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# Montana

## COUNTY FLIERS

### Economic and Demographic Information for

# SILVER BOW COUNTY



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





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Silver Bow County is Montana's eighth most populous county with 34,200 residents, according to the 2010 U.S. Census. In 1977, the county and the city of Butte consolidated their governments into a single entity known as Butte-Silver Bow. Among Montana's cities, the Butte-Silver Bow area ranks as the fifth most populous.<sup>1</sup> Other cities and towns in Silver Bow County include: Centerville, Divide, Melrose, Ramsay, Silver Bow, and Walkerville.

Butte, a former copper mining boomtown, was once Montana's largest city. While copper mining continues on a smaller scale, Butte's economy is now driven by more diverse sources, such as Health Care, Retail Trade, Utilities, and Tourism. A town rich in history and possessing one of the largest historical districts in the U.S., Butte has developed a successful "heritage tourism" industry. Additionally, Butte has attracted several technology-based companies to the area, such as Advanced Silicon Materials LLC, Synesis7, Portlock Software, e-DOCS USA, and ITG World.<sup>2</sup> In 2009, Butte AeroTec began testing rocket, jet, and hybrid engines.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Decennial Census

<sup>2</sup>"Butte-Silver Bow Community Business Plan," Butte Local Development Corporation, [www.buttemontana.org/Draft%20Business%20Plan%20final%20draft.pdf](http://www.buttemontana.org/Draft%20Business%20Plan%20final%20draft.pdf)

<sup>3</sup>Tim Trainor, "Rocket site ready to blast off," *The Montana Standard*, Jan. 14th, 2009, [www.mtstandard.com/articles/2009/01/15/area/hjjajijfbggfj.txt](http://www.mtstandard.com/articles/2009/01/15/area/hjjajijfbggfj.txt)

## TOP 20 PRIVATE EMPLOYERS IN SILVER BOW COUNTY

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

Business Name	Size Class	Business Name	Size Class
Acadia Montana	7	Lady of the Rockies Rehab and Living Center	6
Advanced Silicon Materials	7	Montana Resources	7
Aware Inc.	6	Northwestern Energy	8
BSW	6	Optimum	5
Butte Convalescent Center	6	Safeway	6
Community Counseling & Correctional Service	6	Silver House	6
Community Health Center	6	St James Community Hospital	8
Easter Seals - Goodwill	6	Town Pump	7
Harrington Restaurant Supply	5	Wal-Mart	7
Human Resources Council Dist XII (Headstart)	5	YMCA of Butte	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.

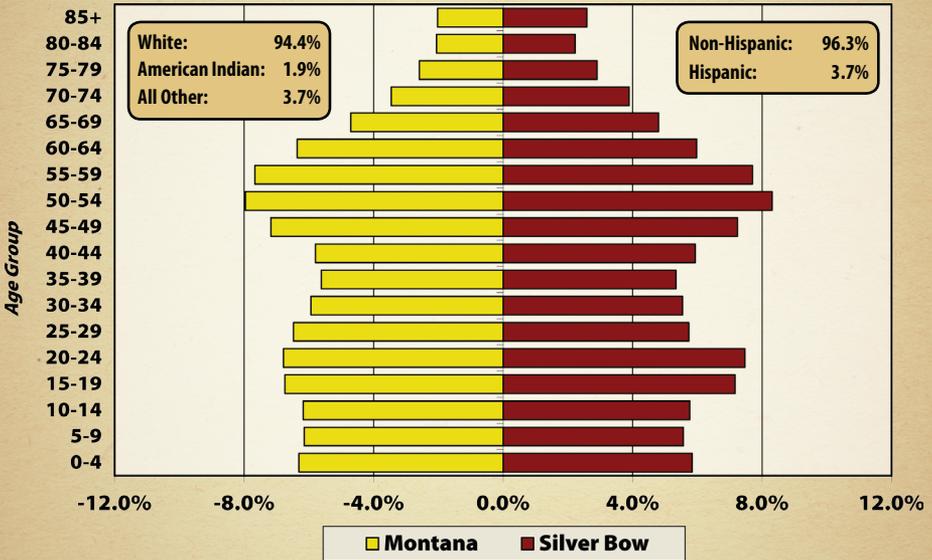
Source: Montana Department of Labor and Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment of Wages (QCEW) Program. This list ONLY includes industry employers subject to unemployment insurance. Railroads, tribal entities, and government agencies are excluded.

