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| TO: | Education and Local Government Interim Committee |
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| FROM: | Pad McCracken, Research Analyst |
| RE: | School Transportation |
| DATE: | August 26, 2016 |

At the June committee meeting you had additional information requests regarding your consideration of options to address a recommendation in the Legislative Audit Division's 2013 School Transportation Funding and Safety Performance Audit Report. The report's third recommendation was that "the Montana Legislature review the effects of the statutory reimbursement schedule to determine if changes are necessary to promote efficiency, simplicity, or equity." The report identified a potential issue with the current reimbursement schedule incentivizing the purchase of larger capacity school buses than are necessary.

1. You asked about the occupancy rates of buses used on school routes.

As I stated at the June meeting, the reimbursement schedule for school transportation included a factor for occupancy rate prior to 2004. This rate was calculated based on "count days"-specific days during the school year when a count was taken of riders on each bus route.

While there are no longer count days, currently when districts establish a budget for the transportation fund, they enter extensive information about each route into a spreadsheet that includes an estimate of the number of riders.

Paul Taylor at OPI was able to combine data from all bus routes for years 2002 through 2016. Statewide occupancy rates (meaning the number of anticipated riders divided by rated bus capacity) have fluctuated between $54 \%$ and $59 \%$ for all these years, holding steady at $57 \%$ for the last three years. The total number of seats has increased as higher-capacity buses have run more routes, but the number of riders has also gone up. Interestingly, the data shows that the largest buses generally have the highest occupancy rates. If districts have been incentivized to purchase larger buses under the current reimbursement schedule, it appears they are utilizing the additional seats.
2. You requested information on the age of school buses in Montana.

The table to the right shows the number of buses of each model year. The 3,189 total number of buses reflects the 1,283 district-owned buses and 1,906 owned by contractors. The median model year is 2004.

| Model <br> Year | \# Of <br> Buses | \% Of <br> Total |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1977 | 1 | 0.03 |
| 1978 | 3 | 0.09 |
| 1980 | 12 | 0.38 |
| 1981 | 16 | 0.50 |
| 1982 | 15 | 0.47 |
| 1983 | 22 | 0.69 |
| 1984 | 38 | 1.19 |
| 1985 | 30 | 0.94 |
| 1986 | 36 | 1.13 |
| 1987 | 46 | 1.44 |
| 1988 | 41 | 1.29 |
| 1989 | 85 | 2.67 |
| 1990 | 65 | 2.04 |
| 1991 | 62 | 1.94 |
| 1992 | 63 | 1.98 |
| 1993 | 116 | 3.64 |
| 1994 | 78 | 2.45 |
| 1995 | 52 | 1.63 |
| 1996 | 86 | 2.70 |
| 1997 | 65 | 2.04 |
| 1998 | 89 | 2.79 |
| 1999 | 73 | 2.29 |
| 2000 | 82 | 2.57 |
| 2001 | 120 | 3.76 |
| 2002 | 109 | 3.42 |
| 2003 | 108 | 3.39 |
| 2004 | 139 | 4.36 |
| 2005 | 167 | 5.24 |
| 2006 | 111 | 3.48 |
| 2007 | 86 | 2.70 |
| 2008 | 123 | 3.86 |
| 2009 | 137 | 4.30 |
| 2010 | 115 | 3.61 |
| 2011 | 115 | 3.61 |
| 2012 | 137 | 4.30 |
| 2013 | 145 | 4.55 |
| 2014 | 151 | 4.74 |
| 2015 | 130 | 4.08 |
| 2016 | 89 | 2.79 |
| 2017 | 31 | 0.97 |
|  | 3.189 | 100 |

3. You requested a district-level analysis of the fiscal impacts of modifying the current statutory per mile reimbursement schedule based on capacity to a flat rate of $\$ 1.66 /$ mile for all buses regardless of capacity.

Here is the current schedule from 20-10-141(2)(a), MCA :
(i) $\$ 0.95$ for a school bus with a rated capacity of not more than 49 passenger seating positions;
(ii) $\$ 1.15$ for a school bus with a rated capacity of 50 to 59 passenger seating positions;
(iii) $\$ 1.36$ for a school bus with a rated capacity of 60 to 69 passenger seating positions;
(iv) $\$ 1.57$ for a school bus with a rated capacity of 70 to 79 passenger seating positions; and
(v) $\$ 1.80$ for a school bus with 80 or more passenger seating positions.

Again, Paul Taylor at OPI was able to help immensely with this task by creating a model to address your request. Attached is a spreadsheet showing the approximate dollar changes and percentage changes for school systems (school systems reflect both individual elementary and high school districts as well as the unified districts in Montana such as Billings Public Schools, etc.).

What is significant, although predictable, is that the districts and systems that "lose" in the $\$ 1.66 /$ mile flat rate (shown in green) are those that operate only (or a majority of) the largest classification of buses which receives a reduction in this modification from $\$ 1.80 / \mathrm{mile}$ to $\$ 1.66$. These districts are not generally rural or urban, large or small, they are simply the districts that operate the largest buses on more route miles. The biggest winners are those districts that operate more of the smallest buses. This change would increase the state obligation by roughly $\$ 2$ million annually. Current law reimbursements are in the gray column labeled "State CL."

The beauty of having a model built for this is that it can allow the committee to quickly and easily plug in alternative amounts to tailor a reimbursement schedule as the committee desires that:

- compresses the current reimbursement schedule;
- allows for the management of "winners and losers"; and
- fits within state budget constraints.

This is not to say the model possesses magical revenue-finding capabilities, only that it allows much easier experimentation in finding the best solution to meet multiple parameters. If the committee desires, we can have the model available at the meeting.

Included in the spreadsheet are two additional alternatives as examples. The first shows the impact of a $\$ 1.80 /$ mile flat rate (pink; no losers, bigger winners; increased state obligation of roughly $\$ 3$ million annually); the second (blue; no losers; slightly moderated winners; increased state obligation of roughly $\$ 2.5$ million annually) displays the impact of a compressed schedule with three tiers of:
(i) $\$ 1.55$ for a school bus with a rated capacity of not more than 49 passenger seating positions;
(ii) $\$ 1.70$ for a school bus with a rated capacity of 50 to 69 passenger seating positions; and
(iii) $\$ 1.80$ for a school bus with 70 or more passenger seating positions.

It is important to remember that any changes to the state obligation for transportation reimbursements will be mirrored by the counties; the reimbursements driven by this statutory schedule are split 50-50 between state and county.

Additional info and considerations:
If the concern is that districts are "gaming the system" by purchasing and operating larger buses on more route miles, one might expect to see an increase in the state and county reimbursements. The graph below shows this is not the case. State and county reimbursements have been remarkably flat for the past decade, while total district expenditures from the transportation fund have increased.


If larger buses are being used more frequently and state reimbursements are stable, some other component of the reimbursement calculation must be shrinking. The number of days that routes are driven may have decreased due to the 50 or so (generally rural) districts that have adopted 4 -day school weeks. Another contributing factor could be that with larger buses, districts are combining routes when feasible.

While some of this is conjecture, what is increasingly less in question is that the operating expense of different sized buses is greatly exaggerated in Montana's current reimbursement schedule. The audit report stated that "larger buses do not cost substantially more to purchase or operate." Yet the current schedule provides nearly twice the per-mile reimbursement for the largest bus compared to the smallest. The expenditure data presented to this committee in June showed that the biggest cost driver in school transportation is the driver, an expense unrelated to bus capacity.

Trying to determine fuel costs based on capacity was an adventure. There are so many variables in play-engine capacity, fuel type (gas, diesel, propane, CNG), city/highway, flat/hilly, gravel/paved-that any attempt at an apples-to-apples comparison feels flawed. Nonetheless, after talking with some folks in bus barns, I feel comfortable suggesting the table below as a ballpark estimate of some of the operating costs that may relate to bus capacity. Other costs, like administrative costs and insurance premiums, are generally unrelated to bus capacity.

| $\begin{gathered} \text { Bus } \\ \text { capacity } \end{gathered}$ | Approx MPG | Gallons per day on 60 mile route |  | al fuel <br> t at on and days |  | mile cost allon | Add cents per mile for other maintenance (oil, tires, cleaning, etc.) |  | Est. per mile operational cost (no driver cost) |  | Driver cost if 6 hours/day 180 days at \$20/hour |  | Per mile driver cost |  |
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| <50 | 10 | 6.0 | \$ | 3,240 | \$ | 0.30 | \$ | 0.10 | \$ | 0.40 | \$ | 21,600 | \$ | 2 |
| 50-59 | 9 | 6.7 | \$ | 3,600 | \$ | 0.33 | \$ | 0.11 | \$ | 0.44 | \$ | 21,600 | \$ | 2 |
| 60-69 | 8 | 7.5 | \$ | 4,050 | \$ | 0.38 | \$ | 0.12 | \$ | 0.49 | \$ | 21,600 | \$ | 2 |
| 70-79 | 7 | 8.6 | \$ | 4,629 | \$ | 0.43 | \$ | 0.13 | \$ | 0.56 | \$ | 21,600 | \$ | 2 |
| 80+ | 6 | 10.0 | \$ | 5,400 | \$ | 0.50 | \$ | 0.13 | \$ | 0.63 | \$ | 21,600 | \$ | 2 |

What this suggests is that if the state continues to have a capacity-based schedule for reimbursement, the schedule should be greatly compressed, to a range more in the vicinity of a quarter than the current 85 cents. One flat rate would also more closely relate to costs.

