

Demographic & Economic Information for

Carbon County



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Carbon County

Carbon County is Montana's twentieth most populous county, with an estimated 9,756 residents as of July 1st, 2009. Red Lodge, the county seat, is the state's thirty-first largest city, with a population estimated at 2,483 in 2009.¹ Other cities and towns in Carbon County include Bearcreek, Belfry, Boyd, Bridger, Edgar, Fromberg, Joliet, Luther, Roberts, Roscoe, and Silesia.

Carbon County took its name from the vast coal deposits discovered there; and for much of its history, coal mining was the county's major industry. The present day economy relies more on agriculture, recreation, and tourism.² The Red Lodge Mountain Ski Area and the Custer National Forest are major tourist draws, providing ample opportunities for outdoor recreation. The Pryor Mountain National Wild Horse Range, located in southeast Carbon County, is home to about 130 wild, free-roaming mustangs believed to be descended from a herd that may have arrived as early as the 1700s.³

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

²Red Lodge Information," www.redlodge.com/visitors/categories.asp?cat ID=VI503

³Bridger," www.visitmt.com

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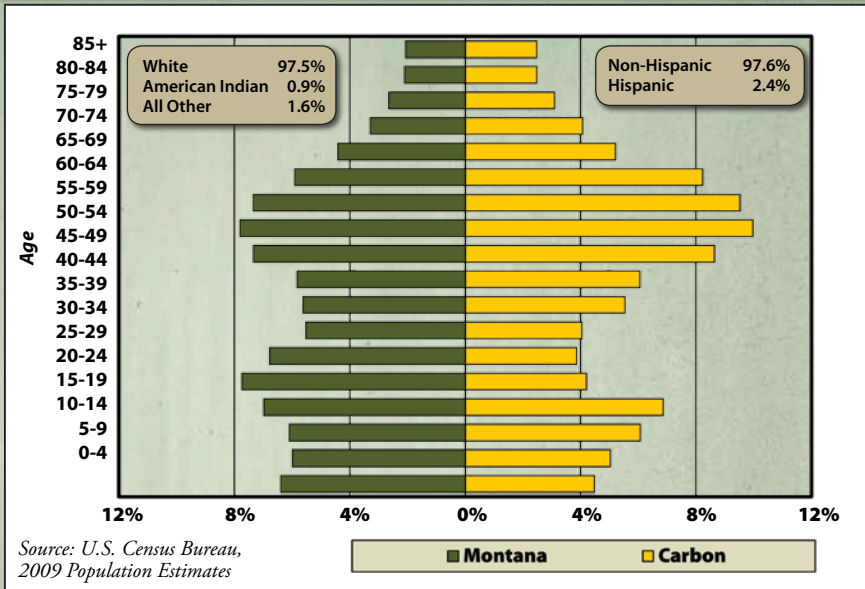
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Population for Carbon County & Related Areas

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
Carbon County	2.0%	9,756	9,718	9,753	9,721	9,759	9,564	9,552
Bearcreek town	1.2%	84	84	85	85	84	83	83
Bridger town	-1.2%	736	731	733	735	741	745	745
Fromberg town	-2.7%	473	474	478	481	487	486	486
Joliet town	11.1%	639	628	616	602	592	575	575
Red Lodge city	13.7%	2,483	2,456	2,448	2,405	2,364	2,184	2,177
Balance of Carbon County	-2.7%	5,341	5,345	5,393	5,413	5,491	5,491	5,486

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

Distribution of Population by Age Montana and Carbon County, 2009



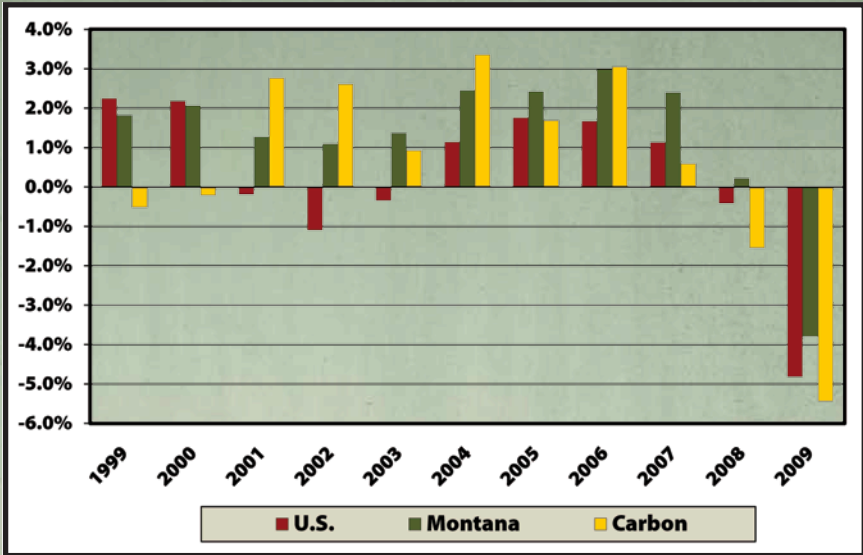
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009 Population Estimates

