

# MONTANA

## Fortifying Main Street:

*The Economic Benefit of Public Pension Dollars in Rural America*

### Key Findings

Average percent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for each county type in the state:

- Capital: 3.0%
- Metropolitan: 1.3%
- Micropolitan: 2.3%
- Rural: 1.7%

Total average percent of GDP in the state: 1.7%

Average percent of Total Personal Income (TPI) for each county type in the state:

- Capital: 2.7%
- Metropolitan: 1.2%
- Micropolitan: 1.8%
- Rural: 1.8%

Total average percent of TPI in the state: 1.5%

Table A21. **Montana County Data**

No.	County Name	County Type	2018 Pension Benefits	Benefits as a % of GDP	Benefits as a % of Total Personal Income	Population Change (2000 vs 2018)
1	Beaverhead	Rural	\$7,457,932.21	1.89%	1.78%	2.20%
2	BigHorn	Micropolitan	\$5,824,480.17	0.61%	1.43%	5.26%
3	Blaine	Rural	\$3,073,527.93	1.56%	1.44%	-2.88%
4	Broadwater	Rural	\$4,534,367.79	3.84%	1.90%	38.77%
5	Carbon	Micropolitan	\$6,857,492.58	2.73%	1.35%	12.16%
6	Carter	Rural	\$588,939.81	0.74%	1.07%	-8.97%
7	Cascade	Metropolitan	\$57,739,370.13	1.53%	1.49%	1.60%
8	Chouteau	Rural	\$3,525,170.66	1.68%	1.64%	-3.77%
9	Custer	Micropolitan	\$11,951,567.78	2.65%	2.31%	-0.94%
10	Daniels	Rural	\$1,178,452.52	1.37%	1.40%	-13.39%
11	Dawson	Rural	\$7,699,597.27	1.85%	1.96%	-4.18%
12	DeerLodge	Rural	\$17,287,597.93	6.70%	4.85%	-3.04%
13	Fallon	Rural	\$2,529,474.18	1.18%	1.75%	2.93%
14	Fergus	Micropolitan	\$10,324,211.82	2.47%	2.12%	-6.56%
15	Flathead	Metropolitan	\$53,414,498.28	1.43%	1.11%	37.11%
16	Gallatin	Metropolitan	\$57,518,410.85	1.11%	0.94%	64.93%
17	Garfield	Rural	\$514,556.44	0.93%	1.12%	-0.86%
18	Glacier	Micropolitan	\$5,660,532.54	1.31%	1.19%	3.77%
19	GoldenValley	Rural	\$879,650.87	3.35%	2.17%	-20.73%
20	Granite	Rural	\$2,439,397.18	2.79%	1.65%	19.36%
21	Hill	Micropolitan	\$11,072,023.49	1.50%	1.50%	-1.96%
22	Jefferson	Micropolitan	\$53,672,033.55	20.89%	9.25%	20.38%
23	JudithBasin	Rural	\$1,417,890.87	0.82%	1.44%	-16.19%
24	Lake	Micropolitan	\$15,103,940.96	2.12%	1.27%	14.12%
25	LewisandClark (Capital)	Metropolitan	\$91,523,965.55	2.97%	2.74%	23.30%
26	Liberty	Rural	\$1,173,575.05	0.67%	1.18%	12.60%
27	Lincoln	Micropolitan	\$10,334,518.27	2.10%	1.47%	5.08%
28	McCone	Rural	\$973,283.02	0.98%	1.38%	-15.28%
29	Madison	Rural	\$5,194,431.83	1.36%	1.21%	27.98%
30	Meagher	Rural	\$1,629,168.71	2.04%	1.89%	-3.42%
31	Mineral	Rural	\$3,491,301.08	4.06%	2.02%	11.12%
32	Missoula	Metropolitan	\$87,256,431.24	1.74%	1.48%	24.00%
33	Musselshell	Rural	\$2,923,578.74	0.99%	1.46%	3.42%

