

BUSINESS PARK

Old School Station Business Park is a planned development located in the city limits of Kalispell along Highway 93 South. The 55 acre park offers city sewer, water, gas and electric services and multiple telecommunication choices. Old School Station has advantageous benefits and incentives through two Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Districts. The park is locally owned by Montana Venture Partners, LLC.

For further information contact the City of Kalispell Community & Economic Development Department at **406-758-7740** or e-mail kdanielson@kalispell.com or visit the city web site www.kalispell.com

BUSINESS ASSISTANCE

FLATHEAD REGIONAL BUSINESS CENTER

Kalispell Chamber of Commerce 406-758-2800
info@kalispellchamber.com
www.kalispellchamber.com

Small Business Development Center
 Lad Barney 406-758-2802

Flathead One Stop Workforce Center
 Mora McCarthy 406-758-6200

Flathead Community College Workforce Training
 Jodi Smith 406-758-2809

Montana Procurement Technical Assistance Center
 (Government Contracting)
 Doug Bolender 406-755-4221

Montana Manufacturing Extension Center
 Bill Nicholson 406-756-8329

Flathead Convention and Visitor Bureau
 Dori Meulhof 406-756-9091

MONTANA WEST ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

A private/public regional economic development organization assisting new and expanding businesses with site selection, demographic research, gap financing, IRP loans and training grant application assistance.

For more information contact Mike@DoBusinessInMontana.com or 406-257-7711. www.DoBusinessInMontana.com

BUSINESS INCENTIVES

For technology, manufacturing, corporate headquarters and other eligible businesses the City of Kalispell offers incentive assistance for high quality employment opportunities. Based on job creation, investment and wage thresholds, the city can assist a business with site and infrastructure improvements, facility or equipment financing, within current tax increment finance districts. A redevelopment tax incentive is available for those businesses renovating historical buildings. For smaller businesses the City also manages a gap financing revolving loan fund program.

One-stop project assistance can be provided by assembling a team of city and professional representatives to work with a business to ensure a project moves forward in order to meet expected completion dates.

For site selection and incentive assistance contact the City's Community & Economic Development Department at **406-758-7740** or kdanielson@kalispell.com www.kalispell.com

KALISPELL

Kalispell. For business. For life.

A welcoming business environment and outstanding quality of life make Kalispell and the surrounding Flathead Valley one of the most attractive communities in the West. Kalispell's vibrant business climate earned the city a #10 ranking in *American City Business Journals'* 2005 study of best small markets (under 100,000) for small businesses. The state of Montana scored #1 for "Best Business Climate" in the 2007 *Business Facilities* Rankings Report. The Flathead Valley ranks #6 on the 2007 *Retirement Places Rated* list of the top 10 places to retire. But why wait for retirement? Kalispell offers strong schools, abundant activities for children and youth, and a bounty of entertainment options for all ages.

Kalispell. A place to love and a place to work.

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COMMUNITY PROFILE



LOCATION

Kalispell, the regional trade center for Northwest Montana, is Montana's seventh largest city and the Flathead County seat. Surrounded by the magnificent Rocky Mountains, Kalispell is an hour south of the Canadian border and half-hour east of Glacier National Park. Fifteen minutes south of Kalispell is Flathead Lake, the largest natural lake west of the Mississippi.

POPULATION

Kalispell	2000	2005	2006
	14,223	18,480	19,432
Flathead County	2000	2005	2006
	74,746	83,079	85,314

*Kalispell is the 2nd fastest growing city in the state (29.9%).

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Local government:	City Manager form of Government
Comprehensive City plan:	Yes
City zoning ordinance in effect:	Yes
Fire insurance classification:	3 rating within the city
Full-time fire department personnel:	39
Police Officers:	36

EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

	Number	Teachers	Enrollment	Grades
Elementary	5	9	1834	K-5
Middle Schools	1	67	936	6-8
High Schools	2	117	2481	9-12
Intermediate Schools	2	5	129	9-12
Private Schools	4	59	886	PK-12
Flathead Valley Community College				www.fvcc.edu

COMMERCIAL SERVICES

Newspaper	Daily & Weekly
Radio Stations	11
Hotels, motels, bed & breakfast	15
Chamber of Commerce	Yes
Machine Shops in city	12
Tool and Die service in city	6
Electric motor repair services	Yes

LOCAL BUSINESS CHARACTERISTICS

Number of manufacturing plants/processors	120
Number of manufacturing plants with unions	1

Wage per Occupation	Mean	Median
Administrative/Clerical	\$24,550	\$22,360
Health Care	\$32,342	\$30,014
Management	\$48,201	\$42,000
Customer Service	\$17,477	\$21,218
Production, Repair, Maint.	\$29,238	\$27,313
Professional	\$39,824	\$37,856
Sales	\$24,348	\$21,920
Transport/Material Moving	\$25,754	\$23,960

Source: 2005 Wage and Benefit Survey for Flathead County

Average wages for standard pay in the Flathead Valley in the Information Sector:

Secretary	\$22,360
Data Base Administrator	\$65,429
Computer Information and Systems	\$53,943
Computer Support Specialist	\$37,505
Network Systems & Data Comm. Analyst	\$60,962
Production Scheduler	\$40,454
Production Supervisor	\$39,795
Quality Control Inspector	\$39,714
Quality Tester	\$30,766
Computer Programmer	\$46,348
Designer	\$41,247

Flathead County Wage and Benefit Survey, May 2005, Center for Business Information and Research

