



2025-2026 Annual Report

Office of the Dean of Students *Montana State University*

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Mission: Our mission is to offer dependable services for our campus while empowering students to advocate for themselves in the context of advancing appropriate academic and community standards. Our programs may offer support during times of conflict, facilitate healing during times of crisis, and provide educational opportunities during times of development.

Vision: We aspire to be campus leaders who challenge and support students as they grow and develop into ethical and contributing members of society. We advance opportunities for students to learn, grow, and transform into value-driven leaders who are better prepared to make significant contributions in Montana and around the globe.

Values:

- Transparency
- Communication
- Compassion
- Integrity
- Organized

University Student Conduct Program

Student violations continue to be adjudicated through the student conduct process. This year, 1938 reports were received and reviewed for potential violations of the Code of Student Conduct, including violations of the Student Housing Community Standards.

Student Conduct Incident Reports

The table below indicates the number of times a report was submitted for review. Not all reports become conduct cases.

Year	Housing	UPD*	DOS Website**	Other	Total
2023-2024	1743	364	39	2	2148
2024-2025	1360	284	37	6	1687
2025-2026	1541	346	51	0	1938

*Includes reports from other Law Enforcement Agencies (Bozeman Police, Gallatin County Sheriff, Montana Highway Patrol, etc.)

**Reports submitted through a form on the Dean of Students' website that any individual can submit

Student Conduct Cases

The table below shows the total number of student conduct cases that were created, and the number of individuals involved in those cases.

Year	Student Housing Conduct	Student Conduct	Total
2023-2024 Cases	476	830	1306
2023-2024 Individuals	761	1361	2122
2024-2025 Cases	1034	544	1578
2024-2025 Individuals	1789	1087	2876
2025-2026 Cases	780	596	1376
2025-2026 Individuals	1339	974	2313

Types of Violations

The table below provides the Code of Student Conduct violations most frequently violated for which students were found responsible. Student Housing Community Standards, although also Code of Conduct Violations, are not reflected in these statistics.

Violation	2023-2024 Total	2024-2025 Total	2025-2026 Total
Alcohol – Illegal Use	347	291	372
Driving Under the Influence	19	8	13
Disruptive Conduct – Failure to Comply	58	38	17
Disruptive Conduct - Other	183	141	109
Drugs – Illegal Use	102	80	68
Illegal Conduct	22	16	27
Theft	17	18	7

Note: A student may have received more than one sanction or been found responsible for more than one violation.

Sanctioning

Montana State University uses a progressive and educational sanctioning model. The warning is most commonly used to accompany an educational conversation with a student for a first-time violation. Students with a first-time alcohol or drug violation must also complete an MSU alcohol and other drugs (AOD) education course or a court-mandated MIP course. The table below depicts the number of sanctions issued.

Note: A student may have received more than one sanction or been found responsible for more than one violation.

Sanction	2023-2024 Total	2024-2025 Total	2025-2026 Total
Warning	485	436	750
Educational Assignment	286	296	209
Apology	28	18	17
AYCSS (Allen Yarnell Center for Student Success) Meeting	201	122	108
Community Service	79	30	56
Restitution	38	41	48
MSU AOD/MIP Class	456	305	313
Housing Probation	144	114	133
Housing Removal	9	3	6
University Conduct Probation	111	65	82
Conduct Suspension	11	11	11
Conduct Expulsion	0	0	2
Medical Amnesty*	46	47	31

***Medical Amnesty-** Montana State University's Medical Amnesty Policy encourages students to seek help for themselves and those around them without the barrier of potential student conduct ramifications. All individuals involved (those who need medical assistance and any students around supporting that individual) will be required to meet with a conduct officer, and some may be required to meet with the Alcohol and Drug Education Office at no expense to the student.

