

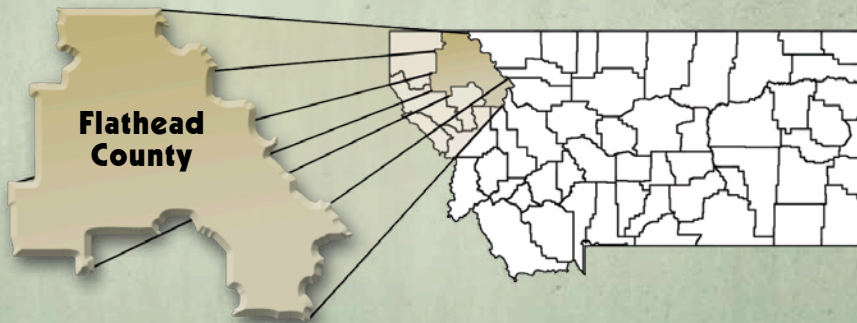
Demographic & Economic Information for

Flathead County



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Flathead County

The Flathead Valley is known as one of Montana's tourism hotspots, boasting such attractions as Glacier National Park, Flathead Lake (the largest freshwater lake in the western U.S.), the Bob Marshall Wilderness, the Whitefish Mountain Resort, and the Blacktail Mountain Ski Area. Flathead County is Montana's fourth most populous county, with an estimated 89,624 residents in 2009. Kalispell, the county seat, is the state's seventh largest city, with a population estimated at 21,640 as of July 1, 2009.¹ Other cities and towns in Flathead County include: Bigfork, Columbia Falls, Coram, Evergreen, Hungry Horse, Lakeside, Martin City, Niarada, Somers, and Whitefish.

Flathead County is one of the fastest growing counties in the state, with an estimated population increase of 20.0% from 2000 to 2009. It is also home to three of the five fastest growing cities in Montana: Whitefish (44.9% growth from 2000-2009), Kalispell (42.5%), and Columbia Falls (36.8%).

¹U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

Resources for Flathead County

Chambers of Commerce

Bigfork Chamber

P. O. Box 237; Bigfork, Montana 59911
(406) 837-5888, E-mail: chamber@bigfork.org, www.bigfork.org

Columbia Falls Chamber

P. O. Box 312
Columbia Falls, Montana 59912
(406) 892-2072
www.columbiafallschamber.com

Kalispell Chamber

15 Depot Park
Kalispell, Montana 59901
(406) 758-2800
www.kalispellchamber.com

Lakeside-Somers Chamber

P. O. Box 177
Lakeside, Montana 59922
(406) 844-3715
www.lakesidesomers.org

Whitefish Chamber

520 E. 2nd St.
Whitefish, MT 59937
(406) 862-3501,
www.whitefishchamber.org

Economic Development

City of Kalispell Community Development Department

P. O. Box 1997, Kalispell, MT 59903
(406) 758-7740,
www.kalispell.com/community

Flathead Regional Business Center

15 Depot Park, Kalispell, Montana 59901
(406) 758-2800, info@kalispellchamber.com, www.kalispellchamber.com/business_resources/frbc.php

Flathead Economic Develop. Authority

314 Main Street, Kalispell, MT 59901
(406) 257-7711, www.dobusinessinmontana.com

Kalispell Small Business Develop. Center

15 Depot Park, Kalispell, MT 59901
(406) 758-2802, www.kalispellsmallbusiness.com

Service Corps of Retired Executives

15 Depot Park, Kalispell, MT 59901
(406) 756-5271
www.score.org/explore_score.html

Business Expansion And Retention (BEAR)

