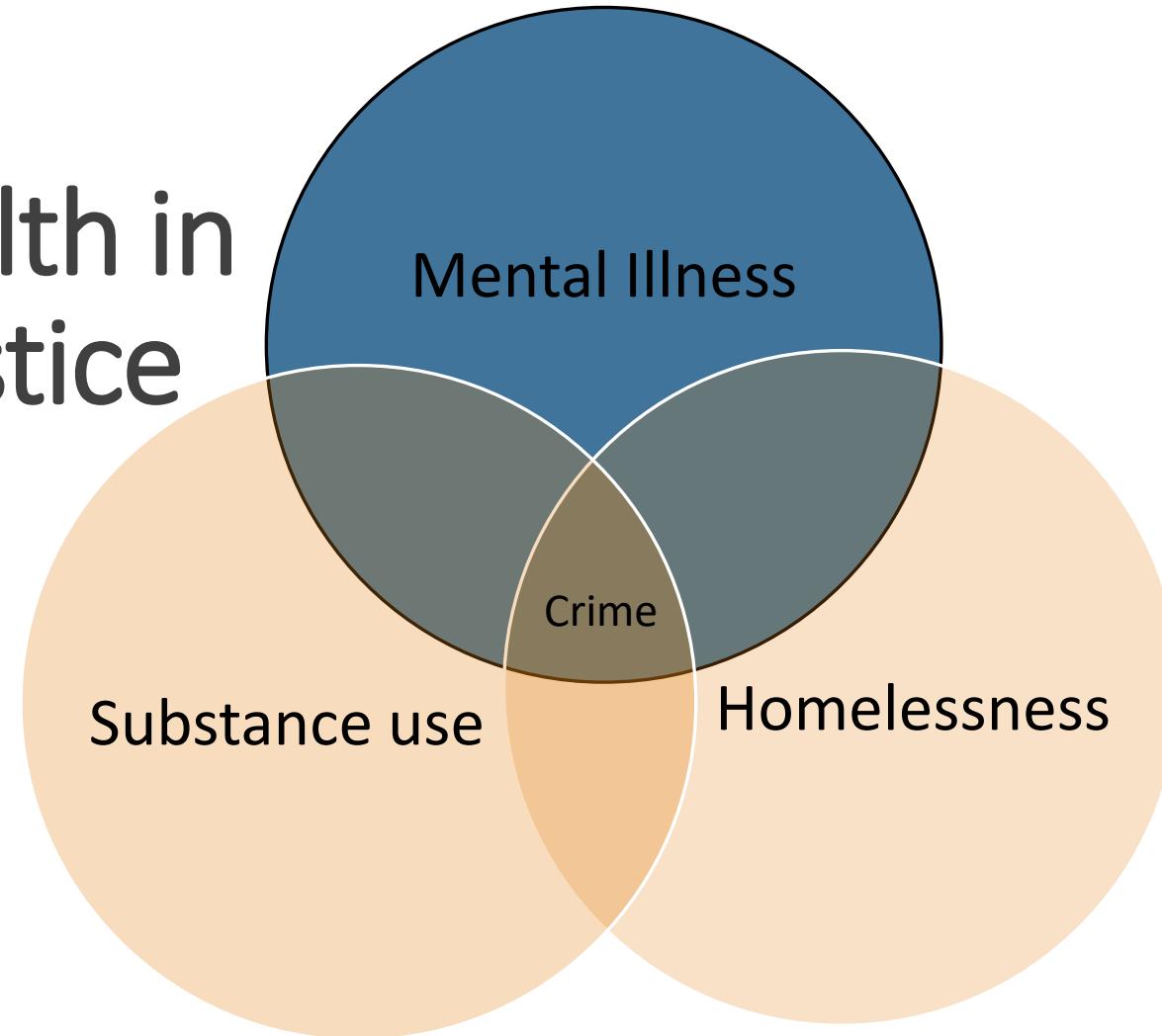


Behavioral Health in the criminal justice system



Why Care about Mental Health in Criminal Justice?

- Safer communities
- Reduce homelessness
- Save taxpayer money
- Moral imperative

Meet Jane



- 57 arrests since 2014 (Missoula only) with 700+ jail days (Missoula only). Recently got off probation for burglary (un-supervisable, couldn't revoke because she cannot be made fit)
- MH Diagnoses of Schizophrenia, Bi-polar and anti social personality disorder + TBI as a child. **Consistently unfit to proceed since 2020.**
- Significant substance abuse history
- 15 MSH admissions since 2013
 - 3 Forensic commitments
 - 12 Civil commitments
 - Average stay has been 3.5 months (over 4 years total)
- 8 Children born in the last 10 years. All taken away. Last child born while in MSH in 2022.
- Missoula Jail costs of approximately \$85,000; Hospital costs of approximately \$2.1 (at \$1200/day)

Why are County Attorney's dealing with this?:

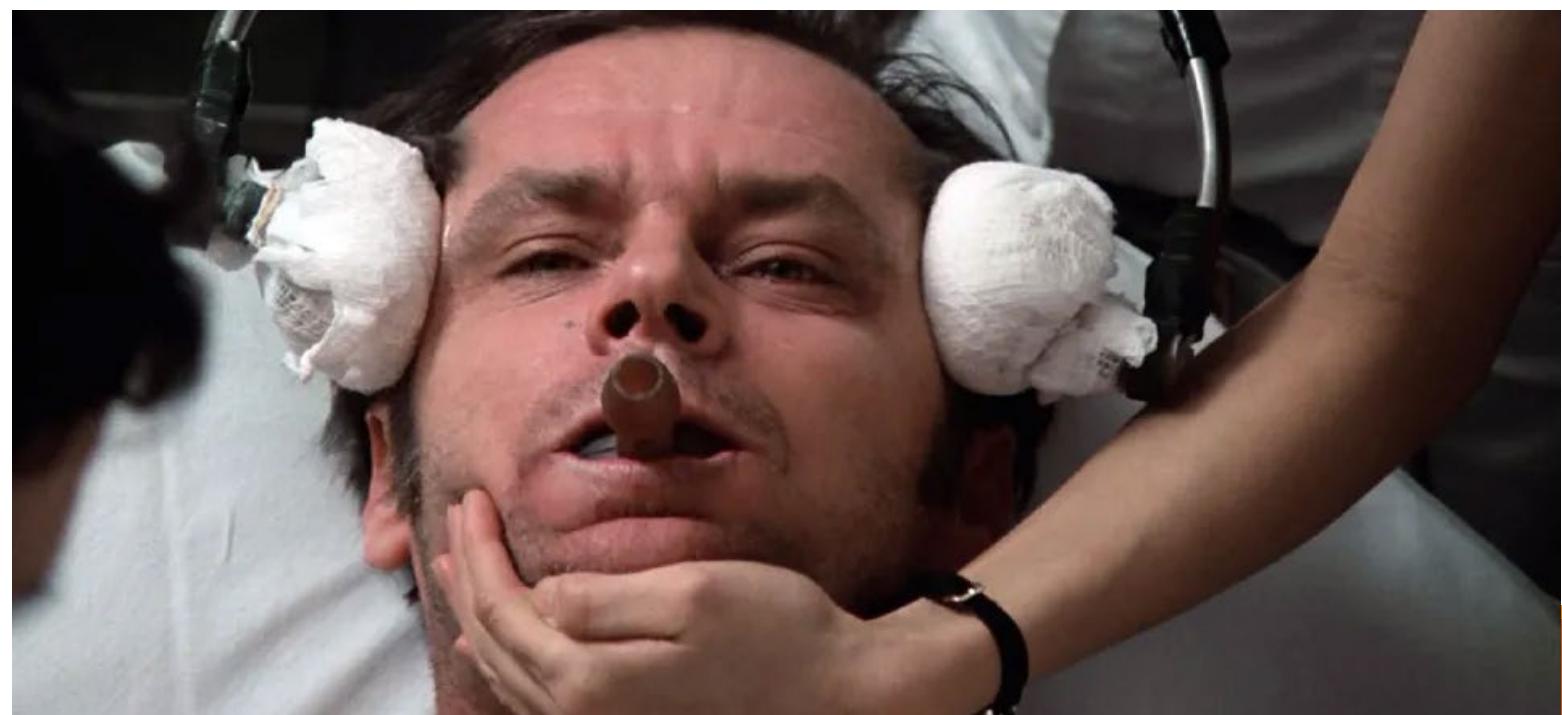
Pre-1960's period of mass institutionalization



Pilgrim State Hospital, Brentwood, N.Y., 1938



East Louisiana State Mental Hospital in Jackson, Louisiana, 1963



Well-meaning Reforms, Unintended Consequences:

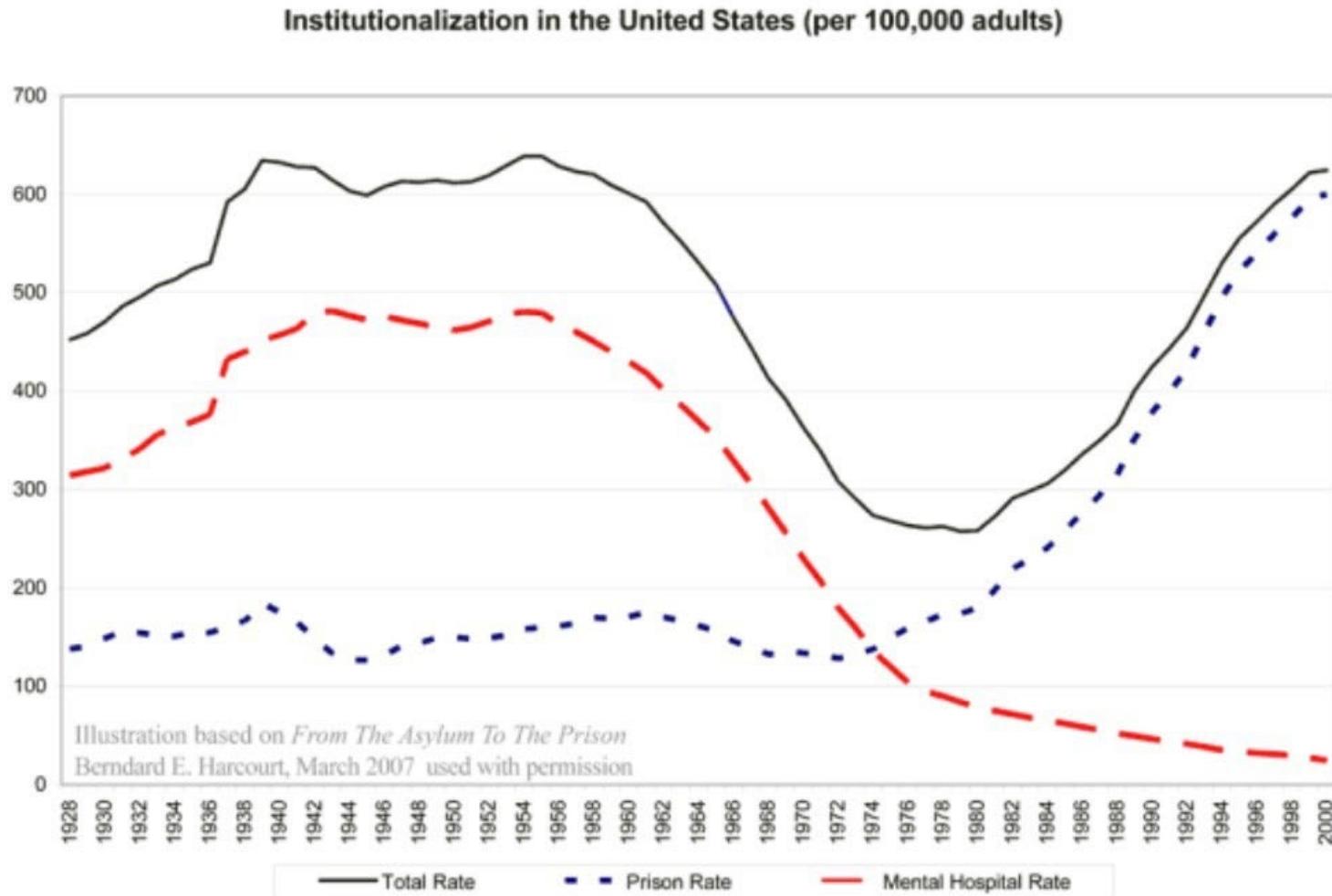
Mental Health Act,
October 31, 1963: Goal was to build mental health centers accessible to all Americans to live and work close to home rather than live in inhumane institutions.