Select Area Employers Number of Employees

Kalispell Regional Medical Center <i>Hospital and health care services</i>	1903
Plum Creek Timber Company <i>Wood products manufacturer, land investment, timber management</i>	1250
Semitool <i>Manufacturer of precision semiconductor manufacturing equipment</i>	800
Teletech <i>Provides a full range of front-to-back office outsourcing solutions</i>	550
LC Staffing <i>Largest independent staffing service in Montana</i>	350
National Flood Services <i>Specialize in flood insurance policy servicing and processing</i>	300
Artisans Doors of Montana <i>Handcrafted custom wood doors and millwork</i>	40
Kalispell Art Casting <i>Fine art bronze foundry</i>	40
Torrent Technologies <i>Provider of flood insurance policy and claims administration systems</i>	35
Nomad Technologies <i>Manufacturer of specialized mobile command facilities</i>	26
Sonju Industrial <i>Aerospace components manufacturer</i>	25
Avail Media <i>Provides fully integrated end-to-end infrastructure, services and technologies for the deployment of next generation video services</i>	15

MILL LEVY AND TAX INFORMATION

Sample calculation of residential property in Kalispell

Public Schools:

mkt value	tax rate	mill levy		
\$200,000	x 0.0307	x 0.679908	=	\$ 2,087.32

Commercial property in Kalispell Public Schools:

mkt value	tax rate	mill levy		
\$1,000,000	x 0.0307	x 0.679908	=	\$ 20,873.18

Includes a total tax of County, City, State & Schools

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Rail service, commercial:	Burlington Northern Santa Fe
Rail service, passenger:	Amtrak
Highway bus service available:	Yes
Public bus transportation:	Yes
Highways serving city:	Highway 93 North and South Highway 2 East and West Interstate 90 - 120 miles South

SHIPPING:

Length of time goods in transit to:

City	Days by Motor Freight
Spokane, WA	1 Day
Boise, ID	2 Days
Seattle, WA	1 Day
Portland, OR	1 Day
Salt Lake City, UT	1 Day
Denver, CO	2 Days
Minneapolis, MN	3 Days
Phoenix, AZ	3 Days
Chicago, IL	3 Days
Los Angeles, CA	2 Days
Number of Contract Haulers & Trucking Firms	19

AIR SERVICE:

General Aviation Airport:	Kalispell Municipal Airport (runway 3,700 ft.)
International Airport:	Glacier Park International Airport
Several major airlines include:	Delta/Sky West, Horizon Air, Northwest, United and Glacier Air Center for Aircraft Charter

www.iflyglacier.com or www.kalispell.com/city_airport/

UTILITIES

WATER:

Water supplier:	Municipal
Name of supplier:	City of Kalispell, Montana
Rate information contact:	Barb Sullivan Public Works 406-758-7817

City water source:	8 deep wells
River water available:	None
Capacity of water plant:	10 million gallons per day
Average daily consumption:	2 million gallons
Peak consumption:	10 million gallons

HEALTH FACILITIES

Kalispell Regional Medical Center	174 beds
Brendan House (Rehabilitation facility)	110 beds
Surgical Center	14 beds
911 Service	Yes
Emergency Helicopter	Yes
Elderly Care/Nursing Homes	Yes
Veterans Administration Home	Yes
Free Medical Transportation	Yes
Hospice & Home Care Services	Yes
Paramedic/Ambulance Service	Yes
www.krmc.org	

CLIMATE

Summer average	78 F
Winter average	36 F
Average annual rainfall	16.51 in.
Average annual snowfall	55.2 (range of 16-100 in.)
Average growing season	104-129 days
Kalispell elevation	3,000 ft.
Highest surrounding elevation	10,000 ft.

RECREATION

Flathead Valley offers two downhill ski areas, Blacktail and Whitefish Mountain, within an easy half hour drive of Kalispell. Whitefish Mountain Resort was honored by *Ski Magazine* as one of the top 20 ski resorts in the United States. Other winter sports enjoyed are snowshoeing, snowmobiling, and cross country skiing. Within easy reach of Kalispell there is golfing, fishing, boating, white water rafting, bicycling, camping, hiking and hunting. Kalispell is complimented with 30 city parks. The newest addition, Kidsports Complex, has 140 acres of fields for youth soccer and baseball. Kidsports and the Rotary Club of Kalispell are committed to building "Miracle Field" which is a playing field for individuals with physical or mental challenges. There are abundant cultural amenities that include the Hockaday Museum of Art and Glacier Symphony and Chorale.

WASTEWATER:

Type of sewage treatment plant:	Biological nutrient removal (BNR)-tertiary treatment
Rate information contact:	Barb Sullivan Public Works 406-758-7817
Plant capacity:	3.1 million gallons per day
Expansion in 2009:	5.4 million gallons
Current daily flow:	2.8 million gallons

NATURAL GAS:

Natural gas service available:	Yes
Name of supplier:	Northwestern Energy
Rate information contact:	Economic Development, Debbie Singer – Billings, MT 406-655-2550

ELECTRICITY:

Electric Power supplier:	Locally owned and managed for the benefit of member/owners
Name of supplier:	Flathead Electric Co-op
Rate information contact:	Member Services Dept. 406-751-4483

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Local providers:	Bresnan Communications Centurytel
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Wireless providers:	Alltel Wireless Verizon Bitterroot Wireless Chinook Wireless Wireless Connection
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Internet service providers:	Bitterroot Wireless Bresnan Communications CenturyTel Internet Services Mobil Tech Computers Montana Digital LLC Montanasky.net
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