Land Board
Fiscal Year 2021
The Land Board oversees the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation's management of Trust Land resources, which in turn help fund Montana's public schools.

Surface Acres Managed 5.2 million
Mineral Acres Managed 6.2 million
Leases, Bonuses & Timber Sales $46,573,056 (approx.)
Mineral Royalties & Rights of Way $31,034,270 (approx.)

* Source: Montana DNRC Annual Report, Fiscal Year 2021, Trust Lands Management Division

About the Big Sky State
• Population: 1,084,225 (2020 Census)
• Size: 147,040 square miles (fourth largest state), 556 miles wide: 320 miles long
• Population density: 7.4 per square mile
• State racial make up: White 84.5%, American Indian 6.2%, Hispanic 5.38%, Asian 0.73%, Black 0.77%, Pacific Islander 0.1% and other 1.3%(2020 Census)
• American Indian Tribes: Eight Federally Recognized Tribes and Seven Indian Reservations
• School racial makeup: White 77.75%, American Indian 10.92%, Hispanic 5.38%, Asian 0.73%, Black 0.77%, Pacific Islander 0.2%, and more than one race 4.25%
• 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:
• http://GEMS.opi.mt.gov

For more information about Montana:
• www.mt.gov
• Travel Montana 1-800-847-4868
• The Census & Economic Information Center
• (406) 841-2870 or http://ceic.mt.gov

Message from 2022 Montana Teacher of the Year
Montana really is the greatest place to teach. We are blessed with amazing wildlife, scenery, and culture that we can easily bring into our classrooms. As Montana's Teacher of the Year, it has been extremely rewarding to promote the amazing educators across our state and to advocate for all of Montana's students. I know the past two years have been difficult, but one thing that has stayed strong is our public schools.

Bill Stockton
Arlee, MT

Message from the Superintendent
The spirit of Montana is unique and so are our schools. Our public school enrollment and our graduation rates are stable. I am proud of the work my office has done in serving all of our Montana teachers, students, and families.
There is still more work to do as we focus on student learning and the basics of math, science, and reading. Together we can help our students achieve educational excellence by putting our Montana students first!

Elsie Arntzen
Montana Superintendent of Public Instruction

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**Facts About Montana Education 2022**

### High School Graduates 2020-2021
- High School Graduates 2021: 9,271
- 2021 HSISAT recipients (ages 16 to 19): 711

### 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 17 percentage points. The gap between white students and American Indian students is around 20 percentage points.

### Dropout Rates for Grades 9-12, 2016-17 to 2020-2021

### Licensed K-12 Staff and Paraprofessionals 2020-2021
- Teachers: Classroom, Title I, Special Ed.: 18,977
- Other Educator Staff: 146
- Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents: 168
- Principals and Assistant Principals: 548
- Other Administrative Staff: 96
- Education Specialists (Library, Guidance Counselors): 959
- Licensed Professional (Noneducator): 373
- Paraprofessionals: 3,322

Total Licensed and Paraprofessional Staff: 16,588

### Student/Teacher Ratio
- Montana average: 14.1
- National average: 15.9

### Montana Public School Enrollment

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<tr>
<th>Grade</th>
<th>2019-20</th>
<th>2020-21</th>
<th>2021-22</th>
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<tr>
<td>Prekindergarten</td>
<td>1,146</td>
<td>946</td>
<td>744</td>
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<td>12,398</td>
<td>11,649</td>
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<td>Grades 1-6</td>
<td>69,449</td>
<td>65,988</td>
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<td>Grades 7-8</td>
<td>23,551</td>
<td>23,483</td>
<td>23,744</td>
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<td>Total Elementary</td>
<td>106,544</td>
<td>102,066</td>
<td>104,590</td>
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### High School Graduates 2021
- Total: 9,271
- American Indian: 1,021
- White, Non-Hispanic: 7,721
- 10th: 3,441
- 11th: 3,949
- 12th: 1,881

### Dropout Rates
- Grade 9: 2.8%
- Grade 10: 2.2%
- Grade 11: 2.9%
- Grade 12: 2.9%

### School Size and Enrollment 2021-2022

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<td>311</td>
<td>37.65%</td>
<td>6,703</td>
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<td>826</td>
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<td>149,198</td>
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### Poverty Indicators

- Age 5-17 in Families in Poverty: 13.4%
- Percent Eligible for Free/Reduced Lunch: 39.0%

### Public School Districts 2021-2022

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*The data presented above is based on the 2021-2022 academic year. For more information, please visit https://opi.mt.gov/COVID-19-information/ESER.

Please note: all data is current as of August 2, 2022.