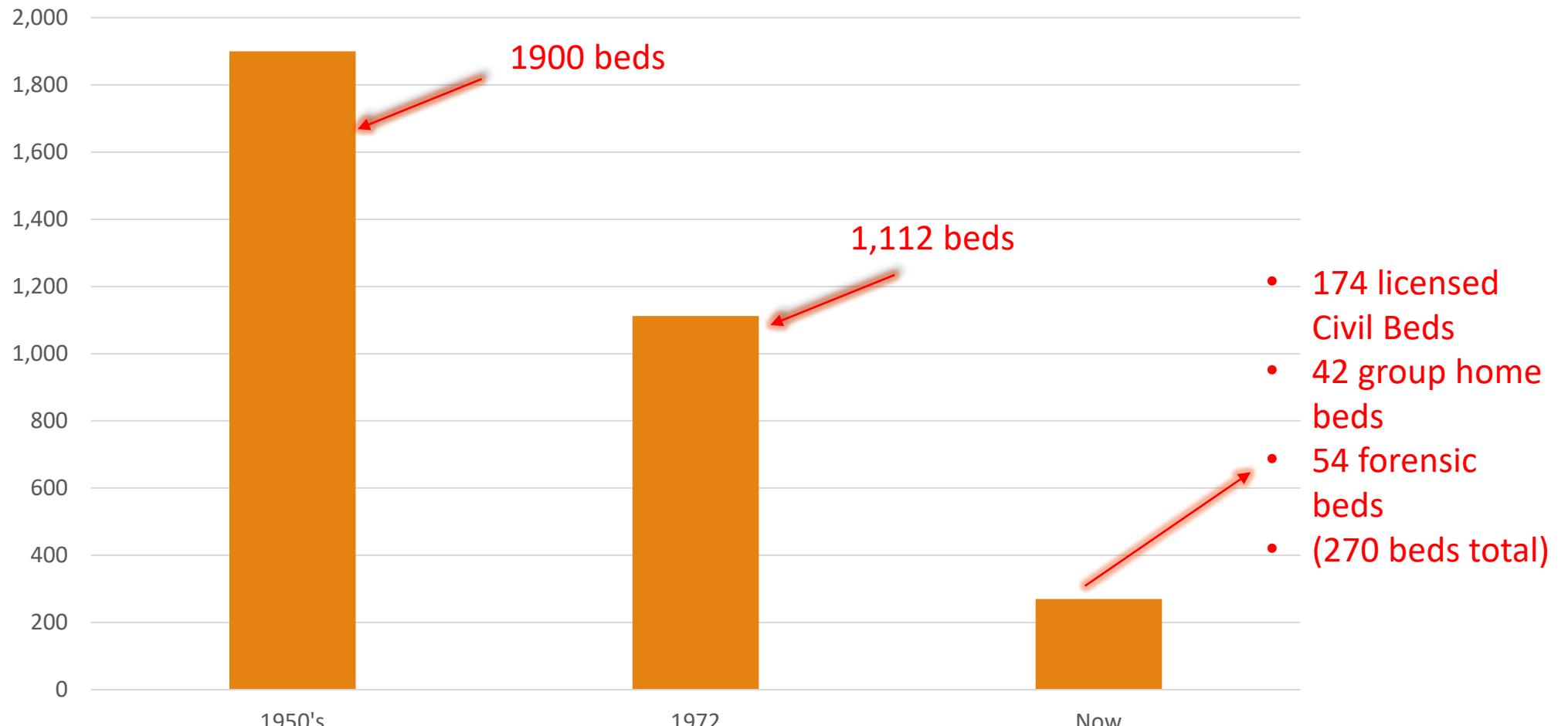


Rosemary Kennedy, 1938,
Ireland during a time her
father was ambassador to
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Unintended consequences



