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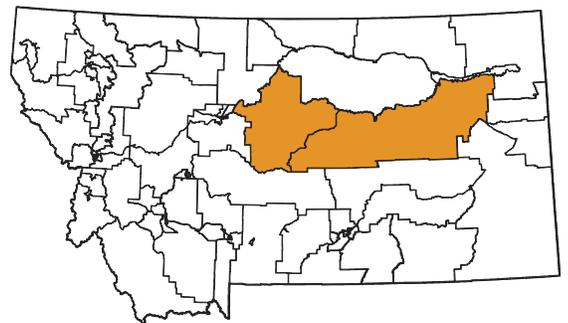
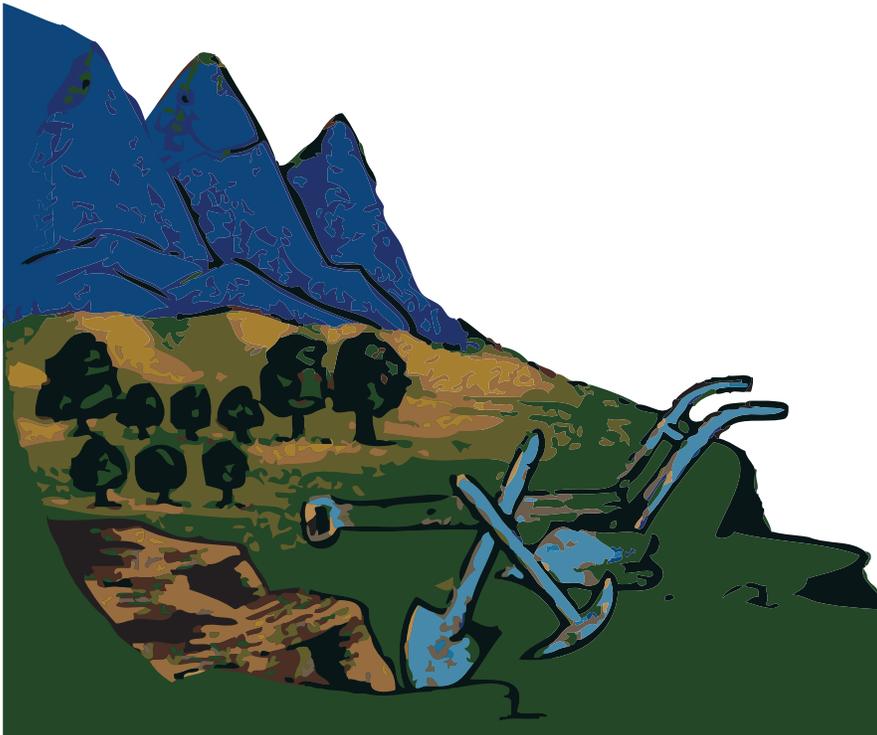
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Letter from the Montana State Librarian

On behalf of the Montana State Library, I would like to welcome you to the 2009 legislative session. Our information experts have compiled this booklet to be a resource to you as you take on the important work of representing the collective needs of all Montanans and the special needs of your district during this legislative session.

As in past editions, we have included a wide range of information that, after reviewing proposed bills and following national and state trends through various mediums, we believe will likely be major themes in this legislative session. To that end, you will find up-to-the-minute information on our state's economy, energy production and development, and land and water use. Education is always an important issue, and you will find relevant information on our state's public schools and test scores, as well as on the libraries that help to augment what our schools do. Fire and drought have continued to ravage certain parts of Montana, and you will be able to take a look at the most current information available on maps created here at the State Library. Finally, wildlife and recreation will always be an important part of Montana life, and we've pulled several highlights from our collection that might help to guide your decision-making this session.

The Montana State Library is a small and very unique agency. We employ not only librarians, but GIS specialists and cartographers and partner with botanists and zoologists, as well as federal and state agencies. We manage an enormous collection of state publications, as we simultaneously work to ensure that Montana's blind and physically disabled have access to reading materials and information.

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Sincerely,



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Recent Performance of the Montana Economy and its Industries

Source: Montana Department of Labor, Research and Analysis Bureau

Montana has been outperforming the nation in terms of employment growth, wage growth, and unemployment since 2001. Montana's unemployment rate fell below the national rate in 2001 and has remained lower ever since. Montana's annual unemployment rate in 2007 was the 8th lowest in the nation.

Montana's economy has also outperformed the nation in terms of employment growth. Over the 1997-2007 time period, employment in Montana grew at an annual compounding growth rate of 2.1% compared to a national rate of only 1.1%. Job growth in Montana has been speeding up in recent years. Employment grew at a compounding rate of 2.4% annually over 2002-2007, then at a compounding rate of 2.8% annually from 2005-2007.



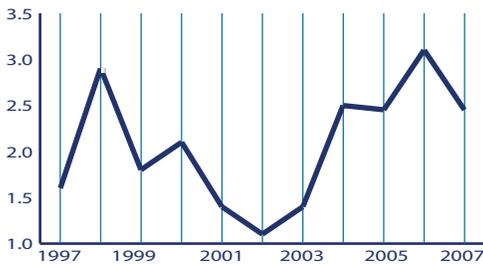
employment and earnings for business owners in addition to payroll workers.

Government, which includes federal, state, and local government and school districts, is an important part of the Montana economy. Government is the largest employer in the state, totaling 14.6% of the jobs in the state. Government constitutes 15.6% of the state's GDP and provides 22% of the state's personal income earned from work. While the GDP and personal income attributed to government work has grown at about 5.5% per year since 2004, employment in this industry has not increased. Government employment has a 0% growth rate since 2004.

As for private industry, the Montana economy can be divided into three categories based on their roles in the economy: base industries, consumer-based industries, and business-support industries. Base industries bring new money into Montana

through exports and can drive growth in other industries through this increase in wealth. In Montana, the base industries are generally natural-resource-based and include agriculture, wood products, manufacturing, energy, and the mining of metals, oil and gas, coal, and other substances. Tourism is also partially a base industry to the extent that it brings new money into Montana, although many of the state's tourists come from within the state. Although employment in base industries is not large, base industries usually pay higher wages than other industries,

Montana Change in Total Employment



Source: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) Program

Average wages in Montana have also been on the rise, outpacing both inflation and the national average since 2005. Increasing real wages are good news for workers and businesses alike. Workers can increase their standard of living, while businesses benefit because workers have more money to buy goods and services.

There is not one particular industry that was responsible for the recent economic growth in Montana – all industries have been experiencing growth. The following paragraphs examine the performance of Montana's industries in recent years using the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) data for state Gross Domestic Product (GDP), employment, and personal income earnings from work. The BEA data includes an estimate of

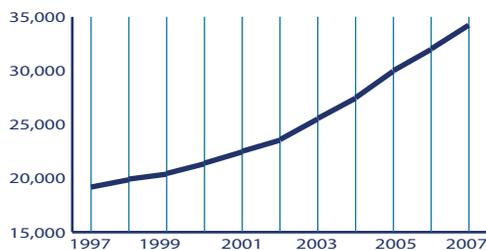
2007 Montana Annual Employment Averages

	Units		Employed	
	Count	Change from 2006	Count	Change from 2006
Total All Industries	42,386	3.4	436,695	2.5
Total Private	40,177	3.4	356,765	3.0
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	950	1.2	4,532	2.3
Mining	410	8.2	7,474	2.4
Utilities	233	0.9	3,045	2.6
Construction	6,359	5.7	32,286	7.0
Manufacturing	1,381	0.7	20,437	1.3
Wholesale Trade	2,286	3.0	16,938	2.5
Retail Trade	4,816	1.3	58,388	4.0
Transportation And Warehousing	1,304	4.3	11,017	2.1
Information	783	1.8	7,621	-1.5
Finance And Insurance	2,059	6.4	15,556	-2.5
Real Estate And Rental And Leasing	1,823	5.1	6,027	-0.4
Professional And Technical Services	4,097	3.9	19,004	2.3
Management Of Companies And Enterprises	113	18.9	1,438	17.7
Administrative And Waste Services	2,001	5.9	20,264	11.3
Educational Services	398	5.9	4,080	-0.4
Health Care And Social Assistance	3,171	4.5	54,270	2.2
Arts, Entertainment, And Recreation	1,225	4.2	11,425	5.6
Accommodation And Food Services	3,276	-0.8	46,738	1.7
Other Services	3,310	1.0	15,980	0.9
Total Government	2,210	3.8	79,931	0.0

Source: Department of Labor and Industry, Research and Analysis Bureau

making these jobs contribute more to personal income and GDP growth than other jobs. The industries of farming, forestry, mining, utilities, and manufacturing made up 11.8% of the employment in Montana, but 13.3% of personal income and 17.1% of the state's GDP in 2006.

Montana Historical Gross Domestic Product (GDP)
(millions of current dollars)



Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis

Of these base industries, mining has been the fastest growing industry for GDP in Montana in recent years, largely because of increased prices for metals, oil, gas, and energy. Mining represents 6.8% of the state's GDP, but has a growth rate of 24% over the 2005 to 2007 period. Mining employs 1.4% of workers in Montana, and has a growth rate for employment of 7% from 2004 to 2006.

While the natural-resource-based industries have traditionally been the driver of the Montana economy, consumer- and service-based industries are becoming increasingly important, particularly in the fast-growing Western portion of Montana. Consumer-based industries are industries where growth depends on an increase in population or income, such as construction, retail, health care, or entertainment. Continued growth in these industries relies on continued population and wage growth.

Consumer-based industries tend to be large employers, but usually pay lower wages because of a predominance of lower-skilled jobs. For example, retail trade is the largest private industry in Montana for employment, employing over 75,000 workers. However, many of the jobs in the retail industries are low-skilled and low-wage. The consumer-based industries of real estate, construction, health care, education, retail, accommodation, services,

and entertainment comprise 52.7% of the employment in Montana, and produce 41.4% of the state's GDP and 40.6% of the personal income from work earnings in 2006.

In recent years, real estate and construction have played large roles in the growth of Montana's economy. Real estate is the largest private industry in the production of state GDP, representing 10.7% of the state's GDP. The real estate industry has experienced a GDP growth rate of 4.8% over the last two years – slower than the industry average. Construction was the fastest growing employer, adding 10.3% of jobs from 2004-2006 and comprising 8.5% of Montana's jobs in 2006. However, these two industries have been impacted by the national slowdown in housing and will likely experience slower growth in the upcoming years.

The health care industry continues to grow in importance in the Montana economy. After government and retail trade, health care is the third largest industry in terms of employment, with 10.1% of Montana's workers within the industry. Health care provides 11.9% of the state's earnings from work and 8.9% of the state's GDP.



Montana Employment Projections Top 20 Fastest Growing Industries

	Industry	2006	2016	Change	% Change	Growth Rate %
	Total, All Industries	523,362	621,092	97,730	18.7	1.7
1	Total Self-Employed and Unpaid Family Workers	95,014	104,375	9,361	9.9	0.9
2	Self-employed workers, primary job	94,516	103,929	9,413	10	1
3	Education and Health Services	94,512	112,973	18,461	19.5	1.8
4	Trade, Transportation and Utilities	89,848	105,889	16,041	17.9	1.7
5	Goods-Producing Domain	64,295	78,564	14,269	22.2	2
6	Leisure and Hospitality	57,267	70,306	13,039	22.8	2.1
7	Retail Trade	56,234	67,011	10,777	19.2	1.8
8	Health Care and Social Assistance	55,986	68,858	12,872	23	2.1
9	Accommodation and Food Services	45,976	55,220	9,244	20.1	1.8
10	Educational Services	38,526	44,115	5,589	14.5	1.4
11	Professional and Business Services	38,246	52,874	14,628	38.2	3.3
12	Public Administration	37,609	40,759	3,150	8.4	0.8
13	Total, All Government	37,609	40,759	3,150	8.4	0.8
14	Food Services and Drinking Places	35,331	41,979	6,648	18.8	1.7
15	Construction	32,392	42,888	10,496	32.4	2.8
16	Financial Activities	22,413	26,741	4,328	19.3	1.8
17	Hospitals	21,939	25,976	4,037	18.4	1.7
18	Manufacturing	20,171	21,063	892	4.4	0.4
19	Professional and Technical Services	18,795	25,007	6,212	33.1	2.9
20	Administrative and Waste Services	18,229	26,044	7,815	42.9	3.6

Source: Department of Labor and Industry, Research and Analysis Bureau

Finally, the third industry category is business support industries, which require a nexus of economic activity to prosper. Business support industries, such as transportation and warehousing, wholesale, management of companies, administrative and waste services, depend on the growth of other industries. Continuing either amenity-driven population growth or economic growth will allow business support industries to prosper. Business support industries comprise 20.8% of Montana's employment, 25.5% of the state's GDP, and 24.2% of personal income from work earnings.

With the recent economic growth, business support industries are some of the fastest growing in the state. The GDP produced by the state's management of companies industry grew at the second fastest rate during 2005-2007 (20.6% annually), followed by administration and waste services with the third fastest growth (15.9% annually). These industries remain small and together comprise only 2.6% of the state's GDP.

In summary, the Montana economy remains fairly reliant on traditional natural-

resource-based industries, particularly mining, to bring in new money into the state. In recent years, consumer-based and service industries have been increasingly important, and now represent the majority of the state's employment. These consumer-based industries rely on amenity-driven population growth and wage growth for continued prosperity. Finally, the business support industries depend on a nexus of population and industry, and have prospered in the rapid economic growth in recent years. All of these industries are interconnected and rely on each other for success.

Challenges to the Montana Economy

National Economic Concerns

During 2006 and 2007, the Montana economy experienced above-average growth in both employment and wages. Using the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, payroll employment grew at a rate of 2.5% from 2006 to 2007, with wages growing at a rate of 5.3%.

Following this rapid expansion, a national economic slowdown has impacted the Montana economy during 2008. Montana job growth has been low since the start of 2008, particularly when compared to the rapid growth in previous years. The unemployment rate has increased over one percent since the start of the year. The wood products industry, an important base industry in the Northwestern portion of Montana, has felt the worst impacts. Construction and financial services have also experienced slowdowns, particularly in comparison to the rapid growth in these industries in previous years.

Montana, however, has not been affected by the national slowdown as much as other states. Using unadjusted data on payroll jobs through the first half of 2008, Montana is ranked the third fastest growing state in the U.S. with 5.9% growth in payroll jobs. Alaska and Wyoming are first and second, which indicates that agriculture and oil and gas industries are likely playing a stabilizing role in the economies of these two states and in Montana. High commodity prices for agricultural and energy products encourage growth in

these industries and also help employment in other industries through spillover effects.

Due to more responsible lending and borrowing practices and a strong economy, Montana home prices have remained fairly stable in comparison to other states. According to the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, Montana home prices



have risen 3.38% over the year ending June 30, 2008. This increase makes Montana the 8th highest state in the nation for home price increases in the last year. Joining Montana on the top ten list are Wyoming, South Dakota, and North Dakota, whose economies have also been fairly stable in comparison to the rest of the nation.

Regionally, Montana's economic performance is similar to our neighbors, with all of Montana's surrounding states experiencing unemployment increases during 2008. Idaho has experienced the greatest change in its unemployment rate during 2008, followed by Montana and Wyoming, then by the Dakotas. The impact of the national recession is greatest in areas like Idaho and Northwestern Montana that are heavily reliant on the wood products industry, with diminishing effects in agricultural and energy-producing areas.

Aging Workforce

A longer-term challenge for the Montana economy is our aging workforce. According to the U.S. Census Bureau's population projections, the percentage of the Montana population that will be over the age of 65 is expected to reach 25% by 2030, making Montana one of the oldest states in the nation. The aging of our population will likely have obvious impacts on our economy, such as increased demand for health care, greater demand for the arts, and changes in state spending for both education and Medicare.

