



Havre Area Community Profile

Havre has been ranked 11th for the best business climate of Montana's top 25 municipalities and the best business friendly attitude for a city of its size.

Welcome to Havre, the North Star of Montana!

This publication is intended to give you a brief overview of economic facts and figures so you can see the benefits of doing business in one of Montana's friendliest communities.

A brief community profile is included.

Havre
... It's the PEOPLE

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Transportation

Havre is located at the junction of US Highway 2 and 87, 43 miles south of the Canadian border in North Central Montana.

Airport

Havre City/County Airport is served by Cape Air. Flights run daily to and from Billings, with connections in Billings to most major carriers.

www.CapeAir.com

Private and corporate planes also use the facility.

North Central Montana Transit

Public transportation serves Hill and Blaine Counties, with intercity pickup at several locations, as well as limited bus service to Great Falls.

www.ncmtransit.org

Air Freight and Package Express Service

Havre and the Hill County area are serviced by Federal Express, RPS, United Parcel Service, and US Postal Service Express Mail.

Motor Freight

There is motor freight access in and out of Havre. We also have three large freight exchange connections: Billings, 250 miles south of Havre; Great Falls, 110 miles southwest of Havre; and Shelby, 100 miles west of Havre. US Highway 2, which runs through Havre, is the most direct northern connection between Chicago and Seattle.

Rail Service

Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad provides the fastest, most direct rail service between Chicago and Seattle for shipping to any market in North America.

www.bnsf.com

Amtrak provides daily passenger rail service for all of Northern Montana to metro areas east and west from the Havre depot. Empire Builder passenger service is overnight to Chicago and Seattle. Amtrak also provides express rail freight service.

www.amtrak.com



Taxation

General Sales Tax	None
Inventory Tax	None
Business Equipment Tax	Effective rate of 2%*
Accommodation "Bed" Tax	7% (4% facility use & 3% for the state)
Montana Corporate Income Tax	6.8% of Net Income
Montana Personal Income Tax (<i>net effective rate, '09</i>)	1% to 6.9%
Property Tax (<i>within Havre School District</i>) (based on Class 4 Classification Properties)	High School Taxable Value, \$20,395,341 / mill value \$20,395. elementary Taxable Value, \$117,588,400/ mill value \$17,588.
(*) Montana's tax on personal property owned by businesses, often referred to as the "business equipment tax," is the effective rate determined by the value, times the 2% tax rate, times the mill.	

Employment

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (AREA) * FEBRUARY 2015	
Employed	7,413
Unemployed	367
UNEMPLOYMENT RATES 2015	
Hill County	4.7%
Montana	4.9%
National	5.8%

Income

PER CAPITA INCOME	
Havre ('13)	\$22,854
Montana ('13)	\$25,002
National ('13)	\$28,051
MEDIUM INCOME	
Havre ('13)	\$43,726
Montana ('13)	\$45,076
National ('13)	\$53,406

Havre's Largest Employers — April 2015

(Number of employees full & part time)

Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad	628
Northern Montana Hospital	613
Havre Public Schools	322
Montana State University-Northern	213
Walmart	197
Hill County Electric/Triangle Comm.	164
Hill County	150
City of Havre	115
Gary & Leo's IGA	106
Customer & Border Protection	106
Tillman Motors	100
Duck Inn, Inc.	86
Havre Day Activity Center	77
District IV HRDC	77
Kmart	63
Herberger's	52
Independence Bank	51

Education Attainment – Hill County

Less than high school	5%
High School	26%
Some college	30%
Associate degree	12%
Bachelor's degree	18.8%
Master's and higher	6.8%

Employment by Industry

Education, Health & Social Services	20%
Retail/Wholesale Trade	27%
Art, Recreation, Entertainment, Accommodations and Food Service	16%
Information and technical service	9%
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	5%
Construction	5%
TOTAL OF ALL INDUSTRIES	6,853
TOTAL PRIVATE	4,856

Utilities and Local Services

Water and Sewer

The water plant has been expanded from a 4½ million capacity to 6 million. Monthly water rates for a one-inch meter are \$35.15, which includes the first 4,000 gallons with a \$2.25 charge per thousand for each additional thousand gallons from October through May and \$2.10 between June and September.

