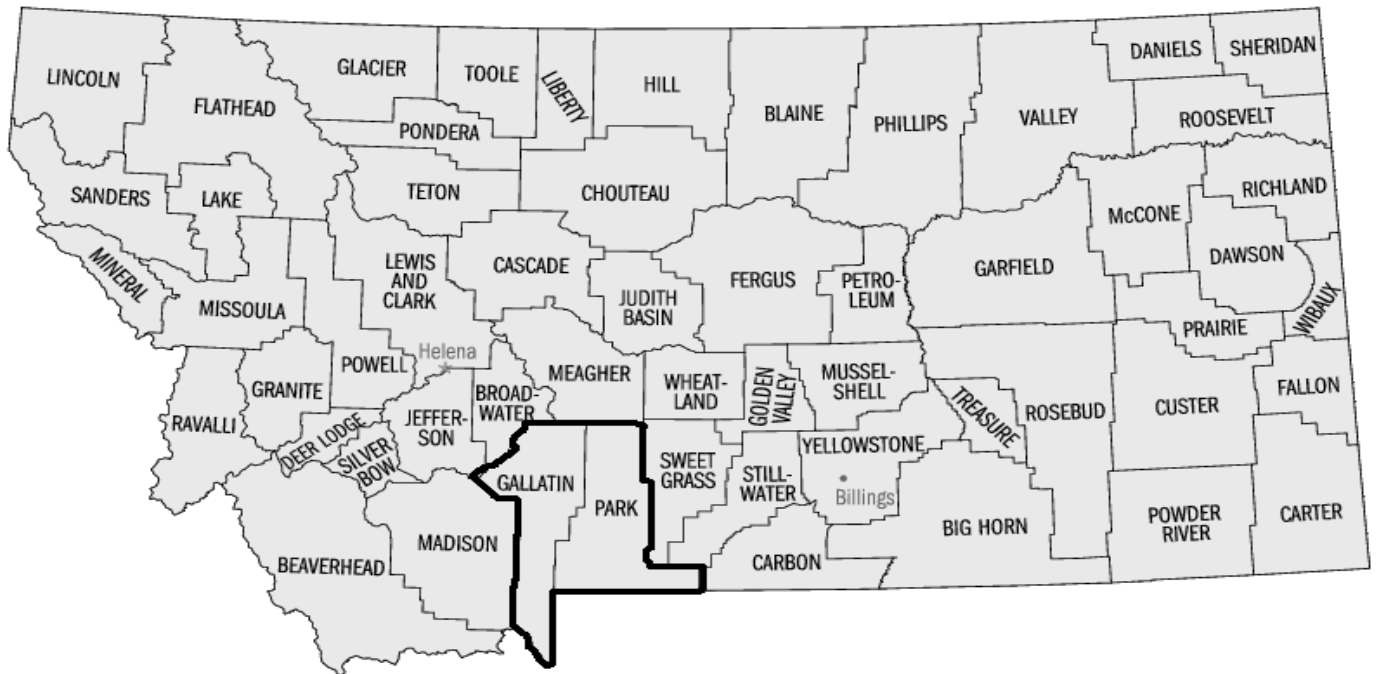




2013 BUSINESS RELOCATION & RESOURCE GUIDE

GALLATIN & PARK COUNTIES, MONTANA

Gallatin and Park Counties, Montana



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The Business Relocation & Resource Guide is researched, updated, and published annually by Prospera Business Network to assist businesses and their employees in becoming familiar with southwestern Montana. This guide is intended as a resource for both businesses considering relocation to the area as well as businesses already located in the region. This free guide is a companion publication to Prospera's annual *Economic Profile of Gallatin and Park Counties*, a more detailed and comprehensive document with an emphasis on population demographics, the cost of living, employment, and major industries. The *Economic Profile* is available for purchase on the Prospera website at www.ProsperaBusinessNetwork.org.

About Prospera Business Network

Prospera is an economic development organization facilitating business leadership, whose purpose is to advance, challenge, and inspire our regional business communities.

Prospera Business Network is a private, nonprofit, member-supported economic development organization in southwestern Montana. Originally established in 1985 as the Gallatin Development Corporation by a group of forward-thinking members of the business community devoted to the creation of a thriving local economy, Prospera plays a leading role in economic development and serves a region that is one of the fastest growing economic areas in the northern Rocky Mountains.

Over the years, the organization has evolved with the business community it was created to serve. In its early years, the Gallatin Development Corporation focused on actively recruiting employers to the area. As the economy improved, the organization's focus shifted to supporting local entrepreneurs and companies with their growth and expansion initiatives, with the goal of creating high-paying jobs and diversifying the economy.

At the end of 2006, the organization started doing business as Prospera Business Network to better reflect the organization's expanded regional focus beyond Gallatin County. Today, Prospera Business Network is one of the most comprehensive and collaborative economic development organizations in the area, providing economic development programs and services throughout southwestern Montana. Prospera provides a wealth of resources and tools to business leaders and executives and prides itself on the quality of its networking and mentoring programs. Prospera's goal is to support the continued economic expansion of the area and the overall growth and diversification of Montana's economy. Prospera is dedicated to encouraging and supporting business expansion, retention, and relocation by providing access to business consulting, financing, professional development, and economic research.

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Area Overview

Located in southwestern Montana, the Gallatin and Park County region has a varied economic base, an educated workforce, thriving technology and manufacturing industries, a major research university, plentiful cultural and outdoor recreation amenities, and a scenic natural landscape at the doorstep of Yellowstone National Park.

About Gallatin County

Gallatin County, with its county seat in Bozeman, covers a land area of 2,603 square miles and has a population density of 35.1 people per square mile. Located in the Gallatin valley, Gallatin County is the most populated and fastest growing county in southwest Montana. According to the most recent population estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau, since the year 2000 Gallatin County has the largest population increase in the state (34.7%) and in 2011 overtook Flathead County to claim the third largest county population in the state, behind both Yellowstone and Missoula Counties.

Gallatin County was established in 1864 and named for its prominent physical feature, the Gallatin River. The Gallatin River was named by Meriwether Lewis in 1805 in honor of Albert Gallatin, the Secretary of the Treasury at the time. With its Rocky Mountain setting, it encompasses the western entrance to Yellowstone National Park and is known for world-class downhill skiing at Big Sky Resort, Moonlight Basin, and Bridger Bowl, blue ribbon trout streams, and a multitude of other outdoor activities. Nearly half of the land in the county is under public ownership by the Gallatin National Forest, State of Montana, Bureau of Land Management, or the National Park Service. Gallatin County is large and diverse, with rich agricultural lands and a varied economy of technology and manufacturing businesses.

About Park County

Park County is located in central southwest Montana. With its county seat in Livingston, Park County covers a land area of 2,802 square miles ranging in elevation from 4,000 to 12,000 feet. The county has a population density of 5.5 people per square mile. Park County is nestled between four mountain ranges and spans the beautiful Paradise and Shields Valleys. The 2010 U.S. Census reports Park County as Montana's 12th most populated county in Montana.

Park County was established in 1887 and named for its proximity to Yellowstone National Park. Because of its immediate access to Yellowstone through the northern entrance and the Yellowstone River flowing through it, Park County's economy is concentrated in tourism, recreation-related services, farming, mining, logging, and the arts. Park County has a rich ranching and railroad heritage and is known internationally for fly-fishing and hunting.

Southwestern Montana has a comfortably cool, semi-arid climate typical of the high-elevation mountains and valleys in the northern Rocky Mountains. As a result of the mountainous geography and high elevation, dynamic weather occurs throughout the year with large variations between the mountain ranges. There are distinct wet and dry seasons with freezing temperatures occurring at any time of the year. The average growing season is 101 days in Bozeman and 105 days in Livingston, with the first significant frost occurring in mid-September.¹ Bozeman averages 300 days of sunshine each year.²

Most summers have seven or fewer days with temperatures exceeding 90°f. Hot weather and humid conditions are infrequent. Winters often arrive early and linger through April, but mild winter weather is not unusual and a week or more of consistently cold weather is rare. Fluctuating temperatures characterize winters in the region. For winter sports enthusiasts, the relatively low humidity and light winds provide an ideal climate for outdoor activities. The winter sports season usually extends from mid-December to mid-April. Springs can be fairly rainy, with a third of annual precipitation falling during April, May, and June. Summers are pleasant and are characterized by warm days, cool nights, and an abundance of sunshine. A fire season occurs each year in the late summer and early fall, due to human causes and dry thunderstorms that deliver lightning to the area. In the early autumn season, daily temperatures average around 70 degrees and these mild temperatures can linger until the middle of October.

The following table represents climate comparison averages for Bozeman and Livingston, as well as other cities in Montana.

Table 1: Climate Comparison

Climate Comparison	Annual Precipitation	January High/Low	April High/Low	July High/Low	October High/Low
Billings, MT	13.9 in.	37 / 14	63 / 34	88 / 56	65 / 35
Bozeman, MT	19.3 in.	33 / 14	56 / 31	82 / 52	59 / 33
Great Falls, MT	14.9 in.	32 / 11	56 / 30	82 / 50	58 / 33
Helena, MT	11.3 in.	31 / 10	57 / 31	83 / 52	58 / 31
Kalispell, MT	17.2 in.	29 / 14	56 / 31	80 / 47	55 / 28
Livingston, MT	17.0 in.	33 / 14	56 / 29	80 / 48	58 / 33
Missoula, MT	17.0 in.	33 / 17	57 / 33	82 / 51	57 / 33

Source: U.S. Climate Data, www.usclimatedata.com.

¹ National Climatic Data Center, NOAA, Asheville, North Carolina, www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Montana/Publications/Annual_Statistical_Bulletin/2012/GenClimatological.pdf

² Montana State University, www.montana.edu/about/bozeman.

Population

According to the 2011 U.S. Census Bureau population estimates, Gallatin County has a population of 91,377, and its county seat, Bozeman, accounts for 38,025 of those residents. Park County's population is 15,469, with 6,969 of those residents living in Livingston, the county seat.

The Census Bureau's intercensal and annual county population estimates show the continuing trend of population growth concentrated in northwestern and southwestern Montana.³ While the overall state population grew at a rate of 10.6 percent from 2000 to 2011, 30 Montana counties experienced declining populations over the same period. Population increases occurred in 26 counties, with 13 counties growing faster than the state's overall growth rate. Most notably, only Gallatin (34.7%), Flathead (31.3%), and Broadwater (22.5%) counties experienced growth rates greater than 16 percent (Table 3).

Table 2: Population

Location	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Montana	956,624	967,440	974,989	989,415	998,199
Gallatin County	87,243	89,824	90,343	89,513	91,377
Belgrade	8,036	8,185	8,192	7,389	7,549
Big Sky	1,221 in 2000 (US Census)			2,308	No 2011 data available
Bozeman	37,643	39,004	39,282	37,280	38,025
Manhattan	1,539	1,622	1,677	1,520	1,553
Three Forks	1,915	1,928	1,970	1,869	1,909
West Yellowstone	1,433	1,511	1,502	1,271	1,298
Park County	16,072	16,189	15,941	15,636	15,469
Clyde Park	346	347	342	288	286
Cooke City	140 in 2000 (US Census)			75	No 2011 data available
Gardiner	851 in 2000 (US Census)			875	No 2011 data available
Livingston	7,253	7,409	7,380	7,044	6,969
Wilsall	237 in 2000 (US Census)			178	No 2011 data available

Source: U.S. Census Bureau Population Division, Annual Estimates of Resident Population Change: April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2011, www.census.gov/popest.