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

Educational Attainment	Carbon County	Montana	U.S.
Less than High School Diploma	11.9%	12.8%	19.6%
High School Diploma (or equivalent)	36.0%	31.3%	28.6%
Some College	23.4%	25.6%	21.0%
Associate Degree	5.3%	5.9%	6.3%
Bachelor's Degree	16.9%	17.2%	15.5%
Master's Degree	4.1%	4.6%	5.9%
Professional Degree	1.5%	1.7%	2.0%
Doctoral Degree	0.8%	0.9%	1.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

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



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

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

Business Name	Size Class	Business Name	Size Class
Bank of Bridger	4	Cedar Wood Villa	4
Beartooth Hospital & Health Center	6	Pollard Hotel	4
Beartooth Market	4	Red Lodge Mountain Resort	6
Beartooth Industries	4	Red Lodge Pizza Company	5
Buckeye Bar	4	Rock Creek Resort	4

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 - Carbon County

Farms			
	2007 Census	2002 Census	% Change
Farms: (number)	715	703	2%
Land in farms (acres)	793,628	753,504	5%
Average size of farms (acres)	1,110	1,072	4%
Median size of farms (acres)	200	292	-32%
Farms by size: (number)			
Less than 1,000 acres	586	552	6%
1,000 acres or more	129	151	-15%
Farms by value of products sold: (number)			
Less than \$100,000	633	619	2%
\$100,000 or more	82	84	-2%
Farms by type of organization: (number)			
Family, Individual, Partnership	638	655	-3%
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	77	48	60%
Livestock Inventory and Crops Harvested			
Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)			
Cattle and calves	56,859	53,261	7%
Hogs and pigs	695	838	-17%
Sheep and lambs	6,011	8,754	-31%
Horses and ponies	3,191	2,808	14%
Bison	49	*	*
Chickens (layers and broilers)	*	456	*
Crops Harvested (acres)			
Corn for grain	2,490	1,479	68%
Corn for silage or greenchop	2,659	4,848	-45%
Wheat for grain, All	4,188	5,513	-24%
Winter wheat for grain	2,777	5,017	-45%
Spring wheat for grain	1,411	496	184%
Durum wheat for grain	0	0	NA
Oats for grain	492	1,063	-54%
Barley for grain	6,840	8,749	-22%
Hay, haylage, grass silage	49,378	52,324	-6%
Sunflower seed, All	0	0	NA
Operator Demographics			
Primary occupation: (number)			
Farming	335	453	-26%
Other	380	250	52%
Place of residence: (number)			
On farm operated	593	580	2%
Not on farm operated	122	123	-1%
Years on present farm: (number)			
Less than 10 years	213	190	12%
10 years or more	502	513	-2%
Age group: (number)			
Under 55 years	307	385	-20%
55 years and over	408	318	28%
Average age of operators: (number)	56.9	54.4	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	465	2,518	\$26,093
TOTAL PRIVATE	430	1,942	\$24,325
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING	16	81	\$27,263
Crop production	3	15	\$25,824
Animal production	8	42	\$28,837
Agriculture & forestry support	5	24	\$25,419
MINING	8	35	\$51,700
Mining, except oil and gas	2	*	*
Support activities for mining	6	*	*
UTILITIES	7	28	\$69,866
CONSTRUCTION	97	209	\$29,167
Construction of buildings	40	86	\$29,226
Heavy and civil engineering construction	10	36	\$34,014
Specialty trade contractors	47	87	\$27,082
MANUFACTURING	11	48	\$21,056
Food manufacturing	4	27	\$21,904
Beverage and tobacco product mfg	1	*	*
Wood product manufacturing	2	*	*
Printing and related support activities	1	*	*
Nonmetallic mineral product mfg	1	*	*
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	1	*	*
Electrical equipment and appliance mfg	1	*	*
WHOLESALE TRADE	18	53	\$31,832
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	7	12	\$29,182
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	2	*	*
Electronic markets & agents and brokers	8	*	*
RETAIL TRADE	50	251	\$20,087
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	3	12	\$24,193
Furniture and home furnishings stores	2	*	*
Electronics and appliance stores	2	*	*
Building material & garden supply stores	6	40	\$23,772
Food and beverage stores	8	77	\$19,389
Health and personal care stores	1	*	*
Gasoline stations	7	35	\$21,780
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	5	27	\$18,469
Sporting good, hobby, book, music stores	2	*	*
General merchandise stores	2	*	*
Miscellaneous store retailers	9	17	\$10,465
Nonstore retailers	3	13	\$34,220
TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING	8	29	\$64,182
Truck transportation	5	11	\$34,920

