

**MEMO**

TO: Law and Justice Interim Committee and
Judicial Branch, Law Enforcement, and Justice Budget
Committee [Interim Budget Committee Section D]

FROM: Attorney General's Office

RE: Report pursuant to Montana Code Annotated § 2-15-505
(2023)

DATE: August 29, 2025

On behalf of the Attorney General, and pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. § 2-15-505 (2023), the Attorney General of the State of Montana respectfully notifies the Law and Justice Interim Committee and the Judicial Branch, Law Enforcement, and Justice Budget Committee that to the best of his knowledge, in fiscal year 2025, a mandatory minimum sentence was imposed in fentanyl cases as required by Mont. Code Ann. § 45-9-101(6) or § 45-9-103(3) a total of fourteen (14) times statewide. Notably, several counties were double-checking their records and may have additional data to report following the holiday weekend. Those counties include Lewis and Clark County, Sanders County, Lincoln County, Meagher County, Powell County, and Ravalli County. Accordingly, the Attorney General's Office respectfully advises that this number may increase after their responses are obtained. If additional data is obtained in the week following the Labor Day holiday weekend, the Attorney General's Office will provide a supplemental report.

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This number is based on data reported by the County Attorneys across the state as directed by the Attorney General, as set forth in Mont. Code Ann. § 2-15-505. Please find included herewith two (2) pages that constitute the data supporting the total number, broken down by County.

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

Enc.

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TO: Executive Director, Legislative Services Division

FROM: Attorney General's Office

RE: Fentanyl Mandatory Minimum Sentencing Report
pursuant to Montana Code Annotated § 2-15-505 (2023)

DATE: August 29, 2025

Pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. § 2-15-505 (2023), please find attached a one-page report on the statewide frequency of imposed mandatory minimum fentanyl sentences for the Law and Justice Interim Committee and the Interim Budget Committee – Section D accompanied by two pages constituting the data supporting the report by county.

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MCA 2-15-505 Fentanyl Mandatory Minimum Reporting
Fiscal Year 2025 (7.1.2024-6.30.2025)

County	Number of times Court imposed mandatory minimum required by 45-9-101(6) or 45-9-103(3) last fiscal year
Anaconda-Deer Lodge	1
Beaverhead	0
Big Horn	0
Blaine	0
Broadwater	0
Butte-Silver Bow	5
Carbon	0
Carter	0
Cascade	0
Chouteau	0
Custer	0
Daniels	0
Dawson	0
Fallon	0
Fergus	0
Flathead	0
Gallatin	1
Garfield	0
Glacier	0
Golden Valley*	0
Granite	0
Hill	0
Jefferson	0
Judith Basin	0
Lake	3
Lewis & Clark	
Liberty	0
Lincoln	
Madison	0
McCone	0
Meagher	
Mineral	0
Missoula	3
Musselshell	0
Park	0
Petroleum	0
Phillips	0
Pondera	0
Powder River	0

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Fiscal Year 2025 (7.1.2024-6.30.2025)

County	Number of times Court imposed mandatory minimum required by 45-9-101(6) or 45-9-103(3) last fiscal year
Powell	
Prairie	0
Ravalli	
Richland	0
Roosevelt	0
Rosebud	0
Sanders	
Sheridan	0
Stillwater	0
Sweet Grass	0
Teton	0
Toole	0
Treasure	0
Valley	0
Wheatland	0
Wibaux	0
Yellowstone	1
TOTAL	14