

WICHE and Montana: Partners Since 1953

Montana University System

Board of Regents

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What is WICHE?

- An interstate compact formed by the Western Governors in 1953
- Congressional action signed in 1953 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower

The Western Regional Education COMPACT

Entered into by and between the States and Territories signatory hereto, to provide acceptable and efficient educational facilities to meet the needs of the Western Region of the United States of America.

I WHEREAS, the future of this Nation and of the Western States is dependent upon the quality of the education of its youth; and

WHEREAS, many of the Western States individually do not have sufficient numbers of potential students to warrant the establishment and maintenance within their borders of adequate facilities in all of the essential fields of technical, professional, and graduate training, nor do all the states have the financial ability to furnish within their borders institutions capable of providing acceptable standards of training in all of the fields mentioned above; and

WHEREAS, it is believed that the Western States, or groups of such states within the Region, cooperatively can provide acceptable and efficient educational facilities to meet the needs of the Region and of the students thereof;

Now, therefore, the States of Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming, and the Territories of Alaska and Hawaii do hereby Covenant and agree as follows:

II Each of the compacting states and territories pledges to each of the other compacting states and territories faithful cooperation in carrying out all the purposes of this Compact.

III The compacting states and territories hereby create the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, hereinafter

called the Commission. Said Commission shall be a body corporate of each compacting state and territory and an agency thereof. The Commission shall have all the powers and duties set forth herein, including the power to sue and be sued, and such additional powers as may be conferred upon it by subsequent action of the respective legislatures of the compacting states and territories.

IV The Commission shall consist of three resident members from each compacting state or territory. At all times one Commissioner from each compacting state or territory shall be an educator engaged in the field of higher education in the state or territory from which he is appointed.

The Commissioners from each state and territory shall be appointed by the Governor thereof as provided by law in such state or territory from which he shall have been appointed.

The terms of each Commissioner shall be four years: Provided, however, that the first three Commissioners shall be appointed as follows; one for two years, one for three years, and one for four years. Each Commissioner shall hold office until his successor shall be appointed and qualified. If any office becomes vacant for any reason, the Governor shall appoint a Commissioner to fill the office for the remainder of the unexpired term.

V Any business transacted at any meeting of the Commission must be by affirmative vote of a majority of the whole number of compacting states and territories.

