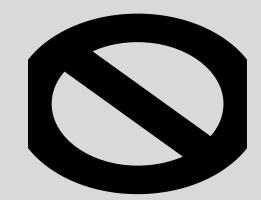
ADDRESSING DISPARITIES IN PAROLE: REFINING REENTRY

BACKGROUND

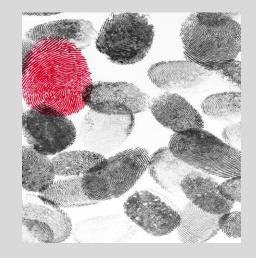


Native Americans are represented at a disproportionate rate in our prison systems than that of the population of Montana

Through this presentation, I hope to convince this committee to create a working group to address responsivity factors for those Natives in the legal system.



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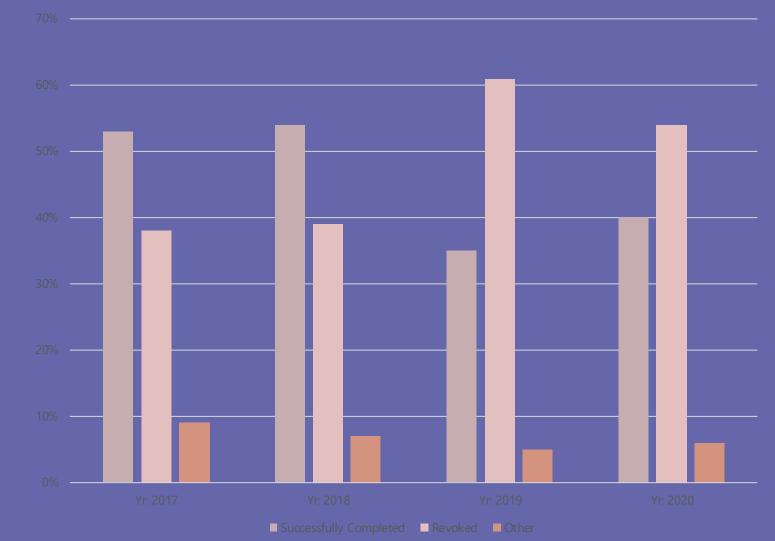


REVOCATIONS

More Revocations than Successful completions

The numbers are slightly different, but very similar for Probation and Conditional Release

Billings had the highest rate of revocations in 2019 with 66% of parolees



Parolees Revoked 2017 - 2020

OTHER DATA POINTS FROM CJI

Men were revoked at a 60% rate, compared to 52% of women on parole getting revoked

Parolees, ages 25-34 were revoked at a higher rate at 65%

Native American parolees were revoked at a higher rate than white parolees

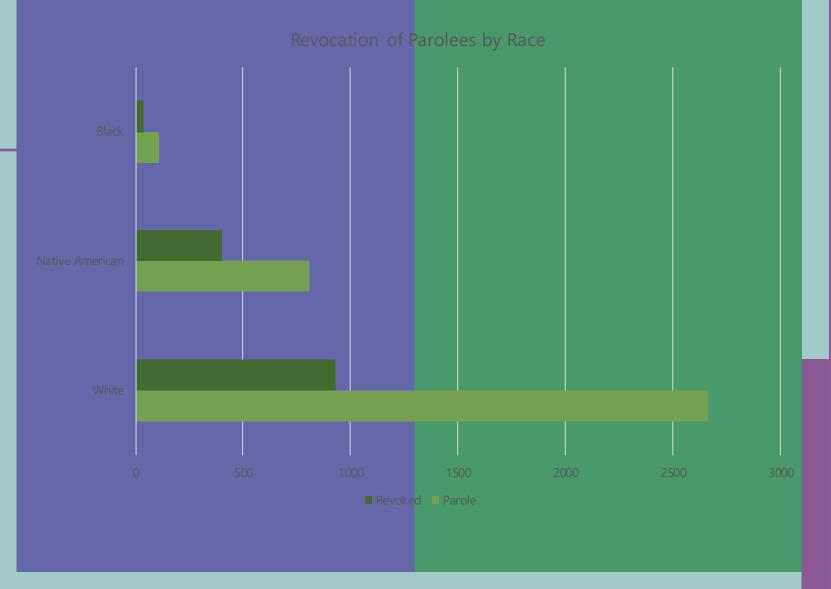
CENTRAL SERVICES DIVISION DATA

From 2017-2021, 3594 Parolees

2663 were white (74%)

