

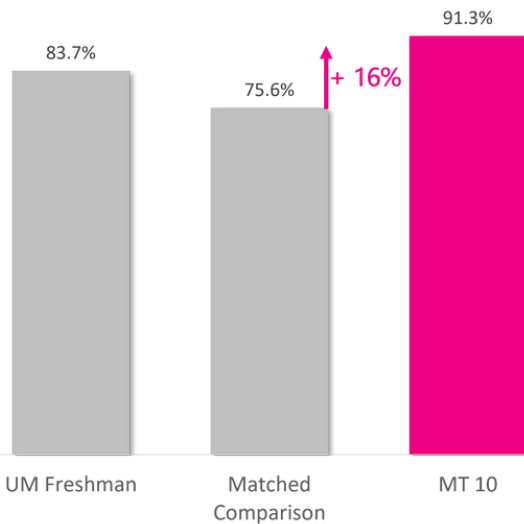


## MONTANA 10

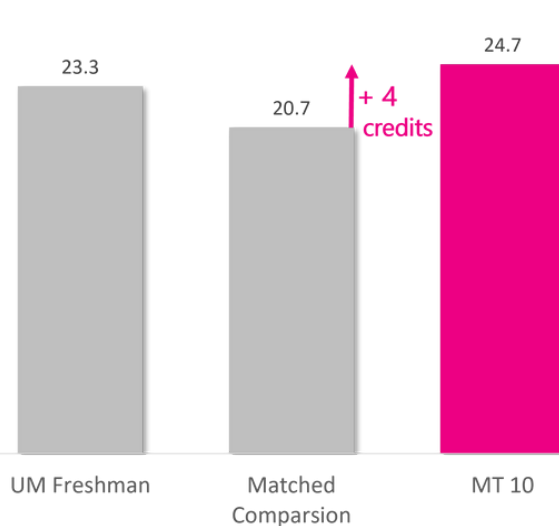
Montana 10 is a comprehensive student success program aimed at fundamentally transforming how the Montana University System (MUS) *delivers on the promise of public higher education*. Montana 10 is the MUS's response to an urgent call to action to ensure that rural Montana is not left out of a changing economy. The MUS is increasing the number of Montanans who have degrees and access to good jobs and a better life through Montana 10, a strategy to increase graduation rates and realize a better return on investment for the state. Montana 10 leverages *system-level policy, real-time data analytics, and evidence-based student support strategies to dramatically increase college completion and narrow equity gaps for Montanans, especially low-income, American Indian, rural, and other underserved students.*

## YEAR 1 OUTCOMES

Fall 2020 to Spring 2021 Retention



Year 1 Credit Accumulation



Retention and credit accumulation gains translate to **higher on-time graduation rates and a better return on investment for students and the state**. If Montana 10 scholars follow their current retention trajectory, the MUS will **graduate more students and do so at a lower cost per degree**.

**INCREASE** on-time graduation and decrease college debt for Montana’s low-income, rural, American Indian, and other underserved students by providing comprehensive, data-informed support in areas that make the most difference.

**TRANSFORM** the institutional cost base by decreasing stranded investments in students who don’t complete and by increasing revenues from higher retention rates.

**DELIVER** more efficiently on the promise of higher education to more Montanans by producing more graduates at a lower cost per degree.





## TRANSFORMING HIGHER EDUCATION

Tracking with national trends, low-income students in the Montana University System are nearly twice as likely as their mid- or high-income peers to drop out with some college, no degree, and debt. What's more, unfulfilled educational and career goals for students also means unrealized workforce potential for the state.

Montana 10 is based on a simple premise: to meet the needs of students and our state, we must drastically improve student outcomes, particularly among traditionally underserved populations. In Fall 2020, the MUS launched Montana 10 and enrolled 200 students across three campuses to demonstrate how this simple premise can lead to dramatic results.

Montana 10 is demonstrating that Montana's decade-long efforts at leading system level transformation in key areas of student success such as professionalized advising, leveraging real-time data, reforming math and writing instruction, and strategically targeting financial support can sustainably and effectively transform student success. Funded as a part of Montana's performance-based funding model that grew from the MUS's shared policy goals with the Montana legislature, this program is building the case and the system's capacity to organize broad implementation, so that similar integrated supports can be scaled statewide.

## COMPREHENSIVE STUDENT SUCCESS

Inspired by national and state-level comprehensive student success programs like CUNY's ASAP and the Hilleman Scholars program at Montana State University, Montana 10 is an intentionally designed, evidence-based student success program that provides students with a set of ten comprehensive, integrated support strategies targeted at the barriers that most often cause students to prolong the time it takes to earn a degree or to drop out altogether.

## THE FRAMEWORK

Comprehensive, evidence-based supports for on-time graduation & less debt



### Financial Support

- Scholarships
- Textbook Stipends
- Monthly Incentives



### Academic Momentum

- Full-time schedule
- Immediate math & English
- Tutoring



### Purpose & Belonging

- Personalized Advising
- Intensive career development
- Orientation
- First year seminar