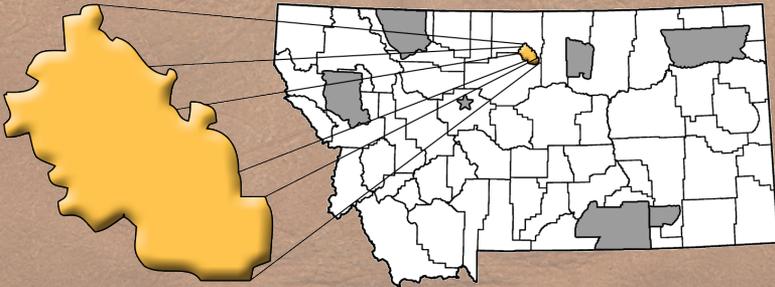


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The Rocky Boy's Reservation, home to the Chippewa Cree Tribe, encompasses nearly 130,000 acres in north central Montana. Located nearly 50 miles south of the Canadian border, the reservation area comprises a wide range of landscapes from rolling high-plains grasslands to the subalpine mountains of the Bear Paw. The major communities within the reservation include Box Elder, Rocky Boy Agency, Azure, Bonneau, Parker School, Saint Pierre and Sangrey. Major highway access is through U.S. Highway 87 (north/south) and U.S. Highway 2 (east/west). Air travelers will take pleasure in viewing the beautiful landscape on the way from the Havre City-County Airport, Great Falls International Airport, Malta Airport, and Cut Bank Municipal airport.

Approximately 60 percent of over 6,000 enrolled Chippewa Cree tribal members reside on the reservation. The name "Rocky Boy" was derived from the name of a leader of a band of Chippewa Indians. It actually meant "Stone Child," but it was not translated correctly and "Rocky Boy" evolved. The tribe calls itself "Ne Hiyawak," meaning "those who speak the same language."

The Chippewa Cree Business Council, headquartered in Rocky Boy Agency, governs the Tribe. It comprises nine elected members representing the reservation at large and includes the Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Entities interested in doing business with the Chippewa Cree 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 Chippewa Cree Planning and Development Office, and the Chippewa Cree Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance (TERO) Office. Additional information regarding the tribal government is available online at www.chippewacree.org.

In 2012, the Chippewa Cree Business Council adopted the Model Tribal Secured Transaction Act, a set of codified rules that govern lender-borrower transactions and facilitate the flow of credit on the Rocky Boy's Reservation. A Uniform Commercial Code Compact signed with the Montana Secretary of State's Office established a joint sovereign filing system for lenders to perfect security interests in personal property collateral on the reservation. A Tribal Probate Code has also been established to simplify the probate process. Business ventures of the Tribe include Chippewa Cree Construction Company, Plain Green Financial, Northern Winz Casino, and the Dry Fork Farm and Ranch. Major employers

on the reservation are Stone Child College and Rocky Boy Schools, which are compacted, the tribal government, Chippewa Cree Housing Authority, Gramma's Market, and the Rocky Boy Health Board. Small business is a growing sector on the reservation.

The Chippewa Cree Multi-Purpose Building hosts employment activities such as certifications, trainings, job fairs, and tribal member businesses activities. The Stone Child College provides post-secondary educational programs to prepare students for meaningful employment through degrees, certificates and continuing education, while integrating the Chippewa Cree language, culture, and history. The average annual college enrollment is over 400 students. Additional information regarding the tribal college services is available online at www.stonechild.edu.

Rocky Boy's Wage & Salary Employment Annual Averages 2009 - 2011

Industry	Employment			Wages			2009-2011 Growth	
	2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011	Emp.	Wage
Total	851	967	1,021	\$37,616	\$39,433	\$42,206	20.0%	34.6%
Private	122	116	130	\$33,629	\$40,530	\$40,513	6.6%	28.4%
Goods Producing	47	76	87	\$49,298	\$49,674	\$47,313	85.1%	77.7%
Service Providing	75	40	43	\$23,811	\$23,158	\$26,756	-42.7%	-35.6%
Total Government	729	851	891	\$38,283	\$39,283	\$42,453	22.2%	35.5%
Federal	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Local	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Local Government Education	N/A	N/A	329	N/A	N/A	\$40,547	N/A	N/A
Local Government Non-Education	471	591	N/A	\$39,192	\$39,597	N/A	N/A	N/A