Population of MT State Hospital Warm Springs

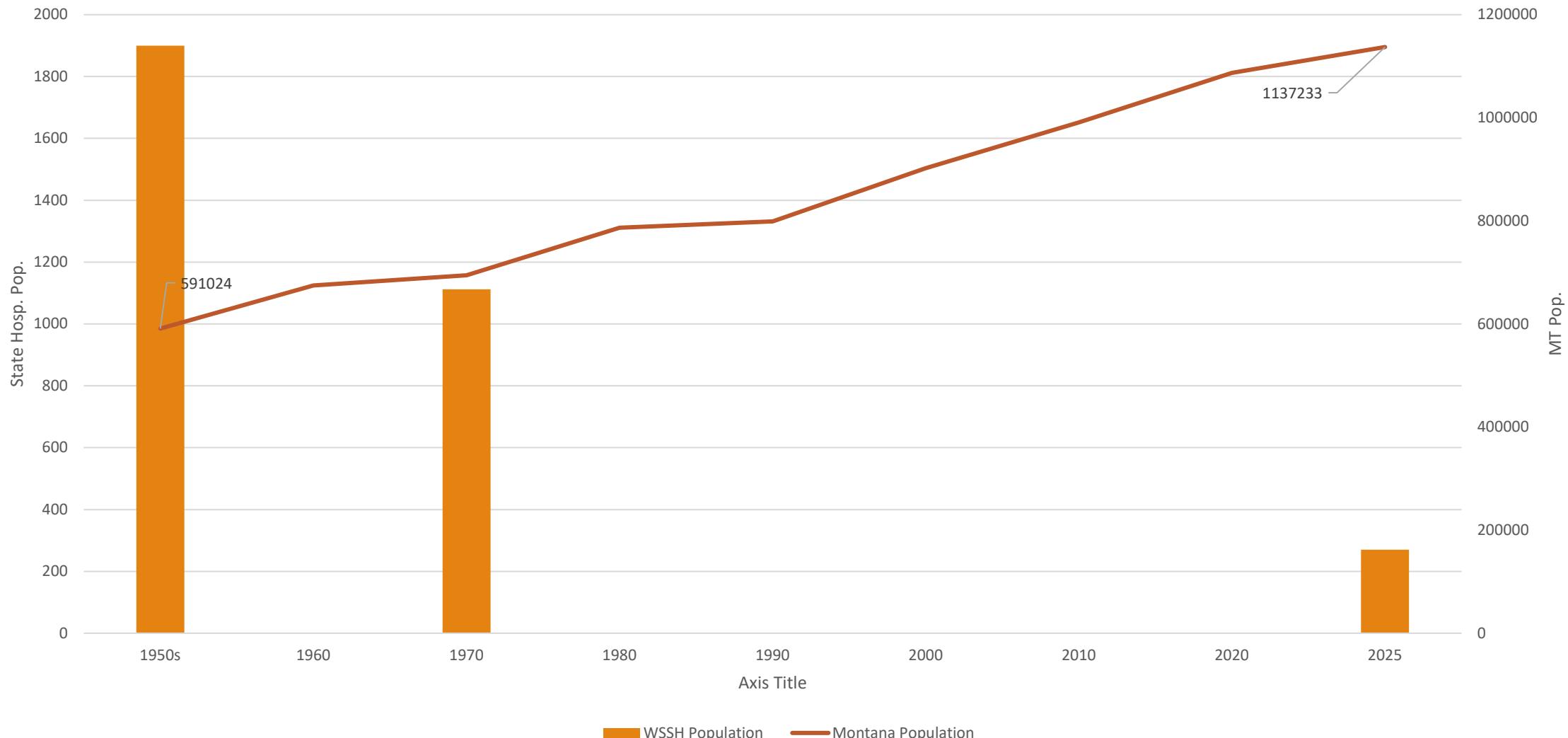


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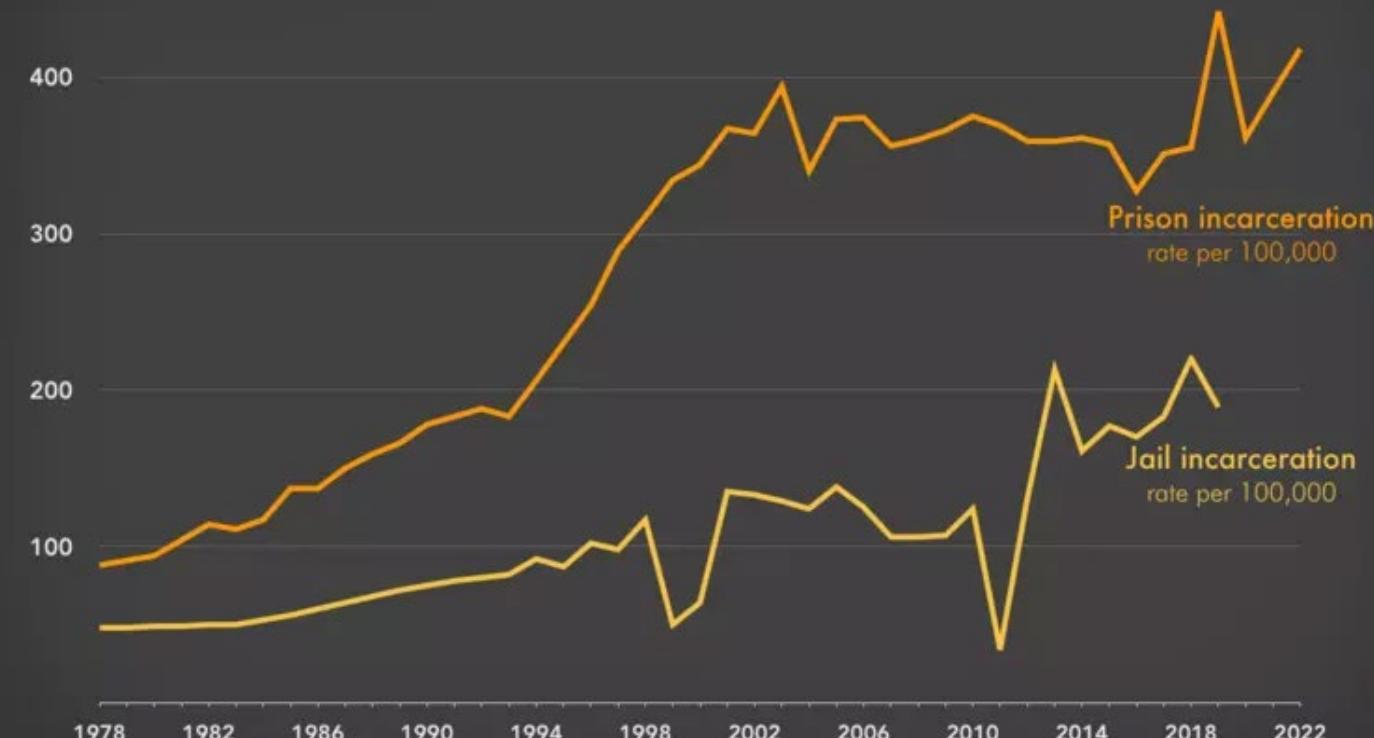
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MT Population to Mental Health Beds



Montana's prison and jail incarceration rates

Number of people incarcerated in state prisons and local jails per 100,000 state residents, 1978-2022

