



Montana State: A land-grant university for Bozeman and beyond

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STATE UNIVERSITY



**Proud to be Bobcats: My wife, Kristin,
and our daughters, Frances and Leona**

Recent Milestones

Records in enrollment, retention rates, graduation rates and research

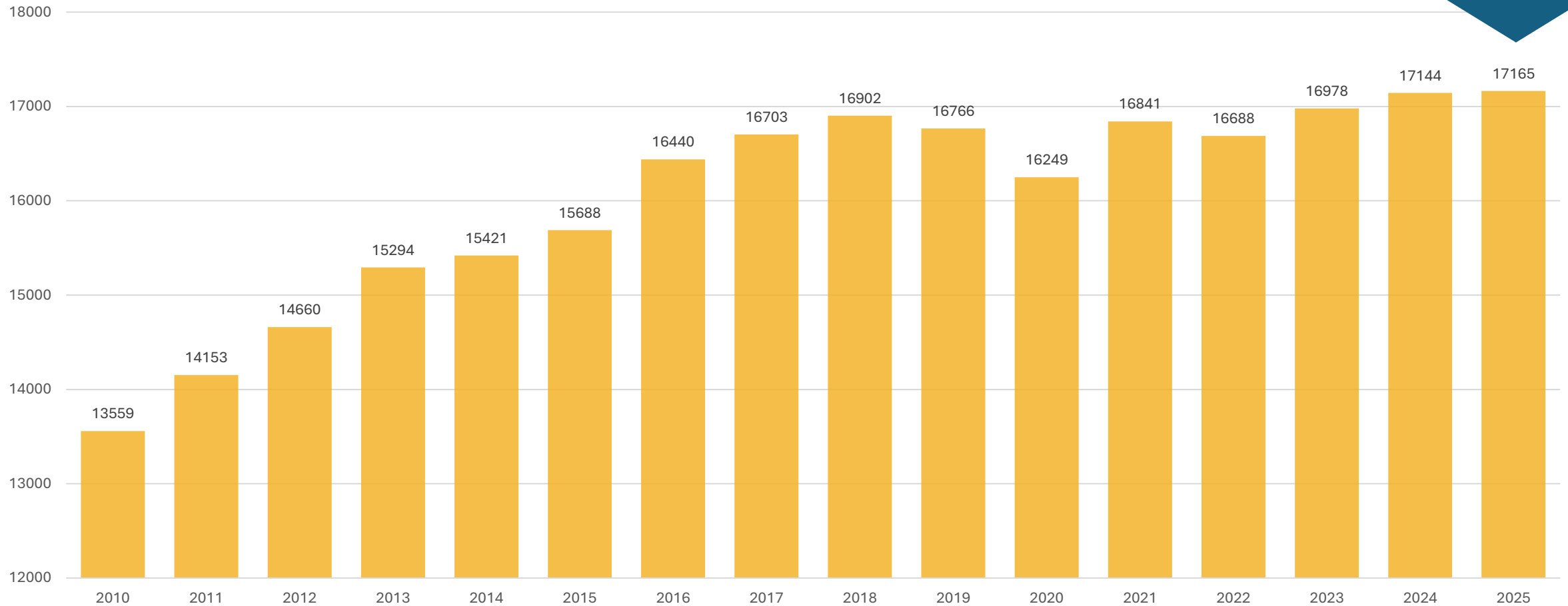


