

Child Abuse and Neglect Registry Expungement Report MCA 41-3-902

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SUMMARY

In compliance with MCA 41-3-902 passed during the 2025 legislative session, the Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) must provide a report to the legislature regarding specific data within the Child and Family Services Division's centralized registry for child abuse and neglect each year by September 1.

From MCA 41-3-902: By September 1 of each year, the Department shall report to the children, families, health, and human services interim committee in accordance with 5-11-210 on the following:

- (a) the total number of individuals listed in the registry;
- (b) the number of individuals added to the registry in the past calendar year;
- (c) the number of individuals who requested expungement from the registry in the past calendar year, including the number of: (i) first-time expungement requests submitted pursuant to subsection (4); and (ii) second or subsequent requests submitted pursuant to subsection (5);
- (d) the number of expungement requests granted in the past calendar year, including the number of granted expungement requests that are: (i) first-time requests pursuant to subsection (4); and (ii) second or subsequent requests submitted pursuant to subsection (5);
- (e) and the number of expungement requests denied in the past calendar year, including: (i) the number of denied expungement requests that are: (A) first-time requests pursuant to subsection (4); and (B) second or subsequent requests pursuant to subsection (5); (ii) the reason for each denied expungement request.

MCA 41-3-902 took effect on July 1, 2025, as part of Senate Bill 468, passed during the 2025 legislative session. All expungement requests received between July 1, 2025, and December 31, 2025, are first-time requests. The report includes outcomes for expungement requests submitted during this period (July–December 2025), detailing whether the department granted or denied each request and providing corresponding counts and statistics for the requests received.

EXPUNGEMENT FROM THE CENTRAL REGISTRY

The table below provides the required data:

	Count
Total individuals with a substantiated allegation of child abuse and neglect (1995 – December 31, 2025)	25,014
Total number of individuals with substantiated allegations of child abuse and neglect in 2025	464
Number of individuals requesting expungement in 2025 ¹	10
Number of expungement requests approved in 2025	6
Number of expungement requests denied ² in 2025	4

¹ All individuals submitted first-time expungement requests

² Denial Reasons: Incomplete application (3 of 4); insufficient evidence to indicate that the conditions resulting in substantiation were addressed or mitigated (1 of 4)