

## Financial Aid Optimization Analysis

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#### **Institutions admitted more students**

To protect against declining yield rates across the market, more schools admitted a higher number of applicants

#### Lower financial aid filing led to more aggressive strategy

Across all levels of selectivity, the percent of admitted students who filed for financial aid was down, suggesting less engaged pools which required schools to employ more aggressive admission (and in some cases) aid strategies

#### Higher discounts helped maintain enrollments, not always revenue

If discounts went up, institutions were more likely to report decreases in average net revenue **and total net tuition revenue**, and vice versa – price elasticity issue at play

## Revenue growth more likely driven by volume, not always discount

Among institutions that saw at least a 5% growth in total net tuition revenue, only 21% increased the discount rate – different results compared to last year

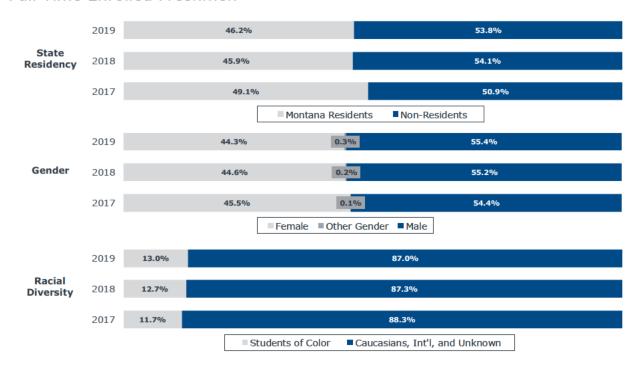
#### Lower deposits and yields for private institutions

Public institutions continue to fare better than private institutions, Northeast region is stressed more than others, and more selective institutions were most likely to have deposit declines of 2% or more



## **Demographic Comparisons**

#### Full-Time Enrolled Freshmen





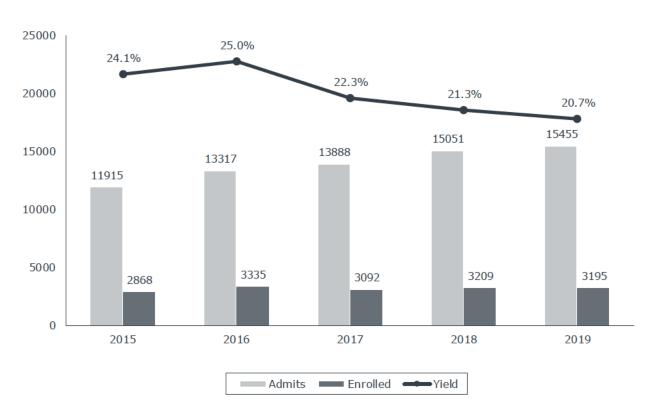
### MSU-Bozeman

2019 Financial Aid Optimization Analysis Summary of Records Chosen for Analysis

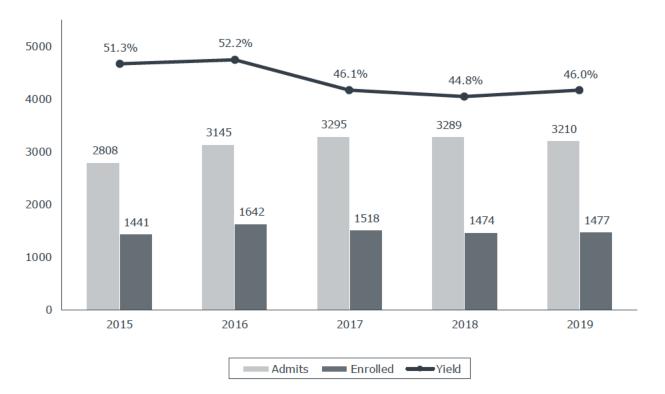
				Institutional		
	Admits	Enrolled	Yield	Gift	<b>Net Revenue</b>	Discount
All New Students:	16,707	3,787	23%	\$18,109,934		
Transfers:	1,252	592	47%	\$442,796		
Full-Time Freshman Total:	15,455	3,195	21%	\$17,667,138		
Deferred from Last Year:	71	24	34%	\$149,814		
Athletes:	18	18	100%	\$245,948	\$	
Internationals:	150	9	6%	\$10,810		
Independents:	166	70	42%	\$143,920		
No Academic Info:	25	0	0%	\$0		
Full-Time Freshman Excluded:	430	121	28%	\$550,492		
Model Population:	15,025	3,074	20%	\$17,116,645		

