

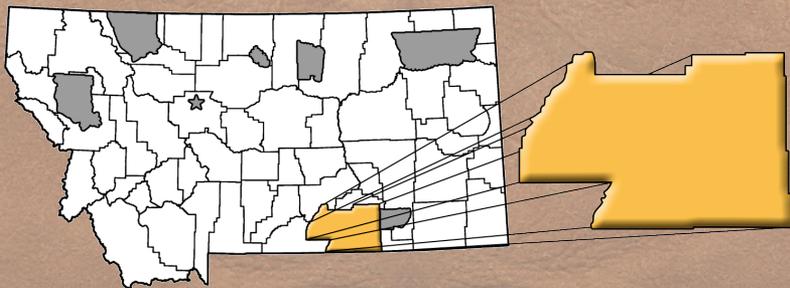


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Demographic and Economic Information



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The Crow Reservation, located in southeastern Montana, is the state's largest reservation encompassing approximately 2.2 million acres. The area is comprised of a wide range of scenery with the Big Horn River, vast plains and rolling hills surrounded by the Wolf Mountains to the east, and the Big Horn and Pryor Mountains to the south. The major communities within the reservation include Crow Agency, Garryowen, Saint Xavier, Lodge Grass, Wyola, and Prior. Major highway access is through U.S. Interstate 90 (north/south) and U.S. Highway 212 (east/west). Air travelers will enjoy viewing the remarkable landscape on the way from the Billings Logan International Airport, Colstrip Airport, Sheridan Country Airport and Miles City Airport.

Approximately 70 percent of over 13,260 enrolled tribal members live on the reservation. The Crow Tribe is originally called "Apsáalooke," meaning "children of the large-beaked bird." White men later misinterpreted the word as "Crow." Eighty-five percent of tribal members living on the reservation speak Crow as their first language.

The Crow Tribal Council, headquartered at Crow Agency, governs the Nation. It is structured in three branches of government: the Executive, Legislative and Judicial Branches. The Executive Branch comprises the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Vice-Secretary. Entities interested in doing business with the Crow Tribe or on the reservation should engage the Office of the Chairman. Visitors should be mindful of tribal protocol, laws and regulations. Interested business parties are encouraged to become familiar with the Crow Economic Development Department and the Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance (TERO) Office. Additional information regarding the tribal government is available online at www.crowtribe.com.

The Crow Tribe has focused its efforts on establishing the legal and financial infrastructure to support small business development as well as natural resources and energy development on the reservation including coal, oil, gas, minerals, and renewable energy. Since adopting the new constitution in 2001, the Crow Legislature has approved the Finance Protection and Procedures Act and the Model Tribal Secured Transactions Act which enables tribal members to obtain home ownership and business ownership financing. Additionally, the Tribe enacted the Apsáalooke Limited Liability Corporation Act. In 2007, a Uniform Commercial Code Compact with the Montana Secretary of State's Office established a joint sovereign filing system. The Crow Tribe was the first Indian Tribe in the nation to sign this type of compact. To support the development and expansion of small businesses, the Tribe has established the Apsáalooke Nation Revolving Loan Fund and is in the process of chartering a Native Certified Financial Institution (CDFI), Apsáalooke Development Fund.

The Little Big Horn College is the Tribe's higher education and cultural center that grants associate of arts and associate of science degrees and certificates as well distance learning opportunities. The academic programs are in fields that reflect the developing economic opportunities and social needs of the reservation and surrounding communities, while integrating the Crow culture and language. The average annual college enrollment is 300 full-time students. Additional information regarding the tribal college services is available online at www.lbhc.edu.

