

## STATE DATA

Based on 2015-2019 American Community  
Survey population estimates.

# 16,647

### STUDY POPULATION:

Women and girls  
with ancestral ties to  
countries where FGM/C  
is practiced

# 5,134

Women and girls who  
were likely **LIVING  
WITH** FGM/C

# 476

Girls who were likely  
**AT RISK** of FGM/C

## STATE LEGISLATION AND POLICY LANDSCAPE

### STATUS

Deficient **Existing Legislation**<sup>1</sup>,  
Needs Strengthening

### IMPROVE BY ADDING

Education and Outreach;  
Specification that Culture,  
Ritual, Religion are Not  
Defenses to Prosecution;  
Annual Statistical Reporting;  
Mandatory Training for Law  
Enforcement; Mandatory  
Revocation of Medical License

<sup>1</sup> <https://bit.ly/3P103J0>

## SUMMARY

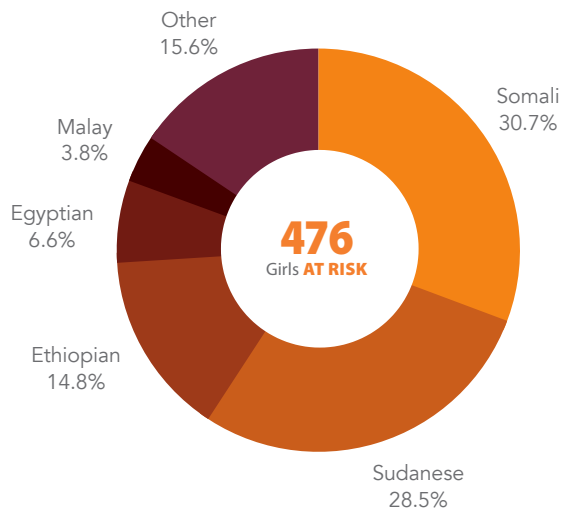
FGM/C prevalence was estimated at 33.7% within the study population in Arizona with over 60% of the impacted population in the state identifying as Somali (16.9%), Sudanese (16.2%), Ethiopian (12.3%) or Egyptian (11.8%).

It is estimated that 1,416 women were living with Type 3 FGM/C in Arizona. While all survivors may require some level of medical and mental health support, those living with Type 3 would likely require additional medical attention.

97% of those impacted by FGM/C in Arizona live in the greater Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale (84%) and Tucson (13%) metropolitan areas.

## ETHNIC BREAKDOWN

Ethnic breakdown of girls most likely  
to be **AT RISK** of FGM/C in Arizona



