

MUS Enrollment Report

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MT University System Enrollment for Entire System

Unknown Total

Total

10,371

37,165

9,934

35,796

10,426

36,713

10,379

35,697

10,384

34,444

10,210

32,332

11,404

32,947

12,125

32,818

12,625

33,603

12,821

34,180

12,475

34,519

This dashboard presents information on FTE for the MUS as a system. Census data prior to Fall 2016 is not available for Flathead Valley Community College and is excluded from totals for those periods. Please see our Headcount dashboard at https://mus.edu/data/dashboards/headcount.asp for headcount and demographic information. Census records are not gathered for Summer or Fiscal Year and are only available for this dashboard to 2010. If selected a blank page will be displayed.



Event Type

Census



ΑII

Fiscal Year Multiple values

Residency

Student Population

Student Population

Non-Resident Gradua..

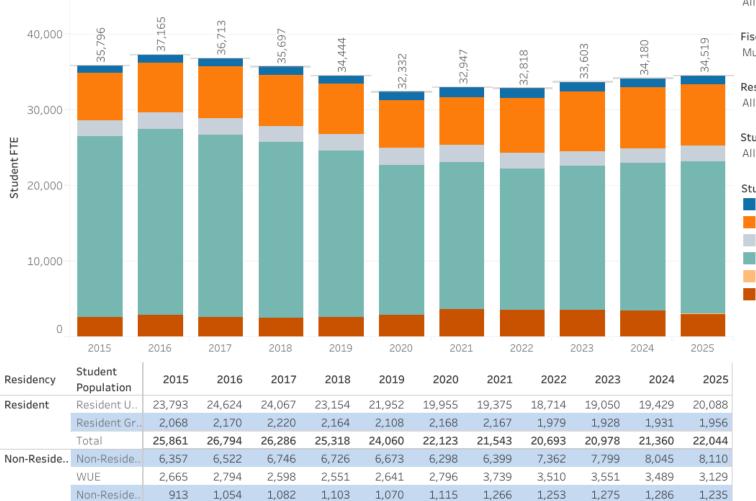
Non-Resident Underg..

Resident Graduate

Resident Undergradu..

Unknown

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MUS Enrollment Demographics

Headcounts are based on Census data snapshots taken during the 3rd week of the term. Hover the mouse cursor over the bars and numbers in the tables for more statistics regarding the headcounts. Cells with counts of under 5 are masked and denoted by an *.

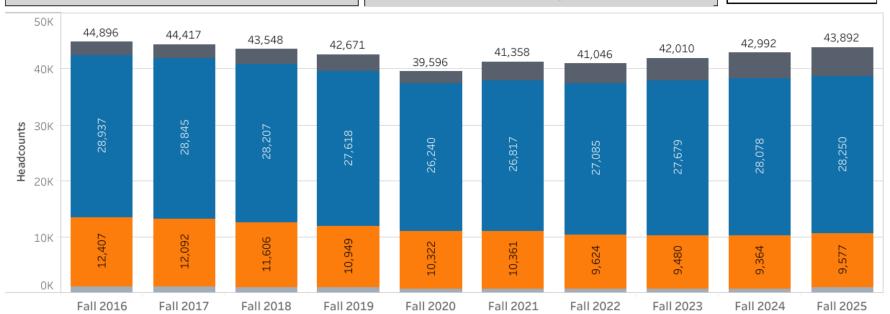
Measurement PeriodGroup ByLocaleCampusFallAgeAllAll

18-24 Years 25-49 Years

Grouping

< 18 Years





MUS Headcounts

	Fall 2016	Fall 2017	Fall 2018	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Fall 2022	Fall 2023	Fall 2024	Fall 2025
< 18 Years	2,433	2,401	2,738	3,138	2,184	3,371	3,560	4,041	4,684	5,095
18-24 Years	28,937	28,845	28,207	27,618	26,240	26,817	27,085	27,679	28,078	28,250
25-49 Years	12,407	12,092	11,606	10,949	10,322	10,361	9,624	9,480	9,364	9,577
50+ Years	1,116	1,074	995	964	849	809	776	809	865	967
Unknown		5								
Grand Total	44,896	44,417	43,548	42,671	39,596	41,358	41,046	42,010	42,992	43,892



MUS First-time Freshman

Incoming Freshman classes for fall term, excluding transfer students. Totals do not include FVCC prior to Fall 2016. Student counts are from the Census (3rd week of school) and only include paid and confirmed (those who have a commitment to pay) students.

