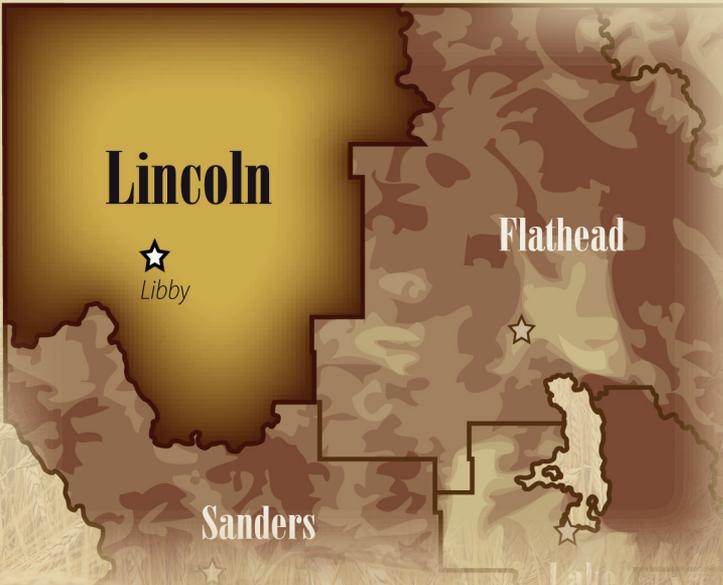


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COUNTY FLIERS

Economic and Demographic Information for **LINCOLN COUNTY**



Montana Department of
LABOR & INDUSTRY
Workforce Services Division





LINCOLN COUNTY

Lincoln County, located in the northwest corner of Montana, is the state's tenth most populous county with 19,687 residents according to the 2010 U.S. Census. Libby, the county seat, is the state's 27th largest city, with a population of 2,628 in 2010.¹ Other cities and towns in Lincoln County include Eureka, Fortine, Rexford, Trego, and Troy.

Seventy-six percent of the land in Lincoln County belongs to the Kootenai National Forest. Of Lincoln County's privately owned land, Burlington Northern and Plum Creek Timber are the two major owners, possessing a combined 14%.²

Lincoln County's major industries include Tourism, Recreation, Mining, and Lumber & Wood products. In fact, Lincoln County is the largest producer of wood products in Montana and has the most commercial forest land in the state.³

¹U.S. Census Bureau, *Population Estimates Program*

²www.libby.org/homepage/local-links/tour2.html

³www.libbymt.com/community

TOP 15 PRIVATE EMPLOYERS IN LINCOLN COUNTY

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

Business Name	Size Class	Business Name	Size Class
A Full Life Agency	5	Noble Excavating	4
Chrysalis Inc	4	Rosauer's Food & Drug	6
Genesis Inc.	6	St John's Lutheran Hospital	6
Harlow's School Bus Service	5	Stein's IGA	5
Honu'apo Facilities Services	4	Stinger Welding Inc.	4
Libby Care Center	5	Town Pump	5
Montana Renewable Resources	4	Venture Motor Inn & Restaurant	4
Mountain View Manor	5		

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

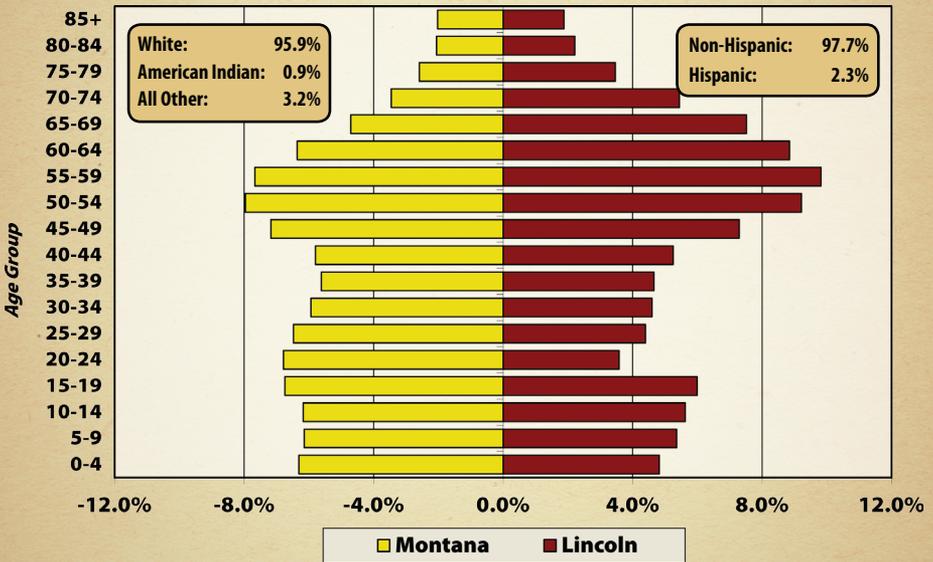
Source: Montana Department of Labor and Industry, *Quarterly Census of Employment of Wages (QCEW) Program*. This list ONLY includes industry employers subject to unemployment insurance. Railroads, tribal entities, and government agencies are excluded.

