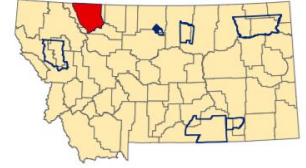




# Blackfeet Reservation

## Montana Poverty Report Card



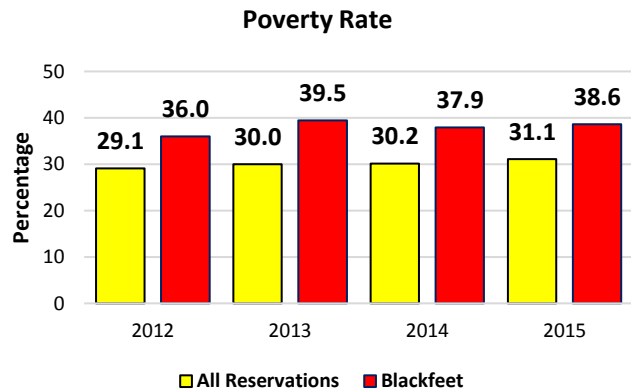
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### SUMMARY

The poverty rate on the Blackfeet Reservation increased from 36% in 2012 to 38.6% in 2015. This increase is very similar to the experience of residents of all reservations in Montana. The participation rate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) decrease substantially in recent years from over 36% to 27%. The labor force participation rate fell from 64% in 2012 to 53% in 2015. This decline is much greater than the decline experience by residents of all reservations in Montana.

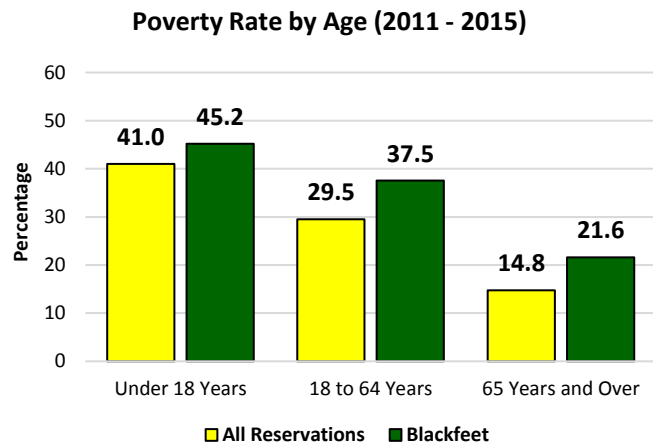
### Poverty Rate

- The poverty rate for the Blackfeet Reservation was 38.6% in 2015, while the rate for all residents of reservations was 31.1%.
- The poverty rate for both the Blackfeet Reservation and all reservations residents increased from 2012 to 2015.



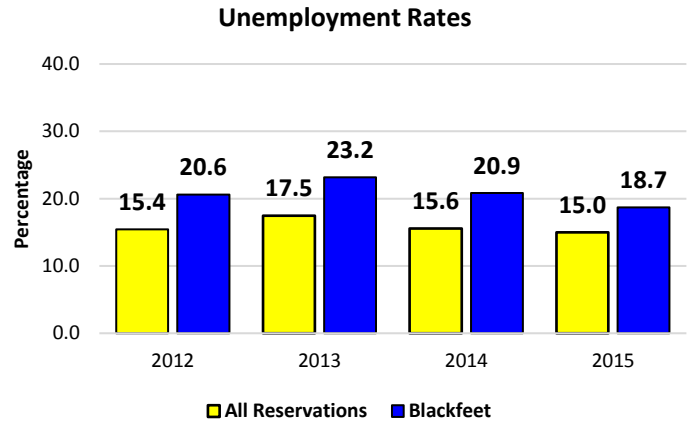
### Poverty Rate by Age

- The Blackfeet Reservation had a greater percentage of individuals in poverty for all age groups than for all reservation residents.



