



# Havre Area Community Profile

**Welcome to Havre, the North Star of Montana!**

**This publication is intended to give you a brief overview of economic facts and figures so you can see the benefits of doing business in one of Montana's friendliest communities.**

**A brief community profile is included.**

# *Havre*

**... It's the PEOPLE**

## Transportation

Havre is located at the junction of US Highway 2 and 87, 43 miles south of the Canadian border in North Central Montana.

## Air Freight and Package Express Service

Havre and the Hill County area are serviced by Federal Express, RPS, United Parcel Service, and US Postal Service Express Mail.

## Motor Freight

There is motor freight access in and out of Havre. We also have three large freight exchange connections: Billings, 250 miles south of Havre; Great Falls, 110 miles south of Havre; and Shelby, 100 miles west of Havre. US Highway 2, which runs through Havre, is the most direct northern connection between Chicago and Seattle.

## Rail Service

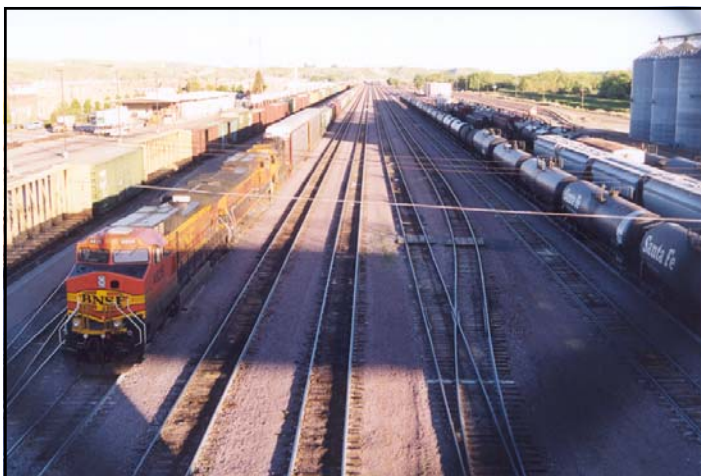
Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad provides the fastest, most direct rail service between Chicago and Seattle for shipping to any market in North America.

[www.bsnf.com](http://www.bsnf.com)



Amtrak provides daily passenger rail service for all of Northern Montana to metro areas east and west from the Havre depot. Empire Builder passenger service is overnight to Chicago and Seattle. Amtrak also provides express rail freight service.

[www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com)



## Taxation

General Sales Tax

None

Inventory Tax

None

Business Equipment Tax

Effective rate of 3%\*

Accommodation "Bed" Tax

7% (4% facility use & 3% campground tax)

Montana Corporate Income Tax

6.75% of Net Income

Montana Personal Income Tax (*net effective rate*)

2% to 8%

Property Tax (*within Havre High School District A*)  
(based on Class 4 Classification Properties)

2006-2007 352.32 mills

(\* ) Montana's tax on personal property owned by businesses, often referred to as the "business equipment tax," is the effective rate determined by the value, times the 3% tax rate, times the mill.

## Employment 2005 Annual Average

Civilian Labor Force (Area) *	
Employed	7,676
Unemployed	345
Unemployed Rates	
Hill County	4.3%
Montana	3.9%
National	5.1%

\* Hill

## Income

Per Capita Income	
Hill County ('04)	\$29,069
Montana ('04)	\$27,657
National ('04)	\$33,050
Average Annual Wage	
Hill County ('05)	\$25,741
Montana ('04)	\$29,157
National ('03)	\$40,671

## Havre's Largest Employers — Sept. 2008

(Number of employees)

Northern Montana Health Care	665
Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad	516
Havre Public Schools	300
Montana State University-Northern	217
Wal-Mart	220
Hill County	170
Hill County Electric/Triangle Communications	140
City of Havre	130
Duck Inn, Inc.	92
Gary & Leo's IGA	135
District IV HRDC	80
Havre Day Activity Center	77
Independence Bank	43
Herberger's	60
Kmart	54

