

Montana Department of Corrections...

...at a glance 2013-14

Our Mission

The Montana Department of Corrections staff enhances public safety, supports the victims of crime, promotes positive change in offender behavior, and reintegrates offenders into the community.



With guidance from Northern Cheyenne elders, American Indian inmates at Montana State Prison build a new sweat lodge with willows harvested on prison property. Photo by Russ Danaher



Women participating in the Passages Culinary Arts Program catered a dinner for legislators in the Capitol Rotunda during the 2013 Session. Photo by Bob Anez



Missoula PO finds explosives during home visit

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MISSOULA - Two arrests have been made in connection with a pipe bomb that was found in a local garage on Tuesday afternoon.

What started as a probation officer conducting a home visit is what led to the discovery of not only a bomb, but also bomb making materials inside the home.

The roommates arrested in connection to the incident are 27-year old Andrew Charles Ibey and 40-year old Shelly Turbitt...

...State Parole Officer Kathleen Beccari says Turbitt's probation officer, Andrea Bethel, called authorities after she identified the explosive device inside the garage at 919 Spartan Drive at around 3 p.m. on Tuesday.

City and County law enforcement - as well as a bomb squad - responded to the house, taped off the street and evacuated four nearby homes.

<http://www.kpax.com/news/2nd-arrest-made-in-missoula-pipe-bomb-case/>

Major Accomplishments in Fiscal Years 2013-14

- ◆ Launched a major restructuring of Department of Corrections processes, from how we assess the risk offenders pose and prepare them for reentering the community when they are released from prison, to how we address the behavior of offenders who violate the terms of their probation or parole. The department invited the Pew Charitable Trusts and the National Governors Association Center for Best Practices to review our offender and placement data, and recommend policy options for improving public safety, holding offenders accountable and containing corrections costs.
- ◆ Created a Quality Assurance Office within the Director's Office to ensure that the youth and adult facilities and programs run by the department and its contactors meet state and national correctional standards of accountability, security and safety. The five-person team has conducted Montana's first Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) audits at both the men's and women's prisons and the Riverside Youth Correctional Facility for girls, in addition to beginning a series of audits involving community corrections programs.
- ◆ Consolidated management of medical and mental health services into the new Clinical Services Division to better coordinate medical care and assess the cost of care throughout the department. The division has initiated a consistent process to offset state medical costs with Medicaid funding where appropriate. Between July and Nov. 2014, the division filed 40 Medicaid applications for 30 inmates, six of whom were hospitalized multiple times.
- ◆ Achieved re-accreditation of the infirmary at the Montana State Prison with 100 percent compliance with the National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC) standards for medical, dental and mental health.
- ◆ Convened the Statewide Reentry Task Force created by the 2013 Legislature to guide the department's reentry efforts. The task force examined Montana's correctional system, best practices identified in other states and the barriers facing former inmates. Its recommendations included the creation of community-based reentry initiatives that embrace mentoring, enhance public understanding, ensure access to healthcare, and allow greater information sharing.
- ◆ Hired a new American Indian liaison in Nov. 2013. Since then, the liaison has traveled extensively, setting up regular monthly meetings with staff and American Indian offenders in state and contract facilities, treatment programs and prerelease centers throughout the state. The liaison also regularly meets with American Indian youths in the state's two juvenile correctional facilities and has traveled to each of the reservations to meet with tribal council members and encourage the tribes to support mentoring and other volunteer programs for offenders.



- ◆ Created reentry officer positions in all six Probation and Parole regions and partnered with private and non-profit organizations throughout the state to expand reentry efforts.
- ◆ Developed an offsite work program with ACE Hardware and other Miles City business partners that is providing valuable job skills for youths at Pine Hills before they transition back into the community.

In 2014, youths in a Pine Hills offsite summer construction class used donated lumber to build a shed that will be used as a pump house for a community park.

