

Public Postsecondary Education in Montana: Structure, Relationship, and Governance

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“Flagship” 4-year research university
 Independent accreditation and budget

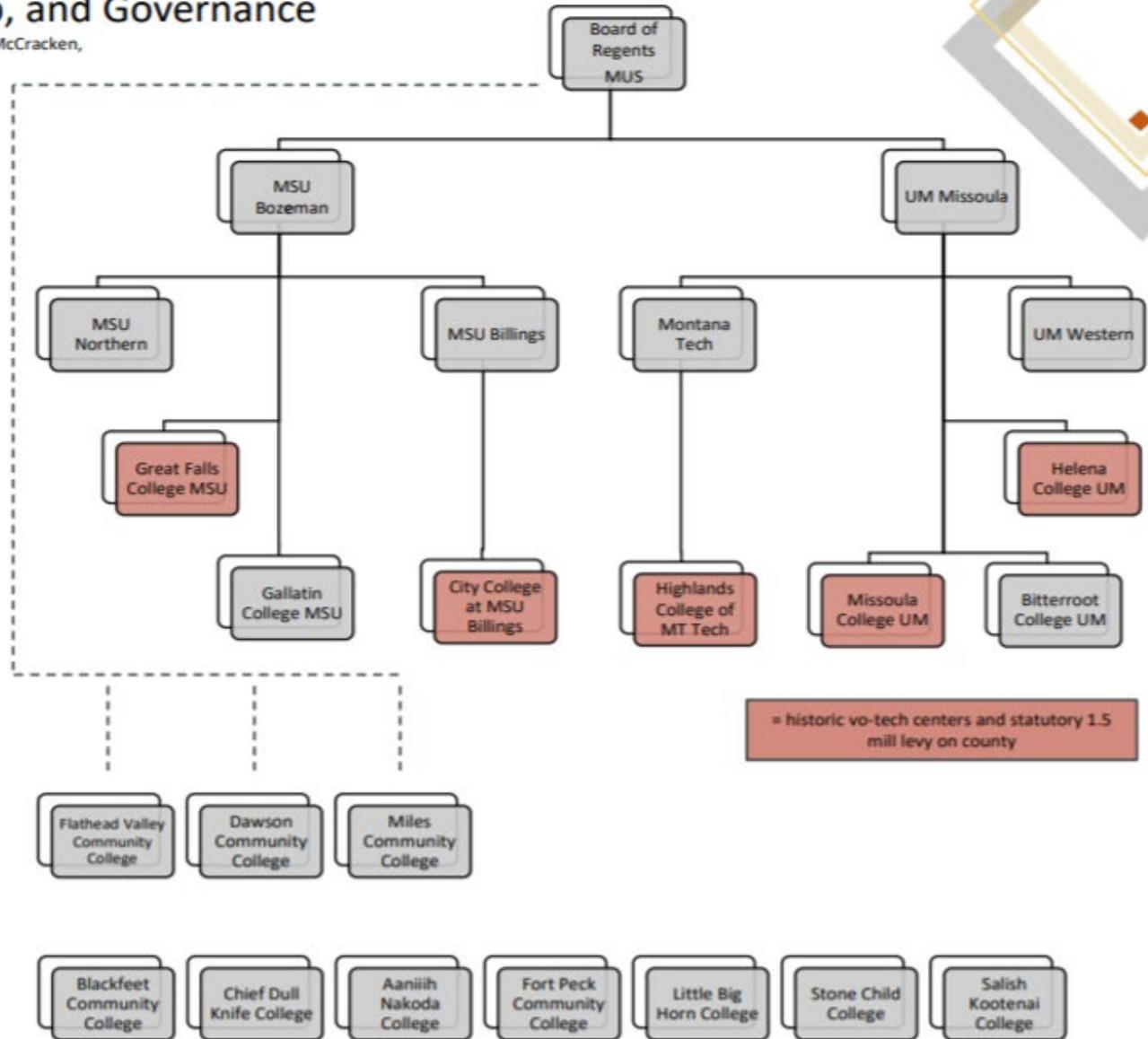
4-year regional/specialty university
 Independent accreditation and budget

2-year college
 Independent accreditation and budget

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Dependent accreditation and budget