Safety Questionnaire Review Committee

The Safety Questionnaire Review Committee (SQRC) is responsible for reviewing and evaluating new and returning student applicants for admission to Montana State University who, in accordance with the University policy, disclose a criminal or other specified behavioral history of a nature that may adversely affect their own or others' safety and success at Montana State University. The SQRC also makes recommendations to the Dean of Students to determine whether these potential students who might pose a safety concern to campus should be accepted into the University community in accordance with both the University and Board of Regents Policy.

Safety Questionnaire Review Committee Decisions			
Decision	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
Admitted (No Restrictions)	43	21	46
Admitted (With Restrictions)	31	23	39
No Need to Review	16	49	51
Not Able to Review	5	9	8
Denied	15	22	17
Total	110	124	161

Academic Misconduct

Academic misconduct includes cheating, plagiarism, forgery, falsification, facilitation or aiding academic dishonesty; multiple submission, theft of instructional materials or tests; unauthorized access to, manipulation of or tampering with laboratory equipment, experiments, computer programs, or animals without proper authorization; alteration of grades or files; misuse of research data in reporting results; use of personal relationships to gain grades or favors, or otherwise attempting to obtain grades or credit through fraudulent means.

Academic Misconduct by College			
College	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-26
University Studies	6	2	4
Engineering	25	9	17
Business	3	14	23
Letters & Sciences	10	42	21
Agriculture	6	6	10
Arts & Architecture	0	5	3
Education (EHHD)	6	3	7
Nursing	9	10	9
Graduate School	0	3	1
Gallatin College	10	5	4
Total cases	82	99	99

Academic Misconduct Types	
Cheating	47
Cheating AI	34
Plagiarism	10
Falsification	0
Multiple Submission	0
Informational Report	1
Other	1
Not responsible	6
Total	99

Academic Misconduct Sanctions	
Repeat Assignment	8
Lower Grade or F on Assignment	75
Lower Grade or F in course	4
Academic Conduct Probation	1
Reprimand	1
Removal from course	1
Academic Integrity Seminar	1

CARE Program

To promote the safety and wellness of our community, the CARE Program addresses behaviors that are disruptive, dangerous, and may include mental health and/or safety issues.

The CARE Program includes two specialized advisory teams managed through the Office of the Dean of Students (DOS). Our CARE (Campus Assessment Response Education) and BIT (Behavioral Intervention Team) teams are committed to improving campus safety and security by proactively and collaboratively coordinating purposeful interventions to situations that pose a threat to the safety and well-being of the campus community or any of its members.

	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
MSU CARE Program Cases Per Academic Year	1,007	944	1,076

Figure 1: MSU Care program incident reports by month referred July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026

