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Economic and Demographic Information for

RICHLAND COUNTY



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Richland County is Montana's 21st most populous county, with a population of 9,746 residents according to the 2010 Census. Sidney, the county seat, is the state's 22nd largest city, with a population of 5,191 in 2010.¹ Other cities and towns in Richland County include Crane, Fairview, Lambert, and Savage.

Oil production and agriculture are widely recognized as two of the staples of Richland County's economy. Much of Richland County is located in the Williston Oil Basin, and oil pumping and exploration takes place throughout the area. The confluence of the Missouri and Yellowstone Rivers lies close to Richland County, creating a 75-mile-long irrigated valley in which grains, sugar beets, corn, beans, and hay are produced.² The town of Fairview is known as the "Sugar Beet Capital," of both Montana and North Dakota (since the state line divides the town between the two states).³

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

²"Sidney," www.visitmt.com/categories/city.asp?siteid=1&city=sidney

³"Fairview," www.visitmt.com/categories/city.asp?siteid=1&city=fairview

TOP 10 PRIVATE EMPLOYERS IN RICHLAND COUNTY

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

Business Name	Size Class	Business Name	Size Class
Ensign US Drilling	4	Reynolds Warehouse Grocery	4
Franz Construction	5	Sidney Health Center	8
Hurley Enterprises	5	Sidney Sugars	6
Mitchell's Oil Field Service	6	South 40	4
Pauper Industries	4	Valley View IGA	5

Employment Size Class Coding: Class 8 = 500 to 999 employees, Class 6 = 100 to 249, Class 5 = 50 to 99, Class 4 = 20 to 49.

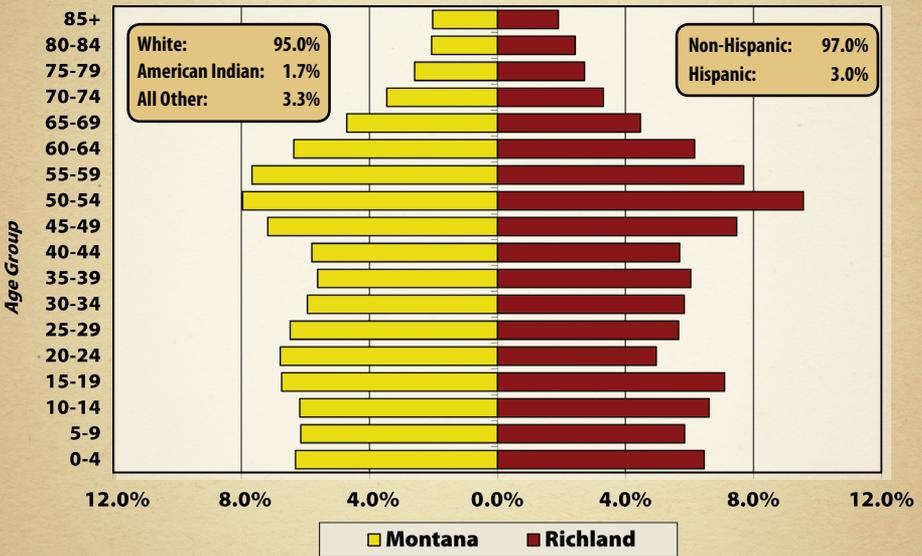
Source: Montana Department of Labor and Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment of Wages (QCEW) Program. This list ONLY includes industry employers subject to unemployment insurance. Railroads, tribal entities, and government agencies are excluded.

POPULATION FOR RICHLAND COUNTY AND RELATED AREAS

Geography	Census 2000	2002 Estimate	2004 Estimate	2006 Estimate	2008 Estimate	Census 2010	% Change 2000-2010
Richland County	9,667	9,211	8,950	9,043	9,164	9,746	0.8%
Fairview town	709	675	652	658	660	840	18.5%
Sidney city	4,774	4,828	4,674	4,715	4,766	5,191	8.7%
Balance Richland County	4,184	3,708	3,624	3,670	3,738	3,715	-11.2%

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

DISTRIBUTION OF POPULATION BY AGE - RICHLAND COUNTY, 2010



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

Educational Attainment	Richland County	Montana	United States
Less than a High School Diploma	14.8%	8.3%	14.4%
High School Diploma (or equivalent)	39.9%	29.9%	28.5%
Some College	22.7%	25.1%	21.3%
Associate's Degree	7.3%	7.9%	7.6%
Bachelor's Degree	11.7%	19.8%	17.7%
Graduate or Professional Degree	3.7%	9.0%	10.4%

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

RICHLAND COUNTY - EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY ANNUAL AVERAGES 2010

