

**Maine Center for Economic Policy – State Fiscal Analysis Initiative
Summary of Research, Analysis, and Public Education – 2015**

Date	Policy Briefs
April 2015	Policy Brief: Maine’s Public College Affordability Crisis
April 2015	Policy Brief: Fix Maine’s EITC to Reward Work and Reduce Poverty
May 2015	Policy Brief: Honoring Maine’s Veterans, Serving Better Those Who Served

Date	Research/Analysis
01-29-15	Analysis of cost of retroactive bonus depreciation/federal tax conformity proposal
02-01-15	Research ACA enrollment—and the population remaining eligible for Medicaid expansion—by county and town
02-01-15	Research health insurance enrollment rates in marketplace
02-13-15	Analysis of Governor LePage’s tax reform plan
02-17-15	Analysis of cost to eliminate estate tax
03-09-15	Analysis of jobs/economic return of federal child care funds
03-09-15	Research tax havens
03-20-15	Analysis of labor force participation rates
03-23-15	Analysis of number Mainers and their employment type to benefit from a minimum wage increase
03-30-15	Analysis of cost to double Maine’s property tax homestead exemption and how to pay for it
04-15-15	Analysis of “Better Deal” tax plan
04-15-15	Research number of Mainers hurt by abusive payday loans practices
04-17-15	Analysis of which wage earners benefit from governor’s proposed \$292 million tax cut
04-27-15	Analysis of number of involuntary part-time workers in Maine
04-28-15	Analysis of revenue raised from a new income tax bracket with a rate of 10% on high wage earners
04-30-15	Research other states’ economic experiences where they have accepted federal healthcare funds
05-01-15	Collaboration with Husson College on hospital best practices regarding price information for the uninsured
05-04-15	Research impact of right to work laws on wages
05-05-15	Research child food insecurity
05-05-15	Analysis of impact of lost tax revenue from elimination of income tax
05-07-15	Research Mainers without retirement savings, Mainers who work part-time jobs
05-18-15	Distributional impacts of Democratic and Republican tax plans
05-19-15	Distributional impacts of competing tax plans
05-19-15	Estimated distributional impact of three Maine tax proposals
05-19-15	Analysis of tax plan cuts taxes for the wealthy in proposed tax plans
06-30-15	Analysis of who benefits from refundable sales tax fairness credit
07-31-15	Research how poverty contributes to food insecurity
07-31-15	Research unemployment rates in rural counties
07-31-15	Research SNAP uptake in rural Maine
08-06-15	Analysis of HiSet high school equivalency testing/passing rates
08-18-15	Analysis of ACA family coverage glitch
09-17-15	Analysis of census health insurance rates, children
10-15-15	Inventory of low-income tax credits
12-15-15	Revenue loss from eliminating the state cap on itemized deductions
12-18-15	Analysis of unemployment rates vs. labor participation rates

Date	Events
02-13-15	MECEP’s 2015 Tax & Budget Conference, <i>Let’s Get Fiscal</i>

Date	Presentations
01-07-15	Keynote: Maine Educational Opportunity Association’s annual conference: The State of Higher Education Funding:

	Road for the Future in Maine?, C Daggett
01-21-15	AFL-CIO, Budget and Tax Reform, J Johnson
01-17-15	NAACP, My Brother's Keeper, Challenges and opportunities for adult minority men, G Martin
02-06-15	Northern Forest Center, Impact of Changes in Healthcare and Education on Community Vitality, G Martin
02-17-15	Western Labor Council, Budget and Tax Reform, J Johnson
02-19-15	Keynote Speaker, New England Opportunity Association, TRIO Conference, South Portland, C Daggett
03-03-15	Council on Aging conference, Budget and Tax Reform, G Martin
03-11-15	Kennebec Valley Community Action Program, Budget and Tax Reform, G Martin
03-17-15	Jewish Film Festival event, Portland, Immigration and race, poverty, G Martin
03-25-15	University of Maine, economics class, G Martin
03-30-15	Portland event, Budget and Tax Reform, G Martin
04-08-15	Minimum wage panel, Bangor, C Daggett
04-23-15	Tele-Town Meeting, Budget and Tax Reform, G Martin
04-30-15	State Labor Council, Budget and Tax Reform, J Johnson
05-12-15	Volunteers of America, Economic and Employment Challenges Facing America's Veterans, C Daggett
05-20-15	Plenary session, Maine Association of Assessors, Lincoln Land Institute conference, property taxes, J Johnson
06-26-15	Minimum wage panel, Lewiston, G Martin
07-21-15	Maine Children's Alliance Press conference, child poverty, G Martin
07-30-15	Testimony before National Hunger Commission, hunger, poverty, SNAP, EITC, C Daggett
07-17-15	Presentation to Upward Bound students, UMPLI, higher education, C Daggett
09-15-15	Keynote, 2nd annual Maine Summit on Aging: Demographics, Work and Maine's Faltering Economy, G Martin
10-16-15	Plenary session, Women's Economic Security Summit, G Martin
10-15-15	Maine Association of Realtors, poverty and economic security, G Martin
11-21-15	Maine Alliance of Retired Americans, Medicaid and Social Security, M Sullivan
11-15-15	Bangor Community Council, economic security, G Martin
11-18-15	Kennebec Valley Community Action Program, economic security, G Martin
11-19-15	Ellsworth, poverty and economic security, G Martin
12-15-15	Lift 360, poverty and economic security, G Martin
12-17-15	Planned Parenthood of Northern New England Board of Directors, poverty and economic security, G Martin

Date	MECEP Matters E-newsletter
01-30-15	Latest on Maine's economy and Medicaid expansion
04-03-15	Balanced budget amendment
05-18-15	Honoring Maine's Veterans, budget and taxes, college affordability, EITC
07-16-15	Legislative round-up, payday lending, interns
10-30-15	Campaign finance reform, health insurance data, federal EITC/CTC

Date	Blog Posts
01-20-15	Educational Opportunity: Opening Doors to Prosperity from Someone Who Knows, C Daggett
01-23-15	Economist predicts slow and uneven economic growth in 2015, M Sullivan
01-26-15	The Sunday Telegram Analysis of LePage's Tax Plan is Fatally Flawed. Ignore it, J Johnson
01-28-15	The Maine Capital Investment Credit is an Ineffective and Unnecessary Giveaway to Large Businesses, J Johnson
01-28-15	Maine Capital Investment Credit: A Bogus "Bonus" Maine Can't Afford, G Martin
01-29-15	EITC Awareness Day: To receive it, you have to claim it, M Sullivan
02-03-15	Eliminating Maine's Estate Tax: Another Gift from Governor LePage to Wealthy Mainers, J Johnson
02-5-15	After Sixteen Years of Progress Reducing Smoking Rates, Maine Shouldn't Call Off the Fight, C Daggett
02-13-15	We're Getting Fiscal, M Sullivan
03-03-15	Maine's community colleges blaze the trail to prosperity for aspiring Maine workers, C Daggett
03-04-15	Cutting Taxes on Pensions Won't Keep Retirees from Moving to Other States, J Johnson
03-09-15	Higher Education Cuts Jeopardize Students' and Maine's Economic Future, J Harris and C Daggett
03-11-15	Mainers dislike payday lenders, J Harris
03-16-15	Health coverage for thousands of working Mainers at risk in Supreme Court case, C Daggett