15 Depot Park, Kalispell, MT 59901
Phone: (406) 758-2802
E-mail: sbdc@kalispellchamber.com

Newspapers

Bigfork Eagle

P. O. Box 406, Bigfork, MT 59911
(406) 837-5131
www.bigforkeagle.com

Hungry Horse News

P. O. Box 189, Columbia Falls, MT 59912, (406) 892-2151
www.hungryhorsenews.com

The Daily Inter Lake

727 E. Idaho St., Kalispell, MT 59904,
(406) 755-7000
www.dailyinterlake.com

Whitefish Pilot

P. O. Box 488, Whitefish, MT 59937,
(406) 862-3505
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Job Service Workforce Center

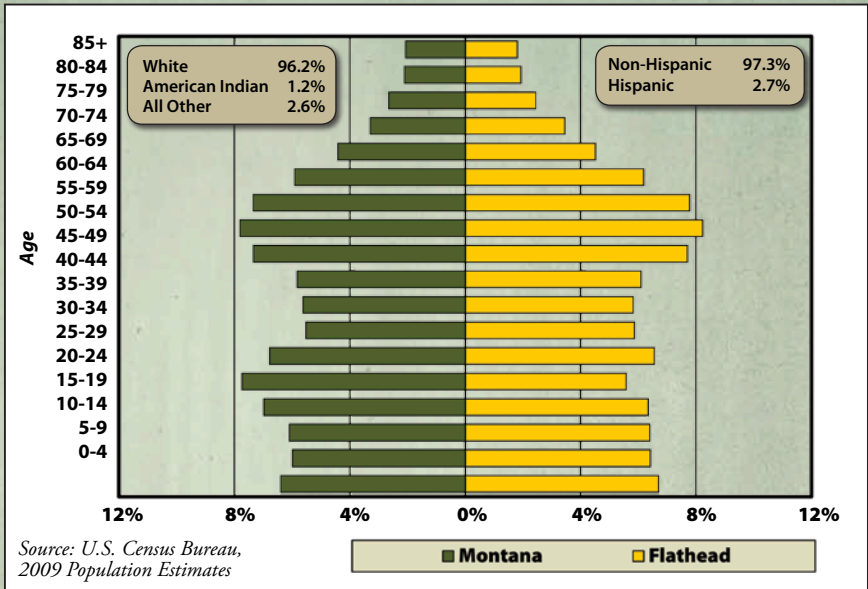
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Population for Flathead County & Related Areas

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
Flathead County	20.0%	89,624	89,104	87,200	84,824	82,535	74,710	74,471
Columbia Falls city	36.8%	5,361	5,301	5,151	4,893	4,651	3,918	3,645
Kalispell city	42.5%	21,640	21,221	20,310	19,337	18,422	15,184	14,223
Whitefish city	44.9%	8,400	8,332	8,099	7,735	7,114	5,797	5,032
Balance Flathead County	8.9%	54,223	54,250	53,640	52,859	52,348	49,811	51,571

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

Distribution of Population by Age Montana and Flathead County, 2009



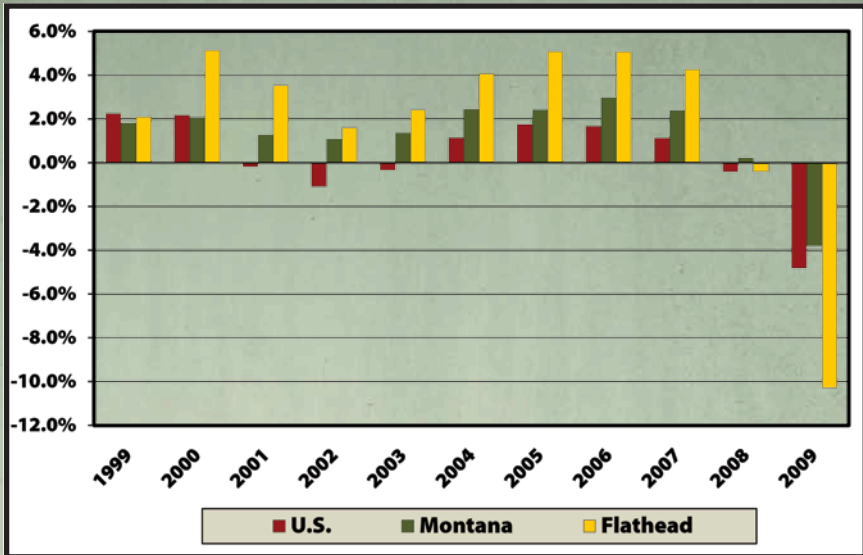
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009 Population Estimates

