Number of jobs FCR has created in new downtown call center: 50
Number expected by end of 2017: 200
Current number of eggs processed annually in Great Falls: 129 million
Number that will be processed here annually after Montana Eggs’ expansion: 269 million
Number of chickens that produce 129 million eggs: 600,000
Number of chickens to produce 269 million: 1.2 million
Human population of Montana: 1.033 million
Increase in average annual wages in Cascade County over past 5 years: 12.8%
Increase in average annual earnings of local workers: $4,456
Total wage earning growth in Cascade County over past 5 years: 12.9%
Annual increase in take-home pay: $163 million
City of Great Falls growth in local property tax revenue from FY 2011-2018: 29.2%
Increase in City annual mill levy due to newly taxable property FY2013-2017: $2,105,572
Global market growth for low-erucic acid rapeseed/canola oils since 2011: 61%
Forecasted growth from 2016-2021: 51%
Daily tons of oil seeds the new Montana Specialty Mills plant will crush: 200
Daily tons of oil the plant will refine: 60
Airline seat capacity increase at GTF this summer: 5,300
Estimated cost of living in Great Falls compared to Billings: 24% lower
Estimated housing cost in Great Falls compared to Billings: 22% lower
Cascade County cost of living as percentage of national average: 92.6%
Billings population growth rate from 2010-2016: 1.07%/year
Projected first year economic impact of growing Cascade County population at same rate
Billings has grown for past 6 years: $16.3 million
Economic impact of growing Cascade County population at Billings rate sustained for 10 years: $897 million
Sustained for 30 years: $7.58 billion
Projected increase of households in Cascade County if we grew at Billings rate: 359/year
Direct spending increase within Great Falls MSA in first year: $9.6 million
Direct spending increase over 10 years of sustained population growth: $528 million
Over 30 years: $4.5 billion
Jobs created in Cascade County from one year’s population growth at Billings rate: 149
Local jobs created by growing back to Cascade County’s peak population of 1978: 850
Number of residents in region who shop, dine, entertain and receive professional services in Great Falls: 218,000
Number of GFDA gap and bridge loans approved during quarter: 5
Total amount of loans: $283,548

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Additional private investment these loans will leverage: $2,737,730
Number of HPF SBA 504 loans approved during quarter: 4
  Total amount of loans: $1,517,000
Additional private investment to be leveraged: $2,676,590
New loan capital grants won during quarter: $540,000
Estimated underutilized labor supply in Cascade County: 16,134
Number of underemployed workers in county: 1,251
Number of entrepreneurs and local businesses coached by GFDA during quarter: 108
  Of these, number of new coaching clients: 30
Number of business training sessions offered during quarter: 5
  Number of business participants: 61
New private capital secured by small business clients during quarter: $4,410,941
  Number of businesses started, bought or announced by coached clients: 2
  Government contracts won by small business clients during quarter: $31,319
Number of downtown renovation building permits issued in 1st and 2nd quarters of 2017: 33
  Construction total for issued permits: $5,378,496
Number of new downtown businesses opened in 1st and 2nd quarters of 2017: 4
  Number of downtown volunteer hours in 1st and 2nd quarters of 2017: 17,302
Drop in average wellhead breakeven price in key American shale plays since 2013: 55%
  Breakeven price rank of Bakken amongst the nation’s 5 major plays: Lowest
Projected increase in road and bridge funds City of Great Falls and Cascade County will receive in 2018 from state gas tax increase: $1,013,805
  Annual amount of increase projected by 2023: $1,601,618
Number of ethanol plants in the U.S.: 198
  Fuel ethanol produced in U.S. in 2016: 14.8 billion gallons
  Forecast for 2017: 15.8 billion gallons
Average monthly commercial water charges amongst 12 Montana communities (based on 18,000 gallons per month): $69.74
  Average in Great Falls: $46.82
  Great Falls cost ranking: 2nd lowest
Average monthly commercial wastewater charges amongst 11 Montana communities (based on 18,000 gallons per month): $91.20
  Average in Great Falls: $70.24
  Great Falls cost ranking: 3rd lowest
Average amount overseas visitors spend on trip to United States: $4,500
  Domestic tourists: $767
  Chinese vacationers: $7,200

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