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Actual Birth Numbers 2005

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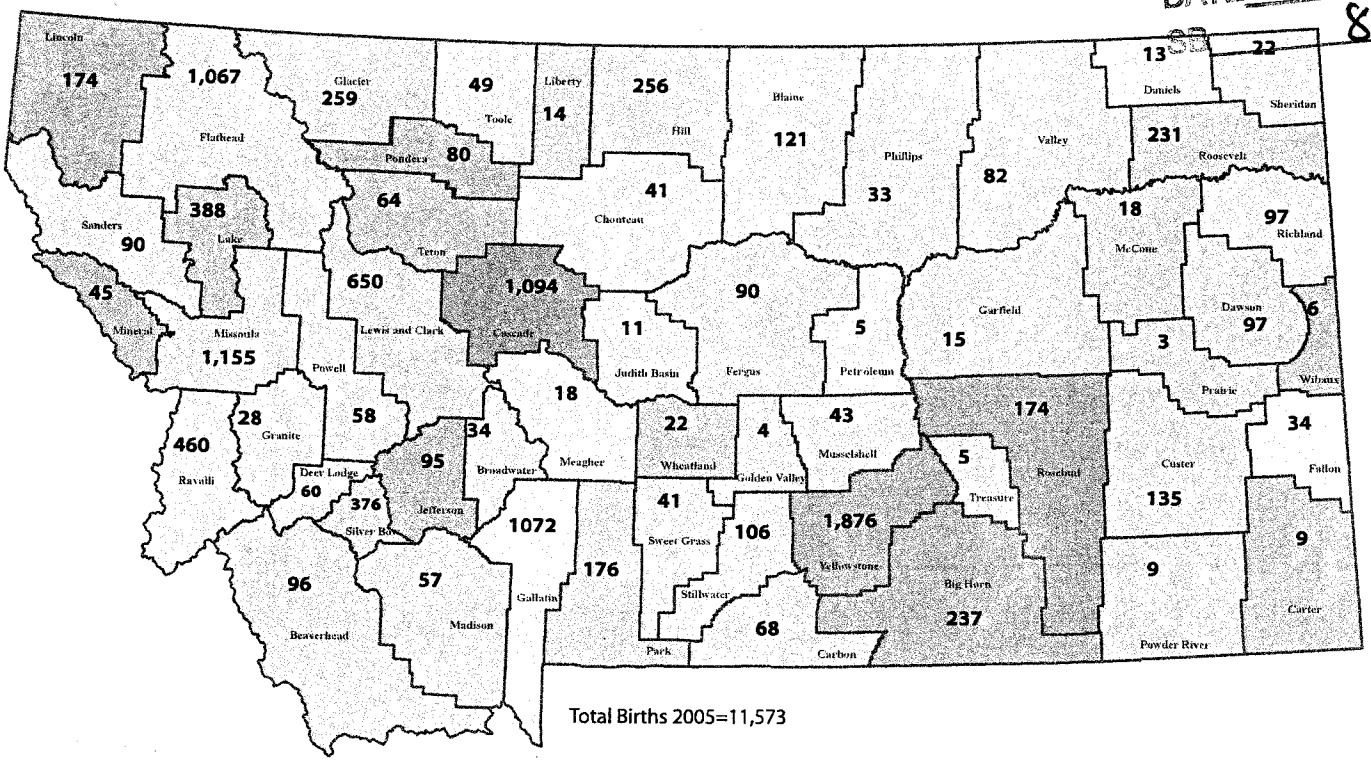
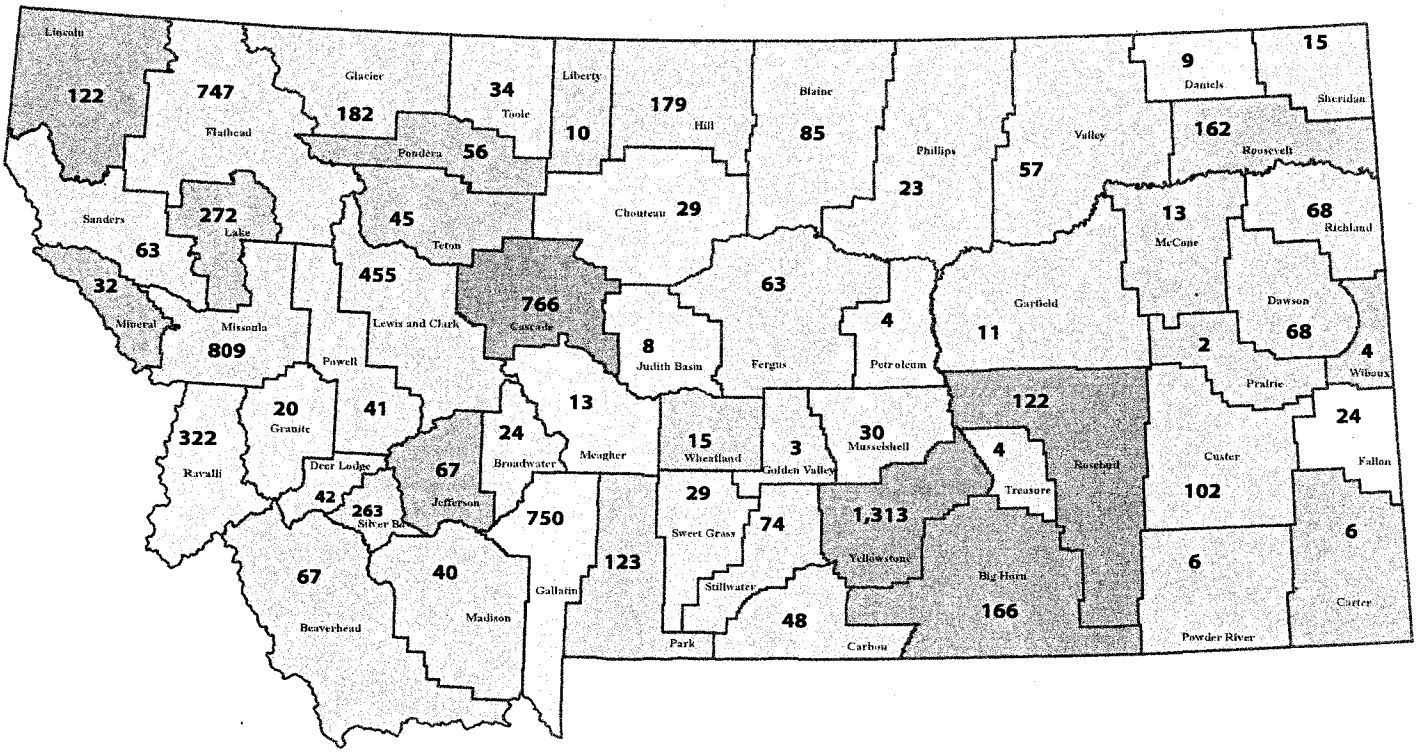


