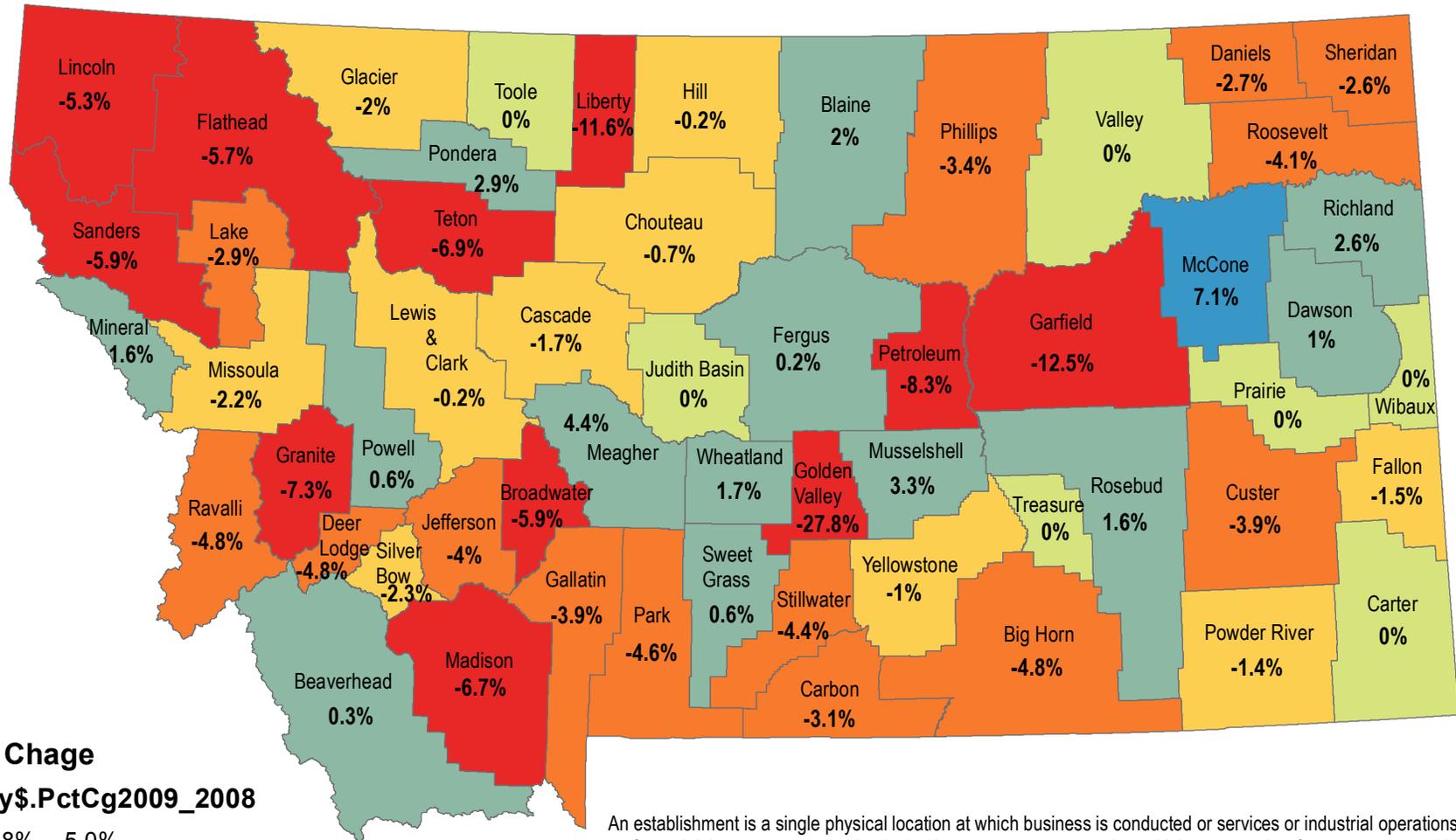


County Business Patterns

Percent Change in Number of Establishments between 2008 and 2009



Percent Change byCounty\$.PctCg2009_2008

- 27.8% - -5.0%
- 4.9% - -2.6%
- 2.5% - -0.1%
- 0.0%
- 0.1% - 5.0%
- 5.1% - 7.1%

Montana's Percent Change is -2.6%

An establishment is a single physical location at which business is conducted or services or industrial operations are performed. It is not necessarily identical with a company or enterprise, which may consist of one or more establishments.

The series excludes data on self-employed individuals, employees of private households, railroad employees, agricultural production employees, and most government employees.

Employers without a fixed location within a state (or of unknown county location) are included under a "statewide" classification. This incomplete detail causes a slight understatement of county employment. In Montana in 2008 this number is 79 and in 2009 this number is 75.