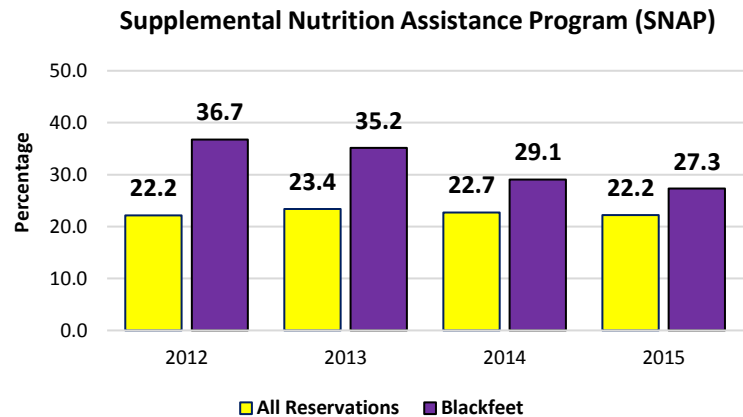
## Unemployment Rate

- The unemployment rate for the Blackfeet Reservation is 18.7% in 2015.
- The unemployment rate for the Blackfeet Reservation and for all reservation residents declined from 2012 to 2015. The decline was larger on the Blackfeet Reservation.



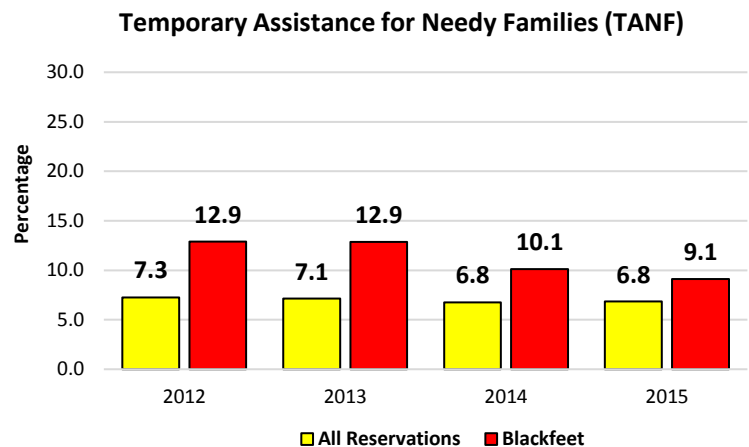
## Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

- The participation rate in the SNAP program on the Blackfeet Reservation was 27.3% in 2015.
- The participation rate in the SNAP program on the Blackfeet Reservation declined significantly while the rate for all reservation residents was unchanged from 2012 to 2015.



## Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

- The participation rate in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program on the Blackfeet Reservation was 9.1%.
- The participation rate in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program on the Blackfeet Reservation declined significantly while the participation rate for all reservation residents declined only slightly from 2012 to 2015.



## Free and Reduced School Lunch Eligibility

- A federal program allows students from low income households to receive either free school lunches or a reduced price for school lunches. A student from a 4 person household is eligible for a free lunches if the household income is below \$31,980 or a reduced price lunch if household income is below \$45,510. The percentage of students eligible for free or reduced prices lunches are listed in the table below by school district. Each of these schools serves a significant area of a reservation in Montana. Data is not available for some schools that serve a reservation (for example: Browning, Lodge Grass and Plenty Coups). Some other districts that serve small portions of a reservation are not listed below.

School	County	%
Hardin Elementary	Big Horn	94.4%
Hardin High School	Big Horn	89.5%
Northern Cheyenne High School	Big Horn	98.8%
Harlem Elementary	Blaine	84.8%
Harlem High School	Blaine	84.7%
Kila Elementary	Flathead	55.3%
Cut Bank Elementary	Glacier	57.8%
Cut Bank High School	Glacier	41.4%
East Glacier Park Elementary	Glacier	80.0%
Box Elder Elementary	Hill	94.2%
Box Elder High School	Hill	97.7%
Rocky Boy Elementary	Hill	92.5%
Arlee Elementary	Lake	79.3%
Arlee High School	Lake	78.8%
Polson Elementary	Lake	57.5%
Polson High School	Lake	37.5%
St. Ignatius School (K-12)	Lake	84.3%
Valley View Elementary	Lake	75.0%
Ronan Elementary	Lake	90.7%
Ronan High School	Lake	56.3%

