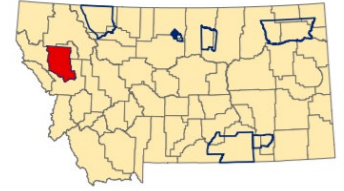




Flathead Reservation

Montana Poverty Report Card



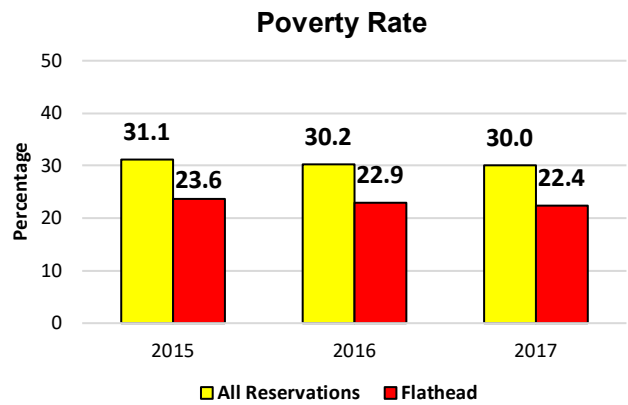
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SUMMARY

The poverty rate on the Flathead Reservation decreased slightly from 24.4% in 2015 to 23.5% in 2017. The unemployment rate declined from 11.5% in 2015 to 8.7% in 2017. This rate is much lower than the 13.1% unemployment rate experienced by residents of all reservations. Participation in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) has decreased in recent years, from 19.1 in 2014 to 18.1 in 2017. This is less than the 21.3% experienced by all reservation residents.

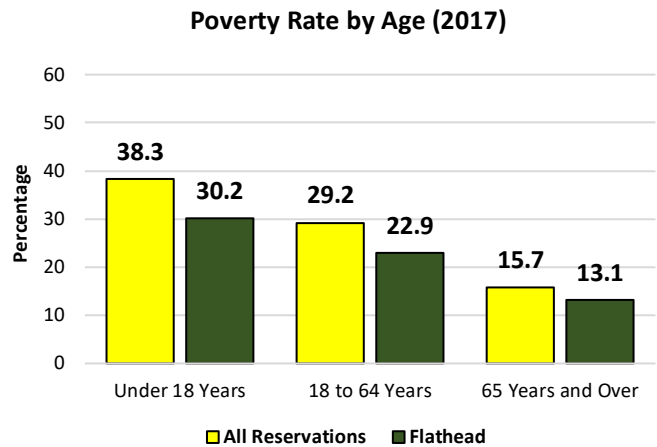
Poverty Rate

- The poverty rate for the Flathead Reservation was 23.5% in 2017, while the rate for all residents of reservations was 30.1%.
- The poverty rate for the Flathead Reservation declined from 2015 to 2017 while the all reservation rate increased slightly.



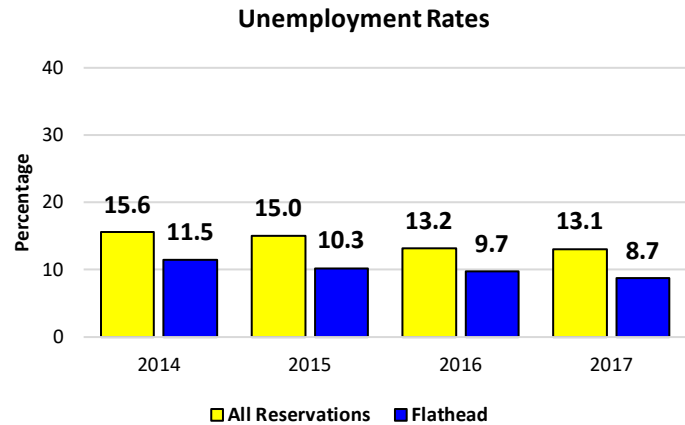
Poverty Rate by Age

- The Flathead Reservation has a smaller percentage of individuals in poverty for all age groups than for all reservation residents.



