

<u>Land Area – Square Miles¹</u>		<u>Climate-Seasonal Average²</u>	
2006	22.63	Comfort index	65.8
2005	22.45	Inches of rain	15
2004	22.09	Inches of snowfall	63
2003	21.83	Days with some precipitation	103
2002	21.78	Sunny day each year	187
2001	21.74	Average January temperature	11 °F
2000	21.67	Average July temperature	83 °F
1999	21.59	Elevation	3,460
1998	21.57	Days less than 32°F	155
1997	21.52	Days greater than 90 °F	18

Sources: ¹ Planning Department
² Great Falls Development Authority

Demographics

	<u>Population</u> ¹	<u>Personal Income</u> ²	<u>Per Capita Income</u> ²
2006	56,338	2,336,656	29,231
2005	56,503	2,195,749	27,523
2004	56,155	2,112,966	26,546
2003	56,046	2,033,430	26,016
2002	56,690	1,968,099	24,661
2001	56,993	1,875,979	24,463

	<u>Median Age</u>	<u>Unemployment Rate</u> ⁴	<u>School Enrollment</u> ³
2006	N/A	3.4%	10,625
2005	N/A	3.9%	10,727
2004	N/A	3.9%	10,891
2003	N/A	4.3%	11,007
2002	37.8	4.0%	11,643

Sources: ¹ U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates
² U.S. Department of Commerce
³ Great Falls School District No. 1
⁴ Montana Department of Labor & Industry

Park & Recreation

Developed Parks	55
Undeveloped Parks	9
Park Acres Maintained	1,150
Trees	46,139
Pools	4
Golf Courses	2
Skate Park	1
Tennis Court Complexes	11
Basket Ball Courts	12
River's Edge Trail (miles)	25

Parking

Parking Garages	2
Off Street Parking Spaces	1,143
Metered Parking Spaces	1,000
Parking Lots	6

Library

	<u>Yearly Patrons</u>	<u>Yearly Circulation</u>	<u>Books Purchased</u>
2006	217,729	356,651	9,255
2005	207,205	384,019	11,080
2004	187,912	383,839	10,625
2003	181,276	384,207	9,529
2002	175,982	367,871	10,018

Electronic Usage of Materials

	<u>Number of Logins</u>	<u>Number of Searches/Pages Viewed</u>
2006	75,995	240,337

Housing Authority

Affordable Housing Units	16
Public Housing Units	490
Housing Choice Vouchers	200

City Planning (*Formerly City-County)

Applications

	<u>Annexation</u>	<u>Subdivision</u>	<u>Zoning</u>
2006	19	20	17
2005	10	17	9
2004*	22	19	30
2003*	13	19	17
2002*	11	10	15

Building Permits

	<u>Issued</u>	<u>Value</u>
Residential		
2006	407	\$32,053,509
2005	395	34,440,315
2004	465	40,853,101
2003	537	32,912,658
2002	509	44,664,032
Commercial		
2006	134	\$61,666,304
2005	121	31,833,901
2004	29	31,453,650
2003	21	14,264,095
2002	25	44,007,013

911 Center Calls

	<u>Police</u>	<u>Fire</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Medical</u>	<u>Rural Fire</u>
2006	30,885	5,359	8,851	4,565	724
2005	32,823	5,126	8,585	4,412	708
2004	35,522	5,027	8,786	4,346	701
2003	36,143	5,070	9,199	4,327	697
2002	36,400	5,012	9,076	4,180	664

Fire Department

Fire Calls			
	<u>Structure</u>	<u>Vehicle</u>	<u>Other</u>
2006	88	33	108
2005	79	44	82
2004	61	30	91
2003	79	36	94
2002	100	46	85

Other Calls

	<u>Medical</u>	<u>Haz-Mat</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Out of City</u>
2006	2,905	111	1,725	170
2005	2,787	101	1,739	132
2004	2,706	106	1,723	95
2003	2,699	146	1,585	139
2002	2,804	130	1,455	106

Sanitation

Customers			
	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Commercial</u>	<u>Recycling</u>
2006	14,189	1,486	22,290
2005	14,018	1,471	19,000
2004	13,743	1,466	17,800
2003	13,626	1,447	16,166
2002	13,415	1,450	17,115

Solid Waste

	<u>Landfill Tonnage</u>	<u>Recycled Tonnage</u>	<u>Motor Oil Gallons</u>
2006	37,269	851	6,500
2005	36,446	897	6,400
2004	36,545	1,100	6,800
2003	37,198	664	5,975
2002	38,265	811	6,205