2-year community college
 Independent accreditation and budget
 Receives state funding outside MUS “lump”
 Supported by various local levies
 Governed by locally elected trustees under
 supervision and coordination of the regents

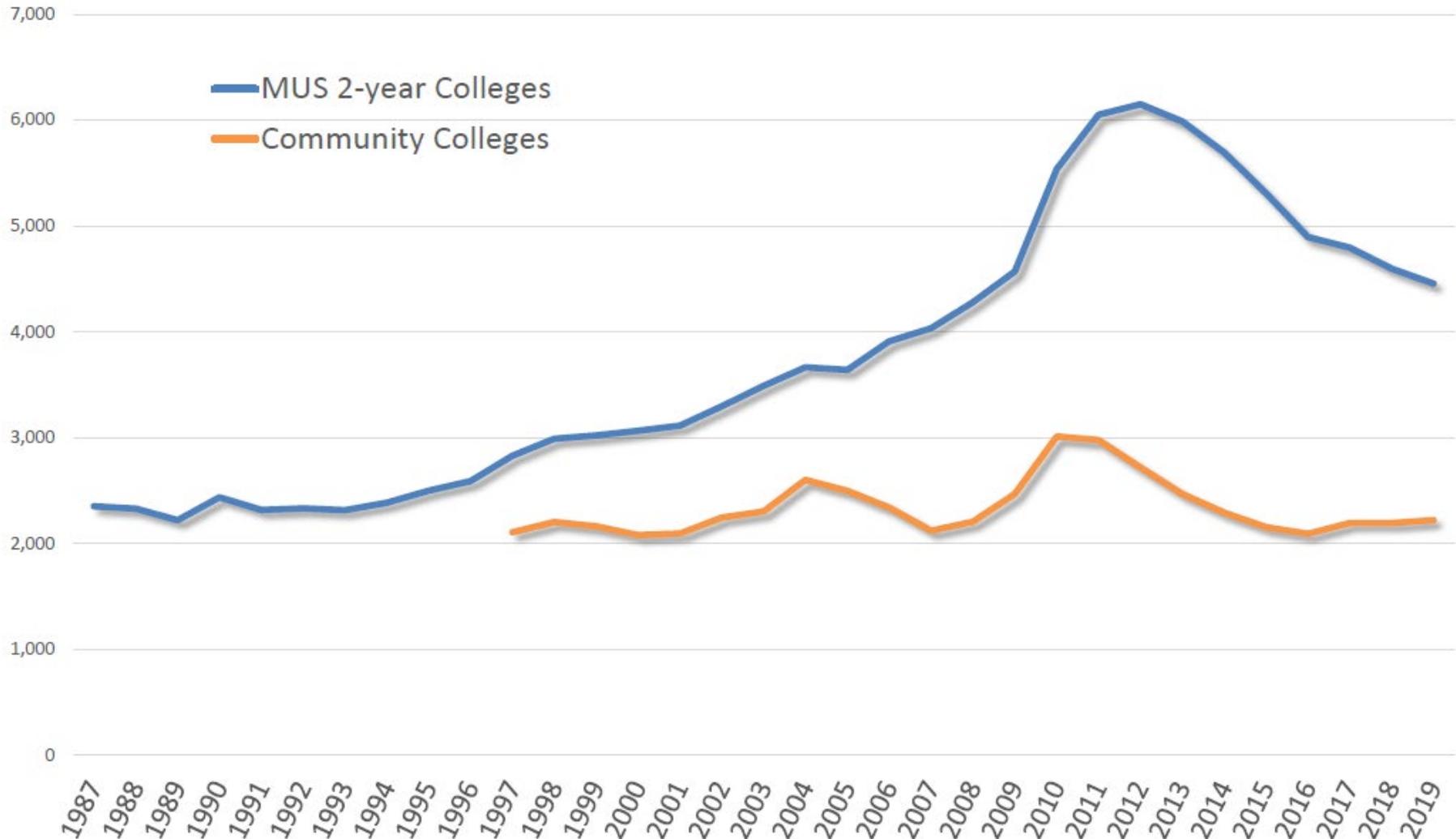
2- and 4-year tribally controlled college
 Independent accreditation and budget
 Receives state funding only through
 reimbursement for resident nonbeneficiary
 students pursuant to [20-25-428, MCA](#)



