

# Incarceration rate of black and indigenous peoples in so called "Canada"

## Population

Black and indigenous peoples make up only 8.4 percent of the population in so called "Canada"

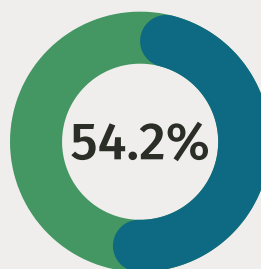
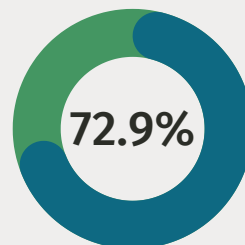


## Incarceration

Though black and indigenous peoples make up only 8.4 percent of people in "Canada", they make up 32.4 percent of people incarcerated

## Why is this alarming ?

This is particularly alarming whilst looking at their white counterparts. White people make up 72.9% of the population but only make up 54.2 percent of people incarcerated in "Canada"



## Why is this happening?

There are many causes for this inequity, one of which being the systemic racism present in our criminal justice systems. One of the ways in which our criminal justice system is racist is displayed in "Mandatory minimum sentences". These sentences allow judges to craft punishment tailored on the specific circumstances of the offenders. Mandatory minimum sentences often result in black and indigenous people given worse/longer sentences than their white counterparts due to the racist stereotypes of criminality forced upon black and indigenous peoples.

## How we can help

We can help by pressuring our government officials to repeal mandatory minimum sentences, and by supporting the defunding of the RCMP as well as prison reform/abolition.