The aging of the population will also cause significant tightening of Montana's labor force. Again using the U.S. Census Bureau's population projections, the working age population in Montana (ages 18-65) will start to decrease starting in 2014. Without changes to the traditional workplace, Montana businesses may start to experience difficulty finding appropriately trained workers. To meet future job demands, businesses will need to start looking for workers in populations that traditionally have lower workforce participation, such as older workers, women with children, minorities, or non-high school completers. To recruit these workers, businesses will likely need to offer more flexible hours, worker training, or a different mix of benefits than what is traditionally provided. The aging of the Montana population will likely drive changes in Montana's education system as well. There will be fewer young people graduating from Montana high schools and more non-traditional students in the Montana University System. The tightening labor force will likely also increase demand for short-term training programs that allow workers to quickly update their skills for emerging technologies. For example, an

Census 2000 Age and Sex by District

	Montana	Senate District 15	House District 29	House District 30
Total Population	902,195	18,808	9,342	9,466
Percent of Population, Under 18 Years	25.5	25.1	26.4	23.7
Percent of Population, 18 to 24 Years	9.5	5.9	6.0	5.9
Percent of Population, 25 to 44 Years	27.2	23.7	24.9	22.6
Percent of Population, 45 to 64 Years	24.4	26.2	25.6	26.9
Percent of Population, 65 Years and Over	13.4	19.0	17.2	20.8
Median Age (Years)	37.5	42.1	40.8	43.7

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

electrician may need a general background, but will also need short-term training to refine his skills in order to build a wind turbine. Businesses may feel the need to take greater responsibility for job training in order to meet their labor demands, but will likely rely on the state education system to provide standards and certifications.

Regional Imbalance

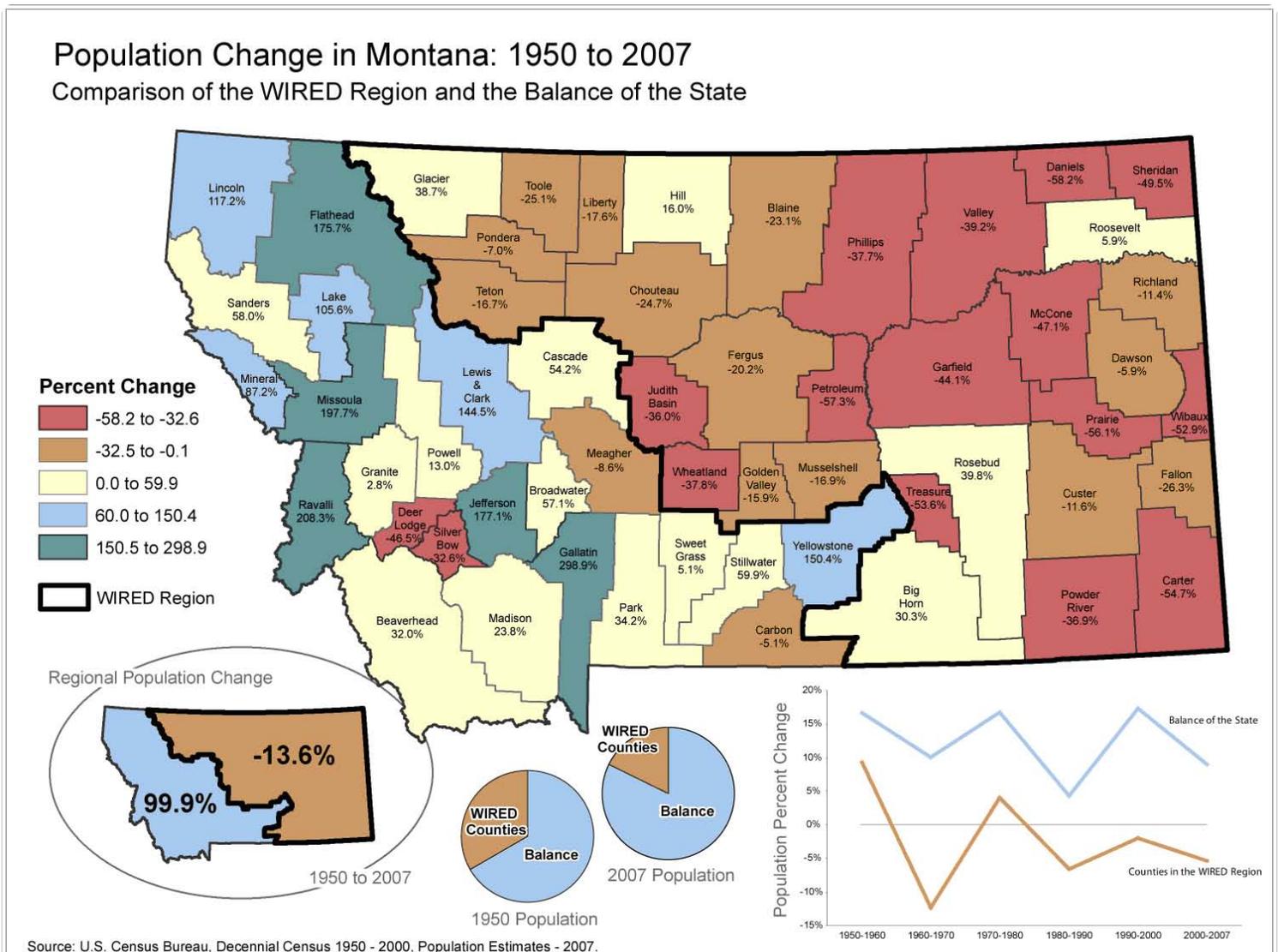
Finally, Montana's economy continues to have regional disparities in prosperity and population growth. Montana remains a fairly rural state, with a population density of 6.5 people per square mile compared to 84.5 people per square mile for the nation (U.S. Census Bureau). In recent years, the population growth in Montana has accelerated, but this population growth

is largely limited to the urban centers and the western portion of Montana. The following map, produced by the Census and Economic Information Center at the Montana Department of Commerce, compares the population change since 1950 in Montana's Workforce Innovation in Regional Economic Development (WIRED) region compared to the balance of the state. The WIRED region is a labor force area designated by the U.S. Department of Labor to receive funding to integrate economic and workforce development. The WIRED region is used here because it includes 32 counties and six Indian Reservations in Eastern and North Central Montana that have been experiencing long-term population and economic declines. Since 1950, the WIRED region has lost 13.6% of

its population; in comparison, the balance of Montana has experienced a population increase of 99.9%. As shown in the graphic below, the population declines are greater in the counties that are further east.

The pattern of population growth (and also economic growth) has also been termed 'the cowboy boot' economy by Governor Brian Schweitzer. Governor Schweitzer's boot economy includes the fast-growing counties of Flathead, Lake, Missoula, Lewis and Clark, Jefferson, Gallatin, and Yellowstone, but also roughly follows the pattern of the WIRED and non-wired counties.

The disparity in population growth between the eastern and western



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portions of the state (or urban or rural, or cowboy-boot or non-boot) has resulted in economic disparities as well. Employment growth in recent years in the nation and in Montana has been driven by consumer-based industries that rely on population increases for economic growth. For example, consumer-based industries in Montana added almost 28,000 jobs to the Montana economy during the 2002 to 2007 period, while natural resource industries only added 3,200 jobs.

The lack of consumer-driven industries in the eastern portion of the state has resulted in slow employment growth. Over the 1990-2007 period, the annual compounding rate of job growth in the WIRED region of Eastern and North Central Montana was -0.3% compared to positive growth of 1.8% in the non-WIRED Western and urban counties. The regional disparity also is evident in wages. The average wage

per job in the WIRED region in 2007 was \$29,200, while the average wage across the full state was \$32,200. However, the rapid growth in the energy industry has provided hope to reverse these fortunes in the eastern portion of the state in recent years. In fact, wages in the WIRED region have grown at a faster rate than wages in Montana as a whole during the 2000-2007 time period (a compounding annual growth rate of 4.6% compared to 4.1%), despite having slower job growth in the WIRED region, likely due to the addition of high-paying energy jobs.

In summary, Montana has large disparity in the economic performance in various areas of the state. The urban centers have experienced strong economic growth, but the rural areas still lag behind in wages and employment. Montana likely will continue to face challenges related to the uneven economic prosperity across the state.



Montana Notable Rankings

	US	Montana	Rank in US
Median age, 2006	36.4	39.2	7
Unemployment rate, April 2008	4.6	3.8	14
Percentage change in home prices, 2005 - 2006	5.59	10.2	8
Percentage of grandparents responsible for their grandchildren	40.5	46.5	22
Percentage of households with one or more people 65 years and over, 2006	23.2	24.4	11
Percentage of children under 6 years old with all parents in the labor force, 2006	61.6	62.0	31
Percentage of people 25 years and over who have completed high school (includes equivalency), 2006	84.1	90.1	4
Percentage of people 16 to 64 years who are in the labor force (including Armed Forces), 2006	74.5	76.0	23
Median monthly housing costs for renter-occupied housing units (dollars), 2006	763	571	46
Percent of housing units that were built in 1939 or earlier, 2006	14.6	18.0	22
Median earnings for full-time, year-round workers (in 2006 inflation-adjusted dollars), 2006	32,649	26,007	49
Median earnings for full-time, year-round workers (in 2006 inflation-adjusted dollars), 2006	42,210	36,378	48
Percentage of civilian population 18 years and over who are veterans, 2006	10.4	14.2	2



- 2.8% of Montanans walk to work, well above the national average.
- Montana ranked 2nd for the percentage of state parks, recreation areas, and natural areas.
- 14% of Montana's civilian population are veterans, placing Montana second in the nation.
- Montana ranked 4th for the percentage of the population 25 and older who graduated from high school.
- Montana has the 4th lowest average travel time to work of any US state.
- Montana ranks 7th in electricity generated from renewable resources.
- Montana residential customers have the 7th lowest electric bill.

Demographics

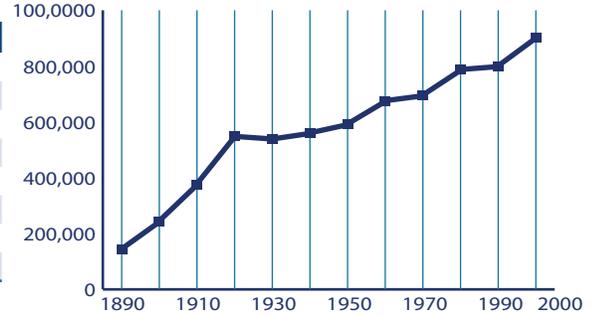
Population Growth in Montana and Selected Counties

Montana's population density is about 6.3 persons per square mile.

	2000 Census	2007 Estimate	Percent Growth
United States	281,421,906	301,621,157	.07
Montana	902,195	957,861	.06
Chouteau County	5,970	5,254	-11.99
Fergus County	11,893	11,181	-5.99
Garfield County	1,279	1,215	-5.00
Judith Basin County	2,329	2,048	-12.07
McCone County	6,851	7,426	8.39
Petroleum County	493	438	-11.16

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Montana Historic Population Growth 1890 - 2000 Censuses



Source: U.S. Census Bureau Population

Household Income and Poverty Figures for 2005

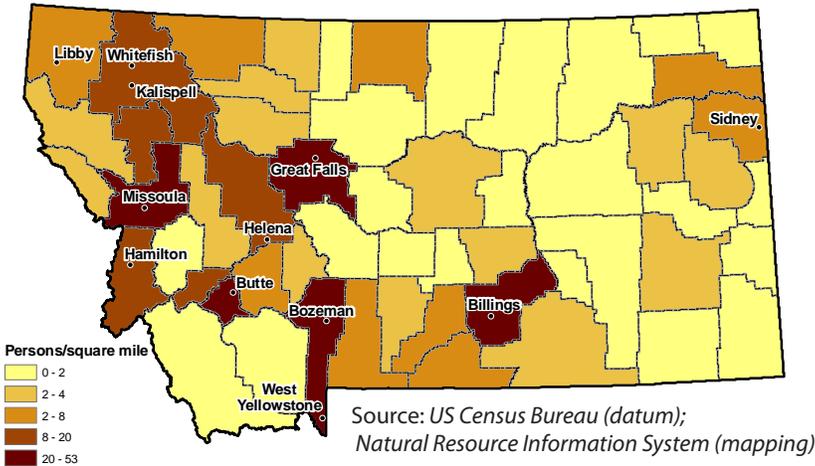
Montana ranked 42nd among all U.S. states for median income in 2005.

	Median Household Income	% in Poverty All Ages	% in Poverty Ages < 18
United States	46,242	13.3	18.5
Montana	38,503	14.6	20.2
Chouteau County	32,396	17.2	25.5
Fergus County	34,251	14.7	20.2
Garfield County	28,326	14.4	19.9
Judith Basin County	31,086	17.1	25.1
McCone County	34,466	11.9	18.5
Petroleum County	25,577	15.9	22.8

Source: U.S. Census Bureau



2007 Population Density Estimates - Total Persons



2007 Population Estimates

	Montana
Male	479,633
Under 18 years	112,664
18 to 64 years	306,876
18 years and over	366,969
21 years and over	346,707
62 years and over	75,218
65 years and over	60,093
Female	478,228
Under 18 years	106,834
18 to 64 years	297,909
18 years and over	371,394
21 years and over	353,066
62 years and over	88,126
65 years and over	73,485
Total	957,861

Source: US Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

Housing Units for Selected Counties

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the total number of housing units in Montana increased 4.7% during this period.

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Percent Change (2000 - 2007)
Chouteau County	2,776	2,775	2,771	2,767	2,765	2,781	2,779	2,795	0.68
Fergus County	5,558	5,558	5,550	5,554	5,545	5,557	5,546	5,530	-0.50
Garfield County	961	961	959	958	955	959	957	955	-0.62
Judith Basin County	1,325	1,325	1,322	1,319	1,316	1,324	1,320	1,316	-0.68
McCone County	1,087	1,086	1,084	1,081	1,079	1,082	1,079	1,076	-1.01
Petroleum County	292	292	292	291	290	292	291	290	-0.68

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Education

Schools in Senate District 15

There are 828 public K-12 and 14 private accredited schools in Montana. Montana also has 21 public and 3 private colleges. Senate and House district figures in the table below show the number of schools located in cities within 10 miles of the district's boundaries.

	Montana	Senate District 15	House District 29	House District 30
High Schools	171	56	36	31
Middle Schools	213	60	36	35
Elementaries	444	113	62	72
Total	828	134	134	138

Source: Office of Public Instruction Website, November 2009

Montana School Size and Enrollment 2007 - 2008

School Size	Percent of Schools	Enrollment	Percent of Enrollment
>500	6	45,133	31
250 to 499	20	55,441	39
100 to 249	20	26,287	18
50 to 99	15	9,152	6
<50	39	7,392	5
Total	100	143,405	100

Source: Office of Public Instruction, September 2008

School Districts - Percentage of in Area

The following table shows the number of school districts with the appropriate percentages in each area. Ten of the elementary districts and one of the high school districts have 100% of their area contained within the boundaries of Senate District 15.

	Senate District 15		House District 29		House District 30	
	Elementary	High School	Elementary	High School	Elementary	High School
0 to 9.999 %	32	26	17	11	24	19
10 to 29.999 %	1	1	1	1	2	1
30 to 49.999 %	1	0	3	2	1	0
50 to 69.999 %	2	1	2	1	3	2
70 to 89.999 %	1	1	0	1	2	1
90 to 99.999 %	20	12	8	5	10	4
100 %	10	1	3	1	5	0
Total	67	42	34	22	47	27

Source: Montana State Library, June 2004

Education Statistics

The data listed below is taken from the 2000 census. Senate and House districts shown are based on the current geographic boundaries thanks to Montana's cooperation with the U.S. Census Bureau.

