product mfg	1	*	*
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	4	29	\$22,869
Machinery manufacturing	2	*	*
Computer and electronic product mfg	1	*	*
Electrical equipment and appliance mfg	2	*	*
Transportation equipment manufacturing	3	16	\$24,648
Furniture and related product mfg	6	14	\$28,272
Miscellaneous manufacturing	3	*	*
<b>WHOLESALE TRADE</b>	27	111	\$37,368
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	12	26	\$28,085
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	12	80	\$40,347
Electronic markets & agents and brokers	3	5	\$37,834
<b>RETAIL TRADE</b>	116	1,069	\$23,390
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	19	185	\$31,295
Furniture and home furnishings stores	9	28	\$19,693
Electronics and appliance stores	5	*	*
Building material & garden supply stores	14	99	\$27,483
Food and beverage stores	14	286	\$23,272
Health and personal care stores	9	63	\$29,506
Gasoline stations	15	111	\$16,260
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	4	19	\$12,068
Sporting good, hobby, book, music stores	5	25	\$15,598
General merchandise stores	3	*	*
Miscellaneous store retailers	14	53	\$8,881
Nonstore retailers	7	24	\$34,144

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

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
<b>TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING</b>	27	60	\$21,448
Air transportation	1	*	*
Truck transportation	15	23	\$26,339
Transit and ground passenger transport	4	17	\$11,513
Support activities for transportation	3	3	\$26,336
Couriers and messengers	3	*	*
<b>INFORMATION</b>	18	135	\$49,842
Publishing industries, except Internet	5	25	\$31,930
Motion picture, sound recording industry	3	*	*
Broadcasting, except Internet	2	*	*
Telecommunications	4	43	\$59,885
ISPs, search portals, & data processing	2	*	*
Other information services	2	*	*
<b>FINANCE AND INSURANCE</b>	39	218	\$33,057
Credit intermediation & related activity	23	177	\$32,874
Securities, comm. contracts, investments	2	*	*
Insurance carriers & related activities	14	*	*
<b>REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AND LEASING</b>	43	74	\$26,400
Real estate	36	57	\$29,911
Rental and leasing services	7	17	\$14,578
<b>PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES</b>	71	201	\$37,048
<b>MANAGEMENT OF COMPANIES AND ENTERPRISES</b>	3	21	\$40,955
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE AND WASTE SERVICES</b>	35	90	\$27,933
Administrative and support services	31	86	\$28,259
Waste management and remediation service	4	4	\$20,239
<b>EDUCATIONAL SERVICES</b>	9	39	\$26,409
<b>HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE</b>	80	1,137	\$34,001
Ambulatory health care services	34	199	\$47,868
Hospitals	2	*	*
Nursing and residential care facilities	12	*	*
Social assistance	32	263	\$15,653
<b>ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION</b>	18	70	\$14,295
Performing arts and spectator sports	3	*	*
Amusements, gambling, and recreation	15	*	*
<b>ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES</b>	65	634	\$11,507
Accommodation	9	50	\$11,285
Food services and drinking places	55	584	\$11,526
<b>OTHER SERVICES</b>	72	224	\$17,851
Repair and maintenance	22	59	\$26,039
Personal and laundry services	14	37	\$15,487
Membership associations & organizations	26	100	\$12,496
Private households	11	28	\$22,771
<b>TOTAL GOVERNMENT</b>	52	2,774	\$34,876
Local Government	18	2,597	\$34,177
State Government	11	73	\$53,895
Federal Government	23	104	\$39,037

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 non-disclosure of confidential industry data, or to rounding.

