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Increase in Great Falls metro area manufacturing jobs in last 2 years: 19.7%
  National increase: 1.8%
Great Falls increase in last 10 years: 27.0%
  National decrease: 13.4%
Average manufacturing earnings in Great Falls metro in 2014: $61,233
Number of GF metro area manufacturing establishments: 63
Great Falls metro area employment growth in last 36 months: 5.64%
  Labor force growth in last 36 months: 3.65%
Great Falls metro December unemployment rate: 3.7%
Number of jobs Moody’s forecasted Great Falls metro would lose in 3 years 2011-2014: 1,000
Number of jobs GAINED in same 3 years: 2,128
Cascade County population growth forecast by Moody’s for 2013-2018: 700
  U.S. Census estimate of population growth for just 2013-2014: 600
Estimated Great Falls metro self-employment rate during 2011-2013: 7.5%
  National rate: 6.1%
Percentage of months in 2014 that GF metro set monthly employment records: 100%
Great Falls rank amongst 380 U.S. metro areas for increase in residents with bachelor
degrees 2000-2013: 36th
  Seattle’s rank: 185th
Great Falls metro increase in residents with higher education completions 2003-2013: 82.2%
  National increase during same time period: 44.4%
  Montana increase: 27.2%
Great Falls High School Debate Team national ranking: Top 10%
Manufacturing industry events exhibited or networked at during quarter: 6
Site selection consultant and corporate executive events networked at during quarter: 4
  Number of states and provinces travelled to in 2014 to pitch Great Falls: 19
  Number of site selection consultants pitched face to face in 2014: 100+
Corporate executive and site selector survey of most effective economic development
marketing techniques ranking for Planned Visits to Corporate Executives: 2nd
  Ranking of Internet/Website: 1st
Increase in Montana agricultural production 2007-2012: 59%
  National increase: 39%
Number of improvements planned for River’s Edge Trail in 2015: 9
Number of small businesses coached during quarter: 80
Number of coaching sessions: 196
Number of small business trainings offered: 4
Number of entrepreneurs who participated: 95
Number of new apartments in Great Falls under construction or announced: 432
Number of years in a row enrollment has increased in Great Falls Public Schools: 2
Amount of GFDA/HPF loans approved during quarter: $1,091,000
Additional private investment that will be leveraged by these loans: $4,268,000
GFDA/HPF delinquent loan rate: 0%
Number of loans made by GFDA/HPF in our lending history: 103
Amount of loans: $38,601,769
Additional private investment leveraged: $146,703,546
Average percentage of projects financed by our gap loans: 18%
Total cumulative loan principal written off by in our 18 year lending history: 0.97%
Increase in Great Falls International Airport passenger load in 2014: 4.1%
Glacier National Park visitor record in 2014: 2.25 million
Visitor increase over 2013: 6.7%
Great Falls metro area military employment as percentage of total employment in 2014: 7%
Health Care and Social Assistance share of employment: 14%
GF metro military employment decrease 2004-2014: 408
GF metro job gain in 3rd Party Admin of Insurance and Customer Contact Centers 2004-2014: 872
Downtown volunteer hours during 3rd quarter 2014: 6,885
Number of downtown property renovations during 3rd quarter 2014: 31
Montana business tax climate ranking by Tax Foundation: 6th
Increase in Montana high school dual enrollment students from fall 2012 to fall 2014: 96%
Percentage of dual enrolled students earning college credit: 65%
Number of microbreweries now producing in Cascade County: 5

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