



TO: Members of the Iowa General Assembly
FROM: Jennifer Acton, Fiscal Services Division Director
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, 2023. The population estimate for Iowa was 3.2 million. In addition, approximately 8.4% of [Iowa's population](#) had at least one disability in 2022.

	Total Population	Male	Female	White	Black or African American	Asian	Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	American Indian/Alaska Native	Hispanic	Two or More Races
National Census	334.9 million	49.6%	50.4%	75.5%	13.6%	6.3%	0.3%	1.3%	19.1%	3.0%
Iowa Census	3.2 million	50.2%	49.8%	89.8%	4.4%	2.8%	0.2%	0.6%	6.9%	2.2%

Federal and Iowa Prison System Information

The [U.S. Department of Justice](#) (DOJ) estimates there was a total of 1.2 million sentenced prisoners in federal or state prisons on December 31, 2022 (the most recent data available). The table below provides national statistics for offenders in prison on December 31, 2022, who have been sentenced to more than one year of incarceration.

According to the Iowa Department of Corrections (DOC), on June 30, 2023, there were 8,175 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	White	Black or African American	Asian/Pacific Islander	American Indian/Alaska Native	Hispanic	Other or Unknown
National Prison Population	1,185,497	93.0%	7.0%	31.0%	32.4%	1.3%	1.6%	23.1%	0.0%
Iowa Prison Population	8,175	92.0%	8.0%	62.1%	26.4%	1.1%	2.4%	7.9%	0.0%

Federal and Iowa Probation and Parole Information

According to the [U.S. Department of Justice](#), on December 31, 2021, there were 3.0 million offenders on probation supervision and 803,200 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, 2023, there were 23,523 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.

	Total Population	Male	Female	White	Black or African American	Asian/Pacific Islander	American Indian/Alaska Native	Hispanic	Other or Unknown
National Probation Supervision	2,963,000	76.0%	24.0%	54.0%	30.0%	N/A	N/A	13.0%	3.0%
National Parole Supervision	803,200	88.0%	12.0%	44.0%	37.0%	N/A	N/A	16.0%	2.0%
Iowa CBC	23,523	73.5%	26.4%	70.7%	18.0%	1.6%	1.3%	7.9%	0.5%

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