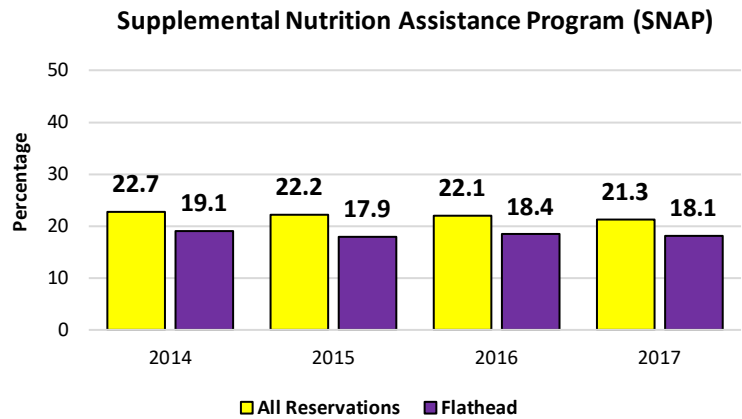
Unemployment Rate

- The unemployment rate for the Flathead Reservation was 8.7% in 2017.
- The unemployment rate for the Flathead Reservation and for all reservation residents declined from 2014 to 2017. The percentage decline was larger on the Flathead Reservation.



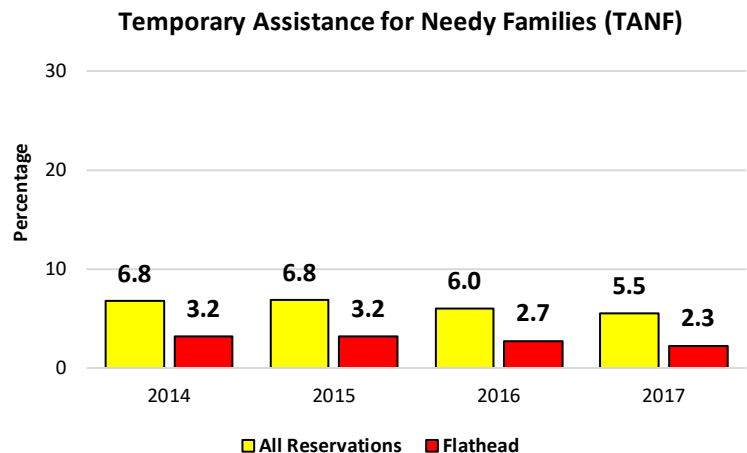
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

- The participation rate in the SNAP program on the Flathead Reservation was 18.1% in 2017.
- The participation rate in the SNAP program on the Flathead Reservation and all reservations decreased slightly from 2014 to 2017.



Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

- The participation rate in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program on the Flathead Reservation was 2.3%.
- The participation rate in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program on the Flathead Reservation and all reservations declined slightly from 2014 to 2017.



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 \$32,630 or a reduced price lunch if household income is below \$46,435. The percentage of students eligible for free or reduced prices lunches in 2018 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	97.64
Northern Cheyenne High School	Big Horn	98.68
Harlem Elementary	Blaine	93.61
Harlem High School	Blaine	94.89
Kila Elementary	Flathead	49.43
Cut Bank Elementary	Glacier	56.50
Cut Bank High School	Glacier	45.33
East Glacier Park Elementary	Glacier	77.78
Box Elder Elementary	Hill	99.32
Box Elder High School	Hill	94.2*
Rocky Boy Elementary	Hill	92.5*
Arlee Elementary	Lake	81.04
Arlee High School	Lake	84.43
Polson Elementary	Lake	58.79
Polson High School	Lake	38.43
St. Ignatius School (K-12)	Lake	82.21
Valley View Elementary	Lake	67.86
Ronan Elementary	Lake	85.55
Ronan High School	Lake	82.03