	Montana	Senate District 15	House District 29	House District 30
Population 5 years and over, Percent who speak a language other than English at home, Total, 2000	5.2	3.8	5.1	2.5
Population 5 years and over, Percent who speak a language other than English at home, And speak English less than "very well", 2000	1.5	0.9	1.3	0.5
Population enrolled in elementary or high school, Percent in private school, 2000	7.0	2.7	2.6	2.9
Population, 16 to 19 years, Percent not enrolled in school and not a high school graduate, 2000	8.0	7.8	5.8	9.8
Population 18 to 24 years, Percent enrolled in college or graduate school, 2000	33.8	7.1	6.1	8.0
Population 25 years and over, Percent with less than a 9th grade education, 2000	4.3	5.4	6.1	4.8
Population 25 years and over, Percent high school graduate or higher, 2000	87.2	86.6	87.0	86.3
Population 25 years and over, Percent with bachelors degree or higher, 2000	24.4	19.5	19.4	19.6
Population 25 to 34 years, Percent with bachelors degree or higher, 2000	26.6	22.8	23.1	22.4

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

National Assessment of Education (NAEP) Progress Historical Performance in Montana Schools

Subject	Grade	Year	State Average	National Average
Mathematics (scale: 0-500)	4	1996 ⁿ	228	222
		2000	228	224
		2003	236	234
		2005	241	237
		2007	244	239
	8	1990 ⁿ	280	262
		1996 ⁿ	283	271
		2000	285	272
		2003	286	276
		2005	286	278
		2007	287	280
Reading (scale: 0-500)	4	1994 ⁿ	222	212
		1998	225	213
		2002	224	217
		2003	223	216
		2005	225	217
	8	2007	227	220
		1998	271	261
		2002	270	263
		2003	270	261
		2005	269	260
		2007	271	261
Science (scale: 0-300)	4	2000	160	145
		2005	160	149
	8	1996 ⁿ	162	148
		2000	164	148
		2005	162	147
Writing (scale: 0-300)	4	2002	149	153
		1998	150	148
	8	2002	152	152
		2007	157	154

ⁿ Accommodations were not permitted for this assessment

Source: National Center for Education Statistics



Libraries

There are 750 libraries in Montana. Senate and House district figures in the table below show the number of libraries located in cities within 10 miles of the district's boundaries. For more detailed information on Montana's libraries visit http://www.msl.mt.gov/For_Librarians/Library_Directory/.

Source: *Montana State Library, December 2008.*

	Montana	Senate District 15	House District 29	House District 30
Public	80	13	7	6
Branches	29	5	3	2
Bookmobiles	3	0	0	0
School	558	57	27	30
Academic	28	2	1	1
Special or Other	52	1	1	0
Total	750	78	39	39

Montana Public Libraries Fast Facts

- **Montana's public libraries hold 3,286,044 items.**
- Montanans visited their public libraries an average of four times throughout the year, for a total of 3,934,580 visits in 2007.
- Montana library patrons checked out 5,606,250 items in 2007, about 6 items per person.
- Librarians in Montana's public libraries fielded 401,180 reference questions in SFY 2007, or 7,715 questions per week.
- 100% of all Montana libraries provide Internet access to patrons
- **Nearly half of all Montanans (424,188) have a library card.**

Montana Talking Book Library

Montana residents who are unable to use standard print materials due to visual, physical and/or reading disabilities may be eligible to borrow recorded books and playback equipment from the Montana Talking Book Library. Eligibility is determined based on National Library Service Standards. Currently, 3,712 Montanans are registered to use this free service.

*All services are provided **FREE** of charge to eligible patrons!*



Talking Book Library volunteers demonstrate the Twin Vision Braille Program.

Source: *Montana Talking Book Library*

Collection

- 67,000+ fiction and non-fiction audio book titles in all genres for all ages
- 80+ audio, Braille, large print and electronic magazines
- 300+ descriptive videos
- 200+ children's Twin Vision books
- Newsline™ telephone audio newspaper service
- Access to Montana Radio Reading newspaper service

**To apply for these FREE services, contact:
(800)-332-3400 Toll Free in Montana
(406) 444-2064 Helena**

Cooperative Free Book Loan Service

- Access to all audio book titles recorded in over 80 regional and sub-regional libraries of the National Library Service

Local Recording and Twin Vision Braille Programs

- Two studios work constantly to record Montana books, magazines, and many other fiction and non-fiction titles. Over 200 Twin Vision (print and illustrated) children's books have been embossed with Braille text.

Online Services

- WebOpac allows users to search the local recording catalog, order items on line and then have them mailed to their door.
- Through WebBraille patrons can download digital Braille books
- The Digital Download Pilot Project allows patrons to download digital audio books. In 2009 the National Library Service (NLS) will unveil its free digital player for use with this service.

Partnerships

- All Montana Public, Academic and Special libraries
- Other organizations include: ophthalmologists, optometrists, Lions Clubs, Blind and Low Vision and Vocational Rehabilitation Services, Low Vision Montana, Blind Support Groups, Veterans facilities, Montana Independent Living Programs, Montana Association for the Blind, as well as all local and national organizations promoting independence to Montanans with visual, physical, and reading handicaps.

Readers' Advisor and Referral Services

- Trained employees conduct book searches to assist patrons in their reading needs and desires. Research is also done for patrons with special needs and appropriate formats are found and referred to the patron for materials needed.

Senate and House district figures in the table below show the number of patrons located in cities within 10 miles of the district's boundaries.

	Montana	Senate District 15	House District 29	House District 30
Total Patrons	3,076	129	101	91
Veterans Who Are Patrons	258	11	9	6
Patron Count by Disability				
Blindness	945	36	28	26
Low Vision	1,435	58	44	34
Physical	267	16	13	15
Reading	435	20	17	17

Source: *Montana Talking Book Library*

Statewide Library Resources

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Statewide Databases



Subscription databases available to all Montana libraries include the Gale Cengage Learning's suite of periodical databases and Ebsco's Auto and Small Engine Repair, Environment Complete and CINAHL, a resource for nursing students.

OCLC



OCLC, Online Computer Library Center, is a nonprofit, membership, computer library service and research organization dedicated to the public purposes of furthering access to the world's information and reducing information costs.

Ask Montana

A free online service for information and research help provided by librarians in Montana and around the world. Since July of 2004 the service has answered more than 4,300 questions.



<http://askmontana.org/>

MontanaLibrary2Go

This service offers library patrons from participating libraries a substantial, continually growing collection of audio, video and music titles from OverDrive, Inc. Content is available for download to personal playing devices.

HeritageQuest

This subscription genealogy database is accessible by all Montana public library patrons and staff. It provides a collection of unique material for both genealogical and historical researchers, with coverage dating back to the late 1700s.

Montana Memory Project

The Montana Memory Project provides access to digital collections and items relating to Montana's cultural heritage and government.



Source: *Montana Historical Society Photo Archive, Montana Memory Project*

Participating Libraries

Senate and House district figures in the table below show the number of libraries located in cities within 10 miles of the district's boundaries.

	Montana	Senate District 15	House District 29	House District 30
Statewide Databases	750	65	39	39
OCLC	249	17	11	9
Ask Montana	20	2	1	2
MontanaLibrary2Go	21	2	1	2
HeritageQuest	80	11	7	6
Montana Memory Project	12	1	1	1

Source: *Montana State Library*

Statewide Library Training

In order to help Montana libraries provide the highest quality of service to patrons, the Montana State Library offers a certification program and a variety of continuing education and training opportunities for Montana librarians, library staff, and trustees.



Total Attendees (56 online) 1,318
 Number of Workshops (23 online) 113
 Number of different Montana locations 44

Time period: October 2007 through September 2008

Source: *Montana State Library*

Montana Shared Catalog Statistics

The Montana Shared Catalog helps Montana libraries meet today's library users demands. It gives Montanans a rich and easy-to-use catalog including more than 2.3 million items which patrons circulated 2,843,665 times from September 2007 to August 2008. Additional groups that partner to share their catalogs include the 4 Rivers, BridgerNet, and Partners groups. Senate and House district figures below show the number of libraries located in cities within 10 miles of the district's boundaries.

Source: *Montana Shared Catalog*

	Montana	Senate District 15	House District 29	House District 30
Participating Libraries	91	0	0	0
Patrons	271,880	0	0	0
Items	2,304,415	0	0	0
Partner Group Libraries	28	0	0	0



Montana Shared Catalog Senate District 15 Public and Branch Libraries

Roosevelt County Library - *Wolf Point*
 Poplar City Library - *Poplar*
 Lewistown Public Library - *Lewistown*
 Big Sandy Branch Library - *Big Sandy*

School librarian Linda Gardner congratulates the first student to check out a book through the newly activated Montana Shared Catalog system at Alberton School Library.

Land

Land Ownership

Senate District 15 number 1 in size and is 17,328.134 square miles, or about 12% of Montana's total land area (146,923.075 square miles). The average senate district in Montana is 2,938 square miles and the average house district is 1,469.

Owner	Montana		Senate District 15		House District 29		House District 30	
	Area (Sq Mi)	%	Area (Sq Mi)	%	Area (Sq Mi)	%	Area (Sq Mi)	%
Private	83,975.739	57.156	12,329.686	71.154	4,493.055	73.055	7,836.631	70.108
Local Government	30.275	0.021	0.489	0.003	0.000	0.000	0.489	0.004
Tribal Land and BIA Trust	8,430.944	5.738	2.780	0.016	0.103	0.002	2.678	0.024
Water	1,319.568	0.898	254.815	1.471	21.924	0.356	232.890	2.083
Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks	467.888	0.318	24.112	0.139	24.040	0.391	0.071	0.001
State Trust Land	8,060.125	5.486	1,159.369	6.691	569.908	9.266	589.461	5.273
Other State Land	114.762	0.078	0.784	0.005	0.232	0.004	0.553	0.005
US Bureau of Land Management	12,520.011	8.521	2,302.476	13.288	493.969	8.032	1,808.507	16.179
US Fish and Wildlife Service	1,432.092	0.975	590.423	3.407	32.865	0.534	557.558	4.988
US Forest Service	26,403.777	17.971	661.179	3.816	514.113	8.359	147.066	1.316
US National Park Service	1,832.048	1.247	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Other Federal Land	369.170	0.251	2.020	0.012	0.000	0.000	2.020	0.018
Plum Creek Timber Lands	1,966.676	1.339	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total	146,923.075		17,328.134		6,150.209		11,177.925	

Source: Montana Natural Heritage Program, August 2008

Private Land Agricultural Use

Owner	Montana		Senate District 15		House District 29		House District 30	
	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%	Acres	%
Continuous Crop	37,496.664	0.065	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Fallow Crop	12,743,190.043	22.240	2,125,243.371	25.523	911,374.322	31.756	1,213,869.049	22.245
Farmstead	54,950.000	0.096	3,388.000	0.041	1,469.000	0.051	1,919.000	0.035
Grazing	37,017,002.816	64.604	5,839,053.228	70.123	1,800,254.446	62.729	4,038,798.782	74.012
Irrigated	1,641,330.911	2.865	28,321.807	0.340	12,390.755	0.432	15,931.052	0.292
Timber	5,006,817.111	8.738	154,120.150	1.851	41,831.315	1.458	112,288.833	2.058
Wild Hay	797,870.640	1.392	176,689.422	2.122	102,567.138	3.574	74,122.284	1.358
Total	57,298,658.19		8,326,815.98		2,869,886.98		5,456,929.00	

Source: Montana Department of Administration Information Technology Services Division

Conservation Easements (Acres)

	Montana	Senate District 15	House District 29	House District 30
Bitter Root Land Trust	690.02	0.00	0.00	0.00
City Government	600.54	0.00	0.00	0.00
Clark Fork- Pend Oreille Conservancy	151.16	0.00	0.00	0.00
County Government	527.62	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ducks Unlimited (Wetlands America Trust)	15,362.12	0.00	0.00	0.00
Five Valleys Land Trust	33,710.48	0.00	0.00	0.00
Flathead Land Trust	6,961.13	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gallatin Valley Land Trust	32,137.65	0.00	0.00	0.00
Montana Department of Transportation	508.49	0.00	0.00	0.00
Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks	379,062.50	10,099.74	10,015.47	84.27
Montana Land Reliance	779,823.97	67,017.68	44,831.94	22,185.74
National Wildlife Federation	19.65	0.00	0.00	0.00
Prickly Pear Land Trust	985.46	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rattlesnake Land Trust	189.54	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation	47,466.24	0.00	0.00	0.00
Salish and Kootenai Tribe	102.40	0.00	0.00	0.00
The Bighorn Institute	1,443.39	0.00	0.00	0.00
The Nature Conservancy	279,256.25	0.00	0.00	0.00
The Vital Ground Foundation	673.83	0.00	0.00	0.00
US Bureau of Reclamation	41.61	0.00	0.00	0.00
US Department of Agriculture	14,281.37	0.00	0.00	0.00
US Fish and Wildlife Service	207,447.07	561.34	0.00	561.34
US Forest Service	8,875.86	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	1,810,318.34	77,678.75	54,847.41	22,831.34

Source: Montana Natural Heritage Program

Montana GIS Portal

Additional geographic datum and maps are available through the Montana GIS Portal at <http://gisportal.mt.gov/Portal/>. The new portal provides access to more than 400 databases and over 200 sample maps from the collections of the Montana Base Map Service Center, the Montana State Library, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, and Flathead County.



Water Well Development

There are approximately 195,453 water wells in Montana. 55% of Montana's wells were drilled prior to 1990. 24% were drilled in the 1990's and 21% were drilled since the year 2000.

Year	Montana		Senate District 15		House District 29		House District 30	
	Count	Avg Depth (ft)	Count	Avg Depth (ft)	Count	Avg Depth (ft)	Count	Avg Depth (ft)
Pre 1990	106,736	120.66	6,383	237.67	2,601	225.61	3,782	249.73
1990 - 1999	47,608	122.33	1,128	211.64	446	195.62	682	227.66
2000 - 2007	41,109	135.18	1,338	219.27	657	203.96	681	234.59
Total	195,453	126.05	8,849	222.86	3,704	208.39	5,145	237.32

Source: Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology's Ground Water Information Center (GWIC). This data was drawn from the GWIC database in July 2007.

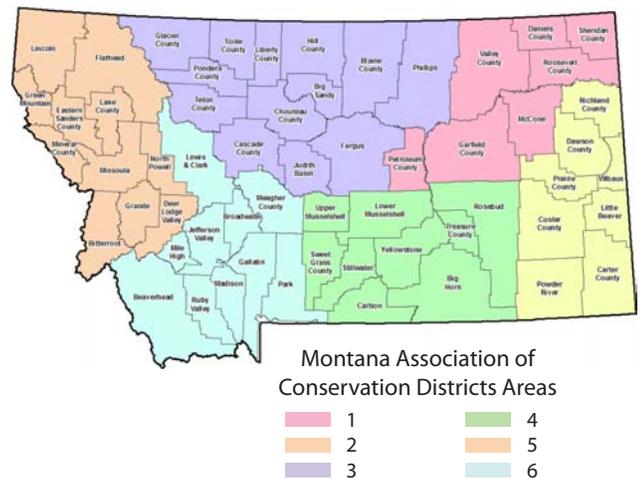
Water Rights

There are 299,021 water rights in Montana. The Department of Natural Resources and Conservation maintains a database of water rights to assist Montana citizens and the Montana Water Court in the water rights adjudication process.

Type	Montana	Senate District 15	House District 29	House District 30
62-73 Ground Water	181	1	1	0
Compact	263	6	4	2
Conservation District	234	3	1	2
Exempt Right	6,248	412	246	166
Ground Water Certificate	76,476	3,604	1,461	2,143
Inter-State Claim	7	0	0	0
Irrigation District	211	4	2	2
Powder River Declaration	8,015	0	0	0
Provisional Permit	9,113	781	284	497
Reserved Claim	3,558	7	1	6
Statement of Claim	182,211	23,212	10,614	12,598
Stockwater Permit	3,580	539	194	345
Temporary Permit	13	1	0	1
Water Reservation	8,911	1,121	432	689
Total	299,021	29,691	13,240	16,451

Source: Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Natural Resource Information System, September 2008.

