Great Falls metro area average weekly wage growth 2005-2015: 33%
Missoula metro growth: 26%
US metro average: 28%
Cascade County per capita income as percentage of U.S. average in 2000: 82%
  In 2010: 96%
  In 2014: 97%
Cascade County inflation adjusted increase in per capita income 2000-2014: $9,293
  National average increase: $4,606
Cascade County food and beverage sales in 2000: $124,000,000
  Sales in 2014 after inflation adjustment: $149,000,000
Cascade County total retail sales increase 2000-2014 after adjusting for inflation: 13.2%
Great Falls property taxes compared to average of the 6 other major Montana cities:
  23% less
Average property taxes/fees paid per person in City of Great Falls: $441
  Average in Missoula: $807
  Bozeman: $753
  Billings: $750
  Helena: $644
  Kalispell: $581
Forbes’ ranking of Great Falls amongst best places to retire: Top 25 nationwide
Number of site selection consultants pitched during quarter: 17
Number of local businesses coached during quarter: 71
  Number of coaching sessions: 276
Number of business training sessions offered during quarter: 7
Number of business participants: 57
New contracts won by PTAC clients during quarter: $735,043
New capital investment secured by small business clients during quarter: $791,988
Total of GFDA gap and bridge financing loans closed during quarter: $429,000
  Additional loans approved: $1,456,000
Current SBA 504 loan 20 year fixed interest rate in, including all fees: 4.324%
  Equity required on SBA 504 loan deals: as low as 10%
Downtown renovation and construction permits issued during quarter: 20
  Total for 2015: 75
Value of permits issued during quarter: $2,794,960
  Total value for 2015: $10,798,827
Downtown Great Falls volunteer hours during quarter: 8,447
Total volunteer hours for 2015: 36,627
Number of new businesses opened downtown in 2015: 8
Occupancy reached in downtown Times Square building during quarter: 100%
Percentage of U.S. grown dry peas produced in Montana: 48%
Acres of pulse crops grown in Montana in 2014: 701,780
Projected acres by 2019: 1,500,000
Barrels of fuel ethanol consumed in Montana in 2014: 1,023,000
Barrels of fuel ethanol produced in Montana: 0
Barrels consumed in Montana and Utah combined in 2014: 3,208,000
Barrels produced in Montana and Utah: 0
GTF passenger traffic in 2006: 290,622
In 2014: 385,784
GTF ranking amongst all 322 U.S. commercial airports by Travel Math: 10th
Estimated record number of Glacier National Park visitors in 2015: 2,366,056
Estimated percentage visitor increase from record 2014: 1.7%
Montana State Fund dividend to employers as % of workers comp premiums paid: 27%
Decrease in MT unemployment insurance contribution rate from 2015 to 2016: 26%
Estimated percentage of U.S. employees who are engaged in their work: 33%
Percentage of engaged employees who are ignored by their managers: 2%
Year that women in U.S. became more educated than men: 2014
Percentage of U.S. men (25 years or older) with bachelor degrees in 2014: 29.9%
Percentage of U.S. women (25 years or older) with bachelor degrees in 2014: 30.2%
Percent of manufacturers who say shortage of skilled workers has negatively impacted their ability to expand: 75%
Percent that expect shortage to worsen: 69%
Estimated percentage of tasks American workers perform that today’s robots are capable of doing: 45%
Number of robots that work in U.S. factories: 260,000
Global app sales in 2015: $51 billion
Projected sales in 2020: $101 billion
Heavy industrial rail-served acres available for immediate construction in Great Falls AgriTech Park: 31.5