School	County	%
Charlo Elementary	Lake	60.00
Charlo High School	Lake	44.68
Dodson School (K-12)	Phillips	92.94
Valier Elementary	Pondera	55.84
Valier High School	Pondera	49.09
Frontier Elementary	Roosevelt	66.67
Poplar High School	Roosevelt	99.10
Culbertson Elementary	Roosevelt	59.81
Culbertson High School	Roosevelt	48.65
Wolf Point Elementary	Roosevelt	99.66
Wolf Point High School	Roosevelt	94.6*
Froid Elementary	Roosevelt	31.11
Froid High School	Roosevelt	50.00
St. Labre Catholic High School	Rosebud	98.70
Hot Springs School (K-12)	Sanders	65.95
Medicine Lake Schools (K-12)	Sheridan	38.68
Frazer Elementary	Valley	99.0*
Nashua Schools (K-12)	Valley	43.48
Lustre Elementary	Valley	35.0*
Morin Elementary	Yellowstone	96.1*

* Indicates 2017 data

Utilization of Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

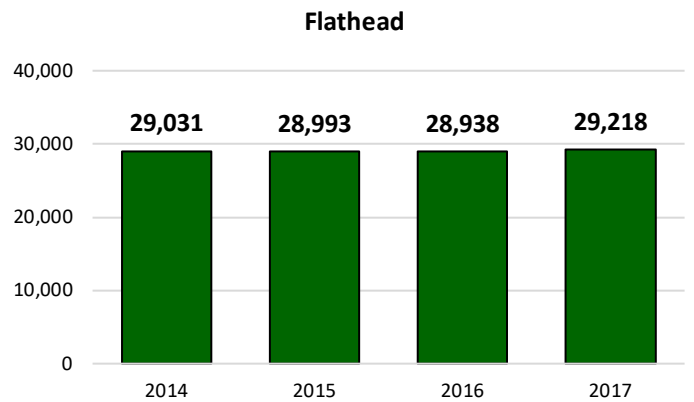
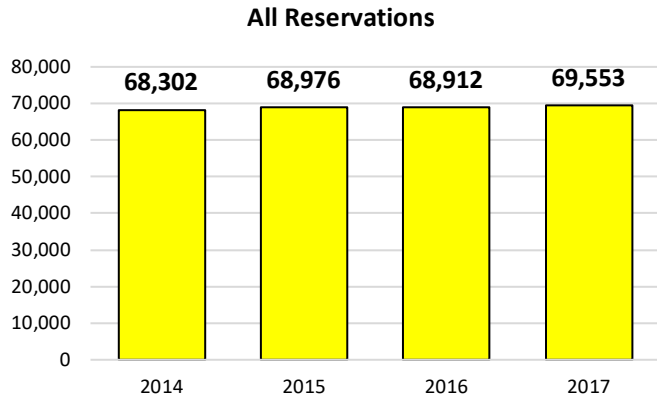
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Medicaid Utilization Estimates

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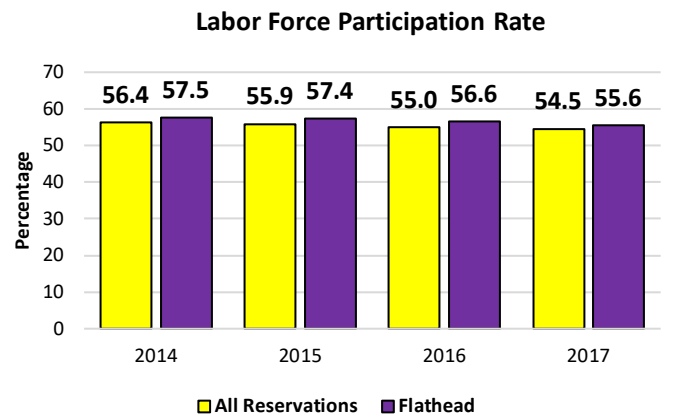
Population

- The 2017 population on the Flathead Reservation is 29,218. This is an increase of 0.6% since 2014.
- The 2017 population of all Montana reservations is 69,553. From 2015 to 2017, the reservation population increased 1.8%.