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 Rocky Boy's Reservation and Related Areas

Geography	American Indian Population					
	Census		% Change	Estimate		% Change
	2000	2010	2000-2010	2011	2012	2011-2012
Rocky Boy's Reservation	2,578	3,221	24.94%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Chouteau County	860	1,270	47.67%	1,235	1,198	-3.00%
Boneau CDP	185	367	98.38%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Hill County	2,907	3,511	20.78%	3,545	3,612	1.89%
Agency CDP	241	278	15.35%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Azure CDP	344	336	-2.33%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Parker School CDP	303	334	10.23%	n/a	n/a	n/a
St. Pierre CDP	282	343	21.63%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Sangrey CDP	252	299	18.65%	n/a	n/a	n/a

Geography	Total Population					
	Census		% Change	Estimate		% Change
	2000	2010	2000-2010	2011	2012	2011-2012
Rocky Boy's Reservation	2,676	3,323	24.18%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Chouteau County	6,062	5,813	-4.11%	5,793	5,904	1.92%
Boneau CDP	190	380	100.00%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Hill County	16,605	16,096	-3.07%	16,397	16,366	-0.19%
Agency CDP	253	286	13.04%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Azure CDP	352	340	-3.41%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Parker School CDP	324	355	9.57%	n/a	n/a	n/a
St. Pierre CDP	289	350	21.11%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Sangrey CDP	263	306	16.35%	n/a	n/a	n/a

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

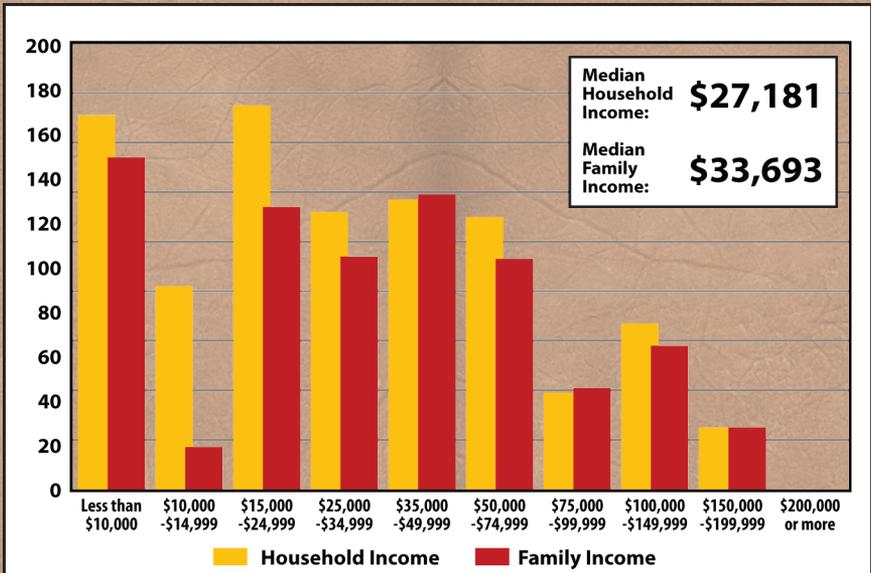
CDP = Census designated places. CDPs are delineated for each decennial census as the statistical counterparts of incorporated places. CDPs are delineated to provide data for settled concentrations of population that are identifiable by name but are not legally incorporated under the laws of the state 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.

Rocky Boy's Reservation - Educational Attainment Population 25 Years and Older

Educational Attainment	American Indian			Total Population
	Male	Female	Total %	
Less than high school diploma	27.4%	16.0%	21.6%	20.6%
High school graduate, GED, or alternative	24.0%	18.4%	21.2%	22.8%
Some college or associate's degree	42.2%	52.9%	47.7%	45.1%
Bachelor's degree or higher	6.3%	12.6%	9.5%	11.6%

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

Rocky Boy's 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

Rocky Boy's Reservation* - Occupation by Gender Employed Civilian Population 16 Years and Over

Occupation	American Indian	Total
Total - All Occupations	913	969
Total Male	415	431
Management, business, science, and arts occupations	108	113
Service occupations	89	89
Sales and office occupations	55	55
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations	119	119
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	44	55
Total Female	498	538
Management, business, science, and arts occupations	161	187
Service occupations	142	156
Sales and office occupations	182	182
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations	13	13
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	0	0

