



# **Police-Reported Indigenous and Racialized Identity Statistical Engagement – Uniform Crime Reporting Survey**

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# The Interim Report and Draft Recommendations

- The [interim report](#) was published on Statistics Canada's website on September 1, 2022.
- The interim report is a summary of the feedback heard through this engagement. The summation of the feedback led to the development of:
  - Six recommendations
  - Reassurances
  - Guiding principles

# Recommendations

## **Recommendation 1**

The collection of information on the Indigenous and racialized identity of accused persons and victims of crimes through the Uniform Crime Reporting Survey should be conducted through both the “officer perception” method and the “self-identification” method.

## **Recommendation 2**

The collection of information on the Indigenous and racialized identity of accused persons and victims of crimes through the Uniform Crime Reporting Survey be conducted using Statistics Canada’s standardized population group categories for both the “self-identification” method and “officer perception” method.

## **Recommendation 3**

The Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police work together with Statistics Canada and other parties of interest to establish national collection standards and guidelines that will integrate with police procedures, processes, and workflow.

# Other Recommendations (con't)

## **Recommendation 4**

Any training delivered by Statistics Canada or the police community should emphasize the importance of the data collection initiative and the benefits for the Canadian population, policy-makers, and the police.

## **Recommendation 5**

The analysis and use of information on the Indigenous and racialized identity of accused persons and victims of crimes be done in a manner that reflects the realities experienced by Indigenous and racialized communities through the inclusion of context to all its publications and related dissemination products.

## **Recommendation 6**

To ensure consistency, the standards developed in the context of this initiative should be considered for future data collection within justice and community safety sectors.

# Current Progress: Briefings with Partners

- The CCJCSS is meeting with academics, police services, and community organizations to brief the contents of the report while receiving feedback about the next steps moving forward.
  - A diversity of perspectives is crucial in producing appropriate disaggregated data and information. This will ultimately lead to policies that will better fit the needs of Indigenous and racialized communities.

# Current Progress: Meeting with Police Services

- CCJCSS is now meeting with police services across Canada to discuss:
  - Operational needs, concerns, and issues
  - Guidelines on how to best collect Indigenous and racialized information
  - Guidelines on when it is appropriate to collect Indigenous and racialized information
  - How to develop the standards and guidelines
  - Provincial legislations and privacy acts that may affect Indigenous and racialized data collection
  - The use of data after collection



# Current Progress: Meeting with CACP Committees

## Recommendation 3

The Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police work together with Statistics Canada and other parties of interest to establish national collection standards and guidelines that will integrate with police procedures, processes, and workflow

- As such, the CCJCSS will be meeting with CACP committees to have a fulsome discussion about how to operationalize the recommendations and the next steps of the initiative.

# Next Steps: Development of the Next Report

- The responses and feedback received from meetings with police services and communities will be analyzed to outline the operational guidelines.
- The next report will cover the following topics:
  - Technical challenges
  - Records Management System changes
  - Operational issues
  - Training (standards and guidelines)
  - Outreach with communities

The next report is expected to be released in 2023.



# Next Steps: Partnering with Jurisdictions

- The CCJCSS is exploring the possibility of working with provinces and police services to pilot test the initiative of collecting Police-Reported Indigenous and Racialized data of accused persons and victims.
- This practical testing of data collection will be invaluable in identifying challenges and solutions.

# Next Steps

