School Size and Enrollment 2008-2009

School Size	# of Schools	Percent of Schools	Enrollment	Percent of Enrollment
>500	50	6%	43,977	31%
250 to 499	160	19%	55,409	39%
100 to 249	161	19%	26,268	18%
50 to 99	122	15%	8,822	6%
<50	336	41%	7,606	5%
	829	**100%**	**142,082**	**100%**

Poverty Indicators

Poverty Indicators	MT	National	Rank
Age 5-17 in Families in Poverty*	16.70%	16.40%	29th
Percent Eligible for Free/Reduced Lunch**	35.10%	N/A	21st

*US Census Bureau 2007
** Common Core of Data, 2006-07 School Year

Public School Districts

	2008-09
K-12 districts	52
Combined elementary (joint board)	105
Combined high school (joint board)	105
Single districts (154 el, 4 hs)	158
State - Funded districts	2
Nonoperating and annexed districts	7
Total School Districts	**429**

School Data

	2008-09
Elementary Schools	444
Middle, 7&8, Junior High Schools	214
High School	171
Total Schools	**829**

Nonpublic School Enrollment

(Self-Reported)

	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	% of Total Enrollment
Private	8,490	8,707	7,816	5.2%
Home school	4,093	4,106	3,973	2.6%
Total	**12,583**	**12,813**	**11,789**	**7.8%**

About the Big Sky State

- Population: 902,195 (2000 Census); 967,440 (2008 Estimate)
- Size: 147,046 square miles (fourth largest state)
- Population density: 6.2 per square mile (2000 Census)
- State racial makeup: White 90.6%, American Indian 6.2%, Hispanic 2.0 %, Asian 0.6%, Black 0.3%, other 0.6% (2000 Census)
- Seven Indian Reservations and 12 Tribal Nations including one landless tribe, the Little Shell Chippewa
- School racial makeup: White 83.8%, American Indian 11.4%, Hispanic 2.6%, Asian 0.9%, Black 1.0%, Pacific Islander 0.3%
- 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

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- http://ceic.commerce.mt.gov The Census & Economic Information Center (406) 841-2740

For more school data

- www.opi.mt.gov/measurement
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Denise Juneau, State Superintendent

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Montana Public School Enrollment

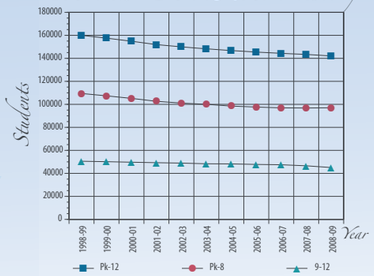
	2007-08	2008-09	% Change 2008 to 2009
Elementary			
Prekindergarten	805	778	
Kindergarten	10,681	10,900	
Grades 1-6	63,209	63,532	
Grades 7-8	22,096	21,780	
Ungraded	19	NA	
Total Elementary	**96,810**	**96,990**	**0.2%**
High School			
Grades 9-12	46,416	44,979	
Ungraded	56	NA	
Total High School	**46,472**	**44,979**	**-3.2%**
State-Funded Schools*			
Elementary (PreK-8)	22	22	
High School (9-12)	101	91	
Total State-Funded Schools	**123**	**113**	**-8.1%**
Total Public School Enrollment	**143,405**	**142,082**	**-0.9%**

*The state-funded schools are Pine Hills School, Riverside School, and the Montana School for the Deaf and Blind.

Montana Public School Enrollment

Montana enrollment peaked in the1995-1996 school year. Since then, enrollment has decreased by more than 20,000 students. The enrollment decrease is due to the decrease in Montana live births. After declining for seven years, kindergarten enrollment began increasing again in 2003-2004 and has increased by 1,001 students from 2002-2003 to 2008-2009.

Ten Year Enrollment History



For the first time, since the 1993-1994 school year, elementary grades (PK-8) are showing an increase in enrollment (0.2%). High school enrollment is continuing to show a steady decline (-3.2%).

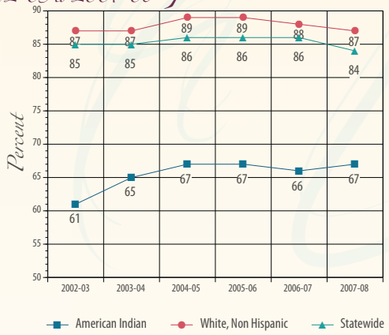
High School Graduates

High School Graduates 2008	10,356
GED* recipients (ages 16 to 19)	1,348

* General Educational Development

Montana Completion Rates

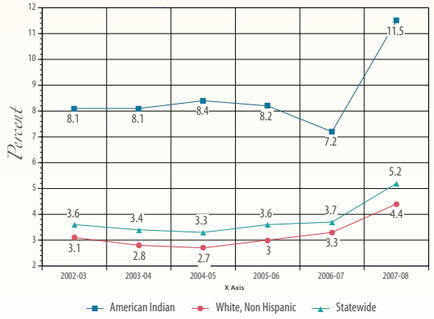
2002-03 to 2007-08



Overall high school completion rates have been relatively stable over the past six years. The gap between American Indian students and all students combined is 17 percentage points. The gap between white students and American Indian students is approximately 20 percentage points.