\*Data not disclosable

## AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS FOR LAKE COUNTY

	2007 Census	2002 Census	% Change
<b>FARMS</b>			
Farms: (number)	1,280	1,185	8%
Land in farms (acres)	637,306	601,544	6%
Average size of farms (acres)	498	508	-2%
Median size of farms (acres)	40	70	-43%
Farms by size: (number)			
Less than 1,000 acres	1,221	1,110	10%
1,000 acres or more	59	75	-21%
Farms by value of products sold: (number)			
Less than \$100,000	1,186	1,095	8%
\$100,000 or more	94	90	4%
Farms by type of organization: (number)			
Family, Individual, Partnership	1,209	1,121	8%
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	71	64	11%
<b>LIVESTOCK INVENTORY AND CROPS HARVESTED</b>			
Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)			
Cattle and calves	40,923	45,258	-10%
Hogs and pigs	119	198	-40%
Sheep and lambs	1,423	1,743	-18%
Horses and ponies	4,943	4,499	10%
Bison	79	556	-86%
Chickens (layers and broilers)	3,553	*	*
Crops Harvested (acres)			
Corn for grain	950	320	197%
Corn for silage or greenchop	1,135	575	97%
Wheat for grain, All	10,592	10,847	-2%
Winter wheat for grain	2,491	*	*
Spring wheat for grain	8,101	7,529	8%
Durum wheat for grain	0	*	*
Oats for grain	703	1,019	-31%
Barley for grain	2,266	2,562	-12%
Hay, haylage, grass silage	44,784	59,000	-24%
Sunflower seed, All	0	0	NA
<b>OPERATOR DEMOGRAPHICS</b>			
Primary occupation: (number)			
Farming	565	650	-13%
Other	715	535	34%
Place of residence: (number)			
On farm operated	1,103	1,059	4%
Not on farm operated	177	126	40%
Years on present farm: (number)			
Less than 10 years	371	391	-5%
10 years or more	909	794	14%
Age group: (number)			
Under 55 years	530	557	-5%
55 years and over	750	628	19%
Average age of operators: (number)	57.5	56.0	3%

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

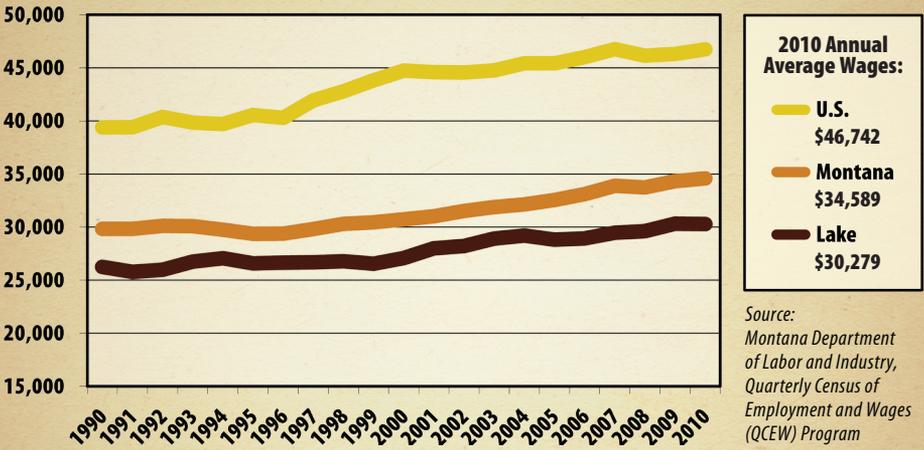
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**ANNUAL AVERAGE LABOR FORCE - LAKE COUNTY**

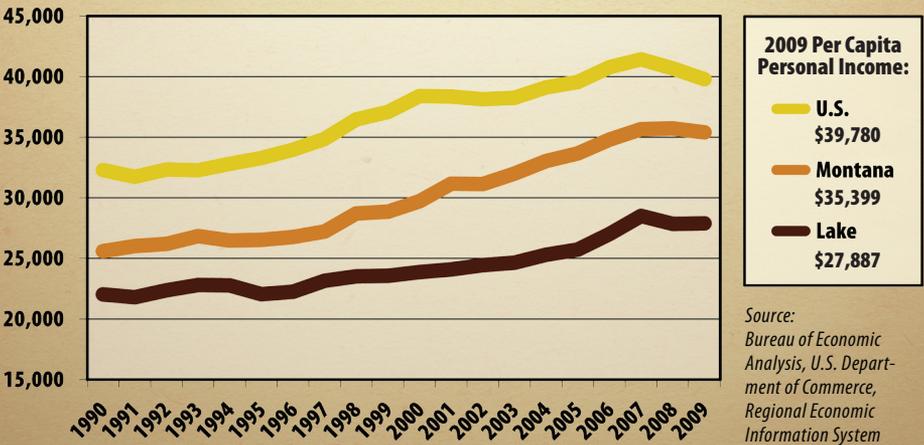
Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2010	11,324	10,181	1,143	10.1%
2009	11,286	10,324	962	8.5%
2008	11,621	10,842	779	6.7%
2007	11,625	11,028	597	5.1%
2006	11,468	10,947	521	4.5%
2005	11,418	10,861	557	4.9%

