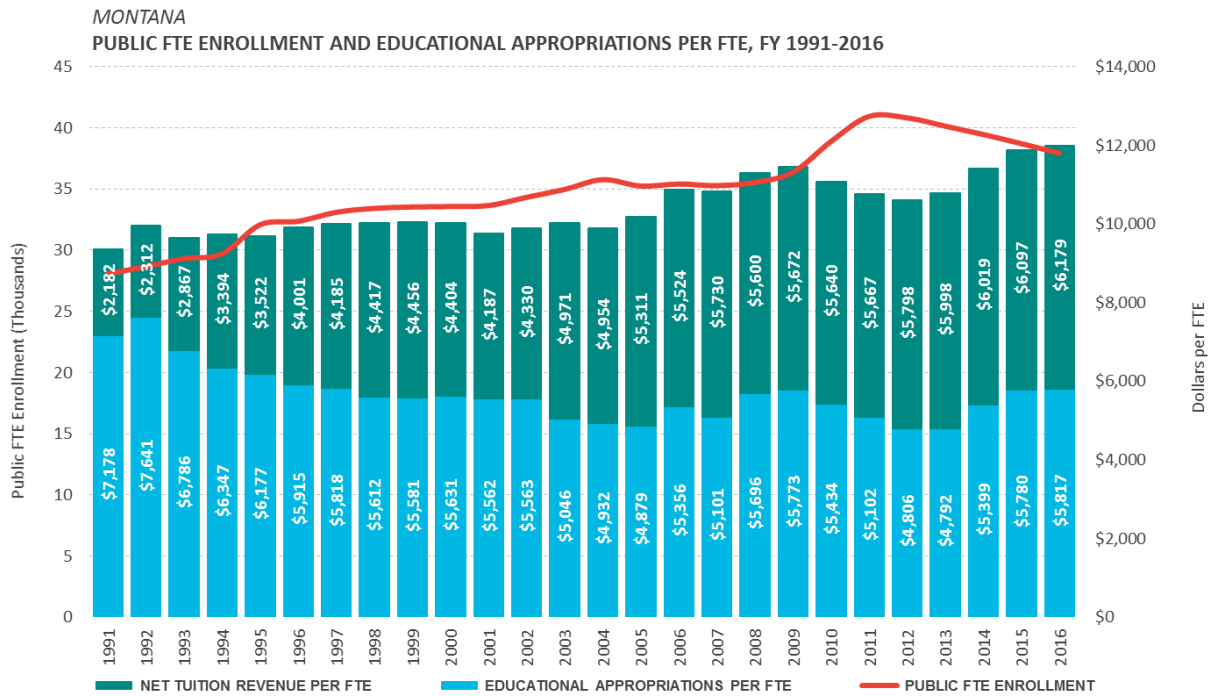


Individual State Reports

Montana Impact of Declining Revenues on Higher Education From 1991-2016

State Appropriations and Tuition

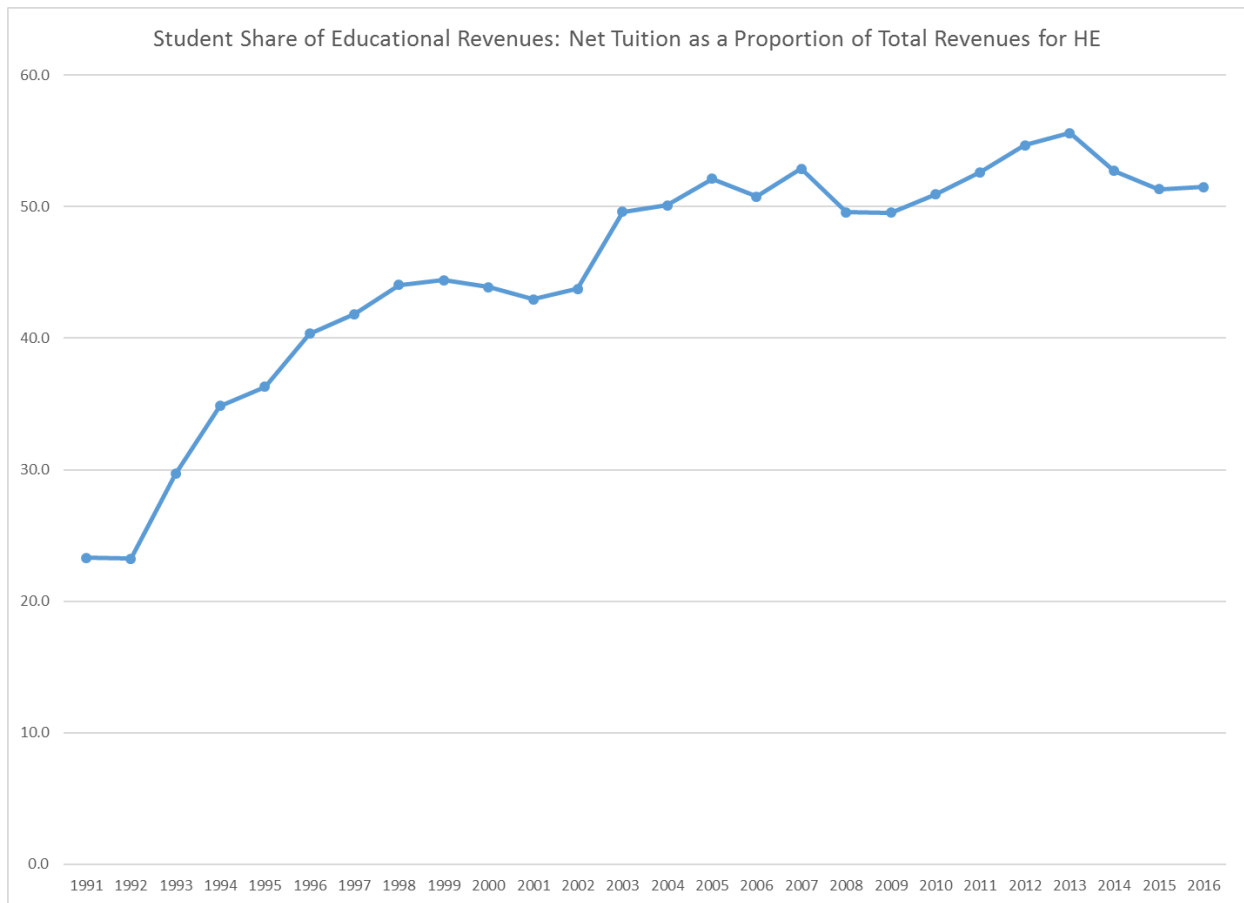


NOTES: Data adjusted for inflation using the Higher Education Cost Adjustment (HECA). Full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment equates student credit hours to full-time, academic year students, but excludes medical students. Educational appropriations are a measure of state and local support available for public higher education operating expenses including ARRA funds, and exclude appropriations for independent institutions, financial aid for students attending independent institutions, research, hospitals, and medical education. Net tuition revenue is calculated by taking the gross amount of tuition and fees, less state and institutional financial aid, tuition waivers or discounts, and medical student tuition and fees. Net tuition revenue used for capital debt service is included in the net tuition revenue figures above.

SOURCE: State Higher Education Executive Officers

| | 1991 | 2008 | 2016 |
|---------------------------------|------|------|------|
| Percent of State Appropriations | 76.7 | 5.4 | 48.5 |
| Percent of Tuition | 23.3 | 49.6 | 51.5 |

The cost of education in Montana has risen almost 20% since 1991. The worst part is that Montana has shifted the burden for that cost more and more to the student. Montana appropriated more than 76.7% (\$7,178) of the cost in 1991 to now only 48.5% (\$5,817), a decrease in 19%. In the meantime, student tuition costs have risen over 183% (@,182 in 1991 to \$6,179 in 2016). Students' tuition is now covering over 51.5% of total costs.



Cost-Saving Measures Employed by Montana

| Cost-Saving Step | |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Raise Tuition | Yes |
| Lay off Staff | No |
| Lay off Faculty | Yes |
| Course Cuts | No |
| Cut Programs (academic) | No |
| Cut Programs (student) | No |
| Hiring Freeze | Yes |
| Pay Freezes | |

| Cost-Saving Step | |
|-------------------------------|----|
| Out-of-state Tuition Increase | No |
| Other Cuts | No |
| Closings | No |
| Consolidation | No |
| Cuts to Sports | No |
| Performance-based Budgeting | No |
| Restrict Tuition Increase | No |
| Increase Cost-Efficiency | No |