Crow Reservation Wage & Salary Employment Annual Averages 2009 - 2011

Industry	Employment			Wages			2009-2011 Growth	
	2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011	Emp.	Wage
Total	2,020	2,173	2,243	\$30,687	\$34,871	\$35,572	11.0%	28.7%
Total Private	329	472	478	\$23,976	\$40,555	\$40,891	45.3%	147.8%
Goods Producing	45	219	221	\$27,054	\$62,255	\$62,419	391.1%	1033.1%
Natural Resources and Mining	41	N/A	N/A	\$28,641	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Construction	N/A	N/A	19	N/A	N/A	\$65,607	N/A	N/A
Service Providing	284	253	257	\$23,488	\$21,772	\$22,378	-9.5%	-13.8%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	97	78	85	\$12,078	\$14,521	\$15,808	-12.4%	14.7%
Retail Trade	85	N/A	72	\$11,824	N/A	\$14,363	-15.3%	2.9%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	10	8	9	\$32,165	\$37,070	\$30,072	-10.0%	-15.9%
Education and Health Services	101	100	97	\$26,222	\$28,025	\$29,209	-4.0%	7.0%
Leisure and Hospitality	48	58	62	\$18,538	\$19,411	\$19,513	29.2%	36.0%
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	30	N/A	21	\$20,464	N/A	\$25,369	-30.0%	-13.2%
Accommodation and Food Services	18	N/A	41	\$15,329	N/A	\$16,513	127.8%	145.4%
Accommodation	N/A	N/A	23	N/A	N/A	\$21,096	N/A	N/A
Food Services	N/A	N/A	18	N/A	N/A	\$10,656	N/A	N/A
Other Services	11	N/A	N/A	\$14,321	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total Government	1,691	1,701	1,765	\$31,993	\$33,294	\$34,131	4.4%	11.4%
Local	1,293	1,311	1,373	\$24,591	\$25,934	\$26,231	6.2%	13.3%
Local Government Education	140	284	369	\$26,626	\$29,549	\$25,543	163.6%	152.9%
Local Government Non-Education	1,153	1,027	1,004	\$24,344	\$24,934	\$26,484	-12.9%	-5.3%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Note: This data is based on the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) series which compiles data reported by all employers covered under Montana unemployment insurance. Some sectors are not shown to preserve confidentiality of individual businesses.

American Indian and Total Population for Crow Reservation and Related Areas

Geography	American Indian Population					
	Census		% Change	Estimate		% Change
	2000	2010	2000-2010	2011	2012	2011-2012
Crow Reservation	5,165	5,322	3.04%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Big Horn County	7,597	8,369	10.16%	8,229	8,416	2.27%
Crow Agency CDP	1,485	1,563	5.25%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Fort Smith CDP	40	41	2.50%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Lodge Grass	442	428	-3.17%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Pryor CDP	533	528	-0.94%	n/a	n/a	n/a
St. Xavier CDP	35	46	31.43%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Wyola CDP	147	176	19.73%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Yellowstone County	4,097	6,188	51.04%	6,393	6,546	2.39%

Geography	Total Population					
	Census		% Change	Estimate		% Change
	2000	2010	2000-2010	2011	2012	2011-2012
Crow Reservation	6,894	6,863	-0.45%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Big Horn County	12,669	12,865	1.55%	13,093	13,061	-0.24%
Crow Agency CDP	1,552	1,616	4.12%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Fort Smith CDP	122	371	204.10%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Lodge Grass	510	618	21.18%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Pryor CDP	628	83	-86.78%	n/a	n/a	n/a
St. Xavier CDP	67	252	276.12%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Wyola CDP	186	215	15.59%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Yellowstone County	129,570	147,972	14.20%	150,069	151,882	1.21%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau n/a = Not available

