

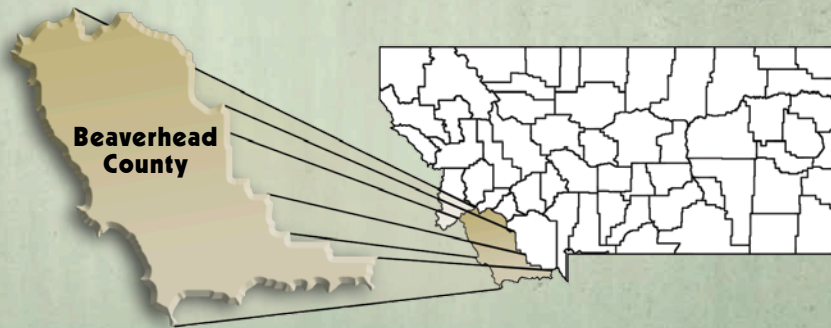
Demographic & Economic Information for

Beaverhead County



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Beaverhead County

Beaverhead County is Montana's twenty-ninth most populous county, with an estimated 8,976 residents as of July 1st, 2009. Dillon, the county seat, is the state's twenty-second largest city, with a population estimated at 4,226 in 2009.¹ Other cities and towns in Beaverhead County include Dell, Glen, Jackson, Lima, Polaris, Wisdom, and Wise River.

Beaverhead is the top cattle-producing county in Montana, making agriculture one of the staples of the county's economy. Beaverhead County is also home to Barretts Minerals, one of the world's largest talc mines. Gold and precious gemstones are also mined in Beaverhead County.²

Dillon is known as the economic center for the region, being the largest city in a 60 mile radius, and having the only hospital (Barrett Hospital & Healthcare) within 65 miles to the north, 110 miles to the west, 140 miles to the south, and 120 miles to the east.² Dillon is also home to the University of Montana-Western Montana College, which reported an enrollment of 1,255 students for the Fall 2009-2010 semester.³

¹U.S. Census Bureau, *Population Estimates Program*

²*Our Region and Community*, "www.barretthospital.org/getpage.php?name=community

³<http://www.umwestern.edu/campusinfo/page6.htm>

Resources for Beaverhead County

Chamber of Commerce

Beaverhead County Chamber of Commerce

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Dillon, MT 59725
Ph: (406) 683-5511
Fax: (406) 683-9233

E-mail: info@beaverheadchamber.org
www.beaverheadchamber.org

Newspaper

Dillon Tribune

22 S. Montana, P. O. Box 911
Dillon, MT 59725-0911
Ph: (406) 683-2331
Fax: (406) 683-2332

E-mail: news@dillontribune.com
www.dillontribune.com

Economic Development

Beaverhead Development Corporation

P. O. Box 848, Dillon, MT 59725
Ph: (406) 683-5511

MSU Extension Service- Beaverhead County

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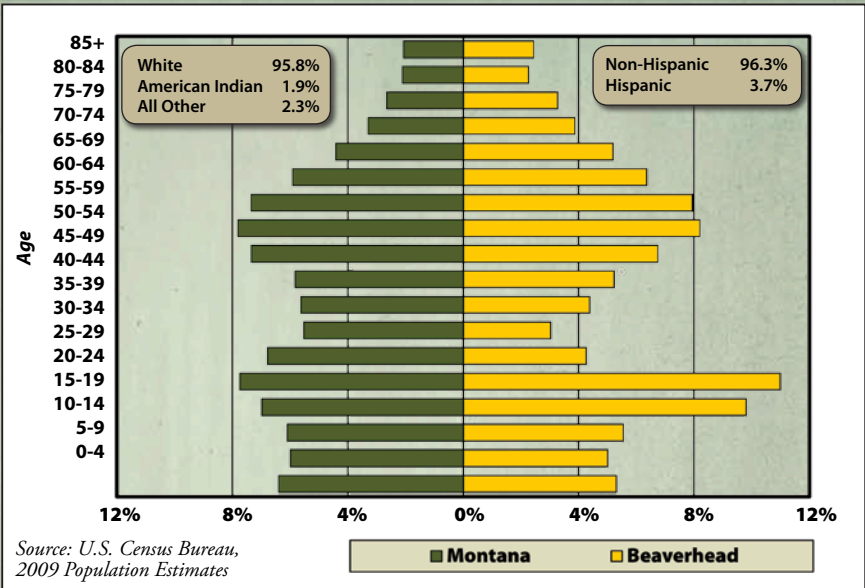
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Population for Beaverhead County & Related Areas

