



TO: Members of the Iowa General Assembly
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SUBJECT: Minority Impact Statement
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Pursuant to Iowa Code section [2.56\(1\)](#), the Legislative Services Agency is required to determine the potential correctional impact on minorities of proposed legislation that creates a public offense, changes a current offense, or changes existing correctional procedures. Minority persons are defined in Iowa Code section [8.11](#) as women, persons with a disability, African Americans, Latinos, Asians or Pacific Islanders, American Indians, and Alaskan Native Americans. Disability is defined in Iowa Code section [15.102\(10\)\(b\)\(1\)](#). The statements below provide background information regarding minorities in the correctional system from a national and State perspective.

Federal and Iowa Census Information

The [U.S. Census](#) permits people to identify their race and ethnicity. The table below displays the latest census estimates as of July 1, 2017. The population estimate for Iowa was 3.1 million. In addition, approximately 11.3% of [Iowa's population](#) had at least one disability in 2017.

	Total Population	Male	Female	Caucasian	African American	American Indian/Alaska Native	Asian	Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	Hispanic
National Census	323.1 million	49.2%	50.8%	75.7%	13.9%	1.7%	5.4%	0.4%	17.6%
Iowa Census	3.1 million	49.6%	50.4%	92.4%	4.5%	0.8%	2.8%	0.2%	5.7%

Federal and Iowa Prison System Information

The [U.S. Department of Justice](#) (DOJ) estimates there was a total of 1.5 million prisoners in federal or state prisons on December 31, 2016 (the most recent data available). The table below shows national statistics for offenders sentenced to more than one year of incarceration in Calendar Year 2016. The Iowa prison population statistics in the table below are as of June 30, 2018, and the racial composition of the Iowa prison system is taken from data available on the [Iowa Corrections Offender Network](#) (ICON) administered by the [Department of Corrections](#) (DOC). There were 8,447 inmates in Iowa prisons on June 30, 2018.

	Total Population	Male	Female	Caucasian	African American	American Indian/Alaska Native	Asian/Pacific Islander	Hispanic	Other or Unknown
National Prison Population	1,506,800	92.6%	7.4%	30.2%	33.4%	N/A	N/A	23.3%	N/A
Iowa Prison Population	8,447	91.3%	8.7%	66.3%	24.5%	1.7%	0.9%	6.6%	0.0%

Federal and Iowa Probation and Parole Information

According to the [U.S. Department of Justice](#), on December 31, 2016, there were 3.7 million offenders on probation supervision and 874,800 offenders on parole supervision (the most recent data available). The table below shows national statistics by gender and race for those populations.

According to the DOC, on June 30, 2018, there were 29,597 Iowa offenders under supervision in Community-Based Corrections (CBC). Data from the [Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning Division](#) (CJJP) of the Department of Human Rights (DHR) showing the gender and racial composition of the CBC offender population is included in the table below.

	Population	Male	Female	Caucasian	African American	Asian/Pacific Islander	American Indian/Alaska Native	Other/Unknown	Hispanic
National Probation Supervision	3,673,100	75.0%	25.0%	55.0%	28.0%	1.0%	1.0%	N/A	14.0%
National Parole Supervision	874,800	87.0%	13.0%	45.0%	38.0%	1.0%	1.0%	N/A	15.0%
Iowa CBC	29,597	74.0%	26.0%	75.0%	18.0%	1.0%	1.0%	0.3%	6.0%

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