Cumulative Wage and Tuition Growth in the Montana University System

Cumulative Wage Increase  
Cumulative Tuition Increase
Consumer Prices
Feb/Mar 08 vs. Feb/Mar 09

Electricity: 8%
Natural Gas: 0%
2x4x8: -51%
Aluminum Ladder: -34%
Cement: -4%
Truck: -8%
Gas: -37%
Milk: -14%
Eggs: -17%
State Employees: 0%
Mortgage Rates: -13%

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Energy Information Administration, Bloomberg.com; Freddie Mac; Home Depot; Pierce Auto; Smitty’s Fireplace Shop
Producer Prices
Feb/Mar 08 vs. Feb/Mar 09

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Source: National Agriculture Statistics Service; Chicago Board of Trade; [www.kitco.com](http://www.kitco.com); DNRC
Current Unrestricted (State Funds & Tuition) Expenses Related to Research Activities

From '04-'09

+182%

+288%


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