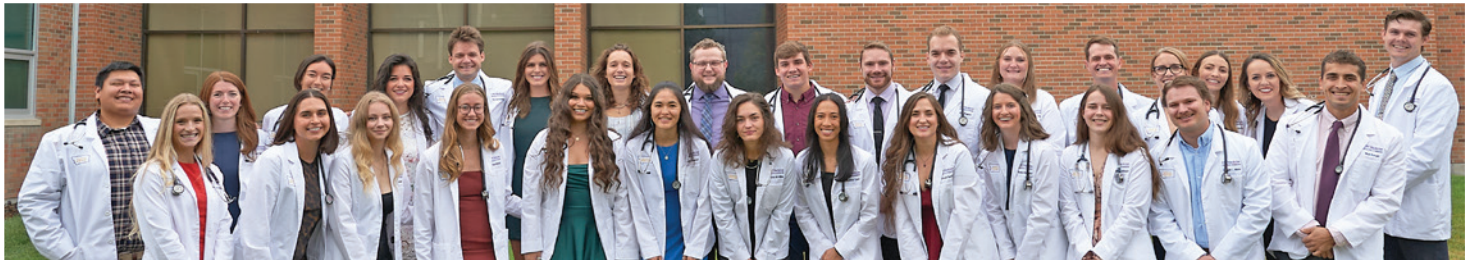


## Montana WWAMI: Montana's Medical School



### Mission

Improving the health of Montanans by educating future physicians dedicated to providing care for communities across the state.

### WWAMI Provides a High-quality, Cost-effective Medical Education for Montana Students

The WWAMI program is regarded as one of the top medical schools in the country for primary care education and family medicine training and is known for its regional approach to medical education.

### Teaching Montanans to Become Montana Physicians – ROI

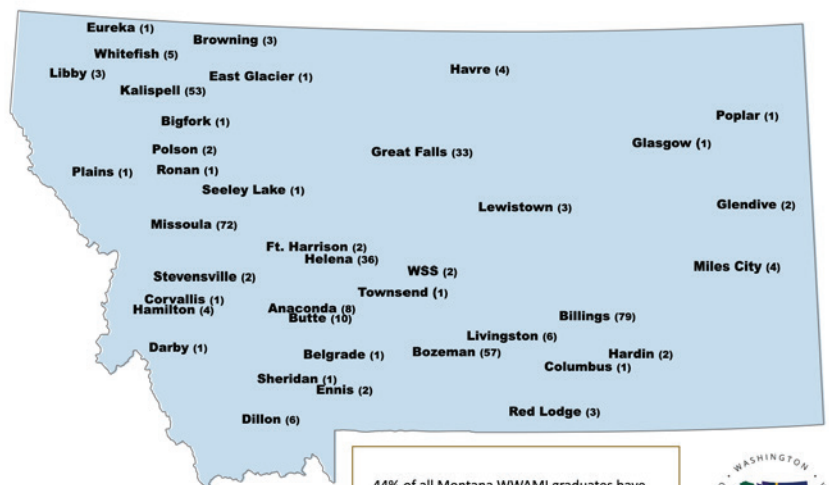
For each year a physician practices in a community they provide \$3 million of economic stimulus. In 2024 there were 417 WWAMI graduates practicing in Montana, equating to \$1.25 billion of economic stimulus to the state of Montana. AMA 2018 Economic Impact Study and How Physicians Improve U. S. Economic Health.

### WWAMI Produces Physicians to Help Meet Montana's Workforce Needs

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| Total Montana WWAMI graduates in practice (or who have practiced)                                                   | 850          |
| Graduates from all WWAMI states who have chosen to practice in Montana — the total return on investment             | 64%<br>(540) |
| National average of graduates who practice in the same state where they received their medical education AAMC, 2021 | 38%          |

Montana WWAMI graduates both return to the state and choose primary care specialties (internists, pediatricians and family docs) at a higher rate than the national average. Montana, with its large landmass and sparse population, benefits from these more generalist physicians who return to practice in Montana's small towns.

### WWAMI Graduate Returns – Current Practice Sites in Montana - 2024



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44% of all Montana WWAMI graduates have returned to practice medicine in Montana. With additional non-Montana WWAMI graduates who set up practice in Montana, the state's return on investment goes up to 64%.