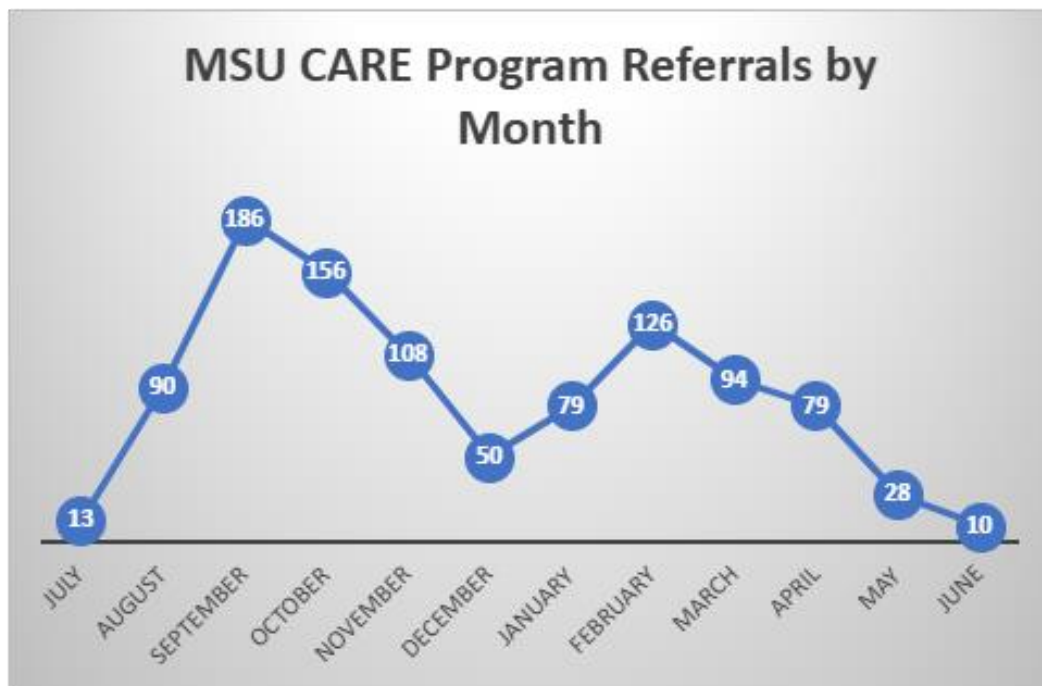


Figure 2: MSU Care program cases by academic college referred July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026

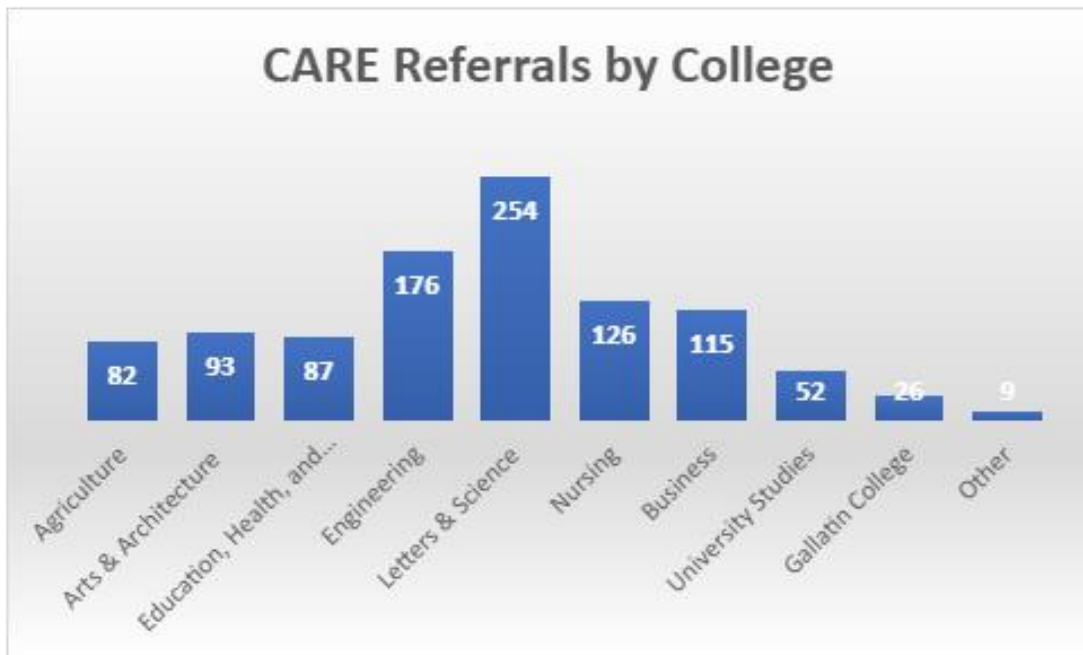
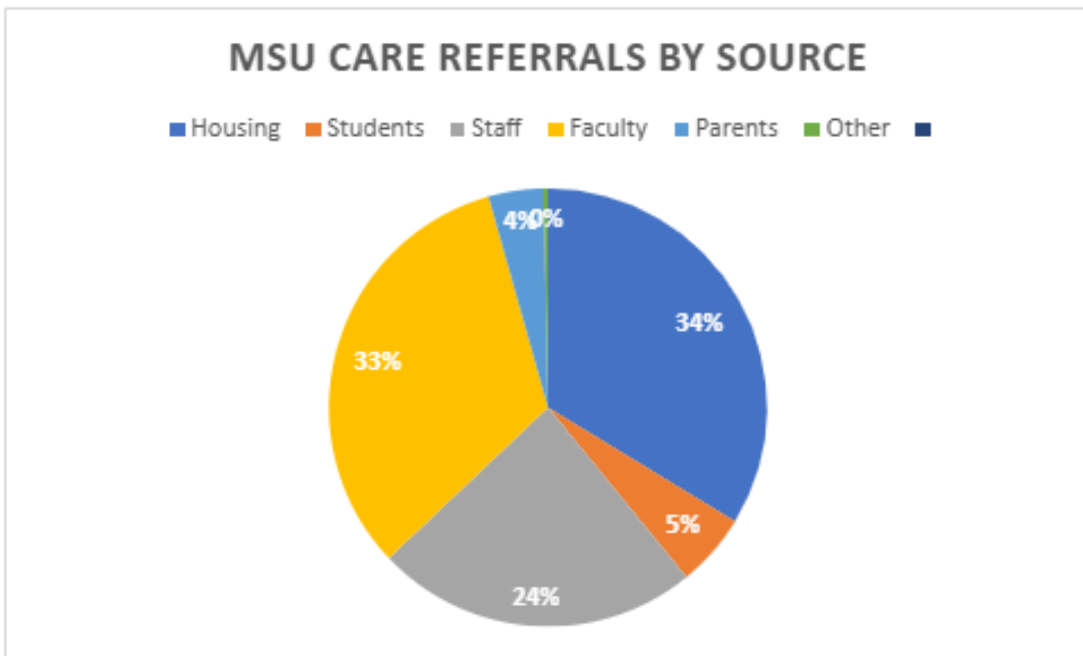