Streets

Miles of Streets/Alleys	361
Miles of Street Stripping	50
Street Signs	11,000
City/State Street Signals	89
Weed Violations	2,684

Sewer Utility

	<u>Residential Customers</u>	<u>Commercial Customers</u>
2006	18,413	2,201
2005	18,308	2,164
2004	17,095	2,227
2003	17,084	2,216
2002	16,929	2,195

Water Utility

	<u>Residential Customers</u>	<u>Commercial Customers</u>
2006	18,560	2,274
2005	18,460	2,231
2004	18,480	2,262
2003	18,488	2,237
2002	17,062	2,255

Water Main Breaks

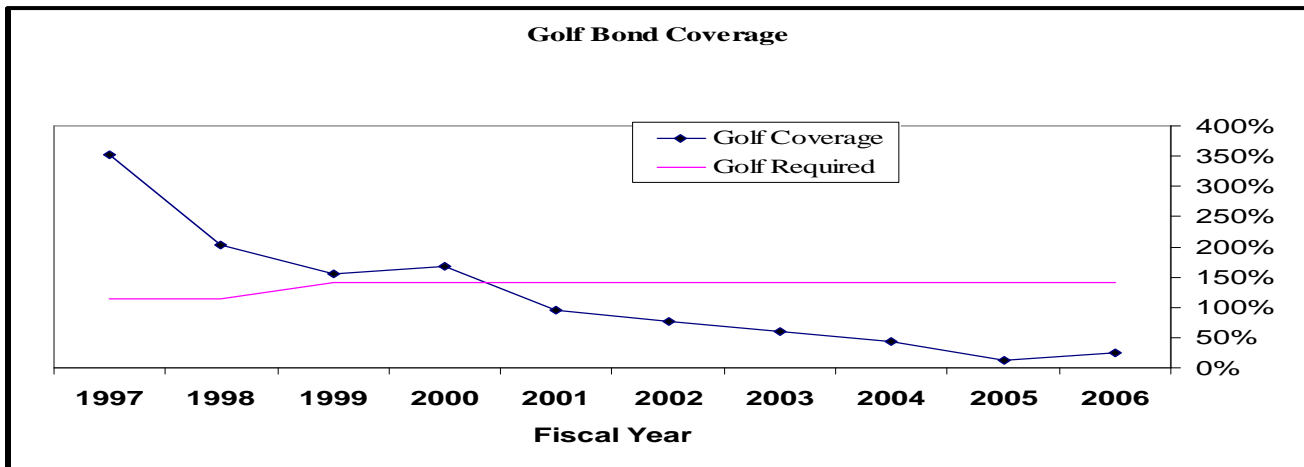
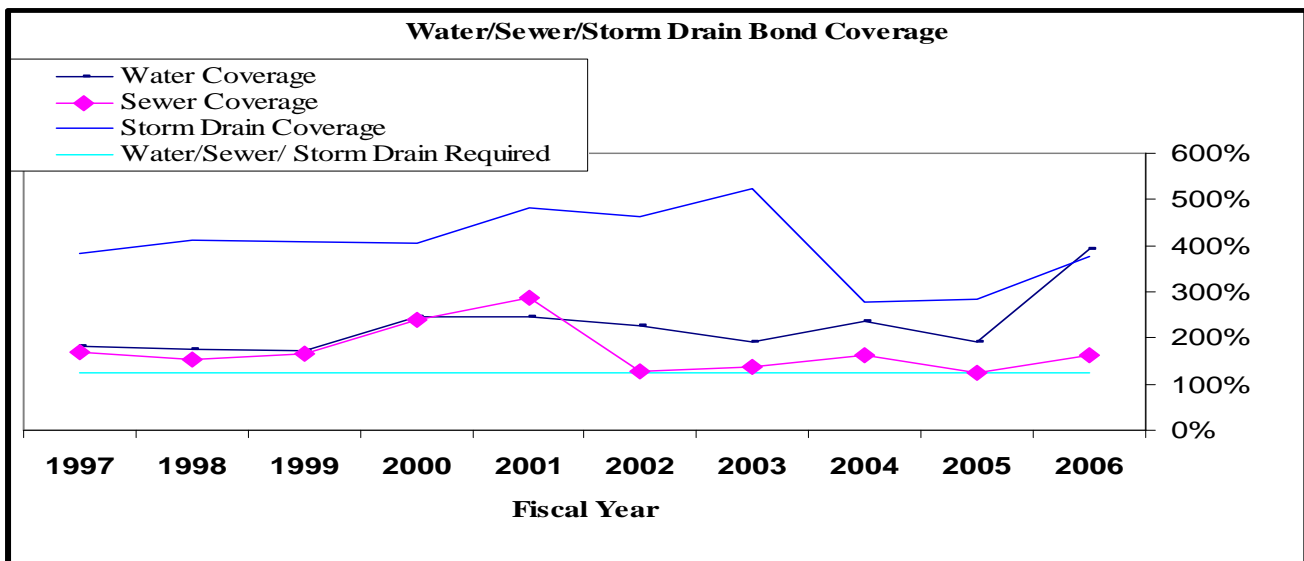
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Value</u>
2006	57	\$173,248
2005	63	200,215
2004	74	212,086
2003	77	254,008
2002	90	206,590