Gallatin County's population increased 34.7 percent since Census 2000 (Table 3). Over the same period, Park County lost population by 1.4 percent.³ Gallatin County is currently the third largest county in Montana while Park County is ranked 12th.³

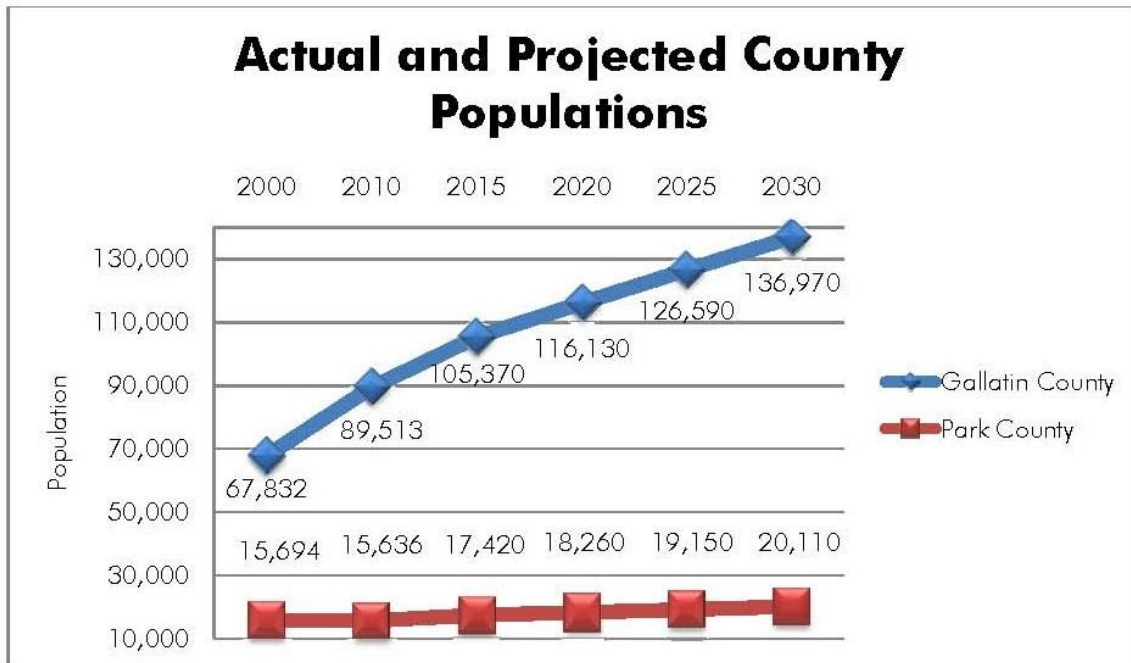
³ U.S. Census Bureau Population Division, Annual Estimates of Resident Population Change, www.census.gov/popest.

Table 3: Six Fastest Growing Counties in Montana

County	April 1, 2000	July 1, 2011	Percent Change	Rank
Gallatin	67,832	91,377	34.7%	1
Broadwater	4,385	5,752	31.3%	2
Flathead	74,471	91,301	22.5%	3
Yellowstone	129,348	150,069	16.0%	4
Lewis & Clark	55,716	64,318	15.4%	5
Missoula	95,799	110,138	15.0%	6

Source: U.S. Census Bureau Population Division, *Annual Estimates of Resident Population Change: April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2011*, www.census.gov/popest.

Chart 1: Actual and Projected County Populations



Source: 2000 and 2010 Actual population; 2015-2030 population projections processed by the Montana Department of Commerce Census and Economic Information Center, <http://ceic.mt.gov>.

According to the Montana Department of Commerce Census and Economic Information Center, over the next two decades, the projected percent change in Gallatin County population is roughly 53 percent, which would increase the population to nearly 137,000 residents (Chart 1). Park County is expected to grow at a more moderate 29 percent for the same period. Bozeman has been the fourth largest city in Montana since 2004.³

Quality of Life

Gallatin and Park Counties offer a wealth of cultural and recreational opportunities in a safe and friendly setting. Not surprisingly, Bozeman was recently chosen as number two on Fodor’s list of Best Small Towns in America.⁴ As seen in Tables 5 and 6, the high quality of life in Montana is evident by a number of measures: high well-being scores, modest divorce rates, low crime and unemployment rates, and a reasonable cost of living. Overall, the many desirable facets of Montana life outweigh the somewhat modest per capita income levels.

Both the Gallatin and Paradise valleys are surrounded by national forest lands and include several mountain ranges: the Bridger Range, the Absaroka Range, the Beartooth Range, the Madison Range, the Tobacco Root Mountains, and the Crazy Mountains. These areas provide an abundance of opportunities for outdoor recreation. The area is central to 5 blue ribbon fly-fishing rivers: the Yellowstone, the Madison, the Gallatin, the Missouri, and the Boulder. In fact, *Outside Magazine* rated Bozeman as one of the “15 best towns” in the United States in 2010.⁵ The area often receives such recognition because of the easy access to fly-fishing, skiing, hunting, hiking, camping, climbing, canoeing, and kayaking.

In fact, skiing brings in people from all over the world and the area’s ski resorts offer a wealth of summertime fun as well. There are also a number of cross country ski centers and trails in the region. Details for the ski resorts in southwest Montana are provided below.

Table 4: Area Ski Area Information

Ski Area	Distance from Bozeman	Vertical Rise	Skiable Acreage	Average Annual Snowfall
Bridger Bowl	16 miles	2,700’	2,000	350”
Big Sky Resort	50 miles	4,350’	3,832	400”+
Moonlight Basin	50 miles	4,150’	1,900	400”

Sources: www.bridgerbowl.com; www.bigskyskyresort.com; www.moonlightbasin.com.

When area residents aren’t hitting the slopes, they are usually found enjoying the extensive network of trails, parks, playgrounds, and climbing boulders. Since 1990, the Gallatin Valley Land Trust has played a lead role in expanding the Main Street to the Mountains trail system to over 60 miles of trails weaving through Bozeman’s neighborhoods, along historic railroad corridors, on top of scenic ridgelines, and into the open lands surrounding the community.⁶

In addition to plentiful outdoor recreation opportunities, there is a plethora of arts organizations and events including art walks, museums, galleries, theatrical playhouses, and music venues that create a rich cultural landscape. Montana State University provides a backdrop for the thriving arts scene, frequently drawing national-caliber performances and exhibits to the area. Integral parts of the cultural environment include: the Bozeman Public Library, Bozeman Symphony, Children’s Museum of Bozeman, Emerson Arts Center, Fly Fishing Discovery Center, Intermountain Opera Bozeman, Livingston Center for Art and Culture, Montana Ballet Company, Museum of the Rockies, Shakespeare in the Parks, Shane Lalani Center for the Arts, annual Sweet Pea Festival of the Arts, Yellowstone Gateway Museum, and Verge Theater.

⁴ Ramani, Sandra. “10 Best Small Towns in America.” Fodor’s Travel Intelligence, March 19, 2013. www.fodors.com.

⁵ Outside Magazine 2010, www.outsideonline.com.

⁶ Gallatin Valley Land Trust, www.gvlt.org.

Table 5: Quality of Life Indicators

Metric	California	Colorado	Montana	Oregon	South Dakota	Washington
Well-Being Index Score ⁷ (U.S. avg. 66.7)	67.4	69.7	68.5	67.1	68.0	67.7
Per Capita Personal Income ⁸	\$29,634	\$30,816	\$24,640	\$26,561	\$24,925	\$30,481
Divorce rate ⁹	Not available	4.2	4.1	3.9	3.3	3.9
Crime Rate ¹⁰	3.08	3.01	2.82	3.26	2.12	4.02
Unemployment Rate ¹¹	10.5%	8.0%	6.0%	8.7%	4.4%	8.2%

Cost of Living:

The Cost of Living Index is a comparison study of over 300 urban areas around the nation, intended to provide a measure of living cost differences among urban areas for a mid-management standard of living. It is compiled and published by the Council for Community and Economic Research (C2ER), a national organization of community and economic development research professionals. Three times per year, participating organizations collect data within their respective cities on consumer goods, services, housing, transportation, utilities, and healthcare. The Cost of Living Index is based on five assessments including groceries, housing, utilities, transportation, healthcare, and miscellaneous goods and services. The index measures relative price levels for consumer goods and services in participating areas. The average for all participating places, both metropolitan and nonmetropolitan, equals 100 and each participant's index is read as a percentage of the average for all places. Bozeman's cost of living has been between 0.5 and 4.5 percent above national averages since Prospera began tracking local cost of living data in 2006.

Table 6: Cost of Living Index Comparison

2012 Annual Average Cost of Living Data							
City	Composite	Groceries	Housing	Utilities	Transportation	Health	Goods & Services
Anne Arbor, MI	102.0	95.1	111.0	107.5	100.4	99.3	96.4
Bozeman, MT	102.9	109.7	105.0	93.6	94.3	102.2	104.7
Grand Junction, CO	101.9	101.8	108.3	90.9	101.3	107.0	99.6
Laramie, WY	101.7	104.6	109.6	96.1	90.4	100.8	100.0
Oakland, CA	135.0	122.5	203.4	96.0	104.3	109.7	110.6

Source: C2ER Cost of Living Index, 2012 Annual Average Data Report, Published January 2013.

⁷ Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index, www.gallup.com. The Well-Being index score is an average of six sub-indexes and is calculated on a scale of 0 to 100, where a score of 100 represents ideal wellbeing.

⁸ U.S. Census Bureau, 2007-2011 American Community Survey; income figures are in 2011 inflation adjusted dollars, www.census.gov/acs. Note that Per Capita Personal Income measures the income of all people, including the unemployed.

⁹ U.S. National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics Report (NVSR), Births, Marriages, Divorces, and Deaths: Provisional Data for 2009, Vol. 58, No. 25, August 2012. www.cdc.gov/nchs/mardiv.htm.

¹⁰ Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council, Small Business Survival Index 2011 (state's rate per 100 residents), www.sbecouncil.org.

¹¹ U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2012 Annual Averages, www.bls.gov.

Education

Gallatin and Park counties outpace national averages for education attainment for high school graduates and above. The averages are closely correlated not only to strong area school systems, but also to Montana State University's influence on the area. There are numerous public and private schools throughout Gallatin and Park Counties offering educational programs from pre-school and kindergarten levels to high school. To see a full list of schools please visit the Montana Office of Public Instruction at www.opi.mt.gov.

As shown in Table 7, Montana compares favorably to other states with regards to pupil/teacher ratios and math and reading scores. Montana's residents have largely attained a higher level of both secondary and post-secondary education than the rest of the nation for high school or above levels and attained identical levels for those earning a baccalaureate or more (Table 8). Both the state and counties have seen a slight increase since the last report for individuals attaining the respective levels of education.

Table 7: Excellence in Education Indicators

Metric	California	Colorado	Montana	Oregon	South Dakota	Washington
Pupil/Teacher Ratio (Elementary/Secondary)	24.12	17.37	13.68	20.30	13.26	19.35
8th Grade Math Score (U.S. avg. 282)	270	287	292	285	291	289
8th Grade Reading Score (U.S. avg. 261)	251	266	271	266	270	265

Source: National Center for Education Statistics: 2010-2011 State Education Data Profiles, <http://nces.ed.gov>.

Table 8: Level of Educational Attainment—Population 25 Years and Over

Location	High School or Above	Bachelor's Degree or Above
United States	85.0%	27.9%
Montana	91.0%	27.9%
Gallatin County	96.0%	45.0%
Belgrade	98.2%	30.5%
Big Sky	100.0%	55.2%
Bozeman	97.2%	51.1%
Manhattan	87.3%	32.6%
Three Forks	92.8%	16.8%
West Yellowstone	96.2%	31.8%
Park County	89.4%	31.4%
Clyde Park	85.5%	26.0%
Cooke City	100.0%	30.4%
Gardiner	96.6%	43.1%
Livingston	88.2%	29.4%
Wilsall	77.4%	31.5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006-2010 American Community Survey, www.census.gov/acs.

Higher Education

MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY (MSU) was founded in 1893 and is considered a mid-sized public university. MSU in Bozeman has been an economic anchor to the region's economy for many years and is the region's largest employer with 3,012 permanent faculty and staff positions. MSU provides education on four campuses: Bozeman, Billings, Havre, and Great Falls. As Montana's only land-grant university, MSU is dedicated to serving the people of Montana, operating Montana Agricultural Experiment Stations and county Extension offices and conducting research and outreach throughout the state. MSU is classified as one of 108 U.S. Research Universities (very high research activity) out of 4,600 institutions by the Carnegie Foundation. It is the only institution to reach this level of prominence within the five-state region of Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, and North and South Dakota. The university prides itself on providing hands-on research opportunities for every undergraduate as part of its core curriculum.¹²

MSU Facts & Stats

- Student-Faculty Ratio: 17:1
- Fall 2012 Enrollment: 14,660
- Student Body Percentage that are Montana Residents: 62%
- Degrees Offered: 60 Baccalaureate, 45 Master's, 20 Doctoral
- Degrees Awarded 2011-2012:
 - Total: 2,444
 - Non-Degree Certificate: 8
 - Certificate of Applied Science: 20
 - Associate of Applied Science: 31
 - Bachelor's Degrees: 1,794
 - Master's Degrees: 538
 - Doctoral Degrees: 53
- Estimated Yearly Costs for Freshman—Tuition & Fees:
 - Resident: \$6,705
 - Non-resident: \$20,062
- Research & Creative Project Funding Awarded in 2012: \$112 Million

Source: Montana State University, Office of Planning & Analysis, www.montana.edu/opa.

