

INDUSTRY TRENDS

Top five employment industries:

1. Educational, Health and Social Services (28%)
2. Construction (10%)
3. Arts, Entertainment, Recreation, Accommodation and Food Services (9%)
4. Other Services (9%)
5. Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting, and Mining (8%)

Industrial Specialization Index

The index is calculated using employment and industry information. A more diverse economy has a lower index value, whereas a county with a high specialization index can be described as not being economically diverse.

- 845, compared to 752 in Montana and 789 in the United States.

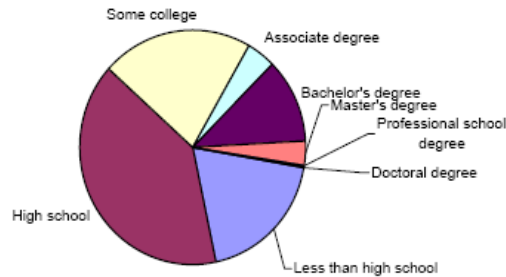
SOCIAL TRENDS

Education

Education of resident 25 years and older in 2000.

- 19 percent had no high school degree, compared to 13 percent in Montana.
- 40 percent had a high school degree, 22 percent had some college education, 4 percent had a associates degree.
- 14 percent have a college degree or greater, compared to 24 percent in Montana.

Educational Attainment



Sources:

- **Headwaters Economics Web Site:** www.headwaterseconomics.org
- **Additional information available at:** dataplace.com; factfinder.census.gov; ourfactsyourfuture.org; ceic.mt.gov.

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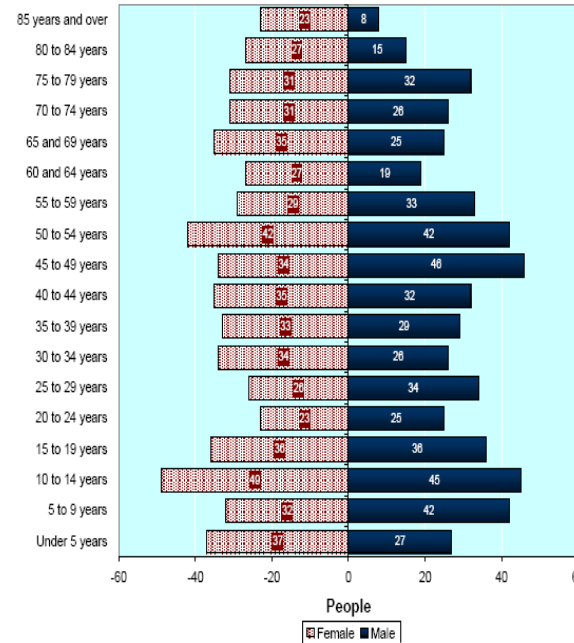
Town of Plains

At a Glance

This community profile provides basic demographic, economic, and industry data. It is meant to present baseline information on trends and rankings on a county, state and national level. All information is based on 2000 US Census data obtained from Headwaters Economics unless otherwise noted and compiled and edited by MSU Extension .

Total population change (2000 - 2006)*	11.2%
Total population (July 2006)*	1,252
Poverty rate (2000)	20%
Per Capita Income (1999)	\$13,010

Age Breakout in 2000



Total Population by Race in 2000	% of Total
White	1,080 95.9%
Black or African American	1 0.1%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	14 1.2%
Asian	4 0.4%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0 0.0%
Some Other Race	4 0.4%
Two or More Races	23 2.0%

POPULATION TRENDS

Age

- Median age in 2000 was 42.1 years, compared to 37.5 years in Montana.
- Largest age category is 10 to 14 years (94 people or 8.3 percent).

Populations Changes*

- Total population as of July 2006 was 1,252.
- Increased 11.2 percent from 2000 to 2006, compared to an increase of 4.7 percent in Montana.
- Gained 126 residents from 2000 to 2006.

New Residents

- 26 percent of residents lived in a different county in 1995.
- 14 percent of residents lived in a different state in 1995.
- 1 percent lived outside of the country in 1995.

Race and Ethnicity

Race and Ethnicity are broken out separately. The Ethnicity breakout is separate because Hispanics can be of any race.

- 95.1 percent are White and 1.3 percent are American Indian or Alaskan Native
- 2.9 percent Hispanic or Latino.

* Source: Montana Census and Economic Information Center: ceic.mt.gov

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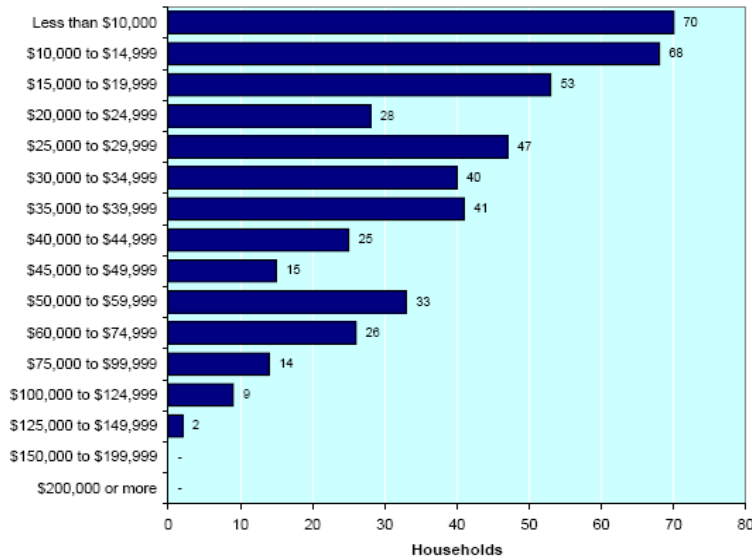
ECONOMIC TRENDS

