

Business Assistance and Community Resources

City of Kalispell
www.kalispell.com

Montana Procurement Technical Assistance Center
www.kalispellchamber.com/business_services/government_contracting.php

Flathead Job Service
www.employflathead.com

Montana West Economic Development Corporation & Flathead County Economic Development Authority
www.dobusinessinmontana.com

Flathead Valley Community College
www.fvcc.edu

Small Business Development Center
www.nwmontanabusiness.com

Kalispell Chamber of Commerce
www.kalispellchamber.com

Kalispell Business Improvement District/Downtown Association
www.downtownkalispell.com

Kalispell Convention & Visitors Bureau
www.discoverkalispell.com

Kalispell Tourism Business Improvement District
www.discoverkalispell.com

Montana Manufacturing Extension Center
www.mtmanufacturing.com

Kalispell Urban Renewal Agency
www.kalispell.com

Transportation Services

Airport: Glacier Park International: www.iflyglacier.com

Rail: Passenger-Amtrak: http://www.amtrak.com/servlet/ContentServlet?pagename=am/am2Station/Station_Page&code=WFH
 Commercial-Burlington Northern Santa Fe: <http://www.bnsf.com/>

Taxi: Flathead Transportation: <http://www.glaciertransportation.com/shuttle%20service.html>

Bus: Flathead County Eagle Transit: <https://flathead.mt.gov/eagle/>

Earnings in Basic Industries

Agriculture and other	6%
Nonresident Travel	18%
Primary Metals	1%
Transportation	7%
Other Manufacturing	17%
Trade Center Retail	6%
Trade Center- Services	7%
Federal Government	18%
Wood Products	20%

Air Service



Glacier Park International Airport (FCA):
www.iflyglacier.com

Alaska– Direct flights to Seattle

Allegiant Air– Direct flights to Las Vegas

Delta/SkyWest-Direct flights to Salt Lake City, Minneapolis, Atlanta (Seasonal)

United-Direct flights to Denver and Chicago (Seasonal)

Car Rentals In Terminal: Avis, Budget, Hertz, National/Alamo

Mileage From Kalispell

Spokane, WA	248 Miles
Seattle, WA	525 Miles
Portland, OR	598 Miles
Salt Lake City, UT	630 Miles
Boise, ID	488 Miles
Denver, CO	1,003 Miles
Minneapolis, MN	1,196 Miles
Phoenix, AZ	1,286 Miles
Chicago, IL	1,603 Miles
Los Angeles, CA	1,317 Miles
Edmonton, Canada	486 Miles
Calgary, Canada	304 Miles

2013 Community Profile



Kalispell, Montana is a thriving community centrally located in Northwest Montana, between Flathead Lake, Whitefish Mountain Ski Resort, the Bob Marshall Wilderness area, and Glacier National Park. Kalispell is the professional, medical, and governmental hub of the Flathead Valley. As the county seat of Flathead County, Kalispell services over 140,000 residents as well as 2 million tourist per year.

Flathead County is one of the fastest growing counties in the state, with a population increase of 22% from 2000 to 2010. The City of Kalispell saw a 40% population growth from 2000 to 2010 and is one of the ten fastest growing cities in Montana. This growing trend is continuing as new businesses move to town, local businesses expand, and the population steadily increases.

	City of Kalispell	Flathead County	State of Montana
2012 Population Estimate	20,487	91,633	1,005,494
Median Household Income, 2008-2012	\$39,371	\$45,545	\$45,456
Median Home Value 2008-2012	\$191,600	\$231,300	\$183,000
High School Graduates or higher	91.9%	92.9%	91.9%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	27.5%	28.8%	28.5%

Data collected from the U.S. Department of Commerce United States Census Bureau. <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/30000.html>; Montana.gov Census & Economic Information Center <http://www.ceic.mt.gov/dashboard.aspx>

2012 Cost of Living Index

Composite	96.2 %	Transportation	88.5%
Groceries	104.2%	Health Care	108.8%
Housing	91.6%	Miscellaneous	99.1%
Utilities	92.4%		

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 201 1st Avenue East, Kalispell, MT 59901
 406-758-7713
www.kalispell.com

Community

The City of Kalispell and the Flathead Valley are recipients of numerous state and nationwide acknowledgments and awards. Kalispell was recognized as one of the 25 Best Places to Retire in 2012 by CNN Money, a service of CNN, Fortune & Money. In a December 2012 article by NerdWallet Finance, Kalispell was listed as one of the top 10 towns for young families in Montana. Author, Mike Anderson cited that this study chooses a community based on its public school system, its affordability, and its growth and prosperity, among other factors. The second annual Dragon Boat Festival, held at Flathead Lake in September 2013, was awarded the title of Montana Tourism Event of the Year for 2013.