Central Garage

	<u>Fuel Dispensed</u>			
	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Diesel</u>	<u>Unleaded</u>
2006	188	263	143,020	128,720
2005	188	263	144,460	135,147
2004	186	254	136,652	128,087
2003	183	247	138,200	126,562
2002	183	247	134,645	126,725

Bond Coverage History Last Ten Years

Fiscal Year	Water Coverage	Sewer Coverage	Storm Drain Coverage	Water/Sewer/ Storm Drain Required	Golf Coverage	Golf Required
2006	394.0%	162.5%	377.2%	125.0%	24.0%	140.0%
2005	192.2%	125.1%	283.1%	125.0%	11.7%	140.0%
2004	234.9%	162.3%	276.8%	125.0%	43.0%	140.0%
2003	190.1%	137.5%	522.8%	125.0%	60.7%	140.0%
2002	225.0%	128.9%	464.1%	125.0%	75.7%	140.0%
2001	244.8%	286.2%	480.9%	125.0%	95.7%	140.0%
2000	244.7%	240.9%	406.0%	125.0%	167.5%	140.0%
1999	173.8%	166.2%	407.1%	125.0%	156.3%	140.0%
1998	175.5%	153.3%	411.2%	125.0%	203.3%	115.0%
1997	182.8%	169.8%	383.4%	125.0%	351.9%	115.0%



Taxable Assessed and Market Value of Taxable Property

Fiscal Year	Real Property		Personal Property		Increment District		Total Real & Personal Property		Ratio of Taxable Assessed Value to Total Market Value
	Market Value	Taxable Assessed Value	Market Value	Taxable Assessed Value	Combined Taxable Assessed Value	Combined Incremental Taxable Assessed Value	Market Value	Taxable Assessed Value	
TAXABLE ASSESSED AND MARKET VALUE OF TAXABLE PROPERTY - TOTAL									
2006	1,957,030,185	63,632,178	148,813,371	4,394,817	8,651,423	3,402,127	2,105,843,556	68,026,995	3.23%
2005	1,864,909,252	62,349,226	138,013,207	4,028,424	8,969,439	3,343,580	2,002,922,459	66,377,650	3.31%
2004	2,094,766,611	61,242,283	141,784,188	4,086,270	7,332,091	4,102,725	2,236,550,799	65,328,553	2.92%
2003	1,766,980,994	60,870,134	138,095,399	3,906,844	7,943,227	4,364,549	1,905,076,393	64,776,978	3.40%
2002	2,008,846,072	61,562,636	140,636,341	3,910,670	8,038,329	4,511,569	2,149,482,413	65,473,306	3.05%
2001	1,906,503,157	61,028,154	139,913,509	3,871,081	7,718,866	4,294,304	2,046,416,666	64,899,235	3.17%
2000	1,855,952,079	70,500,184	68,831,773	2,051,092	8,778,187	4,294,304	1,924,783,852	72,551,276	3.77%
1999	1,959,879,698	68,245,114	108,774,691	6,662,426	9,750,817	4,459,216	2,068,654,389	74,907,540	3.62%
1998	1,868,056,966	66,748,701	105,285,292	6,448,702	9,704,338	4,409,334	1,973,342,258	73,197,403	3.71%
1997	1,900,404,542	64,646,046	98,230,403	7,465,510	9,638,390	4,341,540	1,998,634,945	72,111,556	3.61%

Source: Cascade County, Montana, Appraisal and Assessment Office through Fiscal Year 1999.

