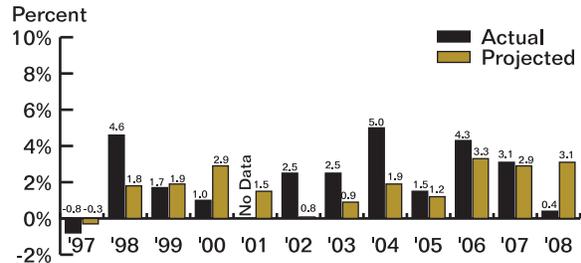


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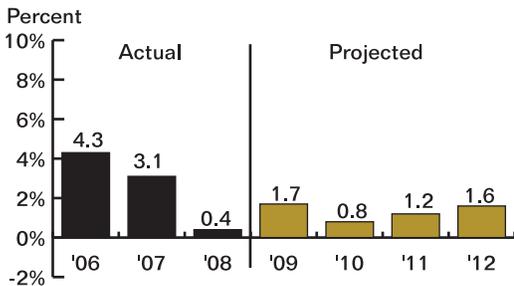
The Cascade County economy will be among the least impacted of Montana's major urban areas by the current recession. Malmstrom Air Force Base (including both civilian and military workers) accounts for almost one-half the economic base in the Great Falls area, and stable or slightly increasing staffing levels lends stability to the local economy. Weaker construction and real estate, along with declines in financial services, led to the sharp deceleration in growth during 2008. House price increases have slowed but are still heading upward (Page 7, Table 1). Great Falls continues as the dominant medical center in North Central Montana, but recent growth in this sector has moderated. Projected overall growth in the next four years is likely to average less than the last few years because the post-Sept. 11 build up of federal civilian and military employment will not be repeated.

**Figure 1**  
Actual and Projected Percent Change in Nonfarm Labor Income, Cascade County, 1997-2008



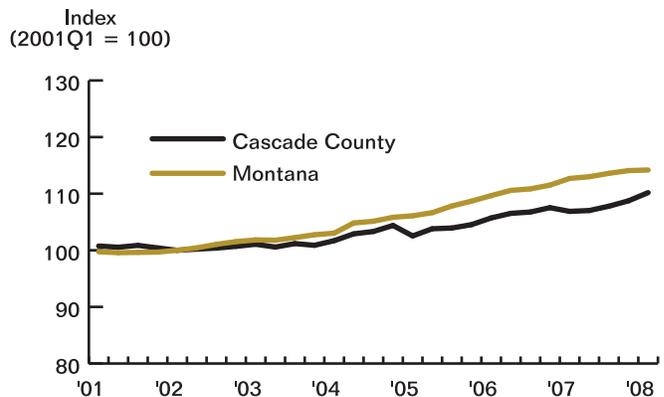
Sources: Bureau of Business and Economic Research, The University of Montana-Missoula; Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce.

**Figure 2**  
Actual and Projected Percent Change in Nonfarm Labor Income, Cascade County, 2006-2012



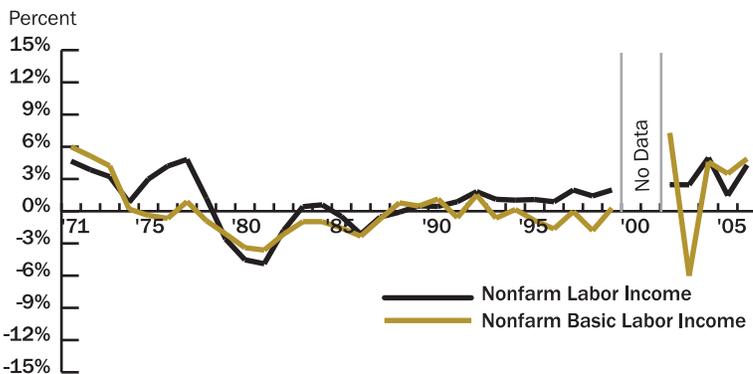
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**Figure 3**  
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment, Montana & Cascade County, 2001 Q1 to 2008 Q1



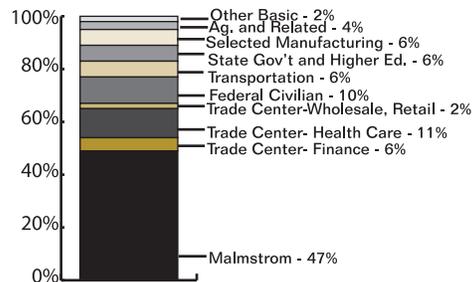
Note: Data seasonally adjusted by BBER. Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

**Figure 4**  
Nonfarm Labor Income and Nonfarm Basic Labor Income, Cascade County, Percent Change, [in constant dollars]



Note: 1971-1999 are three-year averages. Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce.

**Figure 5**  
Labor Income in Basic Industries, Cascade County, 2006-2008 [percent of total]



Sources: Bureau of Business and Economic Research, The University of Montana-Missoula; Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce.