



Over the past several years the City of Missoula has dramatically increased Full Time Staff (FTE). Sometimes the help desk is at capacity and need to pull in the network staff to keep our IT infrastructure functioning at 100%

Our IT environment is different from most so it is not easy for us to pin down how many help desk positions we should have. We try to be as proactive as possible but that can be difficult when we are just troubleshooting user issues.

We have increased our remote office locations to 19 which makes supporting more complicated and time consuming.

Our users have many tools that are different between departments, and have a heavy reliance on technology.

It's hard enough for our support team to handle everything from 8-5, but our operations run 24/7/365. This is a much bigger responsibility for the IT staff so it makes it difficult to support this many users with the existing help desk staff. IT is responsible for hundreds, even thousands of devices.

I feel the "ideal" end user to IT help desk tech ratio at 100:1. With our user base now at 595 FTE that ideal ratio means we should have 6 help desk technicians.

Current Help Desk ratio is 198:1 which is very high.

We are experiencing rapid growth and our trend has been to add non-IT employees and I would argue that this request if Urgent and should be funded now.