

MONTANA

Key Findings for Montana

- The living wage for a single adult is \$13.94 an hour. This reflects what is needed to meet basic needs, maintain some ability to deal with emergencies, and plan ahead. The living wage for a single adult with two children is \$24.82 an hour.
- Fifty percent of job openings pay less than \$13.94 an hour, the living wage for a single adult. More than four out of five, 86 percent, pay less than \$24.82 an hour, the living wage for a single adult with two children.
- For each job opening that pays at least \$13.94 an hour, the living wage for a single adult, there are eight job seekers on average. For each job opening that pays at least \$24.82 an hour, the living wage for a single adult with two children, there are 30 job seekers on average.

Montana Family Budgets 2012	Household 1: Single adult	Household 2: Single adult with a school-age child (age 6-8 yrs)	Household 3: Single adult with a toddler (12-24 months) and a school-age child (6-8 yrs)	Household 4: Two adults (one of whom is working) with a toddler and a school-age child	Household 5: Two adults (both of whom are working) with a toddler and a school-age child
Food	\$198	\$376	\$498	\$726	\$726
Housing & utilities	\$554	\$697	\$697	\$697	\$697
Transportation	\$595	\$543	\$543	\$1,187	\$1,326
Health care	\$126	\$295	\$389	\$445	\$446
Household, clothing & personal (18%)	\$368	\$478	\$532	\$764	\$799
Savings (10%)	\$204	\$266	\$295	\$424	\$444
Child care	\$0	\$266	\$842	\$0	\$842
Total annual state & federal taxes	\$4,452	\$4,983	\$6,056	\$6,557	\$9,032
Gross monthly income needed	\$2,416	\$3,337	\$4,302	\$4,791	\$6,032
Gross annual income needed	\$28,987	\$40,040	\$51,620	\$57,497	\$72,388
Living wage (at 2080 hr/yr)	\$13.94	\$19.25	\$24.82	\$27.64	\$34.80