INTRODUCTION
BUTTE, MONTANA

In Butte, we are a community full of possibilities!

There’s an energy in Butte... invigorating, strengthening, and inspiring, innovation and revitalization. We have a strong sense of culture and place, focused on the importance of advancing our community and environment.

Butte-Silver Bow is a community dedicated to growing its community, businesses, and helping new enterprises come to life. Our community partners are here to help you navigate through your transition to our community and welcome you to the "Butte family!" Whether you are relocating here with a family or solo, we hope to make your transition as seamless as possible, and are a quick message away from connecting you to the right resource.

Our community is excited about the future! We are working diligently to diversify our economy and look forward to continuing our mission of new development and increased growth and look forward to bringing your energy and ideas into the fold!

It is our honor to present the following information to you in its entirety, with the goal of conveying why Butte is the ideal location to live, work, and play. On behalf of the community of Butte-Silver Bow, we hope that you will consider Butte as your new home.
Butte's History is as colorful and diverse as the landscape of Montana.

A LOOK BACK TO BUTTE'S PAST

Butte, as the first major city in Montana and, at one time, the largest city west of the Mississippi River between Chicago and San Francisco, can accurately lay claim to the title of 'Montana's most historic city.' From its early days as a mining camp, to the rise of the Copper Kings and the resulting birth of the labor movement, through the industrialization and decline of mining, and down to a presence marked by an environmental and urban renaissance,

While Butte is historically known as the “Richest Hill on Earth” for local ore and mineral resources, we are also rich in community values. Butte has an extremely robust and active non-profit sector. Whether the cause is a housing initiative, youth focused campaigns, or the arts, Butte shows its support. This true sense of community is often witnessed at large gatherings for medical benefits or fundraising dinners. When need presents itself, Butte rises to the occasion.

Butte is also rich in educational resources. We have a wide range of quality education facilities including public and private K-12 schools, trade development/training programs, in addition to the higher education institutions of Highlands College and Montana Tech.
Butte is Montana’s most unique city with the perfect balance of small town charm and big city feel. Butte-Silver Bow (Butte) is a City-County community of more than 34,000, nestled within the Rocky Mountains of Southwest Montana. Our community offers residents access to thousands of acres of pristine wilderness, spectacular mountain views, affordable living, quality schools, extraordinarily clean water, and an unparalleled quality of life.

**Butte is the best place to revel in everything the Rocky Mountains have to offer.** One of Butte’s most spectacular assets is the Continental Divide Trail (CDT) system. Local trail heads offer access to hiking, biking and cross-country skiing along 50 miles of urban and suburban trails. The CDT weaves through public lands at 8,000 feet above sea level, and connects with Thompson Park, the only “city park” located within a National Forest in the United States.

Just south of Butte, the Big Hole River Valley welcomes sportsmen with blue-ribbon trout fishing and rafting. And, a summer day isn’t complete without a drive through the Pioneer Mountains where hot springs beckon adventurous spirits.

Learn more at www.butteelevated.com

A day spent in the great outdoors is best capped with Butte’s signature libations and cultural offerings. Butte is the proud home to Montana’s first micro-distillery and numerous micro-breweries where you can find a variety of libations to warm you up after a long day enjoying the country’s finest outdoor recreation opportunities. Butte’s cultural district hosts a monthly art walk, weekly farmer’s market, and nightly music and entertainment. Catch Butte’s Symphony Orchestra at the historic Mother Lode Theater and youth performances at the Orphan Girl Theater. During the summer, impress your friends with free festivals scheduled throughout the season - whether your kids love the adventure of motorcycle stunts or the sounds of zydeco music. Butte has something for everyone, come see what you have been missing!
Butte is the economic center of Southwest Montana, home to 144,000 residents. Butte itself is strategically located at the intersection of Interstates 90 and 15, and sees an average of 4 million annual visitors many of whom stop to explore, dine, and stay. Our unique location offers numerous strategic advantages to companies across most industries and business sectors.

Our region’s workforce is educated for jobs in both knowledge and skill-based sectors. 90% of our workforce hold a high school diploma, 30% hold an associate degree, while 20% hold a bachelor’s or advanced degree.