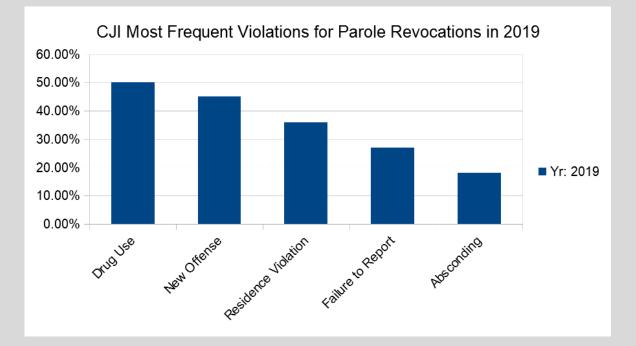
807 were Native American (22%)

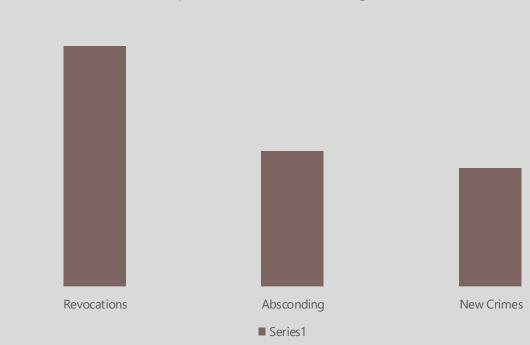
107 were African American (.0297%)



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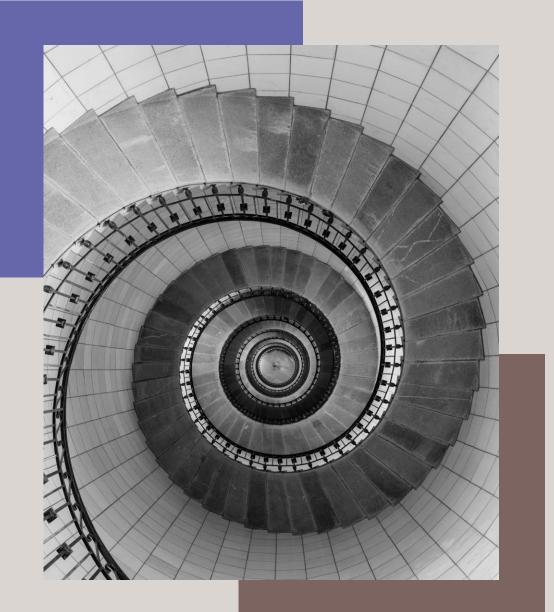


CSD Most Frequent Violations among NA revocations

INCONSISTENCIES

CJI followed up on their data points by interviewing Judges, Probation Officers, Supervisors, and Public Defenders

- Gaps include inconsistencies of implementing MIIG, responses to behavior that rises to the level of violations varies depending on community resources, staff reported a lack of clarity.



PROPOSAL

Due to the disproportionate rate of Native Americans represented in DoC, coupled with the disproportionate rate of revocations for Native Americans on parole – the following will help address recidivism AND the disproportionate representation of Natives in the legal system



Implement required Cultural Relevancy Training

Provide for regular feedback/communication

Identify established Reentry programs

Identify funding sources

Tribal liaison/Tribal outreach References: Crime and Justice Institute, Central Services Division, MT DoC.

Cultural Education Resources:

Deserae KillEagle – dkilleagle45.wixsite.com

Turqouise Devereaux – <u>www.indigenouscc.org</u>