



MEMO

TO: Executive Director, Legislative Services Division

FROM: Attorney General's Office

RE: Child Sexual Abuse or Sexual Exploitation Report
pursuant to Montana Code Annotated § 41-3-210(5) (2023)

DATE: August 15, 2024

Pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. § 41-3-210(5)(2023), please find attached a memo for the Law and Justice Interim Committee and two pages that constitute the “aggregated information” required.

The Attorney General has not acted this fiscal year based on these reports under the authority of § 2-15-501, Mont. Code Ann.

Enc.

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§ 41-3-210(5)(2023)

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On behalf of the Attorney General, and pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. § 41-3-210(5)(2023), please find attached two pages that constitute the “aggregated information regarding the status of the cases reported [in § 41-3-210(3)] by the county attorneys, except for those cases pending review of the county attorney or uncharged cases still under investigation, including data on the total number of cases reported, the number of cases declined for prosecution, the number of cases charged.” The attached pages also include “after consideration of the information provided by the department pursuant to § 41-3-211, any county attorney who failed to provide a complete report required by subsection (3)” as required by Mont. Code Ann. § 41-3-210(5)(e).

Pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. § 41-5-210(5)(d), we respectfully notify the Legislature that in the past fiscal year, the Attorney General has not taken any action under the authority of § 2-15-501, Mont. Code Ann., based on the reports submitted by the County Attorneys pursuant to § 41-5-210(3).

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The data collected shows a total of 1,584 new cases reported by 50 counties. A total of 1,960 case status reports were received. This is an improvement from 2023 where only 32 counties reported. A few counties missed one of the two reporting periods this year. Six counties did not report at all, however, two (2) of those counties had no cases to report, pursuant to the Department's report provided under § 2-15-501 Mont. Code Ann. Only four (4) counties did not report but should have according to the reports from the Department: Ravalli, Sweet Grass, Granite, and Park Counties.

With the 2023 statutory changes in reporting, new reporting forms were created and instructions were given to all counties regarding how to fill out the forms and frequency of reporting requirements. Additionally, an online data entry portal has been created and recently launched to streamline reporting and provide uniformity to the process moving forward.

We look forward to answering any questions you may have regarding this data.

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Child Sexual Abuse or Sexual Exploitation Reports
June 1, 2023-May 31, 2024 Reporting Period

County		Total cases reported by CAO	CA failed to provide a complete report ((5)(e))	Total cases declined in period	Total cases charged in period	Total certifications
1	Butte-Silver Bow	41	did not report 6.1	8	1	NP/NR
2	Cascade	309		262	34	207
3	Yellowstone	318		32	62	NP
4	Missoula	254		200	5	NP
5	Lewis & Clark	230		84	15	100
6	Gallatin	101		3	4	NP
7	Flathead	112		21	6	76
8	Fergus	12		0	1	12
9	Powder River	2	did not report 1.1	0	0	NR/NP
10	Carbon	1		0	1	1
11	Phillips	48		50	14	15
12	Hill	20		18	0	20
13	Ravalli	NR	Failed to report	0	0	NR
14	Custer	33		19	6	27
15	Lake	37		34	2	35
16	Dawson	27		3	2	19
17	Roosevelt	0	did not report 1.1	0	0	NR
18	Beaverhead	46		19	19	33
19	Chouteau	8		6	1	7
20	Valley	9		5	0	6
21	Toole	4		2	0	3
22	Big Horn	29	did not report 1.1	0	2	NR/NP
23	Musselshell*	16		7	1	16
24	Blaine	4		3	0	5
25	Madison	15		7	0	NP
26	Pondera	3		0	0	1
27	Richland	43		6	4	43
28	Powell	21		13	8	3
29	Rosebud	16		6	8	NP
30	Anaconda-Deer Lodge	31		13	4	NP
31	Teton	4		1	1	2
32	Stillwater	13		5	2	NP
33	Treasure	0		0	0	0

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34	Sheridan	27		21	21	26
35	Sanders	19		0	4	NP
36	Judith Basin	3		3	0	2
37	Daniels	1		0	1	1
38	Glacier	1		1	0	0
39	Fallon	13		9	0	9
40	Sweet Grass	NR	Failed to report	0	0	NR
41	McCone	NR	did not report but no cases to report per Dept.	0	0	NR
42	Carter	4	6.1 did not report	1	2	0
43	Broadwater	9		3	1	4
44	Wheatland	0		0	0	0
45	Prairie	1		1	0	1
46	Granite	NR	Failed to report	0	0	NR
47	Meagher	4		0	3	NP
48	Liberty	1	6.1 did not report	1	0	1
49	Park	NR	Failed to report	0	0	NR
50	Garfield	0		0	0	0
51	Jefferson	9		8	1	9
52	Wibaux	3		0	3	0
53	Golden Valley*	*	*Golden Valley data filed with Musselshell data			
54	Mineral	17		8	2	NP
55	Petroleum	NR	did not report but no cases to report per Dept.	0	0	NR
56	Lincoln	41		29	8	28
TOTAL		1960				

* met with RP in person 3x

NR = No report provided

NP = data not provided

Failed to report = did not report during either reporting period

Did not report but not cases to report per Dept. = County Attorney's Office did not submit reports but DPHHS data is consistent with no cases having come in during reporting period.