POPULATION FOR LINCOLN COUNTY AND RELATED AREAS

Geography	Census 2000	2002 Estimate	2004 Estimate	2006 Estimate	2008 Estimate	Census 2010	% Change 2000-2010
Lincoln County	18,837	18,473	18,587	18,618	18,751	19,687	4.5%
Eureka town	1,017	992	996	997	1,001	1,037	2.0%
Libby city	2,626	2,817	2,839	2,832	2,873	2,628	0.1%
Rexford town	151	147	148	148	149	105	-30.5%
Troy city	957	944	947	955	967	938	-2.0%
Balance Lincoln County	14,086	13,573	13,657	13,686	13,761	14,979	6.3%

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

DISTRIBUTION OF POPULATION BY AGE - LINCOLN COUNTY, 2010



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

Educational Attainment	Lincoln County	Montana	United States
Less than a High School Diploma	15.2%	8.3%	14.4%
High School Diploma (or equivalent)	37.1%	29.9%	28.5%
Some College	23.6%	25.1%	21.3%
Associate's Degree	8.0%	7.9%	7.6%
Bachelor's Degree	12.5%	19.8%	17.7%
Graduate or Professional Degree	3.6%	9.0%	10.4%

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

LINCOLN COUNTY - EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY ANNUAL AVERAGES 2010

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	732	5,285	\$31,213
TOTAL PRIVATE	681	4,015	\$27,504
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING	52	119	\$39,077
Crop production	1	*	*
Forestry and logging	37	97	\$42,318
Agriculture & forestry support	15	*	*
MINING	8	243	\$62,571
Mining, except oil and gas	7	*	*
Support activities for mining	1	*	*
CONSTRUCTION	116	260	\$30,101
Construction of buildings	41	71	\$23,284
Heavy and civil engineering construction	12	46	\$30,025
Specialty trade contractors	63	143	\$33,497
MANUFACTURING	29	199	\$24,854
Food manufacturing	1	*	*
Beverage and tobacco product mfg	1	*	*
Wood product manufacturing	8	48	\$25,205
Paper manufacturing	1	*	*
Printing and related support activities	3	*	*
Nonmetallic mineral product mfg	2	*	*
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	3	*	*
Machinery manufacturing	1	*	*
Transportation equipment manufacturing	3	*	*
Furniture and related product mfg	5	40	\$20,872
Miscellaneous manufacturing	1	*	*
WHOLESALE TRADE	13	46	\$30,954
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	7	34	\$28,653
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	4	*	*
Electronic markets & agents and brokers	2	*	*
RETAIL TRADE	92	705	\$20,965
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	14	92	\$31,128
Furniture and home furnishings stores	7	19	\$18,715
Electronics and appliance stores	2	*	*
Building material & garden supply stores	10	70	\$22,899
Food and beverage stores	12	253	\$19,155
Health and personal care stores	5	37	\$25,572
Gasoline stations	10	94	\$16,099
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	5	*	*
Sporting good, hobby, book, music stores	4	12	\$18,668
General merchandise stores	4	49	\$17,963
Miscellaneous store retailers	10	23	\$15,871
Nonstore retailers	10	33	\$26,576
TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING	21	126	\$21,570
Air transportation	1	*	*