| Geography | % Change 2000-2009 | Population Estimates | | | | | | Census |
|------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| | | July 1, 2009 | July 1, 2008 | July 1, 2007 | July 1, 2006 | July 1, 2005 | July 1, 2000 | April 1, 2000 |
| Beaverhead County | -2.3% | 8,976 | 8,980 | 8,857 | 8,860 | 8,860 | 9,187 | 9,202 |
| Dillon city | -0.8% | 4,226 | 4,222 | 4,152 | 4,139 | 4,139 | 4,261 | 3,752 |
| Lima town | -4.5% | 231 | 231 | 229 | 230 | 230 | 242 | 242 |
| Balance of Beaverhead County | -3.5% | 4,519 | 4,527 | 4,476 | 4,491 | 4,491 | 4,684 | 5,208 |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

Distribution of Population by Age Montana and Beaverhead County, 2009



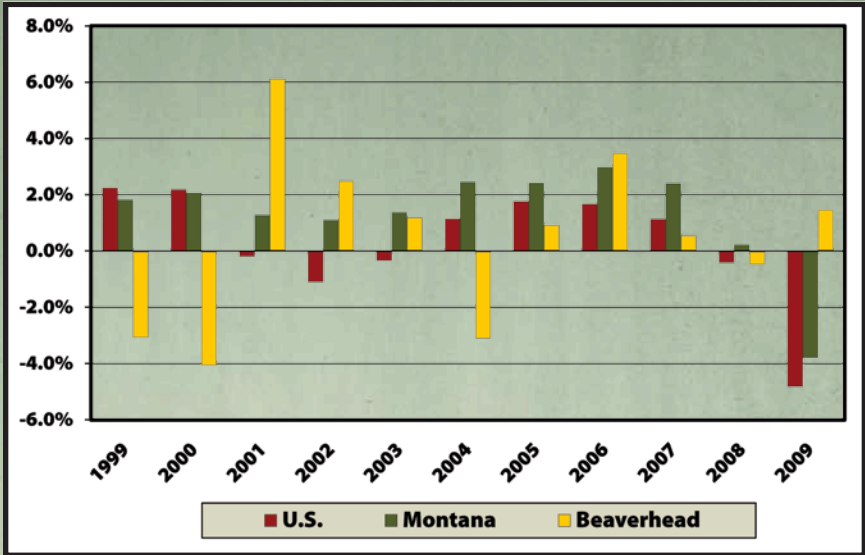
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009 Population Estimates

Highest Level of Educational Attainment (Population 25 years and older)

| Educational Attainment | Beaverhead County | Montana | U.S. |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|---------|-------|
| Less than High School Diploma | 10.7% | 12.8% | 19.6% |
| High School Diploma (or equivalent) | 29.1% | 31.3% | 28.6% |
| Some College | 28.3% | 25.6% | 21.0% |
| Associate Degree | 5.5% | 5.9% | 6.3% |
| Bachelor's Degree | 18.7% | 17.2% | 15.5% |
| Master's Degree | 5.2% | 4.6% | 5.9% |
| Professional Degree | 1.5% | 1.7% | 2.0% |
| Doctoral Degree | 1.0% | 0.9% | 1.0% |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

