

## Vision

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## Mission

The mission of the Montana Offender Reentry Initiative is to reduce crime and enhance public safety by implementing a seamless plan of services and supervision developed with each offender — delivered through state and local collaboration — from the time of his or her entry to custody through transition, reintegration, and aftercare in the community.

## Goals

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Create individualized offender reentry plans utilizing risk/needs assessment tools that include offender input, court requirements, treatment issues and case management by prison and community corrections staff that follows an inmate through all phases of correctional placement..

Educate Montana employers on the benefits of hiring offenders, increase offenders' employability and improve offenders' ability to find and maintain employment.

Form an effective public-private agency partnership that promotes appropriate, healthy relationships between offenders and their families through education and improved access to state, tribal and community resources.

Promote adequate housing opportunities that will increase offender success by reducing the number of offenders that return to custody.

Create an offender reentry plan through collaboration among communities, and prison and community corrections staffs.



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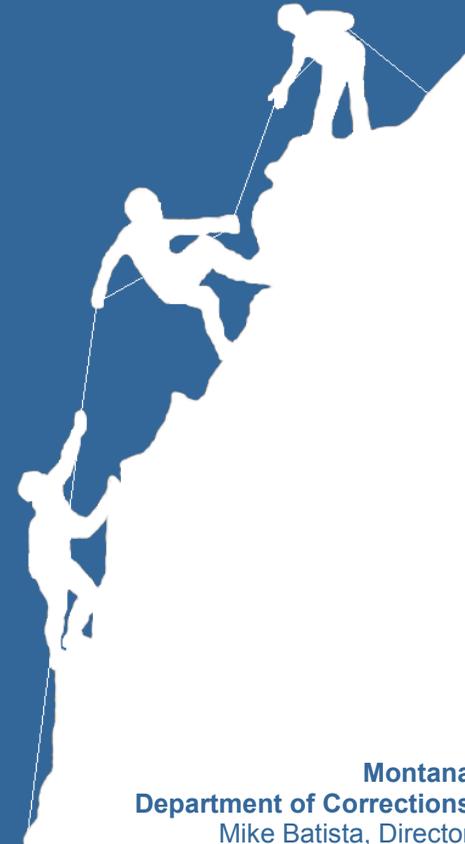
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# Montana Reentry Initiative

Offering every offender the tools to be a successful, law-abiding and productive citizen



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## Montana Reentry Initiative

The Montana Department of Corrections is responsible for managing about 13,000 offenders, with about 80 percent of those supervised outside of prison walls. The total offender population would be the state's eighth largest city if gathered in one place.

Offenders come from almost all of the 56 counties in Montana and 97 percent of those in prison eventually will return to their communities.

Every year, about 1,200 offenders leave prison and return to communities to continue their efforts to develop lives free of crime. Offenders face significant challenges in reentering communities. They need places to live, jobs and transportation. They struggle to rebuild family relationships and to avoid getting into trouble again.

The ability of the state to provide the programs and services necessary to prepare them for their return and then help them after release is the focus of new multi-agency effort. State government must work with local providers to ensure those who have committed wrongs have the opportunity to set their lives right again.

The goal is to improve on existing programs, creating a more seamless system of effective services for offenders, beginning with their arrival in correctional facilities and extending through the day they complete their sentences and leave state supervision.

The ultimate goal of Montana's reentry initiative is to reduce the rate at which offenders return to prison because that will result in a safer Montana, fewer victims and less cost to Montana taxpayers. Reduced demand for corrections funding will mean more money available for other government services such as education.

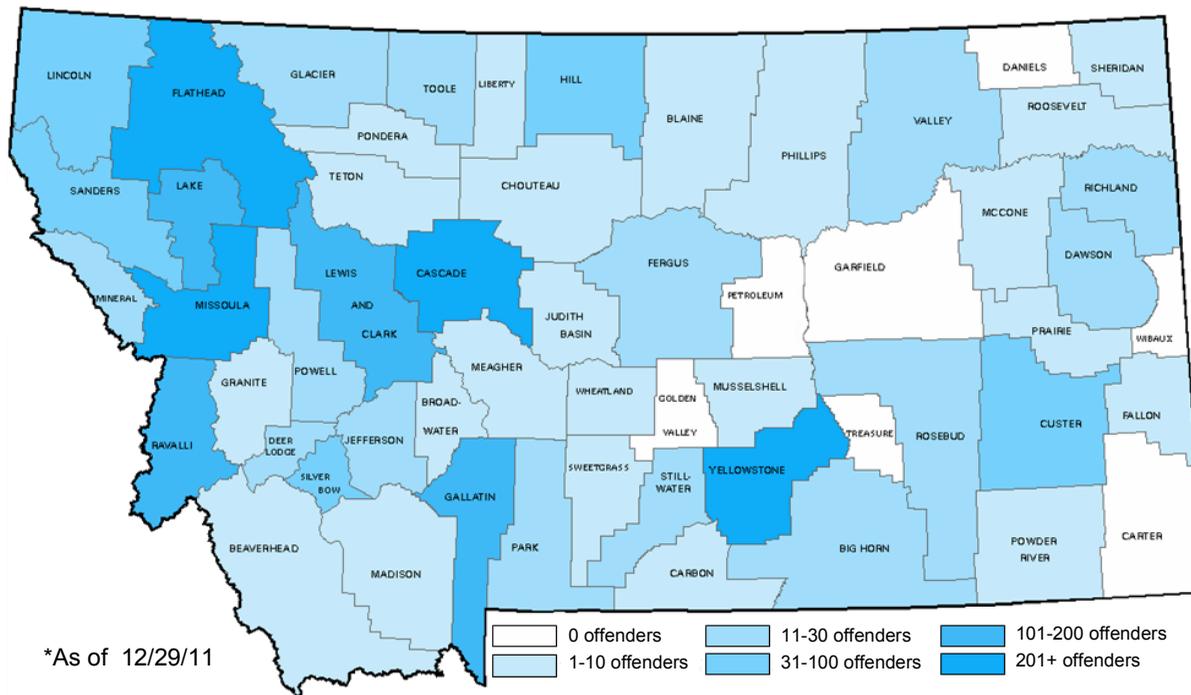
Success in this effort is the responsibility of everyone because success is in the best interest of all Montanans.



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## Where Do Montana Offenders Come From?\*



80% of MT offenders outside of prison



20% of MT offenders in prison



### Prison

Average daily population fiscal year 2012

# 2,507



Daily cost per offender

## \$91.18

Annual cost per offender

## \$33,372

Total annual cost of incarceration

# \$83,663,303

# 97%

of incarcerated offenders will be released to the community

# 69%

of released offenders are non-violent, non-sexual offenders

### Factors reducing recidivism

- ◆ Full-time employment
- ◆ Educational achievement
- ◆ Regular visits while incarcerated
- ◆ Supervision after release
- ◆ Access to mental-health care
- ◆ Substance abuse treatment
- ◆ Family support after release
- ◆ Adequate, stable housing

### Probation & Parole

Average daily population fiscal year 2012

# 8,169



Daily cost per offender

## \$4.62

Annual cost per offender

## \$1,691

Total annual cost of probation & parole

# \$13,813,779

Total offenders admitted to prison FY2008-2012

# 6,077

Average annual offenders admitted

# 1,215

Total offenders released from prison FY2008-2012

# 5,955

Average annual offenders released

# 1,191