

Summary of Western States Chosen as Comparator States with Montana

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Western States	States with Similar Industries		States with Similar Demographics				Combined Similarity Score based on Industry and Demographics*	States with Similar Benefit Structures				Summary of Western States with most similar benefit structures**	State with Similar Insurance Market	States Montana competes with most for Business (Gov's office)
	Similar Industry Mix	Similar Dangerous Industry Mix	Race	Age	Education	Total Demographic Ranking		TTD	PPD structure		PTD			
									Similar TTD Benefit Structure	PPD structure (Bifurcated approach) (WCRI)				
Alaska	13		4	3	3	1	7				6th AMA	1.67	2 way	
Arizona	11		5	2	3	3	8				6th AMA	1.33	3 way	
California	7		2	3	3	3	9				5th AMA	0.33	3 way	
Colorado	10		5	2	3	3	8				3rd AMA		1 3 way	
Hawaii	11		3	3	1	3	7				5th AMA		1 3 way	
Idaho	12		3	1	2	2	5				none		1 3 way	
Kansas	11		4	2	2	2	6				4th AMA	0.33	2 way	
Montana	20		6	1	1	1	3				6th AMA	3	3 way	
Nebraska	10		2	2	2	1	5				none		1 2 way	
Nevada	8		2	3	1	2	6				6th AMA	1.67	3 way	
New Mexico	14		6	3	2	3	8				6th AMA		3 way	
North Dakota	14		5	1	1	2	4				5th AMA		1 insurance	
Oklahoma	12		3	3	2	2	7				5th AMA		0 3 way	
Oregon	11		2	2	1	2	5				Director discretion	0.33	3 way	
South Dakota	12		4	2	1	1	4				4th AMA		1 2 way	
Utah	9		2	1	3	2	6				Own		0 3 way	
Washington	12		4	2	2	3	7				Own + 5th		1 Monopolistic	
Wyoming	14		4	1	1	1	3				6th AMA	0.67	Monopolistic	

Notes: States in yellow are those states and those features most similar to Montana

\*See attached explanation on how combined similarity score was developed

\*\*Summary scored on similarity of benefit structures was arrived at by giving the TTD,PPD and PTD benefit comparison each a score of 1. And since there were three benefit aspects to PPD, each PPD category was weighted as .333 each. Therefore, if a state had the same statutory criteria as MT, their score would be 3. This method simply highlights the significant differences in benefit structures across states.

\*\*\*Insurance regulatory structure was eliminated as a criteria in the selection of appropriate comparative states due to the fact that Montana's WC regulatory structure appears to be unique (since only private insurers need comply with the insurance regulations on pricing) and is already slated to be studied under SJ 30. A separate comparison group should be chosen for that purpose.