Percent Change in Employment: 1999 to 2009 U.S., Montana, and Beaverhead County



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

Top 10 Private Employers in Beaverhead County (Based on 4th Quarter 2009 Data - Listed in Alphabetical Order)

| Business Name | Size Class | Business Name | Size Class |
|-------------------------------|------------|---|------------|
| Barrett Hospital & Healthcare | 6 | Parkview Acres Care & Rehabilitation Center | 5 |
| Barretts Minerals Inc. | 5 | R E Miller & Sons | 4 |
| Beaverhead Livestock Auction | 4 | Safeway | 5 |
| Great Harvest Bread Company | 4 | Southwestern Montana Family YMCA | 4 |
| KCI MedClaim | 5 | Town Pump | 5 |

Employment Size Class Coding: Class 9 = 1000+ employees, Class 8 = 500 to 999 employees, Class 7 = 250 to 499 employees, Class 6 = 100 to 249 employees, Class 5 = 50 to 99 employees, Class 4 = 20 to 49 employees, Class 3 = 10 to 19 employees

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW) This list includes ONLY private industry employers subject to unemployment insurance. Railroads and government agencies are excluded.

Agricultural Statistics - Beaverhead County

| Farms | | | |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| | 2007 Census | 2002 Census | % Change |
| Farms: (number) | 431 | 421 | 2% |
| Land in farms (acres) | 1,239,068 | 1,279,031 | -3% |
| Average size of farms (acres) | 2,875 | 3,038 | -5% |
| Median size of farms (acres) | 230 | 500 | -54% |
| Farms by size: (number) | | | |
| Less than 1,000 acres | 284 | 264 | 8% |
| 1,000 acres or more | 147 | 157 | -6% |
| Farms by value of products sold: (number) | | | |
| Less than \$100,000 | 310 | 301 | 3% |
| \$100,000 or more | 121 | 120 | 1% |
| Farms by type of organization: (number) | | | |
| Family, Individual, Partnership | 328 | 323 | 2% |
| Corporation, Cooperative, Trust | 103 | 98 | 5% |
| Livestock Inventory and Crops Harvested | | | |
| Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number) | | | |
| Cattle and calves | 137,888 | 135,926 | 1% |
| Hogs and pigs | 74 | * | * |
| Sheep and lambs | 14,065 | 15,823 | -11% |
| Horses and ponies | 2,279 | 2,679 | -15% |
| Bison | * | * | * |
| Chickens (layers and broilers) | * | 295 | * |
| Crops Harvested (acres) | | | |
| Corn for grain | 0 | 0 | NA |
| Corn for silage or greenchop | 0 | 0 | NA |
| Wheat for grain, All | 7,077 | 6,307 | 12% |
| Winter wheat for grain | 0 | 2,692 | -100% |
| Spring wheat for grain | 7,077 | 3,615 | 96% |
| Durum wheat for grain | 0 | 0 | NA |
| Oats for grain | * | 391 | * |
| Barley for grain | 1,854 | 2,557 | -27% |
| Hay, haylage, grass silage | 111,249 | 110,782 | 0% |
| Sunflower seed, All | 0 | 0 | NA |
| Operator Demographics | | | |
| Primary occupation: (number) | | | |
| Farming | 214 | 259 | -17% |
| Other | 217 | 162 | 34% |
| Place of residence: (number) | | | |
| On farm operated | 357 | 352 | 1% |
| Not on farm operated | 74 | 69 | 7% |
| Years on present farm: (number) | | | |
| Less than 10 years | 118 | 120 | -2% |
| 10 years or more | 313 | 301 | 4% |
| Age group: (number) | | | |
| Under 55 years | 170 | 213 | -20% |
| 55 years and over | 261 | 208 | 25% |
| Average age of operators: (number) | 58.0 | 54.7 | 6% |

