



NATIONAL

ACCOLADES

#1 Highest Job Growth Wallet Hub 2020 (tie)

#3 Fastest Growing City Wallet Hub 2020

#4 Top Metros for 1st Time Homeowners Move.org 2021

#1 Highest Job Growth Wallet Hub 2019 (tie) #3 Best Places to Live Money 2020

#1 Top Moving Destination - Idaho National Migration Study/United Van Lines 2020

#9 Best Places to Live Money 2019

2nd State to implement Code.org Computer Science Education policies 2018

 $These \ and \ other \ accolades: bvep.org/lifestyle/national-accolades$

MERIDIAN, FIND YOUR OPPORTUNITY.

Meridian is a warm and welcoming family-focused community with a diverse business base and a variety of residential neighborhoods. As Mayor, I am thrilled that you are considering our community as your new home. Meridian is a unique community that celebrates our history while planning strategically for our bright future.

Our community offers businesses a unique opportunity to be in the heart of Idaho's booming Treasure Valley. Meridian's highly educated and skilled residents provide businesses with the ideal candidate pool to grow their team and meet their goals.

We are committed to retaining what makes Meridian unique—our small-town charm, with friendly and supportive community members, safe neighborhoods



and a staff that treats every customer like family. Our dedicated Economic Development Team is readily available to help new businesses as they plant roots in our community. You will be met with premier service whether you are exploring potential business opportunities, reviewing development standards, or applying for a permit to build your dream. We are excited to be a part of that dream and committed to helping Meridian businesses grow and thrive in our community.

In Meridian, we don't believe in one-size-fits-all solutions; we celebrate each organization's characteristics. Your business is unique and special and deserves to be in a community that is unique and special as well. Our team of forward thinkers is excited to learn more about your organization and help you to explore opportunities, incentive programs, and partnerships.

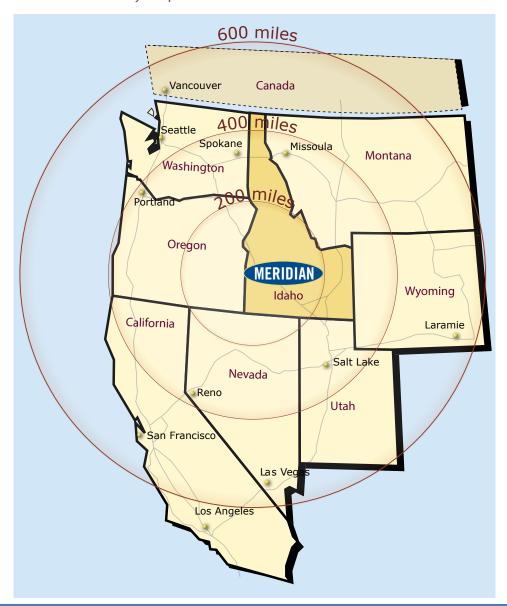
I encourage you to give us a call and learn first-hand why Meridian is one of the fastest growing cities in the country. Our vision is to be the west's premier city in which to live, work, and raise a family. It is our commitment to that vision that earned us a top spot on Money Magazine's list as one of the best places to live in the country. In Meridian we are Built for Business and Designed for Living—you bring the business, we'll do the rest!

Robert Simison

Mayor

You're never far away from the rest of the world.

Meridian is strategically located in the heart of the Boise Metro and the diverse Pacific Northwest. The Treasure Valley is ripe with opportunities for entrepreneurs and start-ups, as well as established businesses. Come see where your place will be.



50 motor freight companies serve the Boise Valley, traveling five interstates, 20 U.S. highways, and 30 State highways.

More than **1,600** miles of rail line, through Union Pacific and Burlington Northern Santa Fe, provide connection points to the rest of the US, Canada, and Mexico. These rail lines are aided by the State's regional line and six short line railroads.

The rail system transports over 11 million tons of freight annually.