In addition to MSU's four campuses, **MSU GALLATIN COLLEGE** in Bozeman offers short-term workforce degrees, developmental coursework to build skills for college, and dual enrollment courses for high school students. Providing flexible, affordable education is a top priority. Workforce degree programs include: aviation, bookkeeping, design drafting technology, interior design, medical assistant, residential building, and welding technology. Gallatin College also offers Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degree programs.¹³

¹² Montana State University, About Us, www.montana.edu/about.

¹³ Montana State University, Gallatin College, www.montana.edu/gallatincollege.

Table 9: MSU Enrollment by College-Fall 2012

College	Undergrad	Graduate	Total
Agriculture	859	136	955
Arts & Architecture	1,235	144	1443
Business	1,151	45	1141
Education & HHD	1,437	387	1727
Engineering	2,581	162	2486
Graduate School	0	280	280
Letters & Science	2705	477	3182
Nursing	917	91	1008
Gallatin College	199	0	199
University College	1472	9	1481
Other	17	514	531
Total	12,772	1,888	14,660

Source: Montana State University, www.montana.edu/opa/facts/quick.html.

A few of the recognitions and awards that Montana State University has achieved include the following:

- **MSU was included in BusinessWeek.com's article about 10 schools making their mark with innovative tech transfer programs.** The article, "Small Schools' Big Tech Dreams," is based on a report sponsored by the National Science Foundation highlighting a number of smaller university programs that are developing new technologies through academic research, licensing the inventions, and helping launch businesses that use them.
- **MSU education students have outscored their peers on 14 of 15 national exams that they are required to take before becoming teachers.** The program is accredited by the Montana Office of Public Instruction as well as the Teacher Education Accreditation Council. The average score for MSU elementary education students was 7 percent higher than the average score of other students in the U.S.
- **MSU was selected as the sixth university-based Wind Application Center (WAC) by the U.S. Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Lab program.** The long-term goal of this nationwide program is to promote wind as a clean, viable, and sustainable energy source for today and tomorrow.
- **MSU is in the top 20 colleges and universities in the nation for number of Goldwater Scholarship recipients.** As of 2013, 58 MSU students have received the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship, the nation's premier scholarship for undergraduates studying math, natural sciences, and engineering, with four students receiving the honor in 2013.
- **MSU has produced ten Rhodes Scholars.** The tenth Rhodes scholarship given to an MSU student was in 2012. The recipient was one of 32 winners of arguably the most prestigious scholarship in the world.

Business Assistance Resources

There are a number of valuable resources available to businesses in southwestern Montana. A number of these services are offered on a little or no-cost basis.

The **BLUE OCEAN INNOVATION CENTER** offers co-working space, innovative talks, informative labs, and a synergetic community of entrepreneurs and freelancers.

Contact: (406) 551-1262 | www.blueoceaninnovationcenter.com

CAREER TRANSITIONS is a private non-profit job training organization promoting job readiness and lifelong learning through adult education and training programs. Founded in 1981, Career Transitions also manages the area's farmer's markets. The organization offers a variety of assessment tools exploring skills and interests in order to match job goals, training proficiencies and career paths. Classes focus on areas such as verbal and written communication, interviewing, resumes and cover letters, computer literacy, advanced software training, and accounting.

Contact: (406) 388-6701 | www.careertransitions.com

The **DOWNTOWN BOZEMAN PARTNERSHIP** encompasses the Downtown Bozeman Association (DBA), Business Improvement District (BID), and the Tax Increment Fund (TIF), providing combined operational support for the three organizations. The DBA promotes downtown Bozeman, organizes activities and events, and contributes to the well-being, growth and vitality of downtown Bozeman. The TIF attracts investment, stabilizes and strengthens the tax base, and supports the vitality and diversity of the Gallatin Valley by investing in infrastructure to add long-term value. The BID ensures the long-term preservation and vitality of the city's underlying economic, cultural, social and environmental assets.

Contact: (406) 586-4008 | www.downtownbozeman.org

The **HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (HRDC)** of District IX is a non-profit community action agency dedicated to strengthening the community through innovation and leadership in the areas of: housing, food & nutrition, child & youth development, senior empowerment, community transportation, home heating, energy, & safety, and community development. Established in 1975, the organization serves Gallatin, Park and Meagher Counties.

Contact: (406) 587-4486 Bozeman | (406) 222-1232 Livingston | www.thehrdc.org

JOB SERVICE OF MONTANA maintains 24 One-Stop Centers throughout the state, including one each in Bozeman and Livingston. The centers provide customer-focused employment and training opportunities that prepares, trains, and connects a highly skilled workforce to the business community. All services are federally funded and available to the employer and job seeker at no cost.

Contact: (406) 582-9200 Bozeman | (406) 222-0520 Livingston | www.montanajobs.mt.gov

The **MONTANA MANUFACTURING EXTENSION CENTER (MMEC)** is a statewide manufacturing outreach and assistance center staffed by full-time professionals with degrees in engineering and extensive experience in manufacturing and business in a variety of industries. MMEC's staff provides assistance to small and mid-size manufacturers in becoming more competitive and profitable. MMEC's home office is in the College of Engineering at Montana State University in Bozeman, with field offices at the MSU TechLink Center and in Missoula, Kalispell, and Helena.

Contact: (406) 944-3812 | www.mtmanufacturingcenter.com

The **MONTANA WORLD TRADE CENTER (MWTC)** works to increase international trade through public-private partnerships, business networking and student education. Since its inception, MWTC has undertaken a dual role as consultant and advocate, assisting member businesses to establish and strengthen international commercial capabilities while striving to develop untapped international trade opportunities. The MWTC is located in Missoula on the campus of the University of Montana.

Contact: (406) 243-6982 | www.mwtc.org

The **NORTHERN ROCKY MOUNTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (NRMEDD)** is comprised of public officials and business representatives from Park and Gallatin Counties. Every five years the District prepares a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.

Contact: info@nrmedd.org | <http://nrmedd.org>

The **NORTHERN ROCKY MOUNTAIN RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT (NRMRC&D)** has been serving Park, Meagher and Gallatin Counties' community development and natural resources conservation needs since 2001, with a purpose to improve the quality of life in the areas they serve through a comprehensive and coordinated effort of local citizens. Their areas of work include assistance with renewable energy projects and affordable housing development.

Contact: (406) 222-7227 | www.nrmrcd.org

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SERVICE CORE OF RETIRED EXECUTIVES (SCORE) is a nonprofit association dedicated to helping small businesses get off the ground, grow, and achieve their goals through education and mentorship. SCORE is a U.S. Small Business Administration resource partner and is comprised of volunteers with legal, finance and business backgrounds. The organization is a great source of free and confidential business advice and mentoring, with chapters in Bozeman and Livingston.

Contact: (406) 586-5421 | www.scorebozeman.org | www.score.org

The Bozeman **SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER (SBDC)**, operated by the Montana Community Development Corporation is part of a statewide network of resource and technical service providers that assist start-up and existing businesses. Professional staff provides confidential business counseling, training and information to small businesses and entrepreneurs. Services are provided at no charge to the client. The SBDC is jointly funded by the Small Business Administration (SBA), Montana Department of Commerce, and local lenders.

Contact: (406) 728-9234 | www.mtcdc.org

TECHLINK connects companies with federal laboratories for joint research and technology transfer. Its purpose is to contribute to the success of both technology-based companies and key resource-based industries within the state and immediate region. TechLink provides specialized assistance in the realm of advanced materials, aerospace development, agricultural technologies, bio-medicine, bio-technology, electronics, environmental technologies, information technologies, information software, photonics, and sensors. TechLink strives to build productive partnerships for the licensing, transfer, development, and commercialization of technology.

Contact: (406) 994-7700 | www.techlinkcenter.org

Business Taxes

The business tax climate in Montana is competitive in comparison to neighboring states. Montana's state and local business taxes grew by 6.5% between FY2010 and FY2011. Nationally speaking, after falling by 0.8% in FY2009 and 0.6% in FY2010, state and local business taxes grew 4.5% in FY2011, with total state business taxes increasing by 9.8% and total local business taxes declining by 0.8%.¹⁴

Table 10: State and Local Business Taxes, by major tax type—FY2011* (US \$Billion)

State	Property Taxes	Sales Taxes	Excise & Gross Receipts	Corp. Income Tax	Unemployment Insurance Tax	Individual Income Tax	License & Other*	Total Business Taxes
ID	\$0.8	\$0.3	\$0.2	\$0.2	\$0.3	\$0.2	\$0.2	\$2.2
MT	\$0.8	-	\$0.2	\$0.1	\$0.1	\$0.1	\$0.5	\$1.9
ND	\$0.6	\$0.4	\$0.2	\$0.2	\$0.1	\$0.1	\$2.0	\$3.4
SD	\$0.6	\$0.6	\$0.2	\$0.0	\$0.1	-	\$0.1	\$1.6
UT	\$1.6	\$0.8	\$0.5	\$0.2	\$0.2	\$0.3	\$0.3	\$3.9
WA	\$4.1	\$7.3	\$2.5	-	\$1.4	-	\$1.0	\$16.3
WY	\$1.1	\$0.6	\$0.1	-	\$0.1	-	\$1.1	\$2.9
U.S.	\$244.9	\$129.7	\$81.0	\$46.3	\$41.2	\$236.3	\$64.5	\$643.9

* "Other" taxes include death, gift, documentary, stock transfer, severance, and local gross receipts taxes.
Note: "-" indicates zero collections; "0.0" indicates collections of less than \$50 million.

Source: Council On State Taxation (COST), "Total State and Business Taxes: State-by-State Estimates for Fiscal Year 2011" prepared by Ernst & Young, LLP, www.cost.org.

Table 11: Total Effective Business Tax Rate

State versus Local Business Taxes, as a share of private sector GSP—FY2011 (US \$Billion)

State	State Taxes		Local Taxes		State and Local Taxes			
	Business	Total	Business	Total	Business	Total	Business Share	% of GSP*
ID	\$1.3	\$3.1	\$0.9	\$1.5	\$2.2	\$4.6	47.9%	4.6%
MT	\$1.2	\$2.2	\$0.7	\$1.2	\$1.9	\$3.4	55.9%	6.0%
ND	\$2.8	\$2.7	\$0.6	\$1.0	\$3.4	\$3.7	91.9%	10.4%
SD	\$0.8	\$1.3	\$0.8	\$1.3	\$1.6	\$2.7	59.3%	4.6%
UT	\$1.8	\$5.2	\$2.1	\$3.6	\$3.9	\$8.8	44.4%	3.6%
WA	\$10.4	\$17.1	\$5.9	\$11.5	\$16.3	\$28.7	56.8%	5.5%
WY	\$1.9	\$2.2	\$1.0	\$1.4	\$2.9	\$3.6	80.6%	9.3%
U.S.	\$338.7	\$742.3	\$305.1	\$601.8	\$643.9	\$1,344	47.9%	5.0%

*Percent of 2011 private sector GSP equivalent to an effective tax rate on economic activity occurring within the state.

Source: Council On State Taxation (COST), "Total State and Business Taxes: State-by-State Estimates for Fiscal Year 2011" prepared by Ernst & Young, LLP, www.cost.org. Ernst & Young LLP, estimates based on data from the U.S. Census Bureau, State & Local Government Finances.

¹⁴ Council On State Taxation (COST), "Total State and Business Taxes: State-by-State Estimates for Fiscal Year 2011" prepared by Ernst & Young, LLP, www.cost.org.

Chambers of Commerce

The area's Chambers of Commerce encourage businesses by providing support through professional staff and legislative voices at the local, state and federal levels. Most Chambers also provide an array of business-to-business networking opportunities and training programs throughout the year.