MSU sets spring enrollment record
of 16,373 students

MSU Student Enrollment 2010-2025

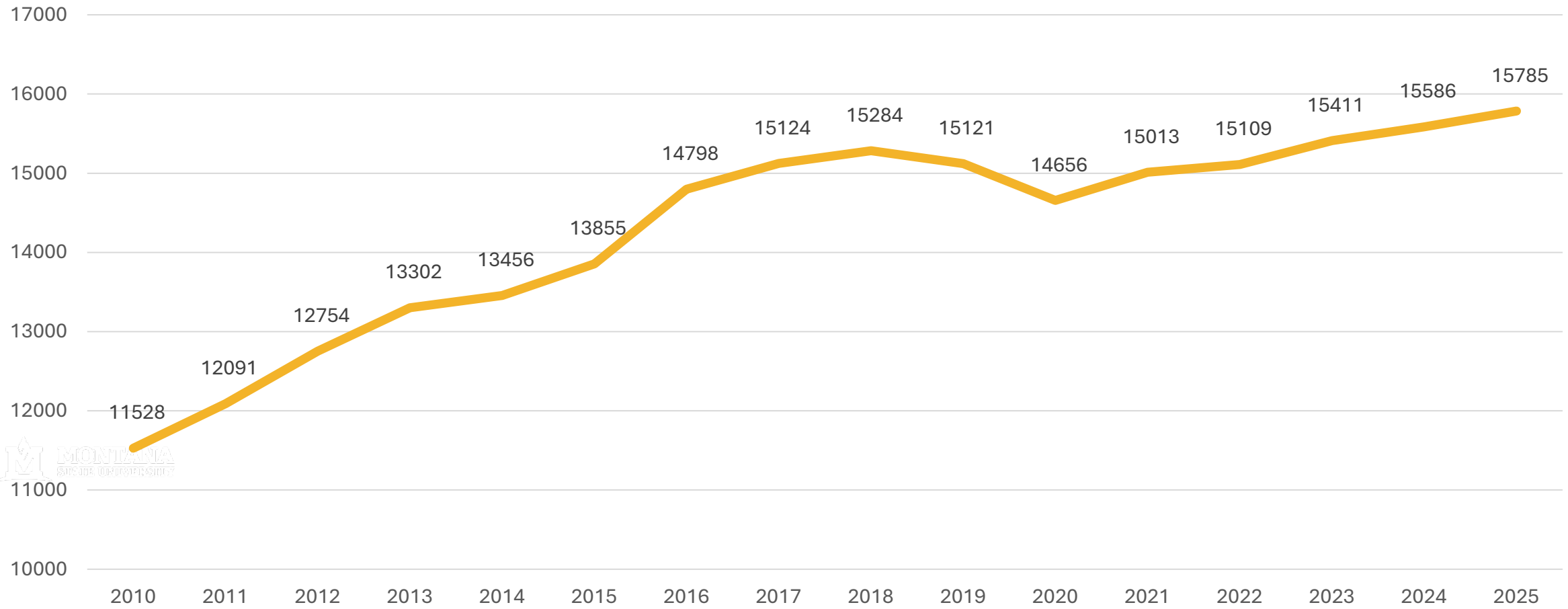
Fall enrollment has increased nearly 27% in the last 15 years.

81.8%
RETENTION



MSU's FTE enrollment 2010-2025

Fall full-time equivalent enrollment has grown 37% in the past 15 years.



