

School Size and Enrollment 2011-12

School Size	# of Schools	Percent of Schools	Enrollment	Percent of Enrollment
>500	53	6%	44,995	32%
250 to 499	156	19%	55,334	39%
100 to 249	161	19%	26,037	18%
50 to 99	120	15%	8,506	6%
<50	336	41%	7,475	5%
	826	100%	142,347	100%

Poverty Indicators

Poverty Indicators	MT	National	Rank
Age 5-17 in Families in Poverty*	18.40%	18.20%	30th
Percent Eligible for Free/Reduced Lunch**	40.00%	48.00%	17th

*US Census Bureau 2009

** Common Core of Data, 2009-10 School Year

Public School Districts

	2011-12
K-12 districts	54
Combined elementary (joint board)	102
Combined high school (joint board)	102
Single districts (152 el, 4 hs)	156
State-funded districts	2
Nonoperating and annexed districts	3
Total School Districts	419

School Data

	2011-12
Elementary Schools	441
Middle, 7&8	214
High Schools	171
Total Schools	826

Nonpublic School Enrollment

(Self-Reported)

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	% of Total Enrollment
Private	7,645	7,627	7,347	4.8%
Home school	4,079	4,269	4,260	2.8%
Total	11,724	11,896	11,607	7.6%

About the Big Sky State

- Population: 988,188 (2011 Estimate)
- Size: 147,046 square miles (fourth largest state)
- Population density: 6.7 per square mile (2010 Census)
- State racial makeup: 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 80.9%, American Indian 11.6%, Hispanic 3.7 %, Asian 0.8%, Black 1.0%, Pacific islander 0.2% and more than one race 1.7%
- 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:

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- www.opi.mt.gov/reportcard

It is an honor and a privilege to be Montana's Superintendent of Public Instruction and to serve as an advocate for our state's education system. The Office of Public Instruction is here to assist Montana's schools and the education community to guarantee that all Montana's students receive a quality education. I know there is no more important aspect of a quality education than a good teacher in the classroom. A good education brings better jobs, more opportunities, and builds stronger communities. An informed public makes informed decisions and good data supports good decisions. That is why I am pleased to share with you facts about Montana education. Learn more about K-12 education in Montana at our Web site – www.opi.mt.gov.

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Montana Public School Enrollment

	2010 -11	2011 -12	% Change 2011 to 2012
Elementary			
Prekindergarten	1,349	1,468	
Kindergarten	11,113	11,696	
Grades 1-6	64,556	64,923	
Grades 7-8	21,450	21,610	
Total Elementary	98,468	99,697	1.3%

	2010 -11	2011 -12	% Change 2011 to 2012
High School			
Grades 9-12	43,109	42,538	
Total High School	43,109	42,538	-1.3%

	2010 -11	2011 -12	% Change 2011 to 2012
State-Funded Schools*			
Elementary (Pre K-8)	23	26	
High School (9-12)	93	86	
Total State-Funded	116	112	-3.4%

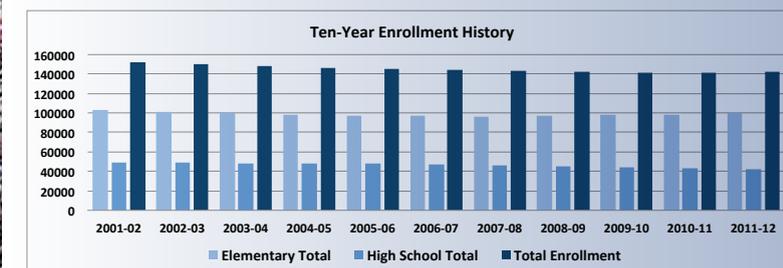
	2010 -11	2011 -12	% Change 2011 to 2012
Schools			
Total Public School Enrollment	141,693	142,347	0.5%

* The state-funded schools are Pine Hills School, Riverside School, and the Montana School for the Deaf and Blind. Data numbers could differ slightly due to differences in definitions.

