



City of Bozeman

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Pressures and Ongoing Tradeoffs in a Constrained Environment

- Bozeman is seeing signs of **slowing growth** in population, jobs, and housing construction.
- Salary & benefit increases continue to outpace inflation.
- **Community affordability** is critical: rate and property tax increases are highly visible to the community.
- Pressures require **conservative budgeting** – focus on **foundational programs**.





Gallatin County Regional Housing Coalition

PERMANENT AFFORDABILITY **PLAYBOOK** FOR GALLATIN COUNTY

Permanent affordability means keeping homes affordable not just today, but long into the future. It's a way to protect public investment, support local families, and keep communities flourishing. This Playbook highlights key tools, local examples, and partnerships that make it possible throughout Gallatin County, Montana offering guidance for those ready to take action.

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Housing that
keeps essential
workers here



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URBAN FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN

Planning to ensure
trees are healthy,
abundant, and well-
managed



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Planning for the next 50 years of water

INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCES PLAN

Boosting Bozeman's Water Resiliency

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Reimagining our namesake creek

A new way to
engage with city
hall

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CITY	RANK	2026 POP. ↓	2025 POP.	ANNUAL CHANGE
Billings	1	123,608	122,545	0.87%
Missoula	2	80,103	79,153	1.2%
Bozeman	3	59,908	58,901	1.71%
Great Falls	4	59,793	59,903	-0.18%
Helena	5	35,966	35,347	1.75%
Butte-Silver Bow	6	35,933	35,706	0.64%
Kalispell	7	34,310	32,803	4.59%
Belgrade	8	13,765	13,253	3.86%



Questions?