In 2010, there were 10.5 million individuals classified as working poor in the United States: people who spent at least 27 weeks in the labor force – that is, working or looking for work – but whose incomes still fell below the official poverty level.

THE LIKELIHOOD OF BEING WORKING POOR IS THE HIGHEST IN TWO DECADES

Montana has the 12th highest minimum wage in the nation

THE LIKELIHOOD OF BEING WORKING POOR IS INVERSELY RELATED TO A PERSON’S LEVEL OF EDUCATION

Montana minimum wage: $7.65
Estimated living wage: $18.00

WHO ARE THE WORKING POOR?

In Montana, 34% of working families are low income.

J O B S LIKE:
- security guards
- nurses’ aides
- home health care aides
- child care workers
- educational assistants
- ambulance drivers
- bank tellers
- pharmacy assistants
- etc.

ARE CONSIDERED LOW-WAGE, LOW-REWARD POSITIONS

There are three major labor-market problems: unemployment, involuntary part-time work, and low earnings.