The purpose of the state and county reimbursement seems to be to provide a modest and predictable level of support to districts in providing student transportation so that the financial burden does not fall entirely on districts. The degree of local "skin in the game" promotes efficiency and responsiveness to local concerns. The more closely related state and county support is to actual operational costs, the less likely this support is to drive any behavior other than that which reflects local needs and promotes efficiency.

Below for your reference is 20-10-141, MCA, the section of law containing the reimbursement schedule.

20-10-141. Schedule of maximum reimbursement by mileage rates. (1) The mileage rates in subsection (2) for school transportation constitute the maximum reimbursement to districts for school transportation from state and county sources of transportation revenue under the provisions of 20-10-145 and 20-10-146. These rates may not limit the amount that a district may budget in its transportation fund budget in order to provide for the estimated and necessary cost of school transportation during the ensuing school fiscal year. All bus miles traveled on bus routes approved by the county transportation committee are reimbursable. Nonbus mileage is reimbursable for a vehicle driven by a bus driver to and from an overnight location of a school bus when the location is more than 10 miles from the school. A district may approve additional bus or nonbus miles within its own district or approved service area but may not claim reimbursement for the mileage. Any vehicle, the operation of which is reimbursed for bus mileage under the rate provisions of this schedule, must be a school bus, as defined by this title, driven by a qualified driver on a bus route approved by the county transportation committee and the superintendent of public instruction.
(2) (a) The rate for each bus mile traveled must be determined in accordance with the following schedule:
(i) 95 cents for a school bus with a rated capacity of not more than 49 passenger seating positions;
(ii) $\$ 1.15$ for a school bus with a rated capacity of 50 to 59 passenger seating positions;
(iii) $\$ 1.36$ for a school bus with a rated capacity of 60 to 69 passenger seating positions;
(iv) $\$ 1.57$ for a school bus with a rated capacity of 70 to 79 passenger seating positions; and
(v) $\$ 1.80$ for a school bus with 80 or more passenger seating positions.
(b) Nonbus mileage, as provided in subsection (1), must be reimbursed at a rate of 50 cents a mile.
(3) The rated capacity is the number of passenger seating positions of a school bus as determined under the policy adopted by the board of public education. If modification of a school bus to accommodate pupils with disabilities reduces the rated capacity of the bus, the reimbursement to a district for pupil transportation is based on the rated capacity of the bus prior to modification.
(4) The number of pupils riding the school bus may not exceed the passenger seating positions of the bus.

|  | 146,165 |  | 295 | 129 | 125 | 609 | 319 | 1,477 | 11,570,052 | 13,555,213 | 1,985,161 |  | 14,695,568 | 3,125,517 |  | 14,084,897 | 2,514,845 |  |
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| Co Name | ANB | SS Name | <50 | 50-59 | 60-69 | 70-79 | 80-> | Total | State CL | State if \$1.66 | Dif | \% Change | State if \$1.80 | Dif | \% Change | State if 3 tiers | Dif | \% Change |
| Beaverheal | 9 | Grant Elementary | 1 |  |  |  |  | 1 | 3,553 | 6,208 | 2,655 | 74.7\% | 6,732 | 3,179 | 89.5\% | 5,797 | 2,244 | 63.2\% |
| Beaverheaf | 358 | Beaverhead Co High School | 1 |  | 2 | 5 | 6 | 14 | 127,942 | 129,512 | 1,570 | 1.2\% | 140,184 | 12,242 | 9.6\% | 138,698 | 10,756 | 8.4\% |
| Beaverhear | 68 | Lima K-12 Schools | 1 |  |  | 1 |  | 2 | 29,211 | 37,563 | 8,353 | 28.6\% | 40,731 | 11,520 | 39.4\% | 38,185 | 8,974 | 30.7\% |
| Beaverhear | 17 | Reichle Elementary | 1 |  |  |  |  | 1 | 5,028 | 8,786 | 3,758 | 74.7\% | 9,527 | 4,499 | 89.5\% | 8,204 | 3,176 | 63.2\% |
| Big Horn | 9 | Spring Creek Elementary | 1 |  |  |  |  | 1 | 9,776 | 17,081 | 7,306 | 74.7\% | 18,522 | 8,747 | 89.5\% | 15,950 | 6,174 | 63.2\% |
| Big Horn | 107 | Pryor Public Schools |  | 1 | 1 |  |  | 2 | 6,320 | 8,113 | 1,793 | 28.4\% | 8,798 | 2,478 | 39.2\% | 8,309 | 1,989 | 31.5\% |
| Big Horn | 1,931 | Hardin Public Schools |  | 1 | 4 | 5 | 11 | 21 | 303,112 | 301,003 | $(2,109)$ | -0.7\% | 326,389 | 23,277 | 7.7\% | 322,173 | 19,061 | 6.3\% |
| Big Horn | 331 | Lodge Grass Public Schls | 1 |  | 1 | 1 |  | 3 | 31,545 | 39,671 | 8,126 | 25.8\% | 43,016 | 11,472 | 36.4\% | 40,546 | 9,001 | 28.5\% |
| Big Horn | 127 | Wyola Elementary | 1 | 1 |  |  |  | 2 | 3,663 | 5,976 | 2,313 | 63.1\% | 6,480 | 2,817 | 76.9\% | 5,762 | 2,099 | 57.3\% |
| Blaine | 402 | Chinook Public Schools |  | 2 | 1 |  |  | 3 | 30,783 | 41,668 | 10,885 | 35.4\% | 45,182 | 14,399 | 46.8\% | 42,672 | 11,889 | 38.6\% |
| Blaine | 609 | Harlem Public Schools | 1 |  |  | 3 | 3 | 7 | 54,406 | 54,979 | 573 | 1.1\% | 59,616 | 5,210 | 9.6\% | 59,090 | 4,683 | 8.6\% |
| Blaine | 22 | Zurich Elementary | 2 |  |  |  |  | 2 | 9,758 | 17,052 | 7,293 | 74.7\% | 18,490 | 8,731 | 89.5\% | 15,922 | 6,163 | 63.2\% |
| Blaine | 76 | Turner Public Schools | 4 |  |  |  |  | 4 | 31,474 | 54,996 | 23,522 | 74.7\% | 59,634 | 28,161 | 89.5\% | 51,352 | 19,878 | 63.2\% |
| Blaine | 231 | Hays-Lodge Pole K-12 Schls | 2 | 1 |  |  | 1 | 4 | 21,497 | 26,384 | 4,887 | 22.7\% | 28,609 | 7,112 | 33.1\% | 26,944 | 5,447 | 25.3\% |
| Broadwate | 684 | Townsend K-12 Schools |  |  |  | 5 |  | 5 | 62,539 | 66,124 | 3,585 | 5.7\% | 71,701 | 9,162 | 14.6\% | 71,701 | 9,162 | 14.6\% |
| Carbon | 509 | Red Lodge Public Schools | 3 | 1 | 3 |  |  | 7 | 65,681 | 97,319 | 31,638 | 48.2\% | 105,527 | 39,845 | 60.7\% | 94,783 | 29,101 | 44.3\% |
| Carbon | 220 | Bridger K-12 Schools |  | 3 |  |  |  | 3 | 17,450 | 25,189 | 7,739 | 44.3\% | 27,313 | 9,863 | 56.5\% | 25,796 | 8,346 | 47.8\% |
| Carbon | 382 | Joliet Public Schools |  | 1 |  | 4 |  | 5 | 45,066 | 49,652 | 4,587 | 10.2\% | 53,840 | 8,774 | 19.5\% | 53,389 | 8,323 | 18.5\% |
| Carbon | 122 | Roberts K-12 Schools | 2 |  | 1 |  |  | 3 | 17,980 | 28,260 | 10,280 | 57.2\% | 30,643 | 12,663 | 70.4\% | 27,048 | 9,068 | 50.4\% |
| Carbon | 114 | Fromberg K-12 |  |  |  | 2 |  | 2 | 17,199 | 18,185 | 986 | 5.7\% | 19,719 | 2,520 | 14.6\% | 19,719 | 2,520 | 14.6\% |
| Carbon | 55 | Belfry K-12 Schools | 2 |  |  |  |  | 2 | 8,957 | 15,652 | 6,694 | 74.7\% | 16,972 | 8,014 | 89.5\% | 14,615 | 5,657 | 63.2\% |
| Carbon | 34 | Luther Elementary | 1 |  |  |  |  | 1 | 4,104 | 7,171 | 3,067 | 74.7\% | 7,776 | 3,672 | 89.5\% | 6,696 | 2,592 | 63.2\% |
| Carter | 128 | Ekalaka Public Schools | 2 | 3 |  |  |  | 5 | 52,511 | 80,241 | 27,730 | 52.8\% | 87,008 | 34,498 | 65.7\% | 79,866 | 27,355 | 52.1\% |
| Cascade | 10,598 | Great Falls Public Schls | 13 | 8 | 5 | 41 |  | 67 | 346,166 | 436,151 | 89,985 | 26.0\% | 472,935 | 126,769 | 36.6\% | 448,961 | 102,795 | 29.7\% |
| Cascade | 300 | Cascade Public Schools | 3 | 3 | 2 |  |  | 8 | 71,717 | 102,548 | 30,832 | 43.0\% | 111,197 | 39,480 | 55.1\% | 103,121 | 31,404 | 43.8\% |
| Cascade | 283 | Centerville Public Schls |  |  | - 1 | 4 |  | 5 | 56,434 | 60,868 | 4,434 | 7.9\% | 66,002 | 9,568 | 17.0\% | 65,462 | 9,028 | 16.0\% |
| Cascade | 343 | Belt Public Schools |  | 1 | 3 |  |  | 4 | 41,716 | 52,448 | 10,733 | 25.7\% | 56,619 | 14,903 | 35.7\% | 53,640 | 11,924 | 28.6\% |
| Cascade | 140 | Vaughn Elementary |  |  |  | 1 |  | 1 | 5,809 | 6,142 | 333 | 5.7\% | 6,660 | 851 | 14.6\% | 6,660 | 851 | 14.6\% |
| Cascade | 104 | Ulm Elementary |  |  |  | 1 |  | 1 | 7,741 | 8,185 | 444 | 5.7\% | 8,875 | 1,134 | 14.6\% | 8,875 | 1,134 | 14.6\% |
| Cascade | 273 | Sun River Valley Pub Schls |  |  | 2 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 47,683 | 51,347 | 3,664 | 7.7\% | 55,678 | 7,994 | 16.8\% | 54,484 | 6,801 | 14.3\% |
| Chouteau | 283 | Fort Benton Public Schls | 2 |  |  | 1 | 1 | 4 | 66,032 | 78,174 | 12,141 | 18.4\% | 84,767 | 18,734 | 28.4\% | 80,217 | 14,184 | 21.5\% |
| Chouteau | 183 | Big Sandy Public Schools | 5 | 2 |  |  |  | 7 | 56,091 | 93,006 | 36,915 | 65.8\% | 100,850 | 44,759 | 79.8\% | 88,992 | 32,901 | 58.7\% |
| Chouteau | 96 | Highwood Public Schools | 4 |  |  |  |  | 4 | 18,721 | 32,069 | 13,348 | 71.3\% | 34,701 | 15,980 | 85.4\% | 30,001 | 11,280 | 60.3\% |
| Chouteau | 97 | Geraldine Public Schools | 1 | 1 | 1 |  |  | 3 | 24,385 | 35,059 | 10,674 | 43.8\% | 38,016 | 13,631 | 55.9\% | 35,006 | 10,622 | 43.6\% |
| Custer | 1,629 | Miles City Public Schools | 2 |  |  |  |  | 2 | 18,863 | 32,961 | 14,098 | 74.7\% | 35,741 | 16,878 | 89.5\% | 30,777 | 11,914 | 63.2\% |
| Custer | 37 | Kircher Elementary |  | 1 |  |  |  | 1 | 12,075 | 17,430 | 5,355 | 44.3\% | 18,900 | 6,825 | 56.5\% | 17,850 | 5,775 | 47.8\% |
| Custer | 72 | Kinsey Elementary | 1 |  |  | 1 |  | 2 | 13,985 | 17,113 | 3,128 | 22.4\% | 18,556 | 4,571 | 32.7\% | 17,669 | 3,684 | 26.3\% |
| Daniels | 284 | Scobey K-12 Schools | 2 | 3 |  |  |  | 5 | 92,131 | 141,452 | 49,321 | 53.5\% | 153,382 | 61,250 | 66.5\% | 140,463 | 48,332 | 52.5\% |
| Dawson | 1,330 | Glendive Public Schools | 2 |  |  | 7 |  | 9 | 56,915 | 68,696 | 11,781 | 20.7\% | 74,490 | 17,574 | 30.9\% | 71,241 | 14,326 | 25.2\% |
| Dawson | 71 | Richey Public Schools | 2 | 1 |  |  |  | 3 | 22,863 | 36,500 | 13,637 | 59.6\% | 39,578 | 16,716 | 73.1\% | 35,562 | 12,699 | 55.5\% |
| Deer Lodge | 1,089 | Anaconda Public Schools |  |  | 1 | 5 | 1 | 7 | 58,631 | 61,712 | 3,081 | 5.3\% | 66,917 | 8,286 | 14.1\% | 66,227 | 7,596 | 13.0\% |
| Fallon | 498 | Baker K-12 Schools | 5 |  |  |  |  | 5 | 37,449 | 65,437 | 27,988 | 74.7\% | 70,956 | 33,507 | 89.5\% | 61,101 | 23,652 | 63.2\% |
| Fallon | 89 | Plevna K-12 Schools |  | 1 | 2 |  |  | 3 | 33,254 | 43,087 | 9,833 | 29.6\% | 46,721 | 13,467 | 40.5\% | 44,125 | 10,871 | 32.7\% |
| Fergus | 1,204 | Lewistown Public Schools | 1 |  | 3 | 2 | 3 | 9 | 82,351 | 90,279 | 7,927 | 9.6\% | 97,892 | 15,541 | 18.9\% | 94,671 | 12,320 | 15.0\% |
| Fergus | 68 | Grass Range Public Schls | 2 | 1 | 1 |  |  | 4 | 22,456 | 29,340 | 6,884 | 30.7\% | 31,814 | 9,358 | 41.7\% | 29,958 | 7,502 | 33.4\% |
| Fergus | 114 | Moore Public Schools | 4 |  |  |  |  | 4 | 20,567 | 35,938 | 15,371 | 74.7\% | 38,969 | 18,402 | 89.5\% | 33,557 | 12,990 | 63.2\% |
| Fergus | 48 | Roy K-12 Schools | 4 |  |  |  |  | 4 | 25,206 | 44,045 | 18,838 | 74.7\% | 47,759 | 22,553 | 89.5\% | 41,126 | 15,920 | 63.2\% |
| Fergus | 84 | Denton Public Schools | 2 |  |  |  |  | 2 | 12,006 | 20,979 | 8,973 | 74.7\% | 22,748 | 10,742 | 89.5\% | 19,589 | 7,583 | 63.2\% |
| Fergus | 103 | Winifred K-12 Schools | 2 |  |  | 1 |  | 3 | 36,334 | 54,596 | 18,262 | 50.3\% | 59,200 | 22,867 | 62.9\% | 53,030 | 16,696 | 46.0\% |
| Flathead | 5,997 | Kalispell Public Schools | 7 | 1 |  | 37 | 10 | 55 | 319,585 | 354,168 | 34,583 | 10.8\% | 384,037 | 64,453 | 20.2\% | 374,569 | 54,985 | 17.2\% |
| Flathead | 2,169 | Columbia Falls Pub Schls |  |  |  |  | 21 | 21 | 155,418 | 143,330 | $(12,088)$ | -7.8\% | 155,418 | - | 0.0\% | 155,418 | - | 0.0\% |
| Flathead | 82 | Creston Elementary |  |  |  | 1 |  | 1 | 5,878 | 6,215 | 337 | 5.7\% | 6,739 | 861 | 14.6\% | 6,739 | 861 | 14.6\% |
| Flathead | 235 | Cayuse Prairie Elementary |  |  | 1 | 4 |  | 5 | 13,651 | 14,864 | 1,212 | 8.9\% | 16,117 | 2,466 | 18.1\% | 15,924 | 2,272 | 16.6\% |


