Travel & Recreation: Jobs, Lifestyle, Growth

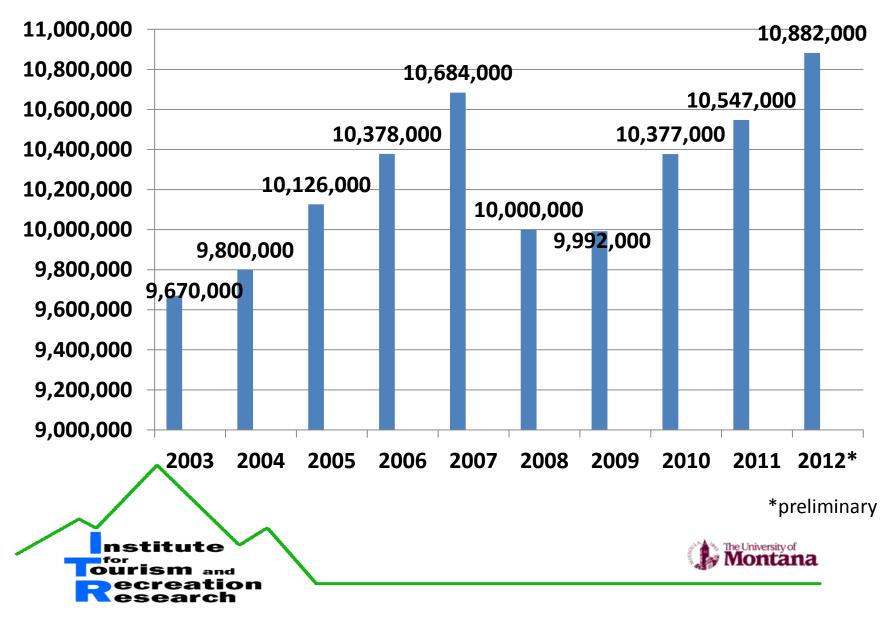
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Nonresident Visitors to MT



Yearly Resident Travel

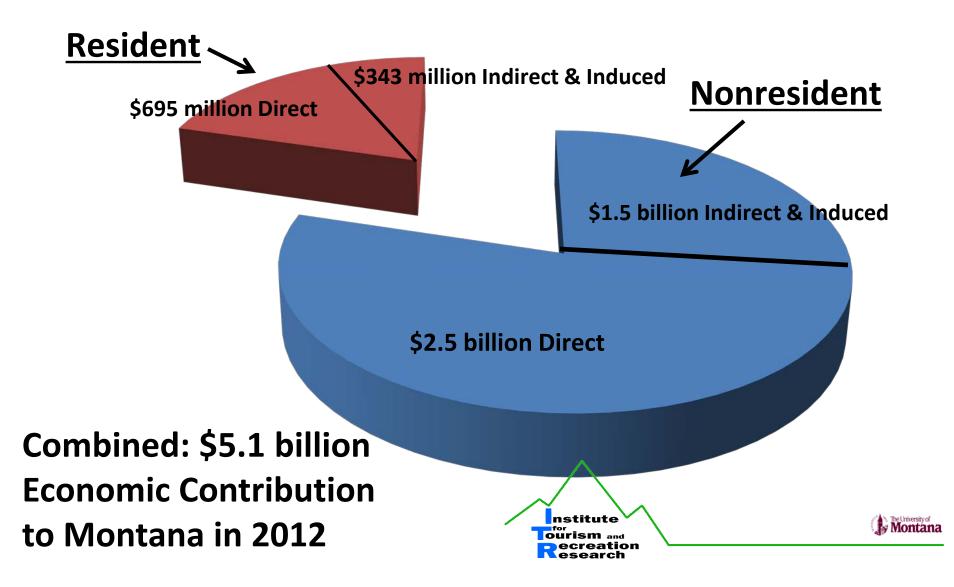
- 15.4 million person- trips (> 50 miles from home)
- Residents spent \$833 million on pleasure trips
- \$1.03 billion in combined economic activity
- \$85/day trip; \$208/overnight trip

