

# crime myth or fact?

- The legal system is fair
- Crime today is worse than 10 years ago
- Extra funding for the police means better community safety and security
- Only certain groups of people commit crime

FACTS

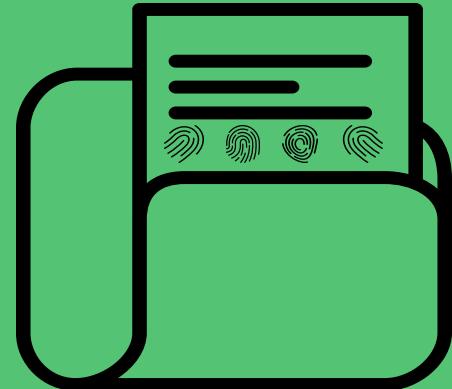
MYTHS

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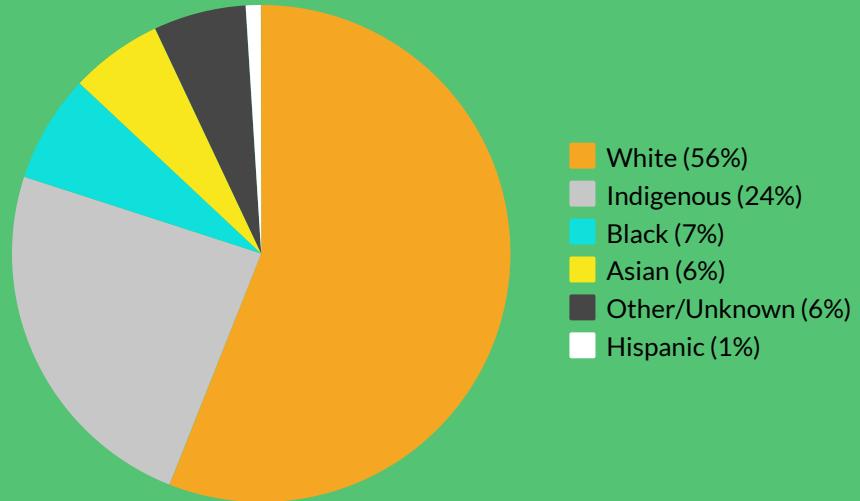
About **10%** of the population - or 3.8 million Canadians - have a **criminal record**



An estimated **13%**  
of Canadian adults  
- or **1 in 5** adult  
Canadian men -  
have a criminal  
record



More than half, or  
**56%**  
of the federally sentenced  
prison population is white



Since 2004/5, provincial jails hold more people who are awaiting bail or trial compared to those actually serving a prison sentence

On any given day, **71%** of adults in Ontario jails are in remand (awaiting bail or trial)

Most victims knew their attacker.  
In fact, the offender was a stranger in less  
than  
**48%**  
of violent incidents