Figure 3: MSU Care program cases by referral source referred July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026



Student Emergency Fund (SEF)

The Student Emergency Fund assists Montana State University students by providing limited emergency financial assistance to currently enrolled students. For students to be eligible, they must be currently enrolled and have qualifying expenses that they are unable to meet due to an emergency, accident, or incident ***occurring immediately***. Examples of qualifying expenses include but are not limited to food, housing, course materials, childcare, transportation, healthcare, and personal or family illness. Tuition and fees are ***NOT*** qualifying expenses through this process. Funding is limited and donation based. The SEF Committee reviews requests and strives to award as many students as possible while funding is available. ****Reasonable Awards average \$500***

To learn more about the SEF process, students are encouraged to meet with a Dean On-Call, Monday-Friday, 8:00-5:00, to discuss their individual situation and eligibility requirements by calling our front office: 406-994-2826 or emailing deanofstudents@montana.edu

Out of the 81 applicants during the 2025-2026 academic year, over half of them were approved for a Student Emergency Fund ranging between \$50.00-\$500.00. \$430.00 was the average award amount. In total, \$17,651.53 was granted in Student Emergency Funds thanks to the generosity of our Bobcat Family Fellows (BFFs).

Student Emergency Fund 2025-2026	
Decision	Applications
Denied	40
Approved	41
Total Applicants	81
Identified Needs of Approved Applications	
Academic	3
Basic Needs	9
Medical	8
Housing	3
Transportation	18

Leave of Absence (LOA) and Retroactive Withdrawal (RWD)

The Office of the Dean of Students works with students and former students interested in applying for a Leave of Absence or a Retroactive Withdrawal. Occasionally, students may experience situations that significantly limit their ability to function successfully or safely in their role as students, including mental or physical illness, injury, death of a family member, or other extenuating circumstances. A leave of absence permits students to explain their situation and provide documentation supporting their request, so they may temporarily withdraw from the University and their studies and address the issues that led to the need for leave. Students *seeking a leave of absence* due to extenuating circumstances will meet with DOS staff to determine the course of action and complete the application and submit it to DOS.

Once the application is complete, the LOA request goes to the Dean of Students for review. The Dean of Students will consult and decide based on the student's application, extenuating circumstances, and submitted documentation. The student will receive a decision in writing and a phone call.

