

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW OF WIBAUX COUNTY

Labor Market, 2023

Population: 910
Labor Force: 437
Employed: 425
Unemployed: 12
Unemployment Rate: 2.7%
 (Below the Statewide Rate of 2.9%)

Employment Growth

109 jobs lost since 2014, about **20%** of total jobs.

Income and Benefits

\$74,288 average household income in 2022, ranking Wibaux County **38th** highest among Montana counties.

89.9% of population with health insurance coverage.

4.5% of households receiving SNAP benefits in last year.

17.8% of the population with income below the federal poverty level (above the state average of 12.4%).

Highest Paying Industries

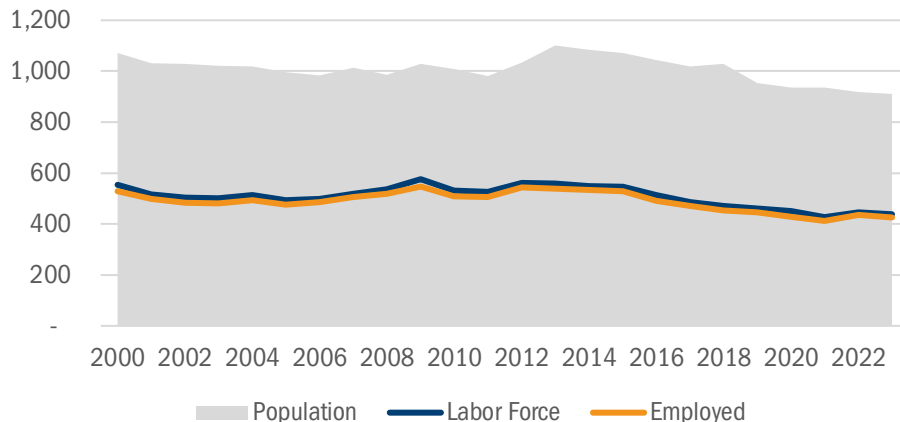
Average Annual Wage, 2023

1. Wholesale Trade - \$71,240
2. Agriculture & Forestry - \$48,530
3. Professional, Scientific, & Technical - \$30,190
4. Public Administration - \$26,050

Wibaux County has industries with higher average annual wages that are non-disclosable.

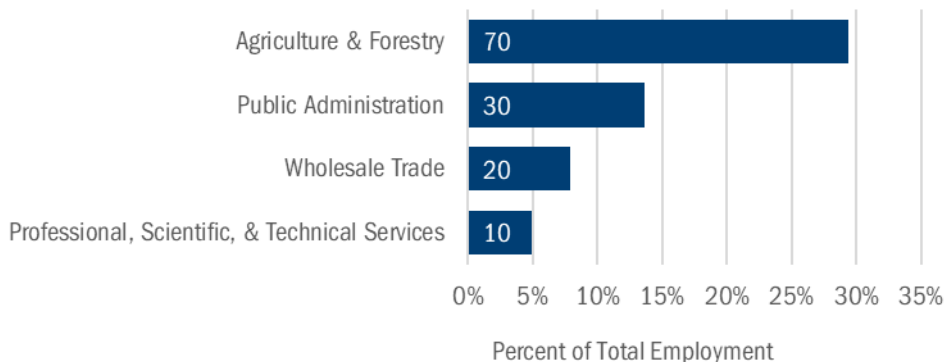
Workforce Size in Wibaux County

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.

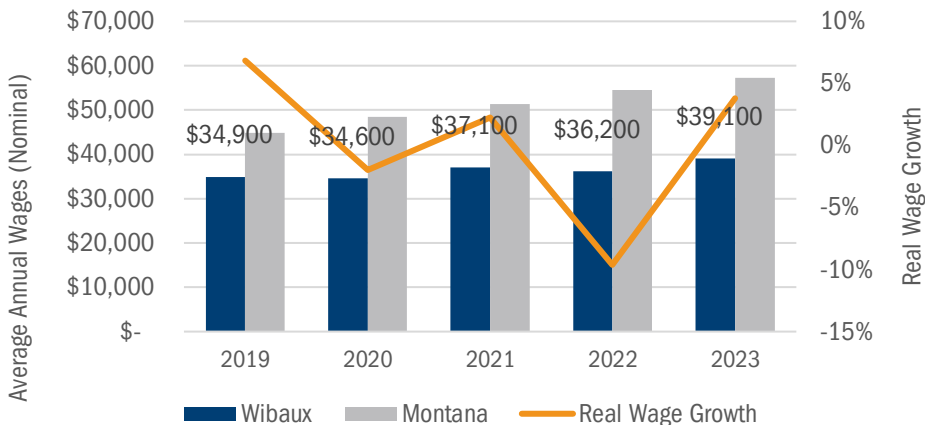
Top Employing Industries, 2023



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

58.1% of Wibaux County's population over 16 participates in the labor force, below the statewide rate of 63.0%.