Total Births 2005=11,573

Montana Mothers Usually Return To Work Soon After Delivery



In the United States over 70% of mothers return to work within 3 months following delivery.
In 2005, an estimated 8,101 Montana women returned to work within 3 months following delivery.

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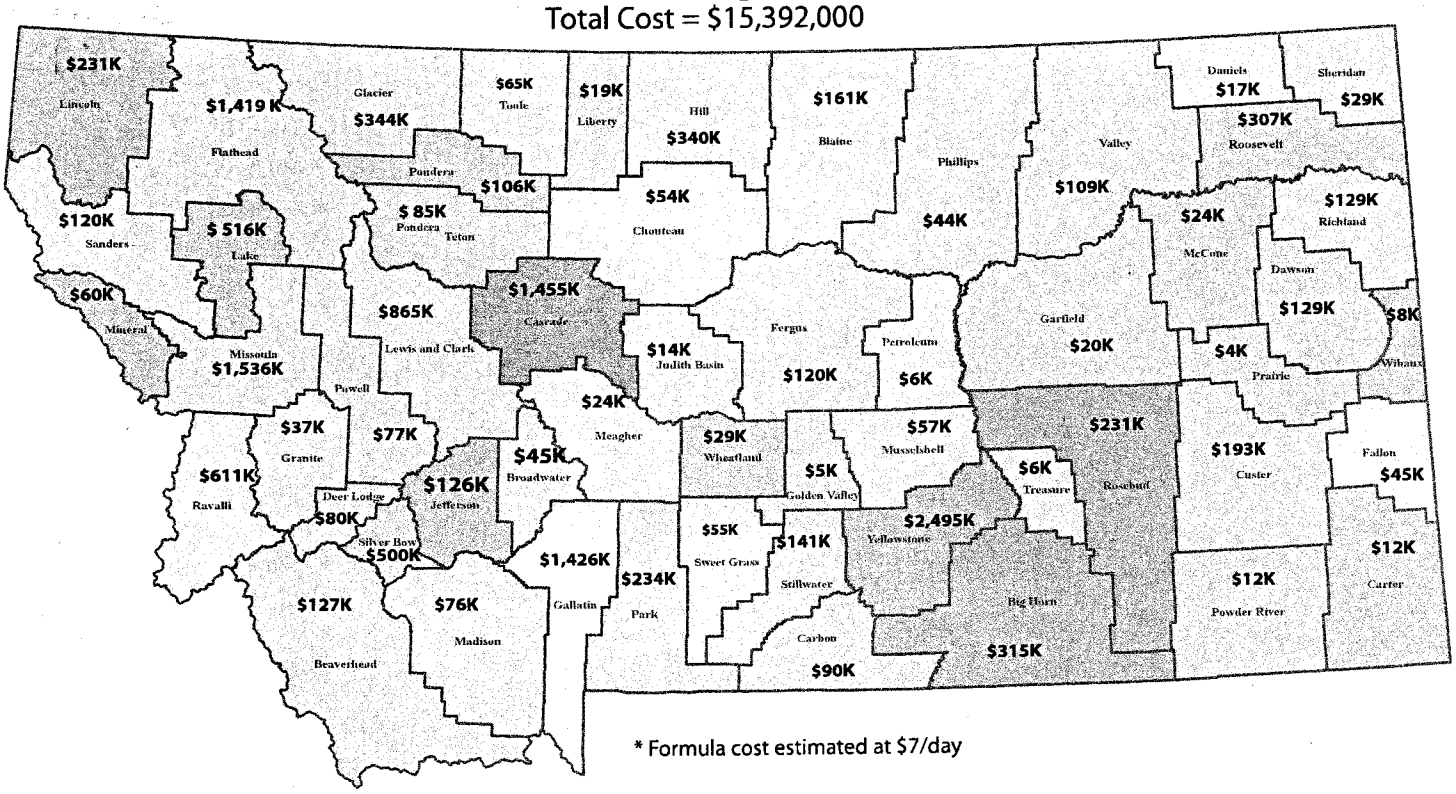
Estimated Cost of Forumla Feeding for infants from 3-12 months of age*