|  | 146,165 |  | 295 | 129 | 125 | 609 | 319 | 1,477 | 11,570,052 | 13,555,213 | 1,985,161 |  | 14,695,568 | 3,125,517 |  | 14,084,897 | 2,514,845 |  |
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| Co Name | ANB | SS Name | $<50$ | 50-59 | 60-69 | 70-79 | 80-> | Total | State CL | State if \$1.66 | Dif | \% Change | State if \$1.80 | Dif | \% Change | State if 3 tiers | Dif | \% Change |
| Flathead | 584 | Somers Elementary |  |  |  |  | 7 | 7 | 68,536 | 63,205 | $(5,331)$ | -7.8\% | 68,536 | - | 0.0\% | 68,536 | - | 0.0\% |
| Flathead | 879 | Bigfork Public Schools |  |  |  | 4 | 5 | 9 | 67,347 | 66,043 | $(1,304)$ | -1.9\% | 71,613 | 4,266 | 6.3\% | 71,613 | 4,266 | 6.3\% |
| Flathead | 1,653 | Whitefish Public Schools | 3 |  |  | 11 |  | 14 | 90,966 | 112,872 | 21,905 | 24.1\% | 122,391 | 31,425 | 34.5\% | 116,026 | 25,059 | 27.5\% |
| Flathead | 111 | Marion Elementary |  |  |  | 1 |  | 1 | 12,855 | 13,592 | 737 | 5.7\% | 14,738 | 1,883 | 14.6\% | 14,738 | 1,883 | 14.6\% |
| Flathead | 83 | Olney-Bissell Elementary |  |  |  | 2 |  | 2 | 12,967 | 13,710 | 743 | 5.7\% | 14,867 | 1,900 | 14.6\% | 14,867 | 1,900 | 14.6\% |
| Flathead | 599 | West Valley Elementary |  |  | 1 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 26,676 | 26,855 | 179 | 0.7\% | 29,120 | 2,444 | 9.2\% | 28,857 | 2,181 | 8.2\% |
| Flathead | 63 | West Glacier Elementary |  |  |  | 1 |  | 1 | 22,916 | 24,229 | 1,314 | 5.7\% | 26,273 | 3,357 | 14.6\% | 26,273 | 3,357 | 14.6\% |
| Gallatin | 618 | Manhattan Public Schools |  |  |  | 4 | 1 | 5 | 54,489 | 55,547 | 1,058 | 1.9\% | 60,232 | 5,742 | 10.5\% | 60,232 | 5,742 | 10.5\% |
| Gallatin | 6,637 | Bozeman Public Schools |  |  |  | 46 | 2 | 48 | 390,373 | 411,666 | 21,293 | 5.5\% | 446,385 | 56,012 | 14.3\% | 446,385 | 56,012 | 14.3\% |
| Gallatin | 58 | Willow Creek Public Schls |  | 1 | 1 |  |  | 2 | 5,647 | 6,892 | 1,246 | 22.1\% | 7,474 | 1,827 | 32.4\% | 7,058 | 1,412 | 25.0\% |
| Gallatin | 602 | Three Forks Public Schls |  |  |  | 4 | 1 | 5 | 47,114 | 49,680 | 2,566 | 5.4\% | 53,870 | 6,756 | 14.3\% | 53,870 | 6,756 | 14.3\% |
| Gallatin | 422 | Monforton Elementary |  |  |  |  | 3 | 3 | 11,765 | 10,850 | (915) | -7.8\% | 11,765 | - | 0.0\% | 11,765 |  | 0.0\% |
| Gallatin | 164 | Gallatin Gateway Elem |  |  |  | 2 |  | 2 | 8,386 | 8,867 | 481 | 5.7\% | 9,615 | 1,229 | 14.6\% | 9,615 | 1,229 | 14.6\% |
| Gallatin | 214 | Anderson Elementary |  |  | 1 | 1 |  | 2 | 4,467 | 4,939 | 472 | 10.6\% | 5,356 | 889 | 19.9\% | 5,258 | 792 | 17.7\% |
| Gallatin | 3,315 | Belgrade Public Schools |  | 3 |  | 18 | 14 | 35 | 265,653 | 270,254 | 4,601 | 1.7\% | 293,046 | 27,393 | 10.3\% | 291,714 | 26,061 | 9.8\% |
| Gallatin | 256 | West Yellowstone K-12 Schls |  |  |  | 1 |  | 1 | 14,695 | 15,538 | 842 | 5.7\% | 16,848 | 2,153 | 14.6\% | 16,848 | 2,153 | 14.6\% |
| Gallatin | 317 | Big Sky K-12 Schools | 2 |  |  | 4 |  | 6 | 19,737 | 26,998 | 7,261 | 36.8\% | 29,275 | 9,538 | 48.3\% | 26,937 | 7,201 | 36.5\% |
| Gallatin | 173 | Amsterdam Elementary |  |  |  | 1 | 3 | 4 | 18,921 | 18,276 | (646) | -3.4\% | 19,817 | 896 | 4.7\% | 19,817 | 896 | 4.7\% |
| Garfield | 158 | Jordan Public Schools |  |  | 4 |  |  | 4 | 48,372 | 59,043 | 10,670 | 22.1\% | 64,022 | 15,650 | 32.4\% | 60,466 | 12,093 | 25.0\% |
| Garfield | 15 | Cohagen Elementary | 1 |  |  |  |  | 1 | 4,494 | 7,852 | 3,358 | 74.7\% | 8,514 | 4,021 | 89.5\% | 7,332 | 2,838 | 63.2\% |
| Glacier | 2,012 | Browning Public Schools | 1 |  | 2 | 7 | 10 | 20 | 216,698 | 220,869 | 4,171 | 1.9\% | 238,313 | 21,614 | 10.0\% | 234,924 | 18,226 | 8.4\% |
| Glacier | 764 | Cut Bank Public Schools |  |  |  | 5 |  | 5 | 87,363 | 92,371 | 5,008 | 5.7\% | 100,161 | 12,798 | 14.6\% | 100,161 | 12,798 | 14.6\% |
| Golden Val | 54 | Ryegate K-12 Schools | 3 |  |  |  |  | 3 | 20,554 | 35,916 | 15,362 | 74.7\% | 38,945 | 18,391 | 89.5\% | 33,536 | 12,982 | 63.2\% |
| Golden Val | 75 | Lavina K-12 Schools | 1 | 2 |  |  |  | 3 | 22,692 | 35,710 | 13,018 | 57.4\% | 38,722 | 16,030 | 70.6\% | 35,035 | 12,343 | 54.4\% |
| Granite | 185 | Philipsburg K-12 Schools | 1 |  | 1 | 1 |  | 3 | 12,748 | 15,707 | 2,958 | 23.2\% | 17,031 | 4,283 | 33.6\% | 16,126 | 3,378 | 26.5\% |
| Granite | 186 | Drummond Public Schools |  |  | 1 | 1 |  | 2 | 21,086 | 24,568 | 3,482 | 16.5\% | 26,640 | 5,554 | 26.3\% | 25,616 | 4,530 | 21.5\% |
| Hill | 11 | Davey Elementary | 1 |  |  |  |  | 1 | 2,503 | 4,374 | 1,871 | 74.7\% | 4,743 | 2,240 | 89.5\% | 4,085 | 1,581 | 63.2\% |
| Hill | 419 | Box Elder Public Schools |  |  |  |  | 5 | 5 | 51,552 | 47,542 | $(4,010)$ | -7.8\% | 51,552 | - | 0.0\% | 51,552 |  | 0.0\% |
| Hill | 1,973 | Havre Public Schools | 1 | 2 | 1 | 9 |  | 13 | 97,387 | 113,256 | 15,869 | 16.3\% | 122,808 | 25,421 | 26.1\% | 119,818 | 22,431 | 23.0\% |
| Hill | 28 | Cottonwood Elementary | 3 |  |  |  |  | 3 | 14,032 | 24,520 | 10,487 | 74.7\% | 26,588 | 12,555 | 89.5\% | 22,895 | 8,863 | 63.2\% |
| Hill | 571 | Rocky Boy Public Schools | 1 |  |  |  | 8 | 9 | 67,033 | 67,689 | 656 | 1.0\% | 73,397 | 6,365 | 9.5\% | 71,525 | 4,493 | 6.7\% |
| Hill | 182 | North Star Public Schools | 1 | 1 |  | 3 |  | 5 | 34,603 | 42,604 | 8,001 | 23.1\% | 46,197 | 11,594 | 33.5\% | 44,474 | 9,870 | 28.5\% |
| Jefferson | 268 | Clancy Elementary |  |  |  | 1 | 3 | 4 | 26,060 | 24,950 | $(1,111)$ | -4.3\% | 27,054 | 994 | 3.8\% | 27,054 | 994 | 3.8\% |
| Jefferson | 421 | Whitehall Public Schools |  |  | 1 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 61,407 | 61,807 | 400 | 0.7\% | 67,019 | 5,613 | 9.1\% | 66,961 | 5,554 | 9.0\% |
| Jefferson | 188 | Boulder Elementary |  |  | 1 | 1 |  | 2 | 12,806 | 14,569 | 1,763 | 13.8\% | 15,797 | 2,991 | 23.4\% | 15,334 | 2,528 | 19.7\% |
| Jefferson | 46 | Cardwell Elementary | 2 |  |  |  |  | 2 | 6,204 | 10,841 | 4,637 | 74.7\% | 11,755 | 5,551 | 89.5\% | 10,122 | 3,918 | 63.2\% |
| Jefferson | 488 | Montana City Elementary |  |  |  |  | 3 | 3 | 11,502 | 10,607 | (895) | -7.8\% | 11,502 | - | 0.0\% | 11,502 | - | 0.0\% |
| Jefferson | 222 | Jefferson High School |  |  | 2 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 44,076 | 46,114 | 2,038 | 4.6\% | 50,003 | 5,927 | 13.4\% | 49,346 | 5,270 | 12.0\% |
| Judith Basi | 92 | Stanford K-12 Schools | 4 | 1 |  |  |  | 5 | 32,697 | 55,126 | 22,429 | 68.6\% | 59,775 | 27,078 | 82.8\% | 52,335 | 19,638 | 60.1\% |
| Judith Basi | 113 | Hobson K-12 Schools | 1 | - 3 |  |  |  | 4 | 36,098 | 53,455 | 17,357 | 48.1\% | 57,964 | 21,866 | 60.6\% | 54,043 | 17,945 | 49.7\% |
| Judith Basi | 67 | Geyser Public Schools | 2 | 1 |  |  |  | 3 | 23,441 | 37,367 | 13,926 | 59.4\% | 40,519 | 17,078 | 72.9\% | 36,433 | 12,992 | 55.4\% |
| Lake | 465 | Arlee Public Schools | 1 |  |  |  | 5 | 6 | 27,600 | 28,697 | 1,097 | 4.0\% | 31,117 | 3,517 | 12.7\% | 30,083 | 2,483 | 9.0\% |
| Lake | 1,710 | Polson Public Schools |  | 1 |  | 4 | 7 | 12 | 121,069 | 119,654 | $(1,414)$ | -1.2\% | 129,746 | 8,677 | 7.2\% | 129,026 | 7,957 | 6.6\% |
| Lake | 487 | St Ignatius K-12 Schools | 1 |  |  | 4 | 2 | 7 | 57,944 | 61,703 | 3,759 | 6.5\% | 66,907 | 8,963 | 15.5\% | 65,696 | 7,751 | 13.4\% |
| Lake | 1,456 | Ronan Public Schools | 1 |  |  |  | 18 | 19 | 128,045 | 135,935 | 7,890 | 6.2\% | 147,399 | 19,355 | 15.1\% | 141,707 | 13,662 | 10.7\% |
| Lake | 297 | Charlo Public Schools |  | 1 |  | 3 |  | 4 | 31,725 | 35,497 | 3,773 | 11.9\% | 38,491 | 6,766 | 21.3\% | 38,051 | 6,326 | 19.9\% |
| Lewis \& Cla | 8,294 | Helena Public Schools | 15 |  | 1 |  | 45 | 61 | 557,653 | 589,905 | 32,252 | 5.8\% | 639,656 | 82,003 | 14.7\% | 615,827 | 58,175 | 10.4\% |
| Lewis \& Cla | 20 | Trinity Elementary |  | 1 |  |  |  | 1 | 3,064 | 4,422 | 1,359 | 44.3\% | 4,795 | 1,732 | 56.5\% | 4,529 | 1,465 | 47.8\% |
| Lewis \& Cla | 1,205 | East Helena Elementary |  |  |  | 1 | 4 | 5 | 46,491 | 43,465 | $(3,025)$ | -6.5\% | 47,131 | 640 | 1.4\% | 47,131 | 640 | 1.4\% |
| Lewis \& Cla | 129 | Lincoln K-12 Schools | 1 | 1 |  |  |  | 2 | 7,010 | 11,504 | 4,494 | 64.1\% | 12,474 | 5,465 | 78.0\% | 11,061 | 4,052 | 57.8\% |
| Lewis \& Cla | 91 | Augusta Public Schools | 1 |  |  |  | 1 | 2 | 26,371 | 33,389 | 7,019 | 26.6\% | 36,205 | 9,835 | 37.3\% | 33,313 | 6,942 | 26.3\% |
| Liberty | 255 | Chester-Joplin-Inverness PS | 4 | 1 |  |  |  | 5 | 51,624 | 86,308 | 34,685 | 67.2\% | 93,587 | 41,964 | 81.3\% | 82,262 | 30,638 | 59.3\% |
| Lincoln | 415 | Troy Public Schools |  |  |  | 5 |  | 5 | 50,798 | 53,710 | 2,912 | 5.7\% | 58,239 | 7,442 | 14.6\% | 58,239 | 7,442 | 14.6\% |