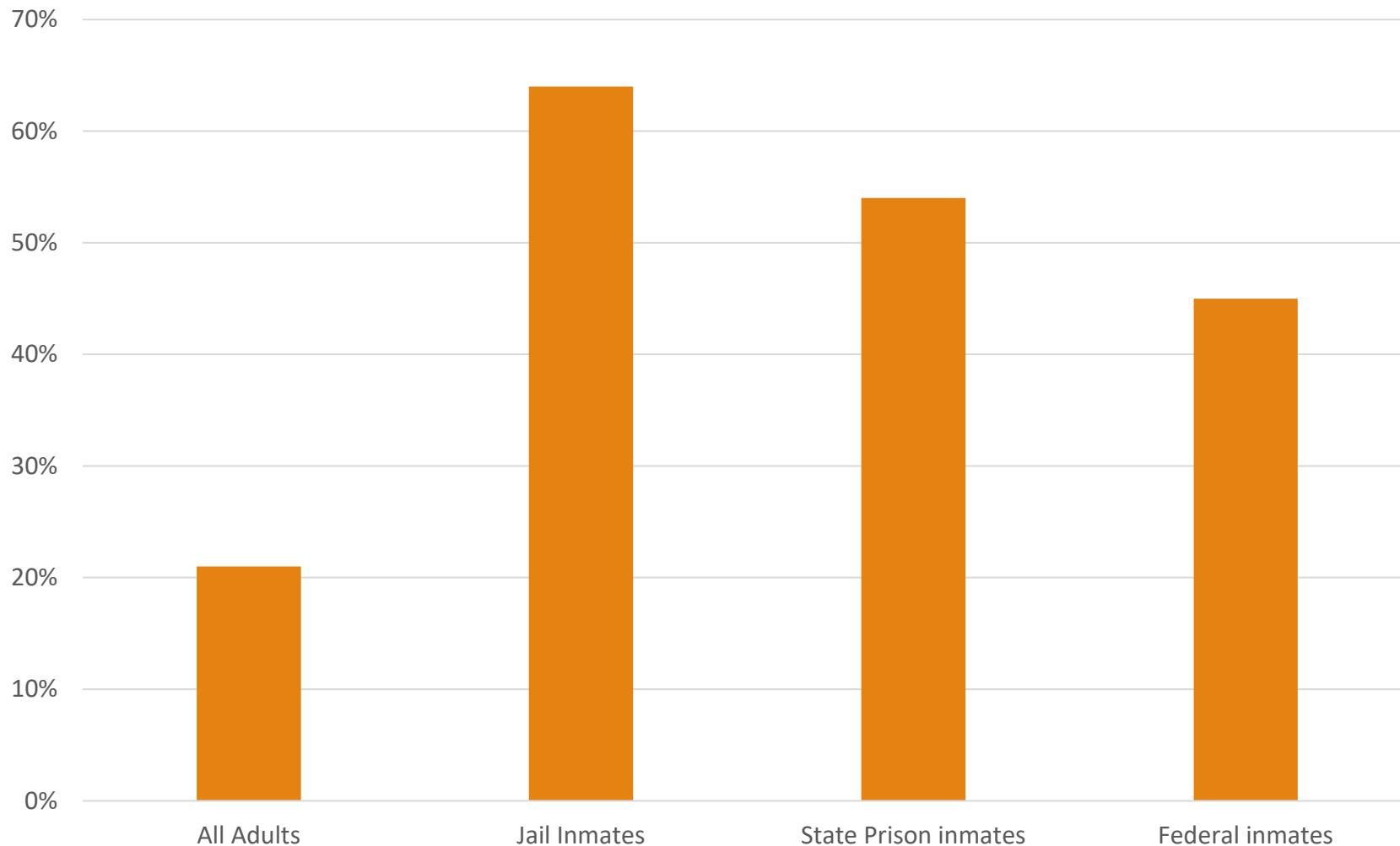


Jail populations were adjusted to remove people being held for federal and state authorities.
For full sourcing see: https://www.prisonpolicy.org/blog/2024/04/15/jails_update

PRISON
POLICY INITIATIVE

https://www.prisonpolicy.org/graphs/jails2024/MT_incarceration_rates_1978-2022.html

Mental Health Disorder rates

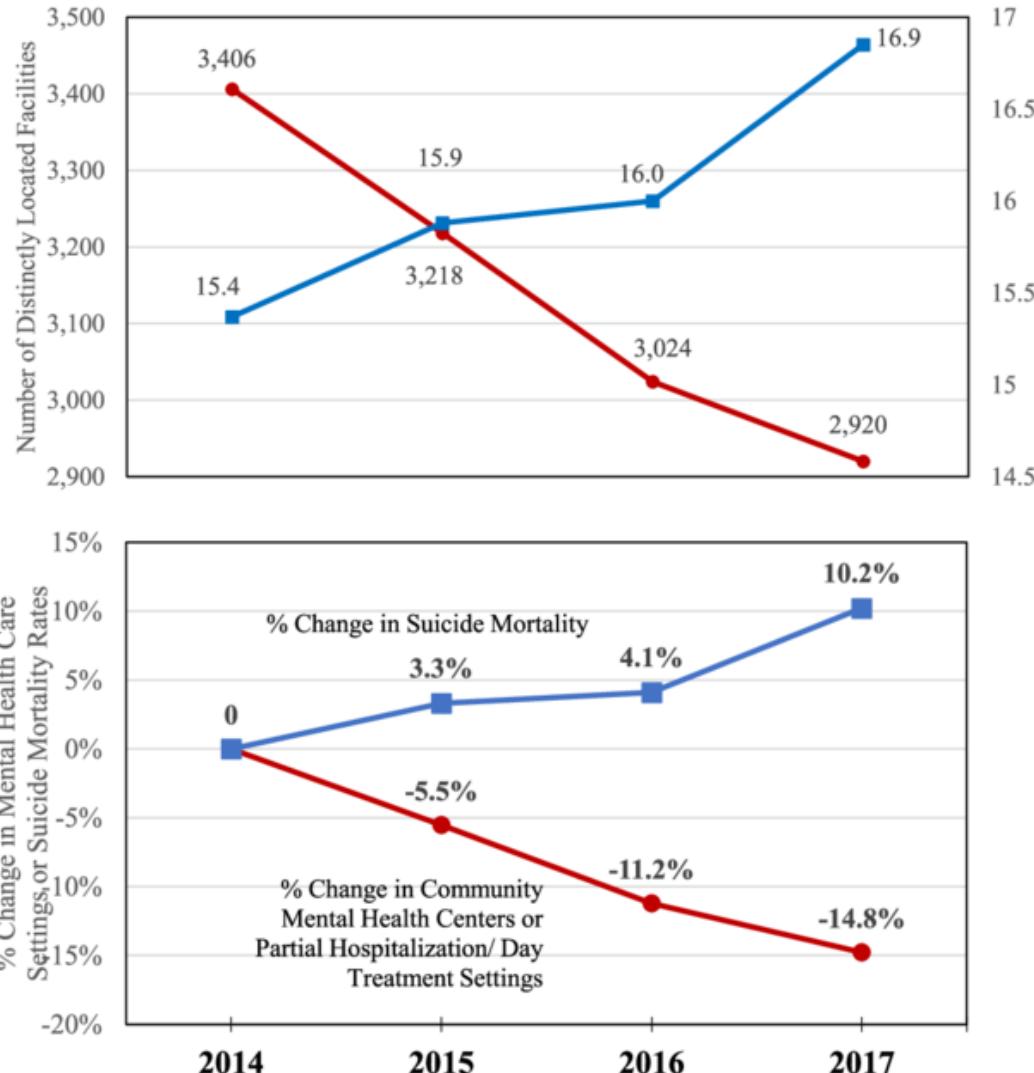


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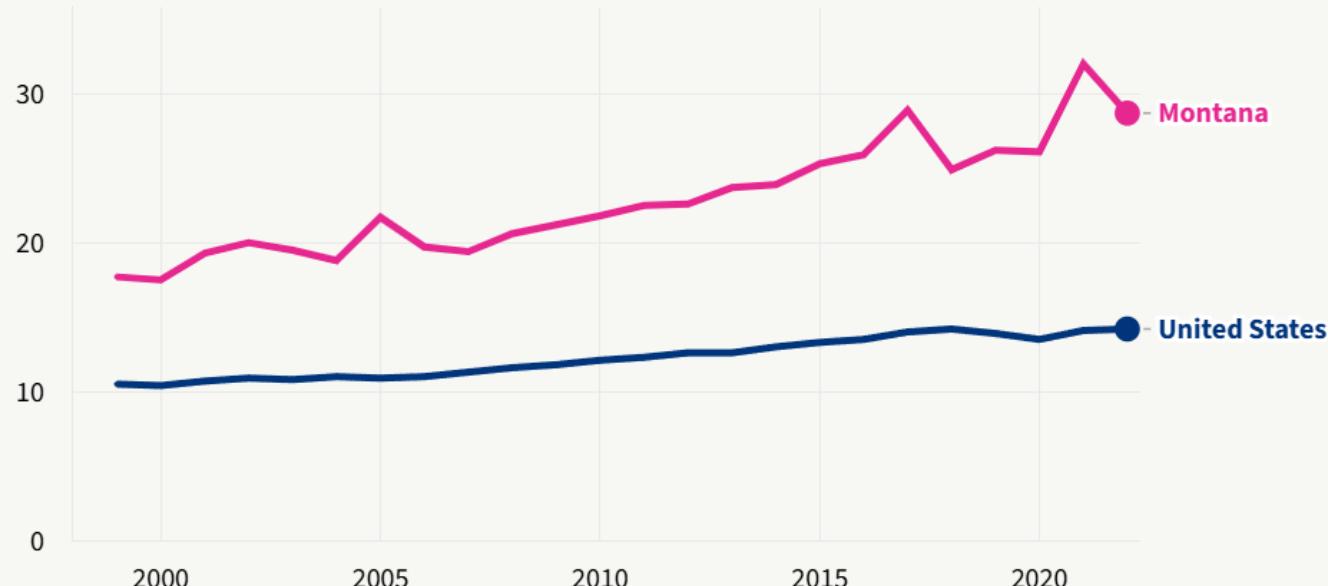
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Suicide rates compared to treatment beds