Growth in MSU Student Housing Capacity

5,166

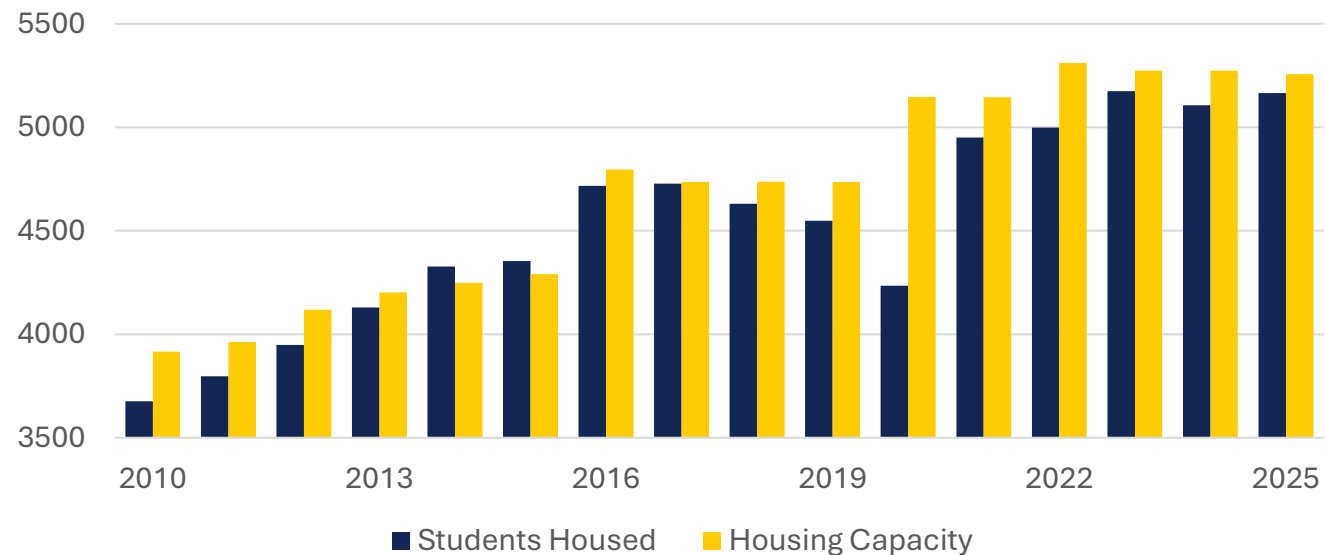
Students living on campus this fall

30%

of MSU students live in on-campus housing

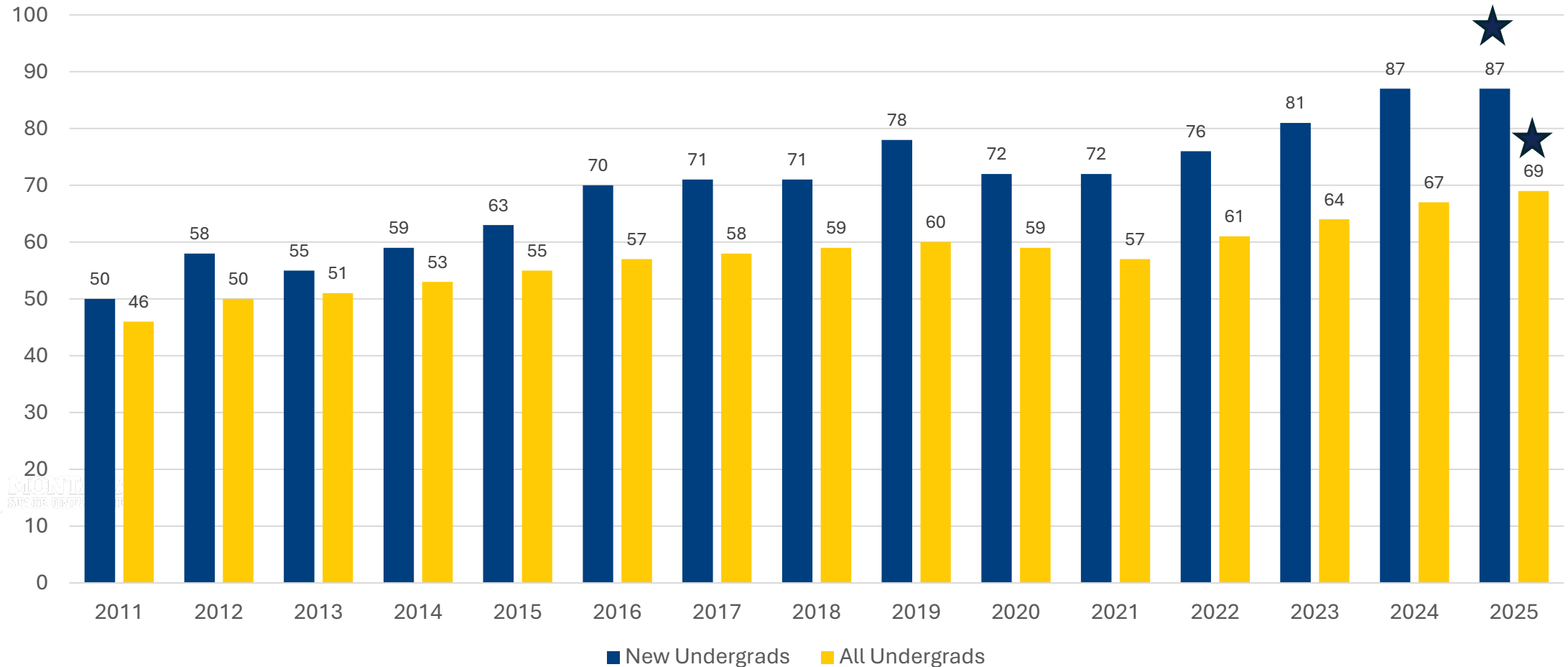
41%