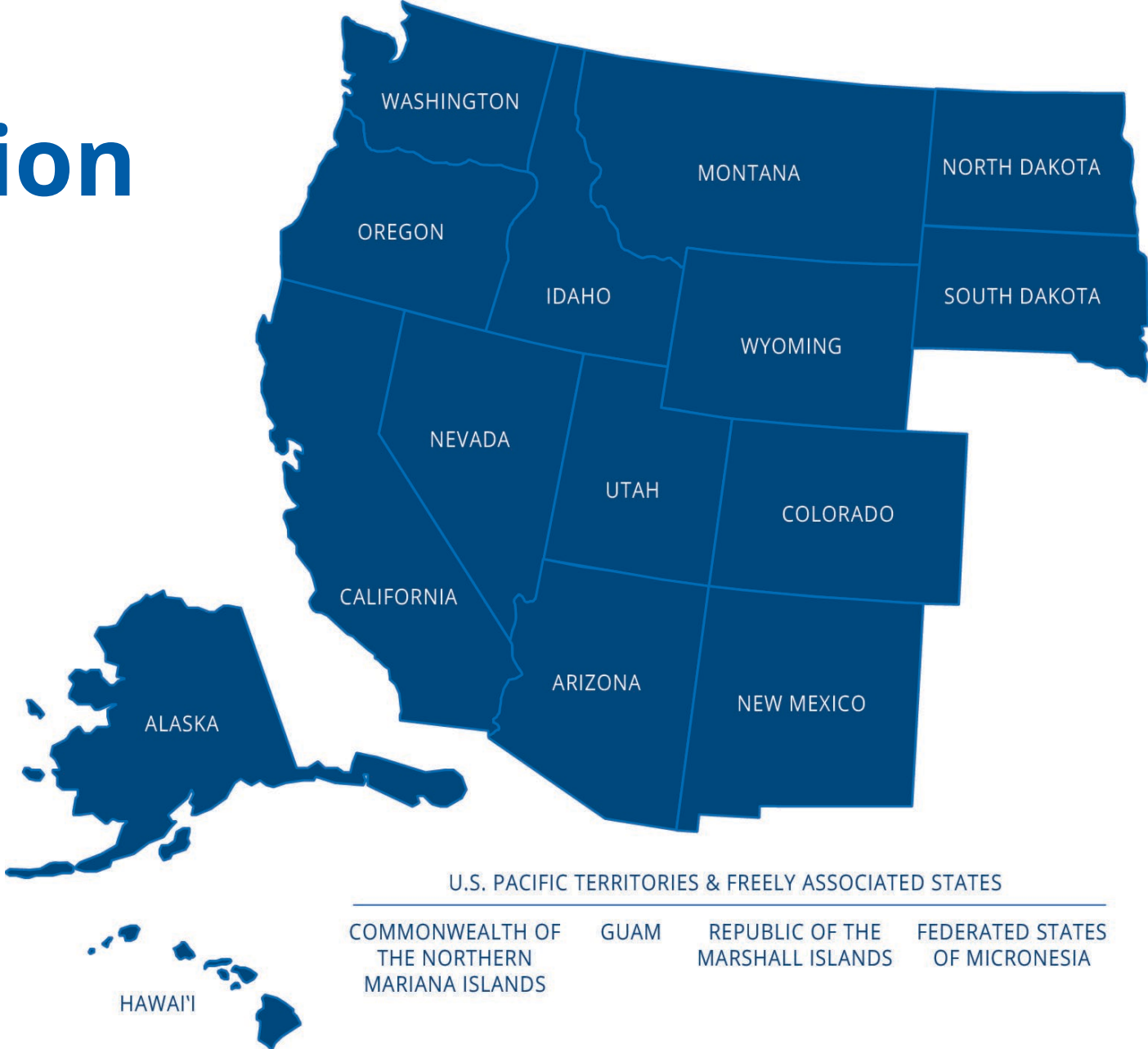


WICHE's mission

WICHE and its 16 member states, territories, and freely associated states work collaboratively to expand educational access and excellence for all citizens of the West.

By promoting innovation, cooperation, resource sharing, and sound public policy, WICHE strengthens higher education's contributions to the region's social, economic, and civic life.

WICHE Region



The WICHE Commission



Clayton Christian
Commissioner of Higher Education
Montana University System



Representative
Laurie Bishop
Montana State Legislature



Sheila Stearns
Past President
University of Montana



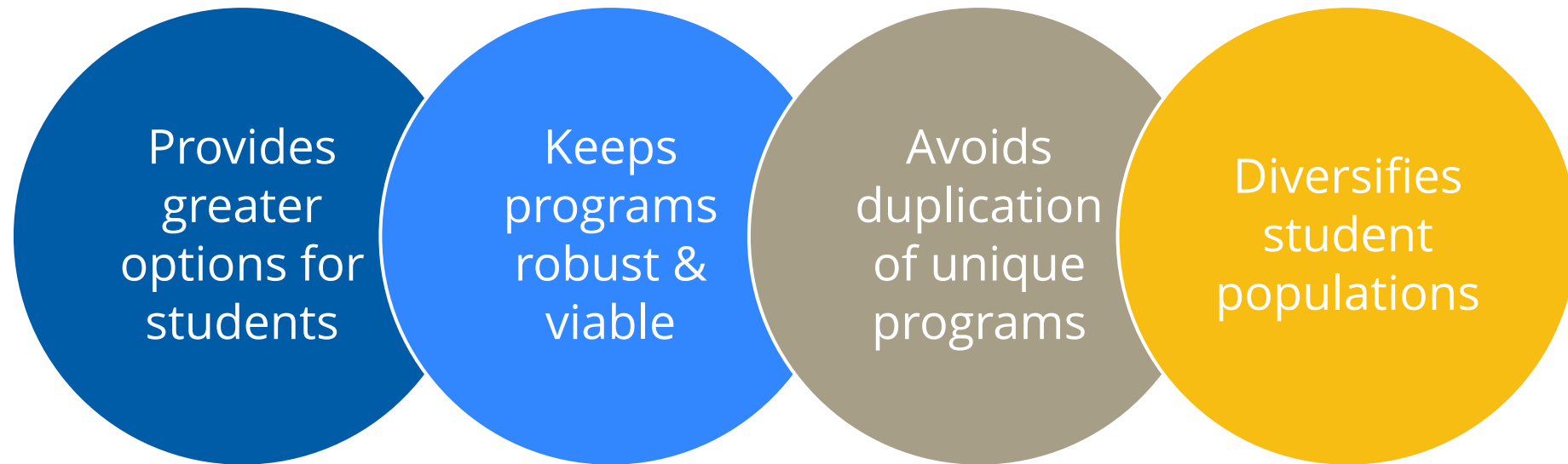
WICHE's Student Access Programs

Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE)

