### **ECONOMIC OVERVIEW OF FALLON COUNTY**

#### Labor Market, 2023

Population: 2,994 Labor Force: 1,637 Employed: 1,609 Unemployed: 28

**Unemployment Rate**: 1.7% (Below the Statewide Rate of 2.9%)

#### **Employment Growth**

**19 jobs gained** since 2020, about 1% of total jobs.

#### **Income and Benefits**

**\$101,684** average household income in 2022, ranking Fallon County **4th** highest among Montana counties.

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

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

**12.7%** of the population with income below the federal poverty level (similar to the state average of 12.4%).

#### **Highest Paying Industries**

Average Annual Wage, 2023

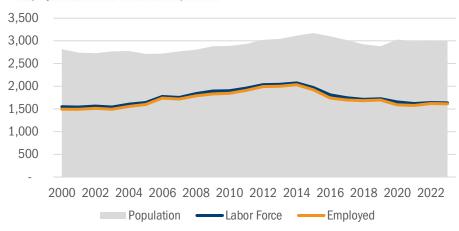
- **1.** Mining & Extraction \$106,210
- **2.** Transportation \$82,190
- **3.** Wholesale Trade \$70,050
- **4.** Construction \$69,480
- Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services - \$65,060

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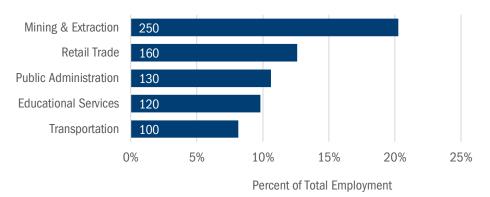
#### **Workforce Size in Fallon County**

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.

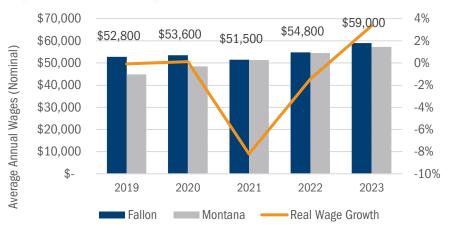
#### Top Employing Industries, 2023



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.

#### **Labor Force Participation**

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

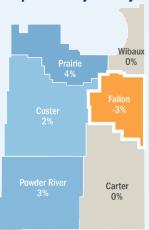
**85.6**% of Falon County's prime working age population (25 to 54 years old) participates in the labor force, similar to the statewide rate of 84.2%.

#### **Population in Fallon County**

Fallon County had **94 more people move out** than in from 2020 to 2023, but total population is still above 2018 levels.

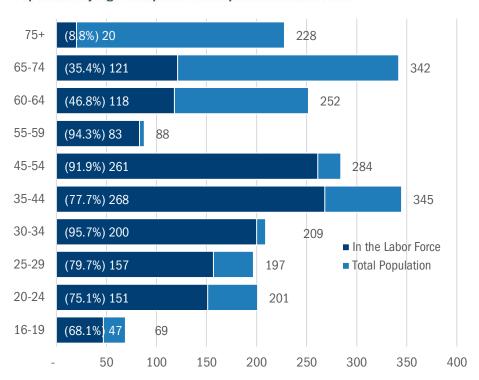
**7.7%** of workers in Fallon County **work from home**, less than the statewide average of 10.6%.

## 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.

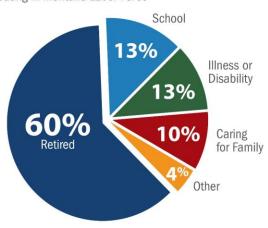
#### Population by Age Group and Participation in Labor Force



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.

The oil and gas industry directly employs 1 in 5 workers in Fallon County

