

Montana-Ireland Trade Commission



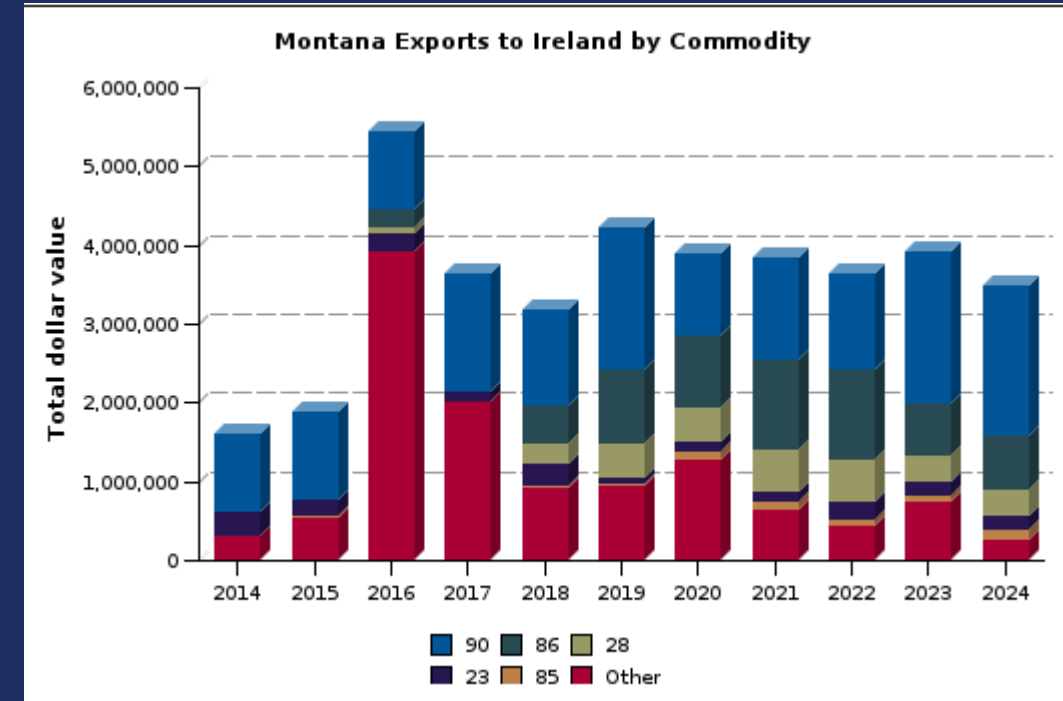
Purpose: The Montana-Ireland Trade Commission was established to foster closer economic ties, promote business and academic exchanges, encourage joint action on shared priorities and support mutual investment in trade, infrastructure and development.

Commission Background: Created with the passage of Senate Bill 320 during the 69th Montana Legislature, the Montana-Ireland Trade Commission builds on our 150-year shared heritage by promoting business and academic exchanges and encouraging economic support and investment between Montana and Ireland.

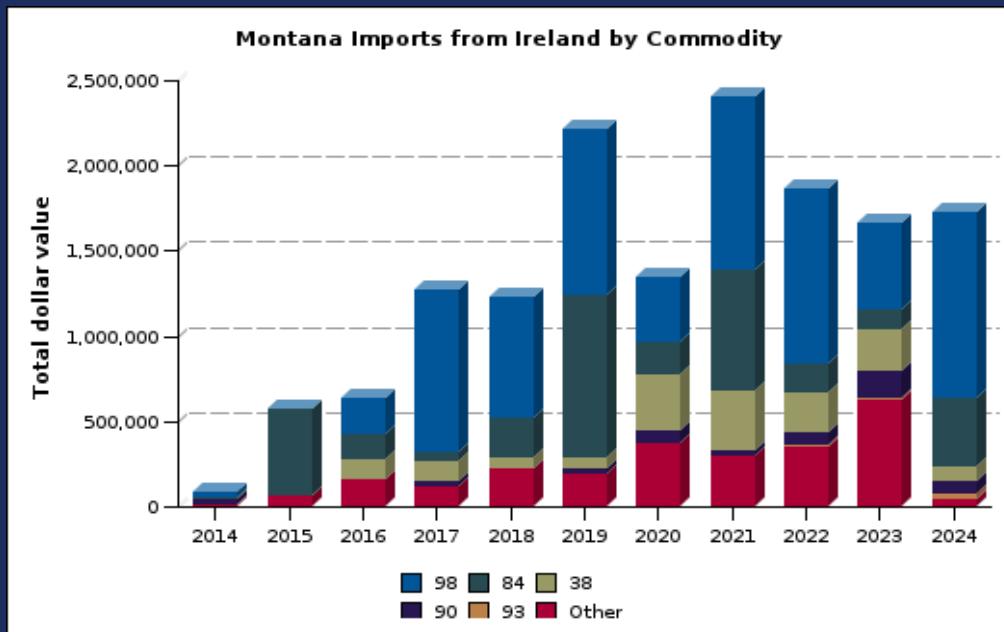


Current Export Goods

Montana's current major export items to Ireland are optics, railway equipment, and inorganic chemicals.



