

Poverty in the State of Montana

What is the poverty rate in Montana?

According to the American Fact Finder 2012, the poverty level of Montana is 15.5% of the population with an estimated 152,199 people in the state living below the poverty threshold.

What is the distribution of income in Montana?

7.2% of households in the state of Montana make less than \$10,000 annually

6.4% of households in the state of Montana make \$10,000 to \$14,999 annually

13.0% (240) of households the state of Montana make \$15,000 to \$24,999 annually

What percentage of families in Montana receive federal benefits?

3.5% of population is receiving Supplemental Security Income averaging \$8,576 annually

2.2% of population is receiving public cash assistance averaging \$3,085 annually

8.8% of population is receiving Food Stamps/ Supplementary Nutrition Assistance Program

What about children in poverty situations in Montana?

All families with related children under the age of 18 with income below poverty level: 16.9%

All families with related children under the age of 5 with income below poverty level: 23.1%

People under the age of eighteen in poverty in Montana: 20.3%

How far below the poverty threshold are people living?

60,922 people in Montana are estimated to live below 50% of the poverty threshold.

256,040 people in Montana are estimated to live below 150% of the poverty threshold.

365,682 people in Montana are estimated to live below 200% of the poverty threshold.

What is the minimum wage of Montana?

As of January 2013, the minimum wage of Montana is 7.80 an hour.

Are the jobs in Montana low-income?

An estimated 28.1% of all jobs in the state are low-income. We are 40th in the nation.

What percentage of low-income families in Montana work?

An estimated 75.9% of low-income families in Montana are working at least one part-time job.

What about the working poor in Montana?

According to the Working Poor In Montana there is a 36% rate for low-incomes families working, compared to the 32.2% national average.

Montana's low-income workers without a high school diploma or GED is only 13.9% compared to the national average of 30.1%. We are third in the nation.

Montana's low-income workers with no post-secondary experience is 33.8% compared to the national 50.3%. We are second in the nation.

Montana's low-income working families with no parent health insurance is 45.4% compared to a national average of 40%. We are 44th in the nation.