Group By All Students Traditional Freshman ΑII

Campus ΑII

Locale ΑII

Grouping

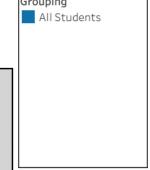
Fall 2025 First Time Freshman

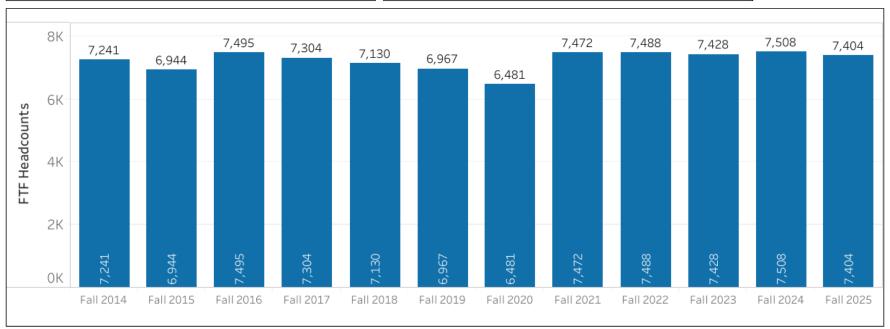
7,404

First Time Freshman Percent Change

Compared to Previous Year

-1.4%





	Fall 2014	Fall 2015	Fall 2016	Fall 2017	Fall 2018	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Fall 2022	Fall 2023	Fall 2024	Fall 2025
All Students	7,241	6,944	7,495	7,304	7,130	6,967	6,481	7,472	7,488	7,428	7,508	7,404
Grand Total	7,241	6,944	7,495	7,304	7,130	6,967	6,481	7,472	7,488	7,428	7,508	7,404



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Group By Campus Type Traditional Freshman

Campus All Locale All



Grouping

2 Year

4 Year

Community College

Fall 2025 First Time Freshman

7,404

First Time Freshman Percent Change

Compared to Previous Year

-1.4%



	Fall 2014	Fall 2015	Fall 2016	Fall 2017	Fall 2018	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Fall 2022	Fall 2023	Fall 2024	Fall 2025
2 Year	1,376	1,231	1,291	1,254	1,248	1,128	995	1,073	1,092	1,128	1,168	1,299
4 Year	5,677	5,513	5,734	5,562	5,470	5,399	5,054	5,995	6,008	5,897	5,954	5,846
Community College	188	200	470	488	412	440	432	404	388	403	386	259
Grand Total	7,241	6,944	7,495	7,304	7,130	6,967	6,481	7,472	7,488	7,428	7,508	7,404

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Group By Residency Traditional Freshman ΑII

Campus ΑII

Locale ΑII

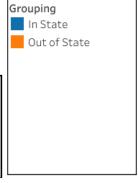
Fall 2025 First Time Freshman

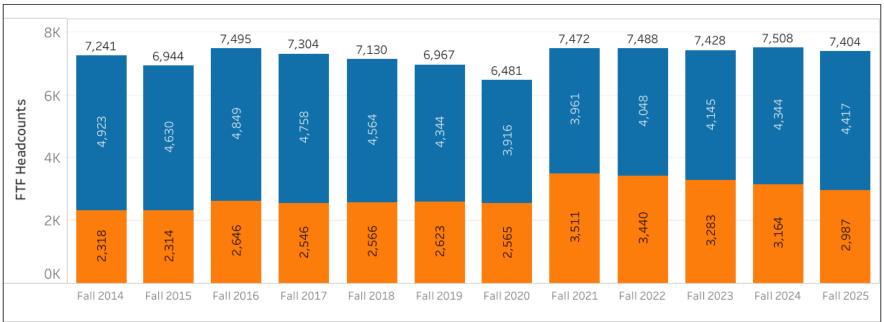
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	Fall 2014	Fall 2015	Fall 2016	Fall 2017	Fall 2018	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Fall 2022	Fall 2023	Fall 2024	Fall 2025
In State	4,923	4,630	4,849	4,758	4,564	4,344	3,916	3,961	4,048	4,145	4,344	4,417
Out of State	2,318	2,314	2,646	2,546	2,566	2,623	2,565	3,511	3,440	3,283	3,164	2,987
Grand Total	7,241	6,944	7,495	7,304	7,130	6,967	6,481	7,472	7,488	7,428	7,508	7,404



