

# 2019 BIG SKY, MT ECONOMIC PROFILE



OUR COMMUNITY. OUR BUSINESS.





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*Photo courtesy of Museum of the Rockies*



“Just as important as working for the good life, is finding a place to enjoy it.”

*Chet Huntley,  
Founder Big Sky Resort*

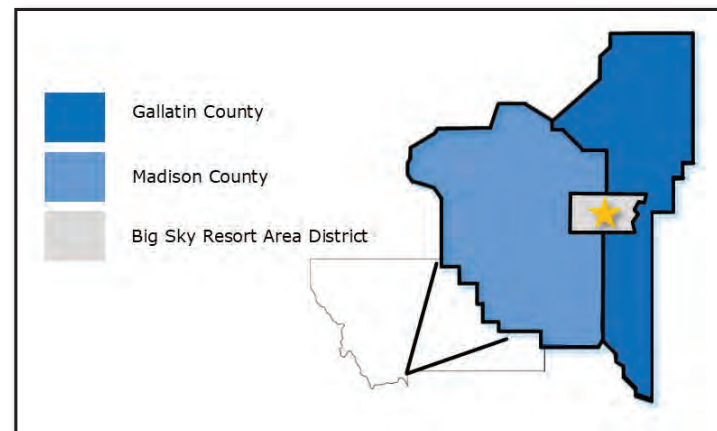


# #bigsky

## NAVIGATING BIG SKY

**BIG SKY** is not a place where it's business as usual. Being an unincorporated, census-designated place (CDP) that straddles **two counties – Gallatin and Madison – with seven special purpose districts:**

**BIGSKYFIREDISTRICT BIGSKYRESORTAREA DISTRICT (RESORT TAX) BIG SKY SCHOOL DISTRICT #72 BIG SKY TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT BIG SKY ZONING DISTRICT PARKS, TRAILS & RECREATION WATER & SEWER DISTRICT #363**



In addition there are 100's of Home Owners Associations (HOAs) – these organizations manage a significant percentage of Big Sky's roadways, streetlights, speed limits and open spaces. A myriad of nonprofits that help mind the gap between the public and private sector.

These highly-engaged citizens and organizations all contribute to Big Sky's local governance, creating a complex but functional operating framework. In addition, business owners define success differently here (often in the number of days spent on the ski hill) and the mountain time mindset and motivations of their employees more often than not, mirror that.

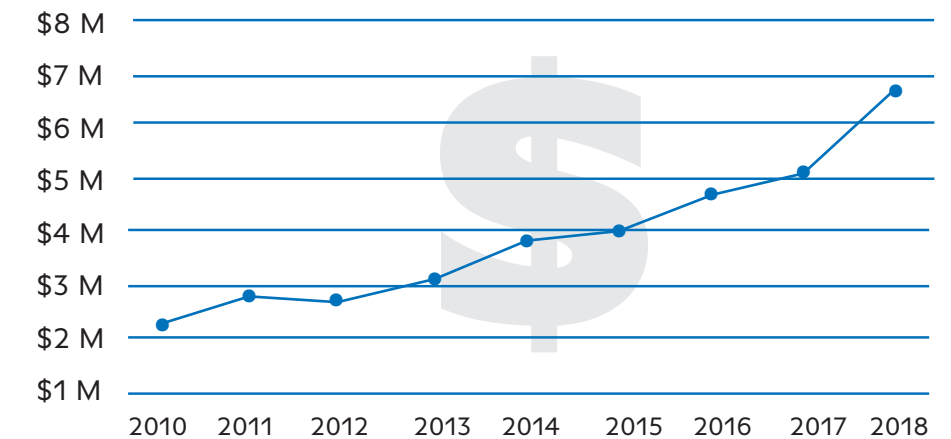
In 1992, Big Sky enacted a Resort Tax, a locally levied 3% tax on "luxury" goods to help fund our public services and critical community infrastructure. The fundamental idea behind the taxes is to allow places with high numbers of visitors, but relatively few residents (5,500 or less), to manage the wear-and-tear on local infrastructure without overburdening local citizens. These funds are collected and allocated on an annual cycle by an elected 5 member board of directors.

## BIG SKY RESORT TAX COLLECTIONS

**INCREASED  
190%  
SINCE 2009**

APPROXIMATELY 476 BUSINESSES  
REMIT RESORT TAX

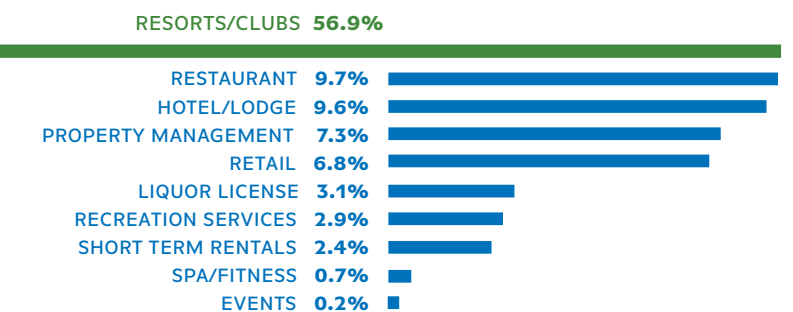
SOURCE : RESORTTAX.ORG



With the 66th Montana Legislative Session in 2019, Senate Bill 241 was signed into law. This enabling legislation will allow the 10 Resort Tax areas/communities throughout Montana to bring an up to 1% increase in resort tax to fund specific infrastructure projects.