MUS 2-year College & CC - Enrollment

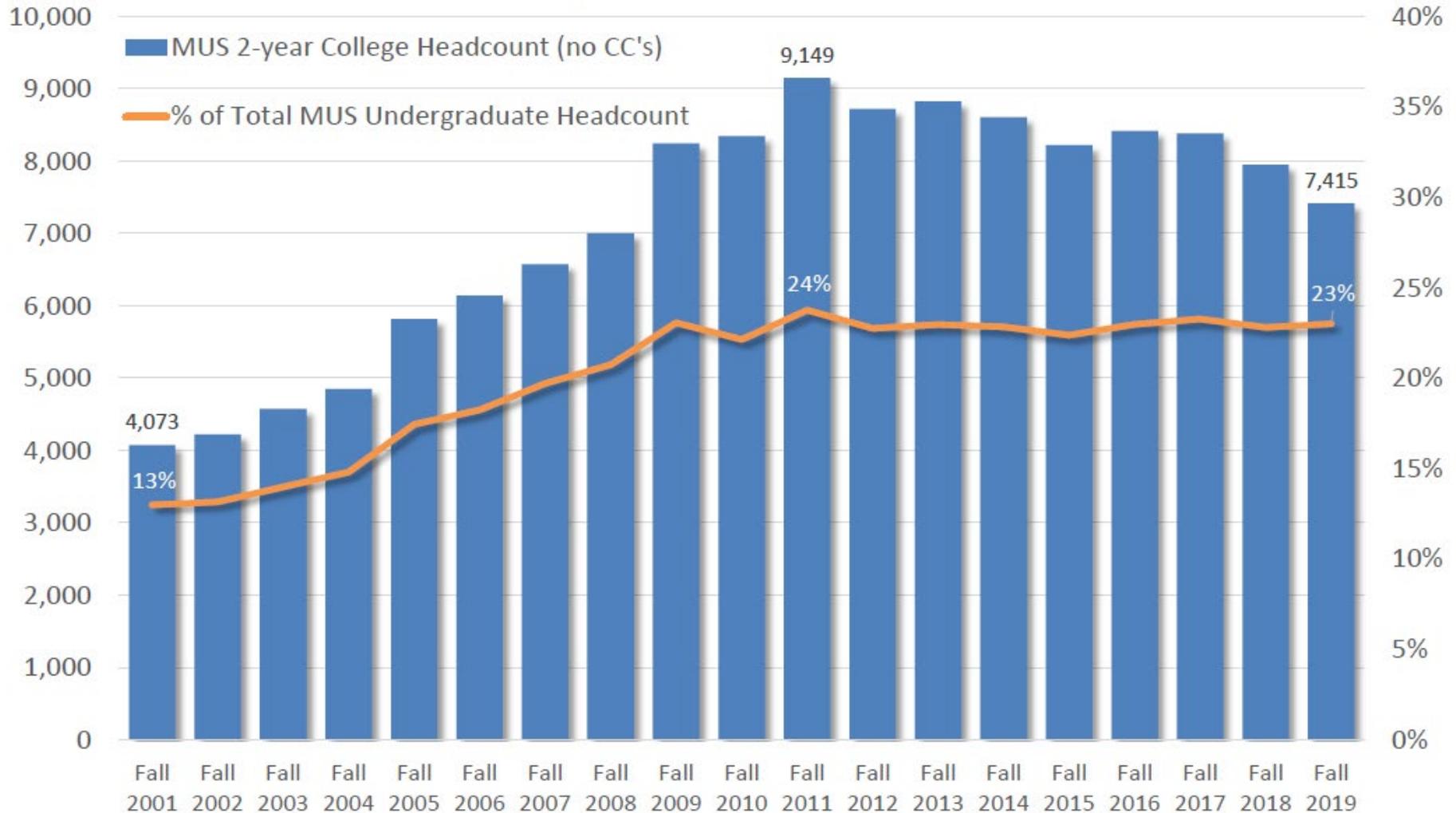
Student FTE, 1987 - 2019

FTE = Full-time Equivalent Enrollment, 15 credit hours = 1.0 undergraduate FTE

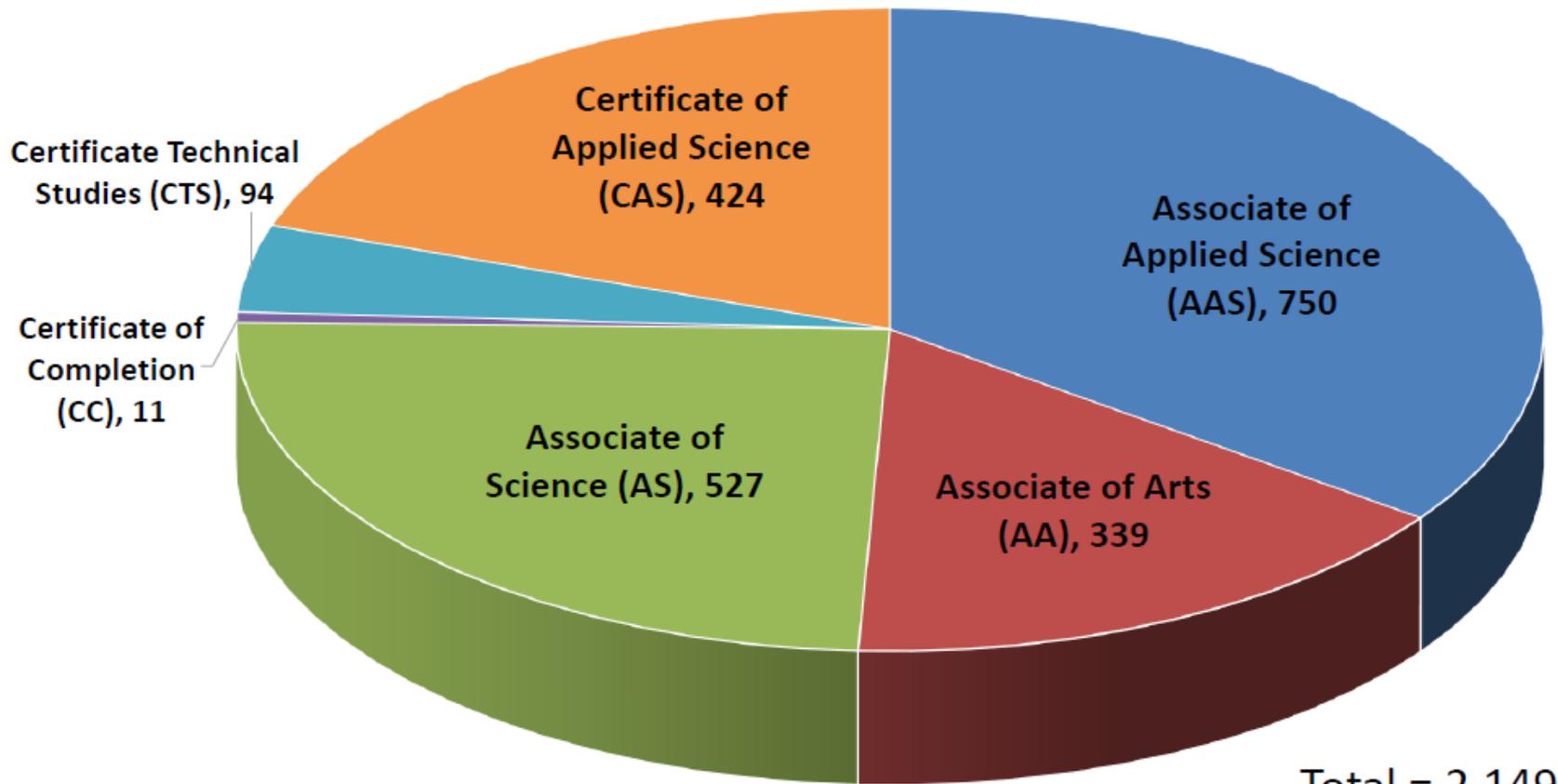


