

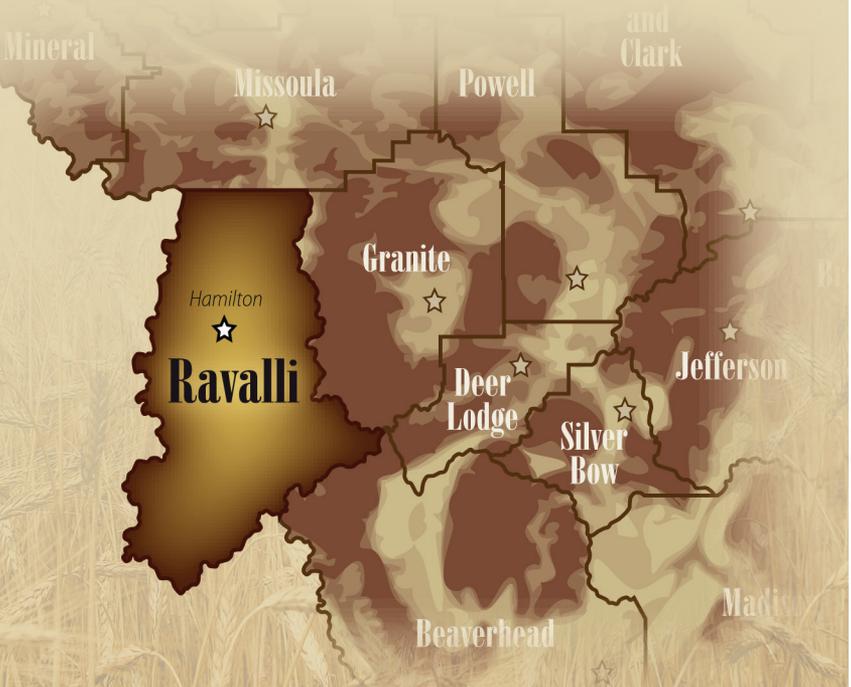
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COUNTY FLIERS

Economic and Demographic Information for

RAVALLI COUNTY



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LABOR & INDUSTRY
Workforce Services Division





RAVALLI COUNTY

Also known as the “Bitterroot Valley,” Ravalli County lies between the Sapphire Mountains on the East and the Bitterroot Mountains on the West. Ravalli is Montana’s 7th most populous county with 40,202 residents according to the 2010 U.S. Census. Hamilton, the county seat, is the state’s 20th largest city with a population of 4,348 in 2010.¹ Other towns in Ravalli County include Stevensville, Darby, and Pinesdale.

Ravalli County contains 1,850 square miles of public forest lands, which has played a significant role in its economic development. Historically, these lands have primarily contributed to the economy through lumber and wood products manufacturing. Today, these public forests are considered an important draw for tourism and migration to the area. Another draw to the area is its proximity to Missoula. Estimates suggest that roughly 15 to 20 percent of employed Ravalli County residents work in Missoula County.²

¹U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Decennial Census

²“The Bitterroot Valley of Western Montana Area Economic Profile” by Dr. Larry Swanson of the University of Montana

TOP 20 PRIVATE EMPLOYERS IN RAVALLI COUNTY

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

Business Name	Size Class	Business Name	Size Class
A 2 Z Personnel	5	North Valley Health Care Center	5
Albertsons	5	Ravalli County Bank	5
Apex Human Resources	6	Ravalli Services Corp.	5
Countrywide Periodicals	6	Selway Corporation	6
Discovery Care Centre	5	Shield Services	5
Farmers State Bank	6	Stock Farm Club	5
GlaxoSmithKline Biological	6	Super 1 Foods	6
Kmart	5	Town Pump	5
Marcus Daly Memorial Hospital	7	Triple Creek Guest Ranch	5
McDonald's	5	Valley View Estates	5

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.

