

Missoula Prerelease Center

Facility Overview

SUMMARY

Prerelease centers serve as an alternative to traditional incarceration for certain offenders and aim to assist them in transitioning from secure facilities back into the community. In Montana, the Department of Corrections oversees the establishment and expansion of these prerelease centers. The department currently contracts with five nonprofit organizations to operate prerelease centers across the state.

The Missoula Prerelease Center, established in 1994 and operated by Missoula Correctional Services (MCS), accommodates both male and female offenders. MCS offers a range of services, including substance abuse treatment, employment assistance, criminal thinking correction, job development, and educational programming, to offenders referred by the Montana Department of Corrections. Offenders can be referred to the program for up to 200 days.

The facility's programming is based on cognitive-behavioral therapy and Core Correctional Practices. Treatment groups offered include Moral Reconciliation Therapy and Cognitive Behavioral Interventions – Core Adult. Any additional programming not provided on-site is referred to external providers.

KEY FACTS

Contracted Nonprofit: Missoula Correctional Services

- Program Director: Sue Wilkens
- Average program length: 6 months
- FY25 Contract Value = \$3,433,530

Number of beds: 117

- Bed Availability as of November 5, 2025
 - Male – Immediate Openings
 - Female – Beds Available Within 1-2 Weeks
- Average daily population
 - Male – 53
 - Female – 21

SOURCES

- [Title 53, Ch. 1, Part 2, MCA](#) – Administration of institutions by the Department of Corrections
- MT Dept. of Corrections website re: Prerelease Centers: cor.mt.gov/Facilities/PrereleaseCenters
- Missoula Correctional Services, Inc. Missoula Prerelease [2021 Report](#)
- Montana Legislative Fiscal Division [HB5 Select Committee Report on Correctional Capacity](#)
- MT Dept. of Corrections website re: Community Corrections Bed Availability: <https://cor.mt.gov/Facilities/CommunityCorrectionsBedAvailability>
- MT Dept. of Corrections [Contract NO: 06-051-ACCD](#) with Missoula Correctional Services