

Reporting to the Uniform Crime Reporting Survey (UCR2.4 and UCR2.5)

Background:

Since 1981, federal, provincial, and territorial Deputy Ministers responsible for justice and community safety in Canada, along with the Chief Statistician of Statistics Canada, have worked together on an enterprise known as the National Justice Statistics Initiative (NJSI). The NJSI's mandate is to provide information to the justice community, and the public, on the nature and extent of crime and victimization, and the administration of criminal and civil justice in Canada. Karen Ellis, Deputy Solicitor General – Correctional Services, Ontario, is the provincial Deputy Minister co-chair of the Liaison Officers Committee of the National Justice Statistics Initiative, with Tony Labillois, Director General of the Justice, Diversity, and Population Statistics Branch at Statistics Canada.

Details of plan(s) underway to address data and survey gaps at the national level: As part of the National Justice Statistics Initiative (NJSI), the Canadian Centre for Justice and Community Safety Statistics (CCJCSS), in co-operation with the policing community, collects police-reported crime statistics through the Uniform Crime Reporting Survey (UCR). The UCR2 Incident-based Survey is comprised of five versions, UCR2.0 to UCR2.4, with each new version expanding the survey by adding specialized content incrementally. The survey is designed to measure the incidence of crime in Canadian society and its characteristics. Data for the UCR2 Survey are collected directly from police services' records management systems by an approved extraction program and are forwarded electronically to the CCJCSS on an ongoing basis.

Pan-Canadian Re-Contact Indicators - In 2017, UCR2.3 was introduced to collect name information of victims and persons accused. To develop and maintain an ongoing, national program of re-contact with the criminal justice system, the collection of the personal identifiers required for record linkage (e.g., first and last name, date of birth, and address information) is needed.

Data on Firearms and expanded data on Hate Crimes and Cybercrimes - In 2021, as part of the UCR2.4, new variables on firearms, hate crime, and cybercrime not collected through the previous versions of the UCR Survey were added as well as new options for existing hate crime variables. The UCR2.4 continues to capture all variables collected as part of previous survey versions.

Data on the Indigenous and racialized identities of victims and accused persons - Statistics Canada and the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACCP) released a joint statement in 2020 announcing their commitment to working on the collection of data on the Indigenous and racialized identity of all victims and accused persons as it pertains to criminal incidents through the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Survey. This new content will be incorporated into the next version of the UCR2 (UCR2.5), currently in development.

For more information on the survey: [Uniform Crime Reporting Survey \(UCR\) \(statcan.gc.ca\)](https://www.statcan.gc.ca)

Name of Police Service:

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Data on Firearms and expanded data on Hate Crimes and Cybercrimes

In the latest version of the UCR (UCR2.4), the collection of information relating to firearms was initiated, additionally, enhanced hate crime and cybercrime variables were also introduced. While several police service respondents have notified Statistics Canada of their plans to implement this version of the UCR (available as of October 2021), most respondents are still not reporting using this version. This limits the national information available for: shootings; seized, stolen, and recovered firearms; intersectionality in hate crimes; and types of cybercrimes.

What is your jurisdiction’s plan to implement the latest version of the UCR (i.e., UCR2.4)?

Please include anticipated implementation timelines when completing the table below.

Barrier(s) to Reporting	Plan to Remedy Barrier(s)	Timeline for Implementation and/or Timeline to Remedy Barrier(s)
<p>Are there barriers/challenges with implementing UCR2.4, by your police service?</p> <p>(Examples might include funding/financial resources; HR capacity and/or expertise of staff; technical issues around current data or information management system; legal issues)</p> <p>Please elaborate on the details surrounding each barrier.</p>	<p>Include any plans your police service will take to remedy barriers in implementing UCR2.4.</p>	<p>Include specific timelines on when your police service will be able to implement UCR2.4 and/or remedy the barriers, where applicable.</p>
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Data on the Indigenous and Racialized Identity of victims and accused persons

In anticipation of the future collection of data on the Indigenous and racialized identities of all victims and accused persons as it pertains to criminal incidents through the Uniform Crime Reporting Survey (UCR2.5), **Can you identify any potential barriers for your police service's implementation of reporting of this information?**

Please complete the table below.

Barrier(s) to Reporting	Plan to Remedy Barrier(s)	Timeline to Remedy Barrier(s)
<p>Are there any anticipated or current barriers/challenges in terms of your police service providing data on the Indigenous and racialized identity of all victims and accused persons to the UCR?</p> <p>(Examples might include funding/financial resources; HR capacity and/or expertise of staff; technical issues around current data or information management system; legal issues)</p> <p>Please elaborate on the details surrounding each barrier</p>	<p>Include any plans your police service will take in remedying barriers in reporting this information.</p>	<p>Include specific timelines on when your police service will be able to remedy the barriers, where applicable.</p>
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