|  | 146,165 |  | 295 | 129 | 125 | 609 | 319 | 1,477 | 11,570,052 | 13,555,213 | 1,985,161 |  | 14,695,568 | 3,125,517 |  | 14,084,897 | 2,514,845 |  |
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| Co Name | ANB | SS Name | <50 | 50-59 | 60-69 | 70-79 | 80-> | Total | State CL | State if \$1.66 | Dif | \% Change | State if \$1.80 | Dif | \% Change | State if 3 tiers | Dif | \% Change |
| Lincoln | 1,181 | Libby K-12 Schools |  |  |  | 15 |  | 15 | 125,333 | 132,518 | 7,185 | 5.7\% | 143,694 | 18,361 | 14.6\% | 143,694 | 18,361 | 14.6\% |
| Lincoln | 747 | Eureka Public Schools |  |  |  | 8 |  | 8 | 82,072 | 86,777 | 4,705 | 5.7\% | 94,095 | 12,023 | 14.6\% | 94,095 | 12,023 | 14.6\% |
| Lincoln | 84 | Fortine Elementary | 1 | 1 |  |  |  | 2 | 12,078 | 18,526 | 6,448 | 53.4\% | 20,088 | 8,010 | 66.3\% | 18,405 | 6,327 | 52.4\% |
| Lincoln | 25 | McCormick Elementary | 1 |  |  |  |  | 1 | 7,233 | 12,639 | 5,406 | 74.7\% | 13,705 | 6,472 | 89.5\% | 11,802 | 4,568 | 63.2\% |
| Lincoln | 30 | Trego Elementary |  |  |  | 1 |  | 1 | 14,739 | 15,584 | 845 | 5.7\% | 16,898 | 2,159 | 14.6\% | 16,898 | 2,159 | 14.6\% |
| Madison | 194 | Sheridan Public Schools |  | 1 | 2 | 1 |  | 4 | 35,771 | 41,768 | 5,997 | 16.8\% | 45,291 | 9,520 | 26.6\% | 43,975 | 8,205 | 22.9\% |
| Madison | 256 | Twin Bridges K-12 Schools | 1 |  | 1 | 3 |  | 5 | 37,827 | 44,610 | 6,783 | 17.9\% | 48,372 | 10,546 | 27.9\% | 46,546 | 8,719 | 23.0\% |
| Madison | 91 | Harrison K-12 Schools |  | 2 |  |  |  | 2 | 14,904 | 21,514 | 6,610 | 44.3\% | 23,328 | 8,424 | 56.5\% | 22,032 | 7,128 | 47.8\% |
| Madison | 359 | Ennis K-12 Schools | 1 | 4 |  |  |  | 5 | 41,818 | 61,628 | 19,810 | 47.4\% | 66,825 | 25,007 | 59.8\% | 62,456 | 20,638 | 49.4\% |
| McCone | 231 | Circle Public Schools | 3 |  | 2 |  |  | 5 | 37,748 | 55,781 | 18,033 | 47.8\% | 60,485 | 22,738 | 60.2\% | 54,216 | 16,468 | 43.6\% |
| McCone | 25 | Vida Elementary | 2 |  |  |  |  | 2 | 12,089 | 21,124 | 9,035 | 74.7\% | 22,905 | 10,816 | 89.5\% | 19,724 | 7,635 | 63.2\% |
| Meagher | 220 | White Sul Spgs Pub Schls | 1 |  | 3 |  |  | 4 | 52,764 | 67,599 | 14,836 | 28.1\% | 73,301 | 20,537 | 38.9\% | 68,270 | 15,506 | 29.4\% |
| Mineral | 154 | Alberton K-12 Schools | 2 |  |  | 1 |  | 3 | 12,355 | 17,330 | 4,976 | 40.3\% | 18,792 | 6,437 | 52.1\% | 17,165 | 4,810 | 38.9\% |
| Mineral | 302 | Superior K-12 Schools |  |  | 4 |  |  | 4 | 43,085 | 52,589 | 9,504 | 22.1\% | 57,024 | 13,939 | 32.4\% | 53,856 | 10,771 | 25.0\% |
| Mineral | 162 | St Regis K-12 Schools |  | 1 |  | 1 | 1 | 3 | 23,193 | 23,097 | (96) | -0.4\% | 25,045 | 1,852 | 8.0\% | 24,872 | 1,679 | 7.2\% |
| Missoula | 9,031 | Missoula Co Public Schls | 32 |  | 3 | 39 |  | 74 | 418,036 | 540,431 | 122,394 | 29.3\% | 586,009 | 167,973 | 40.2\% | 548,215 | 130,178 | 31.1\% |
| Missoula | 1,510 | Hellgate Elementary | 2 |  |  | 12 | 2 | 16 | 66,260 | 72,877 | 6,617 | 10.0\% | 79,024 | 12,764 | 19.3\% | 77,575 | 11,315 | 17.1\% |
| Missoula | 628 | Lolo Elementary |  |  | 1 |  |  | 1 | 6,388 | 7,797 | 1,409 | 22.1\% | 8,455 | 2,067 | 32.4\% | 7,985 | 1,597 | 25.0\% |
| Missoula | 104 | Potomac Elementary |  |  |  | 2 |  | 2 | 11,370 | 12,022 | 652 | 5.7\% | 13,036 | 1,666 | 14.6\% | 13,036 | 1,666 | 14.6\% |
| Missoula | 375 | Bonner Elementary |  | 1 |  | 5 |  | 6 | 11,454 | 13,446 | 1,992 | 17.4\% | 14,580 | 3,126 | 27.3\% | 14,279 | 2,825 | 24.7\% |
| Missoula | 44 | Woodman Elementary |  |  |  | 1 |  | 1 | 17,584 | 18,592 | 1,008 | 5.7\% | 20,160 | 2,576 | 14.6\% | 20,160 | 2,576 | 14.6\% |
| Missoula | 119 | DeSmet Elementary |  |  |  | 2 |  | 2 | 16,405 | 17,345 | 940 | 5.7\% | 18,808 | 2,403 | 14.6\% | 18,808 | 2,403 | 14.6\% |
| Missoula | 558 | Target Range Elementary |  |  |  | 3 |  | 3 | 19,528 | 20,647 | 1,119 | 5.7\% | 22,388 | 2,861 | 14.6\% | 22,388 | 2,861 | 14.6\% |
| Missoula | 206 | Clinton Elementary |  |  |  | 4 |  | 4 | 25,069 | 26,506 | 1,437 | 5.7\% | 28,741 | 3,672 | 14.6\% | 28,741 | 3,672 | 14.6\% |
| Missoula | 29 | Swan Valley Elementary | 1 |  |  | 2 |  | 3 | 9,450 | 9,992 | 542 | 5.7\% | 10,835 | 1,384 | 14.6\% | 10,835 | 1,384 | 14.6\% |
| Missoula | 185 | Seeley Lake Elementary |  |  |  | 2 |  | 2 | 13,927 | 14,725 | 798 | 5.7\% | 15,967 | 2,040 | 14.6\% | 15,967 | 2,040 | 14.6\% |
| Missoula | 1,254 | Frenchtown K-12 Schools | 3 |  |  | 2 | 15 | 20 | 116,708 | 116,080 | (628) | -0.5\% | 125,870 | 9,162 | 7.9\% | 123,385 | 6,677 | 5.7\% |
| Musselshe | 656 | Roundup Public Schools | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 |  | 8 | 70,748 | 100,154 | 29,405 | 41.6\% | 108,600 | 37,852 | 53.5\% | 99,337 | 28,588 | 40.4\% |
| Musselshe | 90 | Melstone Public Schools |  | 1 | 2 |  |  | 3 | 33,929 | 42,725 | 8,795 | 25.9\% | 46,328 | 12,399 | 36.5\% | 43,754 | 9,825 | 29.0\% |
| Park | 1,528 | Livingston Public Schools |  |  | 2 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 71,637 | 68,953 | $(2,684)$ | -3.7\% | 74,768 | 3,132 | 4.4\% | 74,347 | 2,710 | 3.8\% |
| Park | 228 | Gardiner Public Schools | 1 |  |  | 1 |  | 2 | 11,460 | 13,373 | 1,912 | 16.7\% | 14,501 | 3,040 | 26.5\% | 14,022 | 2,562 | 22.4\% |
| Park | 48 | Arrowhead Schools |  |  |  |  | 2 | 2 | 12,806 | 11,810 | (996) | -7.8\% | 12,806 | - | 0.0\% | 12,806 | - | 0.0\% |
| Park | 224 | Shields Valley Pub Schls |  | 2 | 3 | 1 |  | 6 | 49,421 | 61,662 | 12,241 | 24.8\% | 66,863 | 17,441 | 35.3\% | 63,798 | 14,376 | 29.1\% |
| Petroleum | 92 | Winnett K-12 Schools | 2 | 1 |  | 1 |  | 4 | 38,397 | 53,261 | 14,864 | 38.7\% | 57,753 | 19,356 | 50.4\% | 53,579 | 15,182 | 39.5\% |
| Phillips | 86 | Dodson K-12 | 3 |  |  |  |  | 3 | 19,262 | 33,658 | 14,396 | 74.7\% | 36,497 | 17,235 | 89.5\% | 31,428 | 12,166 | 63.2\% |
| Phillips | 53 | Saco Public Schools |  | 3 |  |  |  | 3 | 26,513 | 38,271 | 11,758 | 44.3\% | 41,499 | 14,986 | 56.5\% | 39,194 | 12,680 | 47.8\% |
| Phillips | 516 | Malta K-12 Schools | 1 | 3 | 1 |  |  | 5 | 47,007 | 65,846 | 18,839 | 40.1\% | 71,400 | 24,392 | 51.9\% | 67,433 | 20,426 | 43.5\% |
| Phillips | 60 | Whitewater K-12 Schools | 3 | 2 |  |  |  | 5 | 28,473 | 46,707 | 18,234 | 64.0\% | 50,647 | 22,173 | 77.9\% | 44,920 | 16,446 | 57.8\% |
| Pondera | 191 | Heart Butte K-12 Schools | 1 |  |  |  | 1 | 2 | 6,692 | 6,693 | 2 | 0.0\% | 7,258 | 566 | 8.5\% | 7,091 | 400 | 6.0\% |
| Pondera | 565 | Conrad Public Schools | 2 |  | 1 | 2 |  | 5 | 59,845 | 76,045 | 16,200 | 27.1\% | 82,458 | 22,613 | 37.8\% | 77,391 | 17,546 | 29.3\% |
| Pondera | 193 | Valier Public Schools |  |  | 4 |  |  | 4 | 52,927 | 64,252 | 11,326 | 21.4\% | 69,538 | 16,611 | 31.4\% | 65,762 | 12,836 | 24.3\% |
| Powder Riy | 262 | Broadus Public Schools | 4 |  | 3 |  | 1 | 8 | 109,339 | 144,054 | 34,715 | 31.7\% | 156,021 | 46,682 | 42.7\% | 143,144 | 33,806 | 30.9\% |
| Powell | 433 | Deer Lodge Elementary |  |  | 3 | 4 |  | 7 | 66,596 | 73,908 | 7,313 | 11.0\% | 80,141 | 13,546 | 20.3\% | 78,567 | 11,972 | 18.0\% |
| Powell | 232 | Powell County High School | 1 |  |  |  |  | 1 | 3,474 | 6,071 | 2,596 | 74.7\% | 6,583 | 3,108 | 89.5\% | 5,668 | 2,194 | 63.2\% |
| Powell | 18 | Helmville Elementary | 1 |  |  |  |  | 1 | 5,292 | 9,247 | 3,955 | 74.7\% | 10,027 | 4,735 | 89.5\% | 8,634 | 3,342 | 63.2\% |
| Powell | 13 | Garrison Elementary | 1 |  |  |  |  | 1 | 2,226 | 3,889 | 1,663 | 74.7\% | 4,217 | 1,991 | 89.5\% | 3,631 | 1,406 | 63.2\% |
| Powell | 18 | Avon Elementary | 1 |  |  |  |  | 1 | 1,949 | 3,406 | 1,457 | 74.7\% | 3,694 | 1,744 | 89.5\% | 3,181 | 1,231 | 63.2\% |
| Powell | 7 | Gold Creek Elementary | 1 |  |  |  |  | 1 | 4,350 | 7,601 | 3,251 | 74.7\% | 8,243 | 3,892 | 89.5\% | 7,098 | 2,748 | 63.2\% |
| Prairie | 163 | Terry K-12 Schools | 1 | 1 |  |  |  | 2 | 11,568 | 18,011 | 6,444 | 55.7\% | 19,530 | 7,963 | 68.8\% | 17,763 | 6,195 | 53.6\% |
| Ravalli | 1,307 | Corvallis K-12 Schools | 2 |  |  | 3 | 9 | 14 | 70,491 | 74,738 | 4,246 | 6.0\% | 81,041 | 10,550 | 15.0\% | 78,493 | 8,001 | 11.4\% |
| Ravalli | 1,049 | Stevensville Public Schls | 2 |  |  | 8 | 3 | 13 | 86,475 | 99,673 | 13,199 | 15.3\% | 108,080 | 21,605 | 25.0\% | 103,951 | 17,476 | 20.2\% |
| Ravalli | 1,598 | Hamilton K-12 Schools | 2 |  |  | 9 |  | 11 | 72,204 | 83,781 | 11,577 | 16.0\% | 90,847 | 18,643 | 25.8\% | 88,010 | 15,806 | 21.9\% |
| Ravalli | 354 | Victor K-12 Schools | 1 |  |  | 4 |  | 5 | 16,110 | 17,082 | 972 | 6.0\% | 18,523 | 2,412 | 15.0\% | 18,504 | 2,394 | 14.9\% |