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2007

* - Not Disclosable

Employment by Industry - Annual Averages 2009

| Industry | Number of Establishments | Average Annual Employment | Annual Wages Per Job |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES | 457 | 3,555 | \$29,618 |
| TOTAL PRIVATE | 416 | 2,683 | \$26,617 |
| AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING | 43 | 231 | \$24,017 |
| Crop production | 5 | 25 | \$21,657 |
| Animal production | 32 | 199 | \$24,374 |
| Forestry and logging | 2 | * | * |
| Agriculture & forestry support | 4 | * | * |
| MINING | 3 | 102 | \$82,217 |
| UTILITIES | 3 | * | * |
| CONSTRUCTION | 52 | 152 | \$31,954 |
| Construction of buildings | 22 | 43 | \$25,895 |
| Heavy and civil engineering construction | 6 | 47 | \$44,284 |
| Specialty trade contractors | 25 | 63 | \$26,885 |
| MANUFACTURING | 14 | 65 | \$24,382 |
| Food manufacturing | 4 | 26 | \$23,712 |
| Textile product mills | 1 | * | * |
| Wood product manufacturing | 3 | 6 | \$13,549 |
| Printing and related support activities | 1 | * | * |
| Plastics & rubber products manufacturing | 1 | * | * |
| Nonmetallic mineral product mfg | 1 | * | * |
| Fabricated metal product manufacturing | 2 | * | * |
| Machinery manufacturing | 1 | * | * |
| Computer and electronic product mfg | 1 | * | * |
| WHOLESALE TRADE | 16 | 153 | \$25,100 |
| Merchant wholesalers, durable goods | 5 | * | * |
| Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods | 9 | 76 | \$27,782 |
| Electronic markets & agents and brokers | 2 | * | * |
| RETAIL TRADE | 46 | 406 | \$19,839 |
| Motor vehicle and parts dealers | 6 | 62 | \$26,730 |
| Furniture and home furnishings stores | 1 | * | * |
| Electronics and appliance stores | 3 | * | * |
| Building material & garden supply stores | 3 | 28 | \$18,386 |
| Food and beverage stores | 5 | 113 | \$19,569 |
| Health and personal care stores | 1 | * | * |
| Gasoline stations | 8 | 61 | \$14,228 |
| Clothing and clothing accessories stores | 4 | 42 | \$25,475 |
| Sporting good, hobby, book, music stores | 7 | 21 | \$11,746 |
| General merchandise stores | 5 | 53 | \$19,493 |
| Miscellaneous store retailers | 3 | 10 | \$10,431 |
| Nonstore retailers | 1 | * | * |

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|--|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING | 9 | 16 | \$23,105 |
| INFORMATION | 9 | 40 | \$36,111 |
| Publishing industries, except Internet | 1 | * | * |
| Motion picture, sound recording industry | 1 | * | * |
| Broadcasting, except Internet | 2 | * | * |
| Telecommunications | 5 | 14 | \$71,844 |
| FINANCE AND INSURANCE | 20 | 115 | \$37,989 |
| Credit intermediation & related activity | 6 | 83 | \$38,331 |
| Securities, comm. contracts, investments | 2 | * | * |
| Insurance carriers & related activities | 12 | * | * |
| REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AND LEASING | 24 | 174 | \$31,611 |
| Real estate | 20 | 37 | \$19,827 |
| Rental and leasing services | 3 | * | * |
| Lessors of nonfinancial intangible asset | 1 | * | * |
| PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES | 29 | 70 | \$24,465 |
| ADMINISTRATIVE AND WASTE SERVICES | 12 | 25 | \$30,640 |
| Administrative and support services | 10 | * | * |
| Waste management and remediation service | 2 | * | * |
| EDUCATIONAL SERVICES | 2 | * | * |
| HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE | 36 | 473 | \$34,759 |
| Ambulatory health care services | 23 | 113 | \$28,679 |
| Hospitals | 1 | 199 | \$49,150 |
| Nursing and residential care facilities | 2 | * | * |
| Social assistance | 10 | 74 | \$15,559 |
| ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION | 15 | 60 | \$11,705 |
| Museums, historical sites, zoos, & parks | 1 | * | * |
| Amusements, gambling, and recreation | 14 | * | * |
| ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES | 54 | 450 | \$10,846 |
| Accommodation | 16 | 146 | \$12,549 |
| Food services and drinking places | 38 | 304 | \$10,025 |
| OTHER SERVICES | 31 | 125 | \$9,997 |
| Repair and maintenance | 10 | 30 | \$17,956 |
| Personal and laundry services | 7 | * | * |
| Membership associations & organizations | 12 | 81 | \$6,106 |
| Private households | 2 | * | * |
| TOTAL GOVERNMENT | 41 | 872 | \$38,854 |
| Local Government | 15 | 370 | \$28,790 |
| State Government | 11 | 290 | \$43,009 |
| Federal Government | 15 | 212 | \$50,703 |