MUS 2-year Enrollment History - Headcount

Headcount = unduplicated count of individual students enrolled



MUS 2-year Degrees & Certificates Awarded, 2018-19

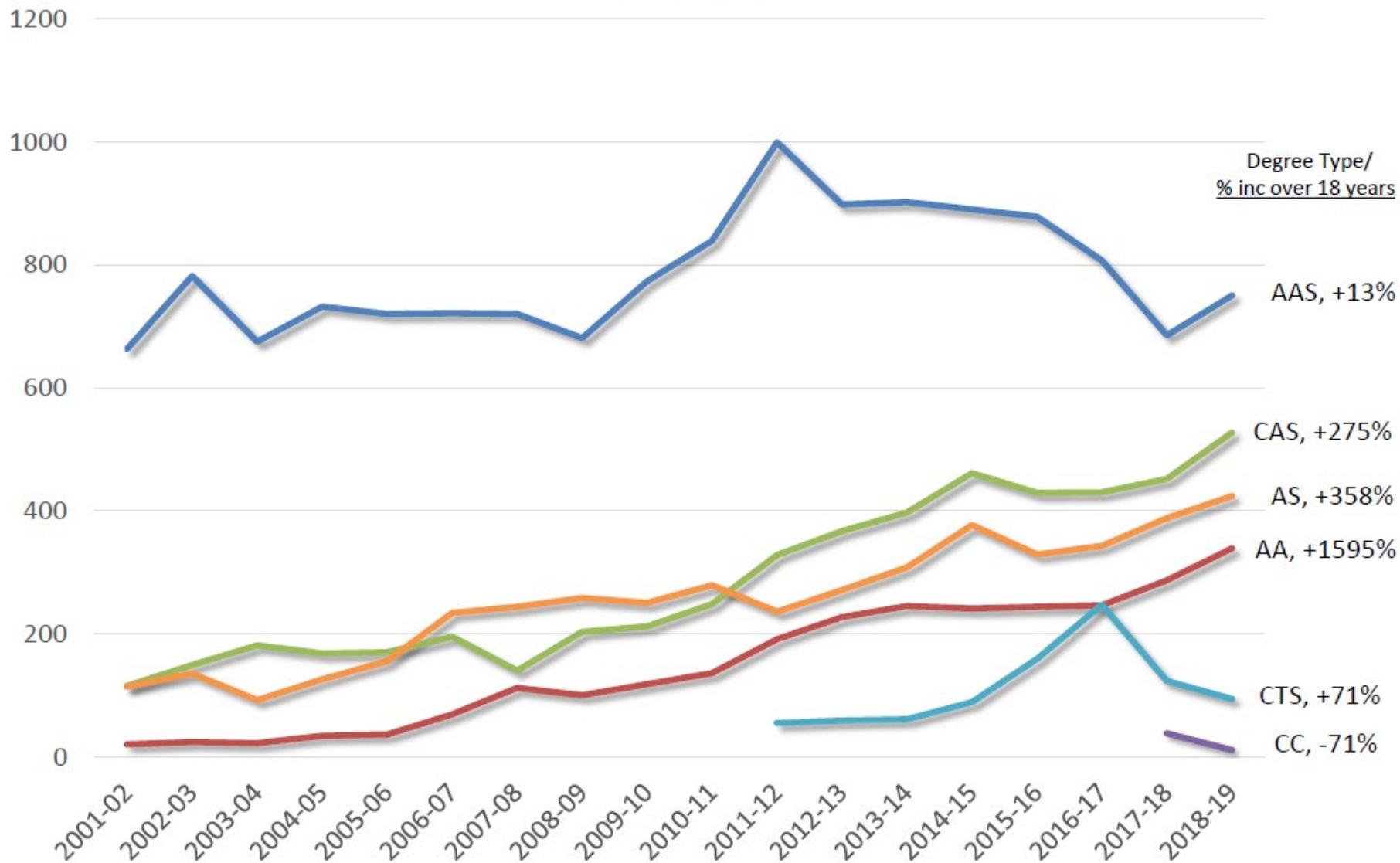


Total = 2,149
#CTE = 1,454
%CTE = 68%

CC's not included

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MUS 2-year Tuition & Fees History

Average rates compared to Ratio of Tuition/Fees to MT Median Household Income

