

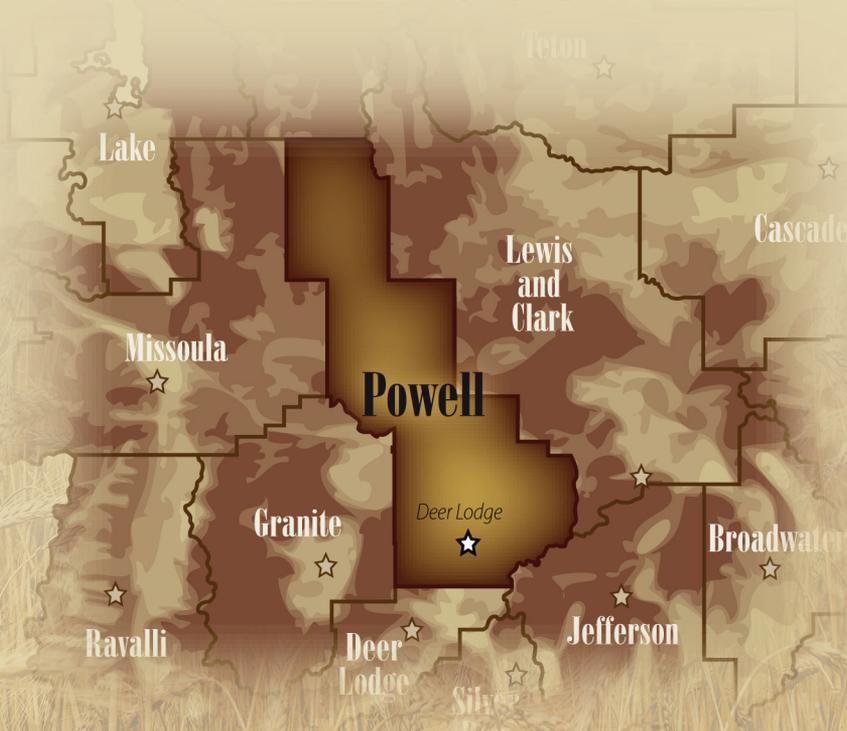
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# Montana

## COUNTY FLIERS

### Economic and Demographic Information for

# POWELL COUNTY



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





# POWELL COUNTY

Powell County is Montana's 29th most populous county, with a population of 7,027 residents according to the 2010 Census. Deer Lodge, the county seat, is the state's 25th largest city, with a population of 3,111 in 2010.<sup>1</sup> Other cities and towns in Powell County include: Avon, Elliston, Garrison, Gold Creek, Helmville, and Ovando.

A number of resource-based industries call Powell County home, including farming, ranching, mining, timber harvest, lumber and other wood product production, and tourism.<sup>2</sup> Powell County is perhaps best known as the location of Montana State Prison, which employs approximately 600 people, including 318 uniformed staff.<sup>3</sup>

Powell County boasts the most museums and historical collections in the Northwest, including the Old Montana Prison, the Montana Law Enforcement Museum, the Montana Auto Museum, Frontier Montana Museum, Desert John's Saloon, the Powell County Museum, and Deer Lodge's 1,500-acre Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site.<sup>4</sup>

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

<sup>2</sup>[www.powellcountymontana.com](http://www.powellcountymontana.com)

<sup>3</sup><http://www.cor.mt.gov/MSP/default.mcp>

<sup>4</sup>*Visit Montana - The Official State Travel Information Site*, <http://www.visitmt.com>

## TOP 10 PRIVATE EMPLOYERS IN POWELL COUNTY

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

Business Name	Size Class	Business Name	Size Class
Colonial Manor / Deer Lodge Care & Rehab Center	5	Safeway	4
Easter Seals - Goodwill	6	Sun Mountain Logging	4
Four B's Restaurant	4	Sun Mountain Lumber	6
Powell County Memorial Hospital	5	Sundance Rehabilitation	5
Rock Creek Cattle Company	6	Valley Foods IGA	4

Employment Size Class Coding: Class 6 = 100 to 249 employees, Class 5 = 50 to 99, Class 4 = 20 to 49, Class 3 = 10 to 19.