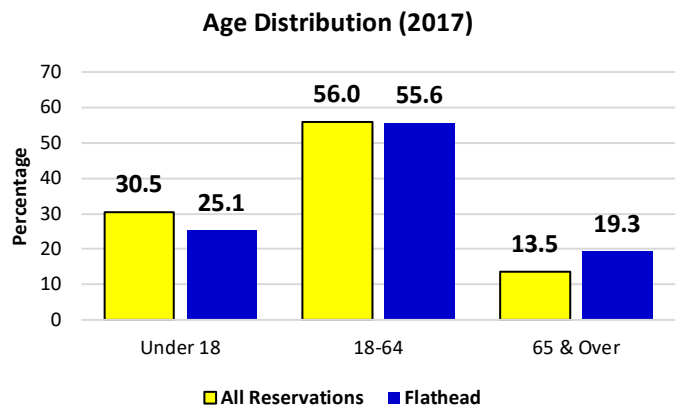
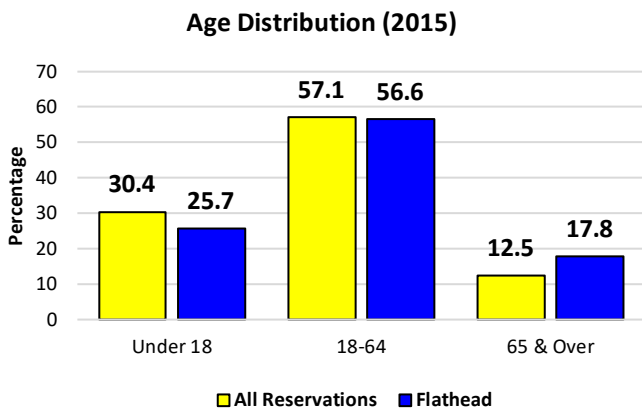
Labor Force

- The labor force participation rate on the Flathead Reservation declined from 57.5% to 55.6% from 2014 to 2017.
- The labor force participation rate for all residents of reservations in Montana declined slightly from 56.4% to 54.5%.



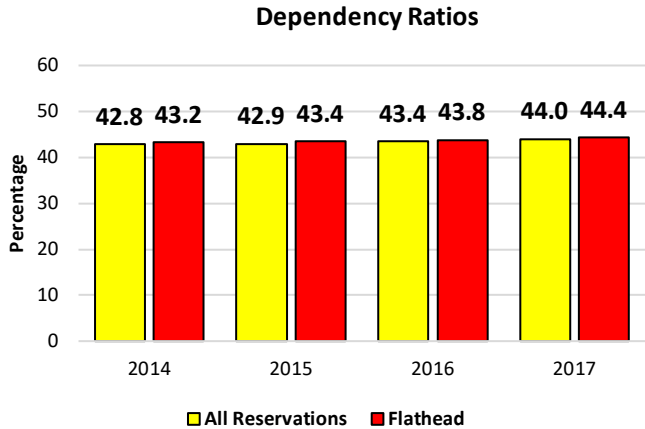
Age Distribution

- In 2017, 25.1% of all residents of the Flathead Reservation were under age 18 while 19.3% are age 65 or older.
- In 2017, 30.5% of residents of Montana’s reservations were under age 18 while 13.5% are over age 65.