- ◆ Developed a girls' transition program on the Riverside Youth Correctional Facility campus to help young female offenders on parole successfully reenter the community. The girls attend the local high school and work in the community. The new eight-bed group home operates within the facility's existing budget and replaces a contract for these services.
- ◆ Reduced recidivism for inmates who were involved in Montana Correctional Enterprises vocational and job training programs for one year or longer. Inmates involved in MCE programs provided 16,240 hours of community service, worked with DNRC on 21 wild land fires throughout Montana and provided over 500 cords of wood for low income families throughout western Montana.
- ◆ Upgraded fire and life safety measures at the license plate factory. Based on a recommendation from Risk Management & Tort Defense, prison maintenance installed a new fire exit door and upgraded the building's entire fire detection and protection system.
- ◆ Completed a fiber optic project that brought high-speed Internet to Montana State Prison (MSP). The Information Technology divisions from Corrections and DOA contracted with Charter Communications to install 3.5 miles of fiber optic cable between MSP and Deer Lodge. The enhanced connectivity is especially beneficial to administrative, security and infirmary staff and programs such as reentry and education.
- ◆ Fully implemented an evidence-based risk and needs assessment – the Women's Risk and Needs Assessment (WRNA) – at the Women's Prison. This assessment begins the reentry planning process at the time female inmates enter the prison.

The restitution collections unit dispersed \$3.3 million to crime victims in FY14.

- ◆ Implemented the offender technology education system known as SOAR, or Student On-line Academic Resources. SOAR is an online network that teaches offenders critical technology life-skills prior to their reentry into the community. The program also teaches offenders the skills they need to earn their "A+" certification, credentials that qualify them for jobs as computer technicians when they leave prison.

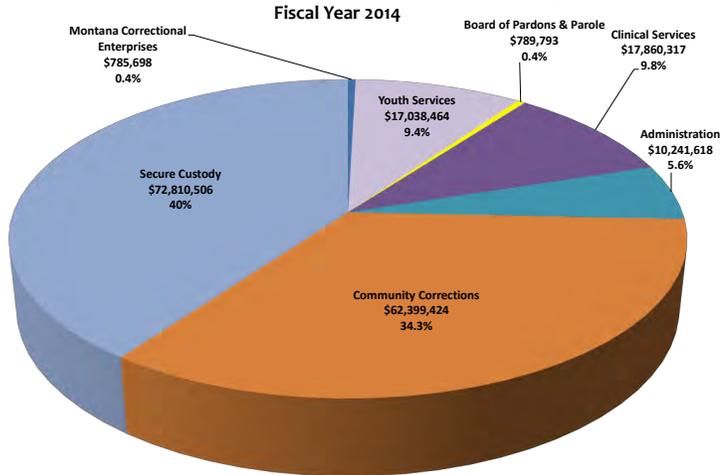


In May 2014, MSU-B Provost Dr. Mark Pagano and Director Mike Batista (seated right) spoke to 14 Montana Women's Prison inmates who graduated from the A+ program. This grant-funded certification program teaches entry-level technology skills, including computer repair, software and operating systems, and security. The skills and confidence inmates gain through the program assist them when they reenter society.

- ◆ Graduated the largest number of inmates the Montana State Prison's Adult Basic Education program has seen, with 81 graduates receiving a HSET (formerly a GED).
- ◆ Restructured the Treasure State Correctional Training Center "boot camp" program to allow the participation of female offenders.
- ◆ Added five mental health beds at the Passages prerelease center for female offenders and partnered with the Center for Children and Families to provide reentry services to engage their families.