The following are the local Chambers of Commerce:

Resource	Website	Phone Number
Montana Chamber of Commerce	www.montanachamber.com	406-442-2405
Gallatin County		
Belgrade Chamber of Commerce	www.belgradechamber.org	406-388-1616
Big Sky Chamber of Commerce	www.bigskychamber.com	406-995-3000
Bozeman Area Chamber of Commerce	www.bozemanchamber.com	406-586-5421
Manhattan Chamber of Commerce	www.manhattanareachamber.com	406-284-4162
Three Forks Chamber of Commerce	www.threeforksmontana.com	406-285-4753
West Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce	www.destinationyellowstone.com	406-646-7701
Park County		
Cooke City Chamber of Commerce	www.cookecitychamber.org	406-838-2495
Gardiner Chamber of Commerce	www.gardinerchamber.com	406-848-7971
Livingston Area Chamber of Commerce	www.livingston-chamber.com	406-222-0850

ACCOUNTANTS

Galusha, Higgins & Galusha, CPAs
(406) 586-2386
www.ghg-cpa.com

Gina Jones, CPA
(406) 587-2245
www.ginajcpa.com

Hubley, Philips & Williams, PLLP
(406) 586-0281
www.gnhcpa.com

Holmes & Turner, CPAs
(406) 587-4265
www.holmesandturner.com

JCCS, CPAs
(406) 587-1277
www.jccsca.com

Penor & Associates, CPAs
(406) 586-3425

ATTORNEYS

Crowley Fleck, PLLP
(406) 556-1430
www.crowleyfleck.com

Kasting, Kauffman & Mersen, PC
(406) 586-4383
www.kkmlaw.net

Moore, O'Connell & Refling, PC
(406) 587-5511

CONSTRUCTION RELATED

Big Sky Insulations, Inc.
(406) 388-4146
www.bigskyrcontrol.com

C&H Engineering & Surveying
(406) 587-1115
www.chengineers.com

CONSTRUCTION RELATED

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CTA Architects Engineers
(406) 556-7100
www.ctagroup.com

Empire Building Materials
(800) 548-8201
www.empireinc.com

Knife River Corporation
(406) 388-6832
www.kniferiver.com

Langlas & Associates
(406) 585-3420
www.langlas.com

L&L Site Services, Inc.
(406) 924-6471

Morrison-Maierle, Inc.
(406) 587-0721
www.m-m.net

Sime Construction, Inc.
(406) 582-9841
www.simeconst.com

Simkins-Hallin Lumber
(406) 585-5495
www.simkins-hallin.com

CONSULTATION SERVICES

Blue Ocean Innovation Center
(406) 551-1262
www.blueoceaninnovationcenter.com

Hollowtop Consulting
(406) 285-3433
www.hollowtopconsulting.com

Leadership Outfitters
(406) 586-5504
www.leadership-outfitters.com

CONSULTATION SERVICES

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Magpie Consulting

(406) 600-3476

www.magpieconsulting.biz

Next Rung Innovation

(651) 224-1930

The Growth Coach

(406) 930-9903

www.thegrowthcoach.com

EDUCATION

Bozeman Public Schools

(406) 522-6000

www.bsd7.org

Montana State University

(406) 994-2341

www.montana.edu

MSU Gallatin College

(406) 994-5536

www.montana.edu/gallatincollege

EMPLOYMENT/WORKFORCE

Bozeman Job Service

(406) 582-9205

www.wsd.dli.mt.gov

LC Staffing

(406) 582-8795

www.lcstaffing.com

FINANCE & BANKING

American Bank

(406) 587-1234

www.AmericanBankMontana.com

American Federal Savings Bank

(406) 586-0251

www.americanfederalsavingsbank.com

Bank of Bozeman

(406) 587-5626

www.BankofBozeman.com

FINANCE & BANKING (CONT.)

Big Sky Western Bank

(406) 587-2922

www.BigSkyBank.com

DA Davidson & Co.

(406) 587-5461

www.dadavidson.com

Edward Jones

(406) 587-5457

www.edwardjones.com

First Interstate Bank

(406) 586-4555

www.firstinterstatebank.com

First Montana Bank

(406) 587-2401

www.firstmontanabank.com

First Security Bank

(406) 585-3800

www.ourbank.com

Manhattan Bank

(406) 582-0044

www.manhattanbank.com

Mountain West Bank

(406) 587-5600

www.mtnwestbank.com

Rocky Mountain Bank

(406) 556-7600

www.rmbank.com

Stockman Bank

(406) 556-4100

www.stockmanbank.com

US Bank

(406) 585-5222

www.usbank.com

Wells Fargo Bank

(406) 586-3381

www.wellsfargo.com

HEALTH SERVICES

Advanced Performance & Rehab

(406) 587-4501
www.bozemanaprs.com

Bozeman Deaconess Hospital

(406) 585-5000
www.bozemandeaconess.org

Granite Sports Medicine

(406) 222-4682
http://granitesportsmedicine.com

HOSPITALITY

Baxter Main/Baxter Hospitality

(406) 582-1000
www.thebaxterhotel.com

Best Western Plus GranTree Inn

(406) 582-5261
www.bestwestern.com/grantreeinn

The Bountiful Table

(406) 587-5052
www.thebountifultable.com

Clark's Fork

(406) 522-0550
www.clarksfork.com

Holiday Inn

(406) 587-4561
www.holidayinn.com

Holiday Inn Express

(406) 582-4995
www.hiexpress.com

Marriott Residence Inn

(406) 552-1535
www.marriott.com

Sola Cafe

(406) 922-7652
www.solacafe.com

Venus Catering

(406) 580-6906
http://catervenus.com

INSURANCE

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana

(406) 586-6524
www.bcbsmt.com

First West Insurance

(406) 587-5111
www.1stwestinsurance.com

Payne West Insurance

(800) 998-0196
www.wsi-insurance.com

State Farm Insurance, Rust Agency

(406) 587-8287
www.statefarm.com

MANUFACTURING

Autopilot, Inc.

(406) 585-5311
www.autopilotdesign.com

BLACKHAWK! Manufacturing, Montana

(406) 284-3600
www.blackhawk.com

Béquet Confections

(406) 586-2191
www.bequetconfections.com

Dobeck Performance

(406) 388-2377
www.dobeckperformance.com

Gibson Guitar-Montana Division

(406) 587-4117
www.gibson.com

HeadRoom

(406) 587-9466
www.headphone.com

ILX Lightwave

(406) 586-1244
www.newport.com/ilxlightwave

MANUFACTURING (CONT.)

Lattice Materials

(406) 586-2122

www.latticematerials.com

Midwest Welding & Machine

(406) 587-5417

www.midwest-welding.com

Montana Black Gold

(406) 388-9060

www.blackgoldights.com

Mystery Ranch

(406) 585-1428

www.mysteryranch.com

Plastic Design & Manufacturing

(406) 284-4146

www.makeitplastic.com

Schnee's

(406) 586-4274

www.schnees.com

Simms Fishing Products

(406) 585-3557

www.simmsfishing.com

**Takeda Vaccines Montana/LigoCyte
Pharmaceuticals**

(406) 585-2733

www.ligocyte.com

TowHaul/Smith Equipment

(406) 388-3424

www.towhaul.com

West Paw Design

(406) 585-0505

www.westpawdesign.com

MARKETING/MEDIA

Bit Forge, LLC

(406) 581-3719

www.Bitforge.us

Bozeman Daily Chronicle

(406) 587-4491

www.bozemanchronicle.com

CKSyme.org

(406) 599-6079

www.cksyme.org

Elixiter

(406) 548-2500

www.elixiter.com

Massive Studios

(406) 585-4608

www.massivestudios.info

PromoWest

(406) 585-2737

www.promowest.com

Rising Rock Marketing

(208) 484-9591

www.risingrockmarketing.com

NONPROFITS*

American Computer Museum
(406) 582-1288
www.compustory.com

Bozeman Business & Professional Women (BPW)
www.bozemanbpw.org

Bozeman Deaconess Foundation
(406) 585-1085
www.bozemandeaconessfoundation.org

Museum of the Rockies
(406) 994-2251
www.museumoftherockies.org

Yellowstone Park Foundation
(406) 586-6303
www.ypf.org

**Also see Chambers of Commerce listed in previous section*

PRINTING

Alphagraphics
(406) 587-4508
www.Alphagraphics.com

Executive Mailing Services
(406) 586-2600
www.execservmail.com

Insty-Prints
(406) 586-7007
www.instybozeman.com

PrintingForLess.com
(800) 930-6040
www.printingforless.com

REAL ESTATE & RELATED

American Land Title Company
(406) 587-5563
www.altc.biz

Double B Properties
(406) 580-5645

ERA Landmark Real Estate
(800) 782-2372
www.eralandmark.com

Evergreen Business Park
(406)580-3202

Gene Cook Real Estate
(406) 586-0302

Keller Williams Montana Realty
(406) 522-7000
www.bozeman.yourkwoffice.com

Prudential Montana Real Estate
(406) 556-7738
www.prumt.com

McKenna Realty
(406) 587-0792
www.mckennarealty.com

MSR North Associates
(406) 522-7449

NAI Landmark Commercial Real Estate Services
(406) 556-5005
www.nailandmark.com

Security Title Company of Montana
(406) 522-5500
www.sectitle.com

RETAIL/WHOLESALE

Barkenhowell's

(406) 586-6160
www.barkenhowells.com

Billion Auto Group

(406) 582-7777
www.billionautogroup.com

Bozeman Self Storage

(406) 551-4162
<http://bozemanselfstorage.net>

Bozeman TV, Furniture, & Appliance

(406) 587-0342
www.bozemantv.com

Cashman Nursery

(406) 587-3406
www.cashmannursery.com

Davis Business Machines

(406) 587-0073
www.dbminc.com

D&R Coffee Services, Inc.

(406) 586-9686

Gallatin Valley Mall

(406) 586-4565
www.gallatinvalleymall.com

House of Clean

(406) 587-5012
www.house-of-clean.com

Lehrkind's Coca Cola

(406) 586-2029
www.bozemancoke.com

Murdoch's Ranch & Home Supply

(406) 587-5846
www.murdochs.com

Owenhouse Ace Hardware

(406) 587-5401
www.owenhouse.com

RETAIL/WHOLESALE (CONT.)

Pierce Flooring

(406) 587-5428
www.pierceflooring.com

Quality Foods Distributing

(406) 551-2231
www.qfdistributing.com

Universal Athletic Service

(406) 587-4415
www.universalathletic.com

Wellington's Tea & Pastry

(406) 522-8922
www.wellingtonsteas.com

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

Exchange Club

www.nationalexchangeclub.org
Meets Mondays 12-1pm
The Elks Club, 205 Haggerty Lane

Bozeman Lions Club

www.lionwap.org/bozemanmt
Meets noon on Wednesdays
The Elks Club, 205 Haggerty Lane

Rotary Clubs

Noon Rotary
www.bozemannoonrotary.org
Meets Tuesdays at 11:45 a.m.
Holiday Inn, 5 E Baxter Lane

Sunrise Rotary

www.bozemansunriserotary.org
Meets Fridays at 6:45 a.m.
Holiday Inn, 5 E Baxter Lane

Toastmasters

There are seven chapters in the region,
<http://reports.toastmasters.org/findaclub>

STATE GOVERNMENT

Governor's Office of Economic Development
(406) 444-5634
<http://business.mt.gov>

Montana Department of Commerce
(406) 841-2700
<http://commerce.mt.gov>

Montana Secretary of State
(406) 444-2034
<http://sos.mt.gov>

State of Montana
<http://mt.gov>

TECHNOLOGY

Acadeus
(406) 582-7662
www.propharmagroup.com

Advanced Electronic Designs, Inc.
(406) 585-8892
www.aedmt.com

BioScience Laboratories
(406) 587-5735
www.biosciencelabs.com

eWranglers
(406) 587-5755
www.e-wranglers.net

GraniteTCS
(406) 585-0550
www.GraniteTCS.com

MicroLab, Inc.
(406) 586-3274
www.microlabinfo.com

Quantel USA
(406) 586-0131
www.quantel-laser.com

TECHNOLOGY (CONT.)