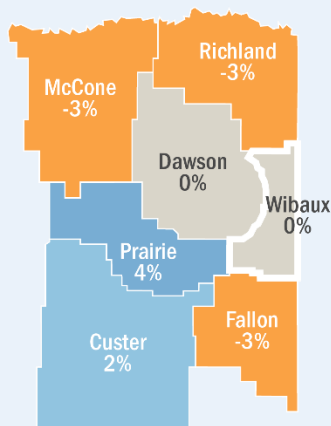
83.3% of Wibaux County's prime working age population (25 to 54 years old) participates in the labor force, below the statewide rate of 84.2%.

Population Trends Unchanged by Covid

From 2020-2023, the same number of people moved into Wibaux County as away.

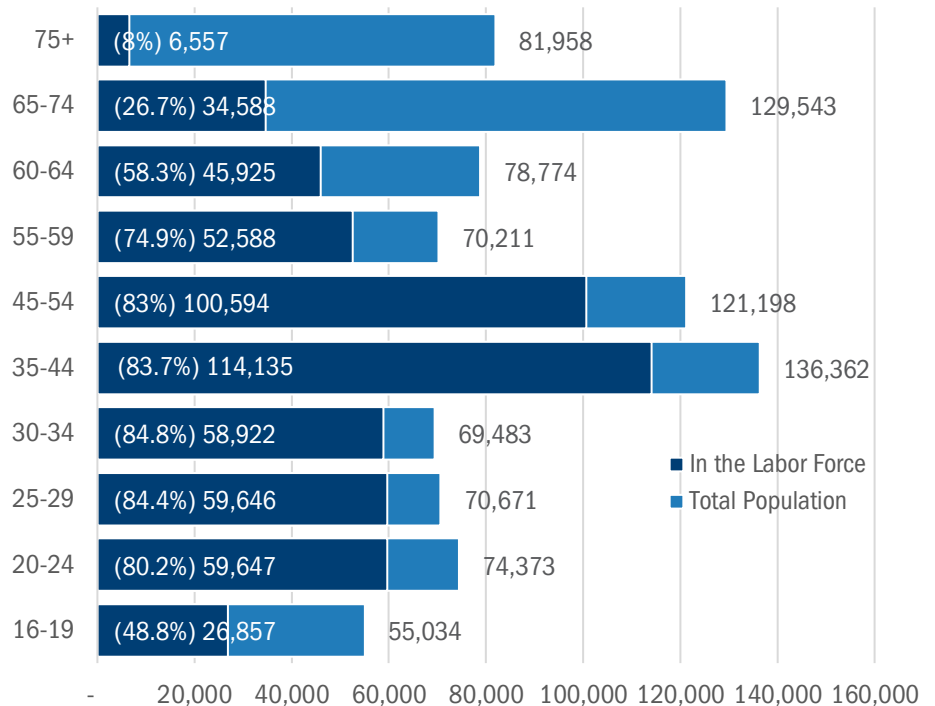
12.1% of workers in Wibaux County **work from home**, above the statewide average of 10.6%.

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.

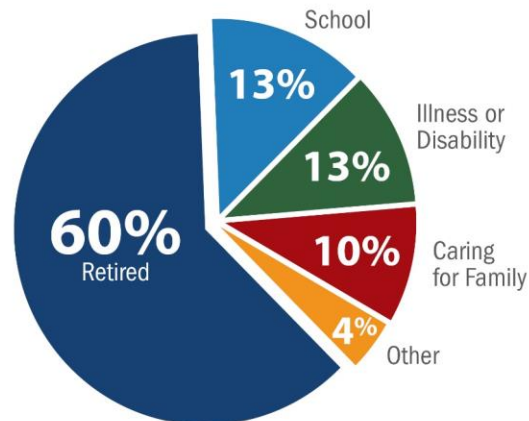
Population by Age Group and Participation in Labor Force



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, Montana Population 20-64

82.4%
men in the labor force

75.6%
women in the labor force

76.9%
mothers with children under 18 in the labor force



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