

Transportation costs take big chunk from household budgets

Transportation is the second largest expense for most American families behind housing costs. Because of the long distances to many services, Montanans, particularly those in rural communities, spend even more on getting from place to place. In some counties, transportation outranks housing as the biggest chunk of family budgets, according to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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Household characteristics in Yellowstone County

People in home	People working	Median income	Basic description
1	1	\$11,720	Person at National Poverty Line
1	1	\$25,208	Working Individual
3	1	\$25,208	Single Parent Family
2	0	\$40,332	Retired Couple
3	1	\$40,332	Moderate income family
4	2	\$50,415	Family earning regional median
1	1	\$68,060	Single Professional
4	2	\$75,623	Dual professional family

Costs as percentage of annual income