03-17-15	Federal grants now available for local food initiatives, M Sullivan
03-18-15	Many non-resident estates would benefit from Governor LePage's proposed estate tax repeal, J Johnson
03-19-15	A paperwork obstacle is denying Maine kids healthy, nutritious school meals, J Harris
03-19-15	The only surprise in Maine's labor force participation decline is why it took so long to happen, J Johnson
03-24-15	Labor Department's minimum wage testimony misses the mark, J Johnson
03-25-15	Low-income Maine residents benefit from Governor LePage's proposed sales tax fairness credit, J Johnson
03-26-15	Maine legislators must reject the Governor's call for a Constitutional Convention, J Johnson
04-07-15	The True Tale of a Health Policy Maverick, C Daggett
04-10-15	Education committee fails Maine college students, J Harris
04-14-15	#BetterDeal4ME is a big winner in Maine's major newspapers, M Sullivan
04-16-15	What's wrong with the governor's tax proposal, in one chart, J Johnson
04-28-15	Governor's Credit Ratings Claims Ignore Maine's Precarious Financial Position, C Daggett
04-30-15	Accepting federal healthcare funds strengthens state finances, creates jobs, and grows state economies, C Daggett
05-01-15	Debt buyers drain over \$7 million out of Maine consumers, J Harris
05-04-15	Eliminating Maine's Income Tax: A Boon to Wealthy Mainers, Will Hurt Everyone Else, G Martin
05-05-15	3 Unsavory Ways to Pay for Eliminating Maine's Income Tax, G Martin
05-15-15	Rejecting federal health care funds is costing Maine \$26.7 million in General Fund savings, C Daggett
05-15-15	Tax Plan Gives Huge Tax Breaks to the Wealthy While Raising Taxes for Working Mainers and Seniors, G Martin
05-18-15	Everything you need to know about the Democratic and Republican tax plans in one chart, G Martin
05-19-15	Where tax fairness is concerned, the legislative Republicans' tax plan is the worst of all, G Martin
05-22-15	The one question Republican legislators need to answer, G Martin
06-04-15	A crumbling road is not the route to economic growth, J Harris
06-08-15	A win for uninsured Maine young people, C Daggett
06-15-15	Immigrants: Honesty, not incendiary political rhetoric, A Haggard
06-16-15	Latest Budget Deal modestly improves Maine tax system progressivity, G Martin
06-24-15	Mainers in part-time and low-wage jobs face living out their retirement years in poverty, J Harris
06-26-15	Mainers win in King v. Burwell, A Haggard
06-29-15	Protecting Mainers from unscrupulous debt collectors, J Harris
06-30-15	Legislators can help working families by vetoing bonds release bill veto, J Harris
06-30-15	Budget deal includes refundable tax credit for low- and moderate-income Mainers, J Johnson
07-02-15	New overtime regulation changes are welcome, J Jelin
07-13-15	Bonds: Building blocks for a stronger Maine economy, L Mullen
07-23-15	Department of Defense moves to protect service members and their families from abusive creditors, L Mullen
07-29-15	The day health care in America changed forever, M Sullivan
07-30-15	Medicare at 50, M Sullivan
08-03-15	Happy birthday to Medicaid and to the thousands of children whose lives it has saved, C Daggett
08-04-15	Medicare: 50 years old and, since health care reform, more fiscally fit, M Sullivan
08-06-15	New high school equivalency test providing opportunity for hundreds of Mainers, J Harris
08-10-15	Mainers' food security depends upon a stronger, improved SNAP, A Haggard
08-11-15	Medicaid works in Maine, M Sullivan
08-18-15	Fix the ACA family coverage "glitch", J Jelin
09-02-15	Time to turn off Maine's wasteful tax expenditure "faucet", M Sullivan
09-17-15	Health Insurance Coverage in Maine: Heading in the Wrong Direction, Particularly for Children, G Martin
10-15-15	An agenda to give American families a much-needed raise, M Sullivan
10-22-15	Allowing working family tax credits to expire will make it more difficult for families to make ends meet, M Sullivan
10-28-15	Progress on child hunger, but still a long way to go to eradicate food insecurity, M Sullivan
11-02-15	Transportation bonds: A public safety must, an economic development essential, M Sullivan
12-02-15	Shop 'til you drop — It's no holiday for retail workers, J Harris
12-15-15	Is DHHS SNAP mismanagement putting Maine families at risk of hunger? M Sullivan
12-16-15	Maine's working families set to score an important win in House/Senate tax package, M Sullivan
12-18-15	Maine's Lower Unemployment Rate Not Necessarily Good News, J Mayall
12-21-15	Governor LePage ignores the value of land conservation to Maine's economy, J Myall
12-30-15	Employment trends threaten the economic security of working families, J Harris

