



College Participation

Goal 1:
Access & Affordability

System Initiatives:

- Resident Student Access Initiative:** A system-wide effort to develop a unified approach to resident student recruitment, admissions, and financial aid, with the goal of increasing the percentage of MT high school graduates attending the MUS. Action Steps = 1) College Access Portal, 2) MT Access Scholarship, 3) Tuition Freeze
- GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness & Readiness for Undergraduate Programs):** The purpose of this federal initiative is to increase the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education. Montana GEAR UP provides college and career readiness services, such as tutoring, financial aid information, enrollment in rigorous academic courses, comprehensive mentoring, college visits, supplemental curriculum materials, and professional development for school staff. The program serves these students as they progress through middle and high school. In the 2012-13 academic year, *the GEAR UP grant began funding the ACT test for all Montana high school juniors!*

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Goal Statement

Prepare students for success in life through quality higher education

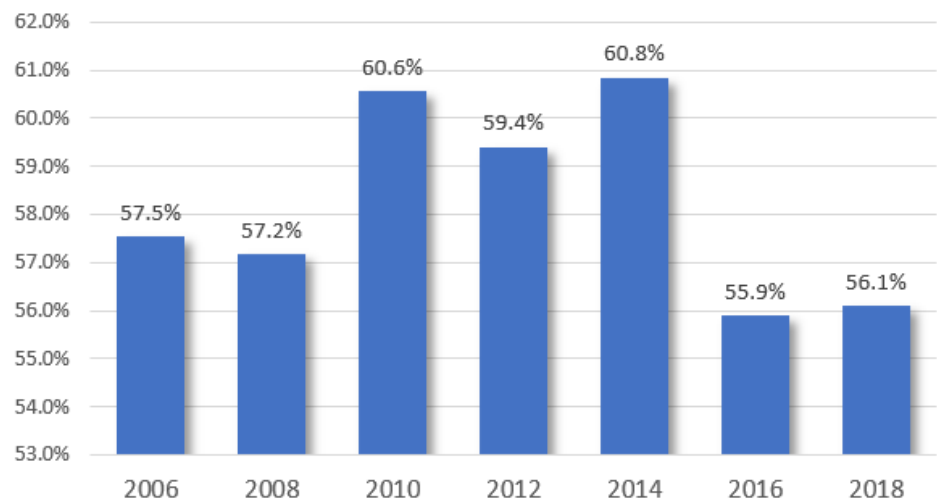
Objective 1.1.1

Improve postsecondary education participation rates, with particular attention to Montana residents in MUS institutions

Metric 1.1.1

Montana College Continuation Rate

% of Montana high school graduates enrolling in college in the fall semester immediately following graduation (includes grads from both public & private high schools)



Fall Semesters

College Continuation Rate	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018
# of MT High School Graduates	10,734	10,986	10,521	10,140	9,668	9,648	9,403
# of MT Grads Enrolling in College	6,176	6,280	6,371	6,023	5,882	5,392	5,275
# of MT Grads Enrolling In-state	4,604	4,838	5,104	4,719	4,621	4,209	4,070
# of MT Grads Enrolling Out-of-state	1,572	1,442	1,267	1,304	1,261	1,183	1,205
% of MT Grads Enrolling in College	57.5%	57.2%	60.6%	59.4%	60.8%	55.9%	56.1%
% of MT Grads Enrolling In-state	42.9%	44.0%	48.5%	46.5%	47.8%	43.6%	43.3%
% of MT Grads Enrolling Out-of-state	14.6%	13.1%	12.0%	12.9%	13.0%	12.3%	12.8%

In-state Capture Rates

MUS Institutions	33.3%	33.8%	36.7%	36.3%	37.8%	36.0%	34.7%
Community Colleges	3.8%	4.6%	3.7%	3.3%	3.4%	2.1%	3.4%
Tribal Colleges	2.6%	2.2%	4.2%	2.5%	1.8%	1.9%	2.0%
Private Colleges	3.2%	3.4%	4.0%	4.5%	4.7%	3.6%	3.2%