

Colorado Commission on Criminal & Juvenile Justice

FY2012 RECOMMENDATION/FY12-MOR02 MINORITY IMPACT STATEMENTS IN COMMISSION LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

Status: Ongoing

Actions/Updates

2013 UPDATE

The Office of Research and Statistics within the Division of Criminal Justice will provide this information for all CCJJ recommendations.

Description

Commission legislative recommendations shall include a minority impact statement.

Agencies Responsible

Discussion

Depending on race and ethnicity, the percentages of Colorado minorities at every stage of the criminal justice system diverge from the state population figures, especially for Blacks. Because Hispanics are often combined with Whites, it is difficult to determine an accurate percentage of Hispanics at criminal justice decision points.* Although Blacks comprised only 4.4% of the state population, they are found in increasing numbers at different levels of the system: 11.8 % of all arrests, 11.8 % of all filings, 12.4% of all convictions, 19% of all DOC admissions, 22.7% of all parole technical violations, and 24.7% of all parole terminations for a new crime. Thus, their percentage of the population at many stages of the criminal justice system exceeds their proportion of the state population.

Footnotes

*The U.S. Census collects ethnicity data (Hispanic vs. non-Hispanic) separately from race.

Note: For more detailed information regarding these percentages please see the 2012 Annual CCJJ report, available soon at: <u>http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/CDPS-</u><u>CCJJ/CBON/1251622400685</u>