## RESORT TAX COLLECTION BY INDUSTRY

WHILE THE RESORTS AND CLUBS MAKE UP  
56.9% OF COLLECTIONS, SEVERAL OTHER  
INDUSTRIES ROUND OUT BIG SKY RESORT TAX



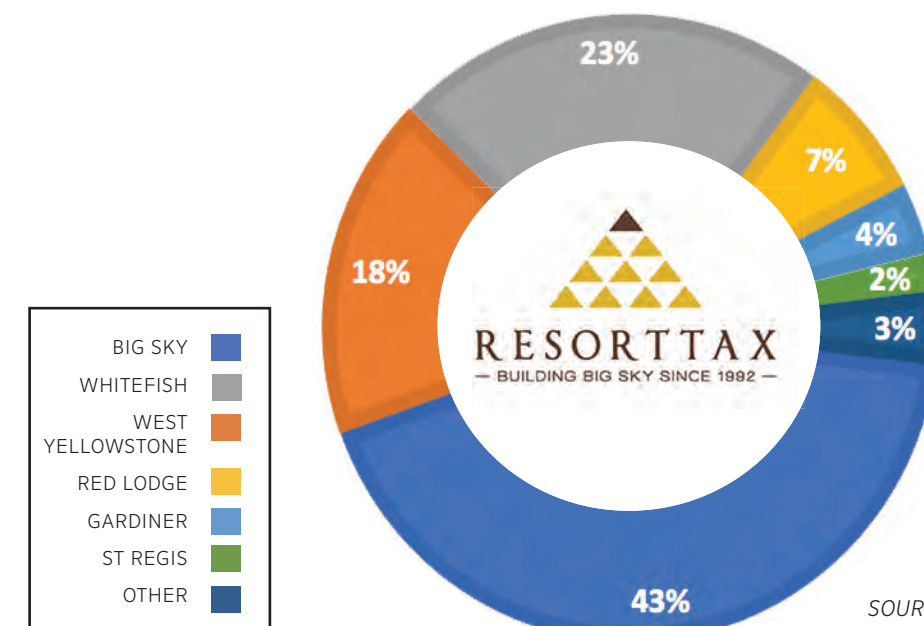
## MONTANA BY THE NUMBERS

OF THE FUNDS COLLECTED ACROSS  
THE 10 RESORT TAX COMMUNITIES  
IN MONTANA, BIG SKY REPRESENTS

**43%**

THAT'S MONEY COLLECTED LOCALLY  
FUNNELING DIRECTLY BACK INTO  
COMMUNITY PROJECTS

SOURCE : ITRR AN ASSESSMENT OF THE RESORT TAX 2016





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# WHO WE ARE



## ALL ABOUT BIG SKY

## COMMUNITY PROFILE

34.2

MEDIAN AGE  
OF RESIDENT

56%

BACHELOR'S  
DEGREE  
OR HIGHER

30.2%

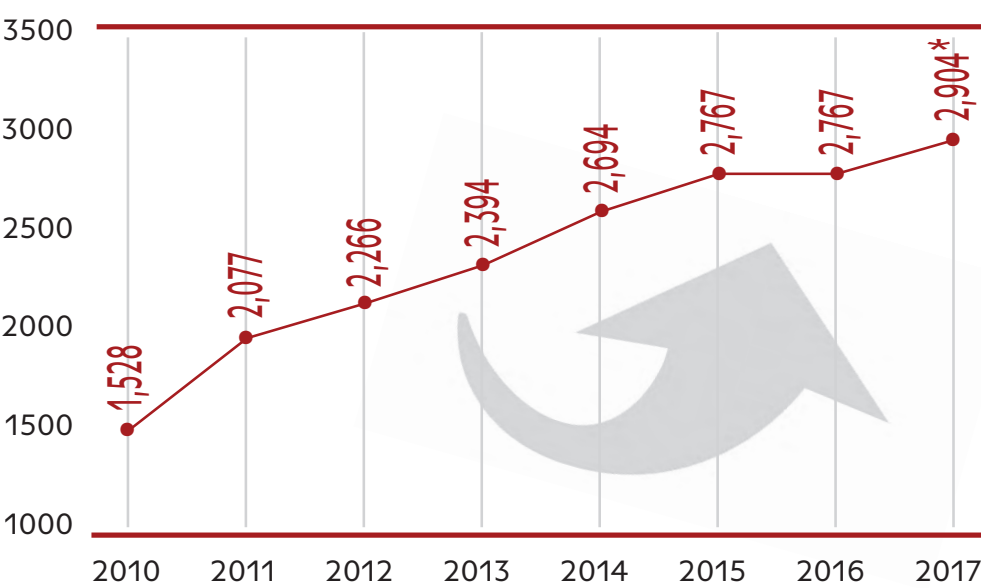
MILLENNIAL %  
OF RESIDENTS  
(AGE 20-34)

40.2

HOUSEHOLDS  
WITH YOUNG  
CHILDREN

## 5-YEAR POPULATION GROWTH

21.3%



\*Currently listed as population estimates from the U.S. Census.  
The 2020 Census will provide more accurate numbers.

