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BY THE NUMBERS: REGISTERED WATERCRAFT IN MONTANA¹

According to the Department of Justice Motor Vehicle Division, there are currently 128,054 registered² motorized watercraft in Montana. Of those, 70,450 have validation decals issued by the Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks. These decals must be purchased every 3 years.

HOW ARE THEY POWERED?

Power Type	Number of Boats
Outboard motor	43,157
Inboard motor	24,275
Inboard/outboard	2,049
Sail only	385
Manual power	307
Sail with outboard motor	203
Sail with inboard motor	73

HOW BIG ARE THEY?

Length	Number of Boats
≥ 20'	16,132
15'-19'	30,659
10'-14'	19,308
≤ 9'	4,350

WHAT KIND OF MOTORIZED CRAFT ARE REGISTERED?

Power Type	Number of Boats
Runabout	38,943
Personalized watercraft	9,421
Jon boat	7,072
Pontoon	4,624
Bass boat	4,523
Day cruiser	1,285
Motorized rubber craft	1,130
Cabin cruiser	924
Canoe	777
Centerboard	528
Keel	422
High performance	344
Yacht	119
Kayak	103
Airboat	85
Houseboat	73
Hydroplane	54
Hovercraft	20

¹As of May 11, 2018

²Watercraft that must be registered include sailboats and windsurfers over 12' long, all motorized watercraft (including those that are occasionally powered by a motor), and amphibious vehicles.