

# School Size and Enrollment 2009-10

School Size	# of Schools	Percent of Schools	Enrollment	Percent of Enrollment
>500	49	6%	42,927	30%
250 to 499	160	19%	56,027	40%
100 to 249	161	19%	26,444	19%
50 to 99	117	14%	8,563	6%
<50	341	41%	7,846	6%
	828	100%	141,807	100%

Note: Rounding numbers may not add up to 100%

## Poverty Indicators

Poverty Indicators	MT	National	Rank
Age 5-17 in Families in Poverty*	16.70%	16.40%	29th
Percent Eligible for Free/Reduced Lunch**	35.10%	N/A	21st

\*US Census Bureau 2007  
\*\*Common Core of Data, 2006-07 School Year

## Public School Districts

K-12 districts	2009-10
Combined elementary and high school	32
Combined high school (joint board)	105
Single districts (154 of 416)	105
State-funded districts	156
Nonoperating and annexed districts	2
<b>Total School Districts</b>	<b>427</b>

## School Data

Elementary Schools/ Middle, 7-88 Junior High Schools/ High Schools	2009-10
Elementary Schools	444
Middle, 7-88 Junior High Schools	213
High Schools	171
<b>Total Schools</b>	<b>828</b>

## Public School Enrollment

Year	2009-10	2008-09	% of Total Enrollment
State	141,807	142,927	5.1%
Private	7,846	7,846	2.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>149,653</b>	<b>150,773</b>	<b>7.8%</b>

# About the Big Sky State

- Population: 902,955 (2000 Census); Population 974,989 (2009 Estimate)
- Size: 147,046 square miles (fourth largest state)
- Population density: 6.2 per square mile (2000 Census)
- State racial makeup: White 90.6%, Asian 0.6%, Black 0.3%, other 0.6% (2000 Census)
- Hispanic 2.0%, Asian 0.6%, Black 0.3%, other 0.6% (2000 Census)
- Seven Indian Reservations and 12 Tribal Nations including one landless tribe, the Little Shell Chippewa
- School racial makeup: White 83.1%, American Indian 1.3%, Hispanic 2.8%, Asian 0.3%, Black 1.0%, Pacific Islander 0.3%
- 570 miles long, 315 miles wide
- Elevation range: 1,820 to 12,799 feet above sea level
- Borders three Canadian provinces and four states
- Headwaters for two major rivers - Missouri and Columbia
- Primary industries: agriculture, services, government (including education) and retail trade

## For more information about Montana, contact:

- www.discovermontana.com
- Tavel Montana (406) 841-3870
- http://rec.commerce.mt.gov
- The Census & Economic Information Center (406) 841-3274

## For more school data

- www.opi.mt.gov/measurement
- www.opi.mt.gov/reportsand

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Denise Juneau, State Superintendent

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# Facts About Montana

## Education

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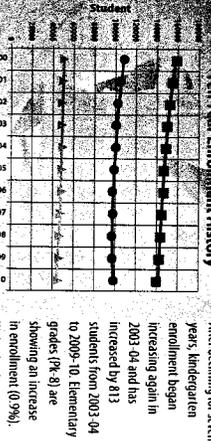
## Montana Public School Enrollment

Year	2008-09	2009-10	% Change 2009 to 2010
Elementary	778	1,206	
High School	10,900	10,959	
Private	63,532	64,041	
Elementary	21,780	21,638	
High School	96,590	97,844	0.9%
Elementary	44,979	43,889	
High School	44,979	43,849	-2.5%
Private	22	24	
Elementary	91	90	
High School	113	114	0.9%
Private	42,082	141,807	-0.2%

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## Public School Enrollment

Montana's public school enrollment has declined for seven years. Undergraduate enrollment began increasing again in 2003-04 and has increased by 813 students from 2003-04 to 2009-10. Elementary grades (PK-8) are showing an increase in enrollment (0.9%). High school enrollment is continuing to show a steady decline (-2.5%).



