



# Pensions Benefit Montana's Economy

The benefit payments to Montana public employee retirees are essential to Montana's economy. This infusion of money for the communities of Montana is spread across the state through benefit payments to retirees of the eight defined benefit retirement systems administered by MPERA:

- ◆ Public Employees Retirement System (PERS)
- ◆ Judges Retirement System (JRS)
- ◆ Highway Patrol Officers Retirement System (HPORS)
- ◆ Sheriffs Retirement System (SRS)
- ◆ Game Wardens' and Peace Officers Retirement System (GWPORS)
- ◆ Municipal Police Officers Retirement System (MPORS)
- ◆ Firefighters' Unified Retirement Systems (FURS)
- ◆ Volunteer Firefighters' Compensation Act (VFCA)

MPERA provides service and monthly benefits to over 23,000 retired members and their beneficiaries. Of this number, approximately 89% live in Montana. This means that most of the total benefits paid by MPERA stay within our state. When retirement checks are spent in Montana, our businesses experience an increase in revenue. Increases in revenue permit Montana businesses to grow, which leads to further spending and a stronger tax base. This "ripple effect" provides a significant economic boost to our state and our local governments. State pensions added over \$368 million dollars to Montana's economy and tax base for the 12-month period ending October 31, 2015.

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>BENEFIT</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>BENEFIT</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>BENEFIT</u>
BEAVERHEAD	\$3,118,867	GRANITE	\$1,254,228	POWELL	\$5,156,055
BIG HORN	\$2,014,911	HILL	\$4,788,601	PRAIRE	\$735,417
BLAINE	\$1,472,514	JEFFERSON	\$11,356,908	RAVALLI	\$8,385,758
BROADWATER	\$2,348,279	JUDITH BASIN	\$606,097	RICHLAND	\$2,259,239
CARBON	\$3,011,118	LAKE	\$7,105,359	ROOSEVELT	\$2,429,166
CARTER	\$318,981	LEWIS & CLARK	\$79,043,238	ROSEBUD	\$1,994,713
CASCADE	\$27,652,505	LIBERTY	\$599,672	SANDERS	\$2,342,197
CHOUTEAU	\$1,174,956	LINCOLN	\$3,798,907	SHERIDAN	\$1,297,138
CUSTER	\$6,617,425	MADISON	\$2,748,918	SILVER BOW	\$16,390,875
DANIELS	\$593,781	MCCONE	\$495,552	STILLWATER	\$2,225,813
DAWSON	\$4,317,646	MEAGHER	\$903,462	SWEET GRASS	\$1,069,092
DEER LODGE	\$10,737,555	MINERAL	\$1,689,771	TETON	\$2,173,979
FALLON	\$1,165,001	MISSOULA	\$33,876,630	TOOLE	\$1,861,590
FERGUS	\$5,549,754	MUSSELSHELL	\$1,043,281	TREASURE	\$314,026
FLATHEAD	\$20,765,523	PARK	\$3,755,046	VALLEY	\$2,976,289
GALLATIN	\$22,936,117	PETROLEUM	\$195,455	WHEATLAND	\$681,046
GARFIELD	\$391,610	PHILLIPS	\$1,325,182	WIBAUX	\$655,356
GLACIER	\$1,947,820	PONDERA	\$2,049,572	YELLOWSTONE	\$41,728,142
GOLDEN VALLEY	\$511,626	POWDER RIVER	\$828,558	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$368,786,318</b>