3X  
5X

BIG SKY'S POPULATION HAS INCREASED

MORE THAN ASPEN, CO AND SUN VALLEY, ID

FASTER THAN JACKSON HOLE, WY

SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY



# ACCESS TO WORKFORCE

With 4,019 jobs in the Big Sky area and 3,090 employees from Big Sky and the surrounding region to fill these jobs, workers in Big Sky work hard by holding on average 1.3 jobs per person. This is in line with most mountain resort communities. Growth continues and it is estimated that, through 2023, approximately 600 to 900 jobs will be added to Big Sky (Big Sky Housing Action Plan: Part 1 Community Housing Assessment and Needs, February 2018)

WITH MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY AND GALLATIN COLLEGE 45 MILES NORTH IN BOZEMAN ACTING AS A TALENT PIPELINE FOR BIG SKY, THIS WORKFORCE IS COLLEGE EDUCATED AND HIGHLY TRAINED.



Listed as the #1 Public University in Montana by Forbes with enrollment of 16,000 students, Montana State University funnels a diverse and talented workforce in to the Gallatin Valley and Big Sky. The newly formed Hospitality Management and Culinary Arts Program helps to elevate the resources available to the burgeoning hospitality industry.



Gallatin College, housed within the MSU system, provides one- and two-year Workforce Programs designed to advance skill-based labor and prepare students for four year degrees.

35%

10 YR PER CAPITA  
INCOME GROWTH  
IN BIG SKY

SOURCE: U.S. BUREAU OF  
ECONOMIC ANALYSIS



\$52,428

PER CAPITA INCOME  
US



\$45,802

PER CAPITA INCOME  
MONTANA



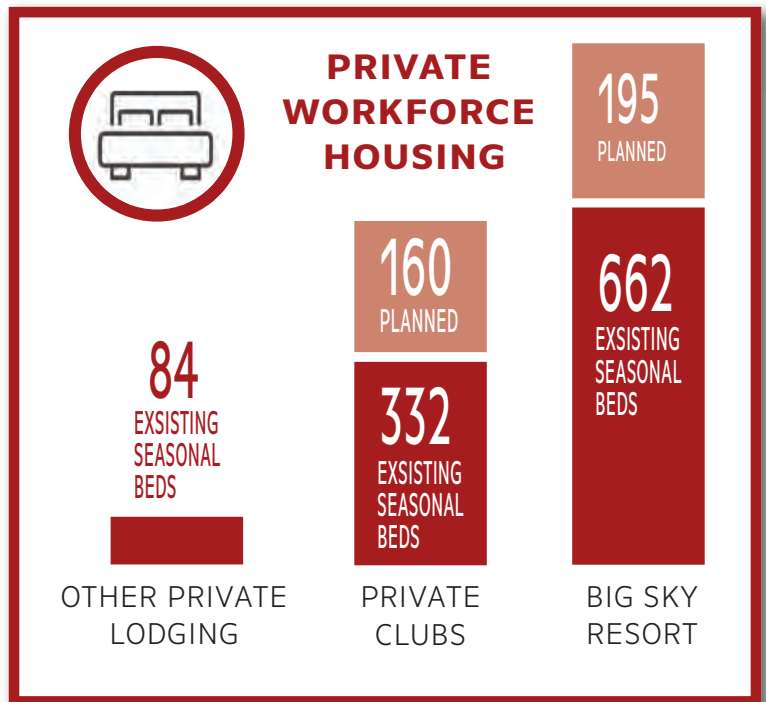
\$51,800

PER CAPITA INCOME  
BIG SKY

# WORKFORCE HOUSING

Workforce housing is one of the most critical needs within the Big Sky community therefore, in 2018 the Big Sky Chamber of Commerce birthed the Community Housing Trust to address this need. Currently, the 36 income-restricted rental units in the Big Sky Apartments are the only publicly sourced option for workforce housing. The Community Housing Trust is currently building the MeadowView Project, 52 deed-restricted for-sale housing units for Big Sky residents starting in June of 2019 from \$130,000 to the low \$300,000s.

TO SUSTAIN BUSINESS GROWTH IN BIG SKY, PRIVATE BUSINESSES ARE PROVIDING WORKFORCE HOUSING SOLUTIONS FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES.



