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# Montana

## COUNTY FLIERS

### Economic and Demographic Information for

# BROADWATER COUNTY



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# BROADWATER COUNTY

Broadwater County is Montana's thirty-fourth most populous county, with a population of 5,612 residents according to the 2010 Census. Townsend, the county seat, is the state's thirty-fifth largest city, with a population of 1,878 in 2010.<sup>1</sup> Other cities and towns in Broadwater County include Radersburg, Toston, and Winston.

Broadwater County is perhaps best known as the home of Canyon Ferry Lake, the third largest body of water in Montana. The lake provides essential irrigation to local farms, and serves as a recreation destination for the region. Visitors seek out Canyon Ferry for its excellent fishing, boating, swimming, camping, and wildlife viewing opportunities.<sup>2</sup>

Agriculture is one of the primary industries in Broadwater County. The total land area of the county is 762,560 acres, with farms and ranches accounting for an estimated 474,892 (or 62.3%) of those acres as of 2007.

<sup>1</sup>U.S. Census Bureau, *Population Estimates Program*

<sup>2</sup>[www.bozemannet.com/attractions/canyon\\_ferry\\_lake.php](http://www.bozemannet.com/attractions/canyon_ferry_lake.php)

## TOP 5 PRIVATE EMPLOYERS IN BROADWATER COUNTY

(Based on 2nd Quarter 2011 Data - Listed in Alphabetical Order)

Business Name	Size Class
Bob's Supermarket	4
Broadwater Health Center	5
Graymont Western US Inc	4
RY Timber	6
Wheat Montana Bakery	6

Employment Size Class Coding: Class 6 = 100 to 249 employees, Class 5 = 50 to 99, Class 4 = 20 to 49.

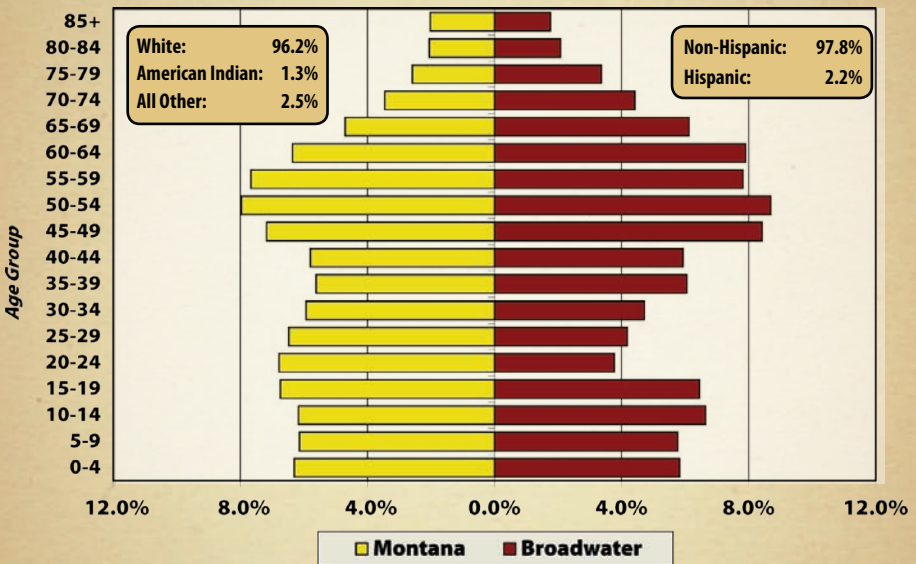
Source: Montana Department of Labor and Industry, *Quarterly Census of Employment of Wages (QCEW) Program*. This list **ONLY** includes industry employers subject to unemployment insurance. Railroads, tribal entities, and government agencies are excluded.