Earned Media	
	Op-eds
01-02-15	Bangor: Fred Turner worked hard at the Bucksport mill to make the American dream reality, C Daggett
01-20-15	Bangor: Colonoscopies for \$3,166 or \$721: Why finding out is progress, C Daggett
01-29-15	Central Maine: Stricter federal laws needed to rein in unscrupulous payday lenders, M Sullivan
01-31-15	Portland: 'A Post-Christmas Carol': Avoiding the pernicious payday loan debt trap, M Sullivan
02-17-15	Scholars Strategy Network: As Politicians Resist Health Reform, Maine People Sign Up—Especially in Coastal and Rural Communities, C Daggett
05-17-15	Maine Sunday Telegram: Veterans need more than our thanks, H Brewster
05-23-15	Central Maine: Veterans need more than our thanks, H Brewster
05-31-15	Lewiston: A Tale of Two Counties, C Daggett
06-02-15	Portland: LePage's LMF moves threaten democratic process, former conservation officials say, M Sullivan
06-03-15	Central Maine: LePage's LMF moves threaten democratic process, former conservation officials say, M Sullivan
06-24-15	Bangor: Crucial college grant gets much-needed boost in Maine's new budget, C Daggett
07-24-15	Portland: Workers, families, businesses will all benefit from higher minimum wage, A. Haggard
09-01-15	Portland: Make sure leaders support great gains of Social Security and Medicare, M Sullivan
09-03-15	Central Maine: Maine Voices: Make sure leaders support great gains of Social Security and Medicare, M Sullivan
09-07-15	Bangor: Maine legislators help working families. Will Congress follow suit? G Martin and E Vitelli
	Letters to the Editor
11-19-15	Portland: Maine legislative panel should advance crackdown on abusive for-profit schools
11-19-15	Bangor: Student loan oversight
	Press Releases
01-09-15	MECEP Statement on Gov. LePage's Proposed Budget
01-20-15	MECEP Statement on President Obama's State of the Union Address
02-17-15	MECEP Statement on Gov. LePage's Proposal to Cut Income Taxes and Repeal Maine's Estate Tax
03-09-15	Bill to Plug Corporate Tax Haven Loopholes Would Recover \$5 Million Annually in Lost State Revenues
03-26-15	Governors' Proposed Convention a "Radical Political Gambit that Threatens Our Constitution"
03-30-15	Bill to Restore Estate Tax Exclusion to \$1 Million Will Make Maine's Tax System "Fairer and More Efficient"
04-02-15	CFPB Initiative Is an Important Step toward Ending Unscrupulous, Abusive Lending Practices
04-06-15	New MECEP Report Finds a "Public College Affordability Crisis" in Maine, Especially for Working Families
04-10-15	"Better Deal for Maine" Is a Win for Working Families, Homeowners, and Maine's Economy
04-15-15	MECEP Analysis: Better Deal for Maine "Provides Bigger Tax Cuts for More Mainers"
04-27-15	New MECEP Report: "Fix Maine's EITC to Reward Work and Reduce Poverty"
05-05-15	Eliminating Maine's Income Tax "Will Tear a \$1.7 Billion Hole" in Future Budgets, "Puts Funding for Schools and Other Vital Services at Risk"
05-07-15	New MECEP Report: "Honoring Maine's Veterans: Serving Better Those Who Served"
05-13-15	MECEP Hails Tax Committee Vote Against Income Tax Repeal Amendment
05-15-15	Republican Tax Plan Will Raise Taxes for Working Mainers and Seniors
06-29-15	MECEP Urges the Maine House and Senate to Override Veto of Key Legislation to Protect Maine Consumers from Unscrupulous Debt Collectors
07-02-15	MECEP Endorses Campaign Finance Referendum
09-16-15	New Census Data Reveal Maine is the Only State that has not Experienced an Increase in the Percentage of People with Health Insurance Since ACE Passage
09-22-15	MECEP Statement on Gov. LePage's Proposal to Seek a Ballot Initiative to Reduce Maine's Income Tax to 4 Percent by 2021
12-18-15	MECEP Congratulates Maine Delegation for Supporting Legislation to Make Permanent Vitrally Important Working Family Tax Credits
	Citations
01-02-15	Bangor: Kicking people off food stamps doesn't make them less impoverished or employed (editorial)
01-06-15	Bangor: Paying a livable wage isn't only about good business. It's the right thing to do (op-ed Heather Denkmire)
01-07-15	Lewiston: LePage launches second term with promises of job growth and a stronger economy

