

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2015 Index

Great Falls metro area per capita income growth in 2014: 4.2%  
Great Falls income growth rank amongst all 381 U.S. metro areas: 79<sup>th</sup>  
Ranking amongst Montana's 7 largest counties: 1<sup>st</sup>  
Great Falls metro personal income growth projected by Moody's for this year: 4.7%  
For 2016: 5.7%  
For 2017: 5.9%

Great Falls metro GDP growth in 2014: 2.3%  
Growth forecasted by Moody's for 2016: 4.6%

Growth in annual average weekly wages in Great Falls metro in 2015 Q2: 5.1%

Increase in annual property tax revenue Great Falls and Cascade County expect to receive this year due to increased private sector investment: \$1,422,535  
Prospect visits to Great Falls hosted this quarter: 4  
Number of local businesses coached during quarter: 59  
Number of coaching sessions: 239  
Number of business training sessions offered during quarter: 10  
Number of business participants: 114

Consecutive years of passenger growth at Great Falls International Airport: 6  
Increase in passenger traffic at GTF in last 6 years: 24%  
Average ticket price drop in 2014: 17%  
Number of new parking spaces opened by GTF: 341

Total of GFDA gap and bridge financing loans closed during quarter: \$1,644,000  
Additional loans approved: \$1,815,000  
New loan capital secured in 2015: \$1,567,587  
Early loan pay-offs this quarter: 3

SBA 504 loan 20 year fixed interest rate in July, including all fees: 4.778%  
10-year fixed rate: 4.176%  
Equity required on SBA 504 loan deals: as low as 10%

Number of rooms/suites in Great Falls' first upscale boutique Hotel Arvon: 33  
Downtown renovation and construction permits issued during quarter: 20  
Total value of permits issued: \$6,586,751

Permits issued since creation of Downtown Development Partnership in 2012: 163  
Total value of permits issued: \$26,113,280  
Downtown Great Falls volunteer hours during quarter: 9,318  
Number of volunteer hours since Downtown Partnership created: 94,405  
Number of new downtown businesses opened since Partnership created: 56

Number of these businesses still going strong: 45  
Forecasted increase in Montana canola production this year: 58%  
Growth in Durum wheat seeding acres: 41%  
Increase in barley production: 50,000 acres  
Number of new and increased investors in Forward Great Falls effort: 13  
Square footage of Great Falls Public School facilities: 1.9 million  
Great Falls population inside a public school on any given school day: 20%  
Ranking of existing workforce skills in  
Site Selectors' Most Important Location Criteria: 1<sup>st</sup>  
Ryan Dam anniversary: 100 years  
Montana Farmers Union anniversary: 100 years  
Heavy industrial rail-served acres available for immediate construction  
in Great Falls AgriTech Park: 31.5  
Acres in AgriTech Park already sold to local and international companies: 111.5  
Acres sold this quarter: 34.5  
Montana's current wind electricity production capacity: 645 MW  
Estimated potential capacity by 2050: 30 GW  
Private capital investment potential: \$50 billion  
Montana ranking for lowest industrial electricity rates: 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Cost of labor ranking: 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Montana ranking for percentage of telecommuters: 1<sup>st</sup>  
Percentage of workforce telecommuting full time: 7.1%  
Montana's Best State Business Tax Climate ranking: 6<sup>th</sup>  
U.S. Chamber Foundation ranking of Montana for Innovation: 6<sup>th</sup>  
For Business Climate: 10<sup>th</sup>  
Percentage of employees in U.S. considering a new job according to Gallup poll: 51%  
Percent of respondents who strongly agreed with top reason for considering or taking a  
new job, "It allows me to do what I do best." 60%  
Percent who strongly agreed with second top reason,  
"It significantly increases my income." 41%  
Number of migrating Golden Eagles counted this fall in Big Belt Mountains outside Great  
Falls: 2,630  
Number counted in just one day: 329  
Number of different locally made beers on tap in Cascade County: 36

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