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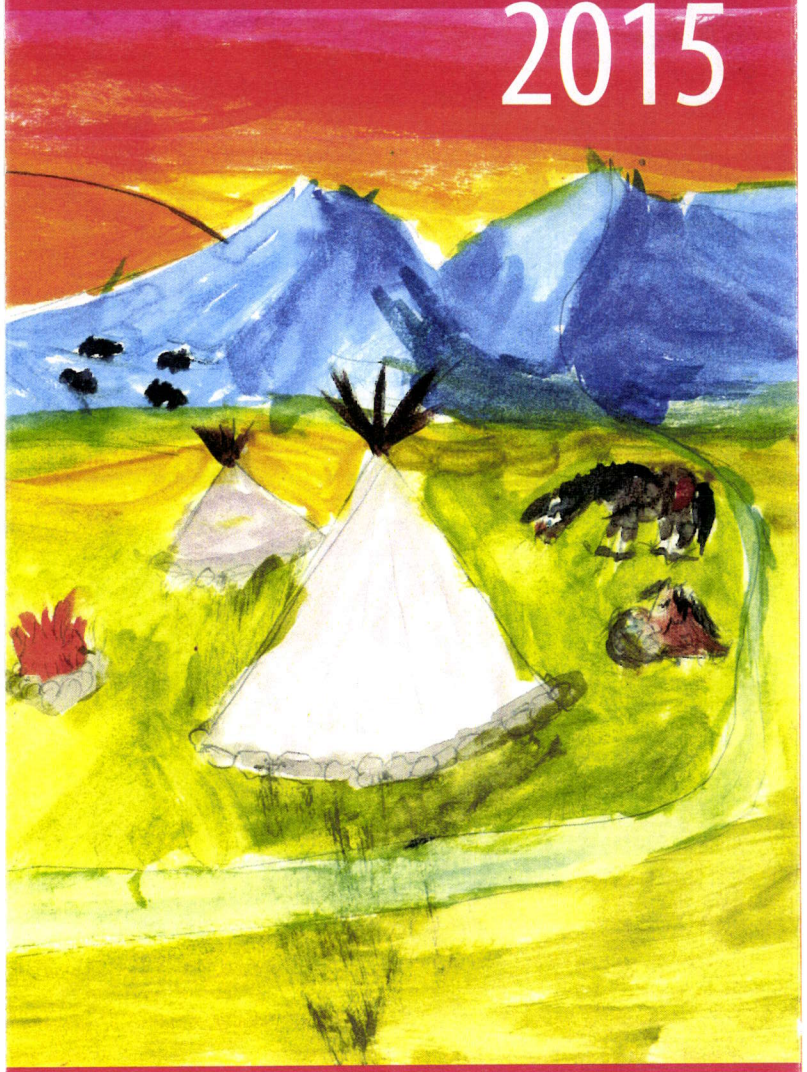

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School Funding Commission

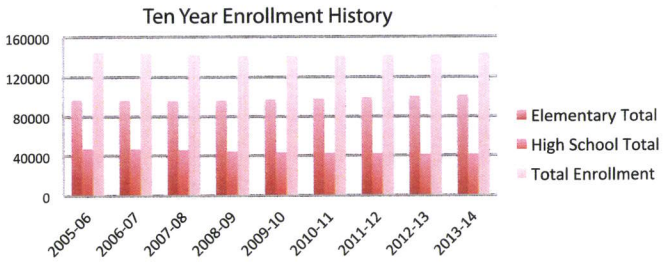
Montana Public School Enrollment

	2013 -14	2014 -15	% Change 2014 to 2015
Elementary			
Prekindergarten	1,439	1,229	
Kindergarten	12,036	11,682	
Grades 1-6	66,989	68,044	
Grades 7-8	21,500	21,743	
Total Elementary	**101,964**	**102,698**	**0.7%**
High School			
Grades 9-12	42,070	41,749	
Total High School	**42,070**	**41,749**	**-0.8%**
State-Funded Schools*			
Elementary (Pre K-8)	27	18	
High School (9-12)	68	67	
Total State-Funded Schools	**95**	**85**	**-10.5%**
Total Public School Enrollment	**144,129**	**144,532**	**0.3%**

* The state-funded schools are Pine Hills School, Riverside School, and the Montana School for the Deaf and Blind.