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)
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Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
Pipeline transportation	2	*	*
Support activities for transportation	1	*	*
INFORMATION	9	38	\$25,261
Publishing industries, except Internet	4	22	\$28,271
Motion picture, sound recording industry	1	*	*
Broadcasting, except Internet	1	*	*
Telecommunications	1	*	*
ISPs, search portals, & data processing	2	*	*
FINANCE AND INSURANCE	10	54	\$45,315
Credit intermediation & related activity	6	40	\$44,916
Securities, comm. contracts, investments	1	*	*
Insurance carriers & related activities	3	*	*
REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AND LEASING	18	37	\$15,930
Real estate	17	*	*
Rental and leasing services	1	*	*
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	46	99	\$35,536
MANAGEMENT OF COMPANIES AND ENTERPRISES	1	*	*
ADMINISTRATIVE AND WASTE SERVICES	19	35	\$19,537
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	3	4	\$14,403
HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	22	251	\$28,313
Ambulatory health care services	7	38	\$33,872
Hospitals	1	105	\$33,625
Nursing and residential care facilities	3	*	*
Social assistance	11	68	\$15,910
ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION	13	176	\$16,381
Performing arts and spectator sports	4	*	*
Museums, historical sites, zoos, & parks	1	*	*
Amusements, gambling, and recreation	8	167	\$15,782
ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES	45	456	\$14,196
Accommodation	13	149	\$15,560
Food services and drinking places	33	307	\$13,534
OTHER SERVICES	29	56	\$14,443
Repair and maintenance	8	13	\$19,419
Personal and laundry services	3	3	\$14,807
Membership associations & organizations	12	35	\$12,197
Private households	6	5	\$16,877
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	36	576	\$32,061
Local Government	15	480	\$28,107
State Government	6	9	\$67,845
Federal Government	15	87	\$50,376

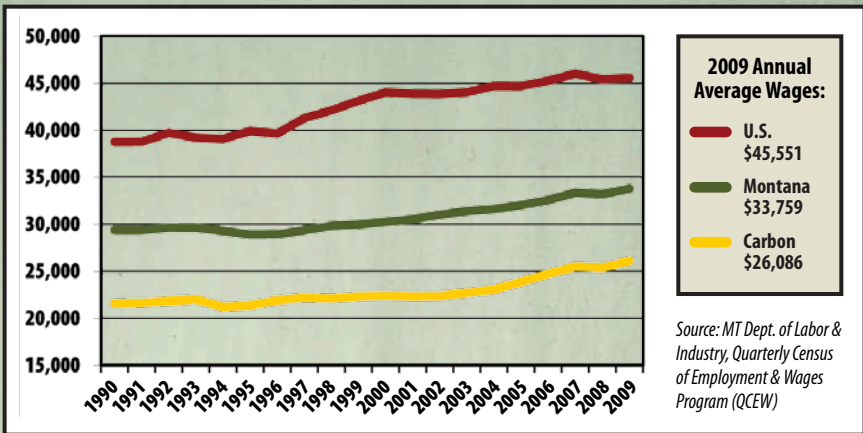
The QCEW program compiles data reported by all employers covered under Montana unemployment insurance. (Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.)

Annual Average Labor Force - Carbon County

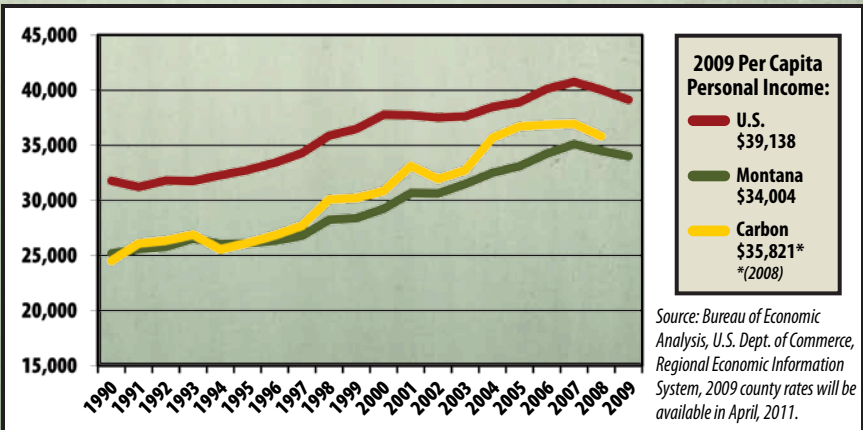
Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2009	5,275	5,006	269	5.1%
2008	5,329	5,122	207	3.9%
2007	5,516	5,379	137	2.5%
2006	5,405	5,252	153	2.8%
2005	5,376	5,200	176	3.3%

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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