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- spent \$3.62 billion (\$440 mil was spent by foreign visitors)
- directly supported nearly **34,000 jobs** statewide (non-resident spending supports one of every 9 Montana workers)
- generated \$236 million in state & local taxes (+10% from 2012)
- Lowered taxes on each Montana household by nearly \$550 (+9% from 2012)

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