Public FTE Enrollment and Total Educational Revenue per FTE,
Montana -- Fiscal 1985-2010
(Total Revenue = net tuition and state/local approps. minus agency funding)

Note: Constant 2010 dollars adjusted by SHEEO Higher Education Cost Adjustment (HECA). Educational Appropriations include ARRA funds.
Source: SHEEO

Major Points:
1) From 1985 to 2005, total educational revenue per FTE (state/local appropriations + net tuition*) remained basically flat (at $9,000 per FTE, in constant $$); from 2006 to 2010 total revenue per FTE increased to approximately $10,000 per FTE. State/local appropriations dropped from $7,571 in 1985 to $4,892 in 2010.

2) Over this 25 year period of time, the State’s share of total educational revenue shrank from 85% to 49% (using net tuition*). Nationally, states’ share of higher education revenue decreased from 77% to 60% over this same time period. [note: the State’s share for MUS education units (as calculated by Legis. Fiscal Division using gross tuition) is less than 40% for the upcoming biennium].

3) While total revenue per FTE grew by approximately 10% from 1985 to 2010, enrollment increased by nearly 40%.

*net tuition = the sum of gross tuition and mandatory fees minus state-funded student financial aid, institutional discounts and waivers