SOURCE: BIG SKY HOUSING ACTION PLAN: PART 1 COMMUNITY HOUSING ASSESSMENT AND NEEDS, FEBRUARY 2018

## LIVING HERE 4,320 TOTAL HOUSING UNITS

70%

OF HOMES IN BIG SKY ARE SECONDARY RESIDENCES  
AVERAGE MEDIAN VALUE - \$1,195,000

SOURCE: TRULIA OCTOBER 2018

30%

ARE PRIMARY RESIDENCES  
AVERAGE MEDIAN VALUE - \$397,900

SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY 2017

With 50% of Big Sky employees commuting in daily, the Link Express offered by Skyline bus service between Big Sky and Bozeman is a valuable resource in reducing the number of cars on the roadway and increasing our access to talented workforce. Skyline offers year-round bus service with several loop options within Big Sky connecting the Canyon, Meadow and Mountain with several stops in between. Service is 7 days a week during winter and summer seasons and Monday-Friday during the shoulder-seasons (April-May and September-November).



## COMMUTING IN

54%

OF BIG SKY EMPLOYERS PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO SUBSIDIZE EMPLOYEE COMMUTE

SOURCE: BIG SKY HOUSING ACTION PLAN: PART 1 COMMUNITY HOUSING ASSESSMENT AND NEEDS, FEBRUARY 2018



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## Business Verticals

## Building Vibrancy



## LEADING BUSINESS SECTORS

### BIG SKY EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY



**70.1%**  
ACCOMMODATION,  
FOOD SERVICE &  
RECREATION



**7.4%**  
CONSTRUCTION



**3.5%**  
REAL ESTATE

NOT SURPRISINGLY, TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY MAKE UP 70% OF BIG SKY'S EMPLOYMENT BASE. CONSTRUCTION / DEVELOPMENT AND REAL ESTATE STAND OUT AS OTHER PROMINENT PILLARS OF GROWTH IN BIG SKY WITH A COMBINED 10.9% OF THE MARKET.

## GROWTH POTENTIAL

Statewide, jobs in the high-tech industry are growing at a rate of roughly 9 times the projected statewide growth rate. Only 45 miles away, Bozeman is home to high-tech employers such as Oracle and FLIR that are growing with emerging local talent from the STEM focused (MSU). As these companies expand, talent will seek to locate near the Big Sky amenities. Future investment in the expansion of broadband fiber is needed to provide the critical infrastructure for this talent. This will be required in order for a robust year-round community to thrive.

SOURCE: A PROFILE OF MONTANA'S HIGH-TECH INDUSTRIES, FEBRUARY 2019



# TOURISM IN BIG SKY



**MONTANA TOURISM BY THE NUMBERS** // 12.4M NONRESIDENT VISITORS  
\$3.7B IN TRAVELER SPENDING ACROSS MT | 53,380 JOBS SUPPORTED

## TOP 10 EXPENDITURES FOR NONRESIDENT VISITORS

Restaurant/Bar	\$129,287,000
Outfitter/Guide	\$95,258,000
Hotel/Motel	\$85,014,000
License/Fees	\$80,292,000
Gasoline/Diesel	\$72,999,000
Retail Sales	\$61,640,000
Groceries	\$42,215,000
Auto Rental	\$39,327,000
Rental Cabin/Condo	\$21,380,000
Made in MT	\$12,800,000

GALLATIN COUNTY RANKS  
IN NONRESIDENT SPENDING  
ACROSS ALL OF MONTANA

# #1

## TOTAL SPENT IN GALLATIN COUNTY\*

# \$659,981,000

\*GALLATIN NUMBERS INCLUDE MADISON COUNTY SIDE OF BSRAD



**BIG SKY IS AN "R" DESTINATION WHERE  
OUTDOOR RECREATION IS WHAT DRAWS  
VISITORS HERE AND ON WHAT THEY CHOOSE  
TO SPEND THEIR MONEY.**

SOURCE: INSTITUTE FOR TOURISM & RECREATION RESEARCH, UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA 2017

# #visitbigsky

Born in 1973 a seasonal, destination ski resort, today Big Sky is home to not only *The Biggest Skiing in America*® in the winter but is a Gateway Community to America's First National Park, Yellowstone in the summer. Located along a 90-mile scenic byway, Big Sky is equidistant from the Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport (BZN) to the north, and to the south, the West Entrance of the Park. This scenic highway runs all along the picturesque Gallatin River. Big Sky itself is situated at the base of prominent Lone Peak, towering at 11,166 ft, and encompasses the "Canyon," "Meadow" and "Mountain" areas, each with its own distinct culture and personality, yet all tied together and uniquely Big Sky.



