



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 provides the latest census estimates as of July 1, 2019. The population estimate for Iowa was 3.2 million. In addition, approximately 11.8% of [Iowa's population](#) had at least one disability in 2019.

	Total Population	Male	Female	Caucasian	African American	American Indian/Alaska Native	Asian	Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	Hispanic
National Census	328.2 million	49.2%	50.8%	72.0%	12.8%	0.9%	5.7%	0.2%	18.4%
Iowa Census	3.2 million	49.8%	50.2%	89.9%	4.1%	0.4%	2.4%	0.1%	6.3%

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, 2017 (the most recent data available). The table below provides national statistics for offenders sentenced to more than one year of incarceration in calendar year 2017. The Iowa prison population and racial composition data are as of June 30, 2020.¹ At the close of FY 2020, there were 7,574 inmates in Iowa prisons.

	Total Population	Male	Female	Caucasian	African American	American Indian/Alaska Native	Asian/Pacific Islander	Hispanic	Other or Unknown
National Prison Population	1,489,363	92.5%	7.5%	30.3%	33.1%	N/A	N/A	23.4%	13.3%
Iowa Prison Population	7,574	92.1%	7.9%	65.1%	25.5%	1.9%	0.8%	6.7%	0.0%

¹ [2020 Iowa Prison Population Forecast](#), Department of Human Rights, Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning Division.

Federal and Iowa Probation and Parole Information

According to the [DOJ](#), 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 provides national statistics by gender and race for those populations.

According to the Iowa Department of Corrections, on June 30, 2019, there were 30,992 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	39,000	75.2%	24.8%	73.5%	19.1%	1.1%	1.1%	0.0%	5.2%

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