Montana Conservation Districts



Source: Natural Resource Information System, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, January 2008

Public Water Supplies

There are 3,266 public water supplies located in the State of Montana, 78 of which are located in Senate District 15. These figures do not include public water supplies serving Native American nations.

	Count
House District 29	
Public, community	34
Public, non-community, non-transient	2
Public, transient	16
House District 30	
Public, community	11
Public, transient	15

Source: Department of Environmental Quality, December 2007



Dams in Senate District 15

There are 3,666 dams in Montana. Predominant uses are stock/farm ponds (48%) and irrigation (22%).

Source: National Inventory of Dams, USGS Geographic Names Information System

Type	Montana	Senate District 15	House District 29	House District 30
Debris Control	1	0	0	0
Fish and Wildlife Pond	1	0	0	0
Flood Control	43	6	0	6
Hydroelectric	26	0	0	0
Irrigation	822	115	23	92
Recreation	54	3	3	0
Stock/Small Farm Pond	1,771	439	80	359
Tailings	8	0	0	0
Water Supply	44	1	0	1
Other	68	3	1	2
Unknown	828	143	20	123
Total	3,666	710	127	583

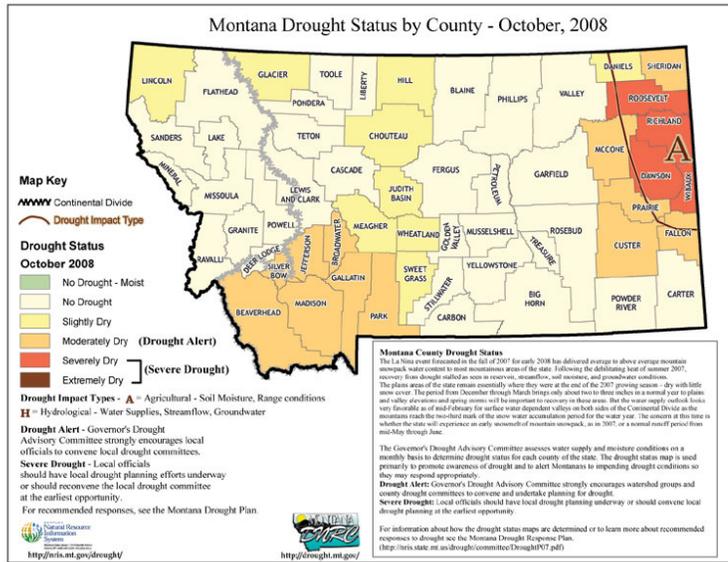
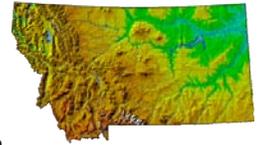
Montana Drought Resources

The Montana Governor's Drought Advisory Committee is charged with monitoring, forecasting, and reporting water supply and moisture conditions, enabling Montanans to make timely and informed decisions to mitigate drought impacts in a proactive manner.

For up to date information and maps on Montana's current drought situation visit <http://drought.mt.gov/default.asp>.

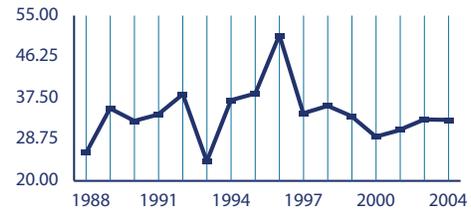
Montana Digital Atlas

Additional mapping and data capabilities are available through the Montana State Library at <http://nris.mt.gov/>. The Montana Digital Atlas provides unlimited access to detailed information on such issues as climate, environmental impacts, land information, water, and cultural data.



Source: Natural Resource Information System

Montana Yearly Average Precipitation (1988 - 2004)



Source: Natural Resources Conservation Service

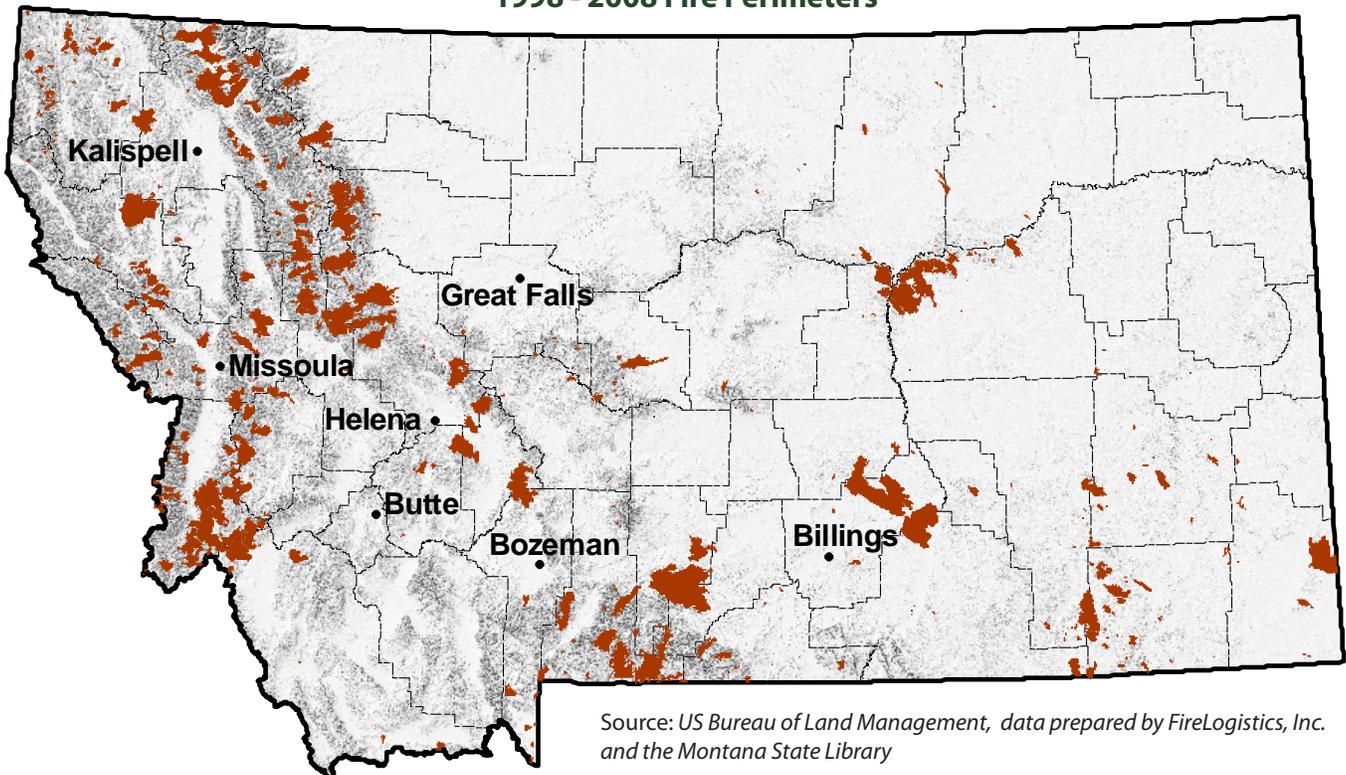
Montana Fires 2002 - 2007

All Fires from All Agencies

Year	Count	Acreage
2002	1,372	110,309
2003	2,326	736,809
2004	1,447	18,445
2005	1,316	103,294
2006	2,302	1,047,118
2007	1,875	778,079

Source: Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

1998 - 2008 Fire Perimeters



Source: US Bureau of Land Management, data prepared by FireLogistics, Inc. and the Montana State Library

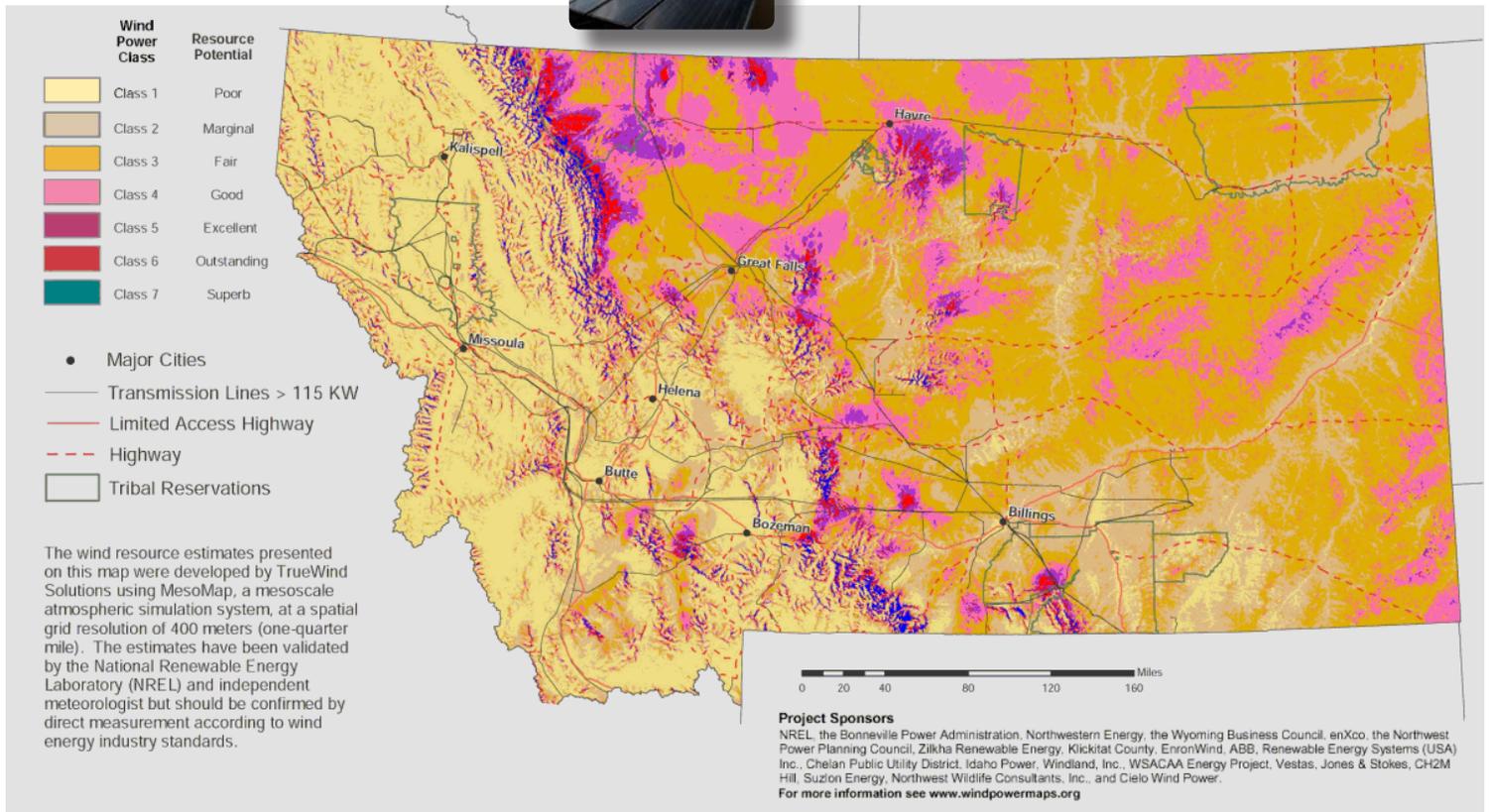
Oil and Gas Wells in Senate District 15

	Montana	Senate District 15	House District 29	House District 30
Coal Bed Methane, Completed	1,042	0	0	0
Coal Bed Methane, Abandoned	36	0	0	0
Coal Bed Methane, Permitted	105	0	0	0
Coal Bed Methane, Under Construction	6	0	0	0
Coal Bed Methane, Water	1	0	0	0
Gas, Completed	6,770	163	157	6
Gas, Abandoned	2,265	55	53	2
Gas, Permitted	284	2	2	0
Gas, Under Construction	210	8	8	0
Gas, Water	49	3	3	0
Oil, Completed	6,835	104	0	104
Oil, Abandoned	4,390	267	0	267
Oil, Gas	2	0	0	0
Oil, Permitted	169	3	0	3
Oil, Under Construction	160	1	0	1
Oil, Water	31	0	0	0
Total	22,355	606	223	383

Source: Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation, October 2008



Wind Power Distribution



Find additional energy related data and maps at <http://nris.mt.gov/>

Pipelines in Senate District 15

	Montana		Senate District 15		House District 29		House District 30	
	Count	Miles	Count	Miles	Count	Miles	Count	Miles
Crude Oil	90	1,970	9	254	5	208	4	46
Natural Gas	360	3,301	13	103	7	46	6	57
Refined Product	47	805	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	24	402	1	6	1	6	0	0
Total	521	6,477	23	362	13	260	10	103

Source: Pipeline Integrity Management Mapping Application, December 2006

Abandoned Mines and Remediation Sites

	Abandoned Mines	Remediation Sites
Montana	6,857	656
Senate District 15	739	24
House District 29	263	10
House District 30	476	14

Source: Montana Department of Environmental Quality, 2008

Montana House Heating Fuel

Occupied housing units		
Utility gas	215,892	58.0%
Bottled, tank, or LP gas	48,188	13.0%
Electricity	66,054	17.8%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	6,243	1.7%
Coal or coke	701	0.2%
Wood	30,210	8.1%
Solar energy	285	0.1%
Other fuel	4,012	1.1%
No fuel used	369	0.1%

Source: 2007 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

Wildlife and Recreation

Montana is blessed with a wealth of wildlife and habitat diversity. These resources provide exceptional opportunities for recreation and contribute substantially to the state's economy and quality of life.

Wildlife Highlights

For more information on other animals, plants, and habitats in your Senate District, visit the Montana Natural Heritage Program at <http://mtnhp.org>.

Resources include:

- Montana Field Guide – an online encyclopedia of Montana's animals and plants;
- Natural Heritage Tracker – powerful mapping tools;
- Land stewardship maps - show public lands, conservation easements, and special designations;
- Access to NatureServe Explorer – with information on species and habitats for all of North America;
- Publications - over 100 survey, species and ecology reports.
- Expert scientists to ensure accuracy of information;
- Quick, friendly responses to data requests and user support.

Great Blue Heron

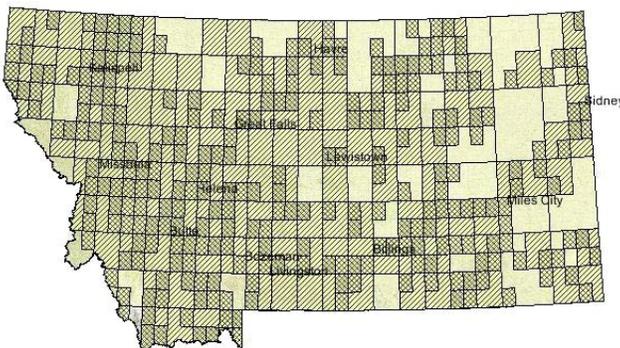
Ardea herodias

Great Blue Herons are the largest heron in North America with a wing span of up to 66 to 79 inches. They breed in colonies or "rookeries," where they build large stick-nests in the treetops.