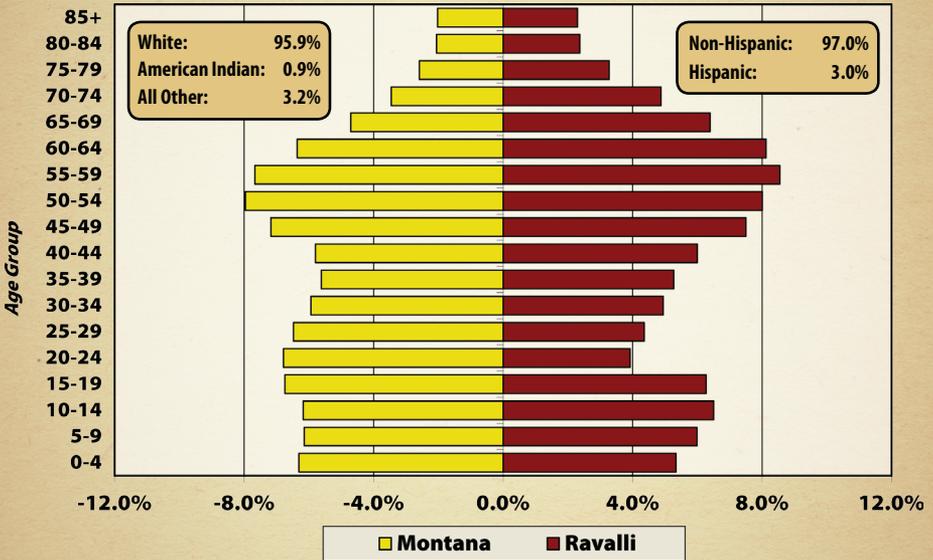
Source: Montana Department of Labor and Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment of Wages (QCEW) Program. This list ONLY includes industry employers subject to unemployment insurance. Railroads, tribal entities, and government agencies are excluded.

POPULATION FOR RAVALLI COUNTY AND RELATED AREAS

Geography	Census 2000	2002 Estimate	2004 Estimate	2006 Estimate	2008 Estimate	Census 2010	% Change 2000-2010
Ravalli County	36,070	37,402	38,902	39,795	40,571	40,212	11.5%
Darby town	710	744	804	838	862	720	1.4%
Hamilton city	3,705	4,077	4,443	4,706	4,940	4,348	17.4%
Pinesdale town	742	780	805	812	823	917	23.6%
Stevensville town	1,553	1,767	1,859	1,929	2,027	1,809	16.5%
Balance Ravalli County	29,360	30,034	30,991	31,510	31,919	32,418	10.4%

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

DISTRIBUTION OF POPULATION BY AGE - RAVALLI COUNTY, 2010



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

Educational Attainment	Ravalli County	Montana	United States
Less than a High School Diploma	9.4%	8.3%	14.4%
High School Diploma (or equivalent)	33.8%	29.9%	28.5%
Some College	26.2%	25.1%	21.3%
Associate's Degree	7.3%	7.9%	7.6%
Bachelor's Degree	16.3%	19.8%	17.7%
Graduate or Professional Degree	7.0%	9.0%	10.4%

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

RAVALLI COUNTY - EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY ANNUAL AVERAGES 2010

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	1,574	10,373	\$29,859
TOTAL PRIVATE	1,511	8,343	\$27,520
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING	51	141	\$24,122
Crop production	11	48	\$27,530
Animal production	10	39	\$19,377
Forestry and logging	15	42	\$26,204
Agriculture & forestry support	16	13	\$18,970
MINING	3	*	*
Mining, except oil and gas	3	*	*
UTILITIES	5	42	\$67,204
CONSTRUCTION	290	562	\$30,865
Construction of buildings	93	181	\$31,547
Heavy and civil engineering construction	19	37	\$52,543
Specialty trade contractors	179	345	\$28,203
MANUFACTURING	83	793	\$32,133
Food manufacturing	7	68	\$21,365
Beverage and tobacco product mfg	2	*	*
Textile mills	1	*	*
Textile product mills	4	7	\$11,819
Leather and allied product manufacturing	2	*	*
Wood product manufacturing	19	207	\$33,599
Printing and related support activities	2	*	*
Chemical manufacturing	1	*	*
Plastics & rubber products manufacturing	2	*	*
Nonmetallic mineral product mfg	4	41	\$33,658
Primary metal manufacturing	1	*	*
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	14	245	\$42,656
Machinery manufacturing	2	*	*
Computer and electronic product mfg	1	*	*
Electrical equipment and appliance mfg	1	*	*
Transportation equipment manufacturing	2	*	*
Furniture and related product mfg	8	33	\$26,971
Miscellaneous manufacturing	10	105	\$25,054
WHOLESALE TRADE	82	266	\$43,672
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	35	143	\$46,774
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	13	51	\$35,280
Electronic markets & agents and brokers	34	71	\$43,456
RETAIL TRADE	152	1,407	\$20,783
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	19	148	\$29,076
Furniture and home furnishings stores	12	57	\$18,011
Electronics and appliance stores	4	*	*
Building material & garden supply stores	22	159	\$21,951
Food and beverage stores	19	442	\$19,132
Health and personal care stores	14	129	\$29,822
Gasoline stations	17	154	\$14,149
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	8	52	\$18,540
Sporting good, hobby, book, music stores	13	89	\$16,541
General merchandise stores	2	*	*
Miscellaneous store retailers	11	34	\$13,729