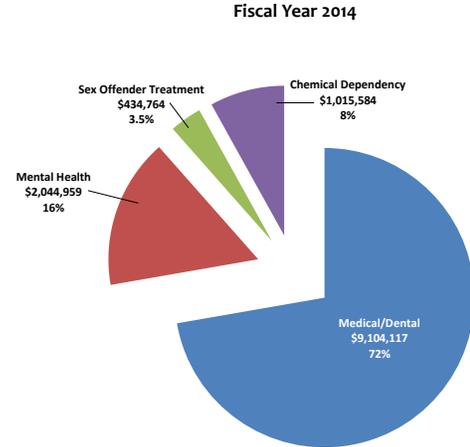
By the numbers

General Fund Expenditures by Program



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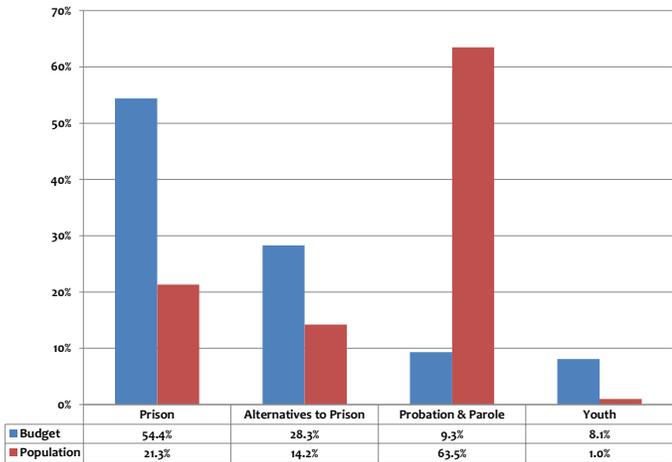
Internal Clinical Expenditures by Type



Note: Includes offenders in Montana State Prison, Montana Women's Prison, Pine Hills and Riverside youth correctional facilities, Missoula Assessment and Sanction Center, Treasure State Correctional Training Center and probation and parole.

