



- Beginning March 2020, the Montana Board of Pardons and Parole went 100% virtual to mitigate any risk of COVID-19 exposure to witnesses and Board Members. While there are a few months of decreases, this can also be attributed to decreases in hearings those months as hearings had to be continued due to COVID-19.
- We have found that going virtual opened up the opportunity for victims to continue to have a voice in the criminal justice system, for criminal justice agencies to participate in parole hearings from all over the state, and for friends and family of those who have been incarcerated to show their continued support no matter where they live, the weather, or other means that would have prevented them from attending a hearing.