Scientific Materials Corp.
(406) 585-3772
www.scientificmaterials.com

TEXBase
(406) 582-8874
www.TEXbase.com

Zoot Enterprises
(406) 586-5050
www.zootweb.com

OTHER SERVICES

Buffalo Restoration
(406) 586-8109
www.buffalorestoration.com

Execucare Services
(406) 587-7300
www.execucareservices.com

Frontline Processing
(406) 585-7443
www.frontlineprocessing.com

Gallatin Laundry Co.
(406) 587-7313
www.gallatinlaundry.com

Home Instead Senior Care
(406) 922-5060
www.homeinstead.com

Despite the rural nature of the area, quality communications services are available. Several service providers are based in Gallatin County and available services and rates are comparable to the rest of the country. Bozeman is arguably the high-tech center for the state of Montana: from biotechnology companies to laser and optics innovators, the Gallatin Valley draws in numerous tech start-ups seeking a Silicon Valley alternative.¹⁵ Since these companies require state-of-the-art telecommunications with redundant systems, Bozeman has solid IT infrastructure including multiple DS3 connections.

Internet and Phone Services

There are also projects currently underway to increase broadband service in the areas surrounding Bozeman. A wealth of information about Montana broadband is available at <http://broadband.mt.gov>. Areas where wired DSL is not currently available have other options, including wireless DSL and satellite service. For convenience, we have listed some area service providers below. Unless specified otherwise, providers listed below provide both commercial and residential services. Satellite based internet service is available in Montana from StarBand, HughesNet, ViaSatWildblue, and SkyCaster. These services are available state-wide except for some areas with no view of the southern horizon.

INTERNET & PHONE

3 Rivers Communications

(800) 796-4567
www.3rivers.net

Blackfoot Communications

(800) 982-4375
www.blackfoot.com

CenturyLink

Commercial: (877) 744-4416
Residential: (800) 475-752
www.centurylink.com

Integra

Commercial only
(406) 922-4000
www.integratelecom.com

Montana Opticom

(406) 993-5531
www.mt-opticom.com

Optimum

Commercial: (866) 718-6097
Residential: (877) 273-7626
www.optimum.com

INTERNET ONLY

Global Net

(406) 587-5095
www.theglobal.net

Grizzly Internet, Inc.

West Yellowstone area only
(406) 646-7006
www.grizzlyinternet.com

Internet Montana

(406) 222-5525
www.imt.net

Little Apple Technologies

(406) 284-3174
www.littleappletech.com

Montana.Net

(800) 240-2892
www.montana.net

¹⁵ DesMarais, Christina, "A Different Kind of Valley for Tech Start-Ups." Inc. Magazine, 2011, <http://www.inc.com>.

Cellular Phone Services

Digital cellular coverage extends across Gallatin and Park Counties as well as most of Montana with the exception of remote mountain canyons. The following companies provide service in the area:

Alltel (406) 585-0561 www.alltel.com	AT&T (888) 333-6651 www.att.com	Cellular One (406) 522-9950 www.cellonenation.com	Verizon Wireless (800) 256-4646 www.verizonwireless.com
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Other Available Services

Telecommunication services are also available through a local center providing extensive resources for individuals, organizations, and businesses in a full range of areas.

The **BURNS TECHNOLOGY CENTER (BTC)** of Montana State University was created in 1993 by MSU and the Montana Board of Regents to develop and demonstrate cost-effective telecommunications applications and distance learning strategies. The BTC successfully incorporates technology into traditional teaching and learning, as well as extends the university into the homes and communities of every Montanan.

Utilizing state-of-the-art technology, the BTC is a community resource that joins with individuals, schools, non-profit organizations, and businesses to assist them in employing multi-media, telecommunications, and networking technologies to enhance their programs and services.

For more information on rates, scheduling, events, services and much more:

Contact (406) 994-6550 | <http://btc.montana.edu>

Publications

There are currently ten daily or weekly papers in Gallatin County and Park County in addition to some excellent monthly publications and regional magazines. Four of these papers are printed by Big Sky Publishing, including The Bozeman Daily Chronicle, The Belgrade News, The Lone Peak Lookout, and West Yellowstone News.

DAILY PAPERS

Bozeman Daily Chronicle (406) 587-4491 www.bozemanchronicle.com	Livingston Enterprise (406) 222-2000 www.livingstonenterprise.com	Billings Gazette (406) 657-1200 www.billingsgazette.net
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WEEKLY PAPERS

Belgrade News (406) 388-5101 www.belgrade-news.com	Livingston Weekly (406) 222-3633 www.livingstonweekly.com	Three Forks Herald (406) 285-3414 www.threeforksherald.net
Big Sky Sun (406) 586-1066 www.thebigskysun.com	Lone Peak Lookout (406) 995-4133 www.lonepeaklookout.com	West Yellowstone News (406) 582-2618 www.westyellowstonenews.com
Big Sky Weekly (406) 995-3878 www.thebigskyweekly.com		

MONTHLY PUBLICATIONS

Bozeman Magazine & Events Calendars www.bozemanmagazine.com	Montana Business Journal (406)570-9263 www.montanabusinessjournal.com	Montana Pioneer www.mtpioneer.com
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MAGAZINES

Big Sky Journal (800) 731-1227 www.bigskyjournal.com	Montana Magazine (888) 666-8624 www.montanamagazine.com	Outside Bozeman (406) 582-8068 www.outsidebozeman.com
Distinctly Montana (406) 600-7660 www.distinctlymontana.com	Montana Parent Magazine www.mtparent.com	

Informational/Community Websites

Big Sky Town Center
www.bigskytowncenter.com

Bozeman Events Calendar
www.bozemanevents.net

Bozeman Convention & Visitors Bureau
(800) 228-4224
www.bozemancvb.com

Bozeman Online
www.bozemanonline.com

Bozone
www.bozone.com

Montana Associated Technology Roundtables
www.matr.net

Montana State University Extension
www.msuextension.org

Living Bozeman
www.livingbozeman.com

New West
406-829-1725
www.newwest.net

Online Resources for Livingston & Park County
www.LivingstonMontana.com

Southwest Montana's News
www.ExploreBigSky.com

This Is Bozeman
www.thisisbozeman.com

Television Stations

In addition to multiple cable and satellite companies, local television stations serve the area and are listed below. Analog and DTV channels are indicated in parentheses.

KBZK (CBS 7/13)
(406) 922-2400
www.montanasnewsstation.com

KWYB (ABC/FOX 18/19)
(406) 782-7185
www.abcfoxmontana.com

KUSM-TV (PBS 9/8)
(800) 832-0829
www.montanapbs.org

KTVM-TV (NBC 6/6)
(406) 586-0296
www.nbcmontana.com/ktvm

Radio

Two major broadcasting companies, Townsquare Media Group and Reier Broadcasting Company, serve the area along with several independent stations. The stations provide a wide spectrum of music and programming styles for a variety of listeners.

TOWNSQUARE MEDIA GROUP

Contact: (406) 586-2343

KISN (96.7 FM)
<http://bozemanskissfm.com>
Contemporary Pop Hits

KMMS (95.1 FM)
<http://mooseradio.com>
Classic & New Rock

KXLB (100.7 FM)
<http://xlcountry.com>
Country

KMMS (1450 AM)
<http://kmmsam.com>
Talk Radio

KPRK (1340 AM)
Oldies

KZMY (103.5 FM)
<http://my1035.com>
80's, 90's, and Now

REIER BROADCASTING COMPANY

Contact: (406) 587-9999 / www.kboz.com

KBOZ (1090 AM)
Talk Radio

KBOZ-FM (99.9 FM)
Country

KBOZ (97.5 FM)
Classic Rock

**KBOZ Gardiner Yellowstone Park
(107.1 FM, 103.9 FM)**

**KBOZ Livingston (100.9 FM, 95.9
FM)**

KBOZ Big Sky (100.5 FM)

KOBB (1230 AM)
ESPN, Sports Talk

KOBB-FM (93.7 FM)
Oldies

INDEPENDENT RADIO STATIONS

KBMC (102.1 FM)
www.ypradio.org
Yellowstone Public Radio-
Bozeman

KBZM (104.7 FM)
Classic Rock- Big Sky

KCMM (99.1 FM)
Contemporary Christian-
Belgrade

KEZQ (92.9 FM)
Soft Contemporary-West
Yellowstone

KGCM (90.9 FM)
www.ynop.org
Religious-Belgrade

**KGLT (91.9 FM- Bozeman,
89.5- Livingston,
107.1- Gardiner-Mammoth)**
www.kglt.net
Alternative Public Radio

KGWV (640 AM)
Christian Talk & Music-Belgrade

KKQX (104.7 FM/ 105.7 FM)
www.montanassuperstation.com
Classic Rock, New Rock, & Pop

KLBZ (89.3 FM)
Contemporary Christian

KMEA-LP (92.7 FM)
Christian

KMTZ (107.7 FM)
www.mountain1077.com
Adult Hot Hits

KOFK-LP (98.3 FM)
www.kofkradio.org
Catholic Radio

KSCY (106.9 FM)
Country

KWYS (920 AM)
Oldies/Classic Hits-West
Yellowstone

KYPM (90.1 FM)
www.ypradio.org
Yellowstone Public Radio-
Livingston

KZBN (89.9 FM)
Christian

A variety of transportation corridors make Gallatin and Park Counties easily accessible for both people and products. Of particular importance are Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport, Interstate 90—a primary east/west route connecting the northern tier states, and Montana Rail Link.

Air Services

Southwest Montana's **BOZEMAN YELLOWSTONE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (BZN)** is located in the heart of the Gallatin Valley just ten minutes west of Bozeman. It is the 7th busiest passenger airport in the Pacific Northwest and the 2nd busiest in Montana and the airport recorded its third consecutive all time record with 867,117 passengers flying in and out in 2012. This represents an increase of 71,007 passengers or 8.9% more than the previous record set in 2011. The airlines Alaska, Allegiant, Delta, Frontier, and United provide non-stop service to Chicago, Denver, Las Vegas, Minneapolis/St. Paul, Phoenix/Mesa, Salt Lake City, and Seattle/Tacoma. Winter and summer schedules also include non-stop service to Atlanta, Detroit, Los Angeles and San Francisco and in 2012, new seasonal service was added to Newark/New York, Portland, Oregon, and Oakland, California.¹⁶

Contact: (406) 388-8321 | www.bozemanairport.com

Corporate / Private Plane Services

Excellent facilities for corporate jets and private planes are available in the area.

ARLIN'S AIRCRAFT SERVICE is a full service fixed base operator located at Gallatin Field providing a complete range of services for corporate jet and transient aircrafts including complete customer service, fuel, maintenance, concierge services, and many other amenities.

Contact: (406) 388-1351 / arlins@arlins.com / www.arlins.com

The **YELLOWSTONE JETCENTER** is a full service fixed base operator located at Gallatin Field offering professional line and concierge services, aircraft charter, and maintenance by factory trained technicians. The Jetcenter also has over 65,000 square feet of heated hangar space available for aircraft storage needs.

Contact: (800) 700-5381 | info@ysjet.com | www.ysjet.com

The **YELLOWSTONE AIRPORT (WYS)** is located at the West entrance of Yellowstone Park. The airport is open June -September and is served by three daily Delta Connection/SkyWest flights out of Salt Lake City.

Contact: (800) 221-1212 | www.yellowstoneairport.org

Charter Services

There are currently two companies providing charter services out of Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport.

Montana Aircraft

(406) 581-3278

www.montanaaircraft.com

Sunbird Aviation

(406) 388-4443

www.sunbirdaviation.com

¹⁶ About the Airport, Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport, www.bozemanairport.com.

