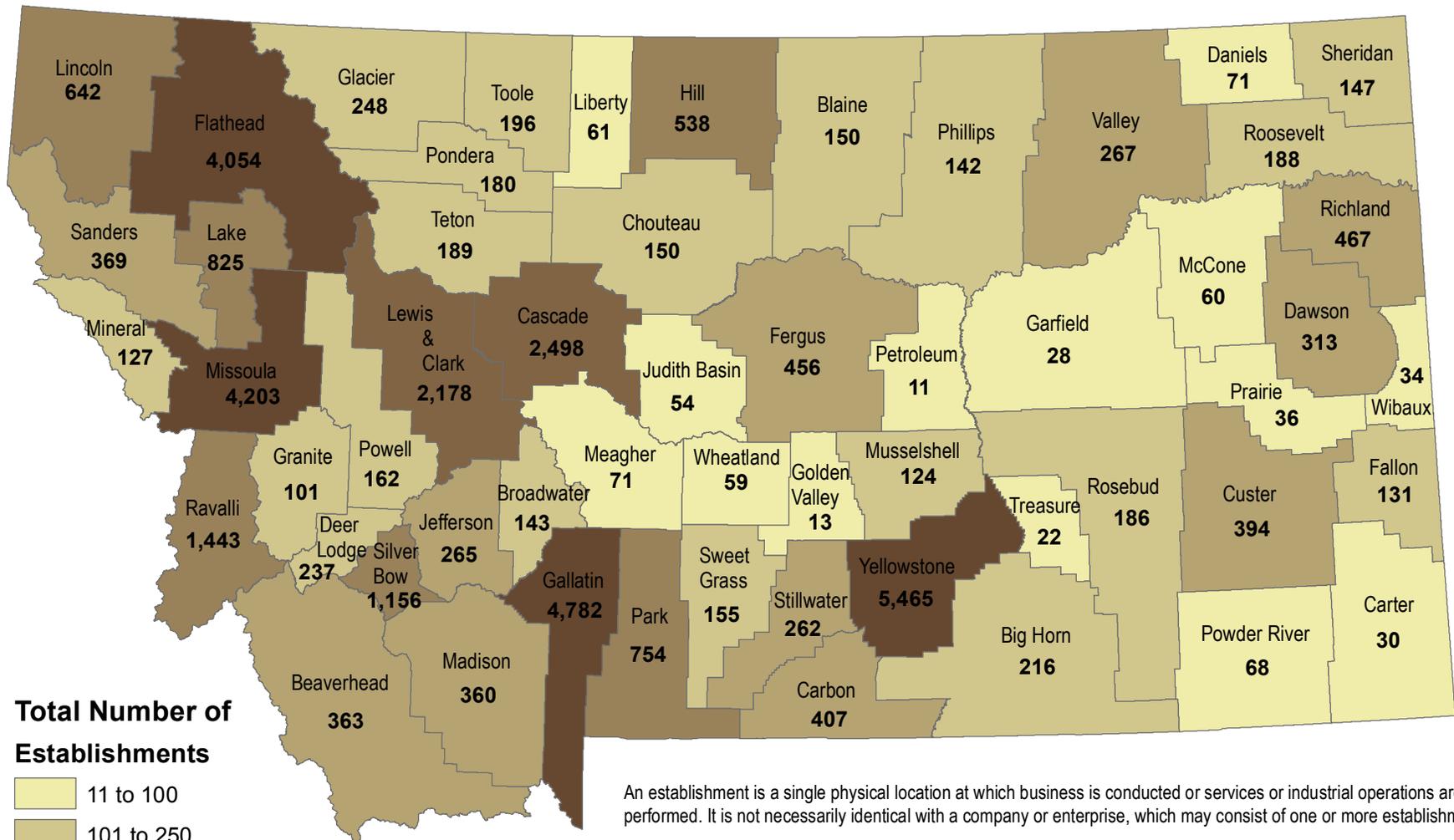


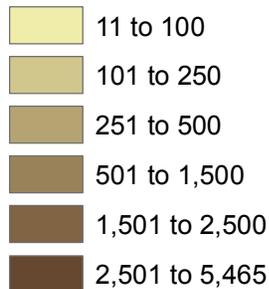
2009 County Business Patterns

Total Number of Establishments by County

Number in Montana: 36,326



Total Number of Establishments



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 2009 this number is 75.