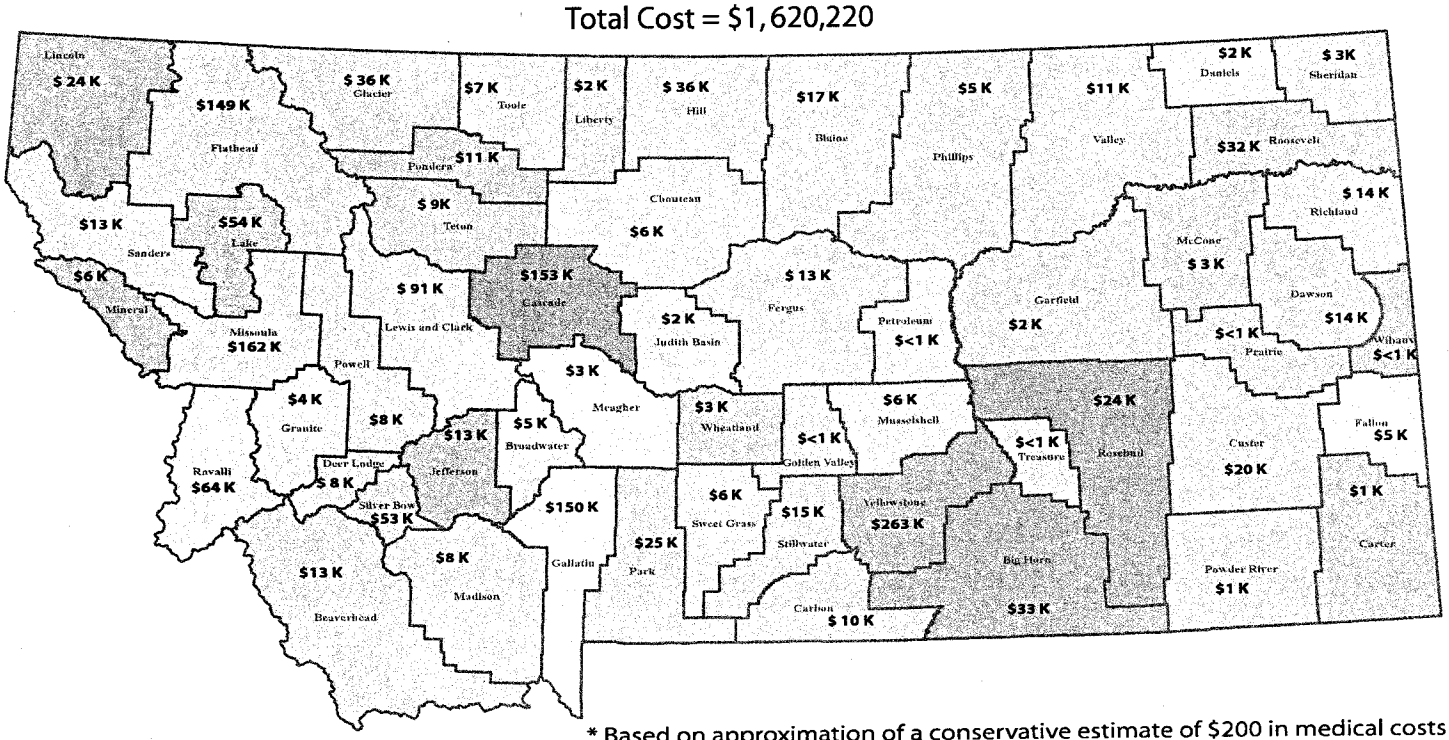
Total Cost = $15,392,000



* Formula cost estimated at $7/day

Estimated Increase in Medical Costs from Initiating Formula 3 Months Post Partum*

Total Cost = $1,620,220



* Based on approximation of a conservative estimate of $200 in medical costs for treatment of lower respiratory, ear and GI infection in formula fed infants compared to exclusively breastfed infants.