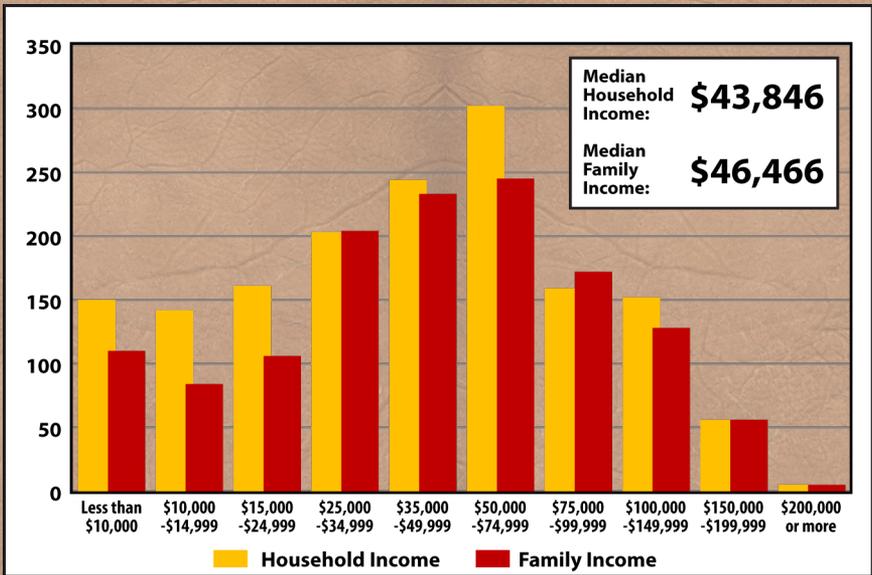
CDP = Census designated places. CDPs are delineated for each decennial census as the statistical counterparts of incorporated places. CDPs are delineated to provide data for settled concentrations of population that are identifiable by name but are not legally incorporated under the laws of the state in which they are located. The boundaries usually are defined in cooperation with local and tribal officials. These boundaries, which usually coincide with visible features or the boundary of an adjacent incorporated place or other legal entity boundary, have no legal status, nor do these places have officials elected to serve traditional municipal functions.

Crow Reservation - Educational Attainment Population 25 Years and Older

Educational Attainment	American Indian			Total Population
	Male	Female	Total %	
Less than high school diploma	19.7%	25.4%	22.7%	17.9%
High school graduate, GED, or alternative	37.2%	29.1%	33.1%	35.1%
Some college or associate's degree	34.0%	30.0%	31.9%	33.4%
Bachelor's degree or higher	9.0%	15.5%	12.4%	13.5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007-2011 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Crow Reservation - Distribution of Income by Family and Household, 5-Year Estimates 2006-2010



Household Income: This includes the income of the householder and all other individuals 15 years or older in the household, whether they are related to the householder or not. Because many households consist of only one person, average household income is usually less than average family income.

Family Income: In compiling statistics on family income, the incomes of all members 15 years old and over related to the householder are summed and treated as a single amount.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007-2011 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Crow Reservation* - Occupation by Gender Employed Civilian Population 16 Years and Over

Occupation	American Indian	Total
Total - All Occupations	1,402	2,356
Total Male	709	1,317
Management, business, science, and arts occupations	178	377
Service occupations	184	242
Sales and office occupations	105	189
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations	167	362
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	75	148
Total Female	693	1,039
Management, business, science, and arts occupations	270	378
Service occupations	205	291
Sales and office occupations	208	347
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations	8	17
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	2	5

*Includes both Crow Reservation and Off-Reservation Trust Land, MT

Source: 2007-2011 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Crow Reservation - Labor Force Statistics

The labor force statistics come from three separate sources. The dissimilar numbers result from the differing definitions and statistical techniques used by each source. These differences are explained below:

Source	Year	Labor Force	Employed	Unemp.	Unemp. Rate
MT Dept. of Labor & Industry	2012	3,277	2,454	823	25.1%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statistics represent labor characteristics of the reservation, not the tribe. • Labor Force definition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civilian, non-institutional population 16 years and older • The sum of Employment and Unemployment • Employment definition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did any work as paid employees • Worked in their own business, profession, or farm • Worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers in a family owned enterprise • Unemployment definition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have not worked during monthly survey period (usually the week of the 12th of the month) • Available for work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actively seeking a job during last four weeks • Unemployment Rate equals the number Unemployed divided by number in the Labor Force 					

Source	Year	Labor Force	Employed	Unemp.	Unemp. Rate
U.S. Census Bureau	2007-11	3,285	2,356	929	28.3%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statistics represent labor characteristics of the reservation, not the tribe. • Uses the same definitions for Labor Force, Employment, and Unemployment as U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics • From the American Community Survey • Rate reflects the five-year estimates from the years 2007 to 2011 					

Source	Year	Labor Force	Employed	Unemp.	Unemp. Rate
U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs	2005	4,593	2,455	2,138	46.5%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statistics represent labor characteristics of the tribe, not the reservation. • Labor Force definition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of tribal members between 16 and 64 years old • Available for work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not disabled or incarcerated • Employment definition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tribal members working for money • Unemployment calculated by subtracting Employment from Labor Force 					