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

Educational Attainment	Flathead County	Montana	U.S.
Less than High School Diploma	12.6%	12.8%	19.6%
High School Diploma (or equivalent)	30.6%	31.3%	28.6%
Some College	27.4%	25.6%	21.0%
Associate Degree	7.0%	5.9%	6.3%
Bachelor's Degree	16.1%	17.2%	15.5%
Master's Degree	4.3%	4.6%	5.9%
Professional Degree	1.6%	1.7%	2.0%
Doctoral Degree	0.4%	0.9%	1.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

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



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

Top 20 Private Employers in Flathead County (Based on 4th Quarter 2009 Data - Listed in Alphabetical Order)

Business Name	Size Class	Business Name	Size Class
Applied Health Services	6	National Flood Services	7
Brendan House Skilled Nursing Facility	6	North Valley Hospital	7
Costco	6	Plum Creek	8
Flathead Electric	6	Semitool Inc.	8
Glacier Bank	7	Smith's Food & Drug	6
Healthcenter Northwest	6	Summit Medical Fitness Center	6
Immanuel Lutheran Home	6	Super 1 Foods	7
Kalispell Regional Medical Center	9	Teletech	8
L. C. Staffing Service	6	Wal-Mart	7
McDonalds	6	Winter Sports Inc./Big Mountain	7

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, tribal entities, and government agencies are excluded.

Agricultural Statistics - Flathead County

Farms			
	2007 Census	2002 Census	% Change
Farms: (number)	1,094	1,075	2%
Land in farms (acres)	251,597	234,861	7%
Average size of farms (acres)	230	218	6%
Median size of farms (acres)	40	50	-20%
Farms by size: (number)			
Less than 1,000 acres	1,048	1,030	2%
1,000 acres or more	46	45	2%
Farms by value of products sold: (number)			
Less than \$100,000	1,033	1,006	3%
\$100,000 or more	61	69	-12%
Farms by type of organization: (number)			
Family, Individual, Partnership	1,001	1,025	-2%
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	93	50	86%
Livestock Inventory and Crops Harvested			
Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)			
Cattle and calves	12,538	14,831	-15%
Hogs and pigs	1,468	3,344	-56%
Sheep and lambs	381	599	-36%
Horses and ponies	3,660	3,432	7%
Bison	300	786	-62%
Chickens (layers and broilers)	*	1,991	*
Crops Harvested (acres)			
Corn for grain	209	0	NA
Corn for silage or greenchop	*	0	*
Wheat for grain, All	14,972	23,874	-37%
Winter wheat for grain	7,462	*	*
Spring wheat for grain	7,510	22,454	-67%
Durum wheat for grain	0	*	NA
Oats for grain	498	910	-45%
Barley for grain	10,350	12,492	-17%
Hay, haylage, grass silage	27,012	38,968	-31%
Sunflower seed, All	0	0	NA
Operator Demographics			
Primary occupation: (number)			
Farming	386	548	-30%
Other	708	527	34%
Place of residence: (number)			
On farm operated	949	939	1%
Not on farm operated	145	136	7%
Years on present farm: (number)			
Less than 10 years	302	301	0%
10 years or more	792	774	2%
Age group: (number)			
Under 55 years	413	520	-21%
55 years and over	681	555	23%
Average age of operators: (number)	58.6	55.9	5%