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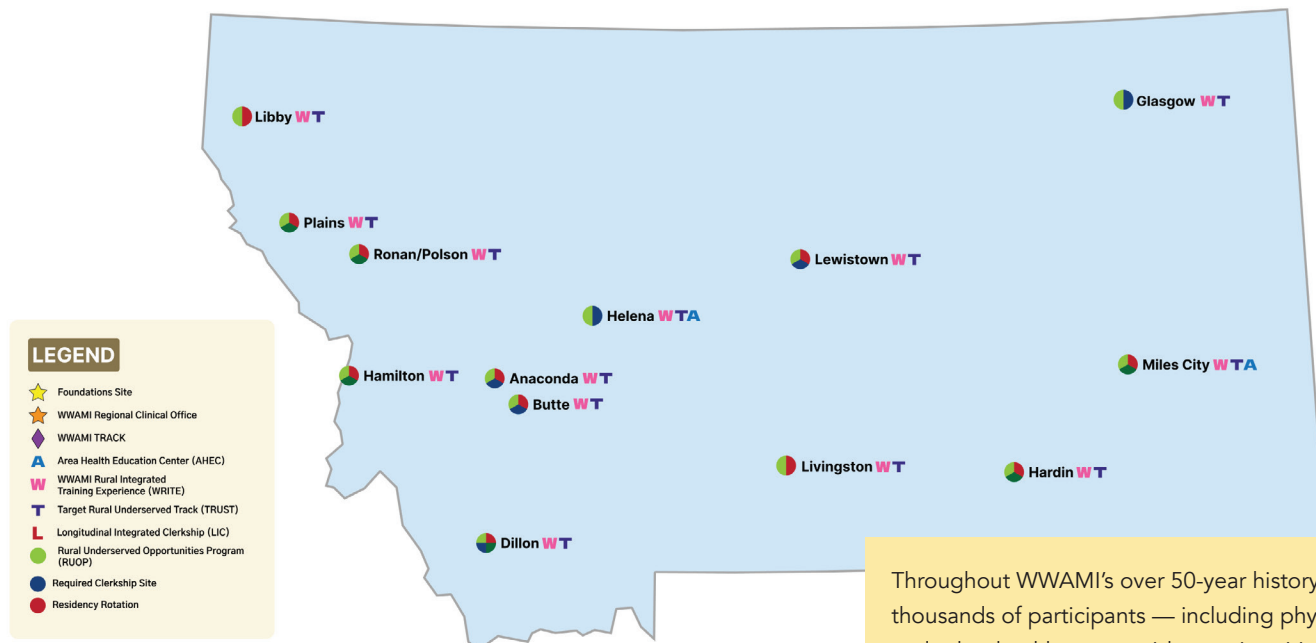
# TRUST PROGRAM

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## Montana TRUST (Targeted Rural Underserved Track) – a rural focused track bringing physicians home to rural Montana!

TRUST provides students with a longitudinal continuity connection between rural/underserved communities, faculty and patients. There are 13 TRUST communities in the state. The program promotes and supports students' interests in rural/underserved health workforce training. Current student return data shows half of the TRUST students are returning to rural locations after their residency training. Fifty-three percent match into primary care specialties; this number goes to 74% when the needed specialties in the state of Surgery, Ob/Gyn and Psychiatry are included.

## Montana WWAMI is an Enduring Partnership

In 1971, the UW School of Medicine initiated a collaboration with the states of Washington, Alaska, Montana and Idaho to provide access to high-quality and cost-effective public medical education and to meet physician workforce needs across the region. Wyoming joined the collaboration in 1996. The WWAMI program is an internationally recognized model for community-based, decentralized medical education.

Throughout WWAMI's over 50-year history, thousands of participants — including physicians and other healthcare providers, universities, medical societies, hospitals and legislators — have partnered and achieved success by sharing resources, expertise and knowledge.

## MONTANA WWAMI A SNAPSHOT (2024-2025)

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| First-year Students per Year<br>(12 seats committed to students in the Targeted Rural Underserved Track (TRUST)) | 30    |
| WWAMI Faculty at Montana hospitals & clinics                                                                     | 590   |
| Required Clerkships/Communities                                                                                  | 49/18 |
| Unique Students Completing Clerkships                                                                            | 199   |
| Number of clerkship slots filled in 2024                                                                         | 392   |