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

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
Nonstore retailers	11	49	\$33,844
TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING	70	216	\$25,807
Air transportation	4	10	\$27,195
Truck transportation	26	101	\$30,714
Transit and ground passenger transport	2	*	*
Support activities for transportation	34	52	\$29,136
Couriers and messengers	4	10	\$20,742
INFORMATION	18	106	\$22,019
Publishing industries, except Internet	4	28	\$9,297
Motion picture, sound recording industry	2	*	*
Telecommunications	8	41	\$33,250
ISPs, search portals, & data processing	2	*	*
Other information services	3	*	*
FINANCE AND INSURANCE	64	381	\$39,486
Credit intermediation & related activity	20	257	\$37,507
Securities, comm. contracts, investments	15	28	\$69,725
Insurance carriers & related activities	29	96	\$35,836
REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AND LEASING	43	78	\$17,106
Real estate	39	67	\$18,351
Rental and leasing services	4	11	\$9,634
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	158	601	\$51,941
MANAGEMENT OF COMPANIES AND ENTERPRISES	2	*	*
ADMINISTRATIVE AND WASTE SERVICES	76	618	\$23,377
Administrative and support services	70	591	\$22,784
Waste management and remediation service	6	28	\$36,029
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	15	61	\$11,545
HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	126	1,388	\$31,198
Ambulatory health care services	81	456	\$38,468
Hospitals	2	*	*
Nursing and residential care facilities	9	*	*
Social assistance	34	275	\$15,526
ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION	48	341	\$15,568
Performing arts and spectator sports	9	*	*
Museums, historical sites, zoos, & parks	1	*	*
Amusements, gambling, and recreation	38	314	\$15,272
ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES	97	909	\$12,597
Accommodation	19	144	\$22,005
Food services and drinking places	78	765	\$10,822
OTHER SERVICES	129	417	\$20,187
Repair and maintenance	48	144	\$25,821
Personal and laundry services	25	62	\$16,138
Membership associations & organizations	38	175	\$14,631
Private households	19	36	\$31,413
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	63	2,030	\$39,475
Local Government	33	1,377	\$30,241
State Government	11	85	\$55,092
Federal Government	19	568	\$59,495

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 RAVALLI COUNTY

	2007 Census	2002 Census	% Change
FARMS			
Farms: (number)	1,532	1,441	6%
Land in farms (acres)	262,872	245,133	7%
Average size of farms (acres)	172	170	1%
Median size of farms (acres)	24	32	-25%
Farms by size: (number)			
Less than 1,000 acres	1,491	1,388	7%
1,000 acres or more	41	53	-23%
Farms by value of products sold: (number)			
Less than \$100,000	1,471	1,381	7%
\$100,000 or more	61	60	2%
Farms by type of organization: (number)			
Family, Individual, Partnership	1,420	1,358	5%
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	112	83	35%
LIVESTOCK INVENTORY AND CROPS HARVESTED			
Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)			
Cattle and calves	34,392	33,846	2%
Hogs and pigs	237	854	-72%
Sheep and lambs	4,475	4,473	0%
Horses and ponies	5,038	4,927	2%
Bison	(D)	44	(D)
Chickens (layers and broilers)	2,954	2,263	31%
Crops Harvested (acres)			
Corn for grain	(D)	0	NA
Corn for silage or greenchop	468	292	60%
Wheat for grain, All	1,501	1,789	-16%
Winter wheat for grain	(D)	758	(D)
Spring wheat for grain	(D)	1,031	(D)
Durum wheat for grain	0	0	NA
Oats for grain	455	742	-39%
Barley for grain	1,223	1,262	-3%
Hay, haylage, grass silage	34,779	44,256	-21%
Sunflower seed, All	0	0	NA
OPERATOR DEMOGRAPHICS			
Primary occupation: (number)			
Farming	659	745	-12%
Other	873	696	25%
Place of residence: (number)			
On farm operated	1,405	1,339	5%
Not on farm operated	127	102	25%
Years on present farm: (number)			
Less than 10 years	494	524	-6%
10 years or more	1,038	917	13%
Age group: (number)			
Under 55 years	614	673	-9%
55 years and over	918	768	20%
Average age of operators: (number)	58.5	56.6	3%