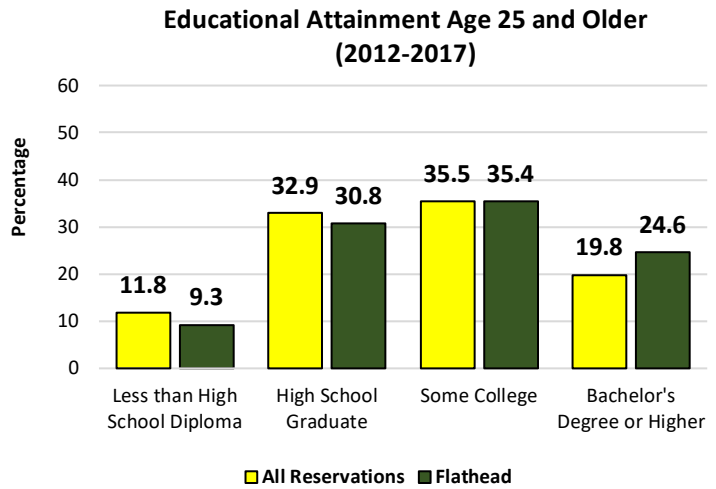
Dependency Ratios

- 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 44%.
- The dependency ratio for the Flathead Reservation increased slightly from 43.2% to 44.4% from 2014 to 2017.



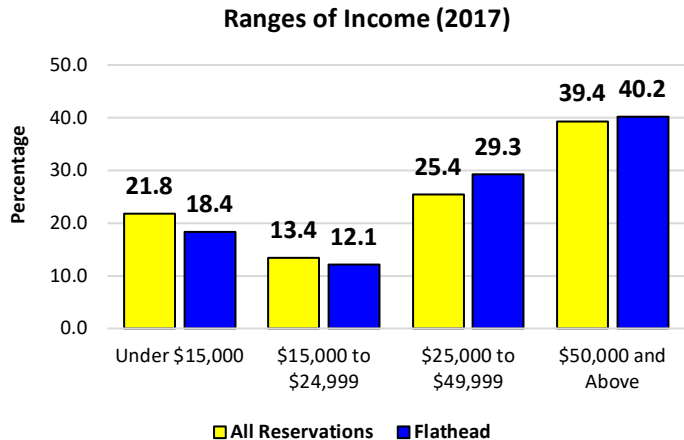
Educational Attainment Age 25 and Older

- Educational attainment is reported for residents 25 and older. Based on recent information for all reservations, 11.8% had less than a high school diploma, 32.9% were high school graduates, 35.5% had some college, and 19.8% held at least a bachelor degree.
- On the Flathead Reservation, 9.3% of residents 25 and older had less than a high school diploma, while 24.6% had earned a bachelor’s degree or higher.



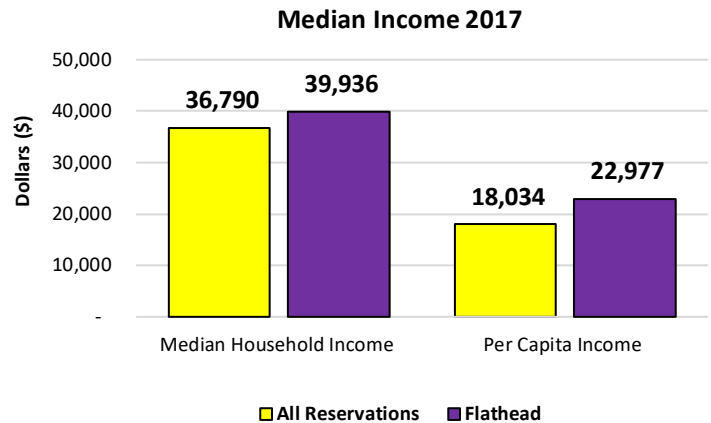
Ranges of Income

- In 2017, 21.8% of households on all Montana reservations had income less than \$15,000, while 39.4% had incomes over \$50,000.
- On the Flathead Reservation, 18.4% of households had income less than \$15,000 and 40.2% had income of over \$50,000.



Median Income

- In 2017, the median household income on the Flathead Reservation was \$39,936 compared to \$36,790 for all reservation households.
- The per capita income for the Flathead Reservation (\$22,977) was higher than the all reservation per capita income (\$18,034).



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.