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	4,360	37,388	\$32,204
TOTAL PRIVATE	4,248	32,492	\$31,073
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING	88	276	\$34,651
Crop production	16	82	\$29,216
Animal production	9	30	\$30,952
Forestry and logging	47	125	\$42,167
Agriculture & forestry support	17	39	\$24,852
MINING	20	198	\$44,185
Oil and gas extraction	3	*	*
Mining, except oil and gas	15	187	\$44,551
Support activities for mining	2	*	*
UTILITIES	11	205	\$62,227
CONSTRUCTION	869	2,648	\$36,473
Construction of buildings	301	624	\$35,609
Heavy and civil engineering construction	52	451	\$45,042
Specialty trade contractors	516	1,572	\$34,359
MANUFACTURING	188	2,597	\$42,830
Food manufacturing	15	160	\$18,783
Beverage and tobacco product mfg	2	*	*
Textile mills	1	*	*
Textile product mills	5	10	\$8,171
Leather and allied product manufacturing	4	12	\$22,587
Wood product manufacturing	45	1,081	\$45,266
Printing and related support activities	13	138	\$34,017
Chemical manufacturing	7	51	\$28,265
Plastics & rubber products manufacturing	6	21	\$52,150
Nonmetallic mineral product mfg	6	41	\$28,256
Primary metal manufacturing	2	*	*
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	35	191	\$28,293
Machinery manufacturing	2	*	*
Computer and electronic product mfg	4	107	\$38,438
Electrical equipment and appliance mfg	2	*	*
Transportation equipment manufacturing	6	15	\$42,556
Furniture and related product mfg	23	73	\$35,303
Miscellaneous manufacturing	11	21	\$26,781
WHOLESALE TRADE	142	965	\$38,598
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	66	460	\$37,823
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	37	433	\$37,374
Electronic markets & agents and brokers	39	72	\$50,883
RETAIL TRADE	484	5,519	\$24,712
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	59	648	\$35,516
Furniture and home furnishings stores	42	223	\$26,846
Electronics and appliance stores	24	202	\$25,643
Building material & garden supply stores	64	735	\$28,882
Food and beverage stores	36	1,027	\$22,467
Health and personal care stores	27	246	\$34,534
Gasoline stations	39	367	\$16,853
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	42	236	\$14,392
Sporting good, hobby, book, music stores	49	424	\$19,918
General merchandise stores	14	1,034	\$22,938
Miscellaneous store retailers	69	289	\$17,071
Nonstore retailers	20	89	\$30,966

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

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Employment by Industry - Annual Averages 2009

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING	124	582	\$32,240
Air transportation	9	53	\$24,688
Truck transportation	77	244	\$28,039
Transit and ground passenger transport	8	18	\$9,771
Scenic and sightseeing transportation	4	18	\$30,350
Support activities for transportation	15	108	\$39,708
Postal service	2	*	*
Couriers and messengers	9	115	\$41,843
Warehousing and storage	1	*	*
INFORMATION	58	603	\$40,045
Publishing industries, except Internet	15	199	\$35,197
Motion picture, sound recording industry	8	73	\$17,332
Broadcasting, except Internet	6	53	\$38,313
Telecommunications	22	226	\$47,882
ISPs, search portals, & data processing	3	*	*
Other information services	3	*	*
FINANCE AND INSURANCE	210	1,706	\$47,953
Credit intermediation & related activity	79	901	\$41,778
Securities, comm. contracts, investments	35	*	*
Insurance carriers & related activities	95	705	\$50,651
Funds, trusts, other financial vehicles	1	*	*
REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AND LEASING	236	632	\$25,641
Real estate	196	399	\$27,225
Rental and leasing services	38	*	*
Lessors of nonfinancial intangible asset	2	*	*
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	440	1,345	\$41,668
MANAGEMENT OF COMPANIES AND ENTERPRISES	14	158	\$81,174
ADMINISTRATIVE AND WASTE SERVICES	244	2,146	\$24,828
Administrative and support services	231	2,027	\$24,331
Waste management and remediation service	14	119	\$33,284
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	38	409	\$26,999
HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	325	4,911	\$40,332
Ambulatory health care services	237	1,801	\$46,525
Hospitals	3	1,763	\$46,535
Nursing and residential care facilities	19	969	\$26,472
Social assistance	66	378	\$17,428
ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION	121	1,333	\$17,967
Performing arts and spectator sports	27	*	*
Museums, historical sites, zoos, & parks	2	*	*
Amusements, gambling, and recreation	92	1,213	\$14,638
ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES	326	4,785	\$14,523
Accommodation	82	1,405	\$18,764
Food services and drinking places	244	3,380	\$12,759
OTHER SERVICES	312	1,474	\$21,296
Repair and maintenance	105	426	\$30,379
Personal and laundry services	52	254	\$16,788
Membership associations & organizations	120	731	\$17,120
Private households	35	63	\$26,442
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	112	4,896	\$39,707
Local Government	57	3,406	\$36,375
State Government	14	659	\$41,567
Federal Government	41	831	\$51,887