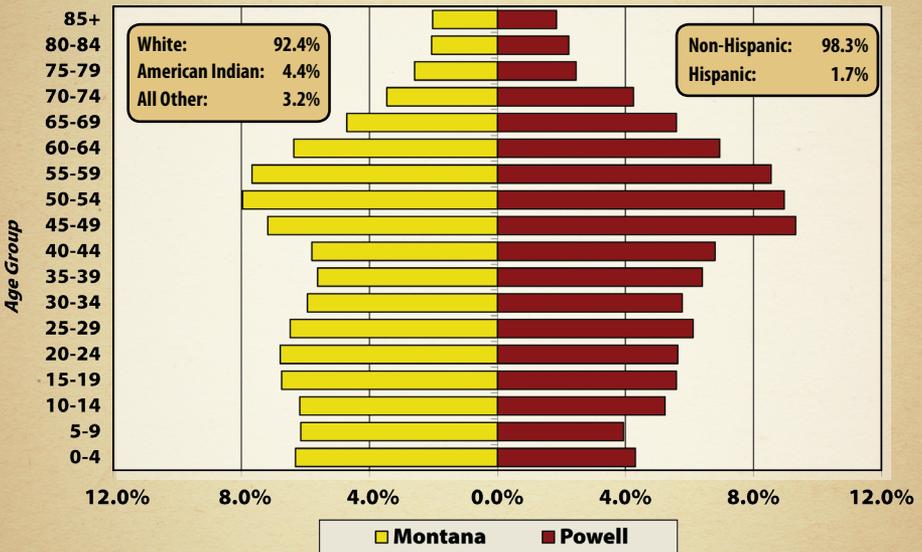
Source: Montana Department of Labor and Industry, *Quarterly Census of Employment of Wages (QCEW) Program*. This list **ONLY** includes industry employers subject to unemployment insurance. Railroads, tribal entities, and government agencies are excluded.

**POPULATION FOR POWELL COUNTY AND RELATED AREAS**

Geography	Census 2000	2002 Estimate	2004 Estimate	2006 Estimate	2008 Estimate	Census 2010	% Change 2000-2010
Powell County	7,180	6,961	6,844	7,091	7,036	7,027	-2.1%
Deer Lodge city	3,421	3,295	3,251	3,487	3,467	3,111	-9.1%
Balance Powell County	3,759	3,666	3,593	3,604	3,569	3,916	4.2%

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

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



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

Educational Attainment	Powell County	Montana	United States
Less than a High School Diploma	11.1%	8.3%	14.4%
High School Diploma (or equivalent)	43.8%	29.9%	28.5%
Some College	20.9%	25.1%	21.3%
Associate's Degree	5.4%	7.9%	7.6%
Bachelor's Degree	13.6%	19.8%	17.7%
Graduate or Professional Degree	5.2%	9.0%	10.4%

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

## POWELL COUNTY - EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY ANNUAL AVERAGES 2010

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	209	2,289	\$32,350
TOTAL PRIVATE	177	1,128	\$24,882
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING	21	92	\$27,808
Animal production	9	46	\$26,016
Forestry and logging	11	43	\$30,289
Agriculture & forestry support	1	*	*
UTILITIES	2	*	*
CONSTRUCTION	26	48	\$45,571
Construction of buildings	7	15	\$42,755
Heavy and civil engineering construction	5	10	\$96,103
Specialty trade contractors	14	23	\$25,348
MANUFACTURING	6	*	*
Wood product manufacturing	2	*	*
Printing and related support activities	1	*	*
Nonmetallic mineral product mfg	1	*	*
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	1	*	*
Miscellaneous manufacturing	1	*	*
WHOLESALE TRADE	5	12	\$34,635
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	1	*	*
Electronic markets & agents and brokers	4	*	*
RETAIL TRADE	18	166	\$20,884
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	2	*	*
Furniture and home furnishings stores	1	*	*
Building material & garden supply stores	2	*	*
Food and beverage stores	2	*	*
Health and personal care stores	1	*	*
Gasoline stations	4	41	\$19,750
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	1	*	*
Sporting good, hobby, book, music stores	2	*	*
General merchandise stores	1	*	*
Nonstore retailers	2	*	*
TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING	6	17	\$17,738
Truck transportation	4	7	\$22,267
Transit and ground passenger transport	1	*	*
Support activities for transportation	1	*	*
INFORMATION	2	*	*