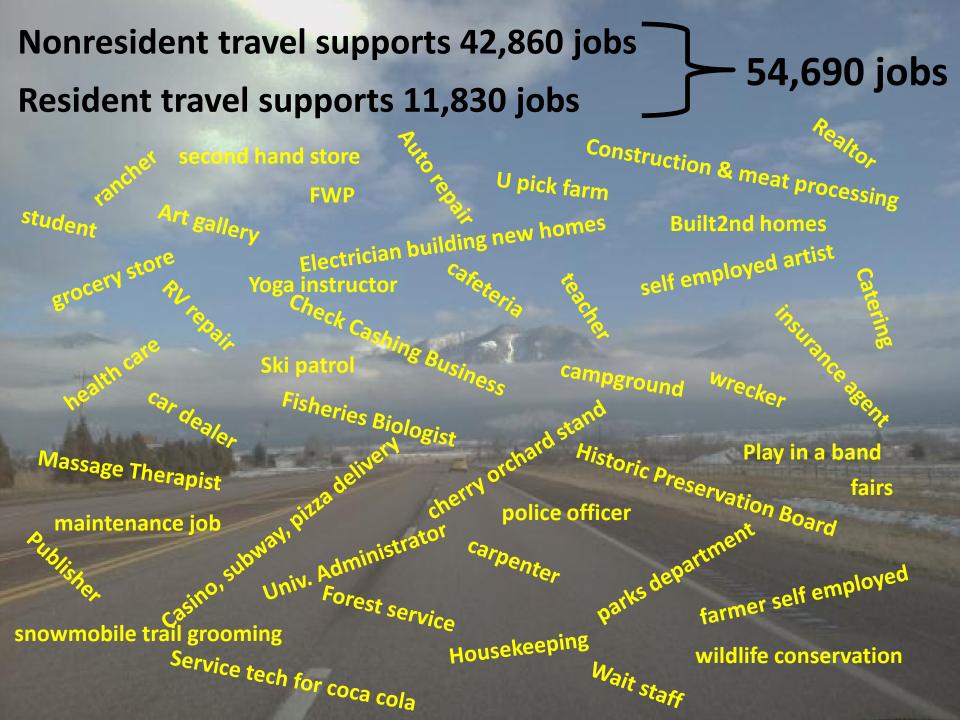






2012 *Preliminary* Economic Contribution of Travel: Nonresident & Resident





People choose to live/work in Montana because...

Looking for a town with no traffic report, clean air, simple life, and kind people....

It wasn't the job at first but the lifestyle. As I grew with the business and eventually became a partner, the job came more into play, but then so did the lifestyle.

A summer job in Yellowstone brought me here, then I fell in love with Montana. I transferred to a Montana college and tourism marketing became my career.

The vast open space, quality of air and water.

My wife and I thought it was a good combination of our favorite places in the world, there was plenty of business opportunity and a great place to raise a family.

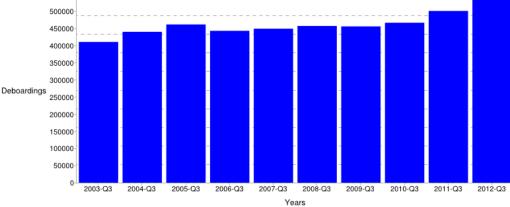
I love to fly fish!



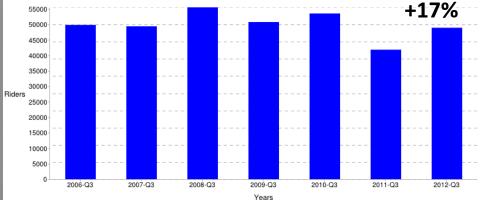


Airport Deboardings 3rd Q

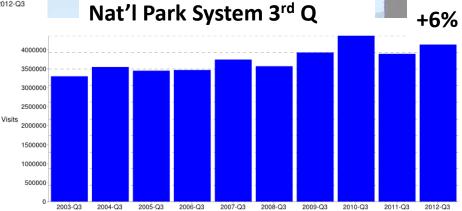
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Amtrak Deboardings 3rd Q