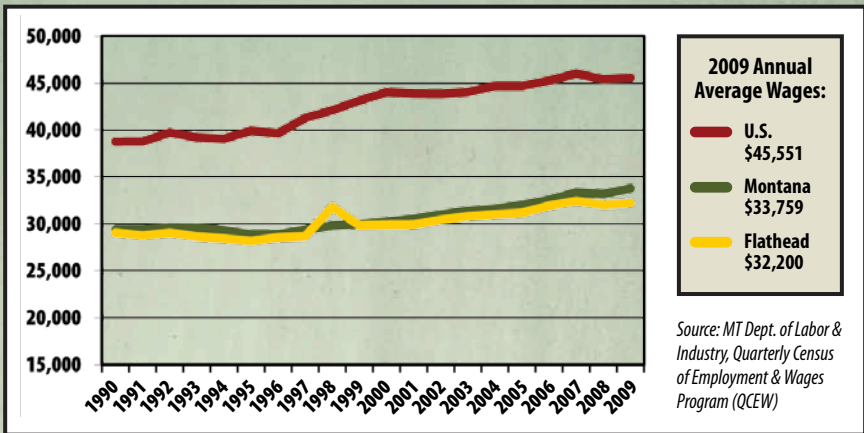
The QCEW program compiles data reported by all employers covered under Montana unemployment insurance. (Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.)

Annual Average Labor Force - Flathead County

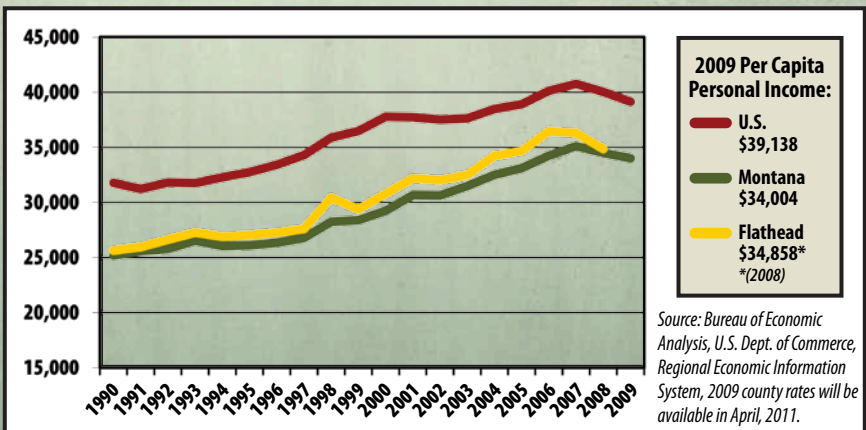
Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2009	44,516	39,773	4,743	10.7%
2008	46,348	43,536	2,812	6.1%
2007	45,777	44,174	1,603	3.5%
2006	44,329	42,714	1,615	3.6%
2005	42,685	40,868	1,817	4.3%

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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