



## Montana Board of Crime Control

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## Montana Board of Crime Control - Statistical Analysis Center (SAC)

### History

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SACs were established in 1968 in a section under the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act and Montana produced the first Crime in Montana Report in 1972. In 1979, the FBI Bureau of Justice Statistics assumed the SAC program from the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration. SACs were created to collect, analyze, and report statistics on crime and justice to Federal, state, and local levels of government, and to share state-level information nationally. The Montana SAC was created in 1991 by Executive Order from Governor Stan Stephens and was designated to be housed within the Board of Crime Control. The information produced by SACs is critical to local, state, and Federal criminal justice agencies and community organizations as they develop programs and policies related to crime, illegal drugs, victim services, and the administration of justice. The crime information produced is also used to allocate funds to a variety of formula grants such as Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) and the 2020 Covid Relief Act funds.

### National Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Data Collection

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The Montana SAC collects the crime data for the FBI and began the more detailed data collect known as National Incident-Based Crime Reporting System (NIBRS) and Montana Incident-Based Reporting System (MTIBRS) in 1999. NIBRS/MTIBRS contains the following information for crimes. This information is collected at the time of the arrest or report of the incident and is static. It does not change when the offenses are processed through the courts. The data is used to assess high level trends in crime that can be consistently compared across the state and country.

- **Incident:** The incident contains all data related to the call for service or the 911 call.
- **Offense:** An incident may contain more than one offense, for example burglary, vandalism and simple assault. The offense information includes details about the offense such as location of the crime, weapons used, bias motivation, and other relevant offense specific data.
- **Property:** Information about the type, value, and (for drugs and narcotics seized in drug cases) quantity of property involved in the incident.
- **Victim and Offender:** Deidentified demographic information about the victims and offenders involved in the incident such as age, sex, race, and ethnicity.
- **Arrest:** Arrest information is often collected after the initial incident report. This information is used to verify when an incident is closed and turned over to the courts for prosecution.

### Who does MBCC collect this data from?

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MBCC currently collects the above data from 106 police department and sheriff's offices throughout the state. MBCC is pursuing collecting data from the following agencies over the next five years.

- Montana Highway Patrol
- Gambling Division
- Division of Criminal Investigation
- Motor Carrier Services
- Fish Wildlife and Parks
- The Department of Livestock

## Utilizing MBCC Crime Data

MBCC produces a number of reports to compare and contrast the data collected. These reports can be found by clicking the this [link \(https://mbcc.mt.gov/Data/Montana-Reports/\)](https://mbcc.mt.gov/Data/Montana-Reports/) or entering [crimein.mt.gov](https://crimein.mt.gov) into your browser. The Crime in Montana reports date back to 1972. The last printed report is from 2016. All data from 2005 to present will be displayed in our topical dashboards. These dashboards allow you to filter the data to meet your needs. You can also download the data or build and print reports and graphs.

## Montana Crime Data

MBCC data staff have prepared a number of reports to help you identify community safety gaps and best practices. We can use this data together with the funding opportunities on the MBCC grants page to reduce crime, improve services for victims of crime, and support and improve the Montana criminal justice system.

## Interactive Montana Crime Data

**New!** The MBCC Statistical Analysis Center is transitioning away from publishing annual Crime in Montana reports in favor of **interactive reports using more timely data**. From 2005 forward, all Montana crime data will be accessible in [Tableau](#). Crime in Montana reports from 1972-2020 will still be available in their original PDF format below.


Within each of the dashboards linked below, users will be able to view and filter graphs, drill down into specific data points of interest, and create custom reports.

## Our Current Dashboards



### Violent Crime

Four violent crimes are used for reporting the FBI Violent Crime Index: Homicide, Aggravated Assault, Rape, and Robbery.

 [Violent Crime](#)



### Domestic Violence

The Domestic Violence dashboard focuses on crimes committed where the victim and partner have an intimate or familial relationship.

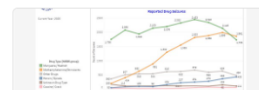
 [Domestic Violence](#)



### Property Crime


Three crimes are used for reporting the FBI Property Crime Index: Burglary, Auto Theft, and Larceny/Theft.

 [Property Crime](#)



### Drug Crime

The Drug Crime dashboard details arrests where drugs or drug paraphernalia are seized.

 [Drug Crime](#)