How Does MONTANA Compare to the Top State and the National Average?

In Montana, for every 100 ninth grade students, 77 graduate four years later.

Of the 77 high school graduates, 41 immediately enter college.

Of the 41 students who enter college, 27 are still enrolled in sophomore year.

Seventeen (17) go on to graduate within 150% time, with either an associate’s degree within three years or a bachelor’s degree within six years.

Note: “Top State” is the best performing of the 50 states.

Data are from 2002. For more detailed source information, see our web site at http://www.highereducation.org/reports/pipeline/ For 50-state comparison charts, see pages 2-3 in The Educational Pipeline Policy Alert, April 2004.

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