



February 26, 2026

Members of the Criminal Justice Oversight Council,

The Montana Department of Corrections respectfully submits the following information in response to requests made by members of the Criminal Justice Oversight Council during its Jan. 15, 2026, meeting. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

**Provide research related to states with laws similar to DOC Commits.**

See attachment: MT DOC Commit Research-Other States

**Provide information regarding validation of ICPM as an evidenced-based program.**

See attachment: Evidence Based Review-ICPM

**Provide data on volume of male v female DOC commits.**

See attachment: Percent DOC Commits by Type by Sex

**What does the “Other” category on the DOC Commit chart represent?**

“Other” is a combination of DPHHS and out-of-state placements.

**How has DOC centralization of referral and placement activities affected DOC jail holds?**

These efforts have significantly and positively changed how DOC monitors and manages its jail hold population. DOC has sole control over individuals waiting on prison, and this is the area in which we’ve noted the most improvement.

- Overall DOC jail hold average length of stay is down 10% from this time last year.
- The length of stay for males waiting on prison is down 25% from last year.
  - Only 9% of males wait longer than 30 days to move from jail to prison, and average length of stay is 16 days.



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**Council Member Twito – Please provide information on the following:**

- DOC Commit & CR actions by time-box (15, 30, 60 days): *See attachment: DOC Commit Data, worksheet = DOC Commits-Days from Sentence; DOC Commit Five Year Sentence*
- Average wait times and time to decision by facility, crime type: *See attachment: DOC Data, worksheet = DOC Commit Avg Wait Time; DOC Commit by Facility Type*
- Breakdown of DOC Commits by district courts: *See attachment: DOC Commit Data, worksheet = DOC Commit % by County*

**Council Member Patelis – Please provide information on the following:**

- Information on consistency of placements across P&P regions (that information is available that speaks to consistency?): *See attachment: DOC Commit Data, worksheet = DOC Commit % by County*
- Can street time be removed by DOC on a violation? *No. DOC does not have the authority to disqualify street time.*