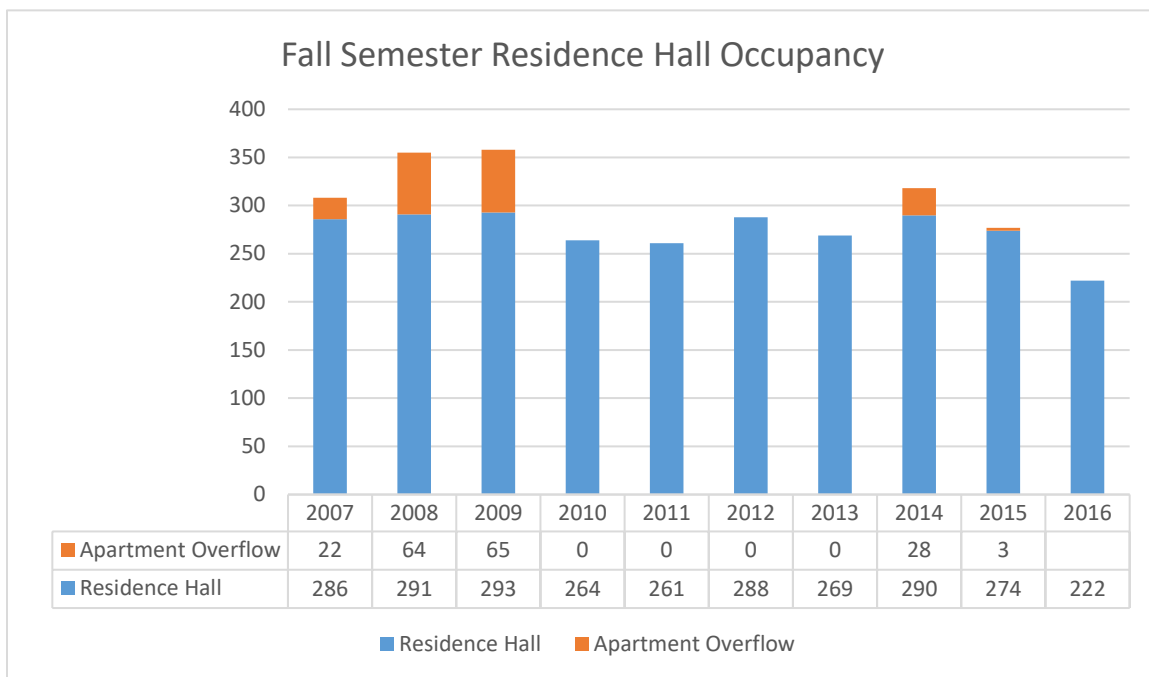


Montana Tech Residence Hall Occupancy

Housing has seen above capacity requests and applications over the past 10 years.

- Residence hall recruitment after 2010 has been limited to having beds available for 1st year students. Recruiting and retaining current upper-class and new upper-class students has been restricted to projected available beds after placement of new 1st year students.
- Fall 2009 saw 124 upper class students sign-up for housing in the residence halls. Housing was over capacity by 72 students with 7 in lounges and 65 in overflow housing in the apartments located about 1 mile off campus.
- Follow the accreditation report in the spring of 2010, it was recommended housing end its program of sending 1st year students to the apartment housing. With this change, upper-class numbers were limited and the number dropped to 41, a loss of 83 upper-class students from the year before.



- With the exception of Fall 2016, housing has seen fall occupancy numbers between 94- 111% of capacity. This is without purposeful recruitment of upper-class students as had been done prior to Fall 2010. Fall 2016 saw 1st year applications drop due to a smaller 1st year class at Montana Tech. Fall 2017 application numbers have returned to numbers similar to those seen in 2014 and 2015.

- During the summer of 2014 and 2015 Residence Life staff placed all new upper-class students applying after April 1 on a waiting list until they were able to find spaces for all the 1st year students. The end effect saw most of the new upper-class students finding housing elsewhere.
- In 2015, the Montana Tech Foundation hired Brailsford and Dunlavey to conduct a housing demand assessment. The assessment showed Montana Tech has a potential housing demand of 1015. The majority of the increase comes from the recruitment and retention of upper-class students.
- A new apartment complex across the street from the Montana Tech campus is slated to open in August 2017. This complex will have 39 units comprised of two and three bedroom apartments. According to the owner of the complex, Montana Tech students will have priority as renters and then the remaining units will be opened up to the community for access to the 105 beds.

The new apartment complex will benefit Montana Tech and our student population. However, we believe that students in the dorms and students that would potentially rent from the apartment complex are two different and distinct types of students. The new dorm rooms will be attractive to upper-class students that wanted to remain in a dormitory setting during their careers at Montana Tech but are not able to live on campus because there are no dorms rooms available to them due to the limited inventory currently. The students that will rent from the apartment complex are those that desire a different living arrangement than our dormitories provide.