Air Cargo / Express

Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport is an active air cargo and express airport with over 8 million pounds of cargo and mail passing through each year.¹⁶ Services are provided through the following carriers, in addition to cargo carried in the cargo holds of passenger flights:

FedEx

(800) 463-3339
www.fedex.com

UPS

(800) 742-5877
www.ups.com

Car Rentals

Alamo Rent a Car

Bozeman Yellowstone
International Airport
(406) 388-4457
www.alamo.com

Avis Rent-A-Car

Bozeman Yellowstone
International Airport
(406) 388-6414
West Yellowstone Airport
(406) 646- 7635
www.avis.com

Big Sky Car Rentals

West Yellowstone
(406) 646-9564

Budget Rent-A-Car

Bozeman Yellowstone
International Airport
(406) 388-4091
West Yellowstone
(406) 646-7882
www.budget.com

Classic Limo

(406) 586-5466
www.bozemanlimo.com

Dollar Rent a Car

Bozeman Yellowstone
International Airport
(406) 388-1323
www.dollar.com

Enterprise Rent-A-Car

Bozeman Yellowstone
International Airport
(406) 388-7420
Main Street, Bozeman
(406) 586-8010
www.enterprise.com

Hertz Rent-A-Car

Bozeman Yellowstone
International Airport
(406) 388-6939
www.hertz.com

Journey Rent-A-Car

Homestake Drive, Bozeman
(406) 551-2277
www.journeyrentacar.com

National Car Rental

Bozeman Yellowstone
International Airport
(406) 388-6694
www.nationalcar.com

Phasmid Rentals

Near Bozeman Yellowstone
International Airport
<http://phasmidrentals.com>
(406) 922-0179

Ressler Toyota Rent a Car

Huffine Lane, Bozeman
(406) 585-2010
www.resslermotors.com/bozeman-car-rental.html

Thrifty Car Rental

Bozeman Yellowstone
International Airport
(406) 388-3484
Auto Plaza Drive, Bozeman
(406) 522-0979

Railroad Services

MONTANA RAIL LINK, INC. is an FRA Class II regional railroad with more than 900 miles of track serving over 100 stations in Montana, Idaho, and Washington. The company operates a fleet of more than 2,100 freight cars and 176 locomotives. The rail connects with the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway (BNSF) at Laurel and Garrison in Montana, at Spokane, Washington, and with the Union Pacific Railroad at Sandpoint, Idaho. MRL is one of the independently operated Washington Companies and is headquartered in Missoula, Montana. It is privately held.

Contact: (800) 338-4750 | www.montanarail.com

Freight and Transfer Companies

There are more than a dozen motor freight hauling companies offering services in the area. Each offers pickup, delivery, and warehousing and several also have computerized freight tracing and specialty services. Trucking transportation broker information is also included below.

MOTOR FREIGHT COMPANIES

FedEx (406) 388-2658	North Park Transportation (406) 388-0040	USF Reddaway (406) 285-3222
Hahn Ranch Trucking (406) 582-0877	Old Dominion Freight Line, Inc. (406) 388-7153	Warren Transport (406) 388-2612
KBS Express, Inc. (406) 388-4432	R&B Trucking Inc. (406) 388-7770	We-Haul (406) 388-9488
Ken Dykema Trucking, Inc. (406) 284-3146	RDJ Trucking (406) 586-5962	Westervelt Transport & Set-up Inc. (406) 388-2001
MTS Freight (406) 388-5711	Rolling Stock Trucking (406) 686-4666	

TRUCKING TRANSPORTATION BROKERS

Bridger Freight Brokers, LLC (406) 388-9555	Elite Logistics, LLC (406) 388-3401	Mergenthaler Transfer & Storage (406) 586-5497
Bridger Transportation (406) 586-0051 www.bridgertrans.com	J&J Truck Brokerage (406) 388-9595	Precision Transport (406) 582-1168
Big Trucks Brokerage (406) 388-7771	Landstar Transportation (406) 586-5405	

MOVING VAN LINES

Highland Movers (405) 582-5778	Taz Moving Systems (406) 624-6878	United Van Lines (406) 586-5497
LUX Transfer & Storage (406) 587-5153 www.luxtransfer.com		

SELF-MOVING SERVICES

Budget Truck Rental (406) 388-4912	U-Haul Moving & Storage of Bozeman (406) 586-4541
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Local Transportation Services

Amazing Adventures

Livingston
(406) 223-5344

Backcountry Adventures

Yellowstone National Park
& Gallatin National Forest
(406) 646-9317
www.backcountry-
adventures.com

Big Sky Taxi

Big Sky
(406) 995-4895
www.bigskytaxi.com

Buffalo Bus Touring Company

West Yellowstone
(406) 646-9564

Greater Valley Taxi

Bozeman (406) 587-6303
Belgrade (406) 388-9999
www.greatervalleytaxi.com

Greyhound Bus

Bozeman
(406) 587-3110
www.greyhound.com

Karst Stage

Tours & Charter Operations
(406) 556-3500
Airport Shuttle (406) 556-
3540
www.karststage.com

Linx Bus in Yellowstone National Park

(406) 454-5469
www.linx.coop

Rimrock Stages

Bozeman (406) 587-3110
Livingston (406) 222-2231
www.rimrocktrailways.com

Yellowstone Taxi

West Yellowstone
(406) 646-1118
www.yellowstonetaxi.com

Yellowstone Road Runner

Yellowstone National Park
(406) 640-0631
http://yellowstonerodrunn
er.com

The **SKYLINE BUS** system serves the Big Sky area with fare free local transportation seven days a week during the winter (December 3rd-April 14th) and summer (June 17th-September 8th) seasons and by demand during the off season (April 15th-June 16th). Skyline also operates a Link Express route between Big Sky and Bozeman for a small fare.

Contact: (406) 995-6287 | www.skylinebus.com

The **STREAMLINE BUS** public transit system provides free transportation in the Bozeman-Belgrade area Monday through Saturday, except on major holidays. Three Bozeman routes are traversed once an hour on weekdays from roughly 6:30 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. There is also weekday morning and afternoon service to Livingston and a late night Bozeman route. Stops are marked with the Streamline sign or by a designated “flag stop” marked on the route map but not signed on the street. During the ski season Streamline operates a route on the weekends to Bridger Bowl and Bohart Ranch. Streamline also runs the Galavan bus, a door to door shuttle service for senior citizens and person with disabilities. All buses are wheelchair accessible and are also equipped with bike racks.

Contact: (406) 587-2434 | www.streamlinebus.com

Electric and Natural Gas Energy

According to the Energy Information Administration, Montana ranked 37th in the U.S. for residential electricity prices and 39th for residential natural gas prices as of December 2012.¹⁷

NORTHWESTERN ENERGY provides electric and natural gas transmission and distribution services to more than 673,200 customers across Montana, South Dakota, and Nebraska.¹⁸

Contact: (888) 467-2669 | www.northwesternenergy.com

Table 12: Energy Rates

Type	Montana Rate	United States Rate	Period
Residential Electricity	9.90cents/kWh	11.62 cents/kWh	Dec 2012
Commercial Electricity	9.23 cents/kWh	9.82 cents/kWh	Dec 2012
Industrial Electricity	5.07 cents/kWh	6.54 cents/kWh	Dec 2012
Petroleum Domestic Crude Oil	\$80.25/barrel	\$89.83/barrel	Dec 2012
Natural Gas – Wellhead	\$3.64/thousand cu ft	\$4.48/thousand cu ft	2010
Natural Gas – City Gate	\$4.26/thousand cu ft	\$4.79/thousand cu ft	Dec 2012
Natural Gas – Residential	\$7.60/thousand cu ft	\$9.75/thousand cu ft	Dec 2012
Coal (Average Open Market Sales Price)	\$16.02/short ton	\$41.01/short ton	2011
Coal (Delivered to Electric Power Sector)	*	\$2.37/million Btu	Dec 2012

Source: Energy Information Administration, State Energy Information Overview. *Data withheld to avoid disclosure of individual company data.

Montana Quick Facts¹⁸

- The Bakken shale under Montana and North Dakota, one of the largest accumulations of crude oil in the United States, is currently estimated to be capable of producing 3.7 billion barrels of oil; the U.S. Geological Survey may raise that estimate as development continues.
- As of the end of 2010, Montana held over one-quarter of the estimated recoverable reserve base of coal in the United States and was the sixth largest coal-producing State in 2011, supplying 3.8 percent of U.S. coal and distributing it to 13 States.
- Montana's four refineries, with 29 percent of U.S. Petroleum Administration for Defense District 4 (Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Utah, and Wyoming) refining capacity in 2011, are able to process heavy Canadian crude oil for regional markets.
- Wind electric power generation grew by 34 percent in 2011 and supplied 4.2 percent of State's net electricity generation.
- Montana has created a Renewable Portfolio Standard for all electricity suppliers to be capable of generating 15 percent of electricity from renewable energy resources by 2015.

¹⁷ U.S. Energy Information Administration, Montana State Energy Profile, <http://www.eia.gov/state/?sid=MT>.

¹⁸ Northwestern Energy, 2012 Annual Report, www.northwesternenergy.com.

Each incorporated city manages its own water and wastewater treatment services and facilities. In unincorporated areas, water is primarily from wells and septic tanks handle most wastewater.

Table 13: Water Information

Water Source	Source Capacity	Water Storage	Wastewater Treatment
GALLATIN COUNTY			
Bozeman ¹⁹			
Lyman, Sourdough and Hyalite Creeks	Lyman Creek supply peaks in early summer at 3.7 million gallons per day, Sourdough treatment facility has a 15 million gallons per day capacity	5400 acre feet in the Middle Creek (Hyalite) Reservoir, 3 storage tanks with a combined capacity of 11 million gallons	The Bozeman Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) currently has a capacity of 5.8 million gallons per day, with plans for expansion to 13 million gallons per day
Belgrade ²⁰			
6 deep water wells	6 million gallons per day	Two storage towers with a combined capacity of 1 million gallons	Lagoon system with a capacity of 1.2 million gallons per day
Manhattan ²¹			
Horizontal wells and a spring line	3.4 million gallons per day	None, water storage tank in planning phase	Mechanical treatment plant with a capacity of .37 million gallons per day
Three Forks ²²			
5 Deep water wells	576,000 gallons per day, typical use is currently 120,000 gallons per day	Two water tanks with a capacity of 1.25 million gallons will be operational by 2014	Currently upgrading to a covered aerated lagoon designed for up to 3,500 people
West Yellowstone ²³			
Gravity fed from Whiskey Spring, one auxiliary well	4.3 million gallons per day	Storage tank with a capacity of 1 million gallons	Aerated lagoons with a capacity of 500,000 gallons per day
PARK COUNTY			
Livingston ²⁴			
6 wells	4.9 million gallons per day	Three reservoirs with a combined capacity of over 3 million gallons	One wastewater treatment plant with a capacity of 2 million gallons per day
Gardiner ²⁵			
2 wells and a spring line	1.1 million gallons per day	3 storage tanks with a combined capacity of over 650,000 gallons	Aerated lagoon system with a capacity of over 1 million gallons per day

¹⁹ City of Bozeman Public Works Department, Water Treatment & Water Reclamation Departments' home pages, www.bozeman.net.

²⁰ Belgrade Water, Sewer, and Streets Department, Steve Klotz via telephone, April 2013.

²¹ Town of Manhattan Town Office, via telephone, April 2013.

²² Three Forks Town Office, Randy Johnston via telephone, April 2013.

²³ Town of West Yellowstone Public Works Department, Bill Fogarty via telephone, April 2013, and 2011 Water Consumer Confidence Report, <http://www.townofwestyellowstone.com>.

²⁴ Town of Livingston, Living Section, City Water Information and Wastewater Treatment Plant pages, <http://www.livingstonmontana.org/living>.

²⁵ Gardiner Water District, Ron Shorter via telephone, April 2013.

Garbage Collection

The **CITY OF BOZEMAN SOLID WASTE DIVISION** offers garbage collection services to Bozeman residents and commercial businesses within city limits. The Division provides weekly collection from Monday through Thursday for residential garbage and Monday through Saturday for commercial waste. The Solid Waste Division also collects compost weekly from May through mid August.

Contact: (406) 582-2332 | www.bozeman.net

The **CITY OF LIVINGSTON SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT** collects residential and commercial garbage Monday through Friday, including on holidays. Residents are charged a flat monthly fee, while businesses are charged by weight. Compost items can be taken to the city's compost pile and large items or additional trash can be taken to the City Transfer Station.

Contact: (406) 222-1142 | www.livingstonmontana.org

REPUBLIC SERVICES/ALLIED WASTE SERVICES offers garbage collection services throughout Gallatin County Monday through Friday. Their services include: residential and commercial collection; environmentally sound waste processing and disposal; solid waste and construction debris removal; and recycling collection.