Montana Public School Enrollment

Montana enrollment peaked in the 1995-96 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 2003-04 and has increased by 1,550 students from 2003-04 to 2011-12. High school enrollment is continuing to show a steady decline (-1.3%).

For the first time since the 1995-96 school year Montana showed an increase in enrollment. Elementary grades (Pk-8) are showing an increase in enrollment (1.3%).

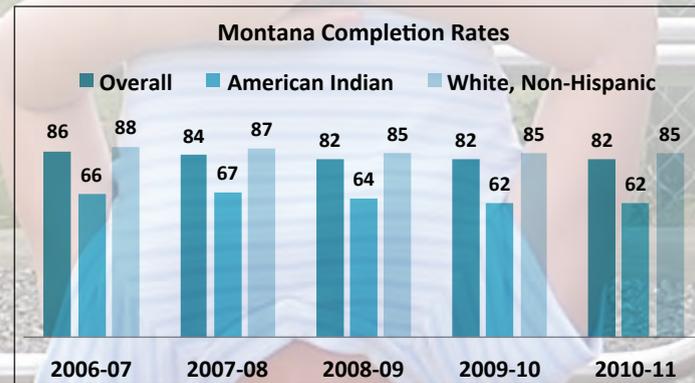


High School Graduates 2011

High School Graduates 2011 9,704
 GED* recipients (ages 16 to 19) 1,253
 * General Educational Development

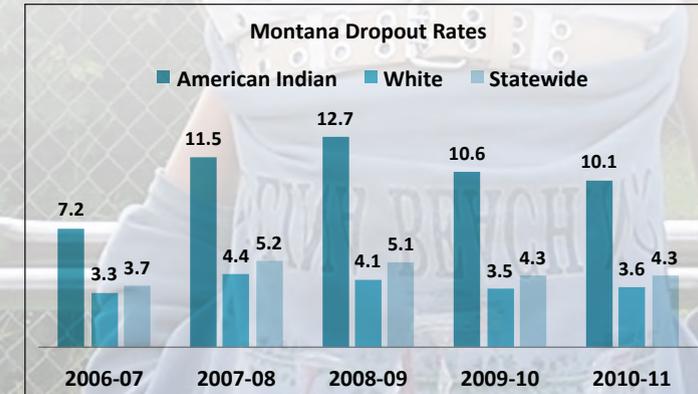
Montana Completion Rates 2006-07 to 2010-11

Overall high school completion rates have been relatively stable over the past five years. The gap between American Indian students and all students combined is 20 percentage points. The gap between white students and American Indian students is 23 percentage points in 2010-11.



Dropout Rates for Grades 9-12 2006-07 to 2010-11

Third year student level data from schools and increased quality control measures result in more accurate data. Data collected for subsequent years will provide needed trends. The 2008-09 data should be considered baseline.



Licensed K-12 Staff (Full-Time Equivalent) 2011-12

Teachers- Classroom, Title I, Special Ed.	10,265
Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents	150
Principals and Assistant Principals	502
Other Administrative Staff	91
Education Specialists (Library, Guidance Counselors)	933
Licensed Professional (Noneducator)	358
Total Licensed Staff FTE	12,299
Paraprofessionals	2,261
Total Licensed and Paraprofessional Staff	14,560

Student/Teacher Ratio

	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
Montana average	13.6	13.5	13.8
National average	15.3	15.4	15.7

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

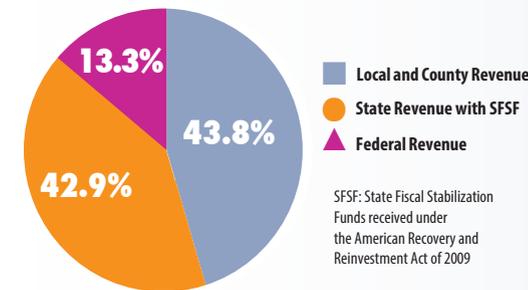
Assessment/Test Scores

Test Scores	2010		2011		2012	
	MT	Natl	MT	Natl	MT	Natl
ACT**	22.0	21.0	22.1	21.1	22.0	21.1
SAT*						
verbal	539	498	539	497	536	496
math	542	511	537	514	536	514
writing	518	488	516	489	511	488

** American College Testing Program-- High Score 36. In 2012 60 percent of Montana graduating seniors took the ACT. Nationally 52 percent of graduating seniors took the ACT.