- Community Mental Health Centers or Partial Hospitalization/Day Treatment Settings
- Suicide Mortality Rate



Age-adjusted deaths per 100,000 people



This chart described →

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention →

USA Facts

Suicide Rates in MT

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DC-23-728	Missoula Res	Male	#32	510	Unfit to Proceed - RTC	Arson
DC-23-735	Missoula Res	Male		172	Sentenced DPHHS	Assault w/ a Weapon, Obstructing
DC-23-801	Missoula Res	Male		188	Sentenced DPHHS	Burglary
DC-24-17/334	Missoula Res	Male	#14	552	Unfit to Proceed - RTC	Assault w/ a Weapon x2/Assault on a PO x2
DC-24-21	Ravalli Co	Male	#14	309	Unfit to Proceed - RTC	Assault w/ a Weapon
DC-24-221	Missoula Res	Male	#44	432	Unfit to Proceed - RTC	Assault on a PO, PFMA 1st, Resisting
DC-24-231	billings	Male	#30	476	Unfit to Proceed - RTC	Asasult on a PO, Crim Mischief, Resisting, Assault
DC-24-327	Recently Missoula, from WI.	Male	#47	490	Unfit to Proceed - RTC	Assault w/ a Weapon
DC-24-524	Missoula Res	Male	#70	164	Unfit to Proceed - RTC	Intimidation, Privacy in Communications
DC-24-530	Moses Lake WA	Male		188	Unknown	Intimidation/Privacy in Communications
DC-24-575	Missoula Res	Male		280	Unfit to Proceed - RTC	Criminal Endangerment
DC-24-590	Missoula Res	Male		181	Unfit to Proceed - RTC	Threats/ Improper Influence, Resisting
DC-24-644	Billings	Male		680	Unfit to Proceed - RTC	Robbery, Agg Burglary
DC-24-673	Missoula Res	Female			Unfit to Proceed - RTC	Assault w/ a Weapon
DC-24-676	Missoula Res	Male		164	Unfit to Proceed - RTC	CPDD, Theft
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DC-24-717	From Kalispell	Male	#71	328	Fitness Evaluation	Assault with a Weapon
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DC-24-17/334	Missoula Res	Male	#4	552	Unfit to Proceed - RTC	Assault w/ a Weapon, Assault w/ a Weapon x2
DC-24-21	Ravalli Co	Male	#14	309	Unfit to Proceed - RTC	Assault w/ a Weapon
DC-24-221	Missoula Res	Male	#44	432	Unfit to Proceed - RTC	Assault on a PO, PFMA 1st, Resisting
DC-24-231	billings	Male	#30	476	Unfit to Proceed - RTC	Asasult on a PO, Crim Mischief, Resisting, Assault
DC-24-327	Recently Missoula, from WI.	Male	#1	490	Unfit to Proceed - RTC	Assault w/ a Weapon
DC-24-524	Missoula Res	Male	#70	494	Unfit to Proceed - RTC	Intimidation, Privacy in Communications
DC-24-530	Moses Lake WA	Male		18	Unfit to Proceed - RTC	Unknown, Intimidation/Privacy in Communications
DC-24-575	Missoula Res	Male		280	Unfit to Proceed - RTC	Criminal Endangerment
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40% not Missoula Residents

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DC-23-728	Missoula Res	Male	#75	510	Unfit to Proceed - RTC	Assault
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DC-24-590	Missoula Res	Male		81	Unfit to Proceed - RTC	Threats/ Improper Influence, Resisting
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13% of jail population
has been committed to
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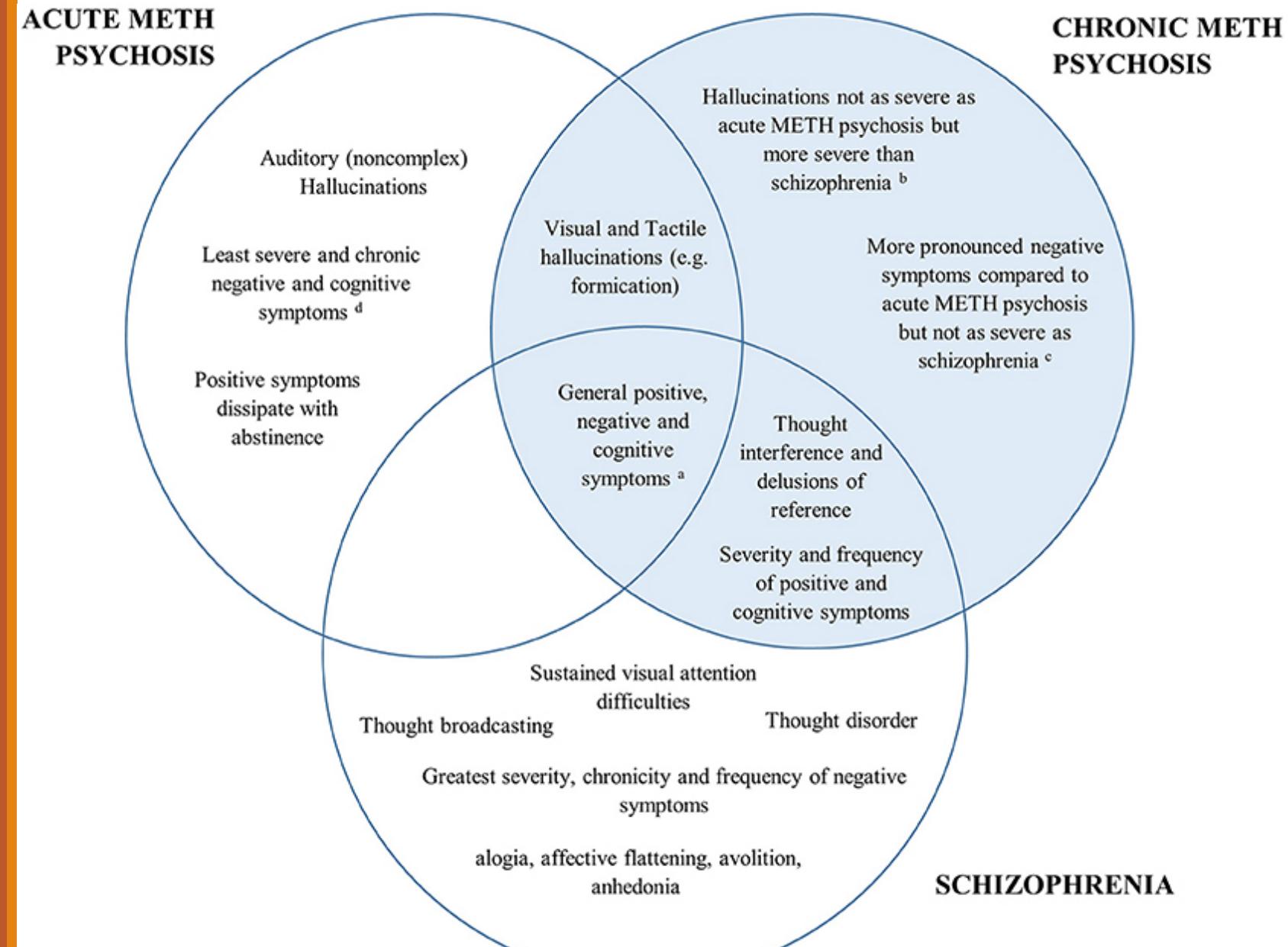
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Average wait = 8-12 months