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	542	5,291	\$38,767
TOTAL PRIVATE	506	4,580	\$39,341
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING	10	93	\$25,670
Crop production	2	*	*
Animal production	7	62	\$29,122
Agriculture & forestry support	1	*	*
MINING	45	575	\$68,795
Oil and gas extraction	7	*	*
Mining, except oil and gas	3	*	*
Support activities for mining	35	472	\$66,473
UTILITIES	7	59	\$80,740
CONSTRUCTION	72	463	\$50,532
Construction of buildings	17	77	\$52,616
Heavy and civil engineering construction	18	252	\$58,034
Specialty trade contractors	37	135	\$35,296
MANUFACTURING	12	309	\$36,278
Food manufacturing	6	*	*
Beverage and tobacco product mfg	1	*	*
Leather and allied product manufacturing	1	*	*
Printing and related support activities	1	*	*
Nonmetallic mineral product mfg	1	*	*
Furniture and related product mfg	1	*	*
Miscellaneous manufacturing	1	*	*
WHOLESALE TRADE	31	237	\$43,417
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	8	105	\$55,782
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	18	103	\$33,614
Electronic markets & agents and brokers	4	29	\$33,358
RETAIL TRADE	54	524	\$23,215
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	13	112	\$32,990
Furniture and home furnishings stores	3	42	\$19,488
Electronics and appliance stores	3	24	\$26,721
Building material & garden supply stores	7	37	\$33,140
Food and beverage stores	2	*	*
Health and personal care stores	1	*	*
Gasoline stations	8	107	\$17,996
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	5	16	\$12,619
Sporting good, hobby, book, music stores	3	8	\$9,412
General merchandise stores	2	*	*
Miscellaneous store retailers	3	6	\$8,396
Nonstore retailers	4	8	\$45,064
TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING	46	362	\$57,730
Truck transportation	35	286	\$58,646
Transit and ground passenger transport	3	10	\$10,034

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

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
Pipeline transportation	5	40	\$75,729
Support activities for transportation	2	*	*
Couriers and messengers	1	*	*
Warehousing and storage	1	*	*
INFORMATION	7	35	\$34,276
Publishing industries, except Internet	2	*	*
Broadcasting, except Internet	1	*	*
Telecommunications	4	*	*
FINANCE AND INSURANCE	21	130	\$40,846
Credit intermediation & related activity	6	89	\$42,491
Securities, comm. contracts, investments	8	15	\$54,948
Insurance carriers & related activities	7	27	\$27,830
REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AND LEASING	15	112	\$44,046
Real estate	7	10	\$18,293
Rental and leasing services	8	102	\$46,530
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	47	170	\$50,479
MANAGEMENT OF COMPANIES AND ENTERPRISES	1	*	*
ADMINISTRATIVE AND WASTE SERVICES	13	49	\$30,045
Administrative and support services	10	39	\$28,042
Waste management and remediation service	3	10	\$37,632
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	3	4	\$6,186
HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	38	727	\$30,276
Ambulatory health care services	22	132	\$48,205
Hospitals	1	*	*
Nursing and residential care facilities	3	152	\$25,260
Social assistance	12	*	*
ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION	11	116	\$13,247
Amusements, gambling, and recreation	11	116	\$13,247
ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES	34	439	\$11,733
Accommodation	4	71	\$11,414
Food services and drinking places	30	369	\$11,795
OTHER SERVICES	42	147	\$23,001
Repair and maintenance	16	59	\$35,076
Personal and laundry services	3	17	\$28,074
Membership associations & organizations	20	67	\$12,545
Private households	3	6	\$6,185
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	36	710	\$35,072
Local Government	17	579	\$32,176
State Government	9	30	\$37,796
Federal Government	10	101	\$50,789

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 RICHLAND COUNTY

	2007 Census	2002 Census	% Change
FARMS			
Farms: (number)	548	587	-7%
Land in farms (acres)	1,279,300	1,201,436	6%
Average size of farms (acres)	2,334	2,047	14%
Median size of farms (acres)	1,141	993	15%
Farms by size: (number)			
Less than 1,000 acres	266	322	-17%
1,000 acres or more	282	265	6%
Farms by value of products sold: (number)			
Less than \$100,000	368	445	-17%
\$100,000 or more	180	142	27%
Farms by type of organization: (number)			
Family, Individual, Partnership	455	506	-10%
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	93	81	15%
LIVESTOCK INVENTORY AND CROPS HARVESTED			
Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)			
Cattle and calves	82,622	64,689	28%
Hogs and pigs	46	120	-62%
Sheep and lambs	4,990	7,010	-29%
Horses and ponies	1,162	1,115	4%
Bison	0	109	NA
Chickens (layers and broilers)	*	*	*
Crops Harvested (acres)			
Corn for grain	7,463	1,907	291%
Corn for silage or greenchop	4,253	5,536	-23%
Wheat for grain, All	157,635	138,670	14%
Winter wheat for grain	10,137	3,475	192%
Spring wheat for grain	127,379	114,496	11%
Durum wheat for grain	20,119	20,699	-3%
Oats for grain	3,762	3,871	-3%
Barley for grain	25,171	14,494	74%
Hay, haylage, grass silage	64,272	55,191	16%
Sunflower seed, All	0	0	NA
OPERATOR DEMOGRAPHICS			
Primary occupation: (number)			
Farming	314	396	-21%
Other	234	191	23%
Place of residence: (number)			
On farm operated	380	428	-11%
Not on farm operated	168	159	6%
Years on present farm: (number)			
Less than 10 years	112	119	-6%
10 years or more	436	468	-7%
Age group: (number)			
Under 55 years	257	324	-21%
55 years and over	291	263	11%
Average age of operators: (number)	56.8	55.0	3%