Western Regional Graduate Program (WRGP)

Professional Student Exchange Program (PSEP)

Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE)



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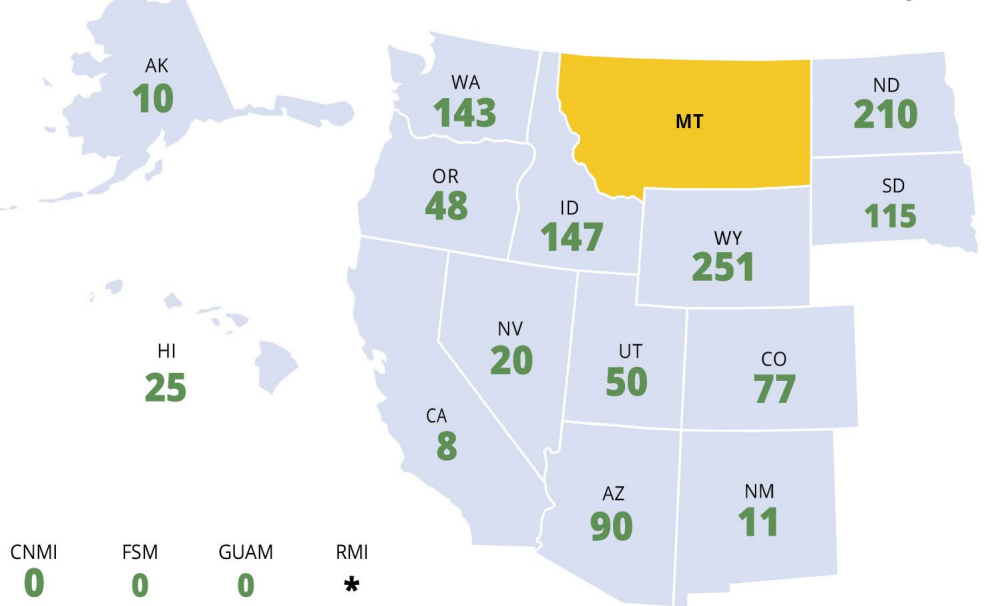
- Students pay up to 150% of resident tuition at 164 institutions
- AY 2021 Enrollment: 46,170
- Tuition savings = \$503 million
 - Montana students saved \$7.9 million
- No money exchanged between states



