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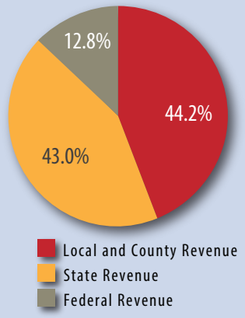

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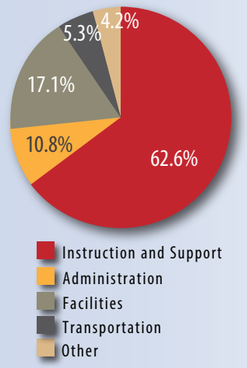

About the Big Sky State

- Population: 1,062,305 (2018 Estimate)
- Size: 147,046 square miles (fourth largest state)
- Population density: 7.0 per square mile
- State racial make up White 89.4%, American Indian 6.3%, Hispanic 2.9%, Asian 0.8%, Black 0.4%, Pacific Islander 0.1% and other 0.1% (2010 Census)
- Seven Indian Reservations and 12 Tribal Nations, including one landless tribe, the Little Shell Chippewa
- School racial makeup White 78.1%, American Indian 10.8% Hispanic 5.2%, Asian 0.8%, Black 0.8%, Pacific Islander 0.2%, and more than one race 4.1%
- 570 miles long, 315 miles wide
- Elevation range: 1,820 to 12,799 feet above sea level
- Borders three Canadian provinces and four states
- Headwaters for two major rivers – Missouri and Columbia
- Primary industries: agriculture, services, government (including education) and retail trade

For more school data:

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- Travel Montana 1-800-847-4868
- The Census & Economic Information Center (406) 841-2870
- http://ceic.mt.gov

Message from the Superintendent

"It is my honor to serve Montana's students, families, and educators as Superintendent of Public Instruction. As a public school teacher, state legislator, and as Superintendent, my commitment has always been to put Montana students first. It has been an unprecedented year in education that has provided challenges but also new opportunities to learn and grow. I am so proud of Montana's students, families, and educators for their dedication to student safety and learning through COVID-19. At the Office of Public Instruction, we are promoting student success under four initiatives: Montana Hope is a whole-child approach to education, Montana Teach is putting the best educators in front of our students, Montana Learn is creating individualized learning opportunities for students, and Montana Ready is preparing students with tangible skills for success in careers or college. ***Together we will make Montana proud!***

Thank you for putting Montana students first,"

Elsie Arntzen
Montana Superintendent of Public Instruction

Graduation in Heart Butte
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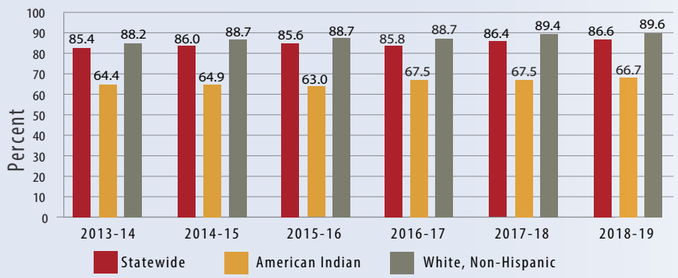
High School Graduates

	2019
High School Graduates 2019	9,273
2019 HiSET recipients (ages 16 to 19)	650

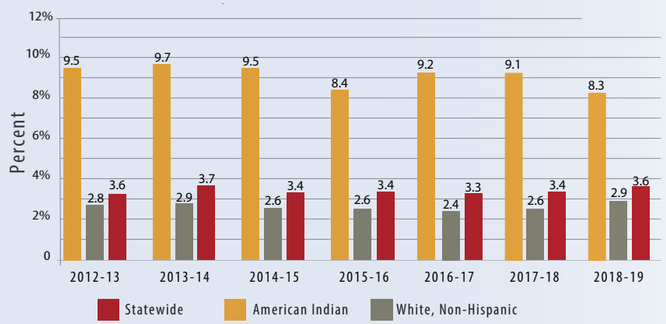
Public and State-Funded Only Montana 4 Year Cohort Graduation Rates

Overall high school graduation rates have improved over the past five years. The gap between American Indian students and all students combined is just under 20 percentage points. The gap between white students and American Indian students is just under 23 percentage points.



Dropout Rates for Grades 9-12, 2012-13 to 2018-19

First two year increase in the statewide (9-12) dropout rate in over ten years.



