

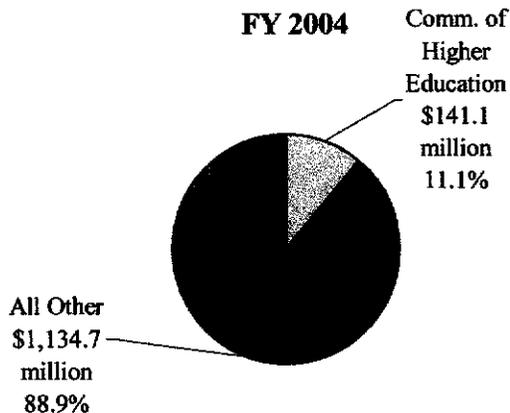
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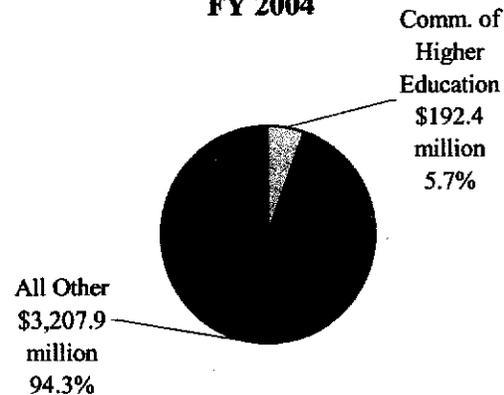
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# Montana University System – Commissioner of Higher Education Agency Profile<sup>1</sup>

**Commissioner of Higher Education  
General Fund  
FY 2004**



**Commissioner of Higher Education  
Total Funds  
FY 2004**



## WHAT DOES THE AGENCY DO?

The Montana University System (MUS) provides a public post-secondary education for Montana residents and out of state students at four-year and two-year campuses through: 1) University of Montana, with campuses in Missoula, Butte, Dillon and Helena; and 2) Montana State University, with campuses in Bozeman, Billings, Havre and Great Falls. There are also two-year community colleges located in Kalispell, Glendive and Miles City, which have shared governance between local trustees and the MUS Board of Regents. The seven Tribal Colleges located on Reservations across Montana, while not governed by the Board of Regents, receive limited funding assistance from the MUS.

The Montana Constitution, Article X, Section 9, grants governance authority over the MUS to the Board of Regents (Board), with seven members appointed by the Governor. The Constitution charges the Board with hiring a Commissioner of Higher Education who serves as their executive staff. The Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE) is the state-level administrative organization that provides management support and administrative leadership to all educational units and research and public service education agencies, for student support/assistance programs, and for financial aid functions of the MUS.

<b>Total Montana University System FTE:</b>	<b><u>4045.02</u></b>
o University System Educational Units =	3564.00
o OCHE/Statewide Administrative Units =	90.06
o Research Education & Public Service Agencies =	390.96

## How Services Are Provided

The Montana University System operates the following program units with the following functions:

<sup>1</sup> For an explanation of terms used in this profile, consult the \_\_\_\_\_