Montana State Department of Revenue from Fiscal Year 1999 through Fiscal Year 2001. Cascade County, Montana, Assessment Office from Fiscal Year 2002.

The 1999 State Legislature changed the formula for computing property taxes. Taxable property values went down, tax rates went up and property taxes¹ remained the same. The Department of Revenue recomputed the taxable valuation of all property in Montana.

Note: The City's real estate property tax is levied as of November 1 on the assessed value listed as of January 1 of the same year, for all property located in the City. Assessed values are established by the State Department of Revenue based on a market value. A revaluation of all property is required to be completed on a periodic basis. Taxable value is defined by State statute as a fixed percentage of assessed value.

Property Tax Levies and Collections

Fiscal Year	Total Tax Levy	Collected Within the Fiscal Year of the Levy	% Levy Collected	Collection in Subsequent Years	Total Tax Collections	% Total Tax Collections to Total Tax Levy
PROPERTY TAX LEVIES AND COLLECTIONS - TOTAL						
2006	11,168,847	10,171,657	91.32%	786,105	10,957,762	98.11%
2005	10,747,814	9,500,571	88.43%	1,076,335 ³	10,576,906	98.41%
2004	10,358,234	9,409,577	90.58%	653,339	10,062,916	97.15%
2003	9,682,109	9,011,269	90.75%	676,703	9,687,972	100.06%
2002	9,242,990	8,420,712	92.54%	580,831	9,001,543	97.39%
2001	8,803,465	8,303,809	95.08%	949,219 ²	9,253,028	105.11%
2000	8,410,943	5,858,814	92.52%	475,115	8,478,793	100.81%
1999	8,392,766	5,684,494	90.88%	441,667	8,297,195	98.86%
1998	8,123,861	5,669,038	92.82%	397,879	8,064,446	99.27%
1997	7,982,107	5,380,186	89.41%	781,155 ¹	8,069,168	101.09%

Source: City of Great Falls, Montana

¹ Includes a class action lawsuit with a court ordered lump sum distribution in the amount of \$475,447

² Protested monies held in fund, authorized distribution in the amount of \$347,665

³ Protested tax settlement in the amount of \$131,049

Property Tax Mills Direct and Overlapping Governments

Fiscal Year	Overlapping Governments							Direct	
	State University	State School Equalization	Assumed Public Assistance	Cascade County	County-Wide School	Great Falls School Districts	Transit District	City of Great Falls	Total
2006	6.00	40.00	-	107.96	102.09	199.47	15.06	138.27	608.85
2005	6.00	40.00	-	107.70	103.41	209.51	14.76	131.64	613.02
2004	6.00	40.00	-	111.22	99.60	208.17	14.07	124.33	603.39
2003	6.00	40.00	-	101.73	101.46	195.25	13.76	119.00	577.20
2002	6.00	40.00	-	98.55	97.82	183.54	13.31	111.32	550.54
2001	6.00	40.00	9.00	87.44	102.10	164.81	12.68	108.12	530.15
2000	6.00	40.00	9.00	74.27	87.93	169.13	10.97	92.77	490.07
1999	6.00	40.00	9.00	69.99	91.33	170.02	10.25	88.79	485.38
1998	6.00	40.00	9.00	76.80	88.00	142.46	12.20	88.79	463.25
1997	6.00	40.00	9.00	77.80	86.12	133.06	11.79	88.79	452.56

Source: Treasurer, Cascade County, Montana.

Note: Overlapping governments are those that coincide, at least in part, with the geographic boundaries of the city. This schedule estimates the portion of the outstanding debt of those overlapping governments that is borne by the residents and businesses of Great Falls. This process recognizes that, when considering the city's ability to issue and repay long-term debt, the entire debt burden borne by the residents and businesses should be taken into account. However, this does not imply that every taxpayer is a resident, and therefore responsible for repaying the debt, of each overlapping government.

