



MUS Strategic Plan

Affordability

Goal 1: Access & Affordability

System Initiatives:

Tuition Freeze:

- Freeze on tuition for ten consecutive years (FY08 – FY17) at all two-year colleges.
- Regional 4-year campuses (Tech, MSUN, MSUN, and UMW) tuition frozen for 8 out of 10 years since FY08.
- MSU and UM, tuition frozen during 6 of the past 10 years.

Regional Comparison

2015-16: (avg. academic year tuition and fees for full-time students)

MSU/UM = \$6,503
Regional Peers = \$8,553

MSUB, Tech, UMW,
MSUN = \$5,371
Regional Peers = \$6,739

MUS 2-yr Colleges =
\$3,498
Regional Peers = \$3,494

Financial Literacy:

Campuses in the MUS are taking a coordinated and collaborative approach toward decreasing student loan debt. Assisted by grant funds obtained by OCHE, efforts to educate and communicate to students and parents the various resources available for paying for college, as well as improving students' abilities to manage their own finances are now occurring on all MUS campus.

Goal Statement

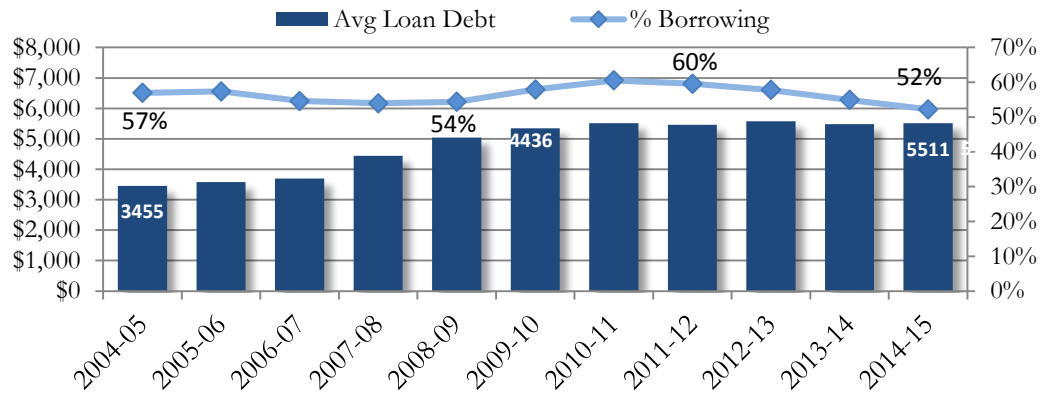
Promote postsecondary education affordability

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	2015-16	2014-15	2010-11	2005-06
2-year Institutions				
Montana	6.8%	6.7%	8.1%	6.9%
Regional Avg.	6.2%	6.0%	5.5%	4.3%
4-year Institutions				
Montana	10.5%	10.4%	12.0%	10.6%
Regional Avg.	11.6%	11.2%	10.1%	7.8%
Doctoral Institutions				
Montana	12.7%	12.6%	14.5%	12.1%
Regional Avg.	14.5%	14.0%	13.0%	9.5%

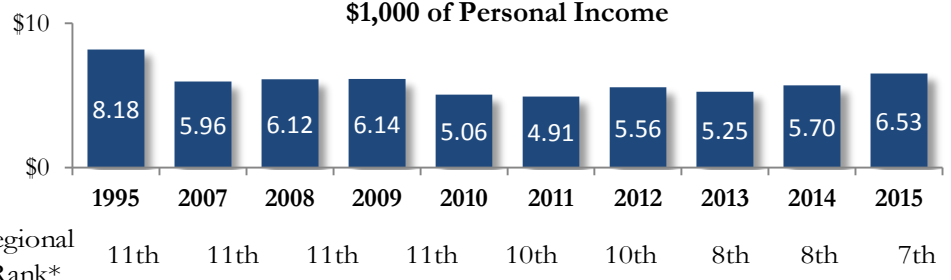
source: WICHE

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



source: 2015 Grapevine Report; SHEEO State Higher Education Finance Report