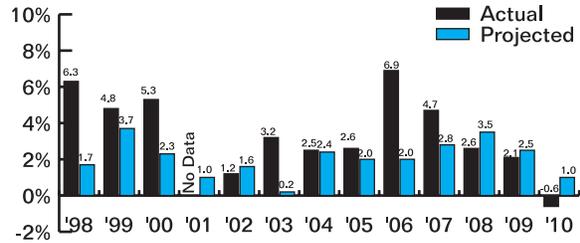


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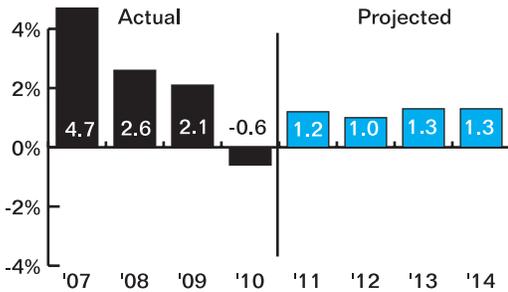
The legacy of the Great Recession for the Helena area economy is likely to be a relatively long period of tepid growth. Lewis and Clark County experienced a modest decline during only one year – 2010. But the lagged recession impacts on state government revenues mean only small increases for state workers and continued tight budgets. Growth is projected to be about 1 percent per year from 2010 to 2014, well below the 3 percent to 5 percent increases before the recession. Despite the small overall recession impact, construction activity in and near Helena has dropped to a fraction of that occurring before the recession.

**Figure 1**  
Actual and Projected Percent Change in Nonfarm Labor Income, Lewis & Clark County, 1998-2010



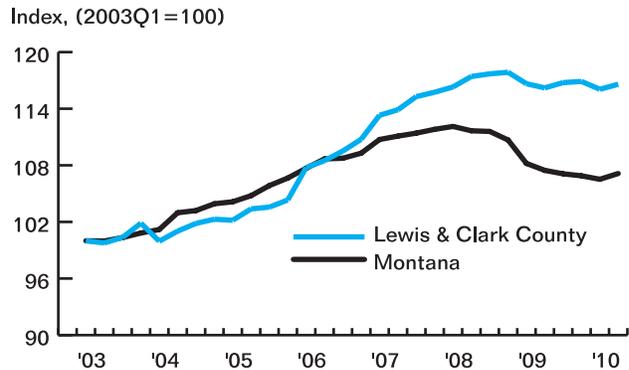
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**Figure 2**  
Actual and Projected Percent Change in Nonfarm Labor Income, Lewis & Clark County, 2007-2014



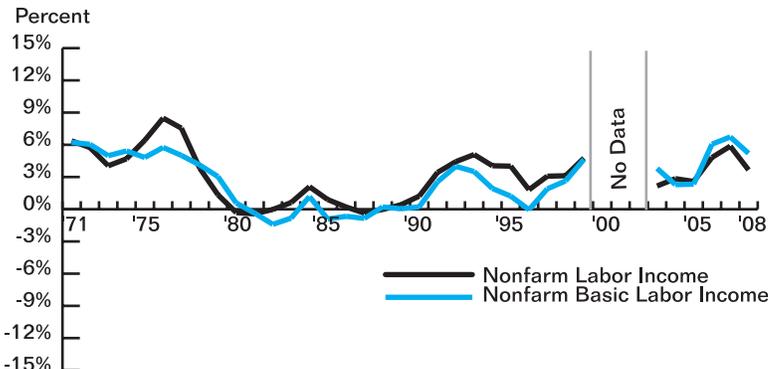
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**Figure 3**  
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment, Montana & Lewis & Clark County, 2003 Q1 to 2010 Q2



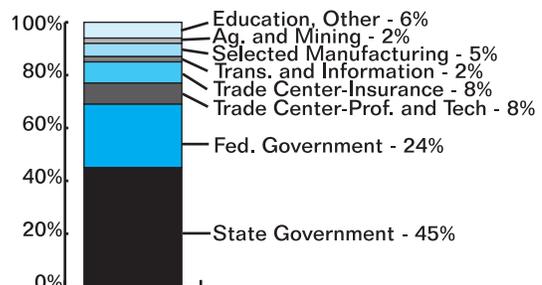
Note: Data seasonally adjusted by BBER. Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages.

**Figure 4**  
Nonfarm Labor Income and Nonfarm Basic Labor Income, Lewis & Clark County, Percent Change, 1971-2008 (In Constant Dollars)



Note: 1971-1999 are three-year averages. 2002-2008 are two-year averages. Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce.

**Figure 5**  
Labor Income in Basic Industries, Lewis & Clark County, 2008-2010 (Percent of Total)



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