



College Participation

Goal 1:
Access & Affordability

System Initiatives:

- Two-Year College Initiative:** increase access and participation at two-year institutions by improving online access, growing dual enrollment opportunities, customizing programs for nontraditional students, and promoting two-year education as a low-cost, viable entry point to high-demand occupations and/or to four-year degrees.
- 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. Beginning in 2012-13 academic year, *the GEAR UP grant will fund the ACT test for all Montana public high school juniors!*

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Goal Statement

Prepare students for success in life through quality higher education

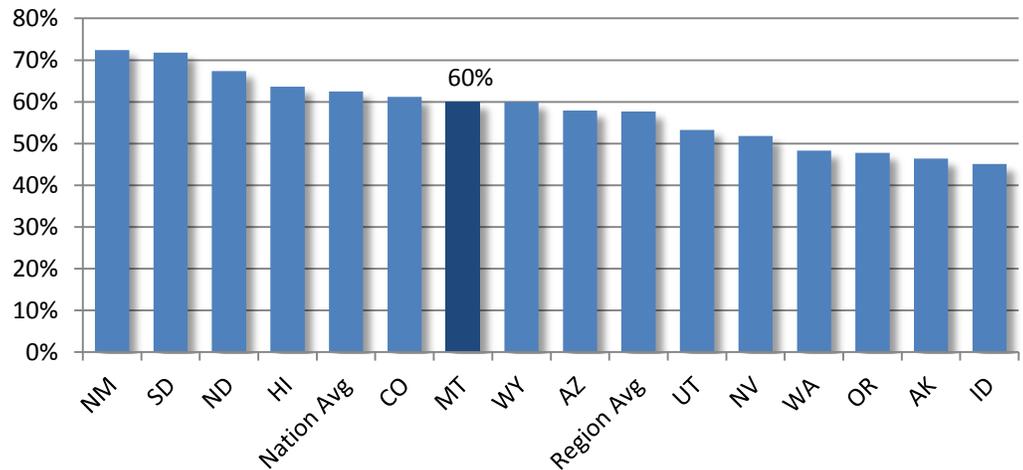
Objective 1.1.1

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

Metric 1.1.1

College Continuation Rate, Fall 2012

% of high school graduates attending college immediately following graduation



Montana College Continuation Rate

Percentage of Montana High School Graduates Enrolling in College in the Fall Semester Immediately Following Graduation

College Continuation Rates	1996	1998	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012
# of MT High School Graduates (public & private)	10,594	11,035	11,372	11,075	11,007	10,734	10,986	10,393	9,825
MT Continuation Rate % of MT Grads Enrolling in College	55%	57%	54%	55%	58%	58%	57%	61%	60%
WICHE Continuation Rate % of Grads in WICHE states enrolling in College	53%	50%	49%	49%	51%	56%	55%	58%	58%

In-state vs. Out-of-state Continuation Rates	1996	1998	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012
% of MT Grads Enrolling In-state -- MUS	35%	36%	35%	35%	37%	38%	38%	41%	41%
% of MT Grads Enrolling In-state (Private or Tribal)	4%	5%	3%	4%	5%	5%	5%	7%	6%
% of MT Grads Enrolling Out-of-State	16%	15%	16%	16%	15%	14%	13%	12%	13%

source: NCES, IPEDS Fall Enrollment Survey; OPI for public high school graduates, WICHE, Knocking at the College Door 2012 for private hs grads
Note: calculations for WICHE state exclude CA; MUS calculations include community colleges