Great Falls, Montana

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Municipal Office Hours Monday through Friday

8am - 5pm

County Cascade

Incorporated 1888



Origin: The City of Great Falls is the county seat of Cascade County and is the third largest city in Montana. Situated on the Missouri River, the City is approximately 50 miles east of the Continental Divide, and 120 miles south of the Canadian border. The present Great Falls town site was first noted in the journals of Lewis and Clark in 1805 as they portaged around "the thundering Great Falls of the Missouri". In 1885, Paris Gibson, a Minneapolis City planner and engineer, recognized the potential of the area's abundant resources and central location. Gibson's legacy was a carefully planned City that makes Great Falls unique today.

Population per the 1890 Census: 3,979 Population for 2020: 60,442

Population Trends: Population change for Great Falls totaled 939 over 47 years, from 60,091 in 1970 to 59,144 in 2017. The largest decennial percent changes were 4.3% between 2000 and 2010.

Population Density and Land Area, 2017: 2,707.2 persons per square mile of land area. Great Falls contains 21.79 miles of land area.



Type of Government Commission - Manager
Mayor Bob Kelly
Commissioners Eric Hinebauch
Susan Wolff
Joe McKenney

Departments:

Administration, Fire, Finance, Human Resources, Legal,
Park and Recreation, Planning and Community
Development, Police, Public Works

Rick Tryon

Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 21-22 \$130,968,277
Budget: School Appropriations, 21-22 \$105,430,694
Capital Improvement Plan Yes

MUNICIPAL SERVICES			POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTI	MATES/DECENNIAL)	(data.Cer	nsus.gov
Boards, Commissior	s and Councils:		Total Population	Community		County
Elected:	City Commission, Mayor a	nd 4	2020	60,442	;	84,414
	Commissioners		2018	58,990		81,654
Appointed:	Adjustment/Appeals, Busir	ness	2010	58,505		81,327
	Improvement District, City	-County Health,	2000	56,690	8	80,356
	Ethics, Golf Advisory, Hous	sing Authority,	1990	55,097		77,391
	Historic Preservation Advi	sory, Advisory	1980	56,884	8	30,696
	Commission on Internation	nal Relationships,	1970	60,091		81,804
	Library, Mansfield Center,	Parking, Park and	•			
	Rec, Planning, Police, Airpo	ort, Tourism	DEMOGRAPHICS	(data.Census.gov- A	CS Survey E	ctimata
	Business Improvement, Tr	ansit	Population by Gender	(data.census.gov-A	CJ Jul VEY L	.stimute
Neighborhood	9 Councils with 5 appointe	d members each	Male 29,176	Female	20	,659
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Municipal Court	1 Elected Judge, 1 Part time	annointed	Population by Age Gro	oup		
Public Library	Great Falls Public Library –		Under age 5			363
Housing Authority	1500 Chowen Springs Loop		Age 5 to 19			10,65
Development	Great Falls Development A		Age 20 to 34			12,62
Development	Great Fails Development A	authority	Age 35 to 54			13,429
			Age 55 to 64			7,65
EMERGENCY SERVICES		200	Age 65 and over			10,83
Police Department		88 Sworn Officers	Median Age		38	3.6 year
Fire Department		al – 63 Uniformed	G		_	•
Emergency Medical	Service Private-GF Er	nergency Services		nt, population 25 years ar	nd over	
Nearest Hospital(s)	Diet	ance Staffed Beds	High school graduat			91.5
Benefis Health Care		Local 240	Bachelor's degree o	r higher		25.4
Great Falls Clinic Ho						
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			Per capita income			\$52,22
UTILITIES			Median family income	!		\$64,01
Electric Supplier		thwestern Energy	Median household inc	come		\$46,96
Natural Gas Supplier		Energy West	Median Earnings, full-	time, year-round workers	s, 16 years a	and ove
Water Supplier		City of Great Falls	Male			\$43,62
Sanitation	City of Great Falls and	Popublic Sorvices	Female			\$36,24
Recycling Program -		Private Vendors				
, , ,	•	olia North America	Individuals below the			14.7
Municipal Wastewa	e freatment fait vec	Jila Noi tii Aillei ita	Income Distribution b	y household		
Telephone Company	/ Spectrum	and Century Link	Under \$10,000			6.8
Cellular Telephone A	-	Yes	\$10,000 to \$24,999			18.2
Cable Television Acc		Yes	\$25,000 to \$49,999			27.6
Public Access Televi	sion Station	City 190	\$50,000 to \$99,999			29
High Speed Internet		Up to 100 Mbps	\$100,000 to \$149,99			11.2
0 1	Residential	Up to 100 Mbps	\$150,000 to \$199,99	99		3.6
			Over \$200,000			3.6
Election Districts						
Governor	(Greg Gianforte (R)	Employment Status –	Over the age of 16		
US Congress	Representative M		Employed			58.6
US Senate	-	tor Jon Tester (D),	Not in Labor Force			41.4
ob benate		r Steve Daines (R)	Federal, State or Loca			15.2
State Senate		tricts: 10,11,12,13,14	Private company worl			62.8
State Representati		1,22,23,24,25,26,27	Private not-for-profit			12.7
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Registered voters in	Cascade County	41,447	Self-employed worker	rs not incorporated		6.2
Within Great Falls	cascade country					
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PROPERTY TAXES	(MT Dept. of Reven	ue Administration)	Great Falls area emplo	yment by Occupation	2010	201
2020 Tax Rate	(init bepti of neveri	1.06%	Total employed pop		24,909	27,65
Taxable Market Valu	ie (Example)	\$100,000		ess, science and arts	7,778	9,59
Calculated Property		\$1,057.49	Service Occupations		4,660	5,56
Where do your Prop		71,007,47	Sales & Office occup		7,596	6,7
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Dublic School-	\$568	53.67%			2,510	2,01
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Public Schools City of Great Falls	\$282	26.66%	Maintenance occupa		2 550	2 11
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Driving distance to select cities:	Paris	
Gibson Square. The History Muse		
Billings, Montana 219 miles and Clark Interpretive Center M		
Lethbridge, Alberta Ursuline Center	-,	
Missoula, Montana 165 miles Soccer: Great Falls Soccer Foundation- Si	bel Park	
Spokane, Washington 362 miles Ice Skating/Hockey: Great Falls Ice Plex		
Seattle, Washington 640 miles		