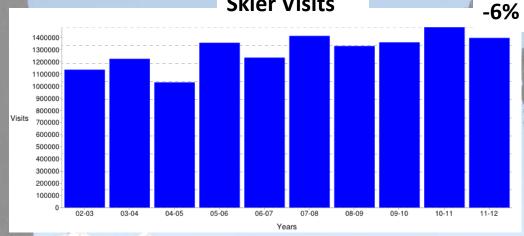
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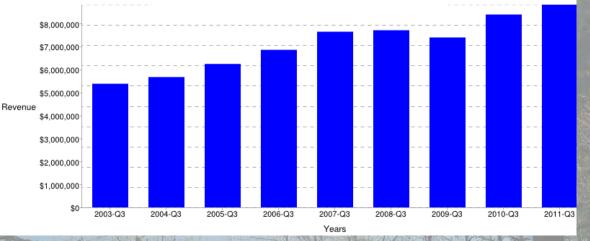


Skier Visits



Travel Trends

Bed Tax Collections 3rd Q





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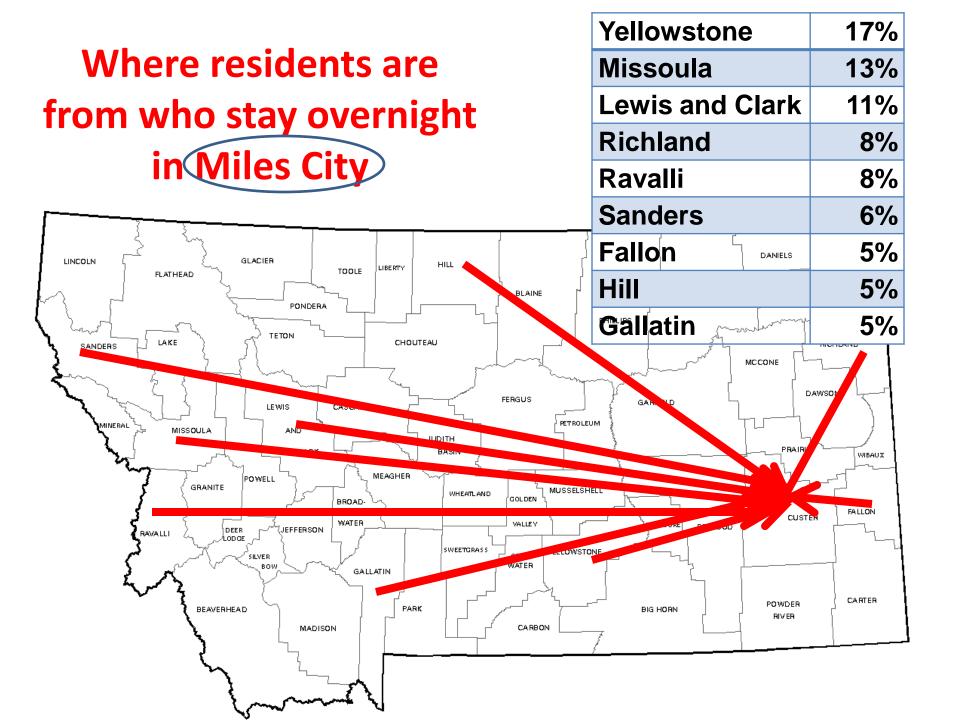
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59% of nonresidents who spent a night in Miles City came from these 7 states (2012, Q1-3).

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200 mi



2013 Outlook

Consumer confidence improving • US Travel spending at record level (\$846.7 billion in 2012 vs \$545 billion in 2002). Overseas travel to US setting new records (29.2) million in 2012; 19.1 million in 2001) Hotel room demand is at an all time high (+3%) **Restaurant industry on the incline (+3.5%)** Gas prices on the way down (for now) • 2% increase in nonresident travelers to MT • 4% increase in traveler spending in MT



THANK YOU!



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