First Time Freshman Capture Rates

Capture rates presented here are the percentage of Montana high school (public or private school) graduates who enroll in the MUS during the fall immediately after high school graduation. Homeschool students are not included in this report.



Fall 2020

Campus Type

Campus



Student Counts

First Time Freshman only include Montana high school graduates who enrolled in the fall immediately after High School graduation.

Fall 2017

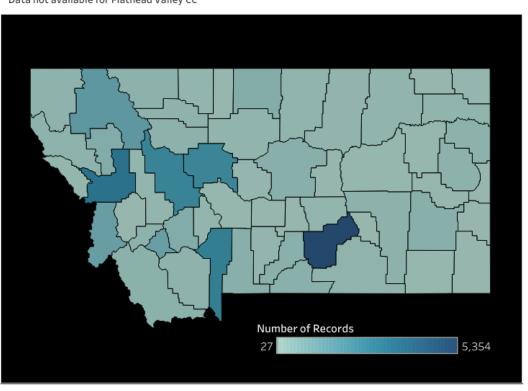
Fall 2018 Fall 2019

Year1	High School Graduates	First Time Freshmen	Capture Rate
Fall 2016	9,124	3,642	39.9%
Fall 2017	9,157	3,552	38.8%
Fall 2018	8,983	3,524	39.2%
Fall 2019	9,002	3,361	37.3%
Fall 2020	8,999	3,107	34.5%
Fall 2021	9,056	2,975	32.9%
Fall 2022	9,310	3,157	33.9%
Fall 2023	9,265	3,131	33.8%
Fall 2024	9,653	3,391	35.1%
Fall 2025	9,653	3,332	34.5%

^{*}Number of graduates provided for this report is the count as determined by the Office of Public Instruction via GEMS (https://gems.opi.mt.gov/student-data). Graduate numbers for the 2024-25 school year will be available in March of 2026 and will be updated at that time. Fall 2025 values are based on the numbers for the 2023-24 high school graduating class.

First Time Freshman Recruits by County Since 2011

*Data not available for Flathead Valley CC



Fall 2023 Fall 2024 Fall 2025

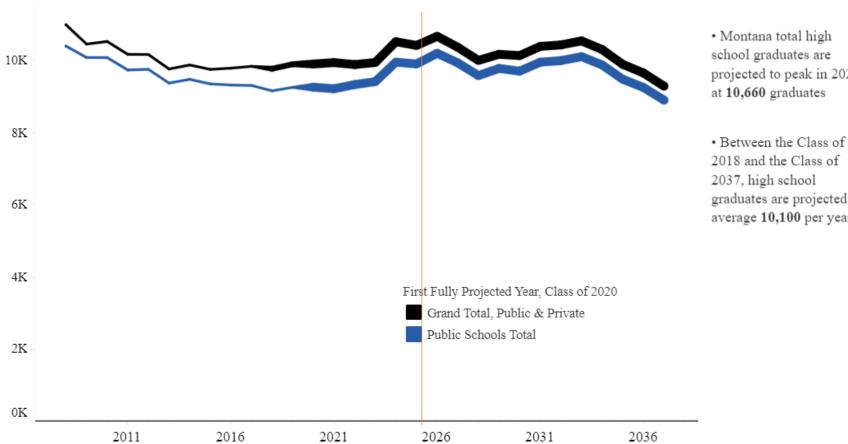




Montana High School Graduate Projections







- school graduates are projected to peak in 2026
- 2018 and the Class of graduates are projected to average 10,100 per year



Discussion