Southwest Montana’s economy continues to grow and has steadily expanded since 2008. Over the years, Southwest Montana’s economy has blossomed with most Butte-based companies sustaining and expanding operations by leveraging Butte’s low cost of living and competitive salaries. Butte offers competitive wages to its employees, but also has an impressive labor supply with a wide range of skills providing opportunities for your business to recruit high quality employees.

COST OF LIVING
The Cost of Living Index estimates the relative price levels for consumer goods and services. When applied to wages and salaries, the result is a measure of relative purchasing power. The cost of living is 9% lower in Silver-Bow County than the U.S. average.

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MAKING BUTTE YOUR HOME
Butte brings the Rocky Mountains to your front door and is brimming with beautiful neighborhoods, excellent restaurants, and expansive outdoor recreation opportunities. Our neighborhoods offer something for everyone whether you seek condominium style living, an architectural gem, an investment property, contemporary family style living, or something in between.

An average home to buy in Butte is $129,800.
**BUTTE IS IN THE CENTER OF EVERYTHING**

Canada, Mexico, and everywhere in between, Butte’s one-of-a-kind location offers you connectivity to the outdoors, national parks, historic sites, shopping centers, concert venues, and much much more!

Butte is the only location of its kind in Montana featuring an intersection of two major interstates of highways. Interstate 15 runs north-south (traveling North to Canada and South to San Diego, and I-90 runs east-west, traveling from Seattle to Boston.

**Bert Mooney Airport**
The Bert Mooney Airport is centrally located in Southwest Montana and offers easy access to both Interstates 90 and 15, as well as convenient and hassle-free connections to anywhere. With free parking, a multitude of car rentals, and morning or evening flights departing and arriving daily, the Bert Mooney Airport harbors Delta Connection flights that make it convenient to fly between Butte, Salt Lake City, and beyond. Butte’s Fly Butte Campaign is currently working to add more flights to and from Butte in the next two years.

**TRAVELING AROUND BUTTE**
Whether you need transportation in and around the city of Butte, to and from the airport, trips outside the city or are looking for a safe ride, any of the below companies can help with transportation, some with 24-hour service options, such as UBER and LYFT. Medicaid transportation and Home Safe Program as well as options for child transport to and from school and extra circular activities.

**Public Transportation**
Butte Silver Bow Transit
(406) 497-6515
buttebus.org/schedules

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**DISTANCE TO MAJOR REGIONS**
(by vehicle drive time in hours & distance by miles)
from Rick Jones Way

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Nestled a mile high in the Rocky Mountains, surrounded by the natural wonders of the Continental Divide and Montana’s headwater streams, Butte serves as a springboard to almost 4 million acres of state, and federal public land. High quality adventures are just minutes from the city, whether you have a few hours or several days. Bring your favorite gear and head outdoors, and then relax amid Butte’s unique and vibrant history.
The Butte-Silver Bow Parks and Recreation Department offers a variety of activities for visitors. Cool down at the splash pad at Clark’s Park or play and slide at Ridge Waters Community Pool and waterpark at Stoddan Park. Practice your swing or enjoy a round of disc golf at Copper Mountain Sports Complex driving range, play Stoddan Park’s Highland View Golf Course, or stay active on Butte’s many tennis courts, baseball fields, and ice rinks. Along with recreation, the county provides a window into Butte’s colorful history and geology. Take a hillside stroll past the mine workings of Mountain Con Park and enjoy unmatched views of the Butte’s Summit Valley.
Butte is ready to connect you to the right resource, organization, partner, or community member to help you succeed. Let our team know how we can connect you or your family with one of our community partners or resources.

### LOCAL COMMUNITY
- Butte-Silver Bow Local Government
- Butte Chamber of Commerce
- Butte Local Development Corporation
- Butte Young Professionals
- Butte Leaders Network
- Rotary Club
- United Way

### HOUSING RESOURCES
- Bentley Construction
- Coldwell Banker/Markovich Real-Estate
- Triple "S" Building Center
- Ace Hardware
- Habitat for Humanity
- Emergency Rent, Heat, & Shelter Assistance
- Rapid Rehousing Program
- Low-Income Energy Assistance Program