Current Imports Goods



Montana's current imports from Ireland include agricultural implements and forklifts.



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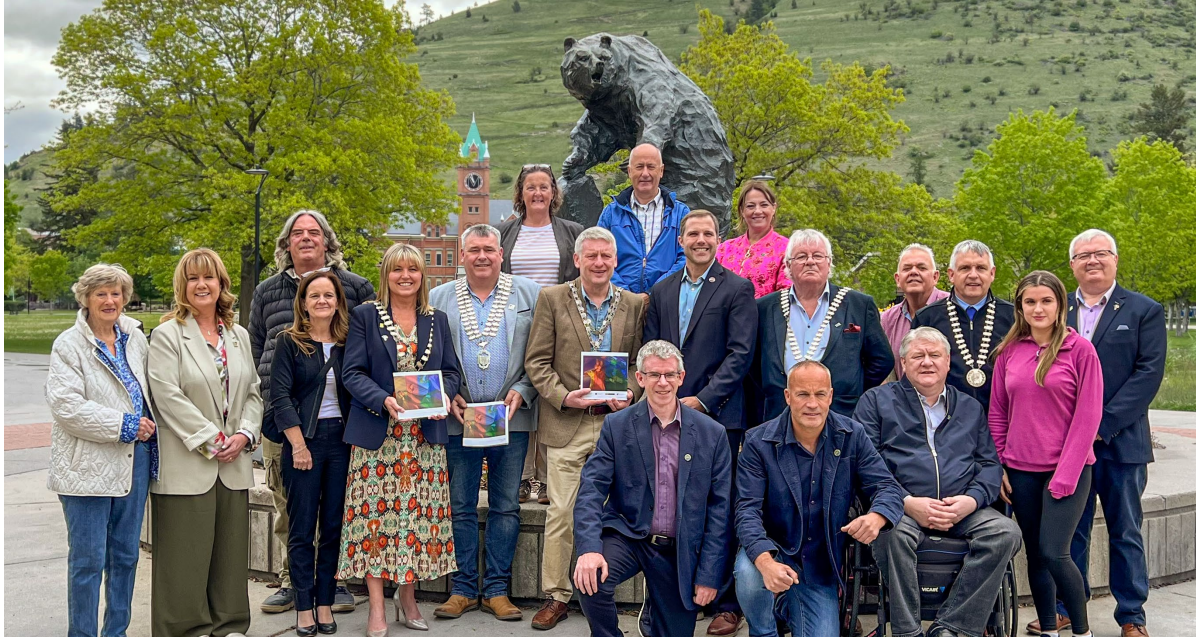
May 2025 Inbound Irish Delegation: A delegation of 21 county officials as well as 60+ community members from Ireland visited Montana. The goal of their week-long visit was to celebrate 150 years of Montana-Irish connections. This was done through community celebrations in Missoula, Helena, and Butte, before proceeding on to Virginia City and Yellowstone National Park. While in Montana, the county official delegates from Cavan, Cork, Meath, and Waterford met with their Montana counterparts at the local level and found further connections through tours and conversations.



Overview of 2025 May Inbound Irish Delegation Partners and Organizations:

- City and County of Missoula
- Missoula Economic Partners
- President's Office, The University of Montana
- Irish Studies Program, The University of Montana
- Kettle House Brewery
- Friends of the Irish Studies
- City of Helena
- Lewis and Clark County
- Montana Business Assistance Center
- Helena Cathedral
- Thomas Francis Meagher Society
- The Ancient Order of Hibernians
- Montana World Affairs Council
- Montana Ambassadors
- General Services Division, State of Montana
- Montana Governor's Office
- Montana Historical Society
- City and County of Butte-Silverbow
- Granite Mountain Mine Memorial
- Jimmy Keane and Aubrey Jaap
- Saint Patrick's Cemetery
- Butte-Silverbow Public Archives
- Headframe Distillery
- The Butte Irish Festival Organizing Committee
- The Butte Elks Lodge No. 240
- Anaconda Smokestack State Park
- Montana Heritage Commission
- Thompson-Hickman Library
- Madison County Library









Opportunities Apparent from May 2025 Inbound Irish Delegation:

- Cultural and academic ties are known and established through events such as Irish Festival in Butte and the Irish Studies program at the University of Montana in Missoula. Additionally, institutions like the Montana Historical Society and the Butte Public Archives house large collections of historic records, photos, and artifacts detailing the Irish experience throughout Montana.
- The Friends of the Irish studies program also has active exchanges of tourist groups going to Ireland but would like to expand these offerings.



The Montana-Ireland Trade Commission accepts gifts, grants and donations.

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