## MONTANA'S PREMIER DESTINATION



WINTER  
SEASON

NUMBER OF  
SKIERS (BSR)

2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
440,000	477,000	478,000	500,000+

In 2016 Boyne owned, Big Sky Resort (BSR) announced the Big Sky 2025 Plan. This \$150 million investment includes on-mountain improvements and amenity upgrades. For more information, visit [BigSky2025.com](http://BigSky2025.com). SOURCE: BIG SKY RESORT



SUMMER  
SEASON

NUMBER OF  
VISITORS (YNP)

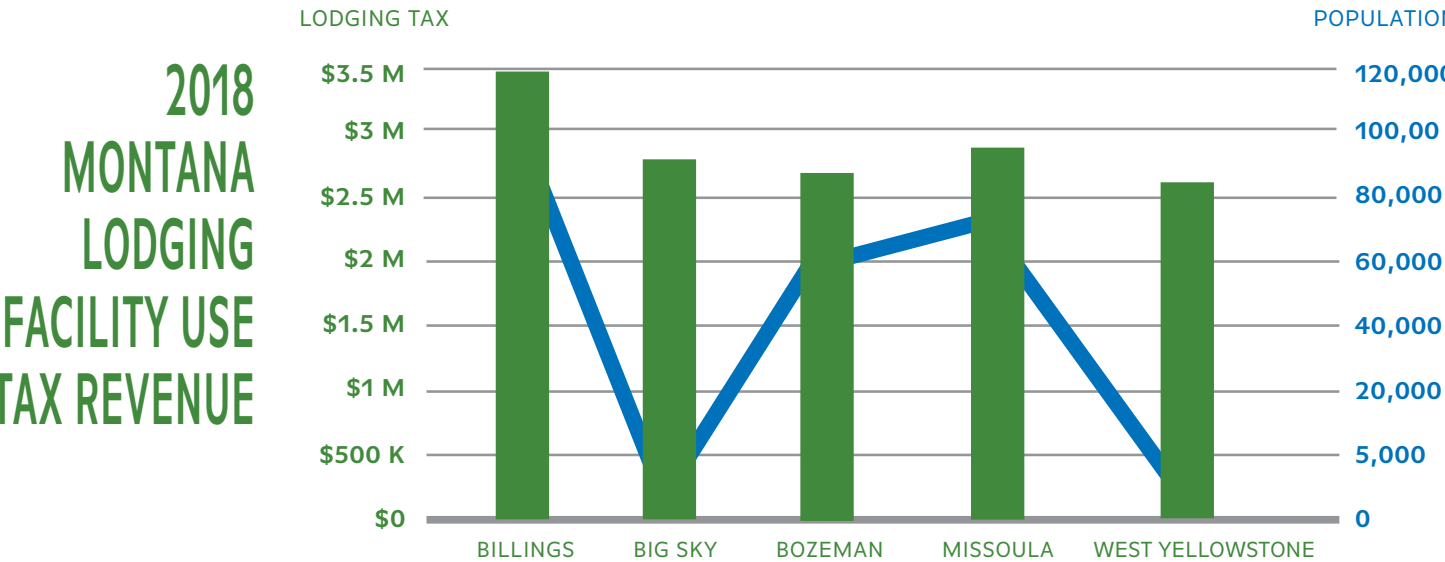
2015	2016	2017	2018
4.097 M	4.257 M	4.116 M	4.115 M

Big Sky is a Gateway Community to Yellowstone National Park (YNP) with 75% of that visitation occurring between May and August. The most-trafficed access point, the West Entrance, sees 1.7 million people annually and is less than an hour's drive south from Big Sky in West Yellowstone, MT. For more information: [VisitBigSky.com](http://VisitBigSky.com) SOURCE: YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARKS REPORTS. NPS STATS, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE VISITOR USE STATISTICS, NPS.GOV



# MONTANA LODGING FACILITY USE TAX

Across Montana, an 8% Lodging Tax (4% sales tax to the General Fund and a 4% Facility Use Tax to fund tourism promotion) is placed on all guests of hotels, motels, bed & breakfasts, guest ranches, resorts, property-managed units and campgrounds.



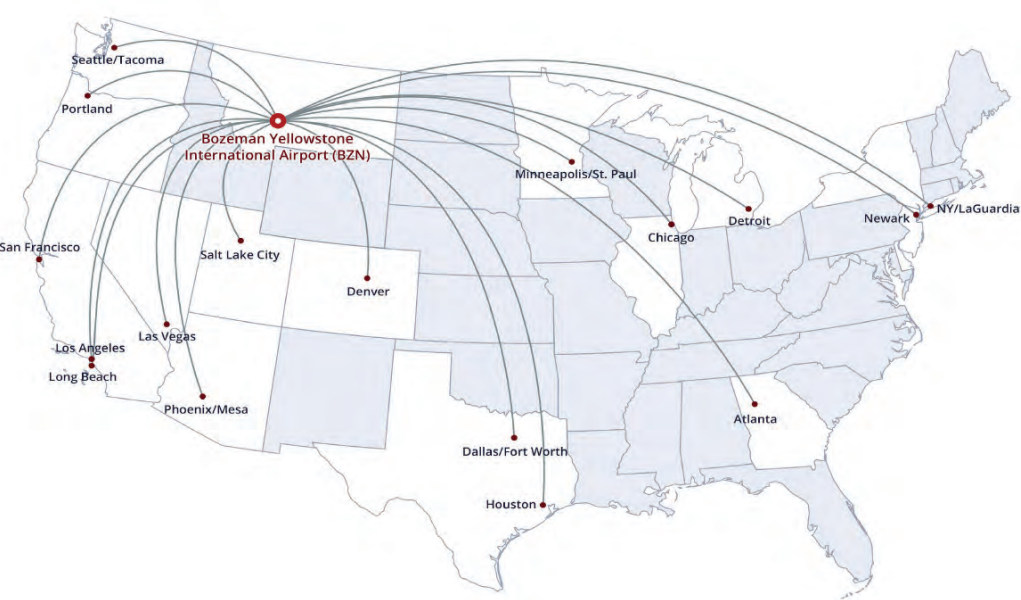
Big Sky shows its weight as an economic driver with a 130% increase in bed tax revenue collected from 2008-2018. Statewide, Big Sky is ranked third only to Billings – the largest city in Montana, and Missoula – home to University of Montana. *SOURCE: MONTANA OFFICE OF TOURISM AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT & US CENSUS AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY 2013-2017*

