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Media Release

Billings Ranked Among America's 10 Great Places to Live by *Kiplinger's Personal Finance*

Rankings Place Value on Livability in Small and Mid-Size Cities.

For Immediate Release

Billings, MT July 25, 2013 – The Billings Chamber of Commerce/Convention and Visitors Bureau is thrilled to announce Billings has been named to *Kiplinger's Personal Finance's* list of 10 Great Places to Live for 2013. The rankings place an emphasis on small and mid-size cities, considering metro areas with a population of one million or less that have good jobs, reasonably priced homes, decent schools and access to great health care. The rankings appear in *Kiplinger's* September 2013 issue—on newsstands August 6, 2013—and available [online](#) now.

Billings, Montana, ranked #6, was selected for its exceptional housing market and low unemployment rate, coupled with a diverse and well-maintained trail system, low crime rate, outstanding health care facilities, a vibrant economy and a wide variety of other quality of life amenities.

“This ranking from *Kiplinger* really embraces what locals already know about Billings: we are an energetic community on the cusp of major growth and development. With our regional economy and enthusiastic business district, Billings is able to grow rapidly and responsibly, while maintaining our small-town roots,” explained Chamber/CVB President and CEO, John Brewer.

“Each year we take a look at America's cities and choose those that stand out in a particular category—say, for raising a family, starting out after college or enjoying retirement,” says Janet Bodnar, Editor of *Kiplinger's Personal Finance*. “The cities in this year's rankings have a manageable size combined with a wide range of benefits that allow residents to enjoy a convenient and comfortable lifestyle.”

Web visitors will find special features, including a tool to [find your best city](#), a [slide show](#) of the 10 Great Places to Live—including picks of what the locals love—and a tool to see [how your city stacks up](#) against *Kiplinger's* picks. In addition, the ranking will be listed with *Kiplinger's* other city rankings in the Best Cities, States & Places special report available at kiplinger.com/links/bestcities. Join the online conversation by using the #KipCities hashtag.

Billings, MT boasts a population of just under 107,000 and is the county seat of Yellowstone County. It is Montana's largest city and provides services for approximately a 500 mile radius. Industries like agriculture, health care, education and energy make up the diverse economy.

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