School	County	%
Charlo Elementary	Lake	65.4%
Charlo High School	Lake	45.2%
Dodson School (K-12)	Phillips	90.8%
Valier Elementary	Pondera	50.0%
Valier High School	Pondera	41.7%
Frontier Elementary	Roosevelt	65.3%
Poplar High School	Roosevelt	97.3%
Culbertson Elementary	Roosevelt	48.8%
Culbertson High School	Roosevelt	35.8%
Wolf Point Elementary	Roosevelt	94.6%
Wolf Point High School	Roosevelt	94.6%
Froid Elementary	Roosevelt	50.0%
Froid High School	Roosevelt	50.0%
St. Labre Catholic High School	Rosebud	89.4%
Hot Springs School (K-12)	Sanders	68.3%
Medicine Lake Schools (K-12)	Sheridan	68.3%
Frazer Elementary	Valley	99.0%
Nashua Schools (K-12)	Valley	29.9%
Lustre Elementary	Valley	35.0%
Morin Elementary	Yellowstone	96.1%

## Utilization of Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

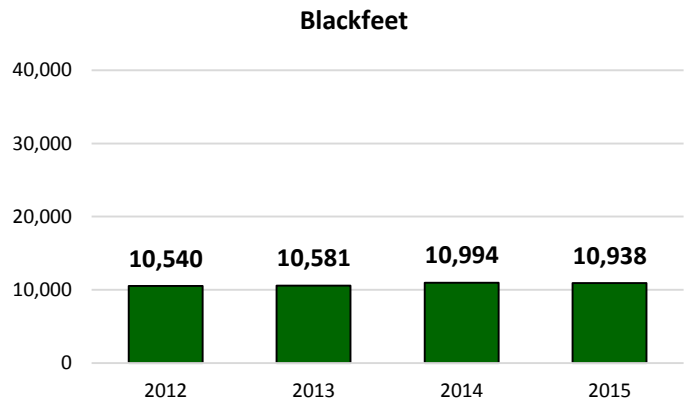
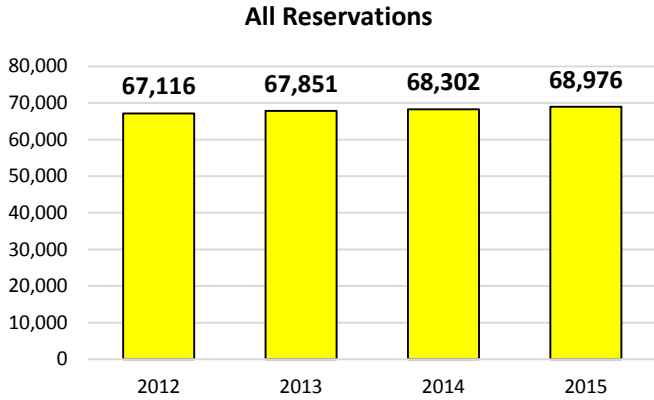
- Information is currently unavailable.

## Medicaid Utilization Estimates

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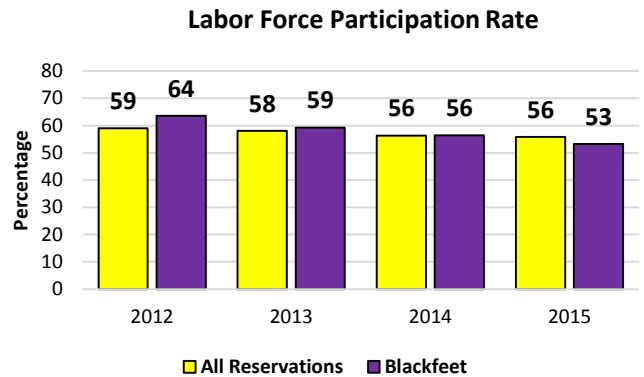
## Population

- The 2015 population on the Blackfeet Reservation is 10,938. This is an increase of 3.8% since 2012.
- The 2015 population of all Montana reservations is 68,976. From 2012 to 2015, the reservation population increased 2.8%.