01-09-15	Portland: LePage's budget aims to make big changes in the state's tax code
01-12-15	MaineBiz: Five Maine economists give us their 2015 outlook
01-13-15	Bangor: What can Maine taxpayers expect from LePage's tax reform plan? (news analysis)
01-15-15	The New Republic: Republican Governors to Food-Stamp Recipients: Get a Job Already!
01-16-15	House Speaker Weekly Radio Address: "Maine's comeback story starts with good jobs and strong wages"
01-21-15	Portland: Obama's tuition, tax-cut plans praised in Maine, but terror strategy criticized
01-25-15	ME Sunday Telegram: LePage Plan Will Reduce Tax Burden for Most Maine Workers
01-26-15	The Forecaster: Portland mayor concedes minimum wage won't happen this year
02-03-15	House Speaker Press Statement: Maine is behind and headed in the wrong direction
02-05-15	Portland: Buying local is in the cards for fledgling Maine business
02-07-15	Bangor: Why I'm proposing a higher minimum wage for Bangor
02-18-15	Maine Progressives Warehouse: Public Responds To LePage FY 2016-17 Biennial Budget (Day 1)
03-26-15	House Speaker Press Statement: House Speaker Statement on Governor Kasich's Presidential Politics
04-08-15	Bangor: Bangor councilor makes case for city minimum wage hike
04-15-15	House Speaker Press Statement: Non-Partisan National Tax Institute: Better Deal for Maine Beats LePage Plan on Tax Cuts for Working Families
04-16-15	Portland: LePage, Democrats promote dueling tax overhauls
04-24-15	Central Maine: Bill tying quality jobs to tax breaks raises a ruckus
04-28-15	Portland: LePage administration wants to make it easier for employers to get tax breaks under state-backed jobs program
04-29-15	Portland guest op-ed: Maine Voices: Maine should increase Earned Income Tax Credit and make it refundable
05-05-15	Bangor: Lawmakers wrestle with whether Maine can afford to eliminate income tax
05-12-15	Central Maine: Maine must better connect veterans to existing services, panel says
05-14-15	Portland: Crucial legislative panel rejects LePage plan to end income tax
05-21-15	House Speaker Press Statement: New ITEP Analysis: GOP Tax Plan Raises Taxes For Middle and Low Income Families, Boon for Wealthy
05-22-15	House Speaker Press Statement: Top Democrat reiterates commitment to tax reform
05-28-15	Lewiston: Maine lawmakers urged to support convention to overturn Citizens United
06-02-15	Lewiston: Maine Democrats rip GOP leader on forcing state budget standoff
06-11-15	Bangor Blogpost: Here's the clear proof Fredette tax plans favor the rich
06-12-15	The Beacon: The New Markets scam
06-30-15	Maine Environmental News: Legislators can help working families by overriding bonds release bill veto
07-07-15	Maine Insights: Spaghetti dinner/minimum wage forum packed with supporters and enthusiasm
07-07-15	Bangor: Portland's new minimum wage law could make waves in other cities
07-08-15	Tax Credits for Working Families Web Site: Maine's EITC Becomes Refundable
07-21-15	Bangor: Will Maine share in health reform's success or follow Old Confederacy?
07-27-15	Portland: Referendum push a plus, and risk, for Maine Republicans
09-15-15	Portland: Maine Summit on Aging tackles issues facing state as population ages
09-16-15	Bangor: Number of uninsured down in every state except Maine
09-24-15	The Beacon: Gov. LePage's tax initiative is a huge giveaway to the wealthy
	Radio/TV Interviews and News
03-16-15	WZON: C Daggett, funding Maine's community colleges
01-13-15	WVOM: G Martin, budget and tax reform
01-14-15	WZON: G Martin, budget and tax reform
01-15-15	MPBN Maine Calling: C Daggett, workforce development
01-21-15	WCSH: Local politicians react to SOTU, tax fairness, wage equality, child care
01-30-15	WZON: C Daggett, budget and tax reform
01-30-15	MPBN: Gov. LePage's Efforts to Conform to Federal Tax Code Run Into Snag
02-02-15	Fox News: LePage to continue campaign for his budget, tax overhaul plan in State of the State address
02-06-15	WGAN NewsRadio: Michael Leachman, income tax cuts don't lead to prosperity
02-09-15	WVOM: Michael Leachman, income tax cuts don't lead to prosperity
02-09-15	WZON: The Pulse, Michael Leachman, income tax cuts don't lead to prosperity
02-17-15	WCSH6 News: Public hearings begin on Gov. LePage's budget, J Johnson, impact of tax cuts