Growth in students living in on-campus over 15 years

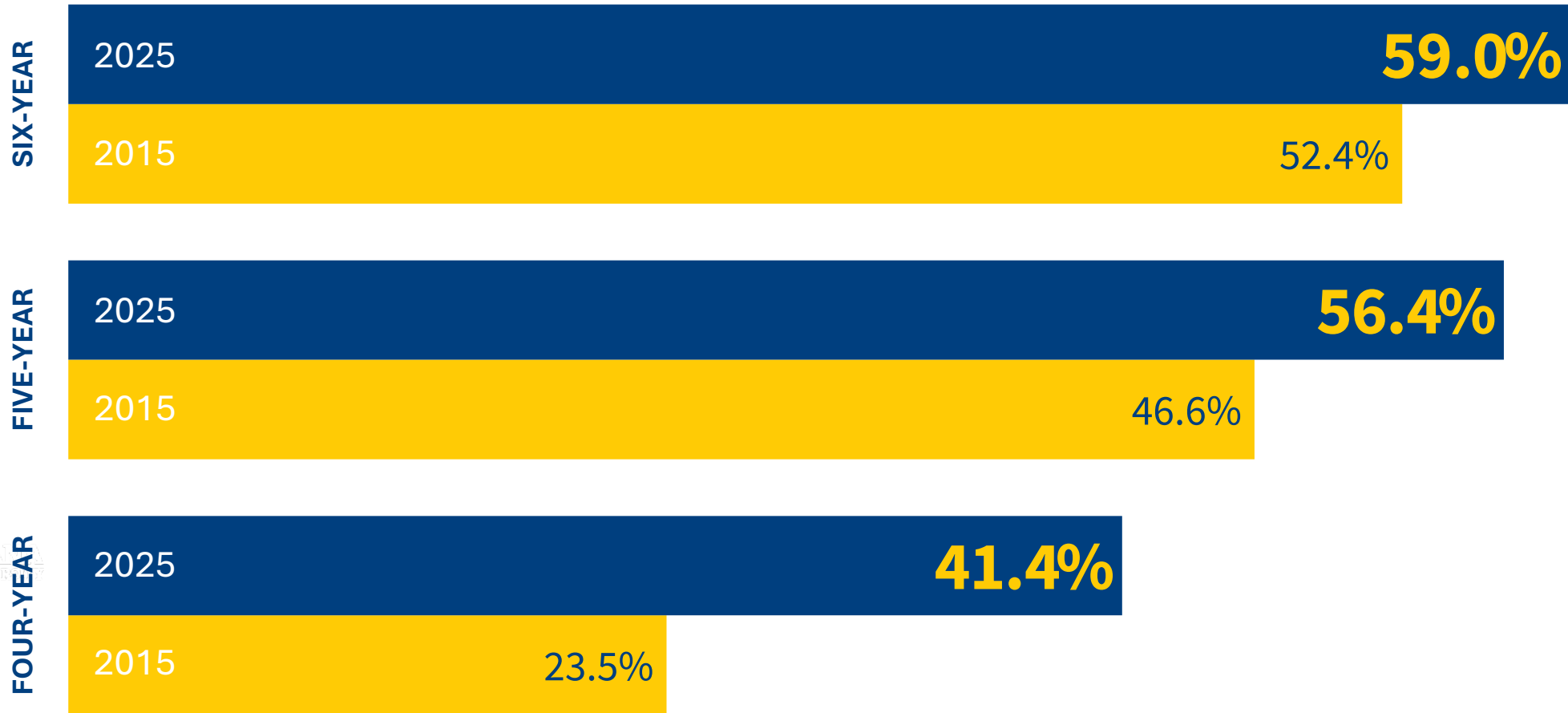


The Freshman 15 Initiative

87% of incoming students and 69% of all MSU undergraduates enrolled in 15 or more credits this fall.