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

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
Truck transportation	16	35	\$30,110
Transit and ground passenger transport	1	*	*
Support activities for transportation	2	*	*
Couriers and messengers	1	*	*
INFORMATION	13	86	\$41,411
Publishing industries, except Internet	4	15	\$19,930
Motion picture, sound recording industry	3	*	*
Broadcasting, except Internet	2	*	*
Telecommunications	5	58	\$53,902
FINANCE AND INSURANCE	19	118	\$29,836
Credit intermediation & related activity	10	92	\$29,530
Securities, comm. contracts, investments	1	*	*
Insurance carriers & related activities	8	*	*
REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AND LEASING	27	70	\$21,131
Real estate	22	50	\$24,904
Rental and leasing services	6	20	\$11,558
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	49	107	\$33,378
ADMINISTRATIVE AND WASTE SERVICES	34	169	\$33,628
Administrative and support services	27	73	\$18,270
Waste management and remediation service	7	96	\$45,249
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	6	21	\$13,443
HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	60	949	\$30,855
Ambulatory health care services	36	397	\$29,568
Hospitals	1	*	*
Nursing and residential care facilities	7	195	\$25,084
Social assistance	16	*	*
ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION	22	140	\$18,638
Performing arts and spectator sports	3	*	*
Amusements, gambling, and recreation	19	*	*
ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES	63	462	\$12,524
Accommodation	10	86	\$15,093
Food services and drinking places	53	376	\$11,937
OTHER SERVICES	57	194	\$15,830
Repair and maintenance	18	50	\$21,959
Personal and laundry services	5	11	\$20,765
Membership associations & organizations	31	120	\$12,278
Private households	4	13	\$20,917
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	52	1,271	\$42,928
Local Government	23	715	\$32,008
State Government	9	50	\$50,285
Federal Government	20	505	\$57,657

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 LINCOLN COUNTY

	2007 Census	2002 Census	% Change
FARMS			
Farms: (number)	350	310	13%
Land in farms (acres)	51,885	54,236	-4%
Average size of farms (acres)	148	175	-15%
Median size of farms (acres)	50	80	-38%
Farms by size: (number)			
Less than 1,000 acres	344	301	14%
1,000 acres or more	6	9	-33%
Farms by value of products sold: (number)			
Less than \$100,000	346	308	12%
\$100,000 or more	4	2	100%
Farms by type of organization: (number)			
Family, Individual, Partnership	336	294	14%
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	14	16	-13%
LIVESTOCK INVENTORY AND CROPS HARVESTED			
Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)			
Cattle and calves	2,585	3,160	-18%
Hogs and pigs	51	229	-78%
Sheep and lambs	714	323	121%
Horses and ponies	1,141	1,092	4%
Bison	*	*	*
Chickens (layers and broilers)	*	1,150	*
Crops Harvested (acres)			
Corn for grain	0	0	NA
Corn for silage or greenchop	0	0	NA
Wheat for grain, All	0	0	NA
Winter wheat for grain	0	0	NA
Spring wheat for grain	0	0	NA
Durum wheat for grain	0	0	NA
Oats for grain	0	29	NA
Barley for grain	0	*	*
Hay, haylage, grass silage	7,109	7,344	-3%
Sunflower seed, All	0	0	NA
OPERATOR DEMOGRAPHICS			
Primary occupation: (number)			
Farming	118	150	-21%
Other	232	160	45%
Place of residence: (number)			
On farm operated	319	278	15%
Not on farm operated	31	32	-3%
Years on present farm: (number)			
Less than 10 years	88	89	-1%
10 years or more	262	221	19%
Age group: (number)			
Under 55 years	133	132	1%
55 years and over	217	178	22%
Average age of operators: (number)	58.5	56.3	4%

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

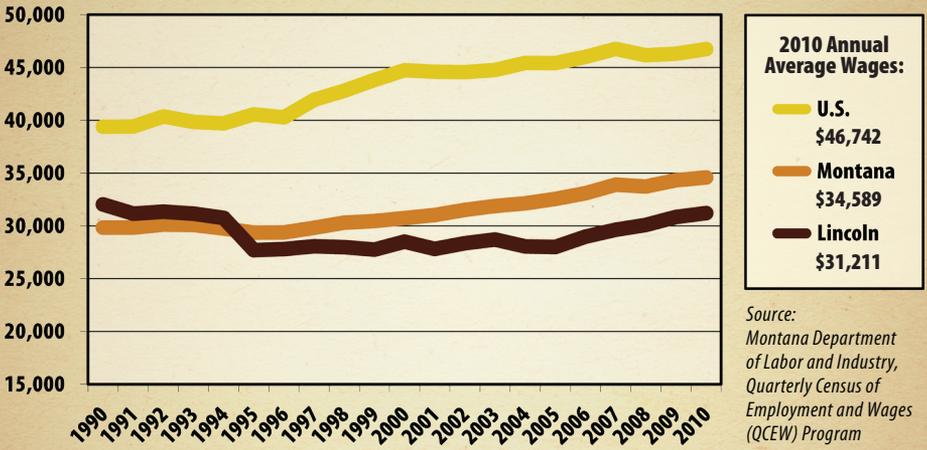
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ANNUAL AVERAGE LABOR FORCE - LINCOLN COUNTY