Licensed K-12 Staff and Paraprofessionals

	2019-20
Teachers- Classroom, Title I, Special Ed.	10,686
Other Educator Staff	129
Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents	155
Principals and Assistant Principals	548
Other Administrative Staff	104
Education Specialists (Library, Guidance Counselors)	994
Licensed Professional (Noneducator)	408
Paraprofessionals	2,948
Total Licensed and Paraprofessional Staff	**15,972**

Student/Teacher Ratio

	2015 -16	2016 -17	2017 -18
Montana average	14	14	14
National average	14.4	14.3	14.2

Data from Common Core of Data, U.S. Department of Education

Montana Public School Enrollment

	2018 -19	2019 -20	% Change 2019 to 2020
Elementary			
Prekindergarten	1,052	1,142	
Kindergarten	11,877	12,398	
Grades 1-6	69,351	69,449	
Grades 7-8	23,002	23,551	
Total Elementary	**105,282**	**106,540**	**1.2%**
High School			
Grades 9-12	42,430	42,590	
Total High School	**42,430**	**42,590**	**0.4%**
State-Funded Schools*			
Elementary (Pre K-8)	16	16	
High School (9-12)	57	35	
Total State-Funded Schools	**73**	**51**	**-30.1%**
Total Public School Enrollment	**147,785**	**149,181**	**0.9%**

* The state-funded schools are Pine Hills School and the Montana School for the Deaf and Blind. Riverside School closed during the summer of 2016.

Montana (PK-12) showed an increase in enrollment in 2019-20 of 0.9%. Elementary grades (PK-8) showed an increase in enrollment of 1.2%. High school enrollment increased by 0.4%.

School Size and Enrollment

School Size	# of Schools	Percent of Schools	2019-20 Enrollment	2019-20 Percent of Enrollment
500 or greater	58	7%	49,761	33%
250 to 499	162	20%	57,240	39%
100 to 249	166	20%	27,178	18%
50 to 99	114	14%	7,992	5%
<50	326	39%	7,010	5%
	826	**100%**	**149,181**	**100%**

Poverty Indicators

Poverty Indicators	MT	National	Rank
Age 5-17 in Families in Poverty*	14.8%	17.0%	23rd
Percent Eligible for Free/Reduced Lunch**	45.6%	52.3%	21st

*US Census Bureau 2018

** Common Core of Data, 2016-17 School Year

Public School Districts

	2019-20
K-12 districts	63
Combined elementary (joint board)	95
Combined high school (joint board)	95
Single districts (143 el, 4 hs)	146
State-funded districts	2
Nonoperating districts	2
Total School Districts	**403**

School Data

	2019-20
Elementary Schools	439
Middle, 7&8	216
High Schools	171
Total Schools	**826**

Nonpublic School Enrollment (Self-Reported)

	2017 -18	2018-19	2019-20	% of Total Enrollment
Private	8,442	8,236	7,845	5.0%
Home school	5,390	5,743	5,815	3.6%
Total	**13,876**	**13,832**	**13,660**	**8.6%**

College Readiness Tests

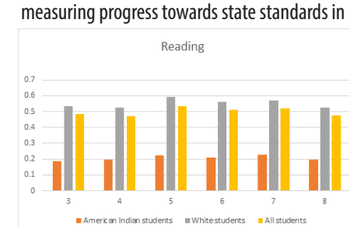
Test Scores	2017 MT	2017 Natl	2018 MT	2018 Natl	2019 MT	2019 Natl
ACT**	20.2	21	20	20.8	19.8	20.7
SAT*						
VERBAL (Critical Reading)	NA	533	NA	536	603	531
MATH	NA	527	NA	531	596	528

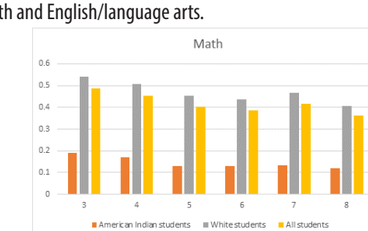
** American College Testing Program-- High Score 36. In 2019, 100 % of Montana graduating seniors took the ACT. Nationally, 52 percent of graduating seniors took the ACT.

* Scholastic Aptitude Test-- High Score 800. In 2019, 9 percent of Montana graduating seniors took the SAT. Nationally, 43 percent of graduating seniors took the SAT

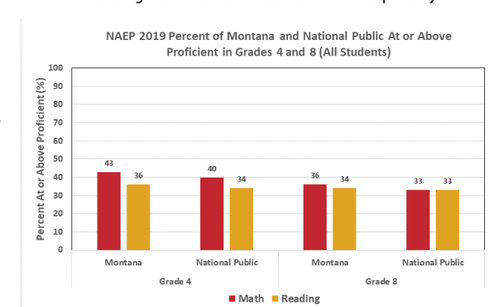
2019 Smarter Balance Assessment Consortium (SBAC) Results

In Spring 2019, Montana students took the SBAC test in the 3rd through 8th grade, measuring progress towards state standards in math and English/language arts.





2019 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)

This chart shows the percent of the "All Students" category in Montana and the National Public who scored at or above proficient. A proficient achievement level in NAEP represents solid academic performance for each grade assessed. Students reaching this level have demonstrated competency over challenging subject matter, including subject-matter knowledge, application of such knowledge to real-world situations, and analytical skills appropriate to the subject matter.

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