The rate for sewer for buildings with a one-inch water meter is \$15.60 a month which includes the first 3,000 gallons. A yearly average of gallons used is established based on the winter months. \$2.15 is charged for each additional thousand gallons.

Telecommunications

CenturyLink serves the immediate Havre area and has electronic switching. Digital service is available on copper. Fiber optic cable can be placed when requested.

www.centurylink.com

Charter serves the area with high speed internet, cable TV, home and business phone service.

www.charter.com

Triangle Communications is a complete telecommunications company that provides a variety of services in and around Havre. In addition to providing mobile and landline telephone service, Triangle also offers Broadband Internet.

Additional services include: business telephone sales, service and installation and long distance service. Triangle is one of Havre's employers and a strong supporter of area communities and youth.

www.ItsTriangle.com & www.ItsTriangleMobile.com

Gas and Electricity

NorthWestern Energy's electrical distribution in Havre has a capacity of 47 Mega Watts (MW) with 3 primary substations, and peaks at 24MW. NorthWestern has a natural gas distribution system in Havre with a capacity of 25,000 Million Cubic Feet (MCF) between two gate stations, and a peak of 6,566MCF.

www.northwesternenergy.com

Hill County Electric Cooperative provides electricity to rural members throughout Hill and surrounding counties. HCE sells electrical and telecommunication supplies through their supply warehouse. The cooperative also offers members free energy audits, credit for ground source heat pump installation, recycling of CFL bulbs and electrical safety demonstrations and Master Electrician services.

www.hillcountyelectric.coop

Education

Havre Public Schools

Havre Public Schools presently has three elementary schools, a middle school, a high school, and an alternative high school located in five different sites. Havre Public Schools, with 138 certified staff members and 179 support

staff, helps approximately 1839 children and young adults achieve their greatest potential.

The majority of teachers have over 10 years of teaching experience and approximately 48% have Master's degrees. The school district promotes continuing education for the staff, who have produced award winning programs in a variety of different areas. Student activities include sports from grades 3-12; academic honors and gifted and talented programs; speech, debate, instrumental and vocal music; business technology, industrial and technical programs; languages; and service groups.

www.havre.k12.mt.us



Montana State University-Northern

Since 1929, MSU-Northern has offered north-central Montana quality, college level programs designed to prepare students for rewarding careers in education, business, computers, auto and diesel mechanics, nursing, agriculture, graphics designs, electrical, electronics, carpentry, plumbing and more.

MSUN's size enables it to provide its students with personal attention while offering an unusually broad range of academic and technical programs.

Northern has campuses in Havre, Great Falls and Lewistown.

Northern encourages campus visits.



To schedule your visit, call the Admissions office one week in advance at 1-800-662-6132 ext. 3704.

www.msun.edu

Health Care

Northern Montana Health Care (NMHC) provides compassionate, quality health care service to people of North Central Montana. At NMHC, our Mission is to deliver high quality, comprehensive health care services to the Hi-Line communities. Our Vision is to be the health care provider and employer of choice for our Hi-Line communities.

Our hospital is the center of a comprehensive system of medical services staffed with health care professionals who meet the growing needs of our Hi-Line communities. Our 49-bed acute care hospital provides a 24-hour emergency department, imaging services, (CT scan, nuclear medicine, MRI, mammography, 3-D (4-D) ultrasound, DEXA, ECH, non-invasive vascular ultrasound lab), radiology, physical and rehabilitation therapy, cardio pulmonary rehabilitation,



obstetrics/gynecology, 24-hour lab services, in-patient and out-patient surgical services, accredited sleep study lab, dialysis unit, anticoagulation clinic and hospice. Our two physician clinics offer family and internal medicine, podiatry, orthopedics, general surgery, obstetrics /gynecology, psychiatry/psychology, visiting nurse services and a pharmacy and individual specialists.

Our on-site pharmacy features drive up or free delivery. Our cancer center provides radiation and oncology services to patients.

Our care center offers all private rooms for assisted living, long-term nursing home care, respite care, Alzheimer's/dementia secure unit, and senior day services in a compassionate environment with planned activities and pastoral care. www.nmhcare.org

Havre's **Bullhook Community Health Center**, is a non-profit ambulatory care clinic. The Health Center offers general family medical care, health and wellness exams, dental care and chronic illness management. Bullhook offers reduced fees and access to a sliding fee scale for qualifying patients. Visit www.bullhook.com.

