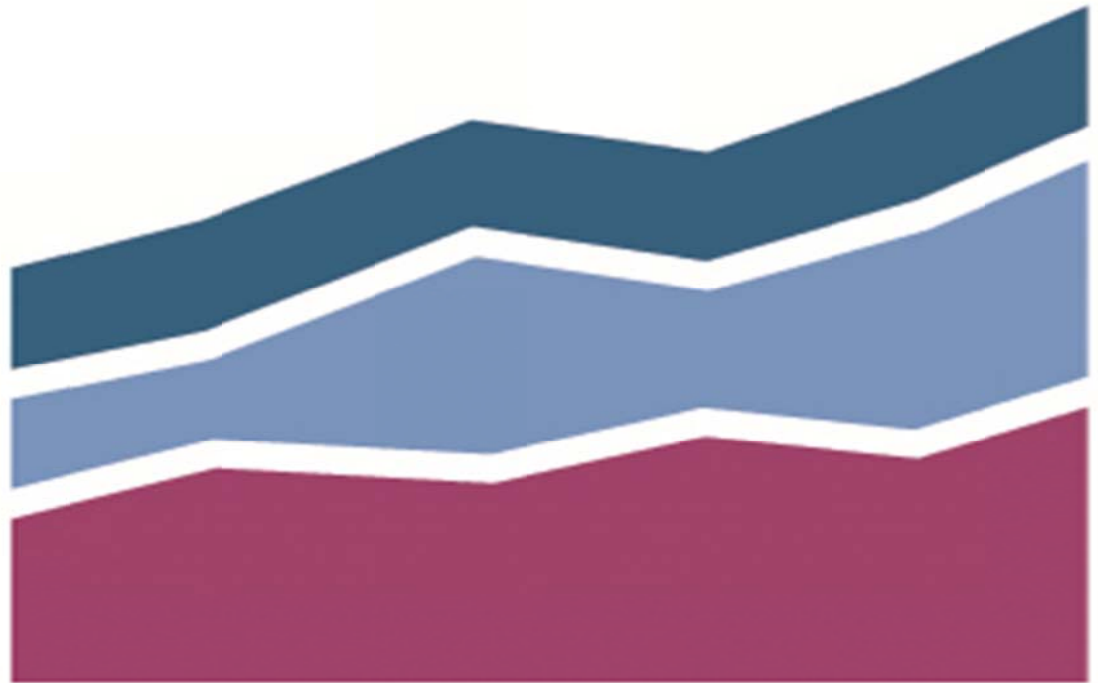


MAINE CENTER FOR ECONOMIC POLICY



2015

Annual Report

The Maine Center for Economic Policy provides citizens, policymakers, advocates, and media with credible and rigorous economic analysis that advances economic justice and prosperity for all Maine people.

Maine Center for Economic Policy

Dear Friend,

2015 was a watershed year for the Maine Center for Economic Policy. We stuck to our knitting—providing credible and rigorous analysis to policymakers, advocates, and media—to make a positive difference. Nowhere was this more apparent than our work on the state budget.

MECEP worked tirelessly behind the scenes to evaluate different budget proposals and craft alternatives for legislators to consider. This work was more important than ever since Governor LePage limited policymakers' ability to obtain needed information to develop their own plans.

With our assistance, legislators rejected the governor's harmful fiscal policies and overrode his veto to pass a budget that:

- Averts future fiscal crises by avoiding costly future tax cuts primarily for the wealthy.
- Boosts funding for K-12 education, University of Maine and Maine Community College, and college scholarships for low-income students.
- Directs \$50 million in refundable tax credits to more than 150,000 low-income Mainers.
- Increases property tax relief for Maine homeowners by protecting state aid to municipalities and doubling the homestead exemption for all Maine homeowners.


While these changes will result in a more progressive tax system and increase the likelihood that the state can uphold commitments to students and communities, there is still much work to do to advance economic justice and prosperity for all Maine people.

MECEP continues to provide analysis on some of the most important opportunities for Maine—accepting federal funds to provide access to affordable health care for tens of thousands of Mainers and restructuring the rules of our economy so that hard working Mainers are able to provide for their families.

MECEP's presence in the media and online was as robust as ever in 2015. Our work was cited in over 100 news articles, op-eds, and radio shows. Our blog has become the go-to place for analysis on topics ranging from Maine's labor market and economy to payday lending. Finally, people and organizations throughout Maine routinely call on us for information and analysis to inform their work. In 2015, MECEP staff responded to an unprecedented number of information requests and spoke at conferences and gatherings throughout Maine and New England on topics that included higher education affordability, women's economic security, and Maine's demographics and economy.

None of this work would be possible without the commitment of dedicated staff, board, and supporters. We will miss the many contributions of Christy Daggett, Joel Johnson and Alex McAuliff who left MECEP's staff in 2015. New staff members Sarah Austin, Megan Michaud, and James Myall have allowed a seamless transition as we look forward to continuing to deliver high quality, credible analysis that makes a difference in the years ahead.

Sincerely,



Garrett Martin, Executive Director

2015 Financial Statement

Revenues

Grants	\$665,723
Contracts	\$2,000
Donations	\$143,777
Other	\$6,422
Total	\$817,922

Expenses

Research and Analysis	\$593,694
Fundraising	\$39,580
Management and General	\$158,318
TOTAL	\$791,592

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Assets

Net Assets Year-beginning	\$311,630
Net Assets Year-end	\$340,525
Unrestricted Funds	\$288,554
Temporarily Restricted Funds	\$35,417

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