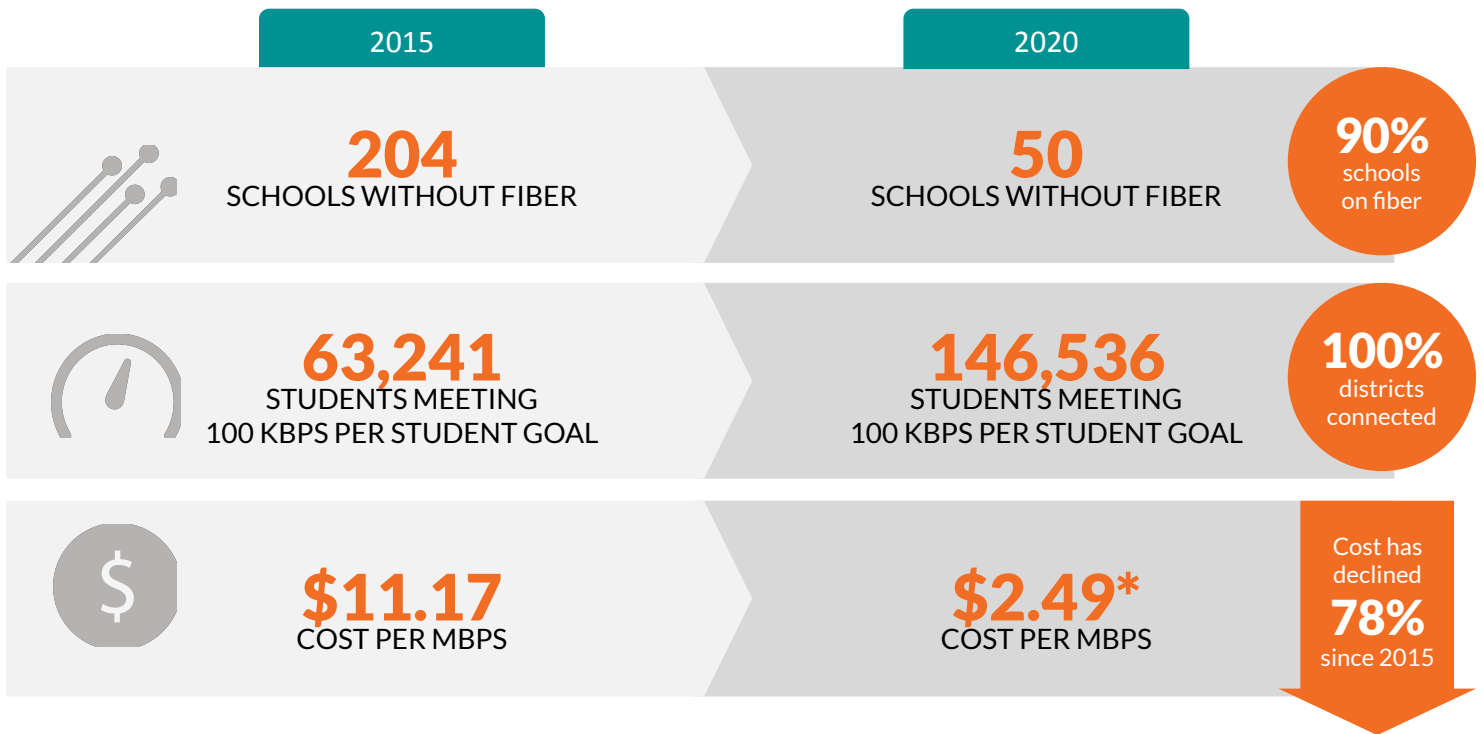




# Montana

The Broadband for Montana Schools Initiative has made tremendous progress towards the goal of giving all students access to sufficient bandwidth, scalable and affordable broadband infrastructure, and robust Wi-Fi

## STATE OVERVIEW



## STATE METRICS

In 2015, education leaders in Montana formed a coalition of partners that became known as the Broadband for Montana Schools Initiative



### 75%

decline in number of schools lacking fiber from 2015 to 2020



### 2017

created state matching fund to subsidize school fiber construction



### 100%

of state \$225K investment utilized to fund E-rate Consultants for 149 districts

Source: USAC 471 E-rate applications

\*Cost/Mbps reflects 2019 data; 2020 data will not be available until Fall 2020