

# ECONOMIC OVERVIEW OF LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY

## Labor Market, 2023

**Population:** 75,011  
**Labor Force:** 38,712  
**Employed:** 37,712  
**Unemployed:** 1,000  
**Unemployment Rate:** 2.6%  
 (Below the statewide rate of 2.9%)

## Rapid Employment Growth

**2,680 jobs gained** since 2020, about 8% of total jobs.

## Income and Benefits

**\$95,857** average household income in 2022, ranking Lewis and Clark County the **7th** highest among all counties.

**94.5%** of population with health insurance coverage.

**8.6%** of households receiving SNAP benefits in last year.

**9.4%** of the population with income below the federal poverty level (below the state average of 12.4%).

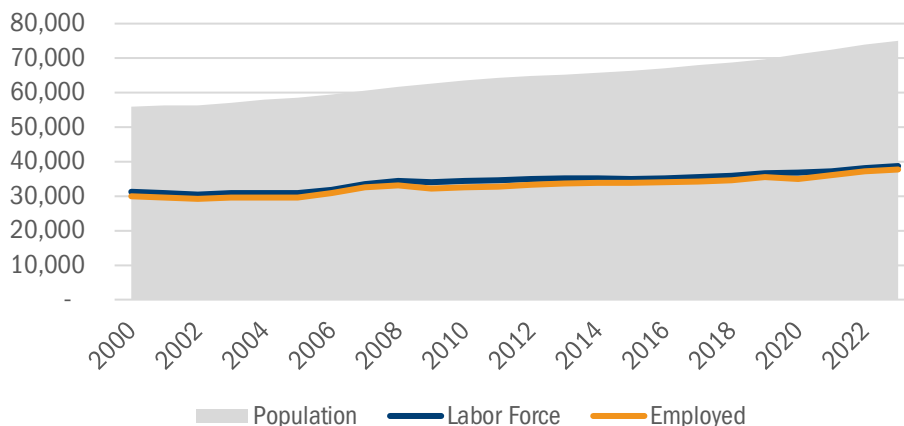
## Highest Paying Industries

Average Annual Wage, 2023

1. Utilities - \$112,370
2. Finance & Insurance - \$107,820
3. Professional & Technical Services - \$90,270
4. Information - \$86,330
5. Wholesale Trade - \$80,370

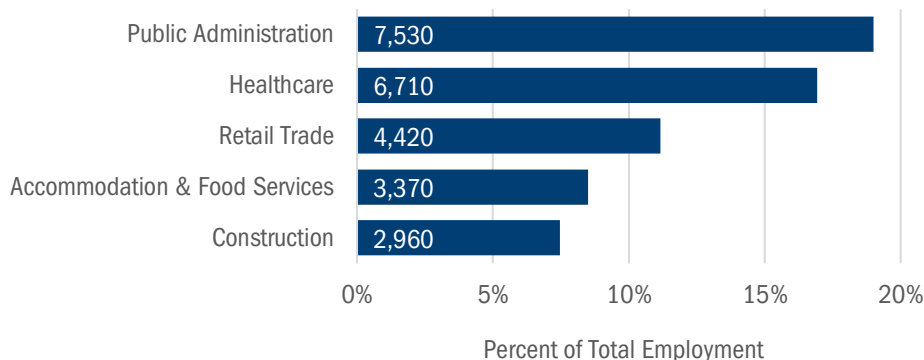
## Workforce Size in Lewis and Clark County

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.

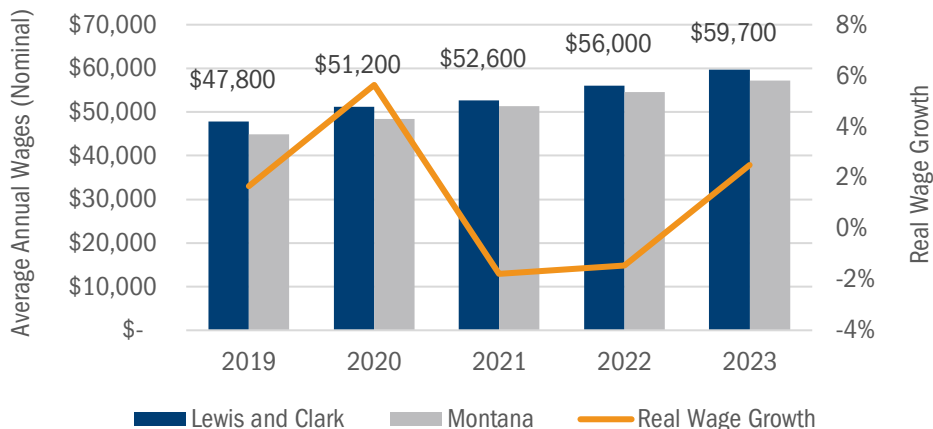
## Top Employing Industries, 2023



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

**65.1%** of Lewis and Clark County's population over 15 participates in the labor force, above the statewide rate of 63.0%.