## Education Attainment

Less than high school	10%
High School	33%
Some college	25%
Associate degree	10%
Bachelor's degree	16%
Master's degree	5%
Professional school degree	1%
Doctoral Degree	1%

7% of residents have advanced college degrees

23% of residents have college degrees

For more information contact:

MSU-Northern — 1-800-622-6132

## Employment by Industry 2005

Education, Health & Social Services	944
Retail Trade	936
Transportation (Warehousing & Utilities)	93
Art, Recreation, Entertainment, Accommodations and Food Service	807
Other (Except Public Administration)	305
Agriculture, Forester, Fishing, Hunting and Mining	111
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	289
Construction	245
Public Administration	199
Professional, Management, Administration	181

## Utilities and Local Services

### Water and Sewer

The water plant has been expanded from a 4½ million capacity to 6 million. Monthly water rates for a one-inch meter are \$32.00, which includes the first 4,000 gallons with a \$2.15 charge per thousand for each additional thousand gallons from October through May and \$2.00 between June and September.

The rate for sewer for buildings with a one-inch water meter is \$13.01 a month which includes the first 3,000 gallons. A yearly average of gallons used is established based on the winter months. \$1.79 is charged for each additional thousand gallons. An updating of the sewage treatment process was completed in 1999.

### Telecommunications

Qwest serves the immediate Havre area and has electronic switching. Digital service is available on copper. Fiber optic cable can be placed when requested.

[www.qwest.com](http://www.qwest.com)

Triangle Telephone Cooperative provides landline telephone service in the areas surrounding the city of Havre. The cooperative also provides High Speed Broadband Internet and web hosting services to residents of Havre and the surrounding areas.

Long distance telephone service is another offering of Triangle Telephone Cooperative. Business telephone systems sales and installation, as well as home phones and accessories sales are provided by Triangle.

Triangle Telephone's office houses a Vision Net video conferencing studio open to the public.

[www.triangletelephone.coop](http://www.triangletelephone.coop)

### Gas and Electricity

NorthWestern Energy KW capacity is 42,125 and KW peak demand is 23,314. They provide natural gas service. The BTU per cubic feet is 930,000. Both gas and electricity capacity can be expanded for growth.

Current NorthWestern Energy rates are available at

[www.northwesternonline.com](http://www.northwesternonline.com).

Hill County Electric Cooperative provides electricity to rural Hill County and other electrical services to Havre and the surrounding area, including electrician service and an electrical and telecommunications supply warehouse open to the public. The cooperative builds to provide service at any necessary capacity.

[www.hillcountyelectric.coop](http://www.hillcountyelectric.coop)

## Education

### Havre Public Schools

Havre Public Schools presently has three elementary schools, a middle school, a high school, and an alternative high school located in six different sites.

Havre Public Schools, with 134 certified staff members and 178 support staff, helps approximately 2000 children and young adults achieve their greatest potential.

The majority of the teachers have over 10 years of teaching experience and approximately 56% have Master's degrees.

The school district promotes continuing education for the staff, who have produced award winning programs in a variety of different areas.

Student activities include sports from grades 3-12; academic honors and gifted and talented programs; speech, debate, instrumental and vocal music; business technology, industrial and technical programs; languages; and service groups.

[www.havre.k12.mt.us](http://www.havre.k12.mt.us)



### Montana State University-Northern

Since 1929 MSU-Northern has offered north-central Montana quality, college level programs designed to prepare students for rewarding careers in education, business, computers, auto and diesel mechanics, nursing, agriculture, graphics designs, electrical, electronics, carpentry, plumbing and more.

MSU-Northern's size enables it to provide its students with personal attention while offering an unusually broad range of academic and technical programs. Northern has campuses in Havre, Great Falls and Lewistown.

Northern encourages you to visit the campus.

To schedule your visit call our Admissions office one week in advance at 1-800-662-6132 ext. 3704.