### MSU-Bozeman Full-Time Freshmen Yield



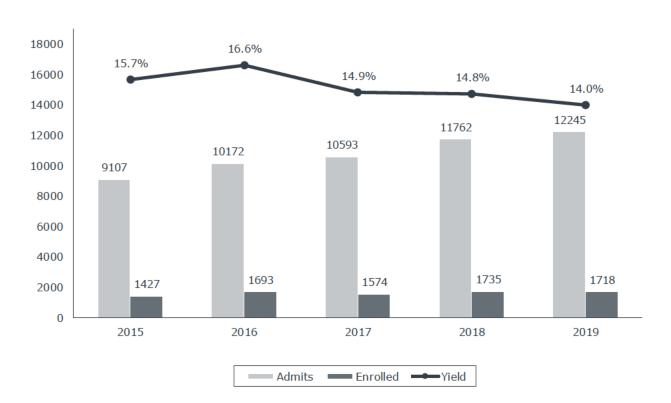


## MSU-Bozeman Full-Time Freshmen Yield (Residents) 21



## MSU-Bozeman Full-Time Freshmen Yield (Non-Residents)

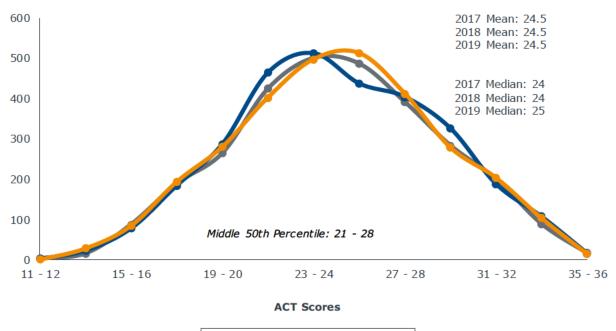




## **Enrolled by Test Score**



#### **Model Population**

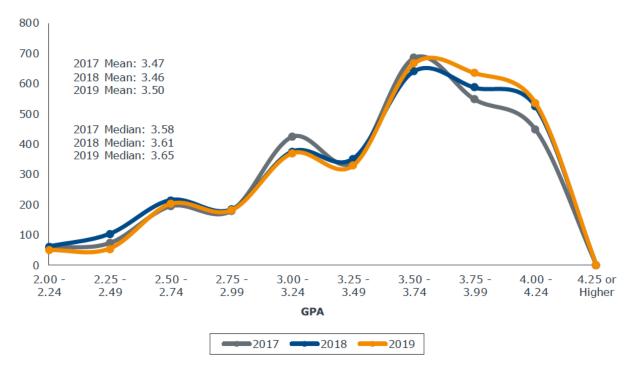






## Enrolled by High School GPA

#### **Model Population**





### Parameters for Calculation of Academic Ranks

Model Population

High School GPA Points				
GPA of at		Record		
Least	Points (x2)	Count		
	1	1306		
	2	1425		
1	3	1209		
	4	1679		
	5	1568		
	6	1620		
	7	1722		
	8	1631		
	9	312		
	10	2553		
	Total Values:	15025		

ACT Score Points				
ACT Score of at Least	Points	Record Count		
	1	1344		
	2	1324		
	3	1104		
	4	2216		
	5	1350		
	6	1198		
	7	1265		
	8	2000		
	9	1837		
	10	1387		
	Total Values:	15025		