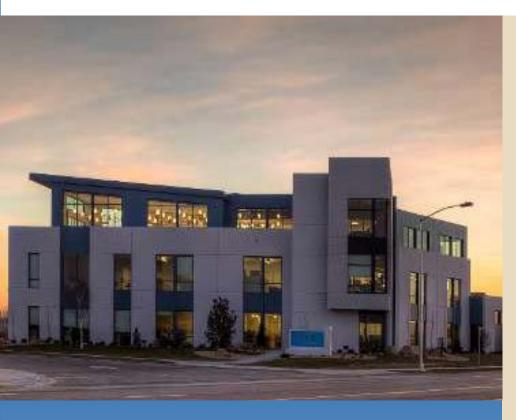
AIR SERVICE

The Boise Airport (BOI) is located less than 20 minutes from downtown Meridian, and welcomes more than three million travelers each year.

| NON-STOP FROM BOISE TO | FLIGHT TIME |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| Atlanta, GA | 4 hrs 02 mins |
| Chicago, IL | 3 hrs 19 mins |
| Dallas, TX | 3 hrs 05 mins |
| Denver, CO | 1 hr 45 mins |
| Houston, TX | 3 hrs 07 mins |
| Las Vegas, NV | 1 hr 45 mins |
| Los Angeles, CA | 2 hrs 10 mins |
| Minneapolis, MN | 2 hrs 47 mins |
| Oakland, CA | 1 hr 40 mins |
| Palm Springs, CA | 1 hr 54 mins |
| Phoenix, AZ | 1 hr 54 mins |
| Portland, OR | 1 hr 10 mins |
| Sacramento, CA | 1 hr 36 mins |
| Salt Lake City, UT | 2 hrs 02 mins |
| San Diego, CA | 2 hrs 00 mins |
| San Francisco, CA | 1 hr 48 mins |
| San Jose, CA | 1 hr 55 mins |
| Seattle, WA | 1 hr 20 mins |
| Spokane, WA | 59 mins |



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"I chose Meridian for my growing business, PKG User Interface Solutions, due to the caliber of the workforce, the central location, the support from local government, and the availability of land for expansion. We are very proud of our facility now--and with our latest expansion plans to create an entire campus for our business right here in Meridian. I know that Meridian will be able to accommodate our needs."

Homy Panahi, President & CEO PKG User Interface Solutions





DEMOGRAPHICS

Boise MSA & Meridian

| POPULATION Meridian: 119,350 | 749,202 |
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| LABOR FORCE Meridian: 55,400 | 375,882 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT/DEC 2020 MSA: 4.6%, Idaho: 4.4% | 4.2% |
| COST OF LIVING % of the National Average | 98.4% |
| MEDIAN AGE, CITY & MSA US: 38.1 years | 36.2 |
| EDUCATION - MERIDIAN BS/BA OR HIGHER MSA 32.0% | 37.2% |
| MERIDIAN MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME | \$71,389 |

WAGE LEVELS

Median Hourly: \$17.62 Average Hourly: \$22.68 Median Annual: \$36,660 Average Annual: \$47,170

> Sources: COMPASS Regional Planning, Idaho Department of Labor, American Community Survey 2019

➤ WORKFORCE & EDUCATION

| Covered Employment & Average Annual Wages Per Job | 2019 Avg Employment | 2019 Avg Wages |
|--|------------------------|-------------------|
| Total Employment and Wages | 333,165 | \$48,455 |
| Agriculture and Mining | 5,614 | \$36,939 |
| Construction | 24,941 | \$48,779 |
| Manufacturing | 28,726 | \$79,137 |
| Trade, Utilities & Transportation | 63,605 | \$45,163 |
| Information | 4,090 | \$57,565 |
| Financial Services | 17,066 | \$65,262 |
| Professional and Business Services | 47,445 | \$55,091 |
| Education and Health Services | 50,304 | \$47,577 |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 35,396 | \$18,556 |
| Other Services | 9,404 | \$34,068 |



| Institution | Estimated Enrollment | Programs |
|--|-------------------------|--|
| Boise State University | 26,300 | Four-year university; seven colleges offering 200 degree, certificate & graduate programs |
| Idaho State University, Meridian Campus | 1,000 | Four-year university; Health Science campus; main campus in Pocatello w/ more than 250 undergrad & graduate programs |
| College of Idaho | 1,100 | Four-year institution; Idaho's oldest private college, offering 26 majors |
| Idaho College of Osteopathic Medicine | 500 | Four-year, post-graduate medical school program |
| University of Idaho, Boise Campus | 300 | Four-year university offering 60 degree locally; main campus in Moscow |
| Northwest Nazarene University | 2,000 | Private, four-year university offering undergrad and graduate programs; also serving 7,500 continuing education students |
| College of Western Idaho | 31,300 | Two-year community college; works closely with employers to create custom training programs |
| Treasure Valley Community College | 300 | Two-year community college |

