Missing Persons Data Analysis
2017-2019
Prepared by the Montana Attorney General’s Office

Montana Department of Justice
Revised August 2020
Data from the Montana Missing Persons Clearinghouse – www.app.doj.mt.gov/enforcement/missingpersons/

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Percent of Unique Individuals by Race

67.7%
25.5%
0.7%
3.2%
2.9%

- Asian
- Black
- Indigenous
- Unknown
- White

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Entries by Age 2017-2019

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Fort Belknap works with Blaine Co. Sheriff’s Office and is not included in this chart. Chart does not represent all Native Americans entered missing, just those reported to Tribal Police or BIA.
BIA reported on Crow, Northern Cheyenne, Fort Peck, Blackfeet during the three-year period.
### Entries for Missing More Than One Time in the Clearinghouse Over the Three-Year Period

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Adjudication of Youth In Need of Care:
A Montana District Court found that the youth had been or was at risk of abuse/neglect at the time that youth was entered into the Missing Persons Clearinghouse.

Child and Family Services Division (CFSD) History:
Means that there was an investigation of suspected abuse/neglect by CFSD at some point in that missing juvenile’s life prior to the date they were reported missing.
Montana Missing Persons Clearinghouse Statistical Analysis

3,277 Individuals Entered Missing by Law Enforcement Agencies

3,202 Individuals located/recovered

Locate/Recovery Rate 97.7%

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Results of Autopsies on Missing Persons 2017-2019

Deceased Missing Persons with Autopsy – 42

- Adult – 35
- Juveniles (0-17) – 7

- Male – 29
- Female – 13

- White – 26
- Indigenous – 10
- Other – 6
Results of Autopsies on Missing Persons 2017-2019

Autopsies on Missing Persons from 2017-2019

- 19, 45%: Accidental
- 7, 17%: Suicide
- 4, 10%: Natural Causes
- 2, 5%: Undetermined
- 1, 2%: Incomplete
- 9, 21%: Homicide
Active Cases by Race of 12/31/2019

Proportion of Active Cases by Race by 12/31/2019

- Asian: 61%
- Black: 4%
- Indigenous: 0%
- Unknown: 2%
- White: 33%
The Landscape of Missing Persons Across Montana

Top 10 Counties for Unique Individual Entries 2017-2019

- Yellowstone: 765
- Flathead: 374
- Missoula: 315
- Lewis and Clark: 297
- Cascade: 274
- Big Horn: 158
- Gallatin: 158
- Lake: 141
- Silver Bow: 124
- Ravalli: 83

Number of Reports
The number of first-time missing reports per county is divided by the county’s population and scaled to be equivalent to be per 1000 people per county.
Montana Missing Persons
A Call to Action