MSU Graduation Rates, 2015-2025



Research Strength

Our research enterprise continues to grow



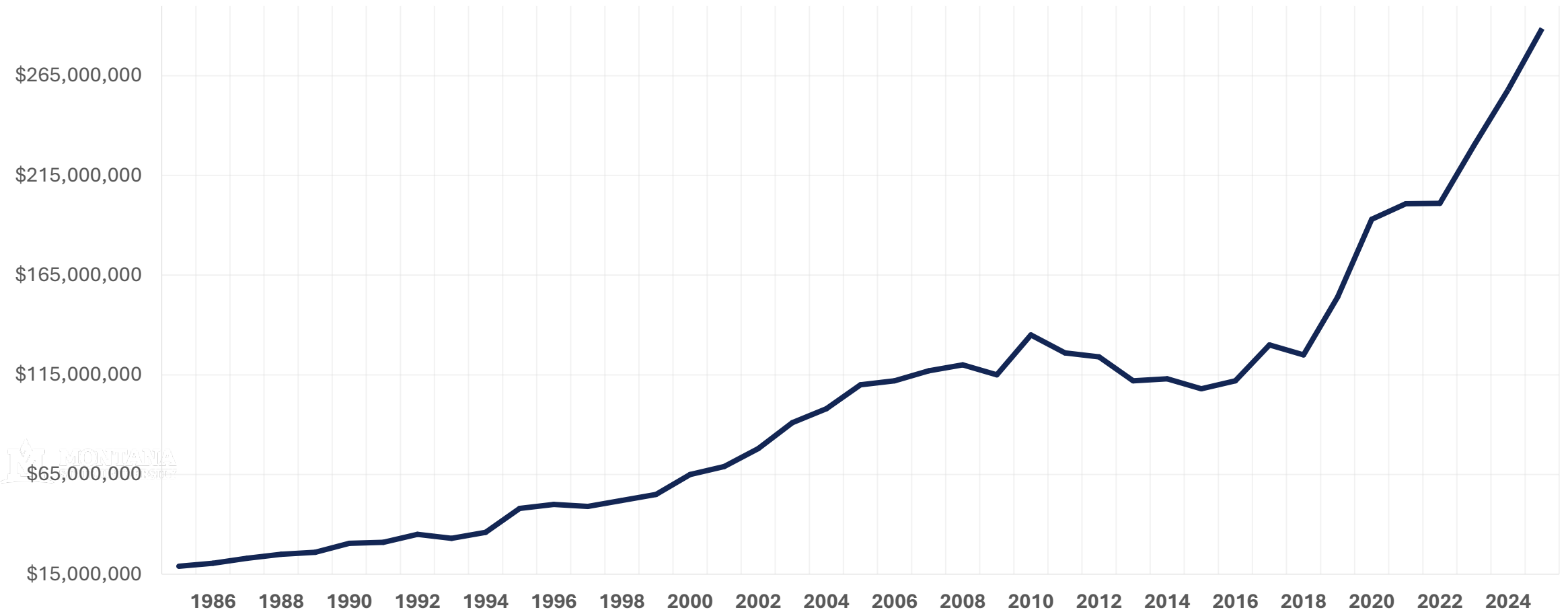
Research expenditures set new record of \$288.7 million





MSU Annual Research Expenditures

Fall 2025 brought a new record of \$288.7 million, a 167% increase over 15 years





Top Research Units

Top Colleges

1. College of Agriculture
\$54.1 million
2. College of Letters and Science
\$40.6 million
3. Norm Asbjornson College of Engineering
\$24.5 million

Top Programs

1. Institute for National Security Research and Education (MilTech)
\$64.7 million
2. TechLink
\$11.1 million
3. IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence
\$4.4 million



State of the art quantum computing facility opens

QCORE research will lead faster and more sensitive, precise and secure electronics, sensors, location systems, computers and medical equipment.



Defense Department names MSU an OnRamp Hub

Designation brings MSU's cutting-edge facilities and highly trained researchers together to help companies scale up technology for defense projects.



MSU holds AI Summit

Furthering discussion and planning on how MSU will lead the way in incorporating artificial intelligence into higher education in Montana



MSU named site of U.S. Patent and Trademark office

New office will support workforce development across the state and region, especially in manufacturing and computing sectors

Secretary of Education visits to learn about MSU workforce programs



Remarkable Achievements

MSU's students and faculty continue to make us proud



MSU welcomes 10th class of Hilleman Scholars

Program supports Montana students to develop the potential in our state's next generation of community and industry leaders.



Doriane Keiser receives Rhodes Scholarship

One of 32 selected students nationwide, will study at the University of Oxford



**Our newest NSF CAREER Award winner:
Sarah Morris**



Community and State

Connecting MSU to Bozeman and communities around Montana



MSU again earns Carnegie Community Engagement classification



Reimagining Rural

Twenty rural towns chosen for grassroots community improvement program

Combined State Laboratories





President's Bus Tour returns this summer

LITTLE ROCKY MOUNTAINS

Our Changing Campus

Multiple major projects are transforming MSU



Grant Street Transformation



Kennedy-Stark Athletic Center



Gianforte Hall





Montana PBS Expansion



GALLATIN
COLLEGE



Gallatin College MSU





VIM hotel



New Facilities Yard location



Jones Hall

Save the date! Grand opening: Sept. 18



Go 'Cats!

Proud of our extraordinary students and athletes



Bobcat Football brings home national title

First national championship since 1984



Justine Lamontagne

Bobcat skier wins two national titles at NCAA skiing championship

One more thing...

MSU needs you! New strategic plan in the works



www.montana.edu/strategicplan



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