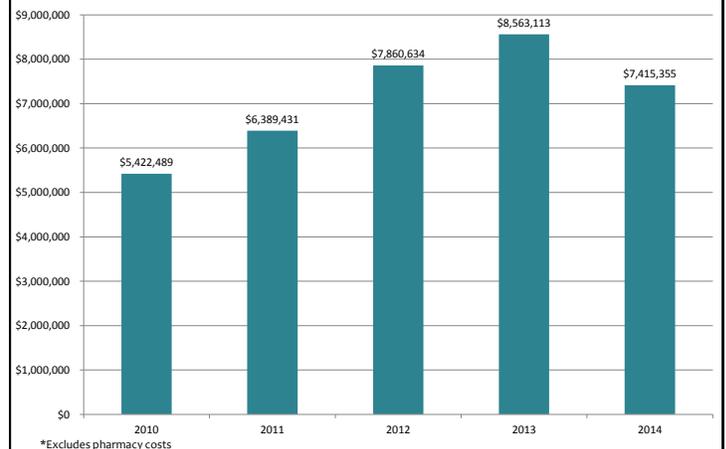
Percentage of Budget and Population

Fiscal Year 2014



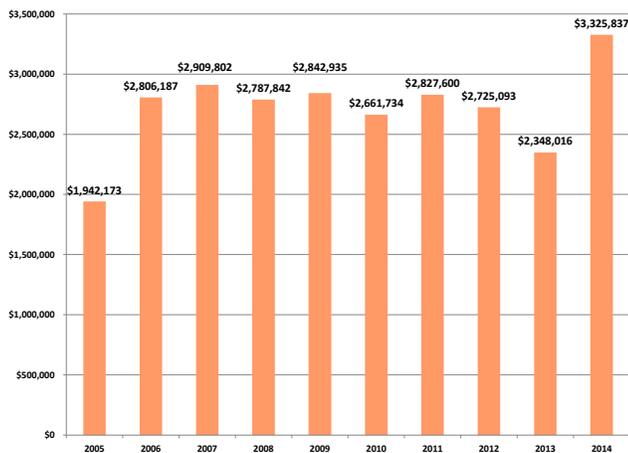
Outside Medical Expenditures*

Fiscal Years 2010 - 2014



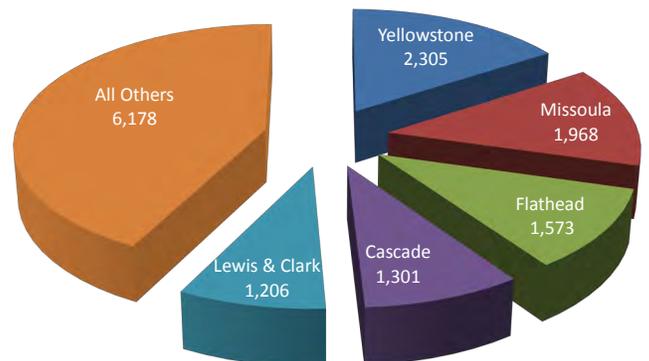
Restitution Disbursed to Crime Victims

Fiscal Years 2005-2014



County Contributions to Adult Offender Population

June 30, 2014



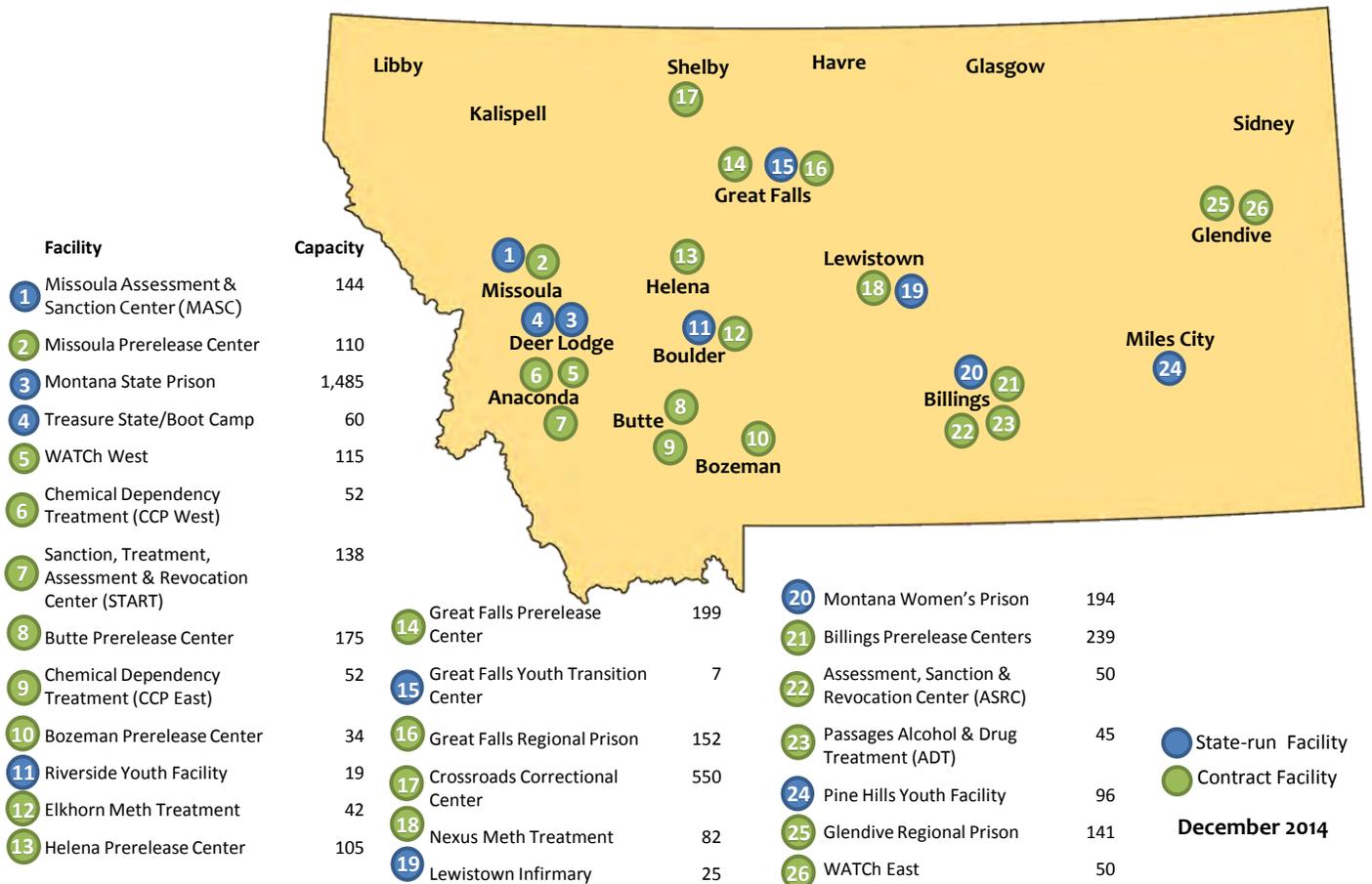
Top 10 Conviction Offenses for Adults* Fiscal Years 2010-2014