Source: *Montana Natural Heritage Program, Montana Field Guide*



Great Blue Heron General Observations



Source: *Natural Heritage Tracker (map)*

Montana Animal and Plant Diversity

Mammals	108
Birds	413
Reptiles	18
Fish	85
Amphibians	13
Vascular Plants	2,400

Montana Big Game Population Estimates

Mule Deer	327,931
White-Tailed Deer	237,496
Antelope	220,500
Elk	138,496
Black Bear	15,500
Bighorn Sheep	5,300
Moose	4,800
Mountain Lion	1,800

Montana Recreation Resources

Public lands acres (multiple use)	26,127,212 acres
Rivers and Streams*	177,000 miles
Cold Water Fishery Streams	15,000 miles
Warm Water Fishery Streams	6,100 miles
Lakes*	845,000 acres
Cold Water Fisheries	400,000 acres
Warm Water Fisheries	350,000 acres

Montana Recreation Sites

Montana State Parks	50
Total acres	34,293 acres
National Parks	7
Total acres	1,172,510 acres
FWP Fishing Access Sites	320
Total acres	24,502 acres
FWP Block Management Acreage	8.5 million
Wildlife Viewing Sites	135
Hiking Trails	2,300
Total miles	15,000 miles
Groomed snowmobile trails	4,023 miles

Montana Wildlife Recreation Facts

Percentage of Montanans (age 16 or older)...	
Who Hunted, 2006	19%
Who Fished, 2006	24%
Who Participated in Wildlife-Watching Activities, 2006	50%
Hunting licenses purchased, 2005	188,299
By Montana Residents	144,642
By Non-residents	43,637
Fishing licenses purchased, 2006	390,214
By Montana Residents	230,426
By Non-residents	159,788
Angler Days Reported by Montana Residents, 2005	2.78 million
Wildlife Viewing by Montana Residents....**	
From Home	389,000
Traveled in the State	510,000
Use of Fishing Access Sites	3.9 million
Personal Watercraft Registered	81,926
Off-Highway Vehicles Registered, 2007	46,707

Montana Economic Impacts of Wildlife Recreation

Spent During Wildlife-Viewing Trips in Montana, 2006**	\$365 million
Spent by Anglers, 2005 (excludes license fees)	\$251.7 million
Hunting-related expenditures	\$302 million

Source: *Montana Natural Heritage Program; Fish, Wildlife and Parks*

* *National Water Quality Inventory: 1998 Report to Congress*

** *2006 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife and Associated Recreation*

Wildlife and Recreation

Species Diversity in Senate District 15

Senate District 15	
Amphibians	8
Birds	303
Fish	60
Mammals	85
Reptiles	15
Total	471

Source: Montana Natural Heritage Program



Acres of Big Game Winter Range

Big game winter ranges cover a total of 9,487,691 acres or 85.55% of Senate District 15. The table below identifies the number of acres used by individual species even when these areas overlap with other big game animals.

Senate District 15	
Antelope	2,564,645.55
Bighorn Sheep	113,993.99
Elk	2,701,516.80
Mountain Goat	10,160.73
Mule Deer	7,309,323.32
Moose	0.00
White-tailed Deer	650,134.04

Source: Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks

There are a total of 96 Wildlife Viewing Sites in Montana, six of which are located in Senate District 15.

Recreation Area (Acres)

Senate District 15	
Fishing Access Sites	766.86
State Parks	486.84
Wildlife Conservation Easements	0.00
Wildlife Protection Areas	0.00
Wildlife Management Areas	15,952.02
Total	17,205.73

Source: Montana Fish, Wildlife, & Parks

Wildlife Highlights

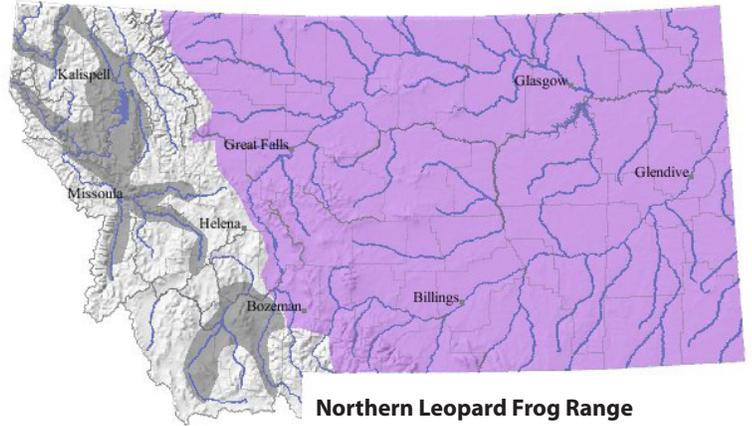
Northern Leopard Frog

Rana pipiens

Northern leopard frogs are active during both the day and night and can be found in a variety of freshwater habitats.



Source: Montana Natural Heritage Program, Montana Field Guide



Northern Leopard Frog Range

Block Management Acreage

There are a total of 7,546,232 acres of Block Management land (excluding Plum Creek*) in the State of Montana. 1,394,355.72 of those acres or 18.48% are located in Senate District 15.

*Plum Creek land in FWP's Regions 1 and 2 are not included in these statistics. Although they are part of the Block Management Program, they are not traditional BMA's and are managed differently.

Source: Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks



Fishing and Hunting Licenses by County

	Fishing	Hunting	Total
Chouteau County	917	1,605	2,522
Fergus County	4,587	9,988	14,575
Garfield County	1,463	1,070	2,533
Judith Basin County	204	499	703
McCone County	306	651	957
Petroleum County	254	586	840

Source: Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

Senate District 15 Libraries

Public



Belt Public Library

Gladys Rayhill, Library Director
Cascade County
PO Box 467 Belt, MT 59412
(406) 277-3136
Web Site: <http://www.beltlibrary.com/>
OCLC, HeritageQuest, Statewide Databases



Chouteau County Library

Jill Munson, Library Director
Chouteau County
PO Box 639 Fort Benton, MT 59442
(406) 622-5222
Web Site: <http://chouteaucountylibrary.googlepages.com>
OCLC, HeritageQuest, Statewide Databases



Denton Public Library

Lori Weinheimer, Library Director
Fergus County
PO Box 986 Denton, MT 59430
(406) 567-2571
Web Site: dentonpubliclibrary.googlepages.com
HeritageQuest, Statewide Databases



Dorothy Asbjornson Community Library

Doris Knox, Library Director
Fergus County
PO Box 181 Winifred, MT 59489
(406) 462-5425
HeritageQuest, Statewide Databases



Garfield County Library

Janette Davie, Library Director
Garfield County
PO Box 69 Jordan, MT 59337
(406) 557-2297
OCLC, HeritageQuest, Statewide Databases



George McCone Memorial County Library

Emmie Loberg, Library Director
McCone County
PO Box 49 Circle, MT 59215
(406) 485-2350
Web Site: <http://www.mconelibrary.com/>
OCLC, HeritageQuest, Statewide Databases



Judith Basin County Free Library

Jeanne Lillegard, Library Director
Judith Basin County
PO Box 486 Stanford, MT 59479
(406) 566-2277
Web Site: <http://www.judithbasinlibrary.com>
OCLC, HeritageQuest, Statewide Databases



Lewistown Public Library

Bridgett Johnson, Library Director
Fergus County
701 West Main Lewistown, MT 59457
(406) 538-5212
Web Site: <http://www.lewistownlibrary.org>
Catalog: <http://mtscprod.msl.mt.gov/uhtbin/cgisirsi/x/0/0/49>
Montana Shared Catalog, OCLC, MyMontanaLibrary2Go, HeritageQuest, Ask Montana Participant, Montana Memory Project Participant, Statewide Databases



Moore Public Library

Carlene Daugherty, Library Director
Fergus County
PO Box 125 Moore, MT 59464
(406) 374-2364
Web Site: <http://groups.msn.com/moorepubliclibrary>
HeritageQuest, Statewide Databases

Petroleum County School-Community Library

Nancy Freburg, Library Director
Petroleum County
PO Box 188 Winnett, MT 59087
(406) 429-2451
Web Site: <http://www.midrivers.com/~pcclibrary>
OCLC, HeritageQuest, Statewide Databases



Roosevelt County Library

Andrea Hayes, Library Director
Roosevelt County
220 2nd Ave South Wolf Point, MT 59201
(406) 653-2411
Catalog: <http://mtscprod.msl.mt.gov/uhtbin/cgisirsi/x/0/0/49>
Montana Shared Catalog, OCLC, MyMontanaLibrary2Go, HeritageQuest, Statewide Databases

Branch



Big Sandy Branch Library

Deloris (Dee) Pribyl, Branch Librarian
Chouteau County
PO Box 1247 Big Sandy, MT 59520
(406) 378-2161
Web Site: <http://chouteaucountylibrary.googlepages.com>
Catalog: [http://www.mtha.mt.lib.org/Hi-Line Shared Catalog](http://www.mtha.mt.lib.org/Hi-Line%20Shared%20Catalog), *Statewide Databases*

Geraldine Branch Library

Bernadine Fairbanks, Branch Librarian
Chouteau County
PO Box 316 Geraldine, MT 59446
(406) 737-4331
Web Site: <http://chouteaucountylibrary.googlepages.com>
Statewide Databases

Hobson Community Library

Jeanne Lillegard, Library Director
Judith Basin County
PO Box 393 Hobson, MT 59452
(406) 423-5453
Web Site: <http://www.hobsonlibrary.org>
Statewide Databases

Poplar City Library

Jackie Hagadone, Branch Librarian
Roosevelt County
PO Box 515 Poplar, MT 59255
(406) 768-3749
Catalog: <http://mtscprod.msl.mt.gov/uhtbin/cgiisirs/x/0/0/49>
Montana Shared Catalog, Statewide Databases

Academic



Fort Peck Tribal Library

Anita Scheetz, Library Director
Roosevelt County
PO Box 398 Poplar, MT 59255
(406) 768-6340
Web Site: <http://www.fpcc.edu/library.htm>
OCLC, Ask Montana Participant, Statewide Databases

Stone Child College Library

Helen WindyBoy, Librarian
Hill County
RR #1 Box 1082 Box Elder, MT 59521
(406) 395-4875
Web Site: <http://btc.montana.edu/SCC/>
OCLC, Statewide Databases

School

Belt Public Schools

Debra Ray, School Librarian
Cascade County
PO Box 197 Belt, MT 59412
(406) 277-3351
Web Site: <http://www.beltschool.com>
OCLC, Statewide Databases

Benton Lake Elementary

Dawn Dawson, School Librarian
Chouteau County
17557 Bootlegger Trail Floweree, MT 59440
(406) 452-9023
Statewide Databases

Big Dry Creek Elementary

Vickie Wahl, Supervising Teacher/Librarian
Garfield County
HC 69 Box 14 Sand Springs, MT 59077
(406) 557-2672
Statewide Databases

Big Sandy Public Schools

Christine Locke, Librarian
Chouteau County
PO Box 570 Big Sandy, MT 59520
(406) 378-2501
Web Site: <http://bshs.ttc-cmc.net>
Statewide Databases

Box Elder Public Schools

Jacqueline Hanson, School Librarian
Hill County
PO Box 205 Box Elder, MT 59521
(406) 352-4195
OCLC, Statewide Databases

Carter Elementary

Marjorie Scott, Supervising Teacher/Librarian
Chouteau County
PO Box 159 Carter, MT 59420
(406) 734-5389
Statewide Databases

Circle Public Schools

Sande Larson, School Librarian
McCone County
PO Box 99 Circle, MT 59215
(406) 485-3600
Statewide Databases

Cohagen Elementary

Jessica McWilliams, Teacher
Garfield County
PO Box 93 Cohagen, MT 59322
(406) 557-2838
Statewide Databases

Deerfield Elementary

Traci Manseau, Supervising Teacher/Librarian
Fergus County
Route 3 Box 3139 Lewistown, MT 59457
(406) 538-7824
Statewide Databases

Denton Public Schools

Shari Grubb, School Librarian
Fergus County
PO Box 1048 Denton, MT 59430
(406) 567-2370
Statewide Databases

Fergus High School Library

Jeff Friesen, School Library Media Specialist
Fergus County
1001 Casino Creek Drive Lewistown, MT 59457
(406) 538-2321
Web Site: <http://fergus.lewistown.k12.mt.us/>
Statewide Databases

Fort Benton Elementary School

Walleyne Flanagan, School Librarian
Chouteau County
PO Box 399 Fort Benton, MT 59442
(406) 622-3721
Statewide Databases

Fort Benton Middle and H.S. Library

Carley Vielleux, School Library Media Specialist
Chouteau County
PO Box 399 Fort Benton, MT 59442
(406) 622-5112
Statewide Databases

Frazer Public Schools

Melissa Law, School Librarian
Valley County
PO Box 488 Frazer, MT 59225
(406) 695-2241
Statewide Databases

Frontier Elementary School

Virginia Ulrickson, School Librarian
Roosevelt County
Wolf Point, MT 59201
(406) 653-2501
Statewide Databases

Geraldine Public Schools

Robyn Scribner, School Librarian
Chouteau County
PO Box 347 Geraldine, MT 59446
(406) 737-4371
Web Site: <http://www.geraldine.k12.mt.us>
Statewide Databases

Geyser Public School

Noel Osterman, School Librarian
Judith Basin County
PO Box 70 Geyser, MT 59447
(406) 735-4368
OCLC, Statewide Databases

Highwood Public Schools

Kelly Maddock, Library Specialist
Chouteau County
160 West St. S Highwood, MT 59450
(406) 733-2081
Catalog: <http://mtscprod.msl.mt.gov/uhtbin/cgiisirs/x/0/0/49>
Montana Shared Catalog, OCLC, Statewide Databases

Hobson Public Schools

Sheila Herrin, School Librarian
Judith Basin County
PO Box 410 Hobson, MT 59452
(406) 423-5483
Web Site: <http://www.sheila.herrin.hobson.k12.mt.us>
OCLC, Statewide Databases

Jordan Public Schools

Karen Gibbs, Academy Director
Garfield County
PO Box 409 Jordan, MT 59337
(406) 557-2259
OCLC, Statewide Databases

Judith Gap Public Schools

Carol Smith Noble, School Librarian
Wheatland County
PO Box 67 Judith Gap, MT 59453
(406) 473-2211
Statewide Databases

Kester Elementary

Susan Schemmel, District Clerk
Garfield County
PO Box 338 Jordan, MT 59337
(406) 557-2334
Statewide Databases

King Colony Elementary

Sandra Fox, Supervising Teacher/Librarian
Fergus County
2370 King Colony Road Lewistown, MT 59457
(406) 538-5797
Statewide Databases

Lewistown Elementary Schools

Barbara Fradley, Head of Children's Services
Fergus County
215 7th Avenue South Lewistown, MT 59457
(406) 535-2811
Web Site: <http://bigspring.lewistown.k12.mt.us/>
Statewide Databases

Lewistown Jr. High School

Barbara Fradley, Head of Children's Services
Fergus County
914 W Main Lewistown, MT 59457
(406) 535-5419
Statewide Databases

Lustre Christian High School

Bonnie Unrau, School Librarian
Valley County
HC 66 Box 57 Frazer, MT 59225
(406) 392-5735
Statewide Databases

Lustre Elementary

Vernelle Unrau, Supervising Teacher/Librarian
Valley County
HC 66 Box 58 Frazer, MT 59225
(406) 392-5780
Statewide Databases

Moore Public Schools

Yvette Majerus, School Librarian
Fergus County
509 Highland Ave Moore, MT 59464
(406) 374-2231
Web Site: <http://moore.k12.mt.us>
Statewide Databases

Nashua Public Schools

Ruth Mehl, School Librarian
Valley County
PO Box 170 Nashua, MT 59248
(406) 746-3411
Statewide Databases

Northside School Library

Virginia Ulrickson, School Librarian
Roosevelt County
710 Fourth Avenue North Wolf Point, MT 59201
(406) 653-1653
Statewide Databases

Pine Grove-Cap Rock Elementary

Rebecca Wilson, Supervising Teacher/Librarian
Garfield County
PO Box 39 Brusett, MT 59318
(406) 557-6181
Statewide Databases

Poplar High School Library

Diane Elliott, School Librarian
Roosevelt County
PO Box 458 Poplar, MT 59255
(406) 768-3408
Statewide Databases

Poplar Public Schools

Shannon SpottedBird, Librarian
Roosevelt County
PO Box 458 Poplar, MT 59255
(406) 768-3409
Statewide Databases

Raynesford Elementary

Nancy Hansen, Supervising Teacher/Librarian
Judith Basin County
PO Box 191 Raynesford, MT 59469
(406) 738-4385
Statewide Databases