Paradox of Meth Induced Psychosis.

- Meth induced psychosis can render you unfit, but may not qualify as a Mental Disease or Defect
- “[MDD] does not include, but may co-occur with...drug or alcohol intoxication.” MCA 46-14-101
- Up to 36.5% of meth users experience psychosis at some point.
- 10-28% of patients with Meth psychosis continued to display psychosis for more than 6 months.
- Another study showed that 28% of meth users continued to display “schizophrenia-like symptoms 8-12 years following abstinence”

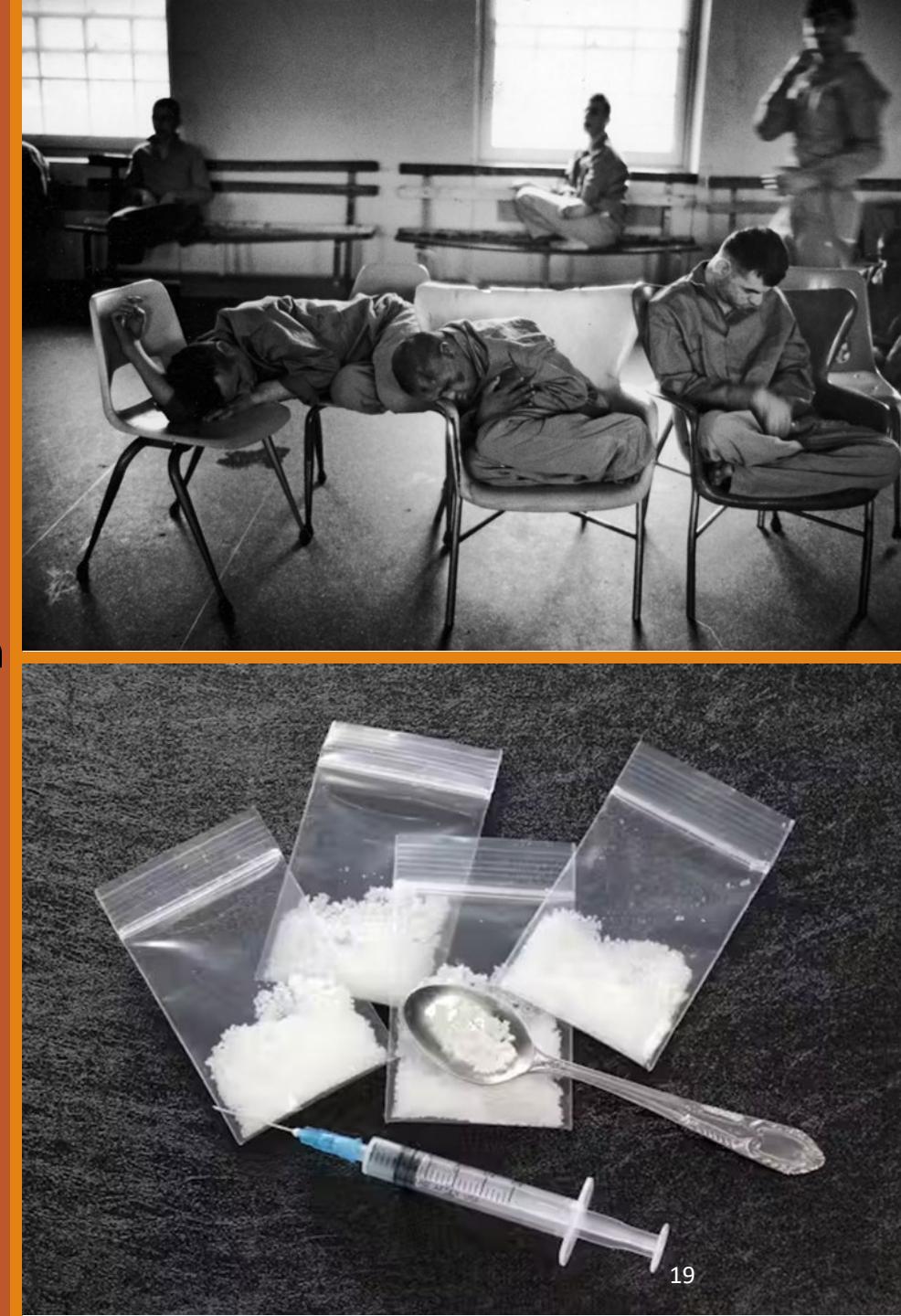


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<https://www.frontiersin.org/journals/psychiatry/articles/10.3389/fpsyg.2018.00491/full#h12>

- **60% of METH-dependent** individuals sampled in the USA reported at least one type of psychotic symptom.
- Overall, recreational METH users are two to three times more likely to experience psychotic symptoms than the general population, with their risk increasing if they began using METH at a younger age or if large amounts of METH are administered.
- Regular METH users, on the other hand, are 11 times more likely to experience psychosis than the general population, with the average time between first use and onset of psychosis being 1.7 years.
- Furthermore, users of crystallized METH are more likely to report psychotic symptoms compared to other forms of METH, suggesting that the type and route of administration may be important factors in determining the likelihood of psychotic symptoms.