Kalispell offers unlimited outdoor recreational activities as well as artistic and cultural amenities. Winter sports enjoyed are downhill and cross country skiing, snowshoeing, snowmobiling, hockey and ice fishing. Spring, Summer, and Fall offer golf, fly fishing and lake fishing, boating, kayaking, white water rafting, bicycling, camping, hiking, hunting, and community festivals including 5k runs, art fairs, and live music events. Kalispell is complimented by numerous city parks. The newest addition, Kalispell Youth Athletic Complex, has 138 acres of youth soccer, baseball and football fields in addition to a cross country track. The non-profit Kidsports and the Rotary Club of Kalispell built the "Miracle Field" for individuals with physical or mental challenges and it is the only one of it's kind in the region. There are many amenities in and around Kalispell including three art and history museums, three performing arts theatres, a symphony and chorale, a fourteen screen cinema complex, a water park, and an ice rink.

City Data:

Size of City in Square Miles	11.8
Number of City Parks	26
City Park Acreage	321
Miles of Trail Within City Limits	7.3

257 Building permits issued in 2013:

Commercial, Office, Industrial, Utility	67
Residential	164
Government, Public, Health Care	26

2013 Construction, Subdivision, and Annexation Report, Kalispell, MT

Healthcare Facilities

Kalispell Regional Healthcare (KRH) is a 303-bed health care system located in Kalispell, Montana. KRH serves more than 170,000 within a 20,000 square mile area and employs more than 2,600 team members. The health care system is composed of two acute-care hospitals (Kalispell Regional Medical Center and The Health Center), a skilled nursing facility (Brendan House), a fitness facility (The Summit Medical Fitness Center), a mental health and substance abuse facility (Pathways Treatment Center™), a durable medical equipment company (Kalispell Medical Equipment) and more than 20 primary and specialty physician clinics. Core services include cancer care, cardiovascular care, neuroscience and spine care, emergency services, neonatal intensive care, and orthopedics. With the philanthropic support of the Kalispell Regional Healthcare Foundation, the system has maintained the nation's first rural air ambulance service (A.L.E.R.T.) for more than 35 years and continues to add services and equipment to meet the growing health care needs of the region.

Six nursing care facilities encompass a wide range of services from skilled nursing, physical therapy, special care unit, dementia care, and adult day care: Brendan House, www.nwhc.org/brendan_house/index.cfm; Heritage Place, <http://heritagekalispell.com/SNF/Default.aspx>; Immanuel Lutheran Communities, www.ilcorp.org; Prestige Assisted Living, www.prestigecare.com; Agape Home Care, www.agapehomecareinc.com; Edgewood, www.edgewoodseniorliving.com

City Government

The City of Kalispell was incorporated in 1892 and is governed by the City Council and Mayor. The Kalispell City Council is composed of eight city councilors and the Mayor.

The City is divided into four wards with 2 councilors elected from each ward, and the mayor elected at large. The Mayor presides at all City Council meetings and is a voting member of council. The City of Kalispell houses the following offices and departments: Building Department, City Attorney, City Manager, City Clerk, Community & Economic Development, Finance, Fire, Human Resources, Mayor & City Council, Municipal Court, Parks & Recreation, Planning, Police, Public Works, and Wastewater Treatment. The City of Kalispell employed 181 non-elected employees in 2013.

Climate

Summer Average: 78 F

Winter Average: 36 F

Average Annual Rainfall: 15.3 in

Average Annual Snowfall: 53.5in

Average Growing Season: 97 Days

Kalispell Elevation: 3,000 ft

Highest Surrounding

Elevation: 10,000 ft

Tax Increment Financing Districts

The City of Kalispell has four Tax Increment Financing Districts (TIF's). The total aggregated current taxable value of these districts was \$9,901,804 in 2013. The City of Kalispell has established TIF policies and procedures that assist business owners with grant and loan dollars to redevelop properties located within a TIF district. The 2013 Annual TIF District Report can be found at:

http://kalispell.com/community_economic_development/online_applications.php

City of Kalispell Educational Facilities

Public Elementary Schools:	5	Enrollment:	3,014
Private Elementary Schools:	5	Enrollment:	637
Public High Schools:	2	Enrollment:	2,781
Private High Schools:	1	Enrollment:	99
Home School Enrollment:		654	

(Flathead County Superintendent of Schools Report- As of October 7, 2013)

Flathead Valley Community College enrolled 3,822 students in the 2013 academic year.

Select Area Employers

Employer:	# of Employees:
Kalispell Regional Medical Center	2,282
Plum Creek	685
LC Staffing	550
Teletech	450
National Flood	422
Applied Materials	400
Wal-Mart	390

Utilities:

Water: City of Kalispell, www.kalispell.com, 406-758-7745

Natural Gas: Northwestern Energy, www.northwesternenergy.com, 406-751-2210

Electricity: Flathead Electric Co-op, www.flatheadelectric.com, 406-751-4483