

## Labor Market, 2023

**Population:** 8,810  
**Labor Force:** 4,291  
**Employed:** 4,180  
**Unemployed:** 111  
**Unemployment Rate:** 2.6%  
 (Below the Statewide Rate of 2.9%)

## Employment Growth

**381 jobs lost** since 2019, about 8% of total jobs.

## Income and Benefits

**\$86,644** average household income in 2022, ranking Dawson County the **14th highest** among counties.

**96.0%** of population with health insurance coverage.

**4.7%** of households receiving SNAP benefits in last year.

**7.5%** of population with income below the federal poverty level (below the state average of 12.4%).

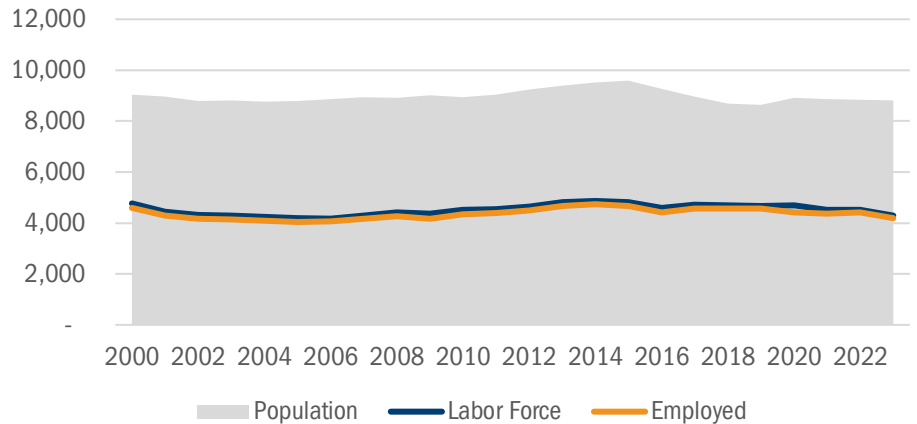
## Highest Paying Industries

Average Annual Wage, 2023

1. Mining & Extraction - \$110,270
2. Information - \$83,190
3. Transportation - \$79,340
4. Professional & Tech Services - \$62,690
5. Wholesale Trade - \$62,180

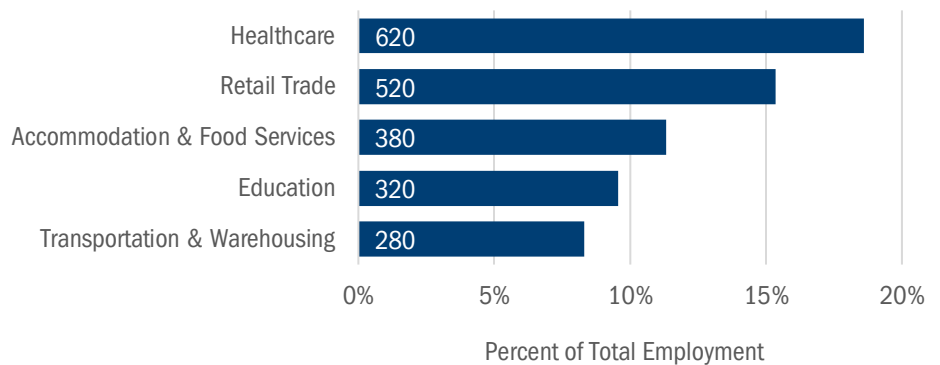
## Workforce Size in Dawson County

Employment, Labor Force, and Population



Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS), U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Population total intercensal tables, Population and Housing Estimates Program, U.S. Census Bureau.

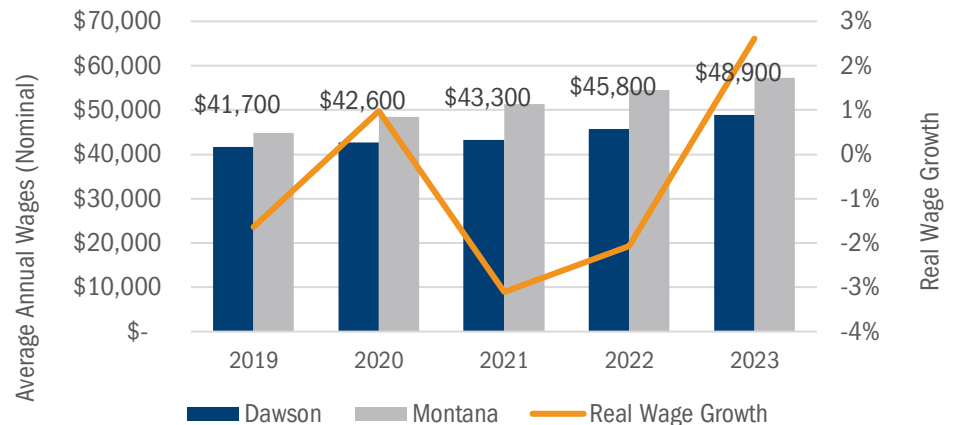
## Top Employing Industries, 2023



Source: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW), U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

## Average Wage and Real Wage Growth

Comparison to Statewide Average



Source: U.S. BLS and Montana Department of Labor & Industry, QCEW and CPI-U. Wages rounded to nearest hundred.



