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Increase in total wages in Great Falls metro area 2015Q2 to 2016Q2: 5.47%
Increase in total wages over the previous four quarters: 5.23%
Increase in annual earnings over last 4 quarters: $72 million
Increase in annual earnings over last 12 quarters: $139 million
Increase in average annual wage from 2015Q2 to 2016Q2: $1,745
From 2014Q2 to 2016Q2: $3,327
Number of rooms in new hotel announced for riverfront West Bank Landing: 132
Number of acres in the mixed-use development: 12.5
Moody’s prediction for personal income growth in Great Falls metro area in 2017: 5.5%
In 2018: 5.8%
City of Great Falls FY 2017 newly taxable revenue certified by MDOR: $876,206
Newly taxable revenue certified in FY 2016: $822,535
Newly taxable revenue for Cascade County in FY 2017: $1.3 million
High quality chickpeas grown in the Golden Triangle last year: 55,837,000 pounds
Great Falls metro average manufacturing employment growth for the last 5 years
(2011Q2 to 2016Q2): 7.0%
Growth statewide: 3.1%
In U.S.: 1.1%
Average annual manufacturing wage in Great Falls metro: $49,263
Median annual wage for industrial technicians in Montana: $51,533
Projected growth in industrial technician jobs between 2010 and 2020: 26.7%
One-year increase in Great Falls metro HUD Fair Market Rent for two-bedroom: 14%
Increase for four-bedroom: 30%
One-bedroom: 11%
Number of new apartments announced for west side upscale development: 216
Great Falls water/sewer rates compared to average of major Montana cities: 24% lower
Great Falls metro personal income per capita growth in 2014: 4.2%
Billings metro area: 3.2%
Missoula metro area: 3.3%
Montana: 2.6%
U.S. average: 3.6%
New Great Falls fire insurance rating: 2
Years in a row that FAA has ranked GTF as Montana airport with lowest airfares: 3
Number of local businesses coached during quarter: 85
Number of coaching sessions: 404
Number of business training sessions offered during quarter: 5
Number of business participants: 61
New contracts won by PTAC clients during quarter: $698,936
Number of businesses started or bought by coaching clients: 6
New capital investment secured by small business clients during quarter: $341,762
Great Falls metro area ranking for violent crime amongst Montana metro areas: lowest
New brownfield assessments approved for potential redevelopment projects: 4
Age of youngest start-up entrepreneur we financed during quarter: 23
Percentage of GFDA and High Plains Financial loans that are delinquent: 0%
Current SBA 504 loan 20 year fixed interest rate in, including all fees: 4.093%
Equity required on SBA 504 loan deals: as low as 10%
Downtown renovation and construction permits issued during quarter: 17
Value of permits issued during quarter: $695,405
Downtown Great Falls volunteer hours during quarter: 9,062
Number of new businesses opened downtown during quarter: 5
Estimated number of out of state visitors to Montana in 2015: 11.7 million
Increase in visitors from 2014: 8%
Estimated spending by out-of-state tourists in 2015: $3.657 billion
Average number of nights stayed: 4.59
Percentage of visitors from rest of United States: 86%
From Canada: 13%
From overseas: 2%
Montana ranking in solar power generation potential amongst U.S. states: 25th
Current rank for installed solar generation capacity: 39th
Estimated annual growth in Global middle class: 70 million
Percentage of global consumers who purchased a new food or beverage during their last grocery shopping trip: 57%
Percentage of U.S. workforce that work freelance and are not captured by W-2 data according to Forbes: 36%
Estimated U.S. workforce engaged in informal paid “gig” work in 2013: 40%
In 2015: 52%
Montana’s percentage of U.S. economy: 0.3%
Country that has about the same size economy as Montana: Tanzania
Percentage of Americans who support increased infrastructure spending by U.S. Government: 75%

Heavy industrial rail-served acres available for immediate construction in Great Falls AgriTech Park: 31.5