**POPULATION FOR BROADWATER COUNTY AND RELATED AREAS**

Geography	Census 2000	2002 Estimate	2004 Estimate	2006 Estimate	2008 Estimate	Census 2010	% Change 2000-2010
Broadwater County	4,385	4,341	4,432	4,527	4,681	5,612	28.0%
Townsend city	1,867	1,866	1,918	1,956	2,021	1,878	0.6%
Balance Broadwater County	2,518	2,475	2,514	2,571	2,660	3,734	48.3%

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

**DISTRIBUTION OF POPULATION BY AGE - BROADWATER COUNTY, 2010**



**HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT (population 25 years and older)**

Educational Attainment	Broadwater County	Montana	United States
Less than a High School Diploma	9.9%	8.3%	14.4%
High School Diploma (or equivalent)	45.8%	29.9%	28.5%
Some College	25.3%	25.1%	21.3%
Associate's Degree	4.9%	7.9%	7.6%
Bachelor's Degree	11.4%	19.8%	17.7%
Graduate or Professional Degree	2.6%	9.0%	10.4%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2010 (US & MT), and 2005-2009 estimates (county)

## BROADWATER COUNTY - EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY ANNUAL AVERAGES 2010

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	175	1,322	\$29,726
TOTAL PRIVATE	157	1,059	\$29,214
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING	12	40	\$36,651
Crop production	2	*	*
Animal production	6	21	\$28,819
Forestry and logging	2	*	*
Agriculture & forestry support	2	*	*
MINING	2	*	*
Mining, except oil and gas	2	*	*
UTILITIES	3	6	\$59,392
CONSTRUCTION	24	78	\$31,926
Construction of buildings	9	*	*
Specialty trade contractors	15	54	\$34,511
MANUFACTURING	5	385	\$30,332
Food manufacturing	1	*	*
Wood product manufacturing	2	*	*
Nonmetallic mineral product mfg	1	*	*
Miscellaneous manufacturing	1	*	*
WHOLESALE TRADE	6	32	\$31,009
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	2	*	*
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	2	*	*
Electronic markets & agents and brokers	2	*	*
RETAIL TRADE	17	97	\$21,449
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	5	24	\$29,176
Furniture and home furnishings stores	1	*	*
Building material & garden supply stores	2	*	*
Food and beverage stores	2	*	*
Health and personal care stores	1	*	*
Gasoline stations	1	*	*
Sporting good, hobby, book, music stores	1	*	*
General merchandise stores	1	*	*
Miscellaneous store retailers	2	*	*
Nonstore retailers	2	*	*
TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING	10	15	\$24,011
Truck transportation	5	9	\$30,615
Transit and ground passenger transport	1	*	*

## BROADWATER COUNTY - EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY ANNUAL AVERAGES 2010 (cont.)

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
Support activities for transportation	3	*	*
<b>INFORMATION</b>	1	*	*
Publishing industries, except Internet	1	*	*
<b>FINANCE AND INSURANCE</b>	5	46	\$37,869
Credit intermediation & related activity	4	*	*
Insurance carriers & related activities	1	*	*
<b>REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AND LEASING</b>	4	6	\$10,228
Real estate	3	*	*
Rental and leasing services	1	*	*
<b>PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES</b>	16	35	\$25,688
MANAGEMENT OF COMPANIES AND ENTERPRISES	1	*	*
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE AND WASTE SERVICES</b>	2	*	*
Administrative and support services	2	*	*
<b>HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE</b>	12	109	\$26,326
Ambulatory health care services	7	24	\$34,747
Hospitals	1	*	*
Nursing and residential care facilities	2	*	*
Social assistance	2	*	*
<b>ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION</b>	6	15	\$11,980
Amusements, gambling, and recreation	6	15	\$11,980
<b>ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES</b>	21	132	\$11,001
Accommodation	8	23	\$10,995
Food services and drinking places	13	109	\$11,003
<b>OTHER SERVICES</b>	14	23	\$81,012
Repair and maintenance	6	11	\$25,637
Personal and laundry services	2	*	*
Membership associations & organizations	5	8	\$193,808
Private households	1	*	*
<b>TOTAL GOVERNMENT</b>	18	263	\$31,791
Local Government	4	206	\$28,054
State Government	6	4	\$152,161
Federal Government	8	53	\$37,758

Source: Montana Department of Labor and Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) program. The QCEW program compiles data reported by all employers covered under Montana unemployment insurance. (Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data, or to rounding.)