Rocky Boy Elementary School

Janine Leeds, School Librarian
Hill County
RR1 Box 620 Box Elder, MT 59521
(406) 395-4288
Statewide Databases

Rocky Boy Jr/Sr High School

Janine Leeds, School Librarian
Hill County
RR 1 Box 620 Box Elder, MT 59521
(406) 395-4270
Statewide Databases

Ross Elementary (in Cat Creek)

Karla Christensen, Supervising Teacher/Librarian
Garfield County
HC 67 Box 5 c/o Browning Mosby, MT 59058
(406) 429-2645
Statewide Databases

Roy Public Schools

Nancy Freborg, School Librarian
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PO Box 9 Roy, MT 59471
(406) 464-2511
Web Site: <http://www.midrivers.com/~roy2>
OCLC, Statewide Databases

Southside Elementary Schools Library

Kathy Dunne, School Librarian
Roosevelt County
415 4th Avenue South Wolf Point, MT 59201
(406) 653-1480
Statewide Databases

Spring Creek Colony Elementary Library

Amy Talkington, Supervising Teacher/Librarian
Fergus County
PO Box 1185 Lewistown, MT 59457
(406) 538-5160
Statewide Databases

Stanford Public Schools Library

Nancy Metcalfe, Librarian
Judith Basin County
PO Box 506 Stanford, MT 59479
(406) 566-2265
Statewide Databases

Van Norman Elementary Library

Marisa Nelson, School Librarian
Garfield County
HC 63 Box 354 Jordan, MT 59337
(406) 557-6104
Statewide Databases

Vida Elementary Library

Karla Wittmier, Supervising Teacher/Librarian
McCone County
PO Box 31 Vida, MT 59274
(406) 525-3374
Statewide Databases

Warrick Elementary Library

Lia Payne, Supervising Teacher/Librarian
Chouteau County
29200 Warrick Road Big Sandy, MT 59520
(406) 386-2246
Statewide Databases

Winifred Public Schools Library

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PO Box 109 Winifred, MT 59489
(406) 462-5420
Statewide Databases

Wolf Point Jr/Sr High Library

Dorlis Ebner, School Librarian
Roosevelt County
213 6th Ave S Wolf Point, MT 59201
(406) 653-1200
Statewide Databases

Special**Arden G. Hill Memorial Library**

Dixie-Linda Paronto, Library Director
Cascade County
7356 4th Avenue N Malmstrom AFB, MT 59402
(406) 731-4638
Web Site: <http://www.341fss.com>
Catalog: <http://slk020.liberty3.net/AFSC/gateway/gateway.exe>
Statewide Databases

State of Montana Index

	Montana	United States	Rank in US
Geography			
Population per square mile 2000	6.2	79.6	27
Households 2000 (complete count)	358,667	105,480,101	22
Persons per household 2000 (complete count)	2.5	2.6	32
Resident Population			
Estimate (July 1) 2006	944,632	299,398,484	23
Estimate, percent change - April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2006	4.7	6.4	34
Estimate, net change - April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2006	42,437	17,973,882	27
(April 1) 2000 (complete count)	902,195	281,421,906	23
Under 5 years of age (July 1) 2006	57,916	20,417,636	24
Under 5 years of age, percent (July 1) 2006	6.1	6.80	30
Under 18 years of age (July 1) 2006	217,848	73,735,562	23
Under 18 years of age, percent (July 1) 2006	23.1	24.6	23
65 years and over (July 1) 2006	14	37,260,352	22
65 years and over, percent (July 1) 2006	130,592	12	12
Total females, percent (July 1) 2006	50.0	50.7	6
White alone (July 1) 2006	858,140	239,746,254	25
Black alone (July 1) 2006	4,094	38,342,549	16
American Indian and Alaska Native alone (July 1) 2006	60,725	2,902,851	30
Asian alone (July 1) 2006	5,699	13,159,343	33
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone (July 1) 2006	527	528,818	36
Population 5 years and over, percent speaking language other than English at	5.2	17.9	48
Civilian noninstitutionalized population, 5 years and over, with a disability 2000	145,732	49,746,248	18
Vital Statistics			
Births 2004	11,519	4,112,052	24
Deaths 2004	8,094	2,397,615	17
Infant deaths under one year 2004	52	27,936	20
Population 5 years and over by residence in 1995 - percent in same house 2000 (sample)	53.6	54.1	13
Percent foreign born population 2000 (sample)	1.8	11.1	45
Education			
Educational attainment - persons 25 years and over - percent high school graduate or higher 2000	87.2	80.4	46
Educational attainment - persons 25 years and over - percent bachelor's degree or higher 2000	24.4	24.4	45
Income/Poverty			
Per capita income in 1999	17,151	21,587	39
Median household income 2004	35,574	44,334	45
People of all ages in poverty - percent 2004	14	13	8
Personal Income (NAICS) 2005	27,122	10,220,942	24
Per capita personal income (NAICS) 2005	29,015	34,471	41
Federal			
Federal Government expenditure - total FY 2004	7,493,567	2,143,781,727	19
Federal Government expenditure per capita FY 2004	8,085	7,300	10
Housing			
Housing unit estimates as of July 1, 2006	432,023	126,316,181	22
Housing unit estimates - net change, April 1, 2000 (base) to July 1, 2006	19,390	10,411,707	24
Housing unit estimates - percent change, April 1, 2000 (base) to July 1, 2006	4.70	9.00	26
Owner-occupied housing units - percent of total occupied housing units 2000 (complete count)	69.1	66.2	4
Median value of specified owner-occupied housing units 2000 (sample)	99,500	119,600	41
Housing units by units in structure - multiple units 2000 (sample)	15.7	26.40	44
New private housing units authorized by building permits - total 2006 (20,000-place universe)	4,542	1,838,903	18
Valuation of new private housing units authorized by building permits 2006	723,109	291,314,492	23
Employment/Business			
Civilian labor force 2006	493,842	151,428,000	23
Civilian labor force unemployment 2006	15,680	7,001,000	29
Civilian labor force unemployment rate 2006	3.2	4.6	38
Employment in all industries (NAICS) 2005	613,425	174,249,600	23
Employment in all industries (NAICS), net change 2000 (SIC)- 2005	54,370	7,490,800	20
Employment in government and government enterprises (NAICS) 2005	92,756	23,837,000	24
Earnings in all industries (NAICS, no code) 2005	19,787,993	7,983,652,000	24
Earnings in all industries (NAICS, no code), average earnings per job 2005	32,258	45,817	32
Average travel time to work for workers 16 years and over not working at home 2000	17.7	25.5	19
Private nonfarm establishments 2005	35,736	7,499,702	26
Private nonfarm employment for pay period including March 12, 2005	326,887	116,317,003	23
Private nonfarm employment for pay period including March 12, 2005, percent change 2000-2005	10.4	2.0	35
Nonemployer: total (NAICS 00) establishments, 2005	80,851	20,392,068	23
Accommodation and Food Services: total (NAICS 72) - sales of establishments with payroll 2002	1,537,986	449,498,718	31
Total number of firms 2002	100,402	22,974,655	24
Manufacturing: total (NAICS 31-33) - value of shipments 2002	4,987,577	3,916,136,712	23
Wholesale trade: total (NAICS 42) - sales of establishments with payroll 2002	7,223,420	4,634,755,112	28
Retail trade: total (NAICS 44-45) - sales of establishments with payroll 2002	10,122,625	3,056,421,997	23
Retail trade: total (NAICS 44-45) - sales of establishments with payroll per capita 2002	11,116	10,615	42
Land in farms (NAICS) 2002(acres)(not adjusted)	59,612,403	938,279,056	32

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Chouteau County Index

	County	Montana	Rank in MT
Geography			
Population per square mile 2000	1.5	6.2	42
Households 2000 (complete count)	2,226	358,667	33
Persons per household 2000 (complete count)	2.6	2.5	8
Resident Population			
Estimate (July 1) 2006	5,417	944,632	33
Estimate, percent change - April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2006	-9.3	4.7	48
Estimate, net change - April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2006	-553	42,437	53
(April 1) 2000 (complete count)	5,970	902,195	33
Under 5 years of age (July 1) 2006	229	57,916	34
Under 5 years of age, percent (July 1) 2006	4.2	6.1	41
Under 18 years of age (July 1) 2006	1,293	217,848	32
Under 18 years of age, percent (July 1) 2006	23.9	23.1	11
65 years and over (July 1) 2006	1,026	130,592	30
65 years and over, percent (July 1) 2006	18.9	13.8	16
Total females, percent (July 1) 2006	49.7	50.0	32
White alone (July 1) 2006	4,468	858,140	32
Black alone (July 1) 2006	5	4,094	38
American Indian and Alaska Native alone (July 1) 2006	875	60,725	14
Asian alone (July 1) 2006	19	5,699	31
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone (July 1) 2006	6	527	12
Population 5 years and over, percent speaking language other than English at	5	5	19
Civilian noninstitutionalized population, 5 years and over, with a disability 2000	864	145,732	34
Vital Statistics			
Births 2004	42	11,519	34
Deaths 2004	58	8,094	32
Infant deaths under one year 2004	1	52	14
Population 5 years and over by residence in 1995 - percent in same house 2000 (sample)	64.4	53.6	23.0
Percent foreign born population 2000 (sample)	1.9	1.8	14
Education			
Educational attainment - persons 25 years and over - percent high school graduate or higher 2000	87.1	87.2	17
Educational attainment - persons 25 years and over - percent bachelor's degree or higher 2000	20.5	24.4	19
Income/Poverty			
Per capita income in 1999	14,851	17,151	39
Median household income 2004	31,219	35,574	35
People of all ages in poverty - percent 2004	14	14	22
Personal Income (NAICS) 2005	151	27,122	31
Per capita personal income (NAICS) 2005	27,610	29,015	21
Federal			
Federal Government expenditure - total FY 2004	66,684	7,493,567	24
Federal Government expenditure per capita FY 2004	11,961	8,085	10
Housing			
Housing unit estimates as of July 1, 2006	2,779	432,023	33
Housing unit estimates - net change, April 1, 2000 (base) to July 1, 2006	3	19,390	25
Housing unit estimates - percent change, April 1, 2000 (base) to July 1, 2006	0.1	4.7	25
Owner-occupied housing units - percent of total occupied housing units 2000 (complete count)	68.8	69.1	45
Median value of specified owner-occupied housing units 2000 (sample)	69,000	99,500	29
Housing units by units in structure - multiple units 2000 (sample)	5.2	15.70	42
New private housing units authorized by building permits - total 2006 (20,000-place universe)	25	4,542	13
Valuation of new private housing units authorized by building permits 2006	151	723,109	34
Employment/Business			
Civilian labor force 2006	2,533	493,842	34
Civilian labor force unemployment 2006	66	15,680	37
Civilian labor force unemployment rate 2006	2.6	3.2	47
Employment in all industries (NAICS) 2005	3,178	613,425	33
Employment in all industries (NAICS), net change 2000 (SIC)- 2005	5	54,370	50
Employment in government and government enterprises (NAICS) 2005	521	92,756	32
Earnings in all industries (NAICS, no code) 2005	73,291	19,787,993	35
Earnings in all industries (NAICS, no code), average earnings per job 2005	23,062	32,258	39
Average travel time to work for workers 16 years and over not working at home 2000	19.7	17.7	18
Private nonfarm establishments 2005	172	35,736	32
Private nonfarm employment for pay period including March 12, 2005	841	326,887	37
Private nonfarm employment for pay period including March 12, 2005, percent change 2000-2005	12.1	10.40	13
Nonemployer: total (NAICS 00) establishments, 2005	362	80,851	37
Accommodation and Food Services: total (NAICS 72) - sales of establishments with payroll 2002	2,590	1,537,986	38
Total number of firms 2002	515	100,402	34
Manufacturing: total (NAICS 31-33) - value of shipments 2002	0	4,987,577	15
Wholesale trade: total (NAICS 42) - sales of establishments with payroll 2002	29,767	7,223,420	19
Retail trade: total (NAICS 44-45) - sales of establishments with payroll 2002	24,741	10,122,625	37
Retail trade: total (NAICS 44-45) - sales of establishments with payroll per capita 2002	4,382	11,116	44
Land in farms (NAICS) 2002(acres)(not adjusted)	2,301,376	59,612,403	3

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Fergus County Index

	County	Montana	Rank in MT
Geography			
Population per square mile 2000	2.7	6.2	29
Households 2000 (complete count)	4,860	358,667	13
Persons per household 2000 (complete count)	2.3	2.5	45
Resident Population			
Estimate (July 1) 2006	11,496	944,632	15
Estimate, percent change - April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2006	-3.3	4.7	32
Estimate, net change - April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2006	-397	42,437	47
(April 1) 2000 (complete count)	11,893	902,195	15
Under 5 years of age (July 1) 2006	537	57,916	19
Under 5 years of age, percent (July 1) 2006	4.7	6.1	35
Under 18 years of age (July 1) 2006	2,340	217,848	19
Under 18 years of age, percent (July 1) 2006	20.4	23.1	43
65 years and over (July 1) 2006	2,399	130,592	11
65 years and over, percent (July 1) 2006	20.9	13.8	6
Total females, percent (July 1) 2006	50.9	50.0	5
White alone (July 1) 2006	11,101	858,140	13
Black alone (July 1) 2006	12	4,094	29
American Indian and Alaska Native alone (July 1) 2006	196	60,725	25
Asian alone (July 1) 2006	30	5,699	22
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone (July 1) 2006	0	527	44
Population 5 years and over, percent speaking language other than English at	3	5	45
Civilian noninstitutionalized population, 5 years and over, with a disability 2000	2,041	145,732	18
Vital Statistics			
Births 2004	88	11,519	26
Deaths 2004	131	8,094	14
Infant deaths under one year 2004	0	52	29
Population 5 years and over by residence in 1995 - percent in same house 2000 (sample)	59.3	53.6	32.0
Percent foreign born population 2000 (sample)	1.0	1.8	46
Education			
Educational attainment - persons 25 years and over - percent high school graduate or higher 2000	86.3	87.2	19
Educational attainment - persons 25 years and over - percent bachelor's degree or higher 2000	19.1	24.4	22
Income/Poverty			
Per capita income in 1999	15,808	17,151	25
Median household income 2004	33,414	35,574	24
People of all ages in poverty - percent 2004	13	14	29
Personal Income (NAICS) 2005	316	27,122	14
Per capita personal income (NAICS) 2005	27,436	29,015	22
Federal			
Federal Government expenditure - total FY 2004	91,387	7,493,567	16
Federal Government expenditure per capita FY 2004	7,920	8,085	30
Housing			
Housing unit estimates as of July 1, 2006	5,547	432,023	14
Housing unit estimates - net change, April 1, 2000 (base) to July 1, 2006	-11	19,390	48
Housing unit estimates - percent change, April 1, 2000 (base) to July 1, 2006	-0.2	4.7	32
Owner-occupied housing units - percent of total occupied housing units 2000 (complete count)	73.5	69.1	26
Median value of specified owner-occupied housing units 2000 (sample)	70,600	99,500	27
Housing units by units in structure - multiple units 2000 (sample)	11.2	15.70	22
New private housing units authorized by building permits - total 2006 (20,000-place universe)	1	4,542	36
Valuation of new private housing units authorized by building permits 2006	111	723,109	37
Employment/Business			
Civilian labor force 2006	5,662	493,842	15
Civilian labor force unemployment 2006	219	15,680	16
Civilian labor force unemployment rate 2006	3.9	3.2	14
Employment in all industries (NAICS) 2005	7,686	613,425	13
Employment in all industries (NAICS), net change 2000 (SIC)- 2005	387	54,370	19
Employment in government and government enterprises (NAICS) 2005	1,084	92,756	19
Earnings in all industries (NAICS, no code) 2005	201,369	19,787,993	17
Earnings in all industries (NAICS, no code), average earnings per job 2005	26,199	32,258	28
Average travel time to work for workers 16 years and over not working at home 2000	16.4	17.7	32
Private nonfarm establishments 2005	433	35,736	13
Private nonfarm employment for pay period including March 12, 2005	3,117	326,887	15
Private nonfarm employment for pay period including March 12, 2005, percent change 2000-2005	1.9	10.40	34
Nonemployer: total (NAICS 00) establishments, 2005	957	80,851	14
Accommodation and Food Services: total (NAICS 72) - sales of establishments with payroll 2002	12,886	1,537,986	19
Total number of firms 2002	1,336	100,402	13
Manufacturing: total (NAICS 31-33) - value of shipments 2002	0	4,987,577	21
Wholesale trade: total (NAICS 42) - sales of establishments with payroll 2002	257,294	7,223,420	6
Retail trade: total (NAICS 44-45) - sales of establishments with payroll 2002	102,362	10,122,625	15
Retail trade: total (NAICS 44-45) - sales of establishments with payroll per capita 2002	8,762	11,116	15
Land in farms (NAICS) 2002(acres)(not adjusted)	2,281,789	59,612,403	4

