Ottawa Police Service 2017 Member Census

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Goals of the Ottawa Police Service 2017 Member Census

- Capture demographic data on Ottawa Police Service's people, allowing for self-identification by a variety of specific demographic categories;
- Survey Ottawa Police Service's people to understand their experiences as they relate to the inclusivity of the organization; and
- Establish a baseline for year-over-year comparison for both measures.

Positive findings

Since 2012, representation of Female, Indigenous persons, Racialized, LGB2sQ+, and Persons with a Disability has **increased or remained the same.** Respondents are also **less likely** to be Born in Canada and to be Christian.

Demographic	2012 representation	2017 representation	Percentage difference
Female	35.67%	38.45%	2.78%
Racialized	9.40%	13.45%	4.05%
LGB2sQ+	3.23%	6.01%	2.78%
Indigenous	6.15%	5.79%	-0.36%
Persons with a Disability	4.99%	15.57%	10.58%
Born in Canada	88.90%	80.59%	-8.31%
Christian	70.54%	58.58%	-11.96%

Note that the definition of Persons with a Disability shifted from the 2012 to the 2017 census to become much broader. The definition in the 2017 census did not specify that having a Disability entails perceiving one is disadvantaged in employment, while the 2012 census did. This likely affected increase in representation.

Positive findings

There is a **strong representation** of some minority groups overall compared to available benchmarks.

Demographic Group	Ottawa Police Service (2017)	Benchmark
Persons with a Disability	15.57%	10.08% (Canadian population)
Indigenous	5.79%	2.50% (Ottawa population)
Latin / Hispanic	1.69%	1.37% (Ottawa labour force)
LGB2sQ+	6.01%	5.1% (Ontario population)

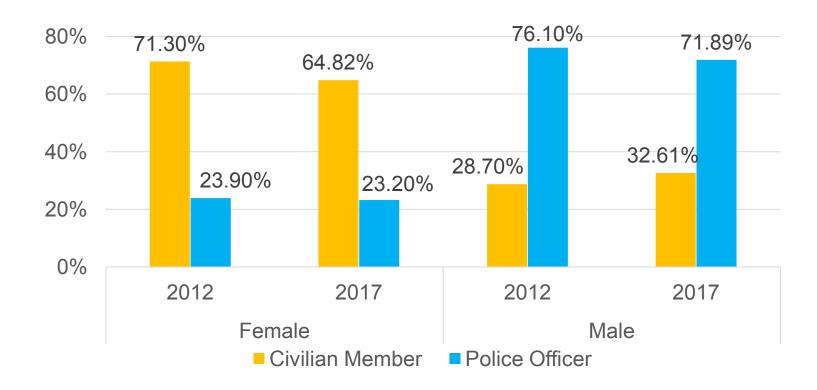
Please interpret the finding for Persons with a Disability with caution. We use a benchmark from the 2012 Canadian Survey on Disability (CSD), and this survey uses a different definition than the 2017 OPS census; nevertheless, this is the best comparator available.

Positive findings

Females, Persons Born Outside of Canada, and Persons with a Disability are **strongly represented** in Senior Leadership compared to their representation overall.

Demographic	Ottawa Police Service (2017)	Proportion of Senior Leadership
Female	38.45%	38.37%
Born Outside of Canada	12.61%	13.25%
Persons with a Disability	15.57%	18.60%

The percentage of Females who are Police Officers has **remained** about the same since 2012.



The groups listed below have a **lower representation** at Ottawa Police Service compared to the Ottawa labour force.

Demographic	Ottawa Police Service (2017)	Ottawa Labour Force
Females	38.45%	49.02%
Racialized	13.45%	20.06%
Asian	4.07%	8.74%
Black	3.31%	5.38%
Middle Eastern	1.46%	3.83%
Born Outside of Canada	12.61%	20.80%

Members are perceiving relatively low diversity and feeling low levels of inclusion, overall.

Question	Agree	Neutral	Disagree
My organization is committed to and supportive of diversity.	63.00%	18.68%	9.05%
At my organization, I am treated fairly and with respect.	48.30%	28.53%	18.75%
At my organization, my unique value is known and appreciated.	30.05%	34.76%	28.82%
At my organization, I feel included.	40.41%	33.31%	21.87%

Racialized persons (particularly those who identify as Asian and Black) **show significantly lower inclusion** than Caucasians.

Question	Asian disagreement	Black disagreement	Caucasian disagreement
My organization is committed to and supportive of diversity.	35.85%	34.88%	6.47%
At my organization, my unique value is known and appreciated.	41.51%	46.51%	26.93%

Persons with a Disability show **significantly lower inclusion** than Non-Disabled persons.

Question	Person with a Disability disagreement	Non-Disabled disagreement
My organization is committed to and supportive of diversity.	18.60%	7.31%
At my organization, I am treated fairly and with respect.	35.81%	14.98%
At my organization, my unique value is known and appreciated.	42.79%	25.84%
At my organization, I feel included.	41.40%	17.63%

Females show higher neutral response than Males.

Question	Female neutral	Male neutral
My organization is committed to and supportive of diversity.	25.24%	15.24%
At my organization, I am treated fairly and with respect.	34.46%	25.82%
At my organization, my unique value is known and appreciated.	40.49%	32.36%

Questions and Answers