Principal Taxpayers

Taxpayer	2006			1997		
	Taxable Assessed Value	Rank	Percentage of Total Taxable Assessed Valuation	Taxable Assessed Value	Rank	Percentage of Total Taxable Assessed Valuation
Northwestern Energy, LLC	\$ 3,470,413	1	4.81%	\$ 1,064,087 ¹	2	1.56%
Macerich Partnership, LP	1,127,132	2	1.56%	467,577	3	0.69%
Great Falls Gas Co. (Energy West)	1,113,258	3	1.54%	-	-	-
Qwest Corporation	1,103,694	4	1.53%	1,473,163 ²	1	2.17%
Pasta MT	695,000	5	0.96%	-	-	-
General Mills, Inc	626,955	6	0.87%	173,780	8	0.26%
Montana Refining Co.	617,127	7	0.86%	425,966	4	0.63%
Federal Express Corp	533,966	8	0.96%	-	-	-
Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad	345,501	9	0.48%	258,708	6	0.38%
Sky West Airlines	331,235	10	0.46%	-	-	-
McElroy & Associates, Inc	-	-	-	319,102	5	0.47%
Great Falls Public Schools	-	-	-	191,234	7	0.28%
Northwest Airlines, Inc.	-	-	-	124,924	9	0.18%
Heritage Inn, Inc	-	-	-	124,500	10	0.18%
	<u>\$ 9,964,281</u>		<u>14.04%</u>	<u>\$ 4,623,041</u>		<u>6.80%</u>
Total Assessed Value	<u>\$ 72,111,556</u>			<u>\$ 68,026,995</u>		

Source: Treasurer's Office, Cascade County, Montana

¹ In this previous period, Northwestern Energy, LLC was Montana Power Company.

² In this previous period, Qwest Corporation was US West Communications.

Major Employers

Employer	2006		1997	
	Number of Employees ¹	Rank	Number of Employees ¹	Rank
Malmstrom Air Force Base	4,078 ²	1	4,116 ²	1
Benefis Health Care Center	2,400	2	2,168 ³	3 & 5
Great Falls Public Schools	1,613	3	1,814	2
Montana Air National Guard	1,100 ²	4	1,034 ²	4
Great Falls Clinic	773	5	318	9
National Electronics Warranty	700	6		-
Wal-Mart	550	7		-
Cascade County	500	8	375	8
City of Great Falls	469	9	522	6
Albertsons	280	10	450 ⁴	7
Sletten Construction	-	-	300	10

Source: Great Falls Tribune, Great Falls Montana Outlook 2006 printed February 19, 2006

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List completed January 2005. Ranking based on total employees.

¹ Full-time equivalents in full and part time positions

² Includes military and civilian personnel

³ Montana Deaconess Medical Center & Columbus Hospital combined to Benefis Health Care Center

⁴ Albertsons bought out Buttrey Food and Drug in 1998

Full-time equivalent is a term used, whereby the number of scheduled hours is divided by the hours in a full work week. The hours of several part time agents may add up to one FTE.

Full-Time Equivalent City Government Employees by Function/Program

Function/Program	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Mayor/City Commission	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
Neighborhood Council	0.50	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Housing Authority	-	-	-	-	18.50	18.50	18.50	18.50	18.50	18.50
City Manager	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.65	3.00	3.00	3.00	4.00	4.40	4.25
City Clerk	1.00	1.00	1.38	1.00	1.50	2.50	3.00	3.00	2.25	1.25
Analysis & Budget	7.00	7.00	8.00	8.00	9.00	9.00	2.00	2.00	-	-
Human Resources	5.05	5.05	5.00	5.50	3.10	3.16	3.66	3.66	3.66	3.66
City Planning	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	9.00	8.00	8.00	8.60	7.60
Community Development	37.50	34.50	37.50	36.35	18.50	18.44	18.44	19.44	21.44	22.43
Fairgrounds	18.50	17.00	20.50	20.50	20.50	20.50	24.97	-	-	-
Fire	66.00	67.00	67.00	67.00	67.00	67.00	67.00	67.00	67.00	67.00
Fiscal Services	23.00	24.80	24.40	23.40	27.90	28.30	34.30	34.30	38.12	38.05
Legal	3.20	3.20	3.70	3.70	3.70	4.70	4.00	4.00	4.60	5.80
Library	20.53	20.66	20.84	21.16	21.53	23.38	23.56	22.27	22.52	21.76
Park & Recreation	29.00	32.00	33.00	33.00	34.00	33.00	36.43	39.43	40.98	78.17
Police	104.93	108.50	109.50	110.50	112.00	112.00	115.00	115.00	115.00	117.00
Public Works	113.39	112.20	113.50	113.50	114.50	113.50	112.50	116.00	119.15	130.93
Total	445.60	449.91	461.32	460.76	469.23	471.98	480.36	462.60	472.22	522.40

Source: City of Great Falls Budget Office

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