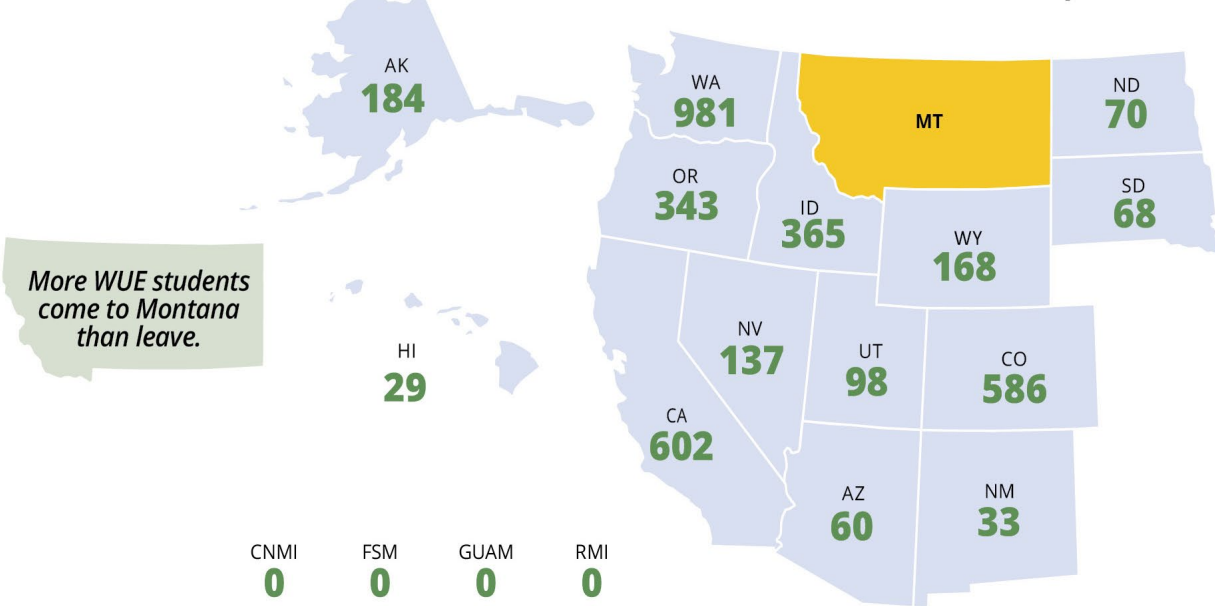
WUE Student Mobility

WUE STUDENTS BY STATE **MONTANA STUDENTS SAVED \$8.0 MILLION**

STUDENTS FROM MONTANA ■ Total: 1,205



STUDENTS TO MONTANA ■ Total: 3,724



More WUE students come to Montana than leave.

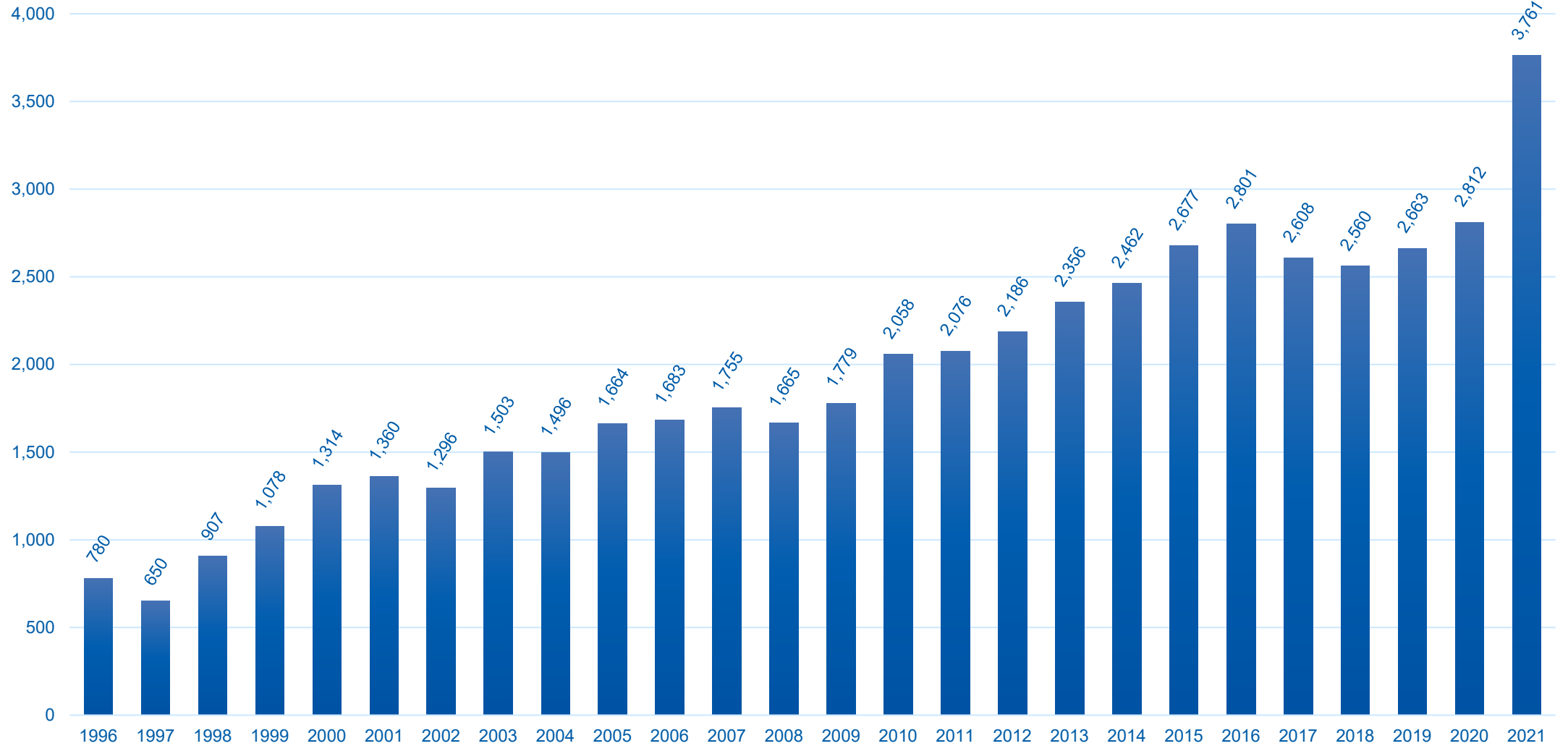
* Currently do not have any participating WUE schools.

