

GFDA Quarterly Index 3rd Quarter 2014

Great Falls metro area unemployment rate in September: 3.5%
Number of current job openings at Great Falls Job Service: 941
Number of Great Falls jobs listed on SimplyHired.com: 2,007
Manufacturing employment growth in GF metro area from July 2013 to July 2014: 14.9%
Great Falls metro area self-employment rate: 7.2%
Percentage of months so far in 2014 that GF metro area set highest ever employment record for that month of year: 100%
Increase in Total Wages in GF metro in 1st Quarter 2014 compared to 1st Quarter 2013: 3.78%
Average weekly wage increase: 2.76%
Moody's Analytics forecasted personal income growth for GF metro in 2015: 4.7%
In 2016: 4.5%
Moody's projected GF Gross Metro Product growth in 2015: 5.1%
In 2016: 5.3%
Moody's forecasted Great Falls home price increase in 2015: 3.4%
In 2016: 3.5%
GF metro labor force participation rate in 2013: 65.4%
Great Falls peak rate set in 2009: 67.6%
Number of new positions USAF announced it's adding to personnel at Malmstrom AFB: 216
Number of apartment units The Farran Group started construction on during quarter: 216
Number of prospect visits to Great Falls during quarter: 6
Chicago-based site selection consultants made contact with: 15
Chicago-based site selection consultants pitched face-to-face: 8
Business attraction prospects worked with during quarter: 16
Energy industry trade shows and conferences exhibited at: 3
Number of hours logged driving to and from Energy Industry trade shows & conferences: 50+
Miles driven to trade shows & conferences: 2,766
Number of small businesses coached during quarter: 50
Number of coaching sessions: 118
Number of small business trainings offered: 4
Number of entrepreneurs who participated: 69
of candidates interviewed to find our new Small Business Development Center Director: 18
Amount of GFDA/HPF loans closed during quarter: \$3,244,000
Additional private investment leveraged by loans: \$15,197,273
Early loan pay-offs during quarter: 3
GFDA/HPF delinquent loan rate: 0%
Increase in our SBA 504 loan portfolio in FY 2014: 25%

Number of GFDA/HPF loans outstanding: 51
Number of loan funds: 9
Number of loan capital sources: 14
Additional Brownfield funds awarded to GFDA by EPA: \$200,000
Current month's SBA 504 loan interest rate including all fees fixed for 20 years: 4.821%
Equity required on SBA 504 loan deals: As low as 10%
Students enrolled in new Great Falls College MSU 1+3 engineering program: 14
of different career readiness assessments available from Great Falls College MSU: 800+
Great Falls cost of living as percentage of national average: 90%
Cost of doing business: 88%
Number of new Forward Great Falls Investors: 6
Number of existing Forward GF Investors who stepped up to higher investment levels: 6
Total number of Forward Great Falls Investors: 106
Number of additional financial supporters: 23
Average spending by nonresident visitors in Central Montana for 2012-2013: \$403 million
Number of jobs supported nonresident visitor spending in Central Montana: 4,690
Payroll: \$115 million
Proprietor income: \$23 million
State and local taxes: \$23.5 million
Estimated 15-year mid-range economic impact of new ExpoPark Events Center: \$30 million
% of International Economic Development Council member organizations that have earned accreditation: <2%
Number of economic development organizations in Montana and the entire Pacific Northwest that have earned accreditation: 1 (GFDA)
Montana 2013 job growth rank amongst states: 5th
Montana personal income growth rank in 2013: 13th
Over last 5 years: 6th
Montana rank in percent of households that own a business: 4th
Montana 2013 rank in highest rate of net business openings: 12th
Montana rank in Overall Best Colleges in America by FindTheBest.com: 1st
Number of freelance workers in U.S. in 2013 according to Kiplinger: 17 million
Number Kiplinger predicts by 2018: 24 million
U.S. Labor productivity growth in 2nd Quarter 2014: 2.5%
Factor by which wheat genome is larger than human genome: 5+
Number of GFDA Top 10's issued: 13
Average number of "Top 10" items: 15
Number of Great Falls micro-brew beers now available in cans: 3