**POPULATION FOR SILVER BOW COUNTY AND RELATED AREAS**

Geography	Census 2000	2002 Estimate	2004 Estimate	2006 Estimate	2008 Estimate	Census 2010	% Change 2000-2010
Silver Bow County	34,606	33,351	32,869	32,646	32,776	34,200	-1.2%
Butte-Silver Bow (balance)	33,892	32,664	32,179	31,961	32,095	33,525	-1.1%
Walkerville town	714	687	690	685	681	675	-5.5%

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

**DISTRIBUTION OF POPULATION BY AGE - SILVER BOW COUNTY, 2010**



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

Educational Attainment	Silver Bow County	Montana	United States
Less than a High School Diploma	9.8%	8.3%	14.4%
High School Diploma (or equivalent)	38.8%	29.9%	28.5%
Some College	21.7%	25.1%	21.3%
Associate's Degree	7.4%	7.9%	7.6%
Bachelor's Degree	15.3%	19.8%	17.7%
Graduate or Professional Degree	7.1%	9.0%	10.4%

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

## SILVER BOW COUNTY - EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY ANNUAL AVERAGES 2010

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
<b>TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES</b>	1,238	15,279	\$35,723
<b>TOTAL PRIVATE</b>	1,194	12,817	\$34,302
<b>AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING &amp; HUNTING</b>	4	11	\$30,000
Crop production	3	*	*
Animal production	1	*	*
<b>MINING</b>	6	*	*
Oil and gas extraction	1	*	*
Mining, except oil and gas	1	*	*
Support activities for mining	4	36	\$65,463
<b>UTILITIES</b>	9	*	*
<b>CONSTRUCTION</b>	125	553	\$38,994
Construction of buildings	41	142	\$33,886
Heavy and civil engineering construction	12	88	\$56,049
Specialty trade contractors	72	323	\$36,565
<b>MANUFACTURING</b>	42	600	\$49,840
Food manufacturing	6	38	\$16,394
Beverage and tobacco product mfg	4	119	\$32,040
Textile product mills	2	*	*
Wood product manufacturing	4	11	\$43,044
Printing and related support activities	4	21	\$23,912
Chemical manufacturing	4	*	*
Nonmetallic mineral product mfg	2	*	*
Primary metal manufacturing	3	*	*
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	4	34	\$23,083
Machinery manufacturing	1	*	*
Computer and electronic product mfg	1	*	*
Electrical equipment and appliance mfg	1	*	*
Furniture and related product mfg	1	*	*
Miscellaneous manufacturing	5	11	\$17,374
<b>WHOLESALE TRADE</b>	49	368	\$41,746
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	30	170	\$46,999
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	12	157	\$35,726
Electronic markets & agents and brokers	7	41	\$43,077
<b>RETAIL TRADE</b>	164	2,149	\$23,326
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	25	310	\$33,799
Furniture and home furnishings stores	13	97	\$30,002
Electronics and appliance stores	10	36	\$22,288
Building material & garden supply stores	15	113	\$32,362
Food and beverage stores	14	294	\$23,235
Health and personal care stores	10	60	\$19,470
Gasoline stations	16	230	\$19,475
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	16	72	\$14,534
Sporting good, hobby, book, music stores	12	115	\$13,125
General merchandise stores	7	623	\$20,888
Miscellaneous store retailers	20	136	\$17,652
Nonstore retailers	7	64	\$28,977
<b>TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING</b>	40	315	\$38,528
Air transportation	1	*	*