*Includes both Rocky Boy's Reservation and Off-Reservation Trust Land, MT

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

Rocky Boy's 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	1,207	1,006	201	16.7%
<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	1,158	969	189	16.3%
<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	2,030	652	1,378	67.9%
<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	46.2%	44.3%
Rental Occupied	53.8%	55.7%

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

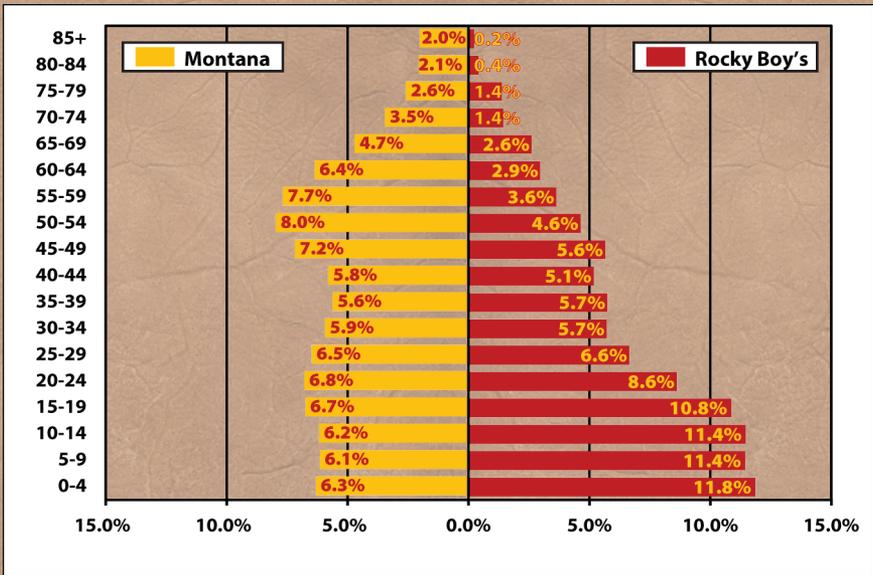
Rocky Boy's Reservation - Agricultural Statistics 2007 Census of Agriculture

	2002		2007	
	All Farms	Farms Operated by American Indians	All Farms	Farms Operated by American Indians
Farms				
Farms: (number)	42	39	100	97
Land in farms (acres)	105,193	93,365	98,976	91,203
Average size of farms (acres)	2,505	2,394	990	940
Farms by size: (number)				
Less than 1,000 acres	29	29	91	90
1,000 acres or more	13	10	9	7
Farms by value of products sold and government payments received: (number)				
Less than \$100,000	39	37	95	93
\$100,000 or more	3	2	5	4
Farms by type of organization: (number)				
Family, Individual, Partnership	35	34	94	92
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	7	5	6	5
Livestock Inventory and Crops Harvested				
Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)				
Cattle and calves	2,213	2,213	2,996	(D)
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	-	-
Sheep and lambs	-	-	3	3
Horses and ponies	347	347	530	(D)
Bison	(D)	(D)	-	-
Chickens (layers and broilers)	0	0	32	32
Crops Harvested (acres)				
Corn for grain	-	-	-	-
Corn for silage or greenchop	-	-	-	-
Wheat for grain, All	6,473	(D)	(D)	(D)
Winter wheat for grain	-	-	(D)	(D)
Durum wheat for grain	(D)	-	-	-
Spring wheat for grain	(D)	(D)	3,441	(D)
Barley for grain	(D)	(D)	-	-
Oats for grain	(D)	(D)	680	680
Sunflower seed, All	-	-	-	-
Soybeans for beans	-	-	-	-
Hay, haylage, grass silage	2,227	2,227	2,735	(D)
Operator Demographics				
Primary occupation: (number)				
Farming	24	19	35	32
Other	30	25	78	78
Place of residence: (number)				
On farm operated	47	39	76	73
Not on farm operated	7	5	37	37
Years on present farm: (number)				
Less than 10 years	22	17	14	14
10 years or more	32	27	99	96
Age group: (number)				
Under 55 years	40	32	60	60
55 years and over	14	12	53	50
Average age of operators	50.4	50.9	54.8	54.4

(D): Not Disclosable

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

Rocky Boy's Reservation - Population Pyramid Percent of Total Reservation Population by Age Group



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2010

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