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

2-year college
Dependent accreditation and budget

2-year community college
Independent accreditation and budget
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 20-15-428, MCA

Board of Regents
MUS

MSU Bozeman

UM Missoula

UM Western

Great Falls College MSU

City College at MSU Billings

Montana Tech

Missoula College UM

Bitterroot College UM

= historic vo-tech centers and statutory 1.5 mill levy on county

Flatehead Valley Community College
Dawson Community College
Miles Community College

Blackfeet Community College
Chief Dull Knife College
Aaniiih Nakoda College
Fort Peck Community College
Little Big Horn College
Stone Child College
Salish Kootenai College
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 Colleges
- Community Colleges
MUS 2-year Enrollment History - Headcount

Headcount = unduplicated count of individual students enrolled

- MUS 2-year College Headcount (no CC's)
- % of Total MUS Undergraduate Headcount

year: Fall 2001 - Fall 2019

- 2001: 4,073 (13%)
- 2002: 3,600
- 2003: 3,600
- 2004: 4,000
- 2005: 4,300
- 2006: 4,500
- 2007: 4,800
- 2008: 5,200
- 2009: 5,500
- 2010: 5,800
- 2011: 6,200 (24%)
- 2012: 6,200
- 2013: 6,200
- 2014: 6,200
- 2015: 6,200
- 2016: 6,200
- 2017: 6,200
- 2018: 6,200
- 2019: 7,415 (23%)

CC's not included
**MUS 2-year Degrees & Certificates Awarded, 2018-19**

- **Certificate of Applied Science (CAS), 424**
- **Associate of Applied Science (AAS), 750**
- **Associate of Science (AS), 527**
- **Associate of Arts (AA), 339**

Total = 2,149

#CTE = 1,454
%CTE = 68%

CC's not included
MUS 2-year Tuition & Fees History

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

- MUS 2-Year College Tuition & Fees (Average)
- Tuition & Fees as a % of MT Median Household Income

Tuition Freeze

8.1%