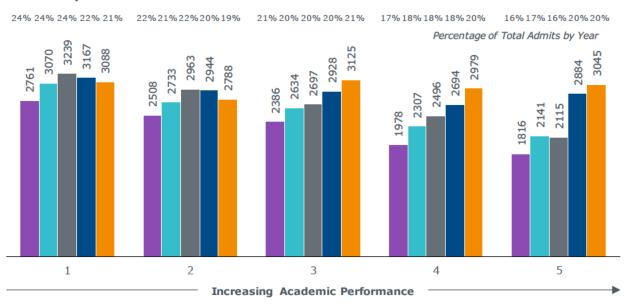
Date Last Re-Normed: **7/25/2019** Current Year Data Date: **9/23/2019** 

Academic Index							
Total Points of at Least	Quintile	Academic Rank	Record Count	Average GPA	Average Rank	Average ACT	
1	1	1	3088				
10	2	2	2788				
15	3	3	3125				
20	4	4	2979				
25	5	5	3045				

## Admits by Academic Rank



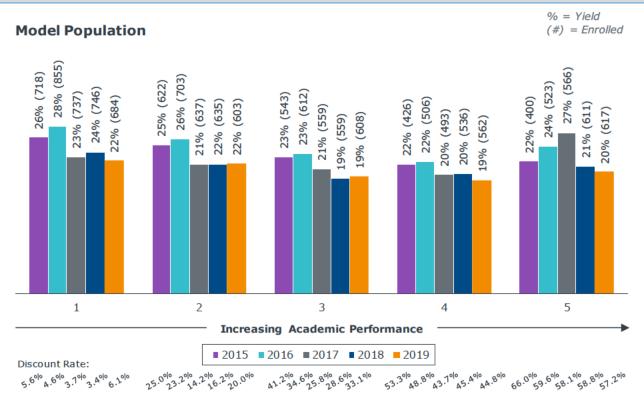
#### **Model Population**





## Yield by Academic Rank

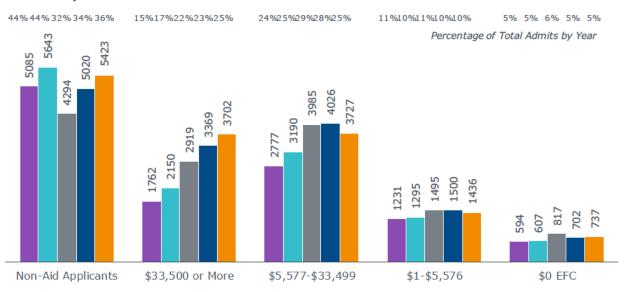




## Admits by EFC Rank



#### **Model Population**

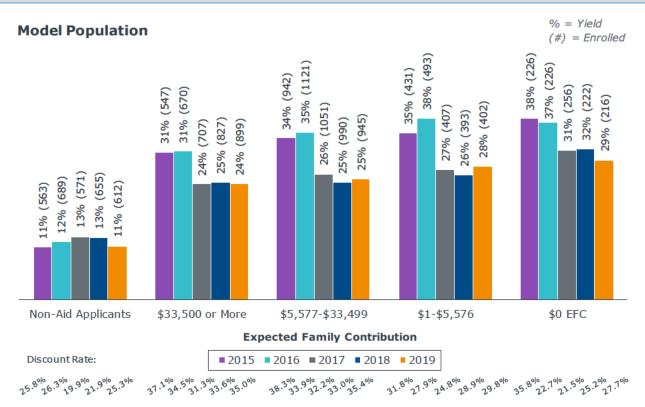


#### **Expected Family Contribution**



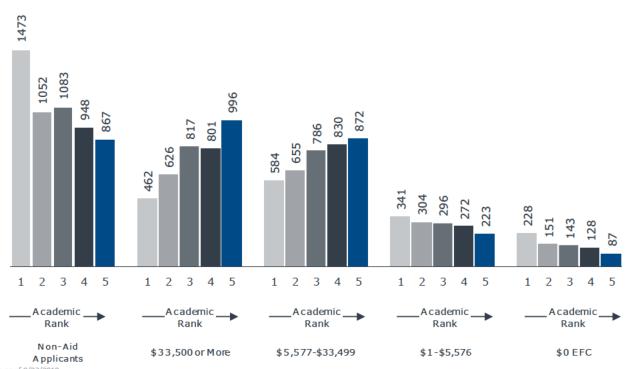