Dropout Rates for Grades 9-12

2002-03 to 2007-08



Student level data from schools and increased quality conrol measures by, results in more accurate data. Much of this year's data is baseline. Data collected for sussequent yearss will provide needed trends.

Licensed K-12 Staff (Full-Time Equivalent)

Teachers-Classroom, Title I, Special Ed.	
Total 2008 - 09	**10,521**
Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents	141
Principals and Assistant Principals	526
Other Administrative Staff	85
Education Specialists (Library, Guidance Counselors, Etc)	913
Licensed Professional (Non Educator)	246
Total Licensed Staff FTE	**12,432**
Paraprofessionals	2,188
Total Licensed and Paraprofessional Staff	**14,620**

Student/Teacher Ratio

	2004-05	2005-06
Montana average	14.3	14.1
National average	15.8	16.2

Educator Licensure

	2007-08
Total number of licensed educators	23,964

99.6% of teachers are properly licensed in Montana

98.9% of teachers are properly licensed and endorsed in their subject area

Assessment

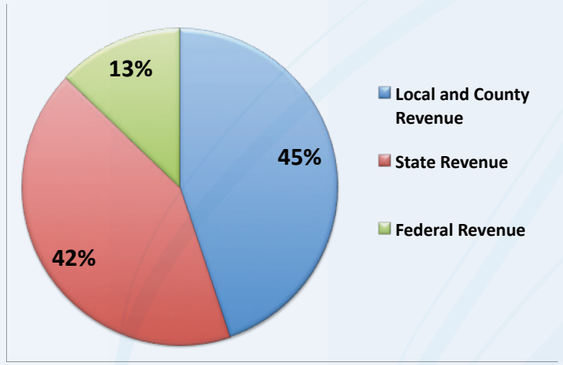
Test Scores	2007		2008		2009	
	MT	Natl.	MT.	Natl.	MT	Natl.
ACT**	21.9	21.2	22.0	21.1	22.0	21.1
SAT*						
verbal	538	502	541	502	541	501
math	543	525	548	515	542	515
writing	522	494	523	494	519	493

** American College Testing Program-- High Score 36. In 2009, 54% of Montana graduating seniors took the ACT. Nationally 45% of graduating seniors took the ACT.

*Scholastic Aptitude Test-- High Score 800. In 2009, 22% of Montana graduaing seniors took the SAT. Nationally 46% of graduating seniors took the SAT.

Montana Public School Districts

Statewide Revenues 2007 - 2008



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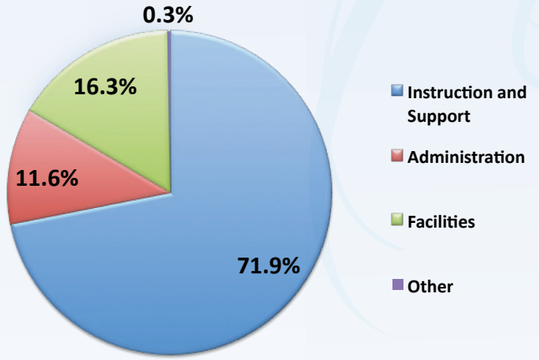
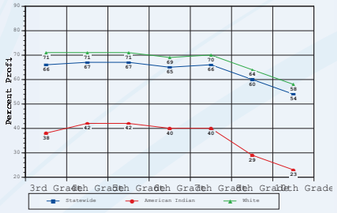


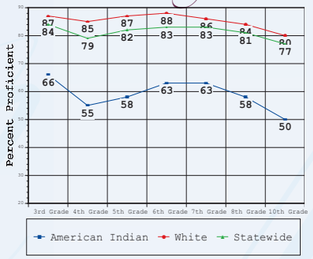
Based on the Standard and Poor's definition

2008 Criterion-Referenced (CRT) Results Math



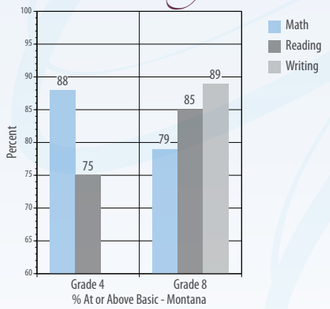
In Spring 2008, Montana students took the CRT test in the 3rd through 8th and 10th grade, measuring progress towards state standards in reading and math.

Results Reading



The achievement gap between American Indian students and all students is substantial in both reading and math in every tested grade. In math it is never closer that 25 points (4th, 5th, and 6th grade). As a general rule, the older the student, the greater the gap, rising to 31 and 25 points respectively in the 10th grade.

2007 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)



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