

## State of Your District 2019:

# House District 78

Benton (part) and Winslow

Between 2006 and 2018, the economy in this district grew by approximately 0.4% annually, as measured by total taxable retail sales. Over the same period, sales in the state grew by 0.4% annually.

| Employment & Poverty |  |                   |
|----------------------|--|-------------------|
| Your District        |  | Statewide Average |
| 84.6%                | of adults aged 25-54 are working. In the past, over 90% of this group have been working in parts of Maine.                     | 82.7%             |
| 25.1%                | of children in this district live in poverty. Children in poverty have worse health and educational outcomes.                  | 16.7%             |
| 15.1%                | of people in this district live in poverty. Mainers in poverty don't have the resources to meet the most basic needs.          | 12.9%             |
| 702                  | families claim the Earned Income Tax Credit in this district. The EITC reduces poverty by boosting income for working families | 99,871 (total)    |

| Education     |  |                   |
|---------------|--|-------------------|
| Your District |  | Statewide Average |
| 3.8%          | of working-age adults (age 25-64) did not complete high school. Nearly three out of four jobs require a high school diploma. | 6.0%              |
| 28.8%         | of working-age adults have a bachelor's degree. For context, the national average is just over 32%                           | 30.9%             |

| Health Care  |  |                   |
|--|--|-------------------|
| Your District  |  | Statewide Average |
| 14.7%  | of nonelderly adults (age 19-64) in this district don't have health insurance. A healthy workforce is essential for productivity.        | 12.8%             |
| 8.8%   | of children (under 19) in this district don't have health insurance. Children need access to health care to thrive in school and beyond. | 5.7%              |
| 36.2% of people use one of the major public health care programs, including: |  |                   |
| 21.6%  | of people, who use Medicare.   | 21.5%             |
| 16.8%  | of people, who use Medicaid (also known as MaineCare)  | 19.8%             |
| 4.5%   | of people, who use the Veterans' Administration.   | 3.4%              |

| Social Safety Net |  |                   |
|-------------------|--|-------------------|
| Your District     |  | Statewide Average |
| 36.9%             | of households receive Social Security.                           | 36.0%             |
| 13.2%             | of households receive federally funded food assistance.          | 15.3%             |
| 2.7%              | of households receive some cash assistance at least once a year. | 3.5%              |

## Notes

Except as noted below, data are from the United States Census Bureau, American Community Survey, five-year estimates covering the period 2013-2017.

Taxable retail sales estimates are based on data from the Maine State Economist and Maine Revenue Services. Change in sales compares total taxable sales in the period October 2006-September 2007 with the period October 2017-September 2018. Sales data are collected by “economic summary areas” which do not fully align with state legislative districts; for some districts, data were combined from multiple ESAs

Earned Income Tax Credit data are from the United States Internal Revenue Service, as compiled by the Brookings Institution. Counts are for tax year 2014. See <https://www.brookings.edu/interactives/earned-income-tax-credit-eitc-interactive-and-resources/>

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