[www.msun.edu](http://www.msun.edu)



## Northern Montana Health Care

Havre is a regional medical center, serving a five-county area with a comprehensive range of healthcare services.

**Northern Montana Hospital** is a fully integrated healthcare system with adult and pediatric services. Among the specialty services offered are Magnetic Resonance Imaging and CT Scanning, cardiopulmonary rehabilitation services and wellness programs, a modern labor/delivery/recovery/ post-partum unit, renal dialysis, home health care, hospice, a sleep disorder center, and emergency services.

The hospital is non-profit, governed by a volunteer board of trustees. Northern Montana Health Care is one of the largest employers in Havre, with more than 600 active staff members.

Constructed through a vigorous community effort in 1974, the hospital today is the center of the healthcare delivery system.

Mental health treatment is provided at **Northern Montana Behavioral Health Services**, which was opened in 1991 and is attached to the hospital.

Most of the area's physicians are members of the multi-specialty **Northern Montana Medical Group** and are housed on the NMH campus, in the clinic building to the west of the hospital and in the medical complex to the east of the hospital. **Northern Montana Pharmacy** is conveniently located in Northern Montana Medical Group-West.

Also situated on the campus is **Northern Montana Care Center**, a long-term care facility completed in 1997 with 150 private resident rooms. Within the Care Center are a wide range of services to meet the needs of our aging society, including an Assisted Living unit, Hospice rooms, and a 20-bed Special Care wing for residents with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia.

Construction began in the spring of 2007 on the **Hi-Line Sletten Cancer Center**. Affiliated with the Sletten Cancer Institute in Great Falls, the new cancer treatment facility will allow Hi-Line patients to receive their care close to home and the comfort of family and friends.



[www.nmhcare.org](http://www.nmhcare.org)

## Banking and Valuations

There are four bank systems and one credit union with locations in Havre and in Hill County. Two are national banks, one is statewide banks and one bank is locally owned with branches in Northeast Montana.

Real Estate valuations in Hill County for 2006 totaled \$27,988,794. The City of Havre valuations for 2006 total \$7,789,628.

[www.co.hill.mt.us](http://www.co.hill.mt.us)

## Housing

Havre enjoys a variety of housing which is affordable, attractive, and accessible. The city is separated into a number of well kept, pleasant neighborhoods offering housing in a broad range of style and price. Of the city's 5,377 housing units, 8 percent have been constructed since 1990. 37% were built in the 1980's and 70's, and 55% were built prior to 1970.

The average price of homes on the market in 2006 was \$113,000. The average rent for a three bedroom, two bath home/apartment was \$600, or \$650 if the landlord pays the water bill.

[www.hi-line.net/~hlbr](http://www.hi-line.net/~hlbr)

## Households 2006

Household Population	9,689
Total Households	4,407
Occupied Households	4,062
Owner Occupied	2,397
Renters Occupied	1,665
Vacant Housing Units	345
Average Household Size	2.47

## Sources of Income

	2000
Wage or Salary	70.4%
Self-employed	5.0%
Labor Earnings (wages & self-employed)	75.4%
Retirement, Social Security & Investments	21.1%
Public Assistance	.2%

## Media

### Print

One daily newspaper is published in Hill County. The Havre Daily News offers daily coverage of local, state and national news. Several regional and national newspapers are available as well.

[www.havredailynews.com](http://www.havredailynews.com)

### Radio

Hill County has two public and three commercial radio stations that broadcast throughout north-central Montana.

A Christian station broadcasts state-wide with no commercial interruptions. Each station offers local, state and national news. Three stations provide extensive coverage of area high school and college sporting events. The stations offer Christian, classical, jazz, county, adult contemporary, and light rock music programming.

[www.kojm.com](http://www.kojm.com) ▪ [www.kryk.com](http://www.kryk.com) ▪ [www.kpqx.com](http://www.kpqx.com)

### Television

Three area TV stations affiliated with national networks and one cable company serves Havre and Hill County.