Owner and Renter Occupied Housing Units

Housing	American Indian	Total
Owner Occupied	69.7%	71.7%
Rental Occupied	30.2%	28.3%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2007 to 2011

Crow Reservation - Agricultural Statistics 2007 Census of Agriculture

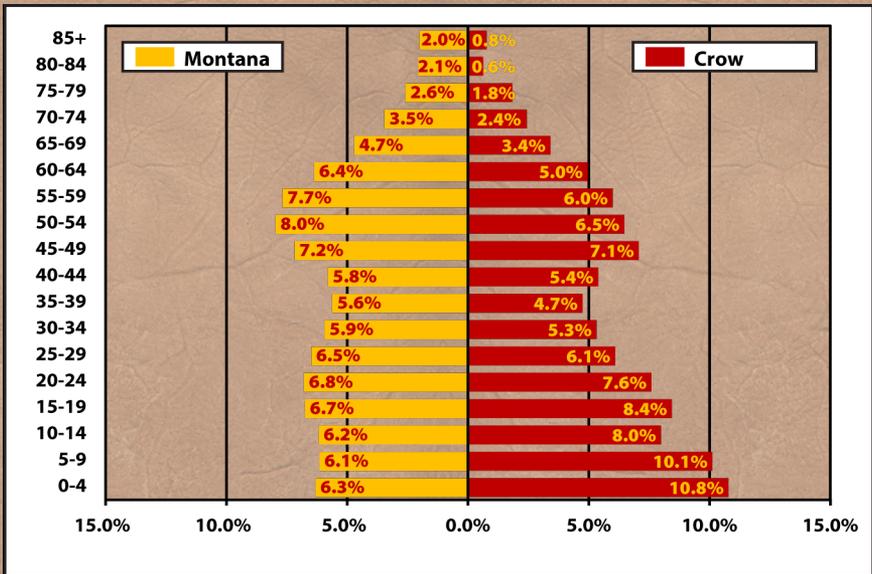
	2002		2007	
	All Farms	Farms Operated by American Indians	All Farms	Farms Operated by American Indians
Farms				
Farms: (number)	377	138	492	236
Land in farms (acres)	1,989,372	838,738	2,404,990	818,845
Average size of farms (acres)	5,277	6,078	4,888	3,470
Farms by size: (number)				
Less than 1,000 acres	196	89	289	168
1,000 acres or more	181	49	203	68
Farms by value of products sold and government payments received: (number)				
Less than \$100,000	259	124	356	212
\$100,000 or more	103	14	136	24
Farms by type of organization: (number)				
Family, Individual, Partnership	336	130	440	227
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	41	8	52	9
Livestock Inventory and Crops Harvested				
Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)				
Cattle and calves	57,297	9,842	95,383	9,710
Hogs and pigs	(D)	-	98	(D)
Sheep and lambs	(D)	-	312	-
Horses and ponies	3,031	1,571	5,772	2,960
Bison	1,981	(D)	2,126	(D)
Chickens (layers and broilers)	251	(D)	890	603
Crops Harvested (acres)				
Corn for grain	(D)	-	648	-
Corn for silage or greenchop	2,061	-	2,837	-
Wheat for grain, All	75,488	2,840	86,701	5,826
Winter wheat for grain	59,717	(D)	72,265	5,017
Durum wheat for grain	-	-	-	-
Spring wheat for grain	15,771	(D)	14,436	809
Barley for grain	8,264	-	12,616	(D)
Oats for grain	670	(D)	368	(D)
Sunflower seed, All	-	-	-	-
Soybeans for beans	(D)	-	-	-
Hay, haylage, grass silage	43,052	8,287	62,436	18,355
Operator Demographics				
Primary occupation: (number)				
Farming	341	69	360	74
Other	218	107	351	203
Place of residence: (number)				
On farm operated	453	147	542	196
Not on farm operated	106	29	169	81
Years on present farm: (number)				
Less than 10 years	177	55	192	69
10 years or more	384	121	519	208
Age group: (number)				
Under 55 years	349	112	388	141
55 years and over	210	64	323	136
Average age of operators	50.9	51.2	52.2	52.2

(D): Not Disclosable

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

Crow Reservation - Population Pyramid

Percent of Total Reservation Population by Age Group



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2010

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