

HELP-Link Program Update

Number of Participants

HELP-Link enrollment continues to grow:

- Over **25,000** people enrolled in the eligible types of Montana Medicaid have received employment services through the Montana Department of Labor & Industry (MTDLI).
- The number served grew by **53%** in fiscal year 2018.
- Roughly **3,000** people have received intensive, one-on-one employment training services funded specifically through HELP-Link. The remaining clients were served using federal funds via the programs listed below.

Participation in Workforce Training Programs by State Fiscal Year for Montana Medicaid Populations

	SFY2016 (6 months)	SFY2017	SFY2018	Total
MTDLI Montana Medicaid Clients	4,609	12,664	19,396	25,244
HELP-Link Clients	620	1,942	1,687	2,966
HELP-Link Clients that received training assistance	82	400	400	597
HELP-Link Clients that Completed Training	65	192	213	411
Other Federally-Funded Workforce Programs				
Registered Apprenticeship	147	245	238	280
RESEA	681	1,484	1,421	2,167
WIOA	734	1,238	1,156	1,617
100% Appointment	695	1,682	1,503	2,488
Wagner – Peyser	3,633	11,511	18,538	23,613
Other	1,203	1,694	1,539	2,134

Note: Table only includes individuals in eligible types of Montana Medicaid. Clients can be co-enrolled in programs.

Training Outcomes

HELP-Link continues to expand Montana's labor force with trained workers:

- The most common occupations pursued by HELP-Link participants are:
 - Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers
 - Registered Nurses
 - Medical Record and Health Information Technicians
 - Medical Assistants
- Registered nurses earn a median wage of roughly **\$64,000** in Montana, which would likely be enough to lift a family of five out of poverty and above the Montana Medicaid eligibility threshold.
- The remaining occupations listed have median wages between **\$32,000** per year and **\$43,000** per year, which likely would be enough to individuals and small families of two people above the Montana Medicaid eligibility threshold.

All data reported as of 7/03/18. Does not include data for Montana Medicaid recipients trained through DPHHS programs.