



PROJECT COMPASS

MONTANA STATE LIBRARY

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MISSOULA PUBLIC LIBRARY



Income and Poverty

2008

Median Household Income (ACS)	\$43,6 5 4	All People Below Poverty (ACS)	14.8 %
Median Family Income (ACS)	\$56,8 2 0	People Under Age 18 Below Poverty (ACS)	20.6 %
		People Without Health Insurance	16.1 %



Education

Educational Attainment 2008	Percent	Rank
High School Graduates	90.9	4
Bachelor Degree	27.1	23

[U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates](#)

Montana Statewide Database Purchase

- Provide equal access to all citizens of Montana
- Provide remote access so citizens living long distances from libraries can access information
- Provide employment resources



Local Computer Classes

Gates Foundation Computers to all Montana Public Libraries

- Beginning Computers 101
- Basic Word Processing
- Basic Excel
- Publisher
- Setting up email accounts
- How to apply for jobs online
- How to access online information



Fast Links on Library Sites

- Job Service
- U.S. Department of Labor
- Yahoo
- Monster



PARTNERS

- Local Governments
- Montana State Governements
- Local Job Service
- Local Literacy Programs
- Montana Library Association
- Montana State Library
- Local Community Libraries
- Social Service Providers



OUTCOMES

- Increased use of Library Websites
- Library has different presence in community
- Statistics for database use up
- State Legislature support
- Great Partnerships
- Greater User base in libraries



QUOTES FROM USERS

- Great to be able to study for my GED online from home.
- The resume builder makes this a lot easier than I remember it to be.
- I didn't know there were that many careers to choose from. Where do I begin?





QUESTIONS?