|  | 146,165 |  | 295 | 129 | 125 | 609 | 319 | 1,477 | 11,570,052 | 13,555,213 | 1,985,161 |  | 14,695,568 | 3,125,517 |  | 14,084,897 | 2,514,845 |  |
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| Ravalli | 357 | Darby K-12 Schools |  |  |  |  | 4 | 4 | 58,028 | 53,515 | $(4,513)$ | -7.8\% | 58,028 | - | 0.0\% | 58,028 | - | 0.0\% |
| Ravalli | 280 | Lone Rock Elementary |  |  |  |  | 3 | 3 | 21,066 | 19,428 | $(1,638)$ | -7.8\% | 21,066 | - | 0.0\% | 21,066 | - | 0.0\% |
| Ravalli | 846 | Florence-Carlton K-12 Schls | 1 |  | 3 | 4 | 3 | 11 | 44,880 | 49,601 | 4,720 | 10.5\% | 53,784 | 8,904 | 19.8\% | 52,155 | 7,275 | 16.2\% |
| Richland | 1,420 | Sidney Public Schools | 1 | 1 |  | 5 | 2 | 9 | 56,969 | 67,210 | 10,241 | 18.0\% | 72,878 | 15,909 | 27.9\% | 69,949 | 12,980 | 22.8\% |
| Richland | 124 | Savage Public Schools | 1 | 1 |  |  |  | 2 | 18,014 | 29,149 | 11,135 | 61.8\% | 31,607 | 13,593 | 75.5\% | 28,216 | 10,203 | 56.6\% |
| Richland | 12 | Brorson Elementary | 1 |  |  |  |  | 1 | 7,897 | 13,799 | 5,902 | 74.7\% | 14,963 | 7,066 | 89.5\% | 12,884 | 4,988 | 63.2\% |
| Richland | 316 | Fairview Public Schools | 4 |  |  |  |  | 4 | 28,751 | 50,238 | 21,487 | 74.7\% | 54,475 | 25,724 | 89.5\% | 46,909 | 18,158 | 63.2\% |
| Richland | 81 | Rau Elementary | 2 |  |  |  |  | 2 | 11,970 | 20,916 | 8,946 | 74.7\% | 22,680 | 10,710 | 89.5\% | 19,530 | 7,560 | 63.2\% |
| Richland | 134 | Lambert Public Schools | 4 |  |  |  |  | 4 | 38,133 | 66,632 | 28,499 | 74.7\% | 72,252 | 34,119 | 89.5\% | 62,217 | 24,084 | 63.2\% |
| Roosevelt | 143 | Frontier Elementary |  |  |  | 2 |  | 2 | 13,431 | 14,201 | 770 | 5.7\% | 15,399 | 1,968 | 14.6\% | 15,399 | 1,968 | 14.6\% |
| Roosevelt | 865 | Poplar Public Schools |  | 2 |  | 5 |  | 7 | 48,294 | 54,979 | 6,685 | 13.8\% | 59,616 | 11,322 | 23.4\% | 58,734 | 10,440 | 21.6\% |
| Roosevelt | 297 | Culbertson Public Schools | 3 | 1 |  | 2 |  | 6 | 35,998 | 48,114 | 12,116 | 33.7\% | 52,172 | 16,174 | 44.9\% | 48,938 | 12,939 | 35.9\% |
| Roosevelt | 843 | Wolf Point Public Schools | 3 | 1 |  |  |  | 4 | 18,075 | 29,880 | 11,805 | 65.3\% | 32,400 | 14,325 | 79.3\% | 28,631 | 10,556 | 58.4\% |
| Roosevelt | 156 | Brockton Public Schools |  |  |  | 1 |  | 1 | 12,811 | 13,546 | 734 | 5.7\% | 14,688 | 1,877 | 14.6\% | 14,688 | 1,877 | 14.6\% |
| Roosevelt | 184 | Bainville K-12 Schools | 3 | 1 |  | 1 |  | 5 | 32,050 | 48,588 | 16,539 | 51.6\% | 52,686 | 20,636 | 64.4\% | 47,286 | 15,237 | 47.5\% |
| Roosevelt | 108 | Froid Public Schools |  | 4 |  |  |  | 4 | 47,374 | 68,383 | 21,009 | 44.3\% | 74,150 | 26,776 | 56.5\% | 70,031 | 22,657 | 47.8\% |
| Rosebud | 381 | Forsyth Public Schools |  |  |  | 3 | 2 | 5 | 56,192 | 56,642 | 450 | 0.8\% | 61,419 | 5,227 | 9.3\% | 61,419 | 5,227 | 9.3\% |
| Rosebud | 555 | Lame Deer Public Schools |  | 1 |  | 3 | 4 | 8 | 70,738 | 68,276 | $(2,462)$ | -3.5\% | 74,034 | 3,296 | 4.7\% | 73,890 | 3,152 | 4.5\% |
| Rosebud | 88 | Rosebud Public Schools | 3 |  |  |  |  | 3 | 12,951 | 22,631 | 9,679 | 74.7\% | 24,539 | 11,588 | 89.5\% | 21,131 | 8,180 | 63.2\% |
| Rosebud | 620 | Colstrip Public Schools |  |  |  | 1 | 4 | 5 | 100,604 | 96,777 | $(3,827)$ | -3.8\% | 104,939 | 4,335 | 4.3\% | 104,939 | 4,335 | 4.3\% |
| Rosebud | 77 | Ashland Elementary |  | 1 |  |  |  | 1 | 2,754 | 3,975 | 1,221 | 44.3\% | 4,310 | 1,556 | 56.5\% | 4,070 | 1,317 | 47.8\% |
| Sanders | - | Paradise Elem |  | 1 |  |  |  | 1 | 5,892 | 8,505 | 2,613 | 44.3\% | 9,222 | 3,330 | 56.5\% | 8,710 | 2,818 | 47.8\% |
| Sanders | 473 | Plains Public Schools |  |  | 4 | 1 |  | 5 | 32,534 | 37,896 | 5,362 | 16.5\% | 41,092 | 8,558 | 26.3\% | 39,517 | 6,983 | 21.5\% |
| Sanders | 472 | Thompson Falls Pub Schls |  |  |  | 4 | 4 | 8 | 97,533 | 95,317 | $(2,216)$ | -2.3\% | 103,356 | 5,823 | 6.0\% | 103,356 | 5,823 | 6.0\% |
| Sanders | 75 | Trout Creek Elementary | 1 |  |  | 2 |  | 3 | 25,548 | 29,951 | 4,403 | 17.2\% | 32,185 | 6,636 | 26.0\% | 30,989 | 5,440 | 21.3\% |
| Sanders | 51 | Dixon Elementary |  |  |  | 1 |  | 1 | 11,290 | 11,937 | 647 | 5.7\% | 12,944 | 1,654 | 14.6\% | 12,944 | 1,654 | 14.6\% |
| Sanders | 192 | Noxon Public Schools | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 |  | 5 | 42,201 | 58,565 | 16,364 | 38.8\% | 63,504 | 21,303 | 50.5\% | 58,713 | 16,512 | 39.1\% |
| Sanders | 210 | Hot Springs K-12 |  | 2 |  | 2 |  | 4 | 38,605 | 46,585 | 7,980 | 20.7\% | 50,513 | 11,909 | 30.8\% | 49,215 | 10,610 | 27.5\% |
| Sheridan | 66 | Westby K-12 Schools | 2 |  |  |  |  | 2 | 15,636 | 27,322 | 11,686 | 74.7\% | 29,626 | 13,990 | 89.5\% | 25,511 | 9,875 | 63.2\% |
| Sheridan | 127 | Medicine Lake K-12 Schools | 5 |  |  |  |  | 5 | 39,393 | 66,816 | 27,423 | 69.6\% | 72,223 | 32,830 | 83.3\% | 62,567 | 23,174 | 58.8\% |
| Sheridan | 379 | Plentywood K-12 Schools | 4 | 2 |  |  |  | 6 | 50,430 | 81,470 | 31,040 | 61.6\% | 88,341 | 37,911 | 75.2\% | 78,926 | 28,496 | 56.5\% |
| Silver Bow | 4,383 | Butte Public Schools |  | 1 | 2 | 21 |  | 24 | 190,549 | 204,782 | 14,233 | 7.5\% | 222,053 | 31,504 | 16.5\% | 220,957 | 30,408 | 16.0\% |
| Silver Bow | 148 | Ramsay Elementary |  |  |  | 2 |  | 2 | 24,304 | 25,697 | 1,393 | 5.7\% | 27,864 | 3,560 | 14.6\% | 27,864 | 3,560 | 14.6\% |
| Stillwater | 356 | Park City Public Schools |  | 1 | 1 | 2 |  | 4 | 15,980 | 18,941 | 2,961 | 18.5\% | 20,538 | 4,558 | 28.5\% | 19,862 | 3,882 | 24.3\% |
| Stillwater | 717 | Columbus Public Schools |  |  |  | 1 | 5 | 6 | 42,661 | 40,636 | $(2,025)$ | -4.7\% | 44,063 | 1,402 | 3.3\% | 44,063 | 1,402 | 3.3\% |
| Stillwater | 90 | Reed Point Public Schools |  | 2 |  |  |  | 2 | 13,600 | 19,631 | 6,031 | 44.3\% | 21,287 | 7,687 | 56.5\% | 20,104 | 6,504 | 47.8\% |
| Stillwater | 5 | Fishtail Elementary | 1 |  |  |  |  | 1 | 2,223 | 3,884 | 1,661 | 74.7\% | 4,212 | 1,989 | 89.5\% | 3,627 | 1,404 | 63.2\% |
| Stillwater | 58 | Rapelje Public Schools |  |  |  | 2 |  | 2 | 26,515 | 28,035 | 1,520 | 5.7\% | 30,399 | 3,884 | 14.6\% | 30,399 | 3,884 | 14.6\% |
| Stillwater | 260 | Absarokee Public Schools |  |  |  | 3 |  | 3 | 42,100 | 44,514 | 2,413 | 5.7\% | 48,268 | 6,168 | 14.6\% | 48,268 | 6,168 | 14.6\% |
| Sweet Gras | 184 | Sweet Grass County HS |  | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 31,577 | 35,679 | 4,102 | 13.0\% | 38,688 | 7,112 | 22.5\% | 37,509 | 5,932 | 18.8\% |
| Teton | 365 | Choteau Public Schools | 3 |  | 2 |  |  | 5 | 40,928 | 60,617 | 19,688 | 48.1\% | 65,729 | 24,800 | 60.6\% | 58,882 | 17,954 | 43.9\% |
| Teton | 303 | Fairfield Public Schools | 1 | 5 |  |  |  | 6 | 30,442 | 46,086 | 15,645 | 51.4\% | 49,973 | 19,532 | 64.2\% | 46,083 | 15,641 | 51.4\% |
| Teton | 129 | Power Public Schools | 2 |  | 1 |  |  | 3 | 19,448 | 28,853 | 9,405 | 48.4\% | 31,287 | 11,839 | 60.9\% | 28,015 | 8,567 | 44.1\% |
| Teton | 42 | Golden Ridge Elementary | 1 |  |  |  |  | 1 | 2,941 | 5,139 | 2,198 | 74.7\% | 5,573 | 2,632 | 89.5\% | 4,799 | 1,858 | 63.2\% |
| Teton | 76 | Greenfield Elementary | 2 |  |  |  |  | 2 | 7,691 | 13,439 | 5,748 | 74.7\% | 14,573 | 6,882 | 89.5\% | 12,549 | 4,858 | 63.2\% |
| Teton | 162 | Dutton/Brady K-12 Schools | 1 | 2 |  |  |  | 3 | 25,910 | 40,688 | 14,778 | 57.0\% | 44,094 | 18,184 | 70.2\% | 39,883 | 13,973 | 53.9\% |
| Toole | 217 | Sunburst K-12 Schools |  | 1 | 3 |  |  | 4 | 22,653 | 28,778 | 6,125 | 27.0\% | 31,205 | 8,552 | 37.8\% | 29,471 | 6,818 | 30.1\% |
| Toole | 471 | Shelby Public Schools |  | 2 |  | 2 |  | 4 | 37,488 | 46,875 | 9,387 | 25.0\% | 50,829 | 13,341 | 35.6\% | 49,199 | 11,711 | 31.2\% |
| Toole | 5 | Galata Elementary | 2 |  |  |  |  | 2 | 6,477 | 11,317 | 4,840 | 74.7\% | 12,272 | 5,795 | 89.5\% | 10,567 | 4,091 | 63.2\% |
| Treasure | 78 | Hysham K-12 Schools | 1 | 2 |  |  |  | 3 | 19,161 | 28,608 | 9,446 | 49.3\% | 30,786 | 11,625 | 60.7\% | 28,098 | 8,936 | 46.6\% |
| Valley | 847 | Glasgow K-12 Schools | 2 | 3 |  | 2 | 1 | 8 | 64,268 | 80,885 | 16,617 | 25.9\% | 87,707 | 23,439 | 36.5\% | 83,123 | 18,855 | 29.3\% |
| Valley | 153 | Frazer Public Schools | 1 |  |  |  |  | 1 | 2,244 | 3,921 | 1,677 | 74.7\% | 4,252 | 2,008 | 89.5\% | 3,661 | 1,417 | 63.2\% |
| Valley | 81 | Hinsdale Public Schools | 1 |  | 2 | 1 |  | 4 | 30,497 | 36,345 | 5,848 | 19.2\% | 39,410 | 8,913 | 29.2\% | 37,719 | 7,222 | 23.7\% |


