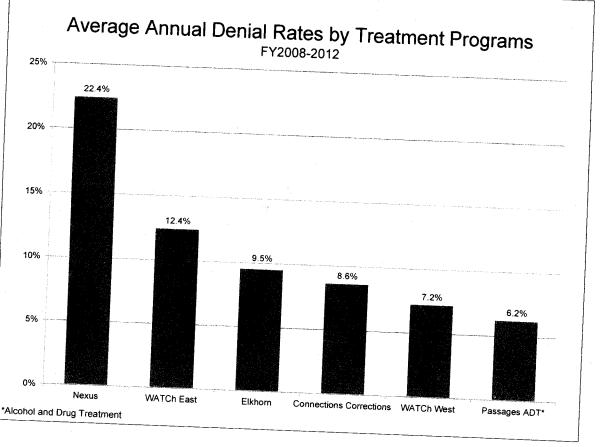


Local screening committees decide which offenders are accepted at Montana's prerelease centers and those decisions affect the department's ability to move offenders through the corrections system, particularly those leaving prison. Denial rates during the past five fiscal averaged 49 percent. Denial rates are lowest for women offenders, averaging 29 percent. The average denial rate for male offenders was 62.4 percent.

As with prerelease centers, programs contracting with the state to provide drug and alcohol treatment services use local screening committees to determine which offenders to accept. Denial rates among treatment programs averaged 11 percent during the past five fiscal years. Treatment programs have lower denial rates than do prelease centers because offenders in treatment programs spend less time in the community and pose less potential risk to communities.



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