

Making **KIDS COUNT** in the 2019 Legislative Session

Senate District 43 Sen. Jason Ellsworth



| POPULATION | District | State |
|--------------------|----------|-----------|
| Total population | 20,052 | 1,029,862 |
| Children ages 0-4 | 707 | 61,218 |
| Children ages 5-17 | 2,611 | 164,940 |
| Median age | 51 | 40 |



| ECONOMIC WELL-BEING | District | State |
|---|----------|----------|
| Median household income (2017\$) | \$41,377 | \$50,801 |
| Children in poverty (<100% FPL) [§] | 27% | 18% |
| Children ages 0-18 who have public health insurance | 52% | 38% |
| Tax return filers who would qualify for a state EITC ^{1§§} | 1,226 | 76,267 |



| SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION | District | State |
|---|----------|---------|
| Preschool-aged children NOT enrolled in school | 43% | 60% |
| Children enrolled in grades K-12 | 2,848 | 162,262 |
| Graduation rate, all students ² | N/A | 86% |
| Graduation rate, disabled students ² | N/A | 77% |



| SAFETY | State |
|---|-------|
| High school students texting/emailing while driving ³ | 54% |
| High school students talking on a cell phone while driving ³ | 57% |
| High school students driving after drinking alcohol ³ | 8% |
| Traffic crash fatalities and incapacitating injuries ⁴ | 917 |

The best way to ensure that children get ahead is to make sure that they never fall behind.

Sources: Data source is the 2013-2017 American Community Survey, unless otherwise noted.

¹ Earned Income Tax Credit; Brookings Institution.

² 2018, Montana Office of Public Instruction.

³ 2017 Youth Risk Behavior Survey, OPI; High school students who have engaged in behavior on at least one occasion during the past 30 days.

⁴ 2017, Montana Department of Transportation.

[§] Below 100% of the Federal Poverty Level;

\$20,420 for a family of 3 in 2017.

^{§§} Tax return filers who currently qualify for the federal EITC.

** Rate withheld due to low count.



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