Male Offenders		Female Offenders	
1	Felony DUI	1	Possession of drugs
2	Possession of drugs	2	Theft
3	Criminal endangerment	3	Criminal endangerment
4	Theft	4	Distribution of drugs
5	Burglary	5	Felony DUI
6	Distribution of drugs	6	Issuing a bad check
7	Partner/family member assault	7	Fraudulently obtaining drugs
8	Assault with a weapon	8	Forgery
9	Possession with intent to distribute	9	Burglary
10	Criminal mischief	10	Possession with intent to distribute

* Includes all offenders under DOC custody or supervision, including those on Probation & Parole or in other community programs.

Locations and Capacities of Corrections Programs and Facilities

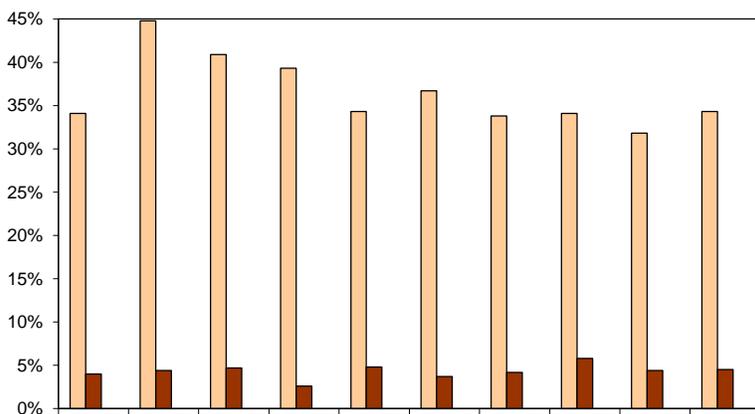
Does not include transitional living, day reporting, intensive or enhanced supervision – capacity 509



Recidivism rates for Montana offenders

Male Three-Year Prison Recidivism Rate

Fiscal Years 2002 - 2011

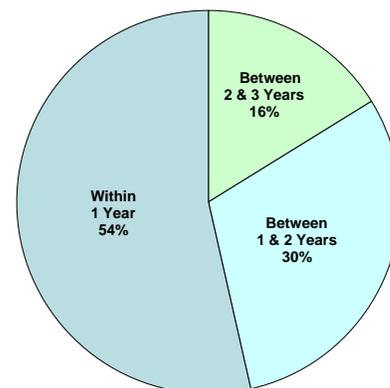


	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Violation	34.1%	44.8%	40.9%	39.3%	34.3%	36.7%	33.8%	34.1%	31.8%	34.3%
New Crime	4.0%	4.4%	4.7%	2.6%	4.8%	3.7%	4.2%	5.8%	4.4%	4.5%
Total Recidivism Rate	38.1%	49.2%	45.6%	41.9%	39.1%	40.4%	38.0%	39.9%	36.2%	38.8%

OMIS data extracted 8/27/2014

Timing of Male Offender Returns

When do male offenders return to any correctional facility?

