

A scenic landscape photograph of a calm lake reflecting the surrounding mountains and a small island with trees in the center. The sky is clear and blue.

 WILD GOOSE ISLAND OVERLOOK

# EXPLORE MONTANA AS A BUSINESS ATTRACTION

## MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Business Facts About Montana

- Highest concentration of veterans in the continental U.S.
- State highest entrepreneurs per capita
- Montanans are more loyal to employers, beating the U.S. average

### Better Business Support

- No state capital gains tax on capital stock
- Universal occupational license recognition
- No state sales tax
- Special apprenticeship programs
- Job training subsidies
- Competitive and innovative loan programs
- Special property tax abatement programs up to 100%

### High Quality Schools

- Best high school graduation rate in the country
- The University of Montana and Montana State University are top research universities; both are R1 designated by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education
- STEM degrees are the highest percentage of awarded degree types since 2010
- Seven tribal colleges/universities, enrolling more than 40,000 students each semester
- More than 17,000 students enrolled in industrial tech/trade career and technical education classes

# Safe State to Live, Work and Visit

- Fifty-five state parks and nine national parks, including Yellowstone National Park and Glacier National Park
- One of the top 10 states with the least amount of natural disasters
- One of the top five states for in-state tuition affordability and fees, coming in at 30% below the national average
- Fifteen commercial airports with easy, one-stop connections

## CEO Fast Facts

- Montana has the highest 10-year business survival rate in the U.S.
- Montana has the highest number of business startups in the U.S.
- Montana is ranked the fourth best state for regulatory freedom
- Montana is ranked the top 10 state for state tax competitiveness

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