**ANNUALLY, ROUGHLY 621,000 ROOM NIGHTS ARE AVAILABLE ACROSS MULTIPLE HOTELS, RENTAL PROPERTIES, AND DUDE RANCHES IN THE DESTINATION.**  
*SOURCE: VISIT BIG SKY DESTIMETRICS, 2018*

According to Lonely Planet (Oct. 2018), Big Sky is one of the fastest growing Airbnb markets in the country with a 160% increase in rental inquiries for the winter. Though these rentals pay the statewide 8% lodging tax, the prevalence of them removes inventory of long term rentals available for Big Sky’s workforce. Opening May 2019, Residence Inn Big Sky - The Wilson Hotel and the Montage Big Sky at Spanish Peaks slated to open in spring 2021, will increase the community wide hotel inventory in the market.

# BOZEMAN YELLOWSTONE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (BZN)

14 STATES // 17 DIRECT FLIGHTS



**BZN**  
MONTANA'S BUSIEST AIRPORT  
**1.34 M**  
PASSENGERS IN 2018  
**30%**  
PASSENGERS TRAVELING TO & FROM MONTANA THROUGH BZN

**ANNUAL PASSENGER TRAFFIC HAS NEARLY DOUBLED OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS. THE FASTEST GROWING MARKET OUT OF BZN IS UNITED’S NON-STOP SERVICE TO NEWARK/NEW YORK.**

To meet the increasing air traffic demand, BZN opened a new runway in 2017, the first in Montana in 30 years, built to accommodate smaller airplanes. In March 2019, a four-gate terminal concourse expansion was announced. This project is anticipated to cost \$27 million and will add approximately 70,000 square feet to the concourse increasing food/beverage and retail options to help accommodate up to 1.5 million passengers annually. *SOURCE: BZN, JANUARY 2019*



**2018 BZN PASSENGER TOTALS IN / OUT**

United Airlines	481,194
Delta Airlines	474,525
Alaska Airlines	175,541
American Airlines	112,593
Allegiant Air	64,665
Frontier Airlines	26,803
JetBlue <i>*New as of Dec. 2018</i>	1,025
Chartered Airline Flights	4,507

*SOURCE: BZN, JANUARY 2019*



# COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

## 5 MAJOR RETAIL AREAS

**CANYON**  
Commercial development in the Canyon is dispersed. Plenty of land is still available, but limited access to water is an issue for potential growth.

**BIG SKY TOWN CENTER**  
This mixed-use area has many of the newest buildings in Big Sky and has the capability to reach 335,000 square feet of commercial space. Currently it is 50% built out with 120,000 square feet of retail and restaurants, and 45,000 square feet of office space. Additionally, there are hotel and residential uses in Town Center.

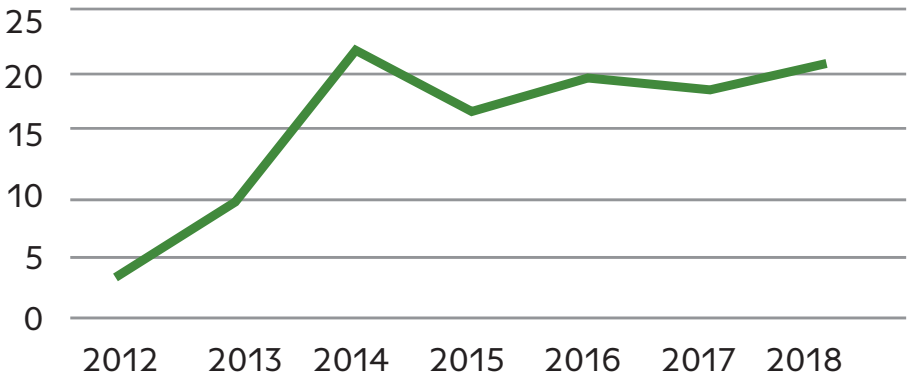
**MEADOW VILLAGE**  
This area consists of 110,000 square feet of building space, 90% complete: 55% retail, 40% office and 5% residential.