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

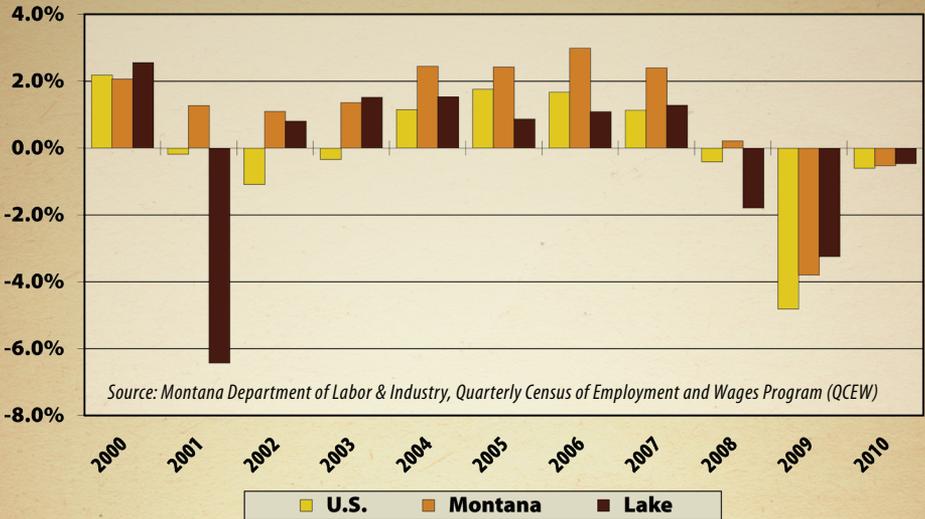
**ANNUAL AVERAGE WAGES - LAKE COUNTY, 1990-2010**  
(In 2010 Dollars)



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



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



## RESOURCES FOR LAKE COUNTY

### Chamber of Commerce

**Polson Chamber of Commerce**  
418 Main Street - Polson, MT 59860  
(406) 883-5969  
[www.polsonchamber.com](http://www.polsonchamber.com)

**Ronan Chamber of Commerce**  
P. O. Box 254, Ronan, MT 59864  
Ph: (406) 676-8300, Fax: (406) 676-4110

**St. Ignatius Chamber of Commerce**  
P. O. Box 254, Saint Ignatius, MT 59865  
Ph: (406) 745-4884

**Swan Lake Chamber of Commerce**  
P. O. Box 5199, Swan Lake, MT 59911  
Ph: (406) 888-2080

### Higher Education

Salish Kootenai College  
P. O. Box 70  
Pablo, MT 59855-0117  
Main telephone 406.275.4800  
Fax 406.275.4801  
Website <http://www.sk.edu/>

### Economic Development

**Lake County Community Development Corp.**  
407 Main Street SW, P. O. Box 128  
Ronan, MT 59864, Ph: (406) 676-5901  
[www.lakecountycdc.org](http://www.lakecountycdc.org)

**Business Expansion And Retention (BEAR)**  
Contact: Gib Turner  
Ph: (406) 676-5901  
E-mail: [busofficer@ronan.net](mailto:busofficer@ronan.net)

### Newspapers

**Char-Koosta News** - P. O. Box 98, Pablo, MT 59855  
Ph: (406) 675-2830, Fax: (406) 675-2831  
E-mail: [charkoosta@cskt.org](mailto:charkoosta@cskt.org), [www.charkoosta.com](http://www.charkoosta.com)

**Lake County Leader**  
P. O. Box 1090, Polson, MT 59860  
Ph: (406) 883-4343, [www.leaderadvertiser.com](http://www.leaderadvertiser.com)

### Job Service Center

**Mission Valley One-Stop Workforce Center**  
417-B Main Street, Polson, MT 59860  
Ph: (406) 883-7880, Fax: (406) 883-4564  
[www.jsd.dli.mt.gov/local/polson](http://www.jsd.dli.mt.gov/local/polson)