Income Distribution

- 81 percent of individuals and 56 percent of households earned less than \$30K in 1999.
- Per Capita Income was \$13,010, compared to \$17,151 in Montana in 1999.
- Median household income in 1999 was \$26,331.
- Income bracket with the largest number of households was “less than \$10,000”.
- In 1999, for every household that made over \$100K, there were 24.2 households that made less than \$30K.

Sources of Income in 2000	% of Total
Wage or Salary Income	57.5%
Self-Employment Income	8.9%
Interest, Dividends, or Net Rental Income	8.1%
Social Security Income	14.4%
Supplemental Security Income	1.0%
Public Assistance Income	0.4%
Retirement Income	6.7%
Other Types of Income	3.0%

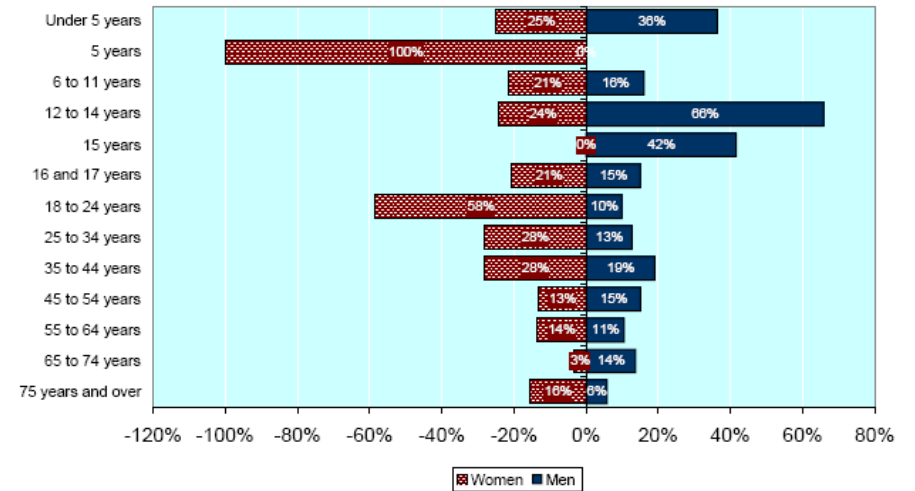
Household Income Distribution in 2000



Poverty

- 20 percent of individuals earn income below the poverty line in 1999, compared with 14.6 percent in Montana.
- 29 percent of individuals under 18 years live below the poverty line, compared to 13.1 percent in Montana.
- 10 percent of individuals over 65 years live below the poverty line, compared to 9.1 percent in Montana.
- 21 percent of women and 19 percent of men live below the poverty line.
- The family type with the highest poverty rate is “Female - No Husband - Children Under 5 Years” with 50 percent under the poverty line in 1999.

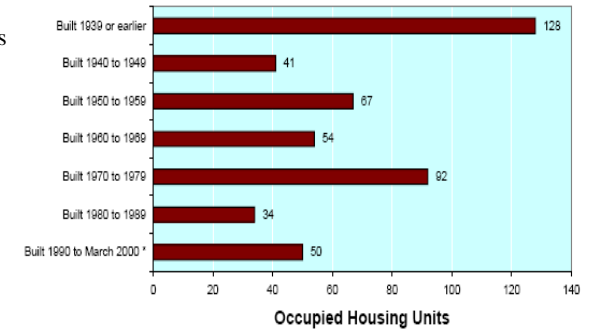
Percent under Poverty by Sex and Age



Housing

- 11.3 percent of housing units were vacant in 2000.
- 63.7 percent of housing units are owner occupied or for sale, compared to 61.4 percent in Montana.
- 11 percent of households that pay rent, spend more 50% of their household income in gross rent (including utilities).
- Largest number of houses were built 1939 or earlier.

Home Construction by Decade



Housing Affordability**

The housing affordability figures assume a 20% down payment and that no more than 25% of a family's income goes to paying the mortgage. It is based on an interest rate of 8.03% in 2000. Use this statistic as a comparative, rather than absolute measure. An index of 100 or above means that the median family can afford the median house.

- Median value of owner occupied housing units is \$76,100, compared to \$99,500 in Montana.
- 17 percent of median income is necessary to buy the median house, compared to 17 percent in Montana.
- Housing affordability index is 144, which suggests that the median family can afford the median house.
- Index of 144, compared to 144 in Montana

** Adjusted for inflation