\*Data not disclosable

## AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS FOR BROADWATER COUNTY

	2007 Census	2002 Census	% Change
<b>FARMS</b>			
Farms: (number)	302	279	8%
Land in farms (acres)	474,892	469,782	1%
Average size of farms (acres)	1,572	1,684	-7%
Median size of farms (acres)	233	400	-42%
Farms by size: (number)			
Less than 1,000 acres	210	195	8%
1,000 acres or more	92	84	10%
Farms by value of products sold: (number)			
Less than \$100,000	242	217	12%
\$100,000 or more	60	62	-3%
Farms by type of organization: (number)			
Family, Individual, Partnership	262	265	-1%
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	40	14	186%
<b>LIVESTOCK INVENTORY AND CROPS HARVESTED</b>			
Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)			
Cattle and calves	20,078	18,555	8%
Hogs and pigs	*	238	*
Sheep and lambs	*	*	*
Horses and ponies	980	826	19%
Bison	*	*	*
Chickens (layers and broilers)	575	*	*
Crops Harvested (acres)			
Corn for grain	0	0	NA
Corn for silage or greenchop	*	0	*
Wheat for grain, All	34,125	37,268	-8%
Winter wheat for grain	12,093	9,054	34%
Spring wheat for grain	22,032	26,905	-18%
Durum wheat for grain	0	1,309	-100%
Oats for grain	352	*	*
Barley for grain	3,723	5,377	-31%
Hay, haylage, grass silage	26,989	34,088	-21%
Sunflower seed, All	0	0	NA
<b>OPERATOR DEMOGRAPHICS</b>			
Primary occupation: (number)			
Farming	171	185	-8%
Other	131	94	39%
Place of residence: (number)			
On farm operated	247	242	2%
Not on farm operated	55	37	49%
Years on present farm: (number)			
Less than 10 years	85	103	-17%
10 years or more	217	176	23%
Age group: (number)			
Under 55 years	113	148	-24%
55 years and over	189	131	44%
Average age of operators: (number)	58.5	55.4	6%

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

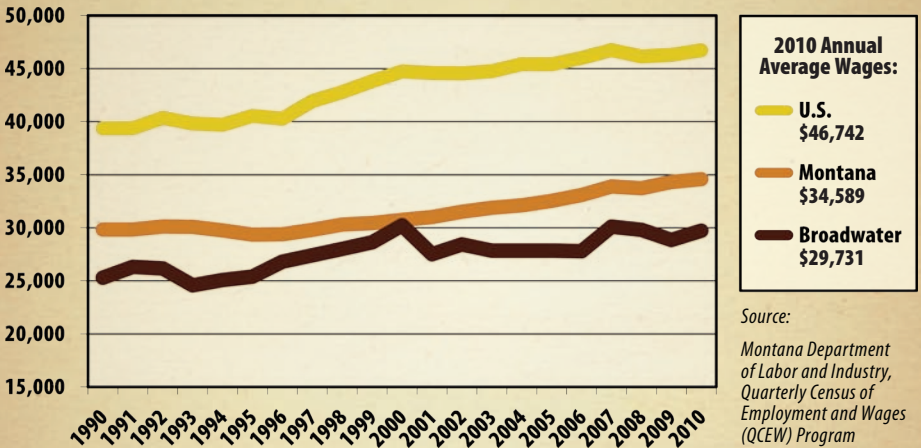
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**ANNUAL AVERAGE LABOR FORCE - BROADWATER COUNTY**

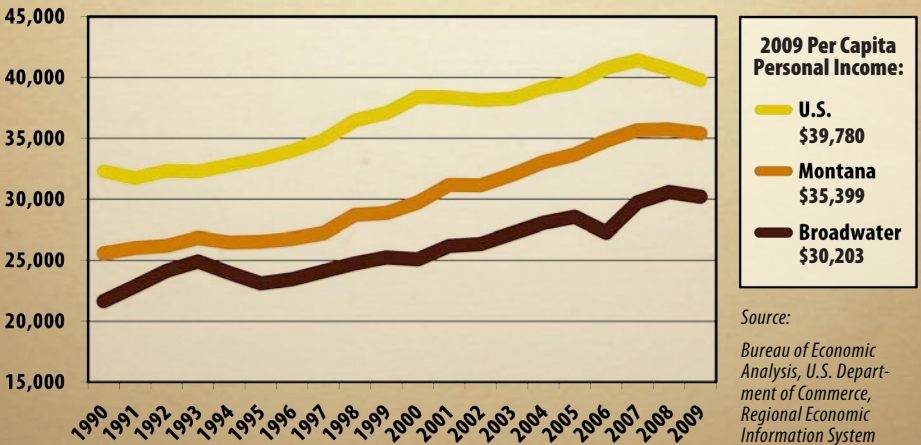
Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2010	2,374	2,197	177	7.5%
2009	2,384	2,215	169	7.1%
2008	2,455	2,333	122	5.0%
2007	2,370	2,298	72	3.0%
2006	2,293	2,223	70	3.1%
2005	2,289	2,211	78	3.4%