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### Labor Force Participation

**63.4%** of Dawson County's population over 15 participates in the labor force, similar to the statewide rate of 63.0%.

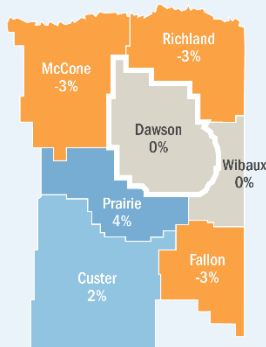
**84.2%** of Dawson County's prime working age population (25 to 54 years old) participates in the labor force, same as the statewide rate of 84.2%.

### Stable Population in Dawson County

Dawson county has **had the same number** of people move in as out since 2020.

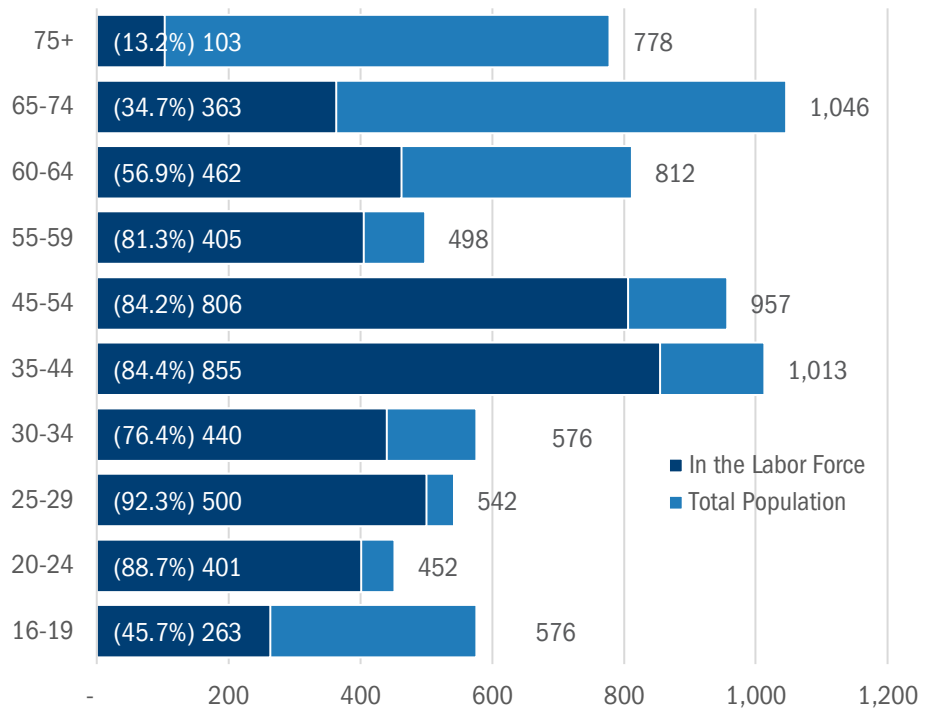
**6.5% of workers** in Dawson County work from home, less than the statewide average of 10.6%.

### Net Migration as a Percent of the Population by County



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Annual Resident Population Estimates, Estimated Components of Resident Population Change, and Rates of the Components of Population Changes for States and Counties: April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2023.

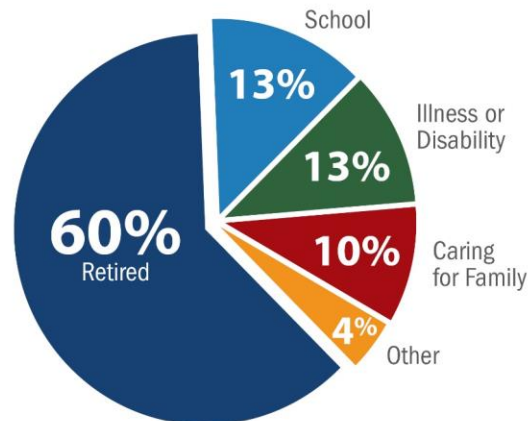
### Population by Age Group and Participation in Labor Force



Source: Census Bureau American Community Survey 2022 5-Year Estimates. Labor force participation rates are in parentheses.

### Most People Not Working are Retired

Reasons Not Participating in Montana Labor Force



Source: Current Population Survey (CPS), U.S. BLS and U.S. Census. MTDLI analysis of IPUMS CPS microdata for Montana for Jan through Dec 2023.

### Labor Force Participation by Sex, Population 20-64

**82.7%**  
men in the labor force

**76.3%**  
women in the labor force

**81.0%**  
mothers with children under 18 in the labor force