## Yield by EFC Rank





### Admits by Cell: EFC and Academic Ranks

#### **Model Population**



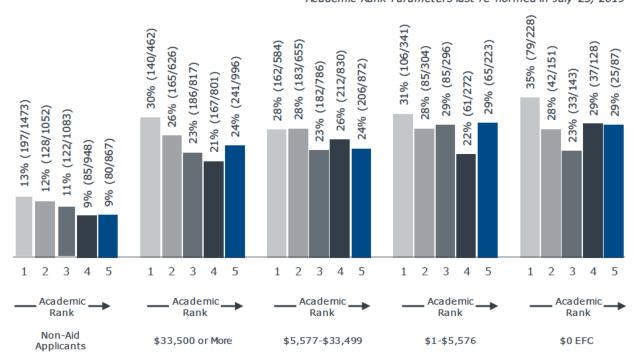
Data as of 9/23/2019

## Yield by Cell: EFC and Academic Ranks





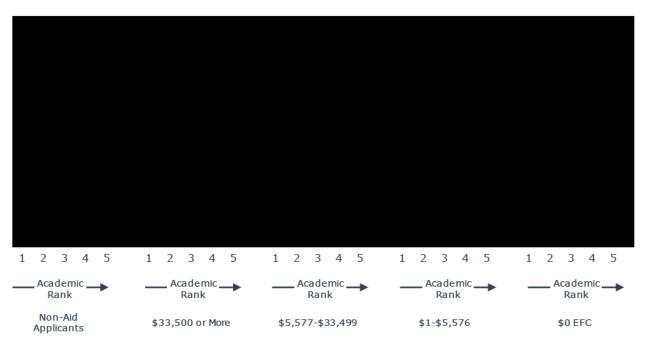
Current Year Data as of September 23, 2019
Academic Rank Parameters last re-normed in July 25, 2019



## Average Total Grant by Cell: EFC and Academic Ranks



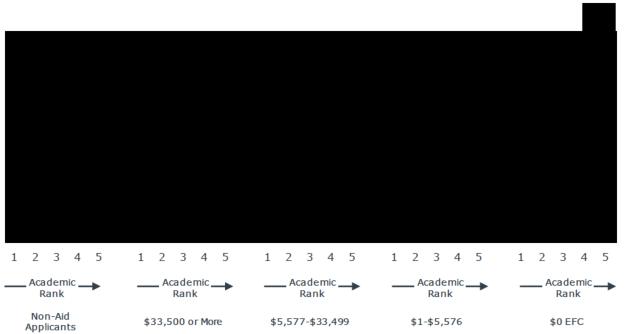
#### **Montana Residents**



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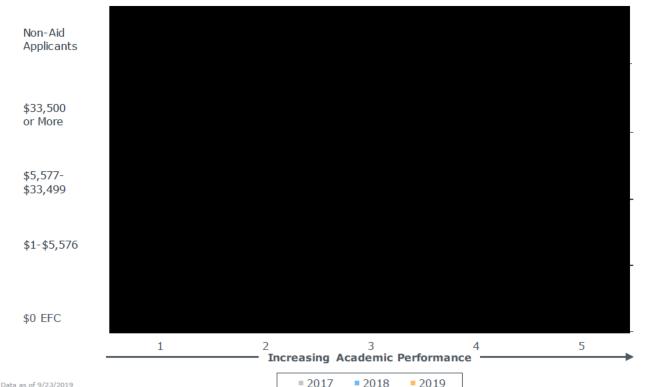


## Average Total Grant by Cell: EFC and Academic Ranks









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## Yield by Cell: EFC and Academic Ranks

#### **Model Population**