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Garfield County Index

	County	Montana	Rank in MT
Geography			
Population per square mile 2000	0.3	6.2	55
Households 2000 (complete count)	532	358,667	52
Persons per household 2000 (complete count)	2.4	2.5	36
Resident Population			
Estimate (July 1) 2006	1,244	944,632	51
Estimate, percent change - April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2006	-2.7	4.7	30
Estimate, net change - April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2006	-35	42,437	26
(April 1) 2000 (complete count)	1,279	902,195	51
Under 5 years of age (July 1) 2006	87	57,916	45
Under 5 years of age, percent (July 1) 2006	7.0	6.1	8
Under 18 years of age (July 1) 2006	295	217,848	50
Under 18 years of age, percent (July 1) 2006	23.7	23.1	13
65 years and over (July 1) 2006	238	130,592	52
65 years and over, percent (July 1) 2006	19.1	13.8	14
Total females, percent (July 1) 2006	47.0	50.0	54
White alone (July 1) 2006	1,234	858,140	51
Black alone (July 1) 2006	1	4,094	47
American Indian and Alaska Native alone (July 1) 2006	6	60,725	51
Asian alone (July 1) 2006	1	5,699	54
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone (July 1) 2006	1	527	32
Population 5 years and over, percent speaking language other than English at	2	5	53
Civilian noninstitutionalized population, 5 years and over, with a disability 2000	233	145,732	52
Vital Statistics			
Births 2004	20	11,519	42
Deaths 2004	5	8,094	54
Infant deaths under one year 2004	0	52	30
Population 5 years and over by residence in 1995 - percent in same house 2000 (sample)	66.4	53.6	14.0
Percent foreign born population 2000 (sample)	1.1	1.8	41
Education			
Educational attainment - persons 25 years and over - percent high school graduate or higher 2000	84.7	87.2	27
Educational attainment - persons 25 years and over - percent bachelor's degree or higher 2000	16.8	24.4	34
Income/Poverty			
Per capita income in 1999	13,930	17,151	47
Median household income 2004	29,259	35,574	47
People of all ages in poverty - percent 2004	11	14	48
Personal Income (NAICS) 2005	36	27,122	50
Per capita personal income (NAICS) 2005	30,103	29,015	10
Federal			
Federal Government expenditure - total FY 2004	31,188	7,493,567	39
Federal Government expenditure per capita FY 2004	25,606	8,085	1
Housing			
Housing unit estimates as of July 1, 2006	957	432,023	50
Housing unit estimates - net change, April 1, 2000 (base) to July 1, 2006	-4	19,390	35
Housing unit estimates - percent change, April 1, 2000 (base) to July 1, 2006	-0.4	4.7	39
Owner-occupied housing units - percent of total occupied housing units 2000 (complete count)	73.7	69.1	24
Median value of specified owner-occupied housing units 2000 (sample)	34,700	99,500	55
Housing units by units in structure - multiple units 2000 (sample)	2.5	15.70	54
New private housing units authorized by building permits - total 2006 (20,000-place universe)	0	4,542	40
Valuation of new private housing units authorized by building permits 2006	0	723,109	40
Employment/Business			
Civilian labor force 2006	636	493,842	51
Civilian labor force unemployment 2006	21	15,680	51
Civilian labor force unemployment rate 2006	3.3	3.2	25
Employment in all industries (NAICS) 2005	877	613,425	51
Employment in all industries (NAICS), net change 2000 (SIC)- 2005	18	54,370	48
Employment in government and government enterprises (NAICS) 2005	125	92,756	51
Earnings in all industries (NAICS, no code) 2005	22,351	19,787,993	49
Earnings in all industries (NAICS, no code), average earnings per job 2005	25,486	32,258	31
Average travel time to work for workers 16 years and over not working at home 2000	13.2	17.7	47
Private nonfarm establishments 2005	33	35,736	50
Private nonfarm employment for pay period including March 12, 2005	161	326,887	50
Private nonfarm employment for pay period including March 12, 2005, percent change 2000-2005	29.8	10.40	2
Nonemployer: total (NAICS 00) establishments, 2005	122	80,851	49
Accommodation and Food Services: total (NAICS 72) - sales of establishments with payroll 2002	781	1,537,986	48
Total number of firms 2002	143	100,402	50
Manufacturing: total (NAICS 31-33) - value of shipments 2002	0	4,987,577	22
Wholesale trade: total (NAICS 42) - sales of establishments with payroll 2002	0	7,223,420	41
Retail trade: total (NAICS 44-45) - sales of establishments with payroll 2002	5,718	10,122,625	49
Retail trade: total (NAICS 44-45) - sales of establishments with payroll per capita 2002	4,593	11,116	41
Land in farms (NAICS) 2002(acres)(not adjusted)	2,181,755	59,612,403	6

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Judith Basin County Index

	County	Montana	Rank in MT
Geography			
Population per square mile 2000	1.2	6.2	45
Households 2000 (complete count)	951	358,667	43
Persons per household 2000 (complete count)	2.5	2.5	23
Resident Population			
Estimate (July 1) 2006	2,142	944,632	43
Estimate, percent change - April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2006	-8.0	4.7	46
Estimate, net change - April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2006	-187	42,437	36
(April 1) 2000 (complete count)	2,329	902,195	43
Under 5 years of age (July 1) 2006	76	57,916	47
Under 5 years of age, percent (July 1) 2006	3.5	6.1	48
Under 18 years of age (July 1) 2006	465	217,848	44
Under 18 years of age, percent (July 1) 2006	21.7	23.1	28
65 years and over (July 1) 2006	398	130,592	45
65 years and over, percent (July 1) 2006	18.6	13.8	18
Total females, percent (July 1) 2006	48.3	50.0	52
White alone (July 1) 2006	2,111	858,140	43
Black alone (July 1) 2006	1	4,094	48
American Indian and Alaska Native alone (July 1) 2006	8	60,725	50
Asian alone (July 1) 2006	2	5,699	52
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone (July 1) 2006	0	527	46
Population 5 years and over, percent speaking language other than English at	9	5	9
Civilian noninstitutionalized population, 5 years and over, with a disability 2000	380	145,732	44
Vital Statistics			
Births 2004	12	11,519	48
Deaths 2004	14	8,094	50
Infant deaths under one year 2004	0	52	33
Population 5 years and over by residence in 1995 - percent in same house 2000 (sample)	68.2	53.6	10.0
Percent foreign born population 2000 (sample)	1.4	1.8	32
Education			
Educational attainment - persons 25 years and over - percent high school graduate or higher 2000	87.6	87.2	11
Educational attainment - persons 25 years and over - percent bachelor's degree or higher 2000	23.6	24.4	8
Income/Poverty			
Per capita income in 1999	14,291	17,151	45
Median household income 2004	29,793	35,574	42
People of all ages in poverty - percent 2004	14	14	26
Personal Income (NAICS) 2005	53	27,122	44
Per capita personal income (NAICS) 2005	24,537	29,015	38
Federal			
Federal Government expenditure - total FY 2004	20,082	7,493,567	47
Federal Government expenditure per capita FY 2004	9,166	8,085	24
Housing			
Housing unit estimates as of July 1, 2006	1,320	432,023	44
Housing unit estimates - net change, April 1, 2000 (base) to July 1, 2006	-5	19,390	40
Housing unit estimates - percent change, April 1, 2000 (base) to July 1, 2006	-0.4	4.7	41
Owner-occupied housing units - percent of total occupied housing units 2000 (complete count)	77.1	69.1	9
Median value of specified owner-occupied housing units 2000 (sample)	56,700	99,500	43
Housing units by units in structure - multiple units 2000 (sample)	2.7	15.70	53
New private housing units authorized by building permits - total 2006 (20,000-place universe)	0	4,542	44
Valuation of new private housing units authorized by building permits 2006	0	723,109	44
Employment/Business			
Civilian labor force 2006	1,047	493,842	43
Civilian labor force unemployment 2006	33	15,680	43
Civilian labor force unemployment rate 2006	3.2	3.2	28
Employment in all industries (NAICS) 2005	1,119	613,425	49
Employment in all industries (NAICS), net change 2000 (SIC)- 2005	-146	54,370	55
Employment in government and government enterprises (NAICS) 2005	215	92,756	44
Earnings in all industries (NAICS, no code) 2005	23,514	19,787,993	47
Earnings in all industries (NAICS, no code), average earnings per job 2005	21,013	32,258	46
Average travel time to work for workers 16 years and over not working at home 2000	17.5	17.7	27
Private nonfarm establishments 2005	55	35,736	49
Private nonfarm employment for pay period including March 12, 2005	169	326,887	49
Private nonfarm employment for pay period including March 12, 2005, percent change 2000-2005	7.6	10.40	18
Nonemployer: total (NAICS 00) establishments, 2005	194	80,851	43
Accommodation and Food Services: total (NAICS 72) - sales of establishments with payroll 2002	1,369	1,537,986	45
Total number of firms 2002	230	100,402	43
Manufacturing: total (NAICS 31-33) - value of shipments 2002	0	4,987,577	28
Wholesale trade: total (NAICS 42) - sales of establishments with payroll 2002	11,223	7,223,420	29
Retail trade: total (NAICS 44-45) - sales of establishments with payroll 2002	4,127	10,122,625	52
Retail trade: total (NAICS 44-45) - sales of establishments with payroll per capita 2002	1,829	11,116	54
Land in farms (NAICS) 2002(acres)(not adjusted)	829,846	59,612,403	35

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

McCone County Index

	County	Montana	Rank in MT
Geography			
Population per square mile 2000	0.7	6.2	51
Households 2000 (complete count)	810	358,667	47
Persons per household 2000 (complete count)	2.4	2.5	26
Resident Population			
Estimate (July 1) 2006	1,760	944,632	27
Estimate, percent change - April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2006	-11.0	4.7	51
Estimate, net change - April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2006	-217	42,437	38
(April 1) 2000 (complete count)	1,977	902,195	47
Under 5 years of age (July 1) 2006	58	57,916	51
Under 5 years of age, percent (July 1) 2006	3.3	6.1	53
Under 18 years of age (July 1) 2006	373	217,848	46
Under 18 years of age, percent (July 1) 2006	21.2	23.1	31
65 years and over (July 1) 2006	352	130,592	48
65 years and over, percent (July 1) 2006	20.0	13.8	10
Total females, percent (July 1) 2006	50.2	50.0	22
White alone (July 1) 2006	1,699	858,140	49
Black alone (July 1) 2006	6	4,094	35
American Indian and Alaska Native alone (July 1) 2006	28	60,725	44
Asian alone (July 1) 2006	5	5,699	47
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone (July 1) 2006	0	527	48
Population 5 years and over, percent speaking language other than English at	2	5	55
Civilian noninstitutionalized population, 5 years and over, with a disability 2000	299	145,732	48
Vital Statistics			
Births 2004	11	11,519	50
Deaths 2004	11	8,094	53
Infant deaths under one year 2004	0	52	35
Population 5 years and over by residence in 1995 - percent in same house 2000 (sample)	72.6	53.6	3.0
Percent foreign born population 2000 (sample)	0.7	1.8	53
Education			
Educational attainment - persons 25 years and over - percent high school graduate or higher 2000	86.1	87.2	21
Educational attainment - persons 25 years and over - percent bachelor's degree or higher 2000	16.4	24.4	38
Income/Poverty			
Per capita income in 1999	15,162	17,151	33
Median household income 2004	29,746	35,574	44
People of all ages in poverty - percent 2004	10	14	50
Personal Income (NAICS) 2005	45	27,122	48
Per capita personal income (NAICS) 2005	25,224	29,015	32
Federal			
Federal Government expenditure - total FY 2004	19,820	7,493,567	48
Federal Government expenditure per capita FY 2004	11,166	8,085	13
Housing			
Housing unit estimates as of July 1, 2006	1,079	432,023	47
Housing unit estimates - net change, April 1, 2000 (base) to July 1, 2006	-8	19,390	45
Housing unit estimates - percent change, April 1, 2000 (base) to July 1, 2006	-0.7	4.7	53
Owner-occupied housing units - percent of total occupied housing units 2000 (complete count)	78.0	69.1	5
Median value of specified owner-occupied housing units 2000 (sample)	42,600	99,500	51
Housing units by units in structure - multiple units 2000 (sample)	5.1	15.70	44
New private housing units authorized by building permits - total 2006 (20,000-place universe)	0	4,542	46
Valuation of new private housing units authorized by building permits 2006	0	723,109	46
Employment/Business			
Civilian labor force 2006	996	493,842	44
Civilian labor force unemployment 2006	24	15,680	48
Civilian labor force unemployment rate 2006	2.4	3.2	53
Employment in all industries (NAICS) 2005	1,286	613,425	44
Employment in all industries (NAICS), net change 2000 (SIC)- 2005	79	54,370	35
Employment in government and government enterprises (NAICS) 2005	182	92,756	47
Earnings in all industries (NAICS, no code) 2005	27,201	19,787,993	46
Earnings in all industries (NAICS, no code), average earnings per job 2005	21,152	32,258	45
Average travel time to work for workers 16 years and over not working at home 2000	15.1	17.7	38
Private nonfarm establishments 2005	61	35,736	48
Private nonfarm employment for pay period including March 12, 2005	341	326,887	45
Private nonfarm employment for pay period including March 12, 2005, percent change 2000-2005	-4.2	10.40	49
Nonemployer: total (NAICS 00) establishments, 2005	135	80,851	48
Accommodation and Food Services: total (NAICS 72) - sales of establishments with payroll 2002	522	1,537,986	50
Total number of firms 2002	181	100,402	48
Manufacturing: total (NAICS 31-33) - value of shipments 2002	0	4,987,577	31
Wholesale trade: total (NAICS 42) - sales of establishments with payroll 2002	0	7,223,420	45
Retail trade: total (NAICS 44-45) - sales of establishments with payroll 2002	11,488	10,122,625	46
Retail trade: total (NAICS 44-45) - sales of establishments with payroll per capita 2002	6,237	11,116	31
Land in farms (NAICS) 2002(acres)(not adjusted)	1,346,271	59,612,403	18