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Educational Facilities						
Great Falls Public Schools (www.gfps.k12.mt.us)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School			
Number of Schools	15	2	3			
Grade Levels	Pre-K-6	7-8	9-12			
Total Enrollment	5470	1577	3014			

Montana School for the Deaf and Blind

Private/Parochial Schools: Great Falls Central Catholic High School (78), Holy Spirit Catholic School (150), Our Lady of Lourdes School

(170), Foothills Community Christian School (201), Treasure State Academy (58)

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Great Falls College MSU** 1071

University of Providence 1005 **Apollos University** 320

Park University - Malmstrom AFB 175 with 90% with military affiliation

Child Care

2018 MT Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: 57 Total Capacity: 2,048

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MAJOR EMPLOYERS	Number of Employees	Percentage of	NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL	
		TOTAL EMPLOYMENT		EMPLOYMENT	
Malmstrom Air Force Base	3,960	11%	4,740	16%	
Benefis Health Care Center	3,203	9%	2,550	8%	
Great Falls Public Schools	1,926	5%	1,550	5%	
Montana Air National Guard	1,012	3%	1,062	3%	
Great Falls Clinic	631	2%	583	2%	
Walmart	600	2%	487	2%	
City of Great Falls	589	2%	527	2%	
Cascade County	523	1%	527	2%	
Centene Corporation	319	1%			
Albertsons	285	1%	261	1%	
			From City's Annual Budget		

TOTAL PROPERTY TAX LEVIES AND COLLECTIONS							
FISCAL YEAR	TOTAL TAX LEVY	COLLECTED WITHIN	% LEVY	C OLLECTIONS IN	TOTAL TAX	% Total Tax	
		THE FISCAL YEAR	COLLECTED	SUBSEQUENT YEARS	COLLECTIONS	COLLECTIONS TO	
		OF LEVY				TOTAL TAX LEVY	
2012	14,722,663	13,104,833	89.01%	1,602,814	14,707,647	99.90%	
2013	15,921,285	13,820,468	86.80%	2,085,898	15,906,366	99.91%	
2014	15,877,678	14,442,695	90.96%	1,414,716	15,857,411	99.87%	
2015	16,499,453	14,897,755	90.29%	1,460,132	16,357,887	99.14%	
2016	17,481,060	15,536,927	88.88%	1,621,759	17,158,686	98.16%	
2017	18,951,993	16,514,190	87.14%	2,202,068	18,716,257	98.76%	
2018	20,555,516	17,914,888	87.15%	2,543,590	20,458,479	99.53%	
2019	21,338,561	19,942,269	93.46%	749,764	20,692,033	96.97%	
2020	23,254,940	22,916,657	98.55%	296,650	23,213,307	99.82%	
2021	24,085,350	23,822,361	98.91%	-	23,822,361	98.91%	
					From City's Annual Financial Report		