WUE Enrollment in Montana Institutions, AY 2021-2022

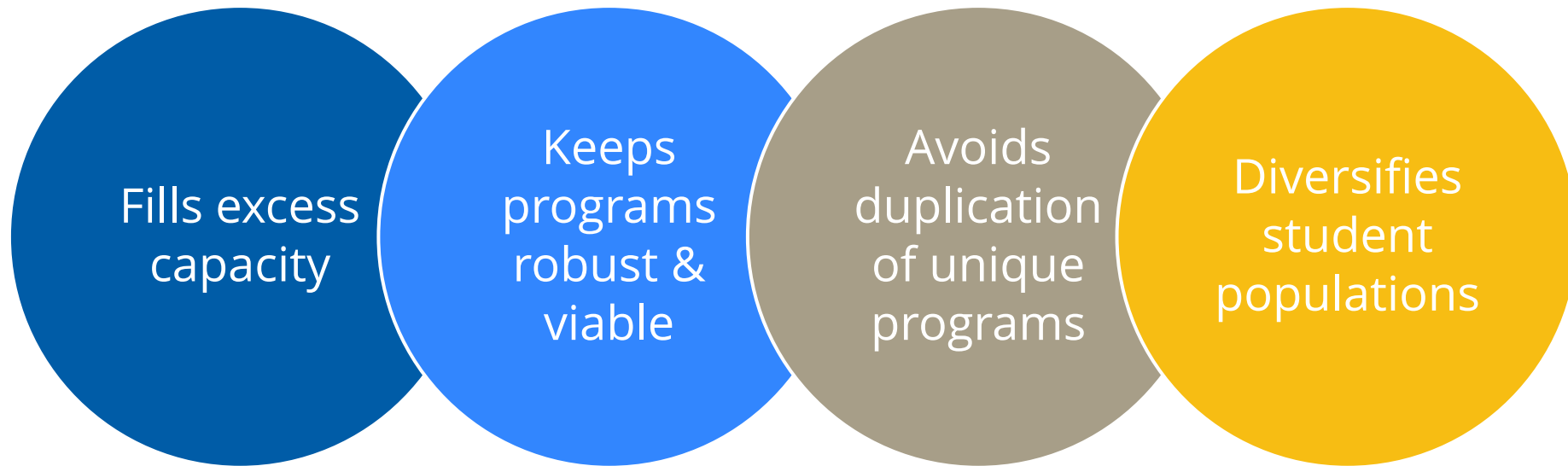
Institution	Number of WUE Students Enrolled
Montana State University, Bozeman	1,780
University of Montana	1,015
University of Montana Western	254
Montana State University, Billings	250
Montana Technological University	168
Montana State University, Northern	108
Miles Community College	56
Dawson Community College	44
Helena College University of Montana	20
Highlands College of Montana Tech	17
Flathead Valley Community College	8
Great Falls College Montana State University	4

WUE Enrollment, 1996 - 2021

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Western Regional Graduate Program (WRGP)