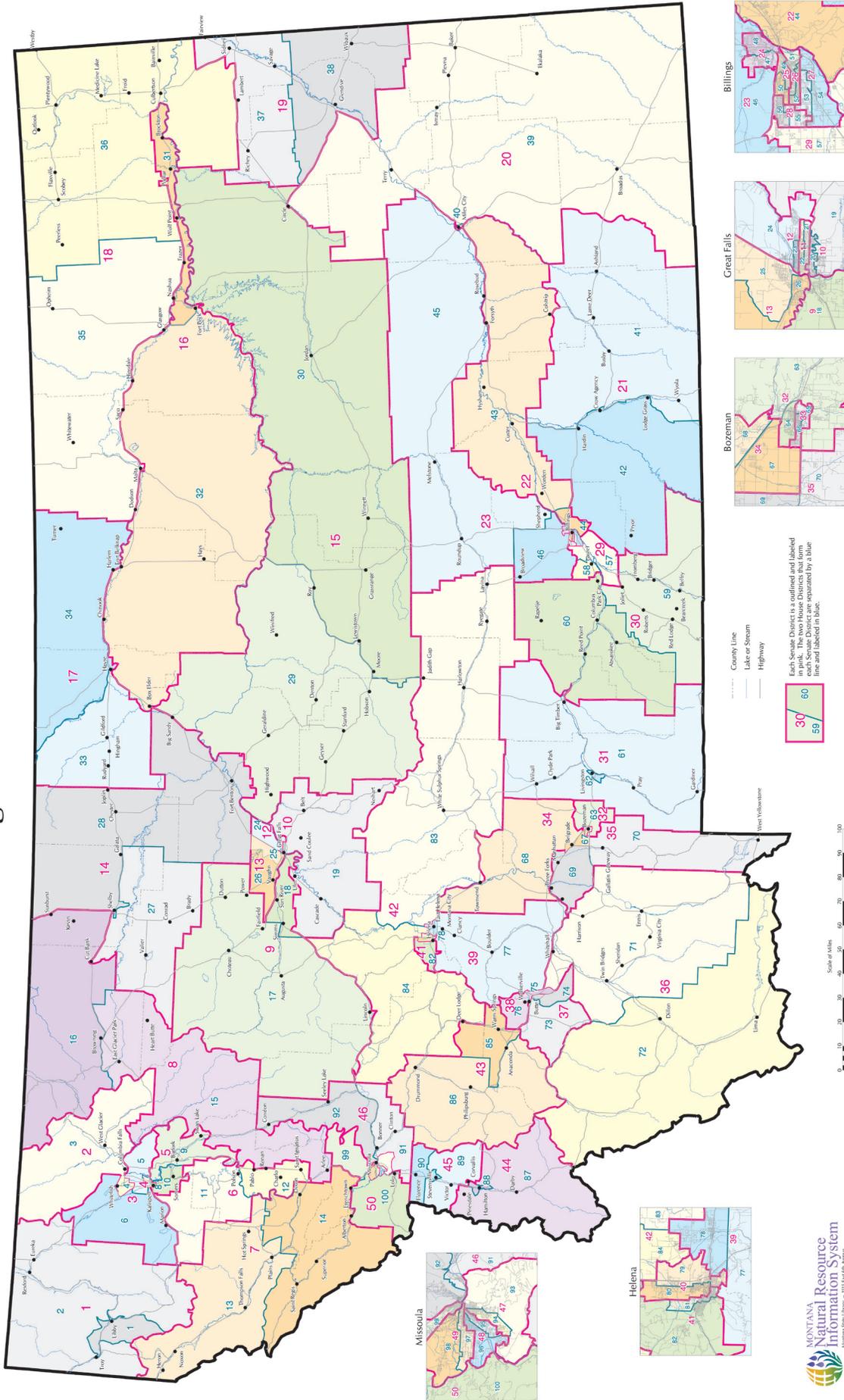
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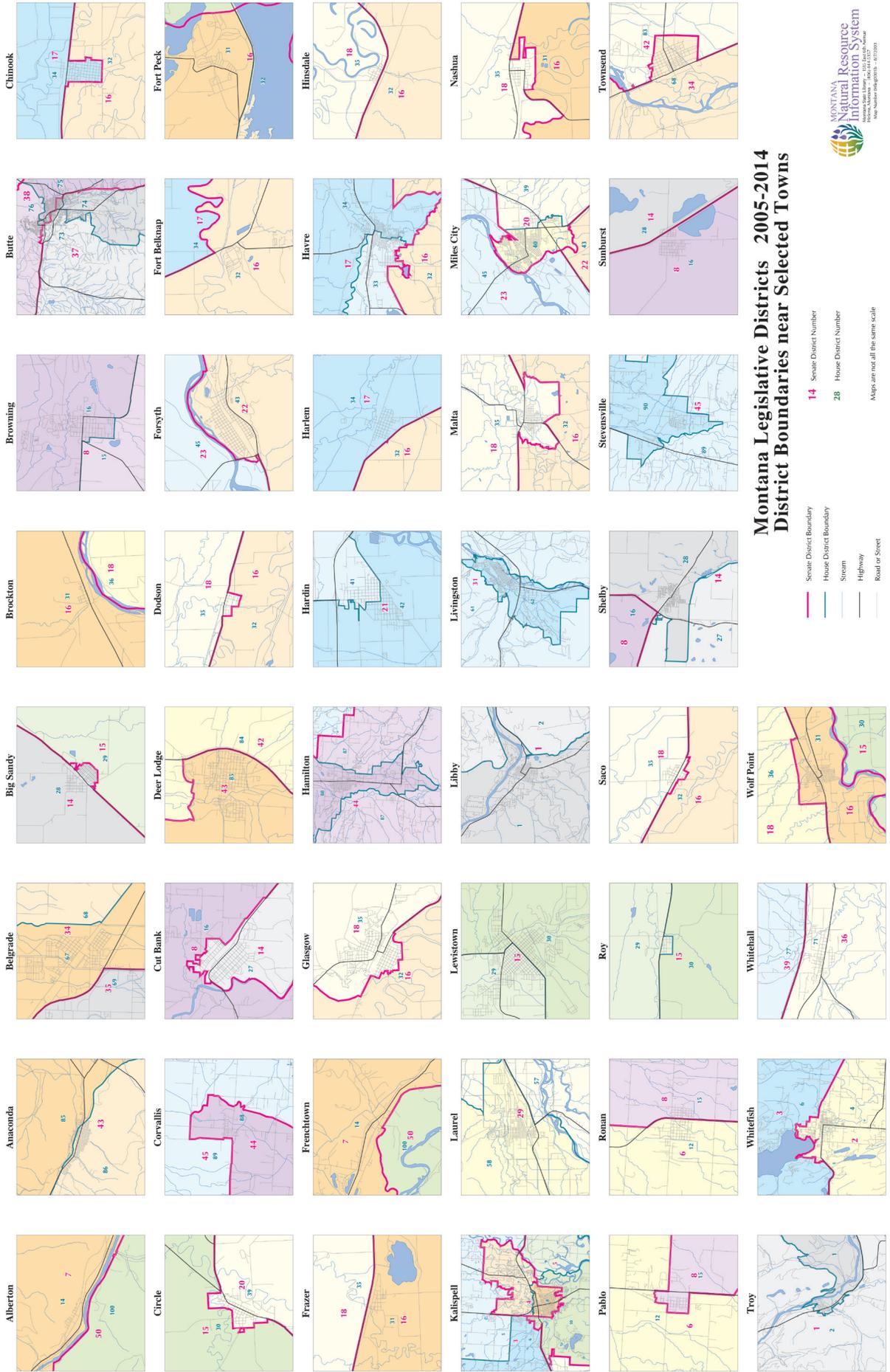
Petroleum County Index

	County	Montana	Rank in MT
Geography			
Population per square mile 2000	0.3	6.2	56
Households 2000 (complete count)	211	358,667	56
Persons per household 2000 (complete count)	2.3	2.5	44
Resident Population			
Estimate (July 1) 2006	474	944,632	56
Estimate, percent change - April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2006	-3.9	4.7	35
Estimate, net change - April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2006	-19	42,437	25
(April 1) 2000 (complete count)	493	902,195	56
Under 5 years of age (July 1) 2006	18	57,916	56
Under 5 years of age, percent (July 1) 2006	3.8	6.1	45
Under 18 years of age (July 1) 2006	107	217,848	56
Under 18 years of age, percent (July 1) 2006	22.6	23.1	20
65 years and over (July 1) 2006	85	130,592	56
65 years and over, percent (July 1) 2006	17.9	13.8	23
Total females, percent (July 1) 2006	48.7	50.0	48
White alone (July 1) 2006	470	858,140	56
Black alone (July 1) 2006	0	4,094	55
American Indian and Alaska Native alone (July 1) 2006	3	60,725	56
Asian alone (July 1) 2006	0	5,699	56
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone (July 1) 2006	0	527	50
Population 5 years and over, percent speaking language other than English at	6	5	16
Civilian noninstitutionalized population, 5 years and over, with a disability 2000	76	145,732	56
Vital Statistics			
Births 2004	3	11,519	56
Deaths 2004	3	8,094	56
Infant deaths under one year 2004	0	52	39
Population 5 years and over by residence in 1995 - percent in same house 2000 (sample)	65.8	53.6	16.0
Percent foreign born population 2000 (sample)	0.6	1.8	54
Education			
Educational attainment - persons 25 years and over - percent high school graduate or higher 2000	82.9	87.2	38
Educational attainment - persons 25 years and over - percent bachelor's degree or higher 2000	17.4	24.4	31
Income/Poverty			
Per capita income in 1999	15,986	17,151	23
Median household income 2004	23,951	35,574	56
People of all ages in poverty - percent 2004	11	14	44
Personal Income (NAICS) 2005	10	27,122	56
Per capita personal income (NAICS) 2005	22,058	29,015	46
Federal			
Federal Government expenditure - total FY 2004	5,028	7,493,567	55
Federal Government expenditure per capita FY 2004	10,220	8,085	16
Housing			
Housing unit estimates as of July 1, 2006	291	432,023	56
Housing unit estimates - net change, April 1, 2000 (base) to July 1, 2006	-1	19,390	29
Housing unit estimates - percent change, April 1, 2000 (base) to July 1, 2006	-0.3	4.7	37
Owner-occupied housing units - percent of total occupied housing units 2000 (complete count)	74.4	69.1	20
Median value of specified owner-occupied housing units 2000 (sample)	58,300	99,500	41
Housing units by units in structure - multiple units 2000 (sample)	2.1	15.70	55
New private housing units authorized by building permits - total 2006 (20,000-place universe)	0	4,542	48
Valuation of new private housing units authorized by building permits 2006	0	723,109	48
Employment/Business			
Civilian labor force 2006	220	493,842	56
Civilian labor force unemployment 2006	9	15,680	56
Civilian labor force unemployment rate 2006	4.1	3.2	13
Employment in all industries (NAICS) 2005	364	613,425	56
Employment in all industries (NAICS), net change 2000 (SIC)- 2005	66	54,370	38
Employment in government and government enterprises (NAICS) 2005	61	92,756	56
Earnings in all industries (NAICS, no code) 2005	5,593	19,787,993	56
Earnings in all industries (NAICS, no code), average earnings per job 2005	15,365	32,258	55
Average travel time to work for workers 16 years and over not working at home 2000	11.7	17.7	55
Private nonfarm establishments 2005	12	35,736	56
Private nonfarm employment for pay period including March 12, 2005	60	326,887	56
Private nonfarm employment for pay period including March 12, 2005, percent change 2000-2005	0.0	10.40	40
Nonemployer: total (NAICS 00) establishments, 2005	30	80,851	56
Accommodation and Food Services: total (NAICS 72) - sales of establishments with payroll 2002	363	1,537,986	52
Total number of firms 2002	46	100,402	56
Manufacturing: total (NAICS 31-33) - value of shipments 2002	0	4,987,577	37
Wholesale trade: total (NAICS 42) - sales of establishments with payroll 2002	0	7,223,420	49
Retail trade: total (NAICS 44-45) - sales of establishments with payroll 2002	0	10,122,625	56
Retail trade: total (NAICS 44-45) - sales of establishments with payroll per capita 2002	0	11,116	56
Land in farms (NAICS) 2002(acres)(not adjusted)	538,028	59,612,403	44

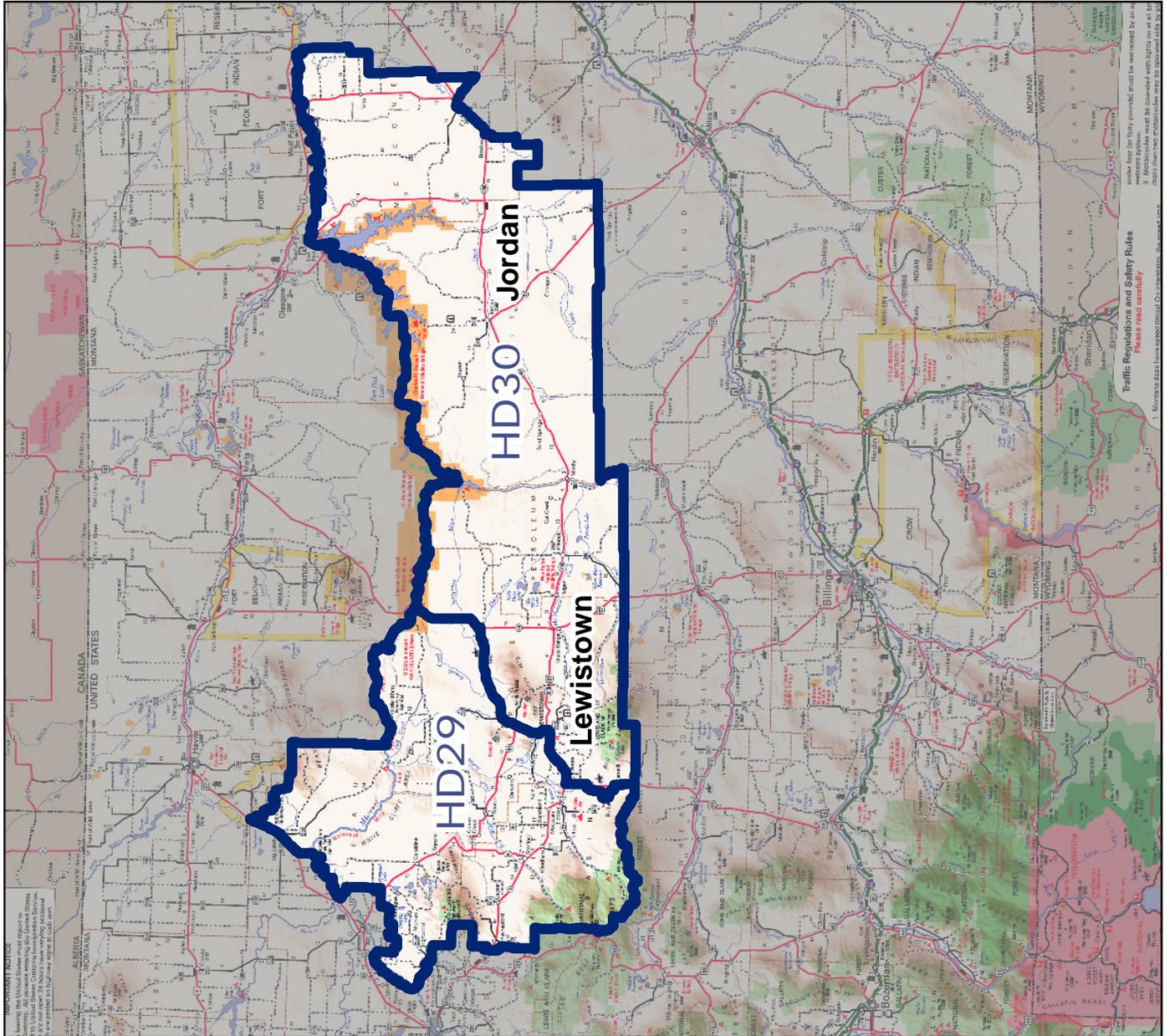
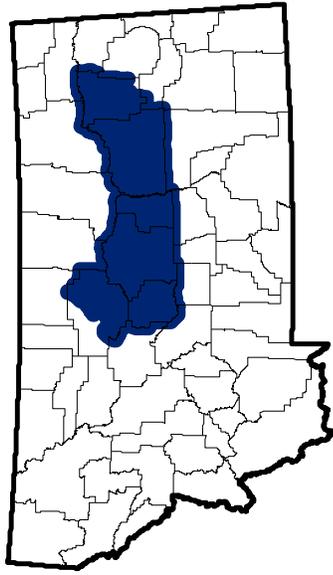
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