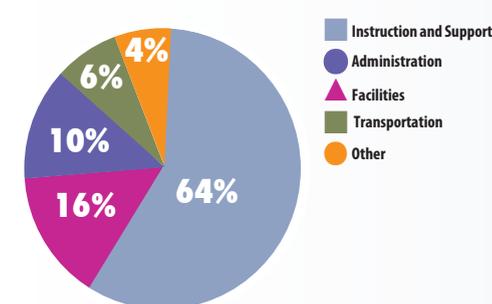
*Scholastic Aptitude Test-- High Score 800. In 2012 28 percent of Montana graduating seniors took the SAT. Nationally 50 percent of graduating seniors took the SAT.

Montana Public School Districts Statewide Revenues 2010-11



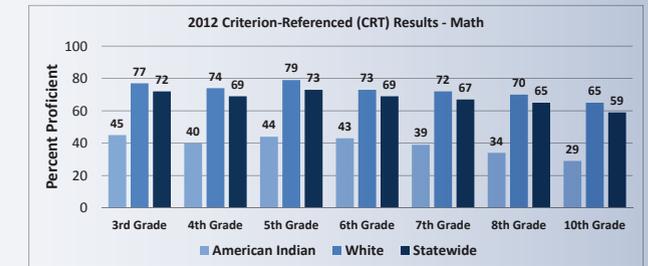
SFSF: State Fiscal Stabilization Funds received under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

Montana Public School Districts Statewide Expenditures 2010-11

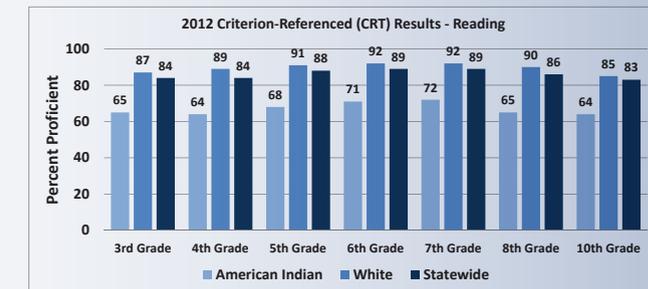


Based on the Standard and Poor's definition

2012 Criterion-Referenced (CRT) Results Math & Reading

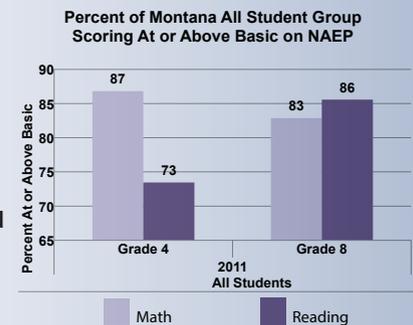


In Spring 2012, Montana students took the CRT test in the 3rd through 8th and 10th grades measuring progress toward state standards in reading and math. The achievement gap between American Indian students and all students is quite substantial in both reading and math in every tested grade. In math it is never closer than 26 points (5th grade) and in reading it is never closer than 17 points (3rd grade).



2011 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)

The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), referred to as the Nation's Report Card, is a measure of student achievement in the United States. This chart shows the percent of the "All Students" category in Montana who scored at or above basic.



A basic achievement level in NAEP means that students have partial mastery of prerequisite knowledge and skills that are fundamental for proficient work at each grade.

Data obtained from the NAEP Data Explorer (NDE): <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/naepdata/report.aspx>

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