

Anti-Human Trafficking Efforts in DOC Prisons



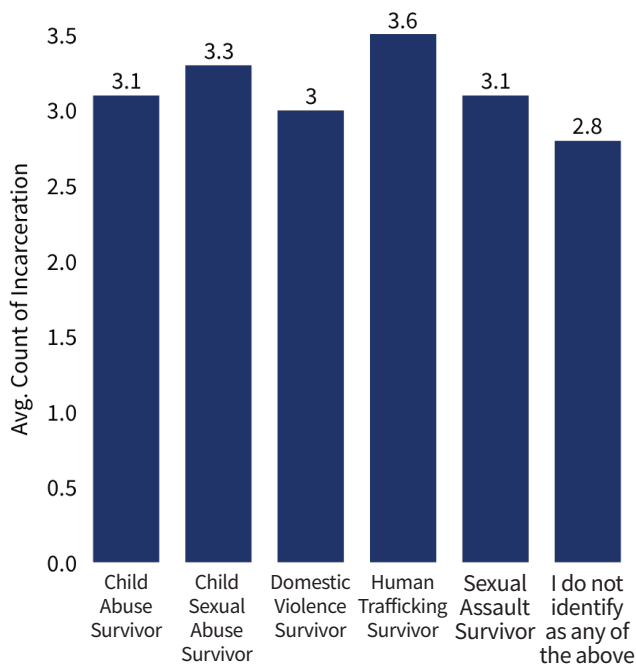
The DOC is building a coordinated, trauma-informed anti-human trafficking strategy, led by its Victim Services Bureau. The effort is focused on identification, safety, treatment, and long term desistance, consistent with national best practices and recent research on trafficking survivors in the justice system.

Preliminary Baseline Assessment/Survey Results

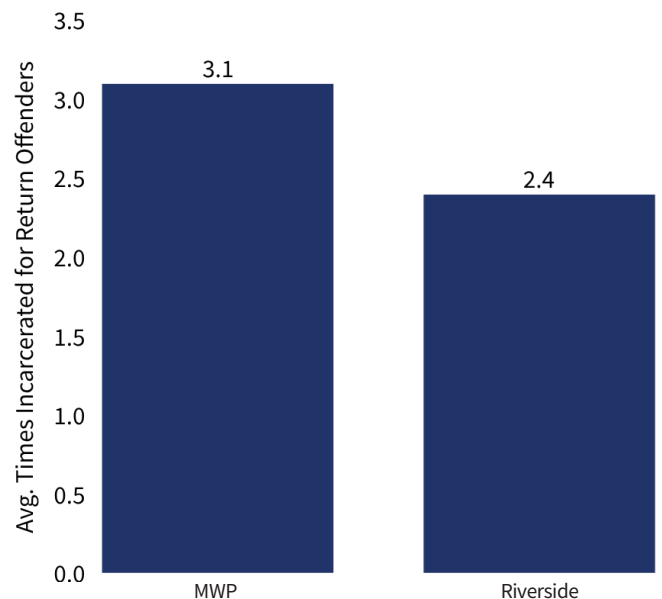
Facility	Count of Respondents	Average Population During Time of Survey	Percent of Population Surveyed
MWP	67	245	27%
Riverside	21	50	42%
Total	88	295	30%

Self-Identification	Count of Respondents	Percent of Respondents
Child Abuse Survivor	42	48%
Child Sexual Abuse Survivor	45	52%
Domestic Violence Survivor	61	70%
Human Trafficking Survivor	15	17%
Sexual Assault Survivor	52	60%
I do not identify as any of the above	12	14%

Overall Average Times Incarcerated by Self-Identification for Return Offenders



Average Times Incarcerated for Return Offenders by Facility



Pilot programs - Education and awareness

Pilot programs will kick off at Montana Women's Prison and Riverside in June 2026.

- Delivering trauma informed trafficking education to residents and staff.
- Emphasizing safety planning, boundaries, coercion dynamics, and pathways to support.
- Creating a private avenue for access to services through inmate tablets.
- Developing an educational curriculum to expand knowledge within the therapeutic community in addressing the complex trauma and needs of human trafficking survivors.

Strategic plan for phased DOC-wide expansion

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- Screening and assessment tools
- Staff training
- Survivor centered programming
- Data collection and reporting
- Cross bureau coordination with Reentry, Desistance, Investigations, Probation & Parole, Education, and Health Services

**Final version will be dependent on outcome of National Institute of Justice grant application.*

Alignment with National Research

- Nationally, trafficking survivors are overrepresented in the justice system, often due to coercion, survival crimes, or exploitation.
- Need for early identification inside correctional settings
- Trauma informed, non punitive responses
- Cross system collaboration
- Data collection to understand survivor pathways

[\(Closing the Revolving Door: Building Freedom and Justice for Trafficking Survivors](#) – Safety and Justice Challenge, National Center for Victims of Crime – February 2026)