### CHILD CARE RESOURCES
- Butte 4-C’s
- Action Inc. (Head Start)
- YMCA
- Zero to Five
- Healthy Families Network

### HEALTHCARE RESOURCES
- St. James Community Hospital & Foundation
- Southwest Montana Community Health Center
- St. James Rocky Mountain Clinic
- Western Montana Mental Health Center
- Express Care
- AWARE Inc.
- Youth Dynamics

### STATE GOVERNMENT
- Governor’s Office of Economic Development Local Legislative Team
- Senator Jon Tester
- Senator Steve Daines
- Representative Greg Gianforte
- Governor Steve Bullock

### SCHOOLS & EDUCATION PARTNERS
- Montana Tech of the University of Montana
- Highlands College of Montana Tech
- Butte School District # 1
- Butte Central Catholic Schools K-12
- Silver-Bow Montessori School
- Early Head Start
- Sylvan Learning
In a report released by GoodCall, Butte, MT was ranked #2 of the Top 100 U.S. cities for K-12 teachers to live and work. The rankings were based on school quality, affordability, job availability and amenities.

**BUTTE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS**

- 100% of our teachers are Highly Qualified and 71% have advanced degrees.
- Implemented a Three Year Montana Development Grant for 4 year olds (Preschool).
- Home Visit Program for all Kindergarten students by teachers prior to their first day of school.
- Attendance Matters “Lunch with the Superintendent” Incentive for elementary students with perfect attendance.
- 80% of students at East Middle School participate in extracurricular activities including: athletics, yearbook, TIP, garden club, art club, student council, East Travels, America, coding, and robotics club. Athletics offers the opportunity for students to participate in up to four activities a year.
- Butte High School offers 65 credits through its dual credit program with Montana Tech so students can earn college credits while attending high school. College classes offered include Engineering, College Algebra, Physics, Computer Science, College Writing, Technical Math, Welding, Construction, Business, Microsoft Excel, Web Page Fundamentals, German and Spanish.
- Over 95% of Butte Central graduates go on to college and higher education.
- 194 of Butte High School’s student athletes earned Academic All Conference Honors in 2017-2018.
- Passed a $35 Million Safe Schools Bond to improve the interiors and exteriors of East Middle School and the Butte elementary schools.
- District Fiber Optic Network established through a private/public partnership that has been recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.
- 100% of the classrooms have internet access and are equipped with Smart Boards and interactive devices.
- Over 30 mobile computer labs with 2:1 student to computer ratio.
HIGHLANDS COLLEGE
OF MONTANA TECH

Highlands College serves the Greater Butte Region through their associates degree and certificate programs, continuing education, and customized training. Degrees are designed to help individuals enter the workforce immediately, or earn credits that may be transferred to a 4-year degree program. Here you will find quality education, dedicated faculty and staff, small class sizes, individual attention, student services, and exceptionally affordable tuition.

One of the best assets that our community has is a 2 year college that is highly engaged in the business community in Highland College. With courses in a variety of topics and the ability to be nimble and tailor programs to the needs of industry Highlands is an asset that many of our large employers find to be incredibly valuable. When we have had needs for specific trainings in Butte Highlands has always been the first to the table to bring innovative solutions to the workforce challenges that employers can face. Our workforce is a source of pride for our community and it is bolstered because of the partnership with Highlands College.

MONTANA TECH
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

Located in Butte, MT, Montana Tech is a leading 4-year, public engineering and technical college. Recognized as one of the best small science and engineering colleges in America, Montana Tech is a valuable resource for student interns, graduates, faculty expertise, and research.

Montana Tech was ranked as the #1 school in the United States by the Social Mobility Index college rankings. The college has been nationally recognized as the fourth best value in higher education, is also among the Princeton Review’s best colleges in the country, and the fourth best public college in the West (2011 Edition of America’s Best Universities and Colleges). The Wall Street Journal ranked Montana Tech ninth in the nation for best public universities for return on investment. Montana Tech has a very high job placement rating for graduating students.

Montana Tech has nearly 3,000 students, 13 campus buildings and offers 73 undergraduate degrees along with 18 minors, 14 certification degrees, and 10 pre-professional career programs. Montana Tech also offers 21 graduate degrees and a Ph.D. in Materials Science. Degree programs in Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Software Engineering, and Business could all be utilized to assist the needs of Empire Building Materials.
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