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

**ANNUAL AVERAGE WAGES - BROADWATER COUNTY, 1990-2010**  
(In 2010 Dollars)

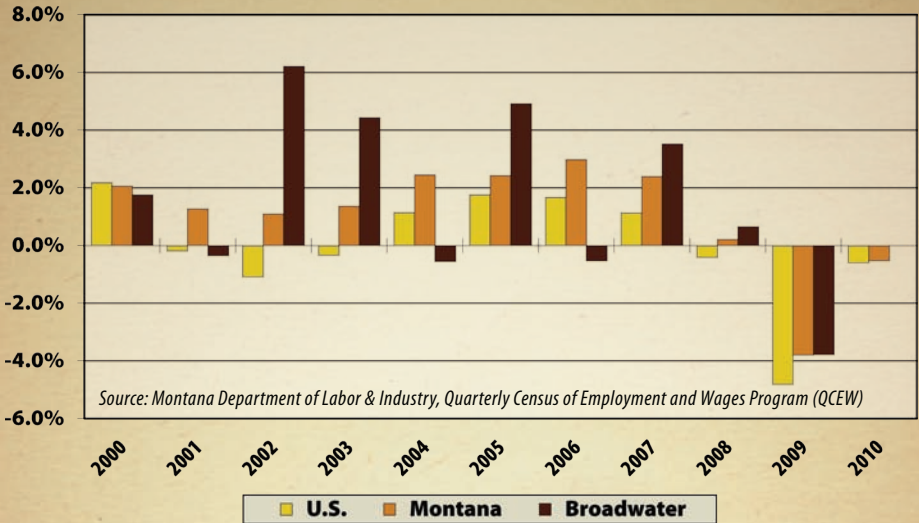


**PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME - BROADWATER COUNTY, 1990-2009**  
(In 2010 Dollars)



## PERCENT CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT - 2000 TO 2010

(United States, Montana, and Broadwater County)



## RESOURCES FOR BROADWATER COUNTY

### Chamber of Commerce

#### Townsend Chamber of Commerce

P. O. Box 947  
110 Broadway  
Townsend, MT 59644  
Ph: (406) 266-4101  
or (406) 266-3911  
Fax: (406) 266-4042  
[www.townsendmt.com](http://www.townsendmt.com)

### Job Service Workforce Center

#### Helena Job Service Workforce Center

715 Front Street  
Helena, MT 59620-1505  
Phone: (406) 447-3200  
E-mail: [HelenaJSC@mt.gov](mailto:HelenaJSC@mt.gov)  
<http://wsd.dli.mt.gov/local/helena>

### Economic Development

#### MSU Extension Service

Broadwater County Courthouse  
515 Broadway  
Townsend, MT 59644-1003  
Ph: (406) 266-9242, Fax: (406) 266-3674  
E-mail: [acxvk@montana.edu](mailto:acxvk@montana.edu)

#### Montana Business Assistance Connection

225 Cruise Avenue, Helena, MT 59601  
Ph: (406) 447-1510  
E-mail: [cbrave@mbac.biz](mailto:cbrave@mbac.biz)  
[www.mbac.biz](http://www.mbac.biz)

### Newspaper

#### The Townsend Star

P. O. Box 1011; Townsend, MT 59644  
Ph: (406) 266-3333, Fax: (406) 266-5440  
E-mail: [tstarmt@mt.net](mailto:tstarmt@mt.net)  
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