



# Retention & Completion

**Goal 1:**  
Access & Affordability

**System Initiatives:**

- **Complete College MT:** increase the number of degree and certificate recipients by implementing Game Changing Strategies, such as: shifting to performance funding, transforming remediation efforts, implementing programs that accelerate time to degree and incentivize full-time enrollment, and providing guided pathways that help ensure student success through the development of academic maps and intrusive advising.

- **Montana TRiO Programs:** through its longstanding TRiO programs, Montana has built a strong foundation and history in providing educational opportunity and promoting student success for low-income, first-generation students, and Americans with disabilities. These programs serve nearly 10,000 students per year and are found on nearly every campus in Montana:

- Upward Bound
- Educational Talent Search
- Educational Opportunity Centers
- Upward Bound Math & Science
- Veterans' Upward Bound
- Student Support Services
- Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement

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**Goal Statement**

Prepare students for success in life through quality higher education

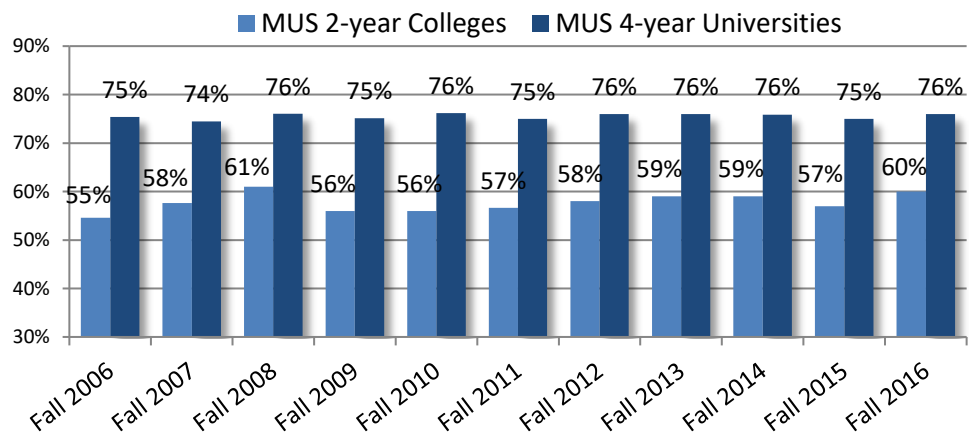
**Objective 1.1.2**

Increase retention rates within the Montana University System

**Metric 1.1.2**

**MUS Retention Rates**

Percentage of First-time, Full-time Freshmen Returning for a Second Year of Enrollment in the MUS; source: FTF Dashboard, OCHE



**Objective 1.1.3**

Increase graduation rates within the Montana University System

**Metric 1.1.3**

**Graduation Rates**

% of 1st-time, full-time bachelor's degree seeking students graduating in 100%, 150%, and 200% of expected program length;

(includes students that transferred and graduated from another MUS campus)

Entering Cohort	Entering Cohort #	Graduation Rates (cumulative)					
		3 year	4 year (100%)	5 year	6 year (150%)	7 year	8 year (200%)
Fall 2006	4612	0%	19%	41%	49%	52%	54%
Fall 2007	4600	1%	20%	40%	48%	52%	53%
Fall 2008	4710	1%	19%	40%	48%	52%	53%
Fall 2009	4609	1%	20%	40%	47%	50%	
Fall 2010	4933	1%	21%	41%	49%		
Fall 2011	4711	1%	23%	44%			
Fall 2012	4498	1%	23%				
Fall 2013	4618	1%					

Source: Grad Rate Dashboard, OCHE