

INFORMATION: Livingston & Park County

Altitude: 4,557 feet **Latitude** - 45.7* North **Longitude** – 110.6* West

Populations: **Livingston** – 7,062 **Park County** – approx. 17,000
2000-2004 city growth: 3.1% (stats as of 7/1/05)

Government: Livingston is the county seat. Park County & Livingston individually use Commission/Manager forms of government.

Education: Livingston Schools 2 K thru 5 schools in city, 1 middle school 6 thru 8, 1 high school, 2 county K thru 8 schools; 2 K-8 private schools; 2 preschools, 1 after-school public program; Shields Valley Schools K thru 12.

Nearest Colleges: Montana State University-Bozeman 26 miles west;
Montana State University-Billings Campus & Rocky Mountain College - in Billings 116 miles east

Employment: Park County is primarily an agricultural community with banking, real estate, service and tourism industries contributing to the economy. The major employers are Chico Hot Springs, Montana Rail Link, Stillwater Mining, Talgo-Livingston Rebuild Center, County Market, Golden Ratio Woodworks, Livingston Memorial Hospital, Livingston Health & Rehab Center, Albertson's, McDonald's, Park Clinic, Yellowstone Inn, Travelodge, Livingston Enterprise, and Printing For Less. In August 2005, Park County's unemployment rate was 2.9%. In 2005, the average state-wide weekly earnings were \$535.00. Total all-industries 1st Qtr 2005 Park county average weekly wages \$441.00.

Industries: Montana Rail Link, Talgo-Livingston Rebuild Center, Cattle/Sheep/Horse Ranching, Hay/Wheat Farming, Lumber, Mining, Construction, Art and Art Framing, Watch Making, Tourism, Fly Fishing Guides and Hunting Outfitters.

Health Care: Livingston Memorial Hospital with 54 beds; 3 medical clinics, 2 nursing homes, 23 physicians, 11 dentists, 9 chiropractors, 4 optometrists, 2 ophthalmologists.

Churches: 45 Churches representing most major religious dominations.

Financial Institutions: First Interstate Bank, American Bank, Sterling Savings Bank,
Sky Federal Credit Union, First National Bank of the Rockies, Wells Fargo Bank

Communications:

Newspapers: Livingston Enterprise (Mon-Fri), Bozeman Daily Chronicle,
Montana Pioneer (monthly), Livingston Weekly (distributed on Tuesdays)
Radio: KPRK 1340AM **Television:** Bresnan Communications Cable
Western Union: County Market **Internet Services:** Bridgeband Communications

Lodging: With our hotels, motels, and Bed & Breakfasts, Livingston has over 600 rooms and can host over 1000 visitors.

Municipal Services: The City Fire & Rescue Department consists of 14 full-time firefighter/EMT employees and 7 part-paid firefighter/EMT's. The Fire department also provides Advanced Life Support ambulance service to Livingston and all of Park County. The Livingston Police Department has 12 full-time officers including Chief of Police. Park County Sheriff's Department has a Sheriff, 9 Deputies, and a Civil Clerk. The two departments share 5 Dispatchers and 5 jailers.

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Location: In the south-central part of Montana, Livingston is nestled in a lovely valley surrounded by the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness, the Gallatin and Crazy Mountains. Livingston sits below the first canyon on the Yellowstone River and is the original and only year-round entrance to Yellowstone National Park. Park County encompasses the communities of Cooke City, Silver Gate, Jardine, Gardiner, Corwin Springs, Emigrant, Pray, Pine Creek, Livingston, Clyde Park, Wilsall and Springdale.

Historical & Cultural Attractions: Yellowstone Gateway Museum, Livingston Depot Center, International Fly Fishing Discovery Center, over 14 Art Galleries and over 100 fine shops. Enjoy a walking tour through the city's historic district, drama/comedy at the Blue Slipper Theatre, musicals at the Firehouse 5 Playhouse and current films at the art-deco Empire Theater.

Recreation: Yellowstone National Park is 53 miles to the south on Hwy 89. There are many public and private campgrounds, scenic areas and fishing accesses along the Yellowstone River throughout Park County. Sacajawea Park along the river offers swimming, fishing, horseshoe tossing, tennis and picnic areas. Enjoy golf at the Livingston Country Club along the river or target practice at the Park County Rod & Gun Club shooting range. Of course, hiking, biking, rock climbing and are summer favorites along with rafting and floating the Yellowstone. Winter brings Nordic skiing, cross-country skiing, snow-shoeing, snowmobiling and dog sledding. Hot spring soaking happens all year at Chico.

The Climate: As usual in very mountainous areas precipitation varies considerably with elevation and character of exposure. In Livingston and on the valley floors, precipitation is generally lightest during summer and fall, and heaviest in winter and spring which is favorable for dryland farming and stock raising. Livingston is ranked as the 3rd windiest city in the continental US. Park County can experience wind gusts from 60 to 90 mph during storms.

Summers are pleasant with warm days and cooler nights. Occasional afternoon thunderstorms may occur in spring and summer. The warmest month is July. During the summer the average temperature is 82°F with winds averaging 16 mph.

Winter does not bring much snow to the valley floor; more snow falls at 7500 feet and above. Winter snow is usually dry while spring snow in April/May are wet and slushy. Warm Chinook winds during the winter can raise temperatures as much as 30 to 40 degrees within 24 hours. Cold air inversions occur a few times each winter, but are short lived in the face of the south-southwestern winds that develop 1-2 days later. Winds evaporate precipitation quickly here, so snow doesn't stay on the main roads very long. Winter winds average 21 mph. Our January monthly average of 23°F is relatively mild for the area's latitude and elevation.

Average Temperatures

Month	High	Low
January	31.0	8.0
April	52.0	24.0
July	82.0	46.0
October	58.0	30.0

Average Mountain Snow Fall: 43.8" **Average Annual Precipitation:** 12-14"
Growing Season: 80-100 days **Average Wind:** summer 16 mph; winter 21 mph

Season Weather Averages for Mission (KLVM)