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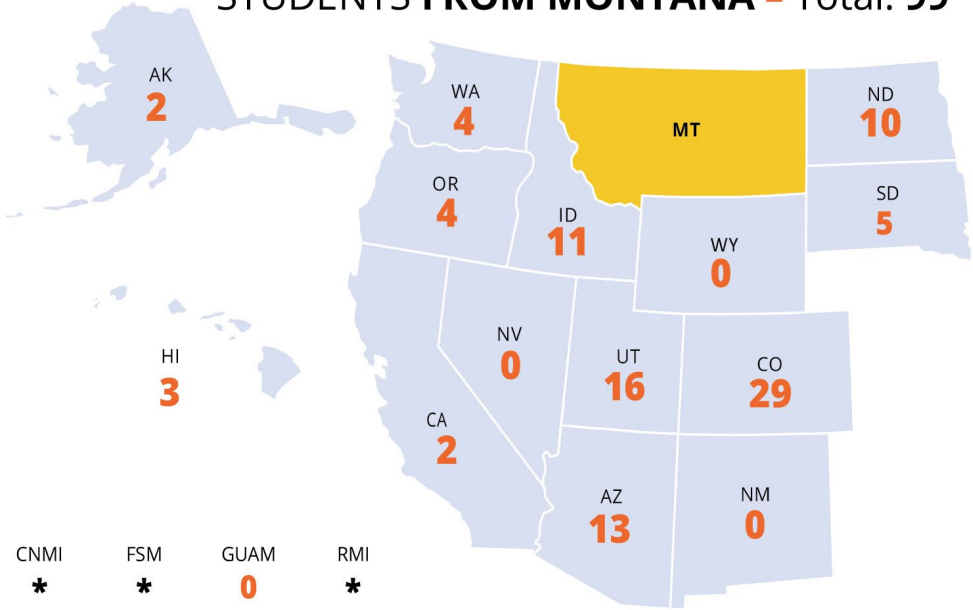
- Students pay up to 150% of resident tuition for master's, doctorates, and graduate certificates at 63 institutions
- AY 2021 Enrollment: 2,947
- Tuition savings = \$43.8 million
 - 99 Montana students saved \$1.5 million
 - 95 students came to Montana
- No money exchanged between states



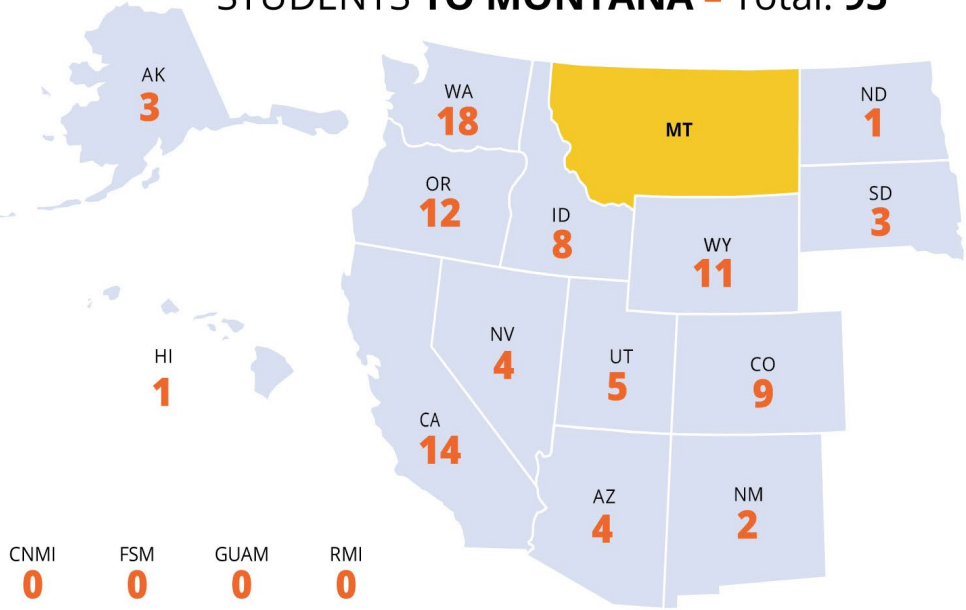
WRGP Student Mobility

WRGP STUDENTS BY STATE MONTANA STUDENTS SAVED \$1.5 MILLION

STUDENTS FROM MONTANA ■ Total: **99**



STUDENTS TO MONTANA ■ Total: **95**



* Currently do not have any participating WRGP schools.



Professional Student Exchange Program (PSEP)

PSEP in Montana



WICHE's PSEP has allowed me to pursue my medical education at an amazing medical school in the intermountain west. When I complete my training, I look forward to providing care to rural and underserved populations.

Maddy ■ Montana resident, University of Utah School of Medicine, Class of 2024



PSEP STUDENTS SAVED \$2.2 MILLION

FIELD	STUDENTS ENROLLED	SUPPORT FEES PAID
Dentistry	12	\$336,000
Medicine (Allopathic)	28	\$893,450
Occupational Therapy	3	\$14,650
Optometry	8	\$134,925
Osteopathic Medicine	14	\$335,300
Podiatry	0	\$0
Veterinary Medicine	15	\$497,250
TOTAL	80	\$2,211,575

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