

Currently, the Montana Department of Justice is conducting a statewide rape kit backlog inventory as a recipient of the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) 2020 National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI). As required by BJA, the sexual assault kit inventory includes sexual assault kits collected* up to April 30, 2020. The inventory is not completed at this time.

Below, the date of exam was used to define the year associated with an untested kit and not submitted to the MT DOJ State Crime Lab. Data is based on previous rape kit backlog inventories provided from state and local law enforcement agencies for the requested years.

Month	2018	2019	2020
Jan	8	5	2
Feb	7	11	0
Mar	4	8	1
Apr	9	13	0
May	6	14	0
Jun	7	12	0
Jul	9	10	0
Aug	8	10	0
Sep	9	7	0
Oct*	5	1	0
Nov	6	0	0
Dec	6	0	0
Grand Total	84	91	3

Data Limitations:

A rape kit backlog has not been conducted for kits collected after April 2020 to present.

Data does not include sexual assault kits stored at tribal law enforcement agencies or nonreported sexual assault cases with a collected sexual assault kit.

Data is current as of 1/05/2023. Data is subject to change.

*Collected means date of exam.

*An investigating law enforcement agency that takes possession of a sexual assault evidence kit shall submit the evidence and an accompanying police report to a publicly accredited crime laboratory for forensic analysis within 30 days after receiving the kit from either a health care facility or another law enforcement agency. 46-15-404(5), MCA.