02-18-15	WZON: M Sullivan, budget and tax reform
02-21-15	TideSmart Talk: J Johnson, budgets, climate change
02-25-15	MPBN Maine Calling: C Daggett, workforce development
03-10-15	WZON's Don Cookson: G Martin, tax havens
03-11-15	MPBN Maine Calling: G Martin, tax policy
03-24-15	WVOM: J Johnson, minimum wage
03-31-15	WVOM: M Sullivan, estate tax
04-08-15	WZON: Interview with Garrett Martin, minimum wage
04-15-15	WZON: M Sullivan, budget and tax reform
04-29-15	WVOM: J Johnson, EITC
05-04-15	WZON: C Daggett, Medicaid expansion
05-06-15	WVOM: Joel Johnson, budget and tax reform
05-13-15	WZON: H Brewster, veteran's policies
05-18-15	WZON-AM: G Martin, budget and tax reform
05-19-15	WVOM-AM/FM: G Martin, budget and tax reform
06-10-15	WZON: G Martin, budget and tax reform
06-17-15	WZON: G Martin, budget and tax reform
07-21-15	WCSH-TV/WLBZ-TV: 2015 Kids Count shows Maine children sinking lower into poverty
07-31-15	WZON: C Daggett, bills to accept federal funds to expand health coverage
08-03-15	WZON: C Daggett, MECEP testimony before the National Commission on Hunger
08-20-15	WZON: M Sullivan, Social Security and Medicare
09-04-15	WZON: M Sullivan, tax expenditures
09-05-15	WZON: M Sullivan, tax expenditures
09-15-15	WABI: Maine's Council on Aging Hosts Annual Summit
09-16-15	MPBN: Maine Lags Nation in Health Coverage
09-18-15	WZON: G Martin, new census data on health insurance coverage in Maine
09-24-15	WVOM: G Martin, Gov. LePage's proposed income tax cut referendum
09-25-15	MPBN: Health Insurance Eligibility for Maine Kids 'Not a Very Clear Process'