MUS Strategic Plan
Affordability

Goal Statement
Promote postsecondary education affordability

Objective 1.3.1
Decrease average loan amounts and the percentage of students borrowing

Student Loan Debt of First-time, Full-time Resident Students in the MUS
(average loan amounts of students who borrowed; no parent PLUS loans included)

Objective 1.3.2
Decrease tuition as a percentage of median household income

Ratio of Tuition and Fees to Median Household Income

Institutional Type 2013-14 2012-13 2008-09 2003-04
2-year Institutions
Montana 7.5% 7.4% 7.4% 7.4%
Regional Avg. 6.3% 6.1% 4.8% 4.1%
4-year Institutions
Montana 11.7% 11.7% 11.0% 10.9%
Regional Avg. 11.8% 11.4% 8.5% 7.4%
Doctoral Institutions
Montana 14.2% 14.1% 12.8% 12.1%
Regional Avg. 14.7% 14.3% 10.6% 8.8%

Source: WICHE
Note: Tuition and fees used in the calculation are the average resident tuition and fees for full-time undergraduates

Objective 1.3.3
Increase the amount of state support as a percentage of total personal income relative to peer states and historical levels

State Appropriations for Higher Education per $1,000 of Personal Income

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Regional Rank*
11th 11th 11th 11th 10th 10th 8th 8th 8th

Source: 2011 Grapevine Report; SHEEO State Higher Education Finance Report
*rank among the 14 WICHE states (minus CA);