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

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
Publishing industries, except Internet	1	*	*
Broadcasting, except Internet	1	*	*
<b>FINANCE AND INSURANCE</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>\$33,116</b>
Credit intermediation & related activity	4	31	\$37,058
Securities, comm. contracts, investments	1	*	*
Insurance carriers & related activities	5	*	*
<b>REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AND LEASING</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>\$21,057</b>
Real estate	4	*	*
<b>PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>\$31,559</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE AND WASTE SERVICES</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>\$32,207</b>
Administrative and support services	2	*	*
Waste management and remediation service	1	*	*
<b>EDUCATIONAL SERVICES</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>*</b>
<b>HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>\$26,043</b>
Ambulatory health care services	13	57	\$23,865
Hospitals	1	*	*
Nursing and residential care facilities	1	*	*
Social assistance	5	16	\$8,407
<b>ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>\$25,238</b>
Museums, historical sites, zoos, & parks	1	*	*
Amusements, gambling, and recreation	9	*	*
<b>ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>\$11,171</b>
Accommodation	3	37	\$11,296
Food services and drinking places	20	152	\$11,140
<b>OTHER SERVICES</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>\$27,290</b>
Repair and maintenance	2	*	*
Personal and laundry services	2	*	*
Membership associations & organizations	7	15	\$24,267
Private households	1	*	*
<b>TOTAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>1,161</b>	<b>\$39,609</b>
Local Government	11	301	\$27,274
State Government	7	768	\$42,653
Federal Government	14	92	\$54,646

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 POWELL COUNTY

	2007 Census	2002 Census	% Change
<b>FARMS</b>			
Farms: (number)	273	274	0%
Land in farms (acres)	670,354	618,687	8%
Average size of farms (acres)	2,456	2,258	9%
Median size of farms (acres)	300	462	-35%
Farms by size: (number)			
Less than 1,000 acres	186	187	-1%
1,000 acres or more	87	87	0%
Farms by value of products sold: (number)			
Less than \$100,000	218	214	2%
\$100,000 or more	55	60	-8%
Farms by type of organization: (number)			
Family, Individual, Partnership	248	252	-2%
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	25	22	14%
<b>LIVESTOCK INVENTORY AND CROPS HARVESTED</b>			
Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)			
Cattle and calves	47,087	42,635	10%
Hogs and pigs	*	94	*
Sheep and lambs	869	851	2%
Horses and ponies	1,302	1,477	-12%
Bison	236	1,195	-80%
Chickens (layers and broilers)	452	508	-11%
Crops Harvested (acres)			
Corn for grain	0	0	NA
Corn for silage or greenchop	0	0	NA
Wheat for grain, All	580	*	*
Winter wheat for grain	*	0	NA
Spring wheat for grain	*	*	*
Durum wheat for grain	0	0	NA
Oats for grain	196	179	9%
Barley for grain	988	1,180	-16%
Hay, haylage, grass silage	55,683	56,156	-1%
Sunflower seed, All	0	0	NA
<b>OPERATOR DEMOGRAPHICS</b>			
Primary occupation: (number)			
Farming	150	177	-15%
Other	123	97	27%
Place of residence: (number)			
On farm operated	244	240	2%
Not on farm operated	29	34	-15%
Years on present farm: (number)			
Less than 10 years	75	73	3%
10 years or more	198	201	-1%
Age group: (number)			
Under 55 years	105	133	-21%
55 years and over	168	141	19%
Average age of operators: (number)	57.9	56.4	3%

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

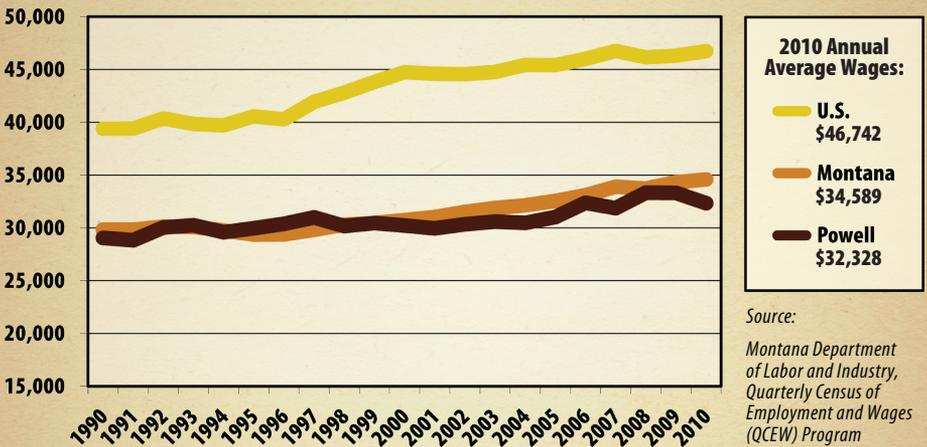
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**ANNUAL AVERAGE LABOR FORCE - POWELL COUNTY**

Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2010	2,766	2,519	247	8.9%
2009	2,687	2,462	225	8.4%
2008	2,743	2,555	188	6.9%
2007	2,640	2,507	133	5.0%
2006	2,651	2,527	124	4.7%
2005	2,628	2,487	141	5.4%

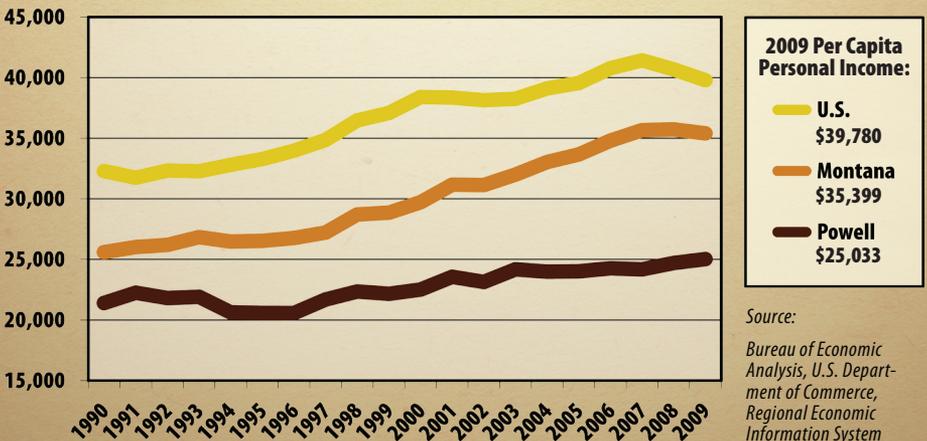
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**ANNUAL AVERAGE WAGES - POWELL COUNTY, 1990-2010**  
(In 2010 Dollars)



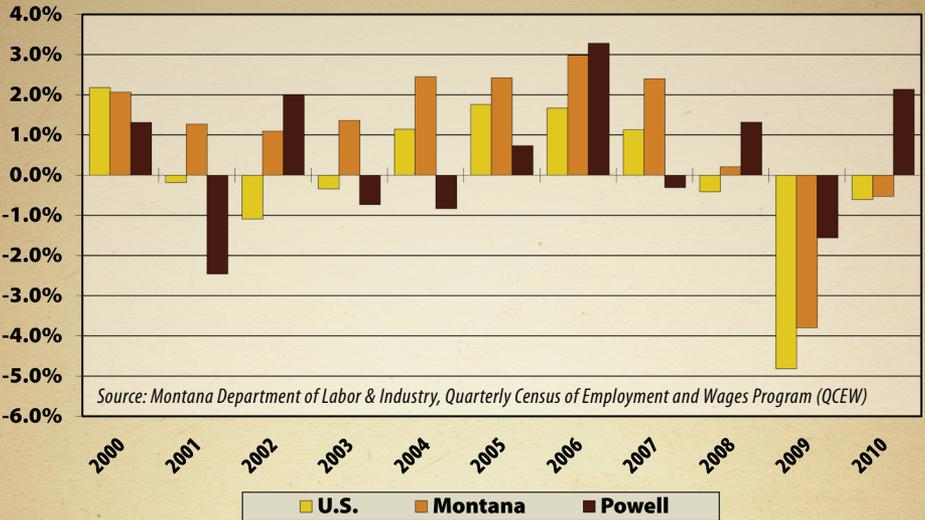
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**PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME - POWELL COUNTY, 1990-2009**  
(In 2010 Dollars)



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 Powell County)



**RESOURCES FOR POWELL COUNTY**

**Chambers of Commerce**

**Powell County Chamber of Commerce**

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 Deer Lodge, MT 59722  
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 Email: [chamber@powellcountymontana.com](mailto:chamber@powellcountymontana.com)  
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**Job Service Workforce Center**

**Deer Lodge Satellite Office**

Powell County Courthouse, Room 106  
 409 Missouri Avenue  
 Deer Lodge, MT 59722  
 Ph: (406) 846-3567  
 Hours: 9:30 am - 12:30 pm, Wednesday only

**Economic Development**

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