



Montana

The interconnected cities, suburbs, and surrounding rural towns that form metropolitan areas, particularly the nation's 100 largest, represent the engines of state economic growth and concentrate the assets critical to building the "Next Economy."

Montana's three metro areas—Billings, Missoula, and Great Falls—constitute 35 percent of the state's population, 39 percent of its jobs, and 39 percent of its economic output.



	Population		Jobs		Economic Output	
	(2009)		(Payroll employment, 2009 (thousands))		Gross product, 2009 (millions \$2009))	
	Total	Share of state	Total	Share of state	Total	Share of state
Billings, MT	154,553	15.9%	82.5	17.6%	\$6,878	19.6%
Missoula, MT	108,623	11.1%	57.0	12.2%	\$4,140	11.8%
Great Falls, MT	82,178	8.4%	40.7	8.7%	\$2,713	7.7%
All Montana metro areas	345,354	35.4%	139.5	38.5%	\$13,731	39.0%



Next Economy: State Profiles

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This profile displays the degree to which key elements of Montana's "Next Economy" orientation—on international exports, innovation, the low carbon economy, and broad-based opportunity—concentrate in its metropolitan areas.



	Exports		Innovation		Low Carbon		Opportunity	
	(Value, 2009 (millions \$2009))		(Civilians employed in science and engineering occupations, 2005 to 2009)		(Commutes via modes other than driving alone, 2005 to 2009)		(Population age 25 to 64 with a post-secondary degree, 2005 to 2009)	
	Total	Share of state	Total	Share of state	Total	Share of state	Total	Share of state
Billings, MT	\$559	21.6%	2,410	19.1%	15,514	12.9%	31,488	16.3%
Missoula, MT	\$245	9.5%	1,610	12.8%	15,779	13.1%	26,230	13.6%
Great Falls, MT	\$140	5.4%	753	6.0%	7,175	6.0%	15,221	7.9%
All Montana metro areas	\$944	36.5%	4,773	37.9%	38,468	32.0%	72,939	37.7%

All Montana metro areas

Population

(2009)

35.4%

Jobs

(Payroll employment, 2009 (thousands))

38.5%

Economic Output

Gross product, 2009 (millions \$2009))

37.7%

Source: Brookings Institution analysis of American Community Survey, Moody's Analytics, USITC, BEA, IIE, and IRS.

Note: For more information on Next Economy: State Profiles visit <http://www.brookings.edu/projects/state-metro-innovation.aspx>.



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