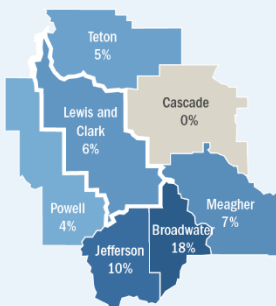
**86.9%** of Lewis and Clark County's prime working age population (25 to 54 years old) participates in the labor force, similar to the statewide rate of 84.2%.

### Population Growth Continues in Lewis and Clark County

Lewis and Clark County had **4,600 more people move in** than out from 2020 to 2023, about **6%** of the county population.

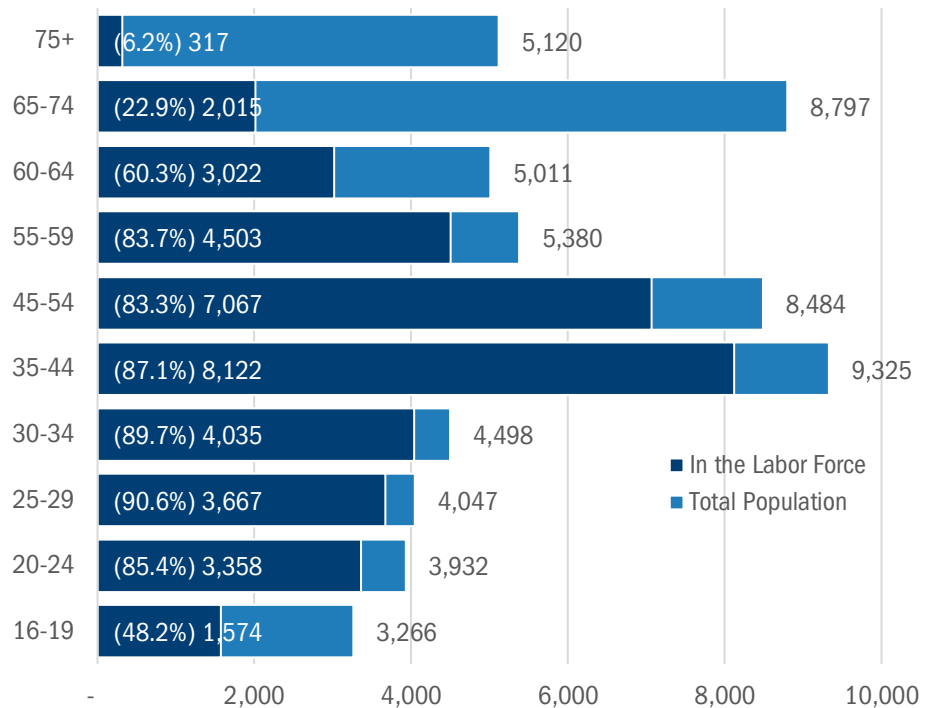
**11.9%** of workers in Lewis and Clark County **work from home**, similar to the statewide average of 10.6%.

### Net Migration as a Percent of Population in Lewis and Clark 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.

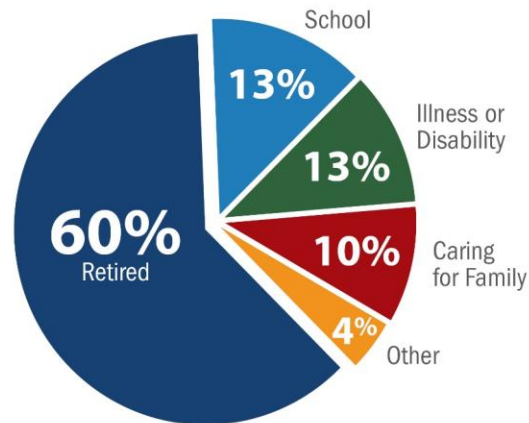
### Population by Age Group and Participation in Labor Force



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

**86%**  
men in the labor force

**80%**  
women in the labor force

**80%**  
mothers with children under 18 in the labor force



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