Similarly, a RWD may be available for students who were unable to request a timely leave of absence, but who were forced to leave the University due to a health or safety emergency, or who experienced a mental or physical illness, injury, or other extraordinary circumstances.

Leave of Absence Decisions			
Decision	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
Approved for reduction of tuition and fees (no W's)	120	96	123
Approved for withdrawal (W's)	17	8	12
Denied	2	1	2
In process or incomplete	6	18	1
Total	145	123	138
*Re-entry	123	123	105

Retroactive Withdrawal Decisions			
Decision	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
Approved for reduction of tuition and fees (no W's)	22	12	12
Approved for withdrawal (W's)	39	48	47
Approved for select courses	0	5	7
Denied	0	3	1
In process or incomplete	37	17	3
Total	96	86	70
* Re-entry	4	4	1

* Based on the individualized assessment of each case, the Dean of Students may request students to complete a re-entry process prior to enrollment from an approved University LOA or RWD.

Fraternity and Sorority Life

The Office of the Dean of Students works closely with sororities and fraternities to ensure their compliance with university policies and to support them in their academic, public relations, philanthropic, and recruitment efforts. We have nine fraternities: Alpha Gamma Rho, Alpha Sigma Phi, Kappa Sigma, Pi Kappa Alpha, Phi Sigma Kappa, Sigma Chi, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and Sigma Nu, and four sororities: Alpha Omicron Pi, Chi Omega, Delta Gamma, and Pi Beta Phi.

Fraternity and Sorority Membership			
Membership	Fall 2023	Fall 2024	Fall 2025
Sorority	433	516	470
Undergraduate Female	6886	7041	7122
Fraternity	477	526	550
Undergraduate Male	7936	7901	7903
Total Undergraduate Enrollment	14822	14942	15025
FSL %	6.1%	7%	7%

Fraternity and Sorority Scholarship			
Membership	Fall 2023	Fall 2024	Fall 2025
Sorority	3.08	3.17	3.16
Undergraduate Female	3.13	3.097	3.10
Fraternity	2.96	2.98	2.96
Undergraduate Male	2.90	2.90	2.88
Undergraduate GPA	3.00	3.00	2.98

Bobcat Parent and Family Programs

During the 2025-26 academic year, the Bobcat Parent and Family Program (BPFP) offered a variety of programs and services for MSU parents and family members, including:

- BPFP supports bi-monthly communications from the DOS with parents with the goal of increasing parent engagement.
- BPFP hosted four orientation socials in the stadium club this summer where parents and families can connect with each other and MSU administrators.
- The annual Parent and Family Weekend (PFW) registration became more streamlined with parents purchasing their football tickets directly from Bobcat Athletics. The alumni foundation administers PFW registration. Fall 2025 PFW included an opening reception, breakfast/lunch tailgate, access to the MOR, and access to campus activities.
- BPFP hotline remains a popular way for parents to seek information or discuss their concerns.
- BPFP produced its ninth annual calendar for parents and families, which was still very popular.
- 1097 total attendees for 2025 (1437 attendees in 2023 and 1309 attendees in 2024)

On-Call Response

Monday-Friday, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, an on-call staff member is available to support students and other University community members with time-sensitive and/or other specific concerns during the school year and in the summer months. Examples may include but are not limited to:

- Personal or family health issues interfering with academics or student's well-being
- Faculty/staff concerns about a student's well-being/mental health or a disruptive student
- Student issues with a faculty member
- Questions about campus resources
- Conflict with other students/staff
- Academic concern or grievance
- Leave of Absence (LOA) & Retroactive Withdrawal (RWD) intakes
- Student Emergency Fund
- Consultation on other MSU policies and procedures

In the 2025-2026 academic year, the office saw 484 unique on-call cases, not including LOA and RWD cases that started as on-call cases (363 cases in 2023-2024 and 484 cases in 2024-2025).