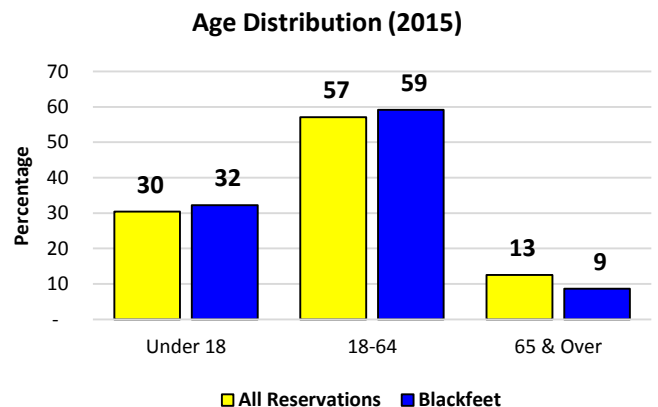
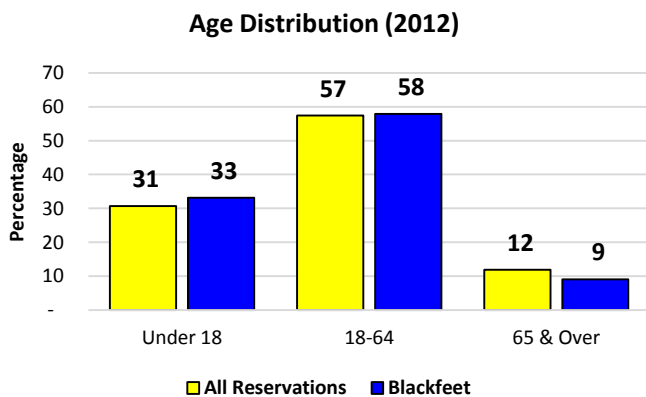
## Labor Force

- The labor force participation rate on the Blackfeet Reservation declined from 64% to 53% from 2012 to 2015.
- The labor force participation rate for all residents of reservations in Montana declined slightly from 59% to 56%.



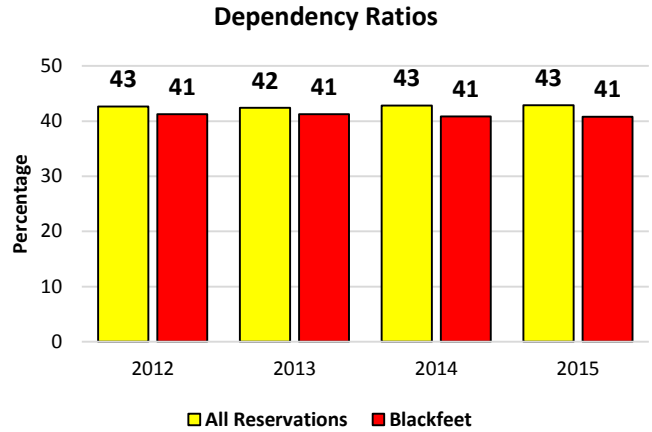
## Age Distribution

- In 2015, approximately one third of all residents of the Blackfeet Reservation are under age 18 while 9% are age 65 or older.
- In 2015, 30% of residents of Montana’s reservations are under age 18 while 13% are over age 65.