The **Hill County Health Department** also offers a variety of services to the general public, including: adult and child immunizations, maternal child health, and HIV testing and counseling.

V A Montana Health Care system provides services to veterans throughout the state.

Banking and Valuations

There are four bank systems and one credit union with locations in Havre and in Hill County. Two are national banks, one is a statewide bank and one is locally owned with branches in Northeast Montana.

Real Estate valuations in Hill County for 2014 totaled \$31,134,238 The City of Havre valuations for 2014 total \$8,410,942.

www.co.hill.mt.us
www.ci.havre.mt.us

Housing

Havre enjoys a variety of housing which is affordable, attractive, and accessible. The city is separated into a number of well kept, pleasant neighborhoods offering housing in a broad range of style and price. Newer subdivisions are being developed and Havre boost a wonderful historic home district. Senior living options are also available.

Households	
Medium Home Price	\$125,000
Medium Rent asked	\$519/monthly
Renters Occupied	34.5%
Utilities included 31%	
Utilities extra 69%	
Owner Occupied	65.5%
Average Household Size	2.4

Source of Income

Wage or Salary	66%
Self-employed	7%
Labor Earnings (wages & self-employed)	73%
Government	25%
Public Assistance	1%

Media

Print

One daily newspaper is published in Hill County. The Havre Daily News offers daily coverage of local, state and national news — the HDN has a circulation of approximately 4,000.

www.havredailynews.com

There are other regional newspapers available as well.

Radio

Hill County has two public and three commercial radio stations that broadcast throughout north central Montana. New Media Broadcasters offer digital stations.

A Christian station broadcasts statewide with no commercial interruptions. Each station offers local, state and national news. Three stations provide extensive coverage of area high school and college sporting events. The stations offer Christian, classical, jazz, country, adult contemporary, and light rock music programming.

www.kojm.com ▪ www.kryk.com ▪ www.kpqx.com

Television

Three area TV stations affiliated with national networks and one cable company serves Havre and Hill County.

Trade Area Population

	2013
Primary Trade Area (A)	16,596
City of Havre	9,771
Secondary (B)	8,978
Tertiary (C)	10,086
Total Trade Area Population	45,431

- A) Hill County
- B) Blaine and Liberty Counties
- C) Phillips and Choteau Counties

Bear Paw Development Corporation

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- * Business Loans
- * Economic Development Resources
- * Community Development Resources
- * Value-Added Agriculture Assistance
- * Provide information and assistance to companies relocating and expanding into Havre and Hill County.

Small Business Development Center

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- * Confidential Business Counseling
- * Business and Marketing Plan Development
- * Business Library and Resources
- * Business Library and Resources

Recreation and Culture

Ten miles south of Havre is Beaver Creek Park, the largest county park in the U.S. The park offers fishing, camping, hiking, picnicking, and cross-country skiing. Bear Paw Ski Bowl is just outside the park. Fishing, boating, water skiing, and swimming are popular at the 12-mile long Fresno Lake west of Havre.

Other recreation opportunities include 2 9-hole golf courses, indoor swimming pool, trap and target shooting, hunting, and an indoor hockey rink. Nationally ranked MSU-Northern teams and high school teams provide sports entertainment.

Montana Actors Theatre sponsor events throughout the year . The local area is rich in historical resources including a buffalo jump, Fort Assinniboine, Havre Beneath the Streets and Railroad Museum and H. Earl Clack Museum along with 3 historic districts: residential, railroad and downtown businesses.

Havre Job Service

160 First Avenue
Havre, Montana 59501
Phone: (406) 265-5847 or (866) 288-9642
Fax: (406) 265-1386
e-mail: havrejsc@mt.gov
Connection point for employees and employer
Regional and statewide labor market statistics
web: www.havrejobs.mt.gov

Havre Area Chamber of Commerce

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Topography and Climate

The geographical region of Havre and Hill County is predominately semi-arid. Average temperature in the summer is 70 degrees Fahrenheit. The winter's average temperature is 13.9 degrees Fahrenheit. The average annual precipitation is 12 inches. Elevation of Havre at the airport is 2,589 feet.