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6191498/>



Is your jail set up to be a
mental health hospital?



Missoula County spends approximately
\$1 Million per year housing committed
DPHHS Inmates

Stop the revolving door:

- Fix Discharge Planning from Warm Springs to avoid future Commitments or crimes
- Divert and Deflect
- Continue funding Mobile Support and CIT

Travel Arrangements:
Teamsters will transport Jason to the Poverello in Missoula, MT.

Referrals for Financial Assistance:
Jason has Medicaid and social security benefits for income.

Other Information:
The treatment team at Montana State Hospital recommends that Jason remain on the medication he will discharge on for a period of at least one month as he makes the transition back in to the community. the treatment team further recommends that Jason stay actively involved with his mental health services especially medication follow ups, and case management to ensure access to the services and resources available to him in the community. These services will improve Jason's quality of life and assist him in maintaining long term stability in the community.

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MONTANA STATE HOSPITAL COMMUNITY REENTRY PLAN					
NAME: [REDACTED]	HOSPITAL NUMBER: [REDACTED]	Unit Placement: Alpha			
Admission Date: 13/13/2024	Commitment Status: CO Det	Estimated Discharge Date: 1/18/2024			
Diagnosis: Schizophrenia					
Social Worker: [REDACTED]	Phone Number: [REDACTED]	Fax Number: [REDACTED]			
Mental Health Services prior to admission: [REDACTED]	Was unable to provide any information at this time				
Discharge Criteria: Engage in safe + appropriate behaviors, be treatment + medication compliant					
Plan: The treatment team supports discharging [REDACTED] upon stability, compliance					
Person's Interest in returning to community: Unsure. Where [REDACTED] goes to discharge					
FUNDING					
<input type="checkbox"/> Mi-ISP	Eligibility Dates	to			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medicaid	<input type="checkbox"/> Medicare	<input type="checkbox"/> VA	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Pay/Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Funding Pending	<input type="checkbox"/> No Known Funding
Family/Friends/Advocates: [REDACTED] did not identify any family.					
Other Comments: [REDACTED]					
Referred to: [REDACTED]	Social Worker Signature: [REDACTED]		Date: 1/18/2024		
Initial Discharge/Aftercare Plan & Admission Document Faxed to # [REDACTED]			Date Faxed: [REDACTED]		

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COMMUNITY REENTRY PLAN
[REDACTED]

NAME: [REDACTED] HOSPITAL NUMBER: [REDACTED] Unit Placement Alpha

Admission Date: 10/13/2024 Commitment Status: CO Det Estimated Discharge Date: 11/1/2024

Diagnosis: Schizoaffective

Social Worker [REDACTED] Phone Number: [REDACTED] Fax Number: [REDACTED]

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Discharge Criteria: Engage in safe + appropriate behaviors, be treatment + medication

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Person's interest in returning to community: Unsure. Where [REDACTED] wishes to discharge.

FUNDING

MHSP Eligibility Dates _____ to _____

Medicaid Medicare VA Private Pay/Other Funding Pending _____ No Known Funding

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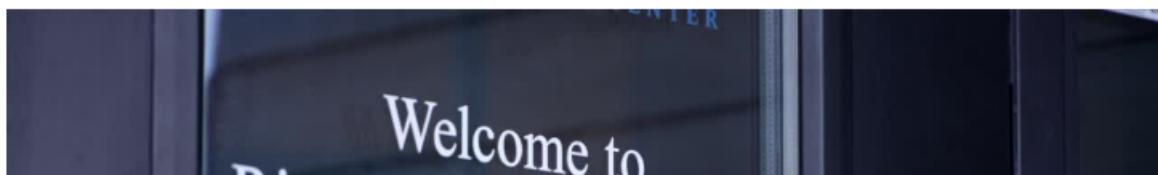
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Fund Crisis Receiving Centers and other alternatives for those in crisis and unable to navigate systems on their own



Missoula's Riverwalk Crisis Receiving Center closing its doors

The Riverwalk Crisis Receiving Center in Missoula was called a much-needed safe space when it opened in 2023.



Enhance Public-
Private
partnerships:
find partners for
civil commitments
and forensic beds

New adolescent psychiatric unit at Providence Montana in Missoula

Stella Sun ABC FOX Montana Sep 1, 2020 Updated Sep 2, 2020



Weather

Currently in Mis

48° 

12 PM 49° 
1 PM 51° 





Mom Gets Life in Prison for Fatally Stabbing Her Children, Ages 3 and 5, and Cutting Their Throats

Leannah J. Gardipe pled guilty in August to killing her children Namaus Sandberg and Evelyn Sandberg

By [Samira Asma-Sadeque](#) | Published on November 22, 2023 03:30PM EST



Mt. Sentinel Attacker Gets 30 years in State Prison Hospital
<https://newstalkkgvo.com/mt-sentinel-attacker-gets-30-years-in-state-prison-hospital/>

Wright charged for the stabbing death of her neighbor in Missoula

She is being held on \$2 million dollar bond



Back to Jane...

We need more beds and better outcomes

HEALTHCARE FACILITIES DIVISION	FY 2025 BUDGET	FY 2026 REQUEST	FY 2027 REQUEST
PB	871.36	774.06	774.06
Personal Services	\$72,591,248	\$69,761,446	\$70,710,093
Operating	\$38,254,428	\$75,876,163	\$76,104,319
Equipment	\$77,093	\$77,093	\$77,093
Local Assistance	\$0	\$0	\$0
Grants	\$0	\$0	\$0
Benefits and Claims	\$0	\$0	\$0
Transfers	\$0	\$0	\$0
Debt Services	\$820,832	\$820,832	\$820,832
TOTAL COSTS	\$111,743,601	\$146,535,534	\$147,712,337
	FY 2025 BUDGET	FY 2026 REQUEST	FY 2027 REQUEST
General Fund	\$72,112,922	\$112,360,895	\$112,683,420
State Special Fund	\$21,948,180	\$18,860,058	\$18,989,225
Federal Fund	\$17,682,499	\$15,314,581	\$16,039,692
TOTAL FUNDS	\$111,743,601	\$146,535,534	\$147,712,337



UCSF Langley Porter Psychiatric Hospital

Mental health facility project halted in Billings seeks new location proposals

Alaina Margo NonStop Local Multimedia Journalist Oct 8, 2025 Updated Oct 9, 2025

Custer County pushing for proposed state mental hospital in Miles City

Hardin advocating to land new state mental health hospital