Contact: (406) 586-0606 | www.republicservices.com

Landfill Disposal

The **BOZEMAN CONVENIENCE SITE**, located at 2143 Story Mill Road, is operated by the Gallatin Solid Waste Management District for non-commercial District residents to dispose of regular household materials in small quantities. District residents are those living in the Cities of Bozeman, Belgrade, Manhattan, Three Forks, and all of Gallatin County. Summer hours of operation are from Tuesday through Saturday 8:00 A.M.–3:30 P.M. and winter hours are Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday 8:00 A.M.–3:30 P.M. The convenience site accepts regular municipal solid waste, light construction material, clean wood, compost, tires, oil, antifreeze, batteries, and small white goods (no refrigerators). A Household Hazardous Waste disposal event is held the second Saturday of each month from 9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M. The Bozeman City Landfill has been closed.

Contact (406) 582-2492 | www.gallatin.mt.gov

The **GALLATIN COUNTY (LOGAN) LANDFILL**, located off I-90 at Exit 283, is open Monday through Saturday to all City and County residents and commercial establishments. Summer hours of operation are from 7:00 A.M.–4:30 P.M. and winter hours are 7:30 A.M.–4:30 P.M. The landfill accepts: recyclable materials, household trash, clean un-insulated wire, e-waste, tires, compost, construction materials and containers, deceased animals, batteries, propane tanks, pesticide and bear spray containers, oil, antifreeze, dried latex paint, and white goods (appliances such as water heaters, washers, driers, stoves, refrigerators, air conditioners, and freezers). Refrigerators, freezers, and air conditioners must have doors removed; the landfill can remove the refrigerant for a fee.

Contact (406) 284-4029 | www.gallatin.mt.gov/Landfill

The **LIVINGSTON TRANSFER STATION** located at 330 Bennett Street accepts regular household garbage, wood, shingles, construction materials, mattresses, tires and appliances, and many other items except for hazardous waste. Transfer Station hours are Monday through Saturday 8:30 A.M.–4:30 P.M., the station is closed on all federal holidays. Livingston residents can drop off extra garbage not disposed of through their residential service for a fee. Park County residents receive two hanging tags for their vehicles, allowing each household to dispose of household garbage at the Livingston transfer station or at a network of Green Boxes located throughout Park County at the following locations: Forest Service, Clyde Park, Trail Creek, Wilsall, Deep Creek, Neads, Chico, Mission Ranch, Carbella, Fleshman Creek, Gardiner, Springdale, and Cooke City. Park County non-city residents wishing to dispose of items other than household trash are charged \$53/ton.

Contact: (406) 222-1142 | www.livingstonmontana.org

Contact: (406) 222-4106 | www.parkcounty.org

Recycling

The **GALLATIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT** operates recycling drop off sites throughout the County and a number of private service providers operate in the area as well. Recyclable items include: cardboard, office paper, catalogs, telephone books, magazines, junk mail, newspapers, tin and aluminum cans, and plastics #1-7.

Contact: (406) 582-2493 | www.gallatin.mt.gov

BOZEMAN DROP OFF SITES:

Ballfields - Highland Blvd @ Ellis (across from Hospital)

Billion Auto Plaza - 1 Auto Plaza Drive (off Huffine Lane)

Bozeman Convenience Site - 2143 Story Mill Road

Home Depot - 1771 North 19th Avenue

K-Mart - 1126 North 7th Avenue

Montana Import Group - 1910 East Frontage Road (Subaru Dealership)

MSU - South 13th and College Street (parking lot)

Safeway - 1735 W Main Street

Wal-Mart - 1500 North 7th Avenue

GALLATIN COUNTY DROP OFF SITES:

Amsterdam - Across from Amsterdam Market

Belgrade - West Madison Avenue & Janet

Big Sky - Big Sky Town Center

Four Corners – 81809 Gallatin Road

Gallatin Gateway - Gateway Community Center

Logan Landfill - off I-90 at Exit 283

Manhattan - Valley Improvement Center

River Rock - Village Center

Three Forks - 150 East Railroad Avenue

Hebgen/West Yellowstone Refuge District: West Yellowstone Transfer Station

GALLATIN COUNTY CURBSIDE RECYCLING SERVICES:

City of Bozeman

No Glass

(406) 582-3200

www.bozeman.net

Pacific Steel & Recycling

No Glass

(406) 587-0662

www.pacific-steel.com

J and K Recyclers

(406) 582-0243

www.jkrecyclers.com

Republic Services/Allied Waste

No Glass

(406) 586-0606

www.republicservices.com

Gone Green

(406) 855-9870

<http://www.gonegreenmontana.com>

Triple R Recycling

(406) 388-9494

Park County Recycling

In Park County recycling drop off is available at the green box sites at Emigrant, Clyde Park, Wilsall and Gardiner and also at the Livingston transfer station. The City and the County both participate in a recycling program that accepts: aluminum, plastic, paper, cardboard, glass, brush/yard waste, metal, and white goods. Refrigerators and freezers must have a Freon removal certification or there is a \$25 charge each for removal. The City also takes batteries and oil.

Contact: (406) 222-1142 | www.livingstonmontana.org

Glass Recycling Drop Off

Glass can be dropped off at Target in Bozeman at the customer service area and at the City of Livingston Transfer Station.

Meeting Facilities

Both Gallatin and Park Counties are well-equipped to hold conferences, trainings and events in a number of local facilities. Below is a sampling of available space throughout the area. Please note businesses also have meeting space available for reservation, many at little to no charge. Some guidelines may apply for use of these spaces. Contact the facility in advance in order to fully understand the scope of their services.

Table 14: Gallatin County Meeting Facility Information

Facility	Website	Phone Number	Capacity*
Big Sky			
Buck's T-4	www.buckst4.com	(406) 995-4111	200
Lone Mountain Ranch	www.lmranch.com	(406) 995-4644	40
Moonlight Basin	www.moonlightbasin.com	(406) 993-6026	200
Rainbow Ranch	www.rainbowranchbigsky.com	(406) 995-4132	300
Yellowstone Conference Center	www.bigskyresort.com	(800) 548-4487	750
Bozeman			
Best Western GranTree Inn	www.bestwestern.com/grantreein	(406) 587-5261	485
Bozeman Public Library	www.bozemanlibrary.org	(406) 582-2427	100
Bridger Bowl	www.bridgerbowl.com	(406) 556-5730	200
The Baxter	www.thebaxterhotel.com	(406) 582-1000	220
C'Mon Inn	www.cmoninn.com/bozeman	(406) 587-3555	80
Comfort Inn	www.comfortinn.com	(406) 587-2322	214
Emerson Cultural Center	www.theemerson.org	(406) 587-9797	500
Gallatin River Lodge	www.grlodge.com	(406) 388-0148	305
Holiday Inn	www.ihg.com/holidayinn	(406) 587-4561	450
Holiday Inn Express	www.ihg.com/holidayinn	(406) 582-4995	130
Hilton Garden Inn	www.bozeman.hgi.com	(406) 582-9900	300
Lazy B Farm	www.lazybbarn.com	(406) 539-8744	200
Marriott Residence Inn	www.marriott.com	(406) 522-1535	30
Montana State University	www.montana.edu/cs/	(406) 994-3081	1300
The Woodlands	www.montanawoodlands.com	(406) 763-4542	175
Gallatin Gateway			
320 Ranch	www.320ranch.com	(406) 995-	200
Manhattan			
American Legion	www.legion.org	(406) 284-6138	163
Three Forks			
Sacajawea Hotel	www.sacajaweahotel.com	(406) 285-6515	100
West Yellowstone			
Holiday Inn Conference Center	www.ihg.com/holidayinn	(406) 646-7365	500

*Capacity listed is based on theatre style seating in the largest event space available at the facility.

Table 15: Park County Meeting Facility Information

Facility	Website	Phone Number	Capacity*
Emigrant			
B Bar Ranch	www.bbar.com	(406) 848-7729	25
Mountain Sky Guest Ranch	www.mtnsky.com	(406) 333-4911	70
Livingston			
Best Western Yellowstone Inn	www.theyellowstoneinn.com	(406) 222-6110	200
Comfort Inn	www.comfortinn.com	(406) 222-4400	56
Elks Lodge #246	www.elks.org	(406) 222-2511	200
Livingston Civic Center	www.livingstonmontana.org	(406) 222-8155	200
Livingston Depot Center	www.livingstondepot.org	(406) 222-2300	400
Livingston-Park County Public Library	www.livingstonpubliclibrary.org	(406) 222-0862	75
Rodeway Inn	www.rodewayinn.com	(406) 222-6320	150
The Shane Center	www.theshanecenter.org	(406) 222-1420	165
Pray			
Chico Hot Springs	www.chicohotsprings.com	(406) 333-4933	200
Wilsall			
Wilsall Dance Hall	www.wilsalldancehall.com	(406) 578-2257	125
<i>*Capacity listed is based on theatre style seating in the largest event space available at the facility.</i>			

Hospital Services

BOZEMAN DEACONESS HOSPITAL is a Joint Commission certified, licensed Level III trauma center located in Gallatin County. The 86-bed facility serves southwest Montana including Gallatin, Madison and Park Counties. Bozeman Deaconess Hospital has earned the reputation of providing high quality of services at very reasonable rates: in 2013 it was the only recipient in Montana of a Healthgrades award for Outstanding Patient Experience, placing it in the top 15% in the nation for patient experience. The physicians on the medical staff represent numerous specialties along with the highest credentials, training, and expertise in their fields of practice.

Highland Park Medical Campus provides more than 80,000 square feet of professional medical office space for health care providers in the community. The facility provides both physicians and patients with convenient access to the hospital and outpatient services. Outpatient services provided include surgery; retail pharmacy; respiratory, physical, occupational, and speech therapy; cardiac pulmonary rehabilitation; radiation therapy; dialysis; sleep disorder testing; laboratory and radiology screening and diagnostic testing and imaging; EEG and EKG diagnostics; clinical pharmacy; nutrition, diabetes and exercise counseling; and community outreach services.

Contact: (406) 585-5000 | www.bozemandeaconess.org

LIVINGSTON HEALTHCARE, an affiliate of Billings Clinic, is a highly skilled group of healthcare professionals providing a broad scope of services to the residents of Park County and surrounding communities. Included in those services are a 25-bed critical access hospital, a multi-specialty physician practice, home and hospice care, and the regionally-renowned Orthopedic and Rehabilitation Institute. A not-for-profit organization, Livingston HealthCare is governed by a Board of Directors populated by community volunteers.

Contact: (406) 222-3541 | www.livingstonhealthcare.org

Clinics

COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERS is a private, non-profit, consumer-directed healthcare organization which provides high quality, cost-effective and comprehensive primary and preventative care to all, including medically underserved and uninsured people, through a network of clinics. This type of community-based provider is also commonly referred to as a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHCs) because it meets rigorous federal standards related to quality of care and services as well as cost, and it is qualified to receive cost-based reimbursement under Medicaid and Medicare law. Patients who fall into lower income categories can qualify for a sliding fee scale to make quality healthcare both more accessible and affordable. The organization also accepts private insurance as well as Medicaid and Medicare. Open five days a week with some evening hours, services generally include primary care visits, health education, disease screening and control, case management, laboratory services, dental care, pharmacy services, substance abuse counseling, and social services.

Contact: Bozeman (406) 585-1360 | Livingston (406) 222-1111 | Belgrade (406) 922-0820
West Yellowstone (406) 646-9446 | www.chphealthmt.org

Surgical Centers

ROCKY MOUNTAIN SURGICAL CENTER specializes in outpatient surgery that does not require an overnight stay. Their highly trained professional staff and surgeons use the latest technology and techniques and specialize in orthopedics, gastroenterology, pain medicine and podiatry.

Contact: (406) 556-9000 | www.rmsurgicalcenter.com

SAME DAY SURGERY BOZEMAN was established in 1985 and since that time has performed over 30,000 ophthalmic, gynecologic, podiatric, carpal tunnel, and general procedures including plastic surgery such as septo-rhinoplasty, eyelid procedures, and breast revisions. Their highly experienced staff combines competence and kindness to deliver quality outcomes in a comfortable setting.

Contact: (406) 586-1956 | www.samedaysurgerybozeman.com

Urgent Care

BELGRADE URGENT CARE provides urgent care for the entire family as well as routine wellness exams, sports and camp physicals, and Department of Transportation physicals. They are participating providers for most insurance plans and are open seven days a week.

