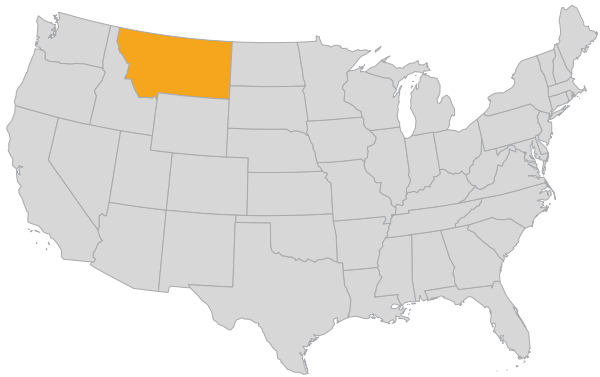




MONTANA OVERVIEW



- High-tech companies invest in the state because they find the quality of life attractive. Companies like the Netherlands' PHIX, Germany's VACOM and California's Applied Materials have started branches here. Many other large companies like Aurora, Oracle, Atlas Copco and Lumibird have purchased Montana companies to grow their presence in the state.

Geography

Montana covers 380,832 square kilometers — as large as Japan and almost four times larger than South Korea.

Population

- Montana has a population of 1,120,000 and has seen 4.2% population growth since 2020.
- Montana is rich in natural resources and available real estate, with room and resources to grow.

Economics

- Montana's GDP for 2025 is \$60 billion, with 3.7% growth between 2020-2025.

Quality of Life

Montana is well known for its beautiful scenery and access to high-quality outdoor recreation.

- One-third of Montana's land is owned by the government. The public can access this land for hiking, hunting, fishing and other activities.
- Montana is the gateway to two of America's largest and most famous national parks, Yellowstone and Glacier, as well as 55 lesser-known state parks.
- Montana's unmatched landscapes have been featured in television and film including "Yellowstone," "The Revenant" and "Legends of the Fall."



Education

Montana has 34 universities and colleges, providing local access to many communities.

Major Universities

Montana has two Tier 1 research universities ranked in the top 4% of U.S. schools based on funding for advanced research and number of PhD programs: Montana State University and the University of Montana.

Montana State University

- Location: Bozeman, Montana (population 129,000)
- Enrollment: 17,144 students
- Areas of focus: agriculture, engineering (chemical, electrical and industrial), photonics, quantum, nanotechnology and business

University of Montana

- Location: Missoula, Montana (population 127,000)
- Enrollment: 9,955 students
- Areas of focus: biomedical and pharmaceutical science, health, forestry and law

Taxes and Business Climate

Montana is ranked fifth in the U.S. by the nonprofit Tax Foundation.

Advantages

- No sales tax
- Competitive corporate tax rate
- Progressive individual income tax rates
- No franchise or inventory taxes
- Property tax exemptions
- Business equipment tax exemption
- Montana Entrepreneur Magnet Act
- State programs for financing, training and grants

Energy

- Forty-three percent from fossil fuels
- Fifty-seven percent from renewables
- Largest coal reserves in the U.S.
- Second-best onshore wind resources in the U.S.

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