Table A21. **Montana County Data (continued)**

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34	Park	Micropolitan	\$8,215,063.44	1.60%	1.02%	6.64%
35	Petroleum	Rural	\$314,144.06	1.40%	1.71%	4.06%
36	Phillips	Rural	\$3,083,600.25	2.33%	1.93%	-11.45%
37	Pondera	Rural	\$4,323,266.25	2.50%	1.71%	-7.04%
38	PowderRiver	Rural	\$1,277,442.55	1.29%	2.29%	-7.64%
39	Powell	Rural	\$8,467,546.53	4.44%	3.06%	-2.95%
40	Prairie	Rural	\$1,006,798.42	2.76%	2.07%	-9.34%
41	Ravalli	Micropolitan	\$20,596,099.51	2.12%	1.07%	19.69%
42	Richland	Micropolitan	\$5,017,088.57	0.51%	0.75%	12.89%
43	Roosevelt	Micropolitan	\$5,265,691.69	1.23%	1.37%	4.13%
44	Rosebud	Rural	\$4,767,109.04	0.61%	1.24%	-3.41%
45	Sanders	Micropolitan	\$5,853,713.03	1.97%	1.42%	15.81%
46	Sheridan	Rural	\$2,940,203.32	1.25%	1.63%	-16.59%
47	SilverBow	Micropolitan	\$34,279,873.59	2.49%	2.00%	1.12%
48	Stillwater	Rural	\$5,808,735.03	0.94%	1.18%	16.34%
49	SweetGrass	Rural	\$2,806,956.19	1.15%	1.70%	2.80%
50	Teton	Rural	\$4,500,789.22	1.78%	1.65%	-4.39%
51	Toole	Rural	\$3,722,715.90	1.31%	1.69%	-7.86%
52	Treasure	Rural	\$672,528.96	0.66%	2.05%	-21.14%
53	Valley	Rural	\$6,188,691.66	2.13%	1.77%	-3.10%
54	Wheatland	Rural	\$1,365,332.22	1.40%	1.70%	-1.02%
55	Wibaux	Rural	\$1,001,477.18	1.32%	1.90%	-3.18%
56	Yellowstone	Metropolitan	\$101,380,140.13	1.14%	1.21%	23.80%