Montana enrollment peaked in the 1995-96 school year. Since then, enrollment has decreased by more than 20,000 students. The enrollment decrease is due to the decrease in Montana live births. After declining for seven years, kindergarten enrollment began increasing again in 2003-04 and has increased by 1,535 students from 2003-04 to 2014-15.

Montana (PK-12) showed an increase in enrollment in 2014 - 15 of 0.7%. Elementary grades (PK-8) are showing an increase in enrollment (0.7%). High school enrollment decreased (0.8%) after a one year increase.



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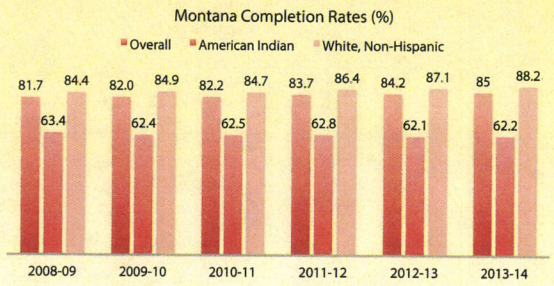
High School Graduates	2014
High School Graduates	9,474
HiSET recipients (ages 16 to 19)	523

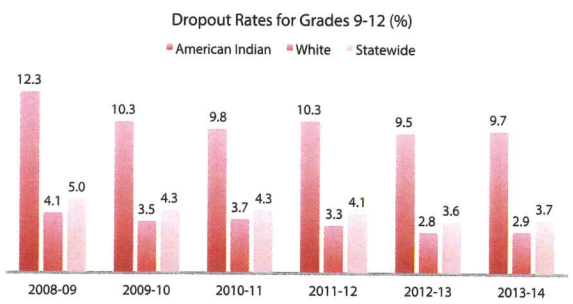
Montana Completion Rates 2008-09 to 2013-14

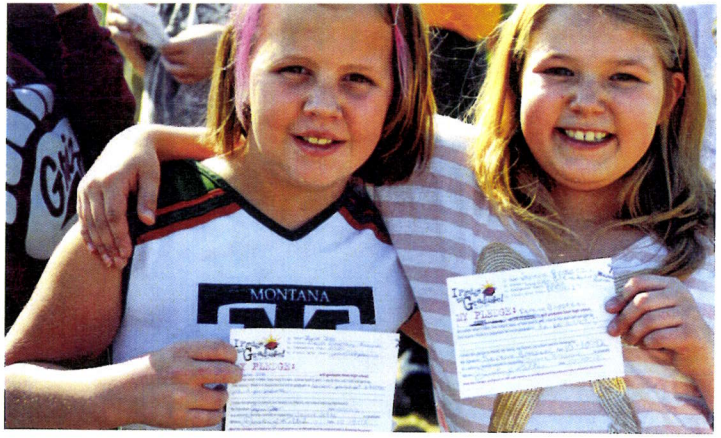
Overall high school completion rates have improved over the past six years. For 2013-14, the gap between American Indian students and all students combined is 23 percentage points. The gap between white students and American Indian students is 26 percentage points.



Dropout Rates for Grades 9-12, 2008-09 to 2013-14

Student-level data from schools and increased quality control measures have resulted in more accurate data.The 2008-09 data should be considered baseline. Dropout rates for American Indian, White and All Students as a whole declined since the 2008-09 school year.





Licensed K-12 Staff (Full-Time Equivalent) 2014 -15

Teachers- Classroom, Title I, Special Ed.	10,364
Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents	158
Principals and Assistant Principals	505
Other Administrative Staff	91
Education Specialists (Library, Guidance Counselors)	939
Licensed Professional (Noneducator)	390
Total Licensed Staff FTE	12,447
Paraprofessionals	2,445
Total Licensed and Paraprofessional Staff	**14,892**

