

# If Montana Were a Village

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While preparing to deliver a workshop on workplace diversity, I read Donella H. Meadows intriguing description of what the world would look like if it was a “Village of only 100 People.” I decided to find out what the “Montana Village” would look like. Here’s what I’ve learned so far...



**If we could reduce Montana’s population to a village of precisely 100 people, it would look something like this:**

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| 50 people would be male                       | 2 would have been born in a foreign country.                          |
| 50 people would be female                     | 5 would speak a language other than English at home.                  |
| 14 would be over 65 years old.                | 16 would have a disability.                                           |
| 2 of the seniors would live in poverty.       | 37 people would be employed.                                          |
| 23 would be under 18 years old.               | 12 would be military veterans who had served active duty.             |
| 5 of the children would live in poverty.      | 14 people would live below poverty.                                   |
| 90 would be white.                            | 19 people would be obese.                                             |
| 6 people would be Native American.            | 3 would have been diagnosed with some form of serious mental illness. |
| 4 would live on a tribal reservation.         | 18 people would not have health insurance.                            |
| 2 would be Hispanic.                          | 55 would be high school graduates.                                    |
| 1 would be Asian, Black or Pacific Islander.  | 15 would have a Bachelor’s degree or higher.                          |
| 2 would have a heritage of two or more races. |                                                                       |

For a reproducible copy of the Montana Village, or for the sources of these Montana statistics and additional information, go to [www.jerimaerowley.com/resource.htm](http://www.jerimaerowley.com/resource.htm).

If you have additional Montana Village statistics to add--or a recommended correction--please send your statistic and its primary source to [jerimae@jerimaerowley.com](mailto:jerimae@jerimaerowley.com) for inclusion in future editions.

For a copy of “If the World Were a Village of 100 People” go to [www.odt.org/popvillage.htm](http://www.odt.org/popvillage.htm).

## Sources for “Montana Village” statistics:

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(September, 2004) Montana Business Quarterly

**Seniors Poverty** <http://www.ncpssm.org/news/quickfactseniors/>

**Children Poverty** [http://www.frac.org/State\\_Of\\_States/2006/states/MT.pdf](http://www.frac.org/State_Of_States/2006/states/MT.pdf)

**Veterans Statistics:** 108,476 veteran 2000  
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**Demographic and Economic Profile of Montana**  
<http://www.rupri.org/resources/rnumbers/states/Montana.pdf>

**Census Data in Maps and Graphs** [http://www.censusscope.org/us/s30/chart\\_age.html](http://www.censusscope.org/us/s30/chart_age.html)

## More about Montana:

The US Census bureau estimates Montana’s 2006 population to be 935,670.

Montana is expected to reach 1 million residents after the year 2015.

The state covers 145,552 square miles---so in 2006 we have an estimated 6.2 persons per square mile.

In 2005 there were 175 Montana’s with AIDS according to MHA an association of Montana Health Care Providers.

## **If the World Were a Village of 100 People**

The original version of the STATE OF THE VILLAGE REPORT by Donella H. Meadows was published in 1990 as "Who lives in the Global Village?" and updated in 2005. The initial report was based on a village of 1000. David Copeland, a surveyor and environmental activist, revised the report to reflect a village of 100 and single-handedly distributed 50,000 copies of a Value Earth poster at the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro.

Research for many of the facts for this 2005 update was done by Donella H. Meadows' think tank: the Sustainability Institute. (See [www.odt.org/pop.htm](http://www.odt.org/pop.htm) for further details.) The rest come from a variety of sources including David Smith's children's book: *If the World Were a Village*, the CIA World Factbook 2001 (age, birth, death, internet), 2001 World Development Indicators, World Bank (HIV), Adherents 2001 (religion) Bread for the World (malnourishment), United Nations Population Fund (food security) The Global Supply and Sanitation Assessment 2000 Report (improved water, improved sanitation)