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

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
Truck transportation	18	140	\$48,475
Transit and ground passenger transport	4	32	\$15,918
Support activities for transportation	8	32	\$41,345
Couriers and messengers	6	87	\$34,343
Warehousing and storage	3	14	\$26,100
<b>INFORMATION</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>\$49,192</b>
Publishing industries, except Internet	3	*	*
Motion picture, sound recording industry	3	*	*
Broadcasting, except Internet	4	52	\$39,098
Telecommunications	8	170	\$62,626
ISPs, search portals, & data processing	2	*	*
<b>FINANCE AND INSURANCE</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>\$44,541</b>
Credit intermediation & related activity	26	216	\$35,149
Securities, comm. contracts, investments	6	*	*
Insurance carriers & related activities	23	77	\$60,717
Funds, trusts, other financial vehicles	1	*	*
<b>REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AND LEASING</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>\$21,378</b>
Real estate	29	60	\$22,573
Rental and leasing services	13	88	\$20,556
<b>PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>717</b>	<b>\$49,701</b>
<b>MANAGEMENT OF COMPANIES AND ENTERPRISES</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>*</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE AND WASTE SERVICES</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>\$25,766</b>
Administrative and support services	53	362	\$25,930
Waste management and remediation service	5	58	\$24,738
<b>EDUCATIONAL SERVICES</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>\$16,459</b>
<b>HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>2,896</b>	<b>\$32,709</b>
Ambulatory health care services	90	853	\$35,707
Hospitals	3	888	\$47,906
Nursing and residential care facilities	17	662	\$21,840
Social assistance	38	493	\$14,771
<b>ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>\$13,724</b>
Performing arts and spectator sports	4	*	*
Museums, historical sites, zoos, & parks	3	*	*
Amusements, gambling, and recreation	47	442	\$14,128
<b>ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>1,727</b>	<b>\$12,560</b>
Accommodation	19	347	\$14,188
Food services and drinking places	112	1,380	\$12,151
<b>OTHER SERVICES</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>513</b>	<b>\$21,401</b>
Repair and maintenance	35	147	\$28,451
Personal and laundry services	19	*	*
Membership associations & organizations	44	301	\$18,657
Private households	2	*	*
<b>TOTAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>2,461</b>	<b>\$43,123</b>
Local Government	10	1,157	\$39,158
State Government	13	1,009	\$43,595
Federal Government	21	296	\$57,012

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 SILVER BOW COUNTY

	2007 Census	2002 Census	% Change
<b>FARMS</b>			
Farms: (number)	175	155	13%
Land in farms (acres)	101,081	73,792	37%
Average size of farms (acres)	578	476	21%
Median size of farms (acres)	150	180	-17%
Farms by size: (number)			
Less than 1,000 acres	150	135	11%
1,000 acres or more	25	20	25%
Farms by value of products sold: (number)			
Less than \$100,000	159	145	10%
\$100,000 or more	16	10	60%
Farms by type of organization: (number)			
Family, Individual, Partnership	154	146	5%
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	21	9	133%
<b>LIVESTOCK INVENTORY AND CROPS HARVESTED</b>			
Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)			
Cattle and calves	9,103	5,937	53%
Hogs and pigs	76	(D)	(D)
Sheep and lambs	219	291	-25%
Horses and ponies	683	758	-10%
Bison	0	56	NA
Chickens (layers and broilers)	135	68	99%
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		NA
Barley for grain	0	0	NA
Hay, haylage, grass silage	6,710	6,281	7%
Sunflower seed, All	0	0	NA
<b>OPERATOR DEMOGRAPHICS</b>			
Primary occupation: (number)			
Farming	57	83	-31%
Other	118	72	64%
Place of residence: (number)			
On farm operated	152	139	9%
Not on farm operated	23	16	44%
Years on present farm: (number)			
Less than 10 years	35	42	-17%
10 years or more	140	113	24%
Age group: (number)			
Under 55 years	68	78	-13%
55 years and over	107	77	39%
Average age of operators: (number)	58.7	55.1	7%

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

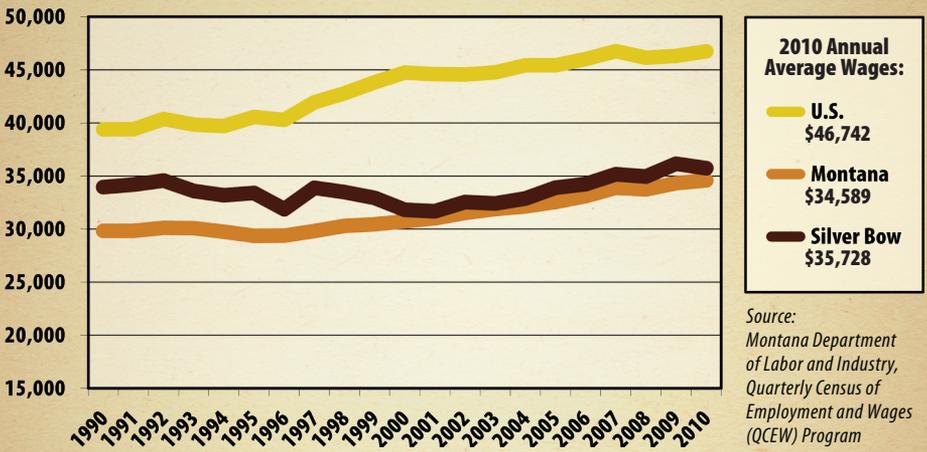
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**ANNUAL AVERAGE LABOR FORCE - SILVER BOW COUNTY**