BUILT FOR BUSINESS





| MERIDIAN | | |
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| JOB | GROWTH | |

| 2015 | 33,961 |
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| 2016 | 37,109 |
| 2017 | 39,491 |
| 2018 | 42,094 |
| 2019 | 45,337 |
| 2020 | 48,606 |
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A STRONG MEDICAL CORE

Anchored by St. Luke's Hospital System, Blue Cross of Idaho, Idaho College of Osteopathic Medicine, and Idaho State University Health Science Center, Meridian's health care industry enhances the City's commitment to growing innovators in health, research and technology.

Office? Industrial? Retail? Yes.



With more than 16 million square feet of commercial real estate, Meridian offers spaces to suit any business operation.
Class A office and medical buildings, manufacturing facilities and industrial parks, bustling retail centers, and land ready for development make up Meridian's robust business community.





We chose to build our business in Meridian, because of the superior quality of talent and dedicated workforce this region has to offer. We encourage our employees to dream and become what they want to be through our company.

We created a company that would inspire and create abundance for everyone it touched. Idahoans understand what it means to be part of something bigger than ourselves.

Great partnerships through a technology ecosystem coupled with reasonably priced housing and access to the mountains, make our region a great place to live.

Jeet Kumar, CEO Dan Puga, President In Time Tec



TARGET INDUSTRIES

 Advanced Manufacturing

 Health Care & **Ancillary Industries**

Technology

 Professional Services

Scentsy's corporate campus includes its international headquarters as well as manufacturing and distribution operations, employing more than 1000 in Meridian



MERIDIAN CORPORATE CITIZENS

Blue Cross of Idaho CitiCorp CompuNet Computrol

Engineered Structures, Inc. Idaho Central Credit Union

In Time Tec Jackson's

AmeriBen

J-U-B Engineers Micro 100 **Paylocity** Perspecta PillPack **Power Engineers** Scentsy St. Luke's Hospital System

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"I have had the opportunity to work with the City of Meridian, planning and constructing our corporate campus. They have been very cooperative and timely in plan reviews and permitting. It is very refreshing to consider a city jurisdiction, like Meridian, a part of our team instead of a challenge to overcome".

> Sam Johnson Facilities Manager, Scentsy

DESIGNED FOR LIVING



Meridian's housing market is one of the strongest in the nation. From apartments and townhomes to welcoming neighborhoods and spacious acreages surrounded by farmland, Meridian offers numerous lifestyle options. Meridian's core focus has been to bring jobs closer to where people live. Shorter commutes (the average commute is just 22 minutes) mean more time with family and friends to enjoy all the amenities the area has to offer.

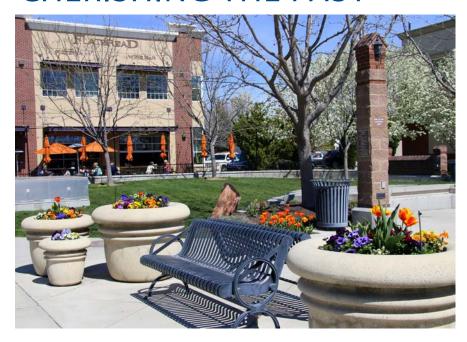
With an average of 220 sunny days, the Treasure Valley region offers a wide variety of activities for outdoor enthusiasts.

Meridian is proud of its 23 parks and many Citysponsored events through the year that bring the community together.



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CHERISHING THE PAST



Meridian's historic downtown dates back to the late 1800s with the establishment of a major creamery that supported a thriving dairy industry. Today, the community still celebrates Dairy Days, along with other events that bring thousands of locals and visitors downtown. New mixed-used developments and professional offices continue to contribute to the vibrancy of downtown Meridian.

The City's residents make up an enviable customer base with one of the highest household incomes in the region. Meridian's retail and service industries include national retailers as well as regional and small, specialty businesses.

EMBRACING THE FUTURE