**WESTFORK MEADOWS**  
Approximately 28,000 square feet of retail space; area is completely built out.

**MOUNTAIN**  
Home to Boyne's Big Sky Resort and 3 private residential clubs, the Mountain has a significant portion of Big Sky's retail, recreation and development presence. The largest construction project in the state was recently completed at one of the private clubs and there are plans for 3 new hotels and seasonal workforce housing in the coming years.

### BIG SKY NEW COMMERCIAL BUILDING PERMITS

SOURCE: GALLATIN & MADISON COUNTIES



### NUMBER OF BUSINESSES INCREASED BY 17% IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS

SOURCE: U.S. COUNTY BUSINESS PATTERNS 2012-2016

# REAL ESTATE / RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

4,320

HOUSING UNITS  
IN BIG SKY

575

UNITS ADDED  
SINCE 2012

66%

UNITS VALUED  
OVER \$1 MILLION

50%

UNITS ARE  
SINGLE-FAMILY

SOURCE: BIG SKY HOUSING ACTION PLAN: PART 1 COMMUNITY HOUSING ASSESSMENT & NEEDS, FEBRUARY 2018

### SALE OF HOMES PRICED BETWEEN \$1.5M AND \$2M HAS INCREASED 125% IN THE LAST YEAR

SOURCE: BSC MLS



Big Sky is home to 3 private residential clubs – Moonlight Basin, Spanish Peaks Mountain Club, and Yellowstone Club each with their own recreational amenities, club houses and development plans. All 3 clubs are currently building with future lots still available. This is why construction is the second strongest industry in Big Sky. Boyne's Big Sky Resort is a public resort with residential options available, no membership required. All of their lots have been sold but build out is not complete. There is additional residential building elsewhere in Big Sky, as well.

### RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY

SOLD

PLANNED

BIG SKY RESORT	2,300 - ALL SOLD
MOONLIGHT BASIN	400 SOLD 1,250 PLANNED
SPANISH PEAKS	300 SOLD 600 PLANNED
YELLOWSTONE CLUB	600 SOLD 264 PLANNED

TOTAL SOLD: 3,600 // PLANNED: 5,714

SOURCE: BIG SKY RESORT, MOONLIGHT BASIN, SPANISH PEAKS MOUNTAIN CLUB, AND YELLOWSTONE CLUB



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INFRASTRUCTURE  
IN BIG SKY

ELEVATE BIG SKY 2023, THE BIG SKY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S STRATEGIC PLAN ADOPTED IN JUNE 2018, IDENTIFIED FOUR STRATEGIC PILLARS OF FOCUS: ONE BEING, ENCOURAGING COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT. THIS IS CRITICAL TO MOVE FROM A STRICTLY TOURIST DESTINATION TO A SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY WHERE PEOPLE CAN LIVE, WORK, AND PLAY.



Federal Highway Administration TIGER Grant to serve the increasing vehicular traffic, expand public transit for in-commuters and improve bike and pedestrian access and safety along and across MT Highway 64. This transformative victory for the community is a result of the Big Sky Transportation Study completed by Sanderson Stewart in 2017 on behalf of the Big Sky Chamber of Commerce.

SOURCE: 2017 BIG SKY TRANSPORTATION STUDY REPORT, SANDERSON STEWART



TRANSPORTATION

The Big Sky community is only accessible through the North-South U.S. Highway 191 from Bozeman or West Yellowstone. Once in Big Sky, the main arterial roadway through the community is along MT Highway 64 or Lone Mountain Trail. This roadway saw an average annual daily traffic (AADT) volume of approximately 7,500 vehicles in 2016.

In 2018, through the Power of Partnership, Gallatin County and Big Sky were awarded a \$10.3 million



UTILITY  
SERVICES

**ENERGY** In Spring of 2019, NorthWestern Energy will begin work on an estimated \$15 million mid-mountain substation. This low profile/impact, substation will enhance the reliability of existing electric service in the areas and support the growth of the community.

ELECTRICITY	NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	750 KWH \$89/MONTH
PROPANE	AMERIGAS	\$1.90/GALLON



**TELECOMMUNICATIONS** To be successful as a business in the 21st Century, reliable, redundant and affordable fiber and cell service is vital. Due to our rugged geography as a rural mountain town, this is an area where we are currently deficient.

INTERNET	3 RIVERS	\$64.95/MONTH FOR 10 MBPS
CELL SERVICE PROVIDERS	ATT & VERIZON	



**WATER** The Big Sky County Water & Sewer District #363 (BSCWSD) is obligated to serve 10,678 single-family equivalents (SFEs) however it can presently only serve up to about 8,000 SFEs. Approximately 5,500 SFEs have been developed within the District. BSCWSD has proposed a \$22 million waste water treatment plant expansion to ideally start in 2020 that will increase capacity to serve the obligated amount of SFEs.

SOURCE: WRRF CONCEPTUAL DESIGN EXECUTIVE SUMMARY, AES, SEPTEMBER 2018



BSCWSD serves areas of the Mountain (Big Sky Resort and Spanish Peaks Mountain Club) and the Meadow. The Canyon and remaining areas of the Mountain (Yellowstone Club and Moonlight Basin) are served by independent private systems, septic systems and wells.