|  | 146,165 |  | 295 | 129 | 125 | 609 | 319 | 1,477 | 11,570,052 | 13,555,213 | 1,985,161 |  | 14,695,568 | 3,125,517 |  | 14,084,897 | 2,514,845 |  |
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| Co Name | ANB | SS Name | <50 | 50-59 | 60-69 | 70-79 | 80-> | Total | State CL | State if \$1.66 | Dif | \% Change | State if \$1.80 | Dif | \% Change | State if 3 tiers | Dif | \% Change |
| Valley | 46 | Opheim K-12 Schools | 2 |  |  |  |  | 2 | 14,938 | 26,101 | 11,164 | 74.7\% | 28,303 | 13,365 | 89.5\% | 24,372 | 9,434 | 63.2\% |
| Valley | 131 | Nashua K-12 Schools | 1 |  | 2 |  |  | 3 | 16,785 | 22,490 | 5,704 | 34.0\% | 24,386 | 7,601 | 45.3\% | 22,432 | 5,646 | 33.6\% |
| Valley | 45 | Lustre Elementary | 1 | 3 |  |  |  | 4 | 25,900 | 38,022 | 12,123 | 46.8\% | 41,229 | 15,329 | 59.2\% | 38,608 | 12,708 | 49.1\% |
| Wheatland | 294 | Harlowton Public Schools |  |  |  |  | 2 | 2 | 35,046 | 32,320 | $(2,726)$ | -7.8\% | 35,046 | - | 0.0\% | 35,046 | - | 0.0\% |
| Wheatland | 26 | Judith Gap Public Schools | 2 |  |  |  |  | 2 | 13,718 | 23,970 | 10,252 | 74.7\% | 25,992 | 12,274 | 89.5\% | 22,382 | 8,664 | 63.2\% |
| Wibaux | 176 | Wibaux K-12 Schools |  | 3 |  |  |  | 3 | 25,708 | 37,109 | 11,401 | 44.3\% | 40,239 | 14,531 | 56.5\% | 38,003 | 12,295 | 47.8\% |
| Yellowston | 16,917 | Billings Public Schools | 2 |  | 7 | 77 | 3 | 89 | 833,783 | 894,539 | 60,756 | 7.3\% | 969,982 | 136,199 | 16.3\% | 962,966 | 129,183 | 15.5\% |
| Yellowston | 1,244 | Lockwood Elementary |  |  |  | 13 |  | 13 | 74,945 | 79,241 | 4,296 | 5.7\% | 85,924 | 10,979 | 14.6\% | 85,924 | 10,979 | 14.6\% |
| Yellowston | 233 | Canyon Creek Elementary |  |  |  | 3 |  | 3 | 30,351 | 32,091 | 1,740 | 5.7\% | 34,798 | 4,446 | 14.6\% | 34,798 | 4,446 | 14.6\% |
| Yellowston | 2,148 | Laurel Public Schools | 1 |  | 3 | 6 | 2 | 12 | 76,967 | 83,256 | 6,289 | 8.2\% | 90,277 | 13,310 | 17.3\% | 88,493 | 11,526 | 15.0\% |
| Yellowston | 539 | Elder Grove Elementary |  |  |  |  | 6 | 6 | 76,545 | 70,592 | $(5,954)$ | -7.8\% | 76,545 | - | 0.0\% | 76,545 | - | 0.0\% |
| Yellowston | 84 | Custer K-12 Schools | 1 | 1 | 1 |  |  | 3 | 14,227 | 21,957 | 7,730 | 54.3\% | 23,808 | 9,582 | 67.4\% | 21,441 | 7,215 | 50.7\% |
| Yellowston | 47 | Morin Elementary |  |  |  | 1 |  | 1 | 19,523 | 20,643 | 1,119 | 5.7\% | 22,384 | 2,860 | 14.6\% | 22,384 | 2,860 | 14.6\% |
| Yellowston | 159 | Broadview Public Schools |  |  |  | 4 |  | 4 | 46,558 | 49,227 | 2,669 | 5.7\% | 53,379 | 6,821 | 14.6\% | 53,379 | 6,821 | 14.6\% |
| Yellowston | 258 | Elysian Elementary |  |  |  |  | 2 | 2 | 17,168 | 15,832 | $(1,335)$ | -7.8\% | 17,168 | - | 0.0\% | 17,168 | - | 0.0\% |
| Yellowston | 813 | Huntley Project K-12 Schls | 1 | 1 |  | 1 | 10 | 13 | 130,186 | 131,007 | 821 | 0.6\% | 142,056 | 11,870 | 9.1\% | 139,650 | 9,464 | 7.3\% |
| Yellowston | 866 | Shepherd Public Schools |  | 1 | 1 |  | 9 | 11 | 85,367 | 86,318 | 952 | 1.1\% | 93,598 | 8,231 | 9.6\% | 91,987 | 6,620 | 7.8\% |
| Yellowston | 68 | Pioneer Elementary |  | 1 | 1 |  |  | 2 | 7,560 | 9,588 | 2,028 | 26.8\% | 10,397 | 2,837 | 37.5\% | 9,819 | 2,259 | 29.9\% |
| Yellowston | 325 | Independent Elementary |  |  |  | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6,986 | 6,872 | (114) | -1.6\% | 7,452 | 466 | 6.7\% | 7,452 | 466 | 6.7\% |
| Yellowston | 38 | Yellowstone Academy Elem |  |  | 1 |  |  | 1 | 7,736 | 9,442 | 1,706 | 22.1\% | 10,238 | 2,503 | 32.4\% | 9,670 | 1,934 | 25.0\% |

