



"The effectiveness of Jobs for Montana's Graduates is remarkable, and it's one to be celebrated by students, families, teachers and communities across the state."

— Gov. Steve Bullock on November 29th, on the program's being awarded a national performance award

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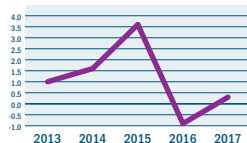
Pop. (2018): 1,068,947
Median household income: \$50,833
Credit Rating: AA/Stable

Pop. growth 2018–2023: 1.00%
Median age: 41
Right-to-work state: No

Legislative Update

- The Montana Legislature only meets in odd-numbered years, so no new legislation was enacted in 2018.
- In September, Governor Steve Bullock and Lt. Governor Mike Cooney launched a new initiative of the Main Street Montana Project that will focus on building economic opportunities in small towns and rural and tribal communities in Montana. The state's leaders will be developing new partnerships with leaders, businesses, local organizations and community members in rural communities to bridge resource and capacity gaps, address challenges unique to rural Montana, and connect communities to share opportunities.
- In 2013, Governor Bullock launched the Main Street Montana Project and engaged public and private sectors in a partnership to implement a business plan for Montana by Montanans and provide direction for Montana's economic future.

GDP
48th



2017 GDP
(in millions of current US\$)
\$44,410.7



5th
Business Tax Climate Rank Change 2018-2019: **0**



41st
Higher Ed. R&D Expenditure: **\$229,206**



41st
Number of NCRCs: **1,792** | Percent Improvement 2017-2018: **1.9%**



38th
2018 Workers' Comp Index Rate: **2.01**



2nd
Lowest Electric Power Cost (cents/kWh): **5.03**



16th
Fiscal Condition Index Rank