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Great Falls metro area per capita income growth in 2014: 4.2%
Great Falls income growth rank amongst all 381 U.S. metro areas: 79th
Ranking amongst Montana’s 7 largest counties: 1st
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 Fall’s 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: 1st
   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: 2nd
   Cost of labor ranking: 3rd
Montana ranking for percentage of telecommuters: 1st
   Percentage of workforce telecommuting full time: 7.1%
Montana’s Best State Business Tax Climate ranking: 6th
   U.S. Chamber Foundation ranking of Montana for Innovation: 6th
   For Business Climate: 10th
   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