Student/Teacher Ratio

	2010-11	2011 -12	2012 -13
Montana average	13.8	14	14
National average	15.7	16	16

Data from Common Core of Data, U.S. Department of Education

Assessment/Test Scores

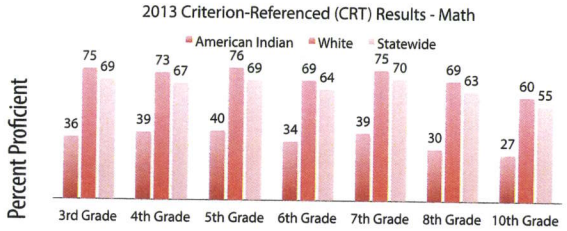
Test Scores	2012		2013		2014	
	MT	Natl	MT	Natl	MT	Natl
ACT**	22.0	21.1	21.3	20.9	20.5	21
SAT*						
VERBAL	536	496	538	491	555	497
MATH	536	514	541	503	552	513
WRITING	511	488	513	480	530	487

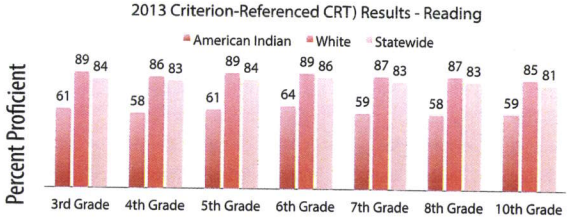
** American College Testing Program-- High Score 36. In 2014, 85 percent of Montana graduating seniors took the ACT. Nationally, 57 percent of graduating seniors took the ACT, up from 61 percent in Montana and 52 percent in the US in 2012.

* Scholastic Aptitude Test-- High Score 800. In 2014, 17 percent of Montana graduating seniors took the SAT. Nationally, 43 percent of graduating seniors took the SAT.

2013 Criterion-Referenced Test (CRT) Math & Reading

In Spring 2013, Montana students took the CRT test in the 3rd through 8th and 10th grades measuring progress toward 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 33 points (10th grade) and in reading, it is never closer than 25 points (6th grade).

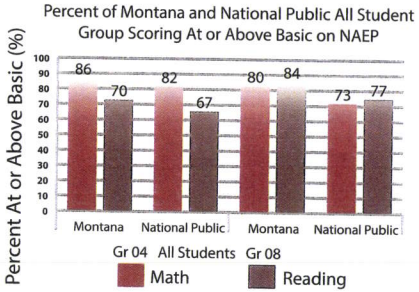




2013 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)

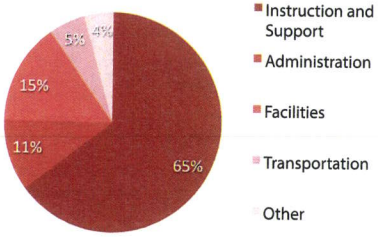
This chart shows the percent of the "All Students" category in Montana who scored at or above basic. A basic achievement level in NAEP means that students have partial mastery of prerequisite knowledge and skills that are fundamental for proficient work at each grade.

Data obtained from the NAEP Data Explorer (NDE):
http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/naepdata/report.aspx

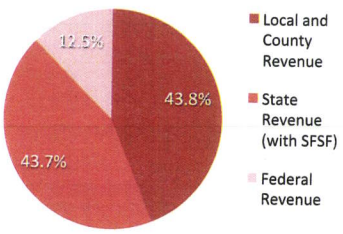


Montana Public School Districts

Statewide Expenditures 2013-14



Statewide Revenues 2013-14



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School Size and Enrollment **2014-15**

School Size	# of Schools	Percent of Schools	Enrollment	Percent of Enrollment
>500	48	6%	42,972	30%
250 to 499	165	20%	60,154	42%
100 to 249	163	20%	26,171	18%
50 to 99	114	14%	8,006	5%
<50	334	40%	7,229	5%
	824	**100%**	**144,532**	**100%**

Poverty Indicators

Poverty Indicators	MT	National	Rank
Age 5-17 in Families in Poverty*	19.3%	20.8%	25th
Percent Eligible for Free/Reduced Lunch**	40.2%	48.0%	13th

*US Census Bureau 2013

** Common Core of Data, 2011-12 School Year was 30th in 2009 and was higher than the US Average

Public School Districts	**2014-15**
K-12 districts	57
Combined elementary (joint board)	99
Combined high school (joint board)	99
Single districts (147 el, 4 hs)	151
State-funded districts	2
Nonoperating districts	5
Total School Districts	**413**

School Data	**2014-15**
Elementary Schools	439
Middle, 7&8	214
High Schools	171
Total Schools	**824**

Nonpublic School Enrollment (Self-Reported)