- BSCWSD WATER IS SUPPLIED EXCLUSIVELY FROM GROUNDWATER
- 14 WELLS IN USE
- TOTAL CAPACITY ~3.1 MILLION GALLONS PER DAY (MGD)
- AVERAGE DAY WATER DEMAND IS ~0.47 MGD,
- PEAK WATER DEMAND SUMMER ~1.2 MGD
- SYSTEM STORAGE INCLUDES 5 ACTIVE TANKS THAT PROVIDE TOTAL STORAGE VOLUME OF 3.06 MILLION GALLONS AND 2 DORMANT TANKS WITH COMBINED STORAGE OF 0.6 MILLION GALLONS.



**SUSTAINABILITY** The Gallatin River Task Force is a local nonprofit that partners within the community to inspire continued stewardship of the Gallatin River Headwaters with ecological monitoring, watershed restoration projects, and community education/outreach. Big Sky is also home to several Level II Universal electric vehicle charging stations capable of charging several vehicles at once with additional Tesla stations coming soon. Visit Big Sky is researching this topic as it relates to the destination.



# COMMUNITY PARTNERS



**HOSPITAL** Built in 2015, the Bozeman Health Big Sky Medical Center recently celebrated its 3-year anniversary. The center offers 24/7/365 emergency services with a heli-pad for air ambulance, includes a four-bed inpatient unit, an on-site diagnostic imaging center, laboratory services, and an integrated pharmacy with retail pharmacy services, and a primary care clinic.



**PUBLIC SAFETY** One of the first public services established in Big Sky, the Big Sky Fire Department is a full-service combination department providing emergency medical services, structural and wildland fire suppression as well as education across the Big Sky Community and surrounding forest service area. The community has approved two mill levies (2013 and 2017) to support capital investments and operations for the two fire stations: one in the Meadow and one on the Mountain.

24 HOUR COVERAGE | 2 ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL | 24 FULL TIME FIREFIGHTERS, PARAMEDICS; EMTS | 3 ON-CALL FIREFIGHTERS, PARAMEDICS; EMTS | 7 DEPUTIES & 1 SERGEANT FROM THE GALLATIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



**SCHOOLS** From its beginnings as a one-room frontier schoolhouse in 1912, Ophir Elementary has served the K-8 population of Big Sky. The school has grown significantly from that time including the recent construction of Lone Peak High School (2009) making it the 2nd fastest growing school in Montana. BSSD #72 was recently awarded a Green Sense USB grant by NorthWestern Energy to install a 7.125 kW solar photovoltaic (PV) array at the Ophir School. This array is used both to produce clean energy for the school and educate the students on the process.

## BIG SKY SCHOOL DISTRICT #72 "AT THE PEAK OF EXCELLENCE"

386 STUDENTS K – 12 | 100% GRADUATION RATE FROM LONE PEAK HS |

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE® WORLD SCHOOL | \$8,100 PER PUPIL EXPENDITURE

SOURCE: BSSD #72

**DISCOVERY ACADEMY** Big Sky's first and only private Montessori-based school offers another learning environment option for children Pre-K through 12th grade.

**MORNINGSTAR LEARNING CENTER** Currently, the only full-time, year-round daycare and preschool in Big Sky. Morningstar's mission is to help address the critically important workforce issue of helping to provide childcare to the Big Sky community.

# COMMUNITY OPEN SPACES

The Big Sky Community Organization is currently working on Big Sky's first Community Center, a space for everyone to gather, recreate, and learn today and into the future. To-date, more than \$12 million has been raised and 3.3 acres of land have been secured for this project in the heart of town.

## PARKS AND OPEN SPACES

SOURCE: BIG SKY COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION, 2019

19

TOTAL TRAIL MILES

93

ACRES OF PARKLAND

3

ACRES OF OPEN FIELD SPACE

7

MILES OF WINTER GROOMED TRAILS

7

PLAY AREAS

9

ATHLETIC FIELDS

47% OF BIG SKY RESIDENTS AGREE THAT THE ENVIRONMENT IS "WHAT MAKES BIG SKY, BIG SKY" 35% SAID SOCIETY AND 19% INFRASTRUCTURE

SOURCE: 2018 BIG SKY PLACE DNA STUDY™, DESTINATION THINK!, VISIT BIG SKY

These dedicated open spaces and amenities are managed by the Big Sky Community Organization, but the area is also surrounded with abundant wilderness. Big Sky is completely enfolded within the Custer Gallatin National Forest and Jack Creek Wildlife Preserve - showcasing the Gallatin, Madison, and Spanish Peak ranges - which offer limitless recreational opportunities.





The opportunity here?

It's big.

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*Our brightest days  
are ahead of us.*

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### THANKS TO UNDERWRITING SUPPORT



### ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FROM RESORT TAX

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OUR COMMUNITY. OUR BUSINESS.



BIG SKY CHAMBER