



# Governor Greg Gianforte | Director Brian M. Gootkin

Jan. 30, 2024

Members of the Interim Budget Committee Section D,

The Montana Department of Corrections respectfully submits the following information in response to a request from the committee’s Dec. 13, 2023 meeting. Additional responses are forthcoming, but committee members requested that this information be provided by a deadline of Feb. 1, 2024.

The 2023 Montana Legislature appropriated \$7.8 million through HB 817 to fund 120 temporary male prison beds through the biennium. The additional beds were intended to help to ease overcrowding at Montana State Prison and assist in effective management of prison population. By the end of 2023, 120 inmates from MSP had been moved to Saguaro Correctional Center in Eloy, Ariz.

At its December meeting, the Interim Budget Committee Section D asked how the movement of 120 inmates to Arizona has affected jail hold amounts by individual county detention facility.

The information below illustrates the number of inmates moved from county jails to MSP between Nov. 15, 2023 (when the first transport of inmates to Arizona occurred) and Jan. 18, 2024.

### Inmate Moves – County Jails to MSP

#### Nov. 15, 2023 – Jan. 18, 2024

Nov	
BROADWATER	5
FERGUS	1
GALLATIN	4
GLACIER	1
LEWIS & CLARK	7
MISSOULA	2
POWELL	1
RAVALLI	2
ROSEBUD	1
SILVER BOW	3
YELLOWSTONE	18
Nov Total	45



Dec

BIG HORN	2
BROADWATER	4
CASCADE	6
CHOUTEAU	1
DAWSON	4
DEER LODGE	1
FLATHEAD	7
GALLATIN	6
JEFFERSON	2
LAKE	1
LEWIS & CLARK	5
LINCOLN	1
MISSOULA	9
MUSSELSHELL	1
POWELL	2
RAVALLI	1
SILVER BOW	2
YELLOWSTONE	21
<b>Dec Total</b>	<b>76</b>

Jan

BROADWATER	6
CASCADE	3
FERGUS	4
FLATHEAD	4
GALLATIN	2
HILL	3
LAKE	1
LEWIS & CLARK	5
MISSOULA	5
PONDERA	2
RAVALLI	1
ROSEBUD	2
SILVER BOW	3
YELLOWSTONE	4
<b>Jan Total</b>	<b>45</b>

**Total – 166**

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian M. Gootkin, Director