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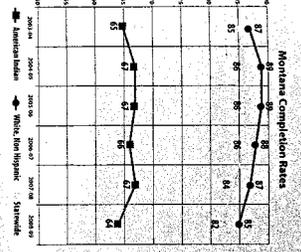
# High School Graduates 2009

High School Graduates 2009  
GED\* recipients (ages 16 to 19)  
\* General Educational Development

10,029  
1,262

# Montana Completion Rates

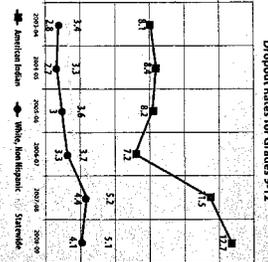
2003-04 to 2008-09



Overall high school completion rates have been relatively stable over the past six years, with a slight decline in the past two years. The gap between American Indian students and all students combined is 18 percentage points. The gap between white students and American Indian students is 21 percentage points.

# Dropout Rates for Grades 9-12

2003-04 to 2008-09



Student level data from schools and increased quality control measures result in more accurate data. The 2008-09 data should be considered baseline. Data collected for subsequent years will provide needed trends.

# Licensed K-12 Statewide Teacher Equivalency 2009

Leadership, classroom, and licensure...  
 2009-10  
 2008-09  
 2007-08  
 2006-07  
 2005-06  
 2004-05  
 2003-04

Montana's Public School Districts...  
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Test Scores	2008		2009		2010	
	MT	Natl.	MT	Natl.	MT	Natl.
ACT**	22.0	21.1	22.0	21.1	22.0	21.0

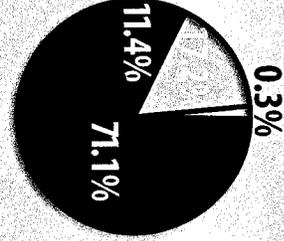
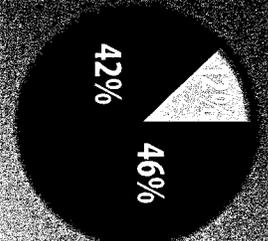
  

SAT*	2008		2009		2010	
	verbal	math	verbal	math	verbal	math
541	502	541	501	539	498	
548	515	542	515	542	511	
523	494	519	493	518	488	

\*\* American College Testing Program... High Score 36. In 2010 58% of Montana graduating seniors took the ACT. Nationally 47% of graduating seniors took the ACT.  
 \* Scholastic Aptitude Test - High Score 800. In 2010 19% of Montana graduating seniors took the SAT. Nationally 37% of graduating seniors took the SAT.

# Montana's Public School Districts

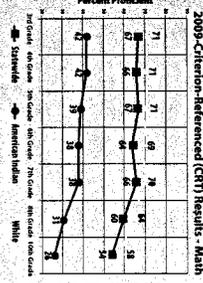
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Based on the Standard and Part's definition

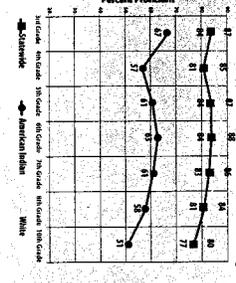
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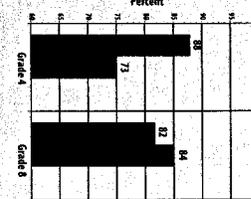
In Spring 2009, Montana students took the CRT test in the 3rd through 8th and 10th grade, measuring progress towards state standards in reading and math. The achievement gap between American Indian students and all students is quite substantial in both reading and math in every tested grade. In math it is never closer than 24 points (4th grade) and in reading it is never closer than 17 points (3rd grade). As a general rule the older the student the greater the gap rising to 28 and 26 points respectively in the 10th grade.

# Results Reading



# 2007 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)

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The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), referred to as the Nation's Report Card, is a measure of student achievement in the United States.