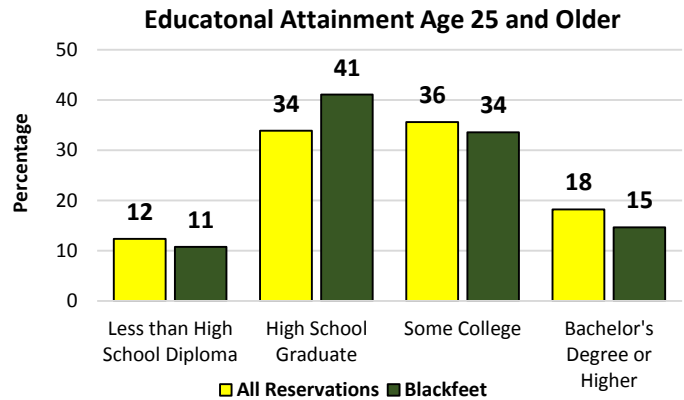
## Dependency Ratios

- The dependency ratio is calculated by adding the under 18 population and the 65 and over population and dividing this by the age 18 to 64 population. The dependency ratio for all reservation residents is approximately 43%.
- The dependency ratio for the Blackfeet Reservation remained constant at 41% from 2012 to 2015.



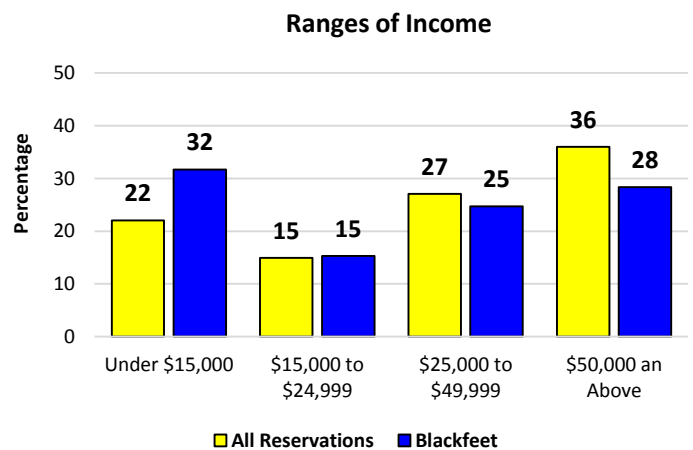
## Educational Attainment Age 25 and Older

- The highest educational attainment for residents (age 25 and older) of all Montana reservations is 12% less than a high school diploma, 34% high school graduate and 18% hold a bachelor’s degree or higher.
- The highest educational attainment for most residents (age 25 and older) of the Blackfeet Reservation is to hold a high school diploma (41%). Approximately 15% of Blackfeet Reservation residents age 25 and older have earned a bachelor’s degree or higher.



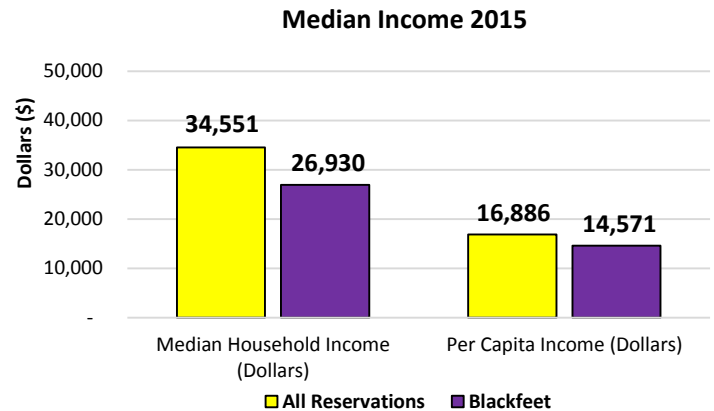
## Ranges of Income

- In 2015, 22% of households on all Montana reservations had income less than \$15,000, while 36% had incomes over \$50,000.
- On the Blackfeet Reservation, 32% of households had income less than \$15,000 and 28% had income of over \$50,000.



## Median Income

- In 2015, the median household income on the Blackfeet Reservation was \$26,930 compared to \$34,551 for all reservation households.
- The per capita income for the Blackfeet Reservation (\$14,571) was also lower than the all reservation per capita income (\$16,886).



## Personal Income by Source

- Information is currently unavailable.

## Transfer Payments

- Information is currently unavailable.

## Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)

- Information is currently unavailable.

The data sources for this report can be found at [www.msuextension.org/poverty](http://www.msuextension.org/poverty).