



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 (LSA) 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. The impact statement can be found in the fiscal note written to the proposed legislation.

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, 2020. The population estimate for Iowa was 3.2 million. In addition, approximately 12.2% of Iowa’s population had at least one disability in 2020.

	Total Population	Male	Female	Caucasian	African American	American Indian/Alaska Native	Asian	Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	Hispanic	Two or More Races
National Census	329.5 million	49.2%	50.8%	62.7%	12.1%	1.0%	5.7%	0.2%	18.6%	11.5%
Iowa Census	3.2 million	49.8%	50.2%	85.3%	3.9%	0.3%	2.5%	0.2%	6.2%	5.6%

Federal and Iowa Prison System Information

The [U.S. Department of Justice](#) (DOJ) estimates there was a total of 1.4 million prisoners in federal or state prisons on December 31, 2019 (the most recent data available). The table below provides national statistics for offenders sentenced to more than one year of incarceration in calendar year 2019.

According to the Iowa Department of Corrections (DOC), on June 30, 2021, there were 7,741 inmates in Iowa prisons. The table below provides data from the DOC showing the gender and racial composition of the Iowa prison population.

	Total Population	Male	Female	Caucasian	African American	American Indian/Alaska Native	Asian/Pacific Islander	Hispanic	Other or Unknown
National Prison Population	1,430,805	92.5%	7.5%	30.6%	32.8%	N/A	N/A	23.2%	13.3%
Iowa Prison Population	7,741	92.5%	7.5%	64.1%	25.4%	2.3%	1.0%	7.1%	0.1%

Federal and Iowa Probation and Parole Information

According to the DOJ, on December 31, 2019, there were 3.5 million offenders on probation supervision and 878,900 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 DOC, on June 30, 2021, there were 35,400 Iowa offenders under supervision in Community-Based Corrections (CBC). Data from the DOC 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	3,492,900	75.0%	25.0%	54.0%	30.0%	1.0%	1.0%	N/A	13.0%
National Parole Supervision	878,900	87.0%	13.0%	45.0%	38.0%	1.0%	1.0%	N/A	15.0%
Iowa CBC	35,400	74.7%	25.2%	72.6%	17.9%	1.2%	1.4%	0.3%	6.5%

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