Figure A61. **Montana County Type**

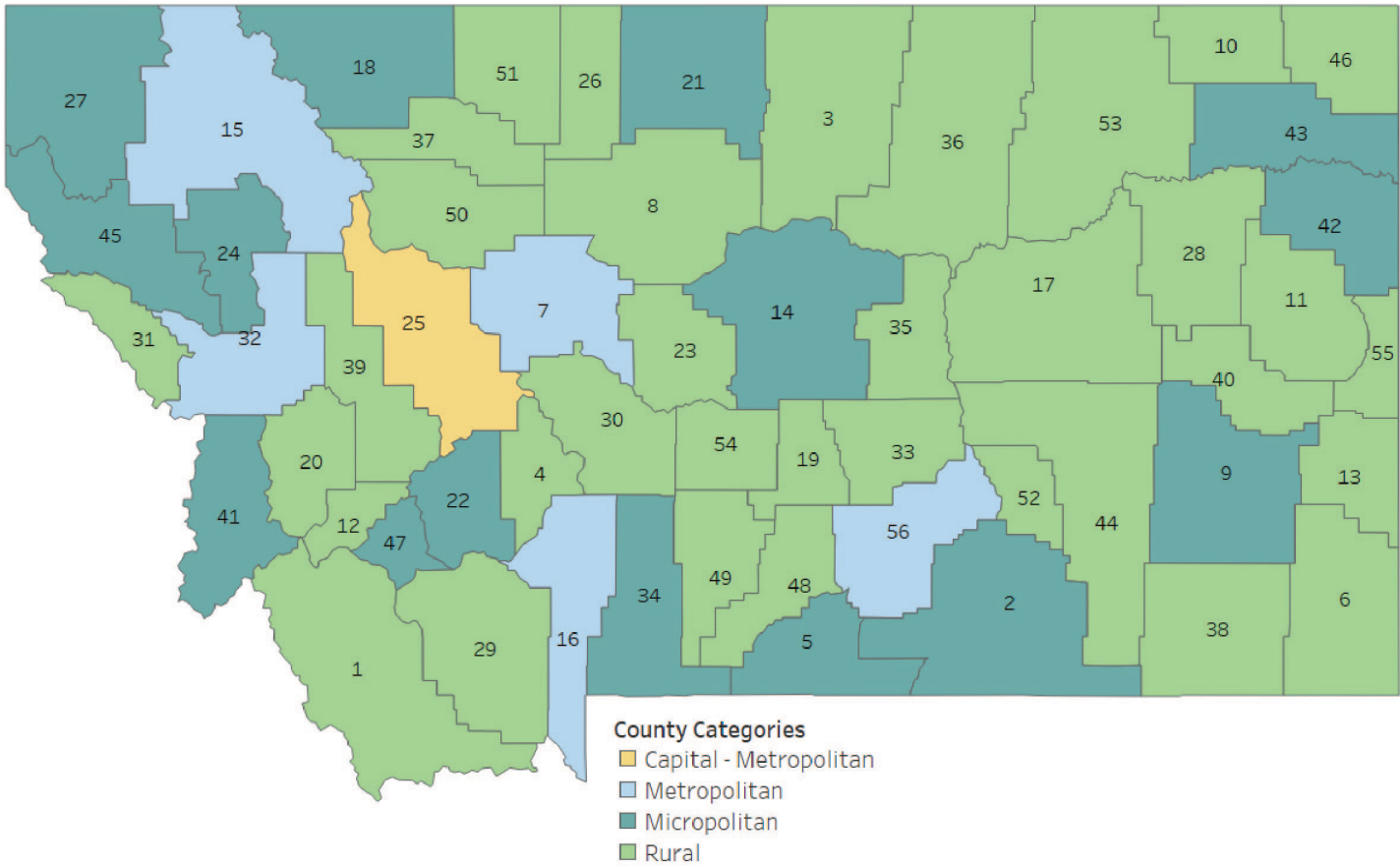


Figure A62. **Montana Pension Benefit Dollars as Share of County GDP**

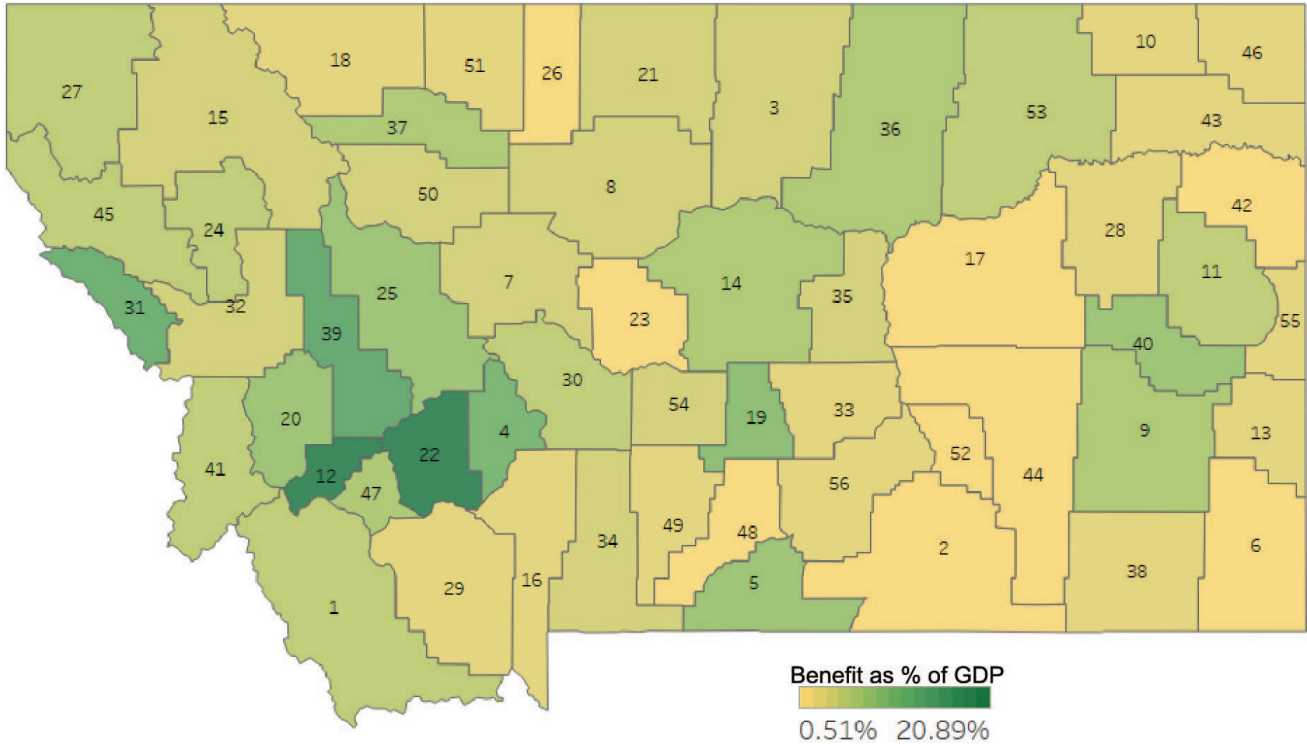
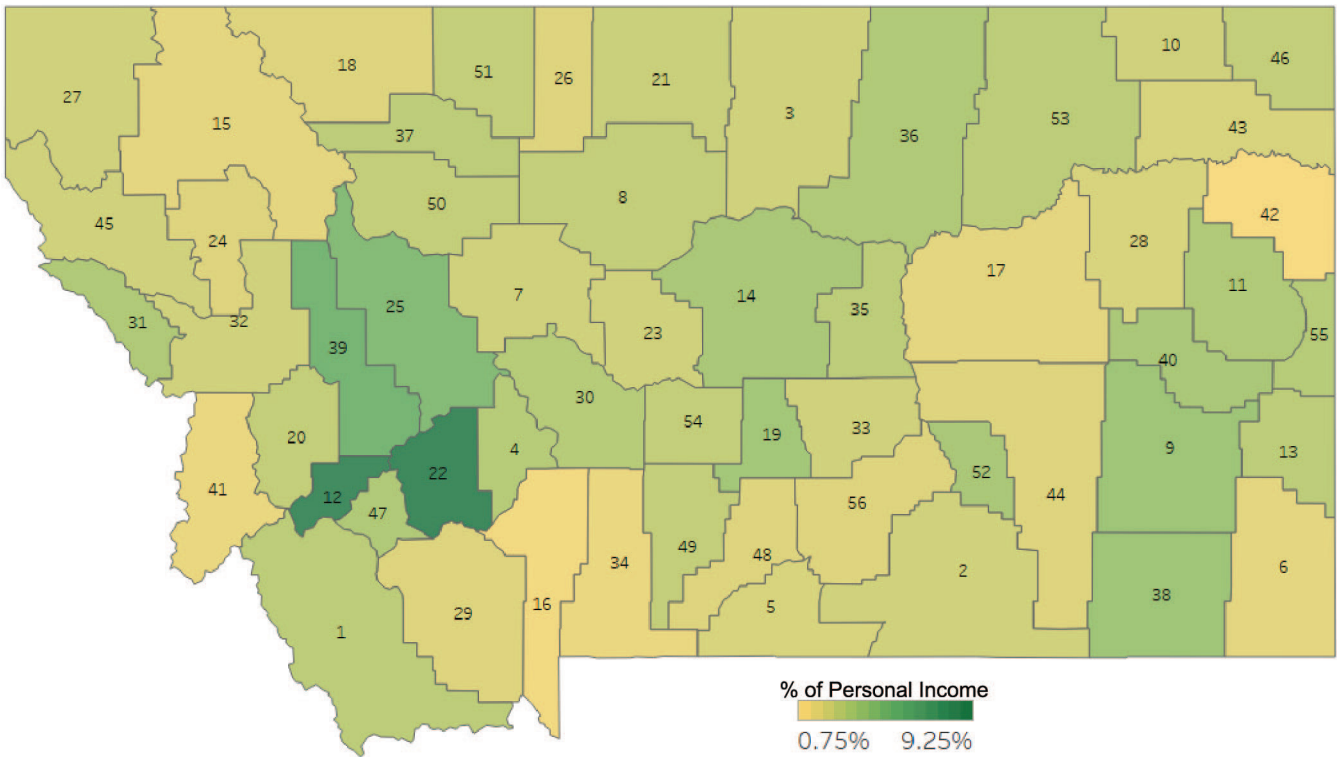


Figure A63. **Montana Pension Benefit Dollars as Share of County Total Personal Income**



Overview

In Montana, we received data from the Montana Public Employee Retirement Administration and the Teachers' Retirement System.