	2012 -13	2013-14	2014-15	% of Total Enrollment
Private	7,757	8,132	8,119	5.2%
Home school	4,329	4,694	4,954	3.1%
Total	**12,086**	**12,826**	**13,073**	**8.3%**

About the Big Sky State

- Population: 1,023,579 (2014 Estimate)
- Size: 147,046 square miles (fourth largest state)
- Population density: 7.0 per square mile
- State racial makeup: White 89.4%, American Indian 6.3%, Hispanic 2.9 %, Asian 0.8%, Black 0.4%, Pacific Islander 0.1% and Other 0.1% (2010 Census)
- Seven Indian Reservations and 12 Tribal Nations, including one landless tribe, the Little Shell Chippewa
- School racial makeup: White 79.6%, American Indian 11.3%, Hispanic 4.3%, Asian 0.8%, Black 1.0%, Pacific Islander 0.2% and more than one race 2.8%
- 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

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- Travel Montana 1-800-847-4868
- http://ceic.mt.gov
- The Census & Economic Information Center (406) 841-2740

For more school data:

- www.opi.mt.gov/measurement
- http://GEMS.opi.mt.gov
- www.opi.mt.gov/reportcard

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Debt Service Summary

Fiscal Year	Districts	Programs	% of Districts	ANB	Appropriation	Allocated	Reimbursement Prorate	Total Indebtedness	Total Obligation	% of Debt
1995	19	20	4%	24,734	1,000,000	1,000,000	72.4200%	183,347,040.61	26,606,614.43	3.758%
1996	26	27	6%	26,499	1,500,000	1,500,000	93.7300%	176,146,645.96	26,327,936.73	5.697%
1997	35	37	8%	31,540	2,000,000	2,000,000	75.6390%	204,874,394.25	27,740,912.25	7.210%
1998	44	49	10%	40,229	2,500,000	2,500,000	78.6450%	219,203,733.42	28,991,775.01	8.623%
1999	51	58	11%	43,113	3,000,000	3,000,000	86.6380%	211,694,184.84	30,282,307.10	9.907%
2000	53	59	12%	44,231	3,359,559	3,359,559	100.0000%	212,787,500.26	27,293,328.69	12.309%
2001	60	66	13%	51,524	4,140,441	4,140,441	97.7112%	244,882,321.34	28,735,943.60	14.409%
2002	70	79	16%	51,680	4,350,000	4,216,183	100.0000%	247,670,585.67	31,096,452.55	13.558%
2003	73	82	17%	52,052	4,450,000	3,990,862	100.0000%	247,262,573.42	30,539,332.09	13.068%
2004	114	124	26%	75,878	8,270,735	8,270,735	95.0307%	248,480,695.06	32,247,316.10	25.648%
2005	100	110	23%	77,890	8,411,293	8,411,293	81.6287%	290,532,904.45	33,962,627.10	24.766%
2006	102	111	24%	74,088	10,399,135	9,435,508	100.0000%	310,293,744.61	37,293,962.36	25.300%
2007	101	112	24%	70,632	11,362,762	8,447,578	100.0000%	363,194,416.62	38,271,632.10	22.073%
2008	111	124	26%	67,453	10,509,037	9,744,392	100.0000%	408,127,686.66	45,233,242.49	21.543%
2009	112	126	27%	68,500	11,273,682	8,657,176	100.0000%	390,136,713.78	45,990,470.94	18.824%
2010	109	123	26%	66,835	8,586,000	8,586,000	100.0000%	373,317,948.16	44,564,609.05	19.266%
2011	110	123	26%	67,781	7,420,970	7,420,970	79.4181%	410,728,343.77	46,492,593.20	15.962%
2012	103	115	25%	80,712	8,586,000	8,586,000	95.8001%	409,052,449.38	46,898,900.00	18.307%
2013	98	106	24%	77,926	8,586,000	8,586,000	94.5164%	461,854,568.99	47,403,879.45	18.112%
2014	95	107	23%	77,822	8,586,000	8,586,000	95.3693%	548,502,686.60	49,043,500.81	17.507%
2015	90	100	22%	76,846	8,086,000	8,086,000	62.7278%	542,920,304.21	56,709,313.00	14.259%
2016	91	101	23%	81,851	8,586,000	8,586,000	85.7685%	547,939,137.26	58,756,560.08	14.613%