NBC has a local studio housed at MSU-Northern.

## Trade Area Population

	Census 2000	Projected 2005
Primary Trade Area (A)	16,673	16,276
City of Havre	9,621	9,390
Secondary (B)	9,167	8601
Tertiary (C)	10,571	9,599
Total Trade Area Population	46,032	43,866

- A) Hill County
- B) Blaine and Liberty Counties
- C) Phillips and Chouteau Counties

# Business Support Services

## **Bear Paw Development Corporation of Northern Montana**

48 Second Avenue · PO Box 170  
Havre, Montana 59501  
Phone: (406) 265-9226 Fax: (406) 265-5602  
e-mail: [ptuss@bearpaw.org](mailto:ptuss@bearpaw.org)  
web: [www.bearpaw.org](http://www.bearpaw.org)

- \* Business Loans
- \* Economic Development Resources
- \* Community Development Resources
- \* Value-Added Agriculture Assistance
- \* Provide information and assistance to companies relocating and expanding to Havre and Hill County

## **Small Business Development Center Bear Paw Development Corporation**

48 Second Avenue · PO Box 170  
Havre, Montana 59501  
Phone: (406) 265-9226 Fax: (406) 265-5602  
e-mail: [jlaplante@bearpaw.org](mailto:jlaplante@bearpaw.org)  
web: [www.bearpaw.org](http://www.bearpaw.org)

- \* Confidential Business Counseling
- \* Business and Marketing Plan Development
- \* Business Library and Resources

## **Havre Job Service Workforce Center**

160 First Avenue  
Havre, Montana 59501  
Phone: (406) 265-5847 Fax: (406) 265-1386  
e-mail: [havrejsc@mt.gov](mailto:havrejsc@mt.gov)  
Connection point for employees and employer  
\* Regional and statewide labor market statistics  
web: [www.havrejobs.mt.gov](http://www.havrejobs.mt.gov)

## **Havre Area Chamber of Commerce**

130 5th Avenue - Havre, Montana 59501  
Phone: (406) 265-4383 Fax: (406) 265-7748  
e-mail: [chamber@havremt.net](mailto:chamber@havremt.net)  
web: [www.havremt.com](http://www.havremt.com)

## **City of Havre**

520 Fourth Street - P.O. Box 231  
Havre, Montana 59501  
Phone: (406) 265-6719 Fax: (406) 262-9459  
web: [www.ci.havre.mt.us](http://www.ci.havre.mt.us)

## **Hill County**

315 Fourth Street - Havre, Montana 59501  
Phone: (406) 265-5481 Fax: (406) 265-2445  
web: [www.co.hill.mt.us](http://www.co.hill.mt.us)

## Recreation and Culture:

Ten miles south of Havre is Beaver Creek Park, the largest county park in the U.S. The park has fishing, camping, hiking, picnicking, and cross-country skiing. Bear Paw Ski Bowl is just outside the park. Fishing, boating, water skiing, and swimming are popular at the 12-mile long Fresno Lake west of Havre.

Other recreation opportunities include a 9-hole golf course, a proposed 18 hole course, indoor swimming pools, trap and target shooting, hunting, and an indoor hockey rink. Nationally ranked MSU-Northern teams and high school teams provide sports entertainment.

The Hi-Line Concert Association and the MSU-Northern Showcase along with a local theater group, the Montana Actors Theatre sponsor several performing arts presentations during the school year. The local area is rich in historical resources including the Wahkpa Chu'gn bison site, Fort Assinniboin, Havre Beneath the Streets, and Hill County's H. Earl Clack Museum.



## Topography and Climate

The geographical region of Havre and Hill County is predominately semi-arid.

Average temperature in the summer is 70 degrees Fahrenheit. The winter's average temperature is 13.9 degrees Fahrenheit. The average annual precipitation is 12 inches.

Elevation of Havre at the airport is 2,589 feet.