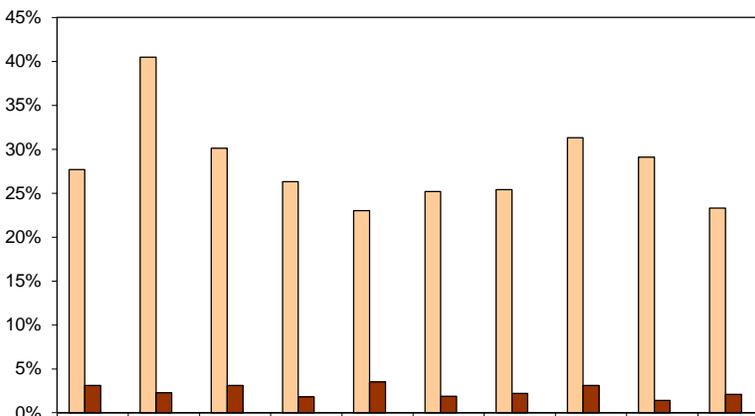


Fiscal Years 2010 and 2011

OMIS updated 9/4/2014

Female Three-Year Prison Recidivism Rate

Fiscal Years 2002 - 2011

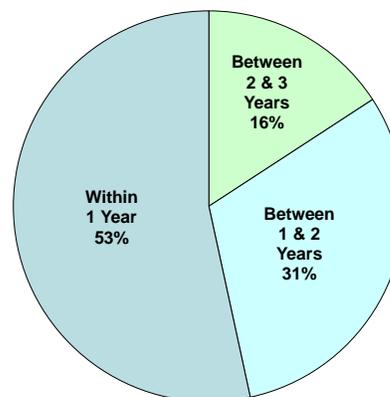


	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Violation	27.7%	40.5%	30.1%	26.3%	23.0%	25.2%	25.4%	31.3%	29.1%	23.3%
New Crime	3.1%	2.3%	3.1%	1.8%	3.5%	1.9%	2.2%	3.1%	1.4%	2.1%
Total Recidivism Rate	30.8%	42.8%	33.2%	28.1%	26.5%	27.1%	27.6%	34.4%	30.4%	25.3%

OMIS data extracted 8/27/2014

Timing of Female Offender Returns

When do female offenders return to any correctional facility?



Fiscal Years 2010 and 2011

OMIS data updated 9/4/2014

Recidivism Rate: The recidivism rate is one of the most frequent measures of a corrections system's operation. The rate tracks the proportion of offenders leaving prison and returning for any reason within three years.

It differs from the return rate, which measures all returns or entries to any correctional program within three years. Recidivism deals with only a portion of the offender population -- those who

were in prison and then return within a specific period of time.

Montana's definition of recidivism mirrors the one being promoted by the Association of State Correctional Administrators as part of an effort to develop a national definition used by all the states.

Overall Recidivism Rate: Montana's most recent overall recidivism rate, for male and female inmates released from prison in 2011, is 37.1 percent.

Executive Summary

When I took the helm of the Montana Department of Corrections in 2013, I found that the state's entire corrections system, including many county-run jails, was operating at capacity. Because of increasing population pressure, the department has taken a deeper look at the factors driving the corrections population, at our system design and at programs proven to work in communities throughout the nation. We have learned that decisions about where offenders are placed should be driven by risk-and-needs assessments, and that both our system and the programs within it need design fixes if we are to reduce crime and lower the rate at which offenders cycle within and return to the system.

Offenders are sent to the Department of Corrections from courtrooms in every corner of the state as punishment for the crimes they have committed, and to protect society. In fiscal year 2014, 1,255 offenders walked through the doors into Montana's prison system, and 1,209 walked out. On average, offenders serve a little over two years in prison before returning to the communities in which they were raised, attended school and got into trouble of one sort or another. It is the department's responsibility to do everything we can to help offenders become not just returning citizens, but better citizens.

Our success is vital to public safety in every community in the state. And for that reason, each and every community has a vested interest in becoming engaged in and supporting the department's efforts to prepare these returning citizens for successful reentry.

It's been said that "a vision without a plan is a hallucination." A core team representing each division within the department has developed a system blueprint and a detailed plan – the *Montana Adult Offender Reentry Initiative Framework* – that bring our reentry vision clearly into focus.

We know that a successful reentry process must:

- ◆ assess each offender entering the state correctional system to determine which treatment services, programs and skills he or she needs to be successful in the community upon release
- ◆ assist each offender in developing a reentry plan that includes his or her educational, employment, treatment and housing needs in the community
- ◆ coordinate the offender's reentry plan with the vocational training, education and treatment services provided during his or her incarceration
- ◆ use community organizations and other agencies to assist in meeting the needs of offenders reentering the community, including education, vocational training, employment, housing, treatment and family support

These changes in direction represent a significant amount of work. I would like to acknowledge the members of the Statewide Reentry Task Force created by the 2013 Legislature. The insights and service networks they have brought to the table are invaluable to the reentry initiative's success .

I also want to acknowledge the department's staff, not only for the commitment they bring to their work each day, but for their willingness to tackle the difficult task of rethinking the way the state corrections system conducts business. I am confident our efforts will result in a system that improves the safety and security of our facilities, reduces recidivism and increases public safety by more effectively helping offenders returning to the community.

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