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

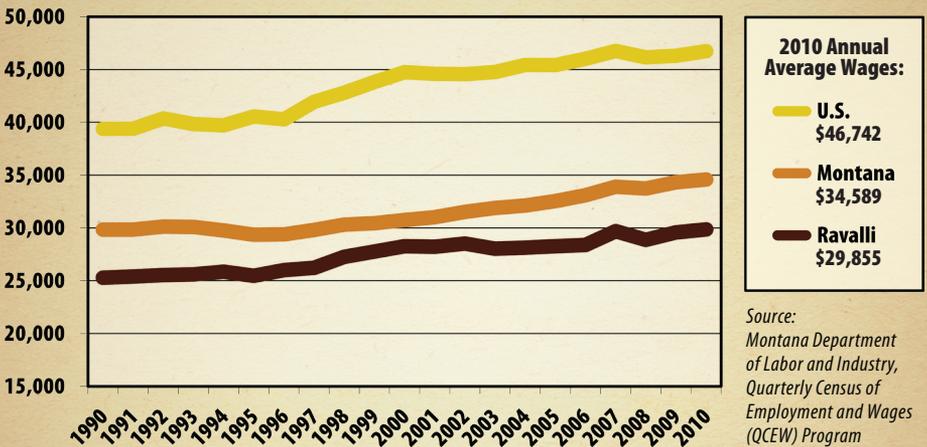
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ANNUAL AVERAGE LABOR FORCE - RAVALLI COUNTY

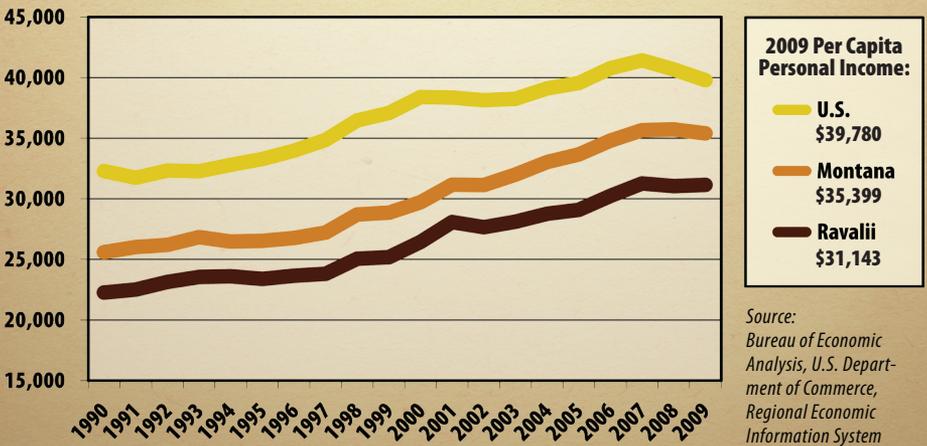
Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2010	17,965	16,216	1,749	9.7%
2009	18,061	16,531	1,530	8.5%
2008	18,725	17,633	1,092	5.8%
2007	18,636	17,848	788	4.2%
2006	18,588	17,856	732	3.9%
2005	18,207	17,411	796	4.4%

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

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

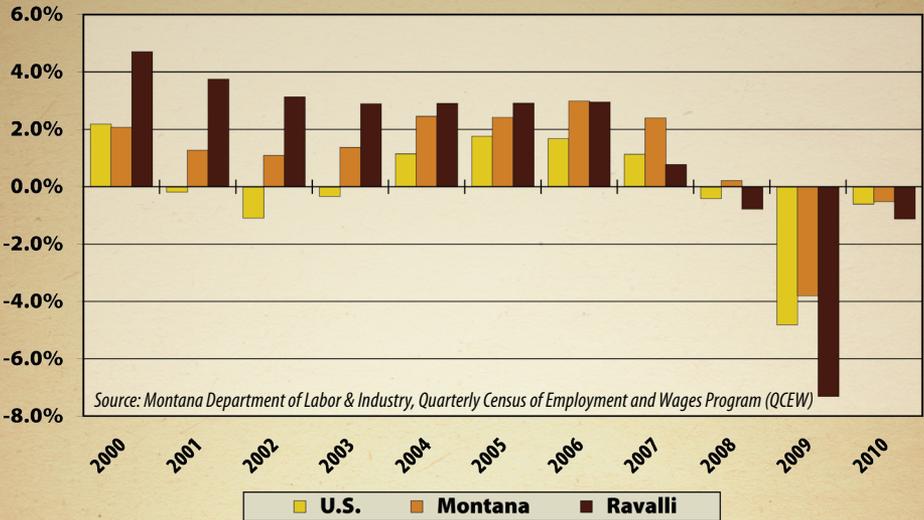


PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME - RAVALLI COUNTY, 1990-2009
(In 2010 Dollars)



PERCENT CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT - 2000 TO 2010

(United States, Montana, and Ravalli County)



RESOURCES FOR RAVALLI COUNTY

Economic Development

BREDD, Inc. (BitterRoot Economic Development District)

200 West Broadway
Missoula, MT 59802
Ph: (406) 258-3435
www.bredd.org

Ravalli County Economic Development Authority

274 Old Corvallis Road, Suite A
Hamilton, MT 59840
(406) 375-9416
www.rceda.org

Business Expansion And Retention (BEAR)

Contact: Julie Foster - (406) 375-9416
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Chamber of Commerce

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Newspapers

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