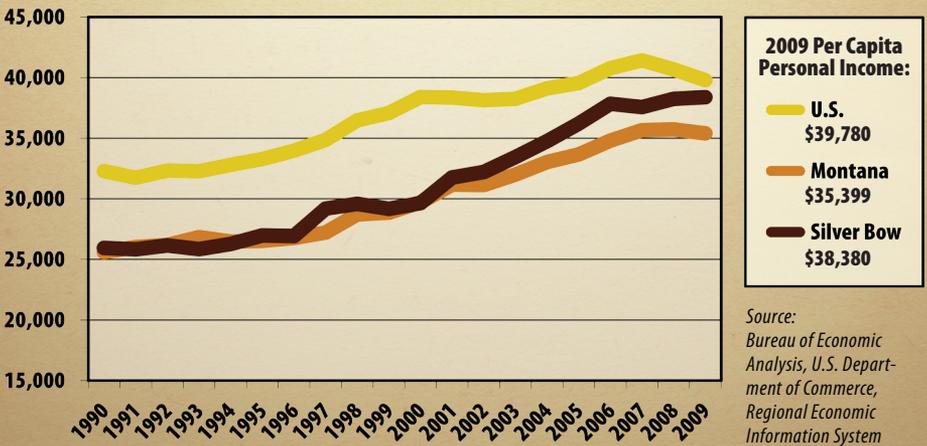
Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2010	17,559	16,479	1,080	6.2%
2009	17,095	16,105	990	5.8%
2008	17,806	17,040	766	4.3%
2007	17,391	16,798	593	3.4%
2006	17,243	16,642	601	3.5%
2005	17,064	16,421	643	3.8%

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

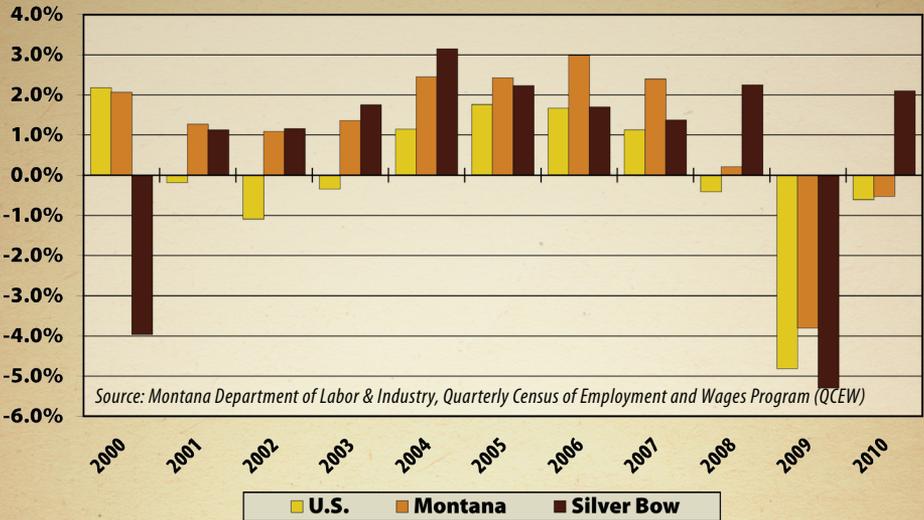
**ANNUAL AVERAGE WAGES - SILVER BOW COUNTY, 1990-2010**  
(In 2010 Dollars)



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



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



## RESOURCES FOR SILVER BOW COUNTY

### Economic Development

#### **Business Expansion And Retention (BEAR)**

Phone: (406) 563-5259  
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#### **Butte Local Development Corporation**

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Butte, MT 59701  
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### Chamber of Commerce

#### **Butte-Silver Bow Chamber of Commerce**

1000 George Street  
Butte, MT 59701  
Phone: (406) 723-3177  
or Toll-Free: (800) 735-6814  
Fax: (406) 723-1215  
E-mail: [bsbchamber@gmail.com](mailto:bsbchamber@gmail.com)  
Web: [www.buttechamber.org](http://www.buttechamber.org)

### Newspapers

#### **Montana Standard**

25 West Granite Street  
Butte, MT 59701  
(406) 496-5500 or (800) 877-1074  
[www.montanastandard.com](http://www.montanastandard.com)

### Job Service Center

#### **Butte Job Service**

2201 White Boulevard  
Butte, MT 59701  
Ph: (406) 494-0300  
Fax: (406) 494-5481  
Email: [ButteJSC@mt.gov](mailto:ButteJSC@mt.gov)  
Web: <http://wsd.dli.mt.gov/local/butte/>

### Higher Education

#### **Montana Tech and the U of M College of Technology**

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