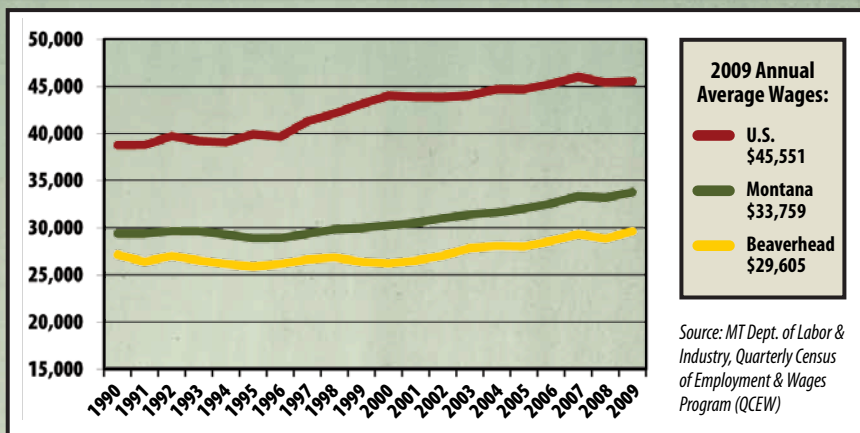
The QCEW program compiles data reported by all employers covered under Montana unemployment insurance. (Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.)

Annual Average Labor Force - Beaverhead County

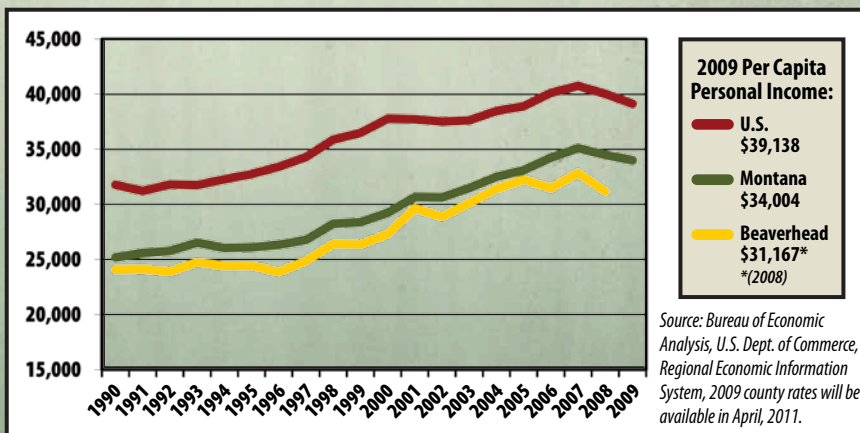
| Year | Civilian Labor Force | Employed | Unemployed | Unemployment Rate |
|------|----------------------|----------|------------|-------------------|
| 2009 | 5,124 | 4,893 | 231 | 4.5% |
| 2008 | 5,145 | 4,955 | 190 | 3.7% |
| 2007 | 5,002 | 4,878 | 124 | 2.5% |
| 2006 | 5,067 | 4,924 | 143 | 2.8% |
| 2005 | 4,947 | 4,793 | 154 | 3.1% |

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program (LAUS)

Annual Average Wages, 1990 to 2009 (In 2009 Dollars)



Per Capita Personal Income, 1990 to 2009 (In 2009 Dollars)



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