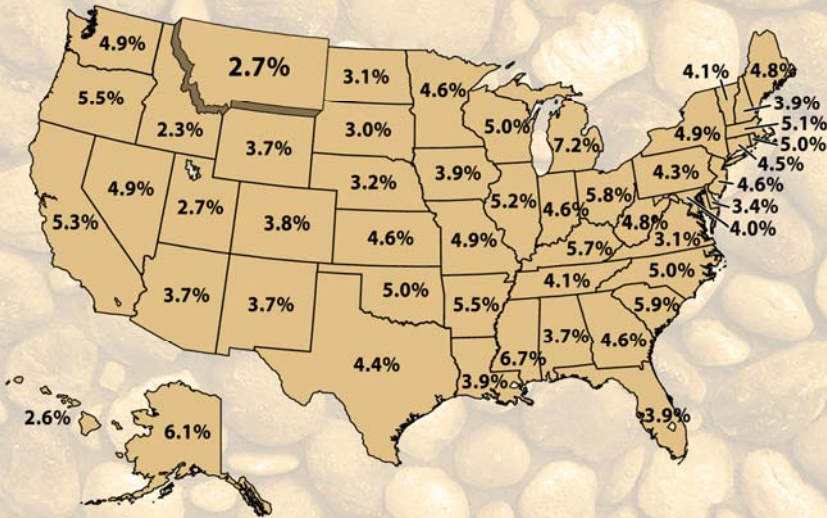


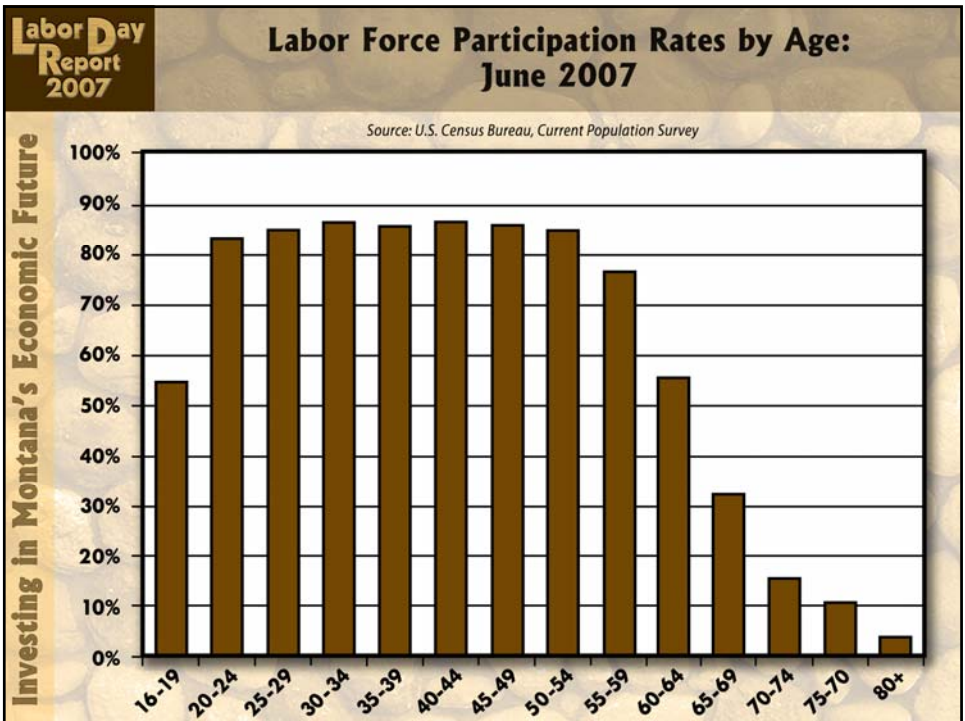
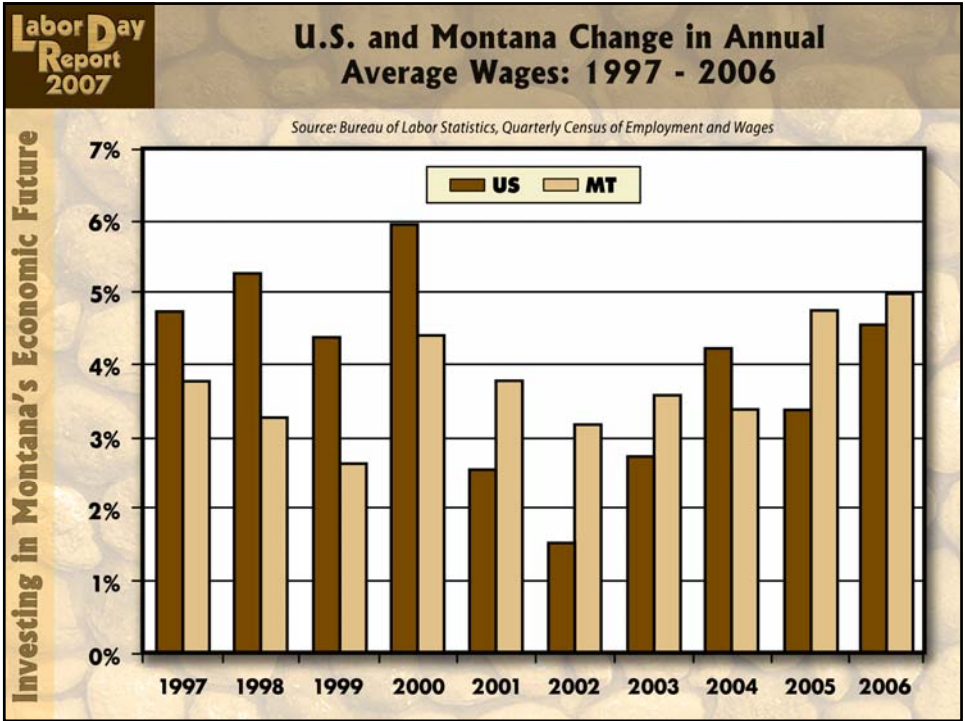
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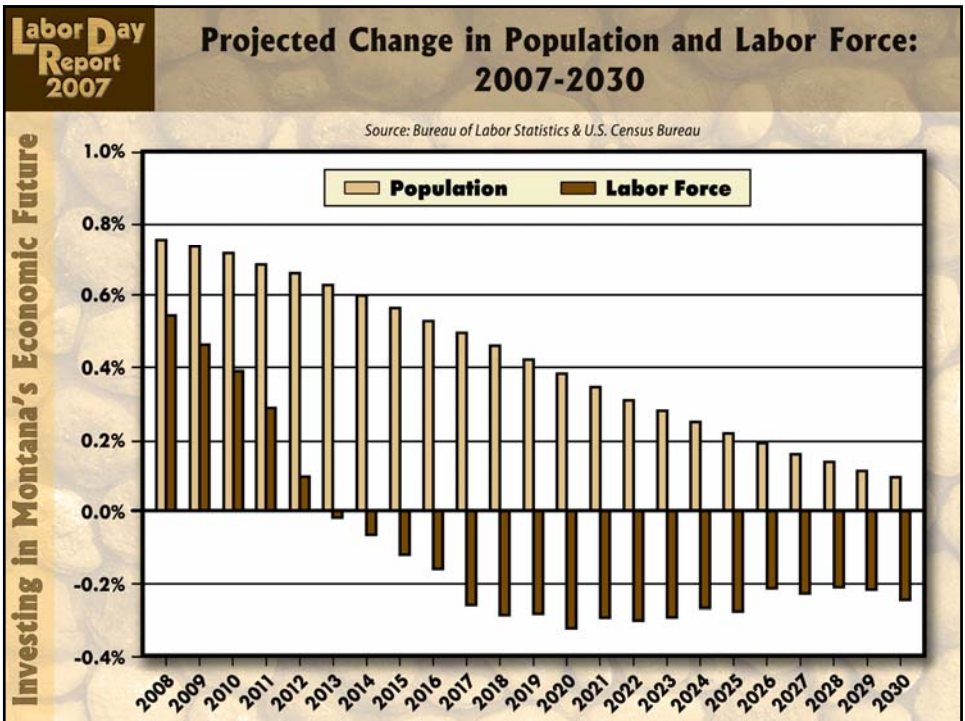
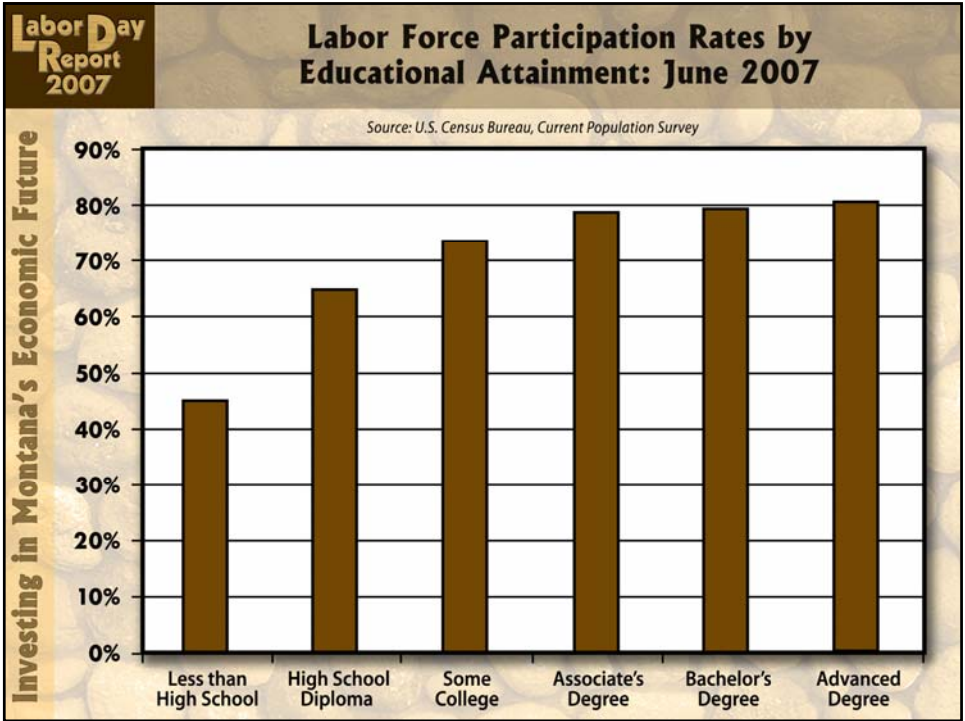


State Unemployment Rates: July 2007

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics







What is Higher Education's Role?

- Increasing graduates = Increasing labor force participation rates
- Educated workers are more productive
- Improving graduate retention through better linkages to the labor market will lessen the effects of baby boomer retirements