

**Cost-of-Living Adjustment for County Officials' Salaries  
for Fiscal Year 2018-2019**

Pursuant to Montana Code Annotated §7-4-2503 and §7-4-2504 (1991), the cost-of-living adjustment is derived using the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) from the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (1982-84=100):

(A)	Annual CPI-U index (annual average) for calendar year 2017:	245.12
(B)	Annual CPI-U index (annual average) for calendar year 2016:	240.0
(C)	Index point change from 2016 to 2017 [A - B]:	$245.12 - 240.0 = 5.12$
(D)	Percent change in annual indexes from 2016 to 2017 [C / B]:	$5.12 / 240.0 = 0.0213$ or 2.13 percent
(E)	Cost-of-living adjustment factor -- 100 percent of the percent change in the annual index from 2016 to 2017 (effective 7/1/18):	2.13 percent

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