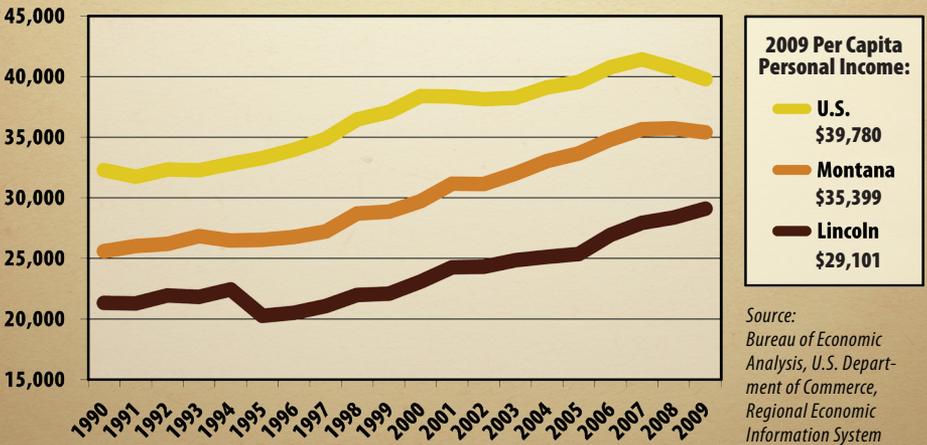
Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2010	7,910	6,673	1,237	15.6%
2009	7,761	6,705	1,056	13.6%
2008	7,784	7,031	753	9.7%
2007	7,795	7,241	554	7.1%
2006	7,684	7,193	491	6.4%
2005	7,623	7,056	567	7.4%

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

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

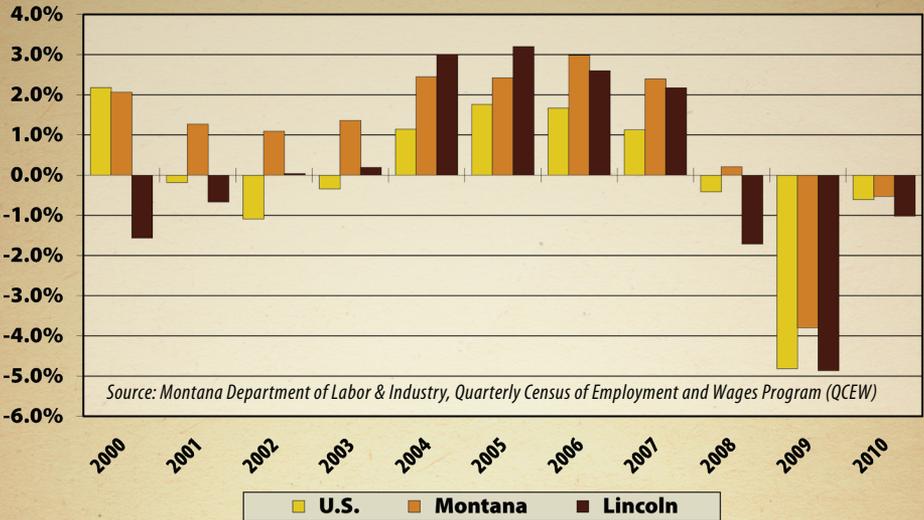


PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME - LINCOLN COUNTY, 1990-2009
(In 2010 Dollars)



PERCENT CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT - 2000 TO 2010

(United States, Montana, and Lincoln County)



RESOURCES FOR LINCOLN COUNTY

Chamber of Commerce

Eureka Area Chamber of Commerce

P. O. Box 186 - Eureka, MT 59917 - (406) 889-4636
www.welcome2eureka.com

Libby Chamber of Commerce

P. O. Box 704 - Libby, MT 59923
 (406) 293-4167 - www.libbychamber.org

Troy, Montana Chamber of Commerce

P. O. Box 3005 - Troy, MT 59935
 (406) 295-1064 - www.troymtchamber.org

Economic Development

Eureka Rural Development Partners, Inc.

2 Dewy Ave. - Eureka, MT 59917
 (406) 297-7374 - E-mail: info@eurekardp.net

Kootenai River Development Council

P. O. Box 621 - Libby, MT 59923 - (406) 293-8406
 E-mail: krdc@frontiernet.net, www.krdc.net

Business Expansion And Retention (BEAR)

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Newspapers

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