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

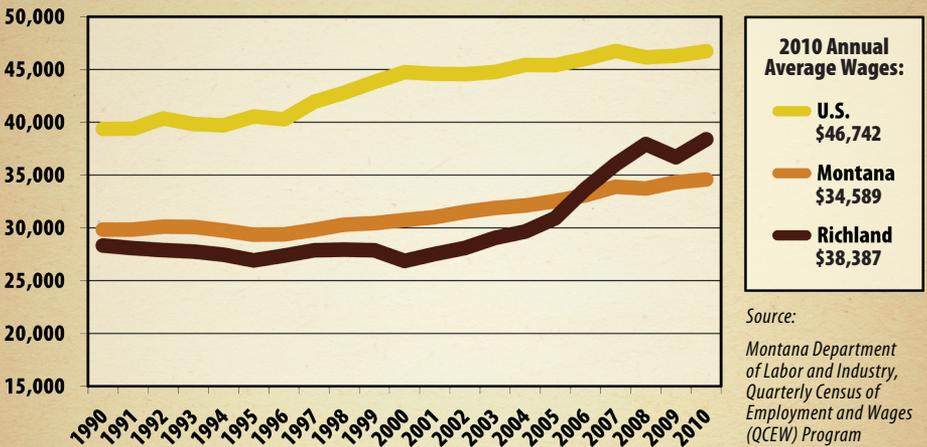
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ANNUAL AVERAGE LABOR FORCE - RICHLAND COUNTY

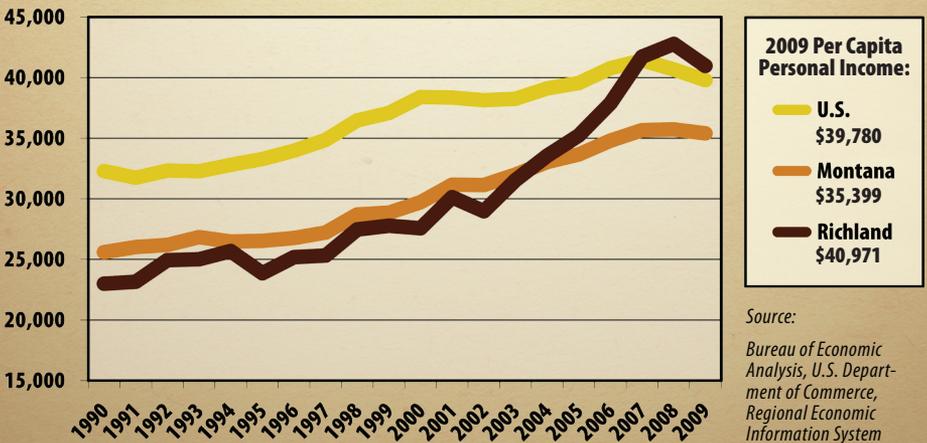
Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2010	5,745	5,535	210	3.7%
2009	5,443	5,206	237	4.4%
2008	5,568	5,410	158	2.8%
2007	5,437	5,315	122	2.2%
2006	5,096	4,968	128	2.5%
2005	5,033	4,885	148	2.9%

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

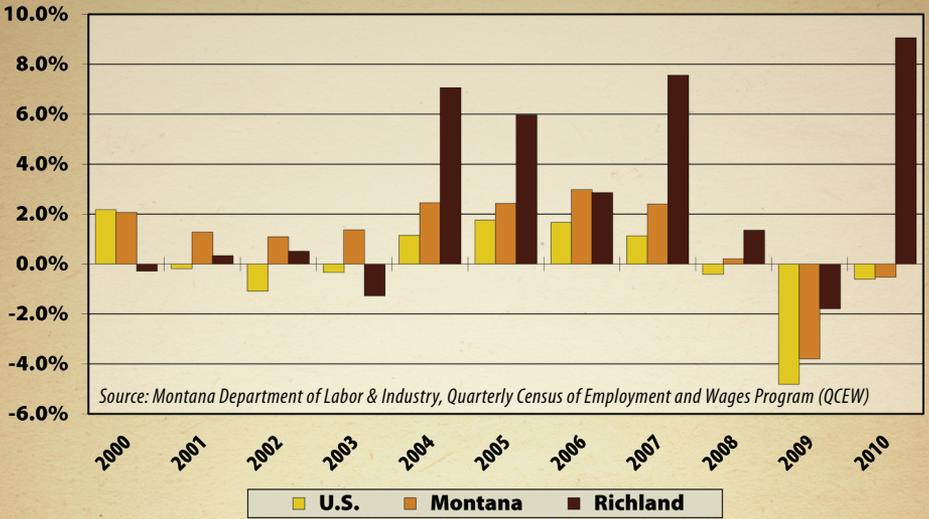
ANNUAL AVERAGE WAGES - RICHLAND COUNTY, 1990-2010
(In 2010 Dollars)



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



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



RESOURCES FOR RICHLAND COUNTY

Chambers of Commerce

Fairview Chamber of Commerce

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Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture

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Job Service Workforce Center

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