



“We’re thrilled Amazon has recognized Montana’s business-friendly environment, unmatched quality of life, and hardworking and talented workforce, and look forward to the 100 good-paying jobs their investment will bring to Missoula.”

— Gov. Greg Gianforte, December 16, 2022, welcoming the e-commerce company’s first-ever facility in Montana to the Missoula area

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Montana

Pop. (2022): 1,107,504

Median household income (2022): \$61,456

Credit Rating: AA / Stable

Pop. growth 2022–2027: 0.62%

Median age (2022): 41.8

Right-to-work state: No

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Approving the recommendations of the Communications Advisory Commission, Gov. Gianforte in December announced a \$309 million investment to expand access to reliable broadband for 62,000 families, small businesses, farms and ranches in Montana.

The Montana Legislature convenes in January of each odd-numbered year. Among measures in the drafting process are a proposal to create a Montana Opportunity Zone program and to establish a Montana trade office in India. Another bill being drafted would revise the Big Sky Development Program to include, among other steps, allowing funds to be used for workforce recruitment as well as job creation, and raising the cap on such funds from \$5,000 to \$9,000 for each expected job.

Gov. Gianforte’s proposed budget for the next biennium would cut income and property taxes by \$1 billion and introduce a \$1,200 child tax credit for children under six years of age and a \$5,000 adoption tax credit. It also would invest \$200 million to expand water and sewer infrastructure to help increase housing supply and Montanans’ access to affordable housing.

