

2023-2024 Business Recruitment

MISSOULA CHAMBER

MISSOULA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Details and Community Highlights

The Missoula Way of Life

People in Missoula are just happy! Missoula has an attitude of work to live, not live to work. The Missoula culture not only balances work and life, but work – life – play. It is not uncommon to see a lawyer downtown fishing on their lunch break, bring your dog to work day or someone taking their river board to the office. Missoula is known for its music venues and amphitheaters offering a wide variety of entertainment. Breweries and distilleries are a mainstay in our community. Missoula is the home of the Missoula Children’s Theater, the largest touring theatre worldwide.

Missoula fosters an educated community

Missoula is home to the University of Montana. Missoula proudly supports our public-school system, trade schools, two-year college and a career pathway for those who are not interested or able to enroll in a four-year degree program (AccelerateMT). Missoulians are also very proud of supportive of our University. This connection to the University of Montana and higher education can be seen everywhere you look. In Missoula, you are truly in Griz Country! The University not only receives large of amounts of support from the community, it in turn supports the business community any way it can. The University of Montana was awarded 6.3 million in Rapid Training money in 2022. This wide range of programs provides opportunities for everyone and entrepreneurial efforts for the community as whole.

Missoula is a place for everyone

The city of Missoula is the most welcoming and accepting city in Montana. Missoula prides itself on diversity and inclusion, if that is what employers are seeking – we are it for the state. Not only does Missoula receive this distinction from the Human Resources Council the city also employs an Equity Coordinator for the county. This welcoming culture and way Missoula cares for others runs deep in our community and you can feel the spirit of our town at many events as well as in the way we conduct business. Missoula is also well known for having the most non-profits per capita across the entire United States. The art and music culture in Missoula thriving, boasting a vast number of cultural opportunities.

Missoula is forward planning

Missoula prides itself on the ability to forward plan and is working hard to plan cost effective developments (density housing), opportunity zones, and traffic planning. This forward planning process has led to: The Downtown Masterplan, Mullan Build, Midtown Masterplan, and County Fairgrounds Building Plan, as well as, future planning for affordable housing.

Transportation is a breeze

Missoula is uniquely situated with easy access to the major connector roadway I-90 and Highway 93. This allows for efficient ground transportation. We are also home to an international airport. It has a current plan for large, sustainable and thoughtful development over the coming years. Missoula has strong railroad and trucking infrastructure and is also home to one the best publicly-funded transportation systems in the state. The Missoula Mountain Line (bus system) is a great example of what a Montana town can do for public transit.



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Missoula is a regional hub

Missoula Chamber and the business community embrace workforce issues

Voice for Business

Inclusive Programming for all businesses

Community introduction Chamber Support

Clustering

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Not only are we a regional economic center we are also, a regional shopping center and the regional health care center. Missoula provides health care services through its two major hospitals, medical specialized services, International Heart Institute and many other cutting- edge medical facilities. We are also a hub for retail and restaurants and breweries make Missoula the place residents of surrounding towns visit to fill these needs.

Workforce issues are being continually address by the Missoula Area Chamber of Commerce.

Key focus areas are:

1. Affordable and quality childcare
2. Connections to direct career paths and rapid training via [AccelerateMT](#)
3. Addiction and Mental Health support helping ensure more individuals return to the workforce including the largest addiction [Recovery Center of Montana](#).
4. Business Recruitment support and connections to local and state partners.

Knowing what’s happening in Montana’s state legislature just got as easy as using Google. With a focus on transparency in state government. 6 Montana Chambers of Commerce pooled resources to support Open Montana’s deployment of the [Council Data Project](#) for the Montana state legislative session.

The Chamber has a seat at the table for all businesses in our community regardless of size. With a large variety of events, committees, programs and opportunities for everyone to participate in. The Missoula Chamber has opportunities such as: Missoula Young Professionals, Business After Hours, Business Networking Groups, Leadership Development, and more.

When considering relocation to our community we at the Chamber are able to connect businesses or individuals with people who can fulfill their community needs. The Chamber has the relationship and connections with realtors, schools, and others living in our community to help individuals personally while they relocate to Missoula. Our [Job Bank](#) is one of the first connections new and potential residents find when looking for employment.

Missoula has so much to offer within our city limits, but moving just outside to the surrounding towns there is another world of possibilities. Roughly one hour south of Missoula (in Hamilton) is a Level Four Science Research Lab.

MISSOULA, MT – Is open for business!

For more information or to discuss moving a business to Missoula, please contact Chamber CEO Kim Latrielle at kim@missoulachamber.com or 406-543-6623

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