



MEDIAN INCOME PATTERNS IN THE UNITED STATES

Activity Item

This activity uses the following online tool:

- Islands of High Income
www.census.gov/dataviz/visualizations/019

Student Learning Objectives

- I will be able to interpret a data visualization to explain varying median household income levels by county across the United States.
- I will be able to make comparisons between counties and states with different median incomes.

5. List three states that have counties with median household incomes ...

a. ... **at or below** \$18,000:

What is one thing you notice?

b. ... **below** \$40,000:

What is one thing you notice?

c. ... **above** \$80,000:

What is one thing you notice?

6. Which area of the United States has counties with the highest median household incomes? Why do you think that is the case? Think about the geography and economy of that area.

