

College Participation

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Goal Statement

Prepare students for success in life through quality higher education

Goal 1: Access & Affordability

System Initiatives:

Resident Student Access Initiative:

A system-wide effort to develop a unified approach to resident student enrollment, financial aid, and success with goal of increasing the % of MT HS graduates who attend and graduate from the MUS. Action Steps = 1) Assess and expand MUS Central Application; 2) Launch "ApplyMontana" Portal; and 3) scale Montana 10 student success initiative

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!***

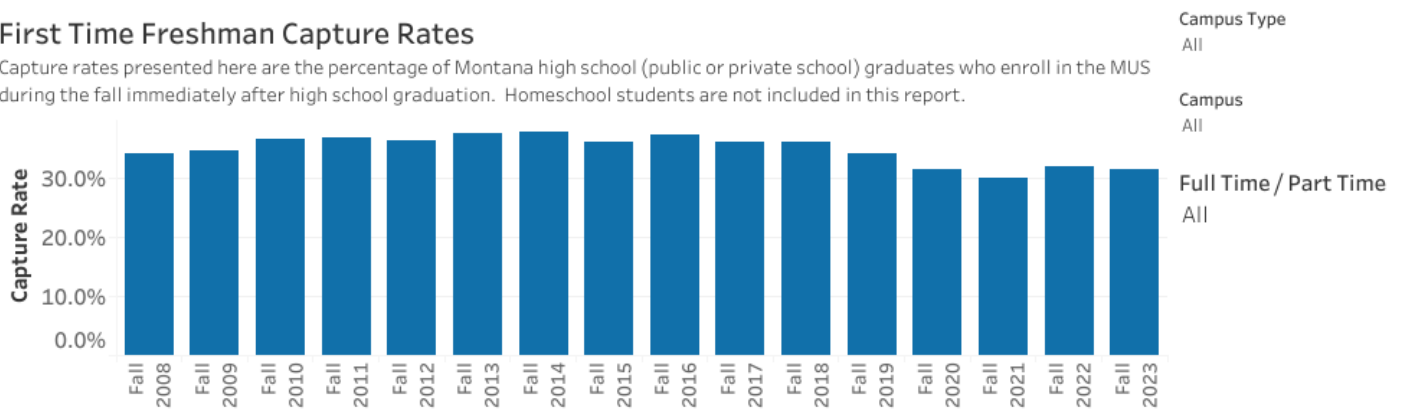
Objective 1.1.1

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

Metric 1.1.1

First Time Freshman Capture Rates

Capture rates presented here are the percentage of Montana high school (public or private school) graduates who enroll in the MUS during the fall immediately after high school graduation. Homeschool students are not included in this report.



Student Counts

First Time Freshman only include Montana high school graduates who enrolled in the fall immediately after High School graduation.

Year	High School Graduates	First Time Freshmen	Capture Rate
Fall 2013	9,759	3,641	37.3%
Fall 2014	9,871	3,723	37.7%
Fall 2015	9,749	3,500	35.9%
Fall 2016	9,783	3,639	37.2%
Fall 2017	9,833	3,547	36.1%
Fall 2018	9,770	3,519	36.0%
Fall 2019	9,890	3,361	34.0%
Fall 2020	9,900	3,101	31.3%
Fall 2021	9,940	2,971	29.9%
Fall 2022	9,880	3,154	31.9%
Fall 2023	9,940	3,127	31.5%
Fall 2024	10,520		
Fall 2025	10,410		
Fall 2026	10,660		
Fall 2027	10,360		

*Number of Graduates provided for this report is the number of projected High School graduates as determined by the Western In..

First Time Freshman Recruits by County Since 2011

*Data not available for Flathead Valley CC