Contact: (406) 388-8708 | www.belgradeurgentcare.com

BOZEMAN URGENT CARE is a walk-in medical clinic dealing mostly with the illnesses of daily life: colds, sore throats, coughs, sinusitis, allergies, moderate musculoskeletal injuries, lacerations, and the like. They are also able to evaluate and triage more serious complaints such as chest pain, abdominal pain, and difficulty breathing. Bozeman Urgent Care has a modern laboratory able to quickly produce blood counts, chemistries, urines, strep screens and cultures, as well as an excellent x-ray suite to image neck and back, extremities, chest and abdomen. They are open seven days a week.

Contact: (406) 586-8711 | www.bozemanurgentcare.com

FAMILY DOCTORS' URGENT CARE provides high quality, cost-effective acute health care to the people of Gallatin County. The facility treats infections like sore throats, ear-aches, colds, and sinusitis, pneumonia, stomach flu, and bladder, kidney, pelvic, urinary, and vaginal infections and provides care for injuries such as cuts and abrasions, acute back injuries, common broken bones, rib injuries, sprains and strains as well as common painful conditions as headaches, bursitis, tendonitis, arthritis and abdominal pain. Family Doctors' Urgent Care is open seven days a week.

Contact: (406) 556-9740 | www.familydoctorsurgentcare.com

University Libraries

The **MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY** contain more than 868,041 books and e-books in addition to 2.2 million pieces of microforms and 15,615 subscriptions to serials, all accessible through an on-line catalog system.²⁶ The library also serves as a depository for U.S., Montana and Canadian government documents. The MSU Library serves the general public as well as MSU students: any Montana adult citizen can check out books. The library is also a major interlibrary loan lender to Montana libraries.

Contact: (406) 994-3119 | www.lib.montana.edu

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Belgrade Community Library

106 North Broadway
Belgrade, MT 59714
(406) 388-4346
www.belgradelibrary.org

Bozeman Public Library

626 East Main Street
Bozeman, MT 59715
(406) 582-2400
www.bozemanlibrary.org

Manhattan Community Library

200 West Fulton Avenue
Manhattan, MT 59741
(406) 284-3341 ext 222
<http://manhattancommunitylibrary.org>

Three Forks Public Library

607 Main Street
Three Forks, MT 59752
(406) 285-3747
www.threeforkslibrary.org

West Yellowstone Public Library

23 N Dunraven Street
West Yellowstone, MT 59758
(406) 646-9017

Livingston-Park County Public Library

228 West Callender Street
Livingston, MT 59047
(406) 222-0862
www.livingstonpubliclibrary.org

²⁶ Montana State University Library, 2012 Statistical Profile, www.lib.montana.edu/about/statprofile.php.

Law Enforcement

Law enforcement services are provided by Gallatin and Park Counties and the various community police departments within the counties. The table below lists law enforcement agencies and indicates the arrests made in 2011 for seven offense categories.

Table 16: Law Enforcement Agencies & 2011 Crime Statistics²⁷

Agency & Phone Number*	Homicide 09A	Rape 11A	Assault 13A	Robbery 120	Burglary 220	DUI 90D	Vehicle Theft 240
GALLATIN COUNTY							
Belgrade Police Department (406) 388-4262	0	6	10	1	23	62	4
Bozeman Police Department (406) 582-2000	0	24	56	3	104	245	54
Gallatin County Sheriff (406) 582-2100	0	51	92	6	181	435	84
Manhattan Police Department (406) 284-6630	0	2	1	0	2	6	2
Montana State University Police (406) 994-2121	0	2	2	0	13	15	2
Three Forks Police Department** (406) 285-3750	0	0	1	0	2	7	1
West Yellowstone Police Dept. (406) 646-7600	0	0	2	0	1	11	0
PARK COUNTY							
Clyde Park Police Department (406) 222-2050	No data available.						
Gardiner Sherriff (406) 848-7212	No data available.						
Livingston Police Department (406) 222-2050	0	4	14	0	15	51	7
Park County Sheriff's Office (406) 222-2050	1	6	28	1	35	76	11
*Phone numbers listed are non-emergency contact numbers, for all emergencies callers should dial 911. **2010 data, 2011 data not available							

Source: Montana Board of Crime Control, Montana Crime Summary, 2011 Year End data, <http://mbcc.mt.gov/Data/CrimeData/MOR.asp>.

²⁷ Statistics represent reported offenses, not cleared offenses or arrests made. The associated code for each offense is indicated below the offense title. DUI figures represent the sum of Adult and Juvenile offenses.

Fire Protection

Gallatin County is served by 13 fire departments while Park County is served by 7 departments. Whether managed by volunteers or by paid employees, each department is dedicated to their community's needs. They continuously work together to provide the best possible fire protection for area residents. The table below lists each department and a summary of their services.

Table 17: Gallatin County Fire Service Information

Fire Services	Location	Type	Stations	Firefighters
Gallatin County				
Amsterdam Rural Fire Department	Manhattan	Volunteer	1	18
Bighorn Fire Company	Bozeman	Mostly Volunteer	2	19
Bozeman Fire Department	Bozeman	Career	2	28
Bridger Canyon Rural Fire District	Bozeman	Volunteer	2	20
Central Valley Fire District	Belgrade	Mostly Volunteer	5	51
Clarkston Fire Service Area No. 6	Three Forks	Volunteer	1	32
Fort Ellis Rural Fire Department	Bozeman	Volunteer	1	20
Gallatin Gateway Rural Fire Department	Gallatin Gateway	Volunteer	2	18
Manhattan Volunteer Fire District	Manhattan	Volunteer	1	18
Northside Rural Fire District	West Yellowstone	Volunteer	1	30
Three Forks Volunteer Fire Department	Three Forks	Volunteer	1	28
West Yellowstone Fire Department	West Yellowstone	Mostly Volunteer	1	25
Willow Creek Rural Fire Department	Willow Creek	Volunteer	1	20

Source: Fire Departments Network, <http://www.firedepartments.net/county/MT/GallatinCounty.html> and Fire Department Directory www.firedepartmentdirectory.com.

Table 18: Park County Fire Service Information

Fire Services	Location	Type	Stations	Firefighters
Clyde Park Volunteer Fire Department	Clyde Park	Volunteer	1	10
Cooke City – Silvergate Volunteer Fire Department	Cooke City	Volunteer	2	8
Gateway Hose Company	Gardiner	Volunteer	1	15
Livingston Fire & Rescue Department	Livingston	Mostly Career	1	30
Paradise Valley Fire Service Area	Emigrant	Volunteer	1	22
Park County Rural Fire District No. 1	Livingston	Volunteer	1	26
Wilsall Volunteer Fire Department	Wilsall	Volunteer	1	20

Source: Fire Departments Network, <http://www.firedepartments.net/county/MT/ParkCounty.html> and Fire Department Directory www.firedepartmentdirectory.com.

Local Governments

Gallatin County

Gallatin County employs a County Administrative Officer (CAO), a non-elected position to oversee 14 county departments. The CAO reports to the Gallatin County Commission. The commission is made up of 3 full-time paid positions. Commissioners serve 6-year terms. A detailed list of departments and positions can be found on the County's website at www.gallatin.mt.gov.

Gallatin County Commission

311 West Main Street, Room 306
Bozeman, MT 59715
(406) 582-3000
www.gallatin.mt.gov

County Administrative Officer: Earl Mathers

County Commissioners: Bill Murdock, Joe Skinner, Stephen White

City of Belgrade

Belgrade has a City Manager to oversee the operations of its departments. This non-elected position reports to the Belgrade City Council and Mayor. The City Council is made up of 6 elected members, serving terms of 4 years.

Belgrade City Hall

91 East Central Avenue
Belgrade, MT 59714
(406) 388-3760
www.ci.belgrade.mt.us

City Manager: Joe Menicucci

Mayor: Russell Nelson

City of Bozeman

Bozeman also has a City Manager to oversee the operations of its departments. This non-elected position reports to the Bozeman City Commission and Mayor. The City Commission, elected with no party affiliation, consists of 5 members. They are elected to 4-year terms as part-time paid officials.

Bozeman City Hall

411 East Main Street
Bozeman, MT 59715
(406) 582-2300
www.bozeman.net

City Manager: Chris Kukulski

Mayor: Sean Becker

City Commission: Jeff Krauss, Carson Taylor, Chris Mehl, and Cynthia Andrus

Town of Manhattan

Manhattan has a Mayor - Council form of government. The position of Mayor is a paid position and the term is for 4 years. The Town Council is made up of 4 members. They are elected to 4-year, overlapping terms as part-time volunteer officials with a stipend supplemented for each meeting they attend.

Manhattan Town Office

120 West Main Street
Manhattan, MT 59741
(406) 284-3235
www.townofmanhattan.com

Mayor: David Rowell

City of Three Forks

Three Forks also has a Mayor - Council form of government. The position of Mayor is paid and requires a 4-year term. The City Council is made up of 6 members. They are elected to 4-year, overlapping terms as part-time paid officials.

Three Forks City Offices

206 Main Street
Three Forks, MT 59752
(406) 285-3431
www.threeforksmontana.us

Mayor: Gene Townsend

Town of West Yellowstone

West Yellowstone has an Operations Manager to oversee its departments. This non-elected position reports to the West Yellowstone Town Council and Mayor. The Town Council is made up of 5 members. They are elected to 4-year terms as part-time volunteer officials.

West Yellowstone Town Office

124 Yellowstone Avenue
West Yellowstone, MT 59758
(406) 646-7795
www.townofwestyellowstone.com

Operations Manager: Rebecca Guay

Mayor: Jerry Johnson

Park County

Park County has a commissioner form of government made up of 3 members, one from each district in the county. They are elected for 4-year terms and are non-partisan.

Park County Commission Office

414 East Callender
Livingston, MT 59047
(406) 222-4106
www.parkcounty.org

Park County Commissioners: Jim Durgan,
Marty Malone, Clint Tinsley

City of Livingston

The City of Livingston operates under the commission – city manager form of government, consisting of an elected 5 member commission and a city manager appointed by the Commission. The manager is responsible to the Commission for the administration of all local government affairs.

Livingston City Hall

414 East Callender
Livingston, MT 59047
(406) 222-2005
www.livingstonmontana.org

City Manager: Edwin Meece

City Commission: James Bennett, Steve Caldwell, Mel Friedman, Bill Spanning, Adam Stern

Elected Representatives

Montana State Governor

STEVE BULLOCK (D) | (406) 444-3111 | www.governor.mt.gov

State of Montana Legislature

The Montana Legislature consists of a Senate and a House of Representatives. The Montana Senate has 50 members and the House of Representatives has 100 members. The legislature meets every other year for a maximum of 90 legislative days. The 63rd session began in January 2013.

2013 Montana Legislature

Information office: (406)444-4800
www.leg.mt.gov

A map of legislative districts is available at:
<http://nris.mt.gov/gis/legislat/2013/>

Gallatin County Legislative Officials		
HOUSE		
HD 63	Franke Wilmer (D)	(406) 599-3639
HD 64	Tom Woods (D)	(406) 850-4461
HD 65	Kathleen Williams (D)	(406) 570-1917
HD 66	JP Pomnichowski (D)	(406) 587-7846
HD 67	Gordon Vance (R)	(406) 587-8608
HD 68 (Gallatin & Broadwater Counties)	Kelly Flynn (R)	(406) 266-3322
HD 69	Ted Washburn (R)	(406) 388-1901
HD 70	Kerry White (R)	(406) 587-3653
SENATE		
SD 32	Larry Jent (D)	(406) 587-0390
SD 33	Mike Phillips (D)	(406) 599-5857
SD 34 (Gallatin & Broadwater Counties)	Scott Sales (R)	(406) 579-7994
SD 35	Art Wittich (R)	(406) 599-9836
Park County Legislative Officials		
HOUSE		
HD 61 (Park & Sweetgrass Counties)	Alan Redfield (R)	(406) 333-4353
HD 62	Reilly Neill (D)	(406) 370-1492
SENATE		
SD 31	Ron Arthun (R)	(406) 220-0399

Congressional Delegation

Montana's congressional delegation consists of one representative and two senators:

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE STEVE DAINES (R) | (202) 225-3211 | <http://daines.house.gov>

U.S. SENATOR MAX BAUCUS (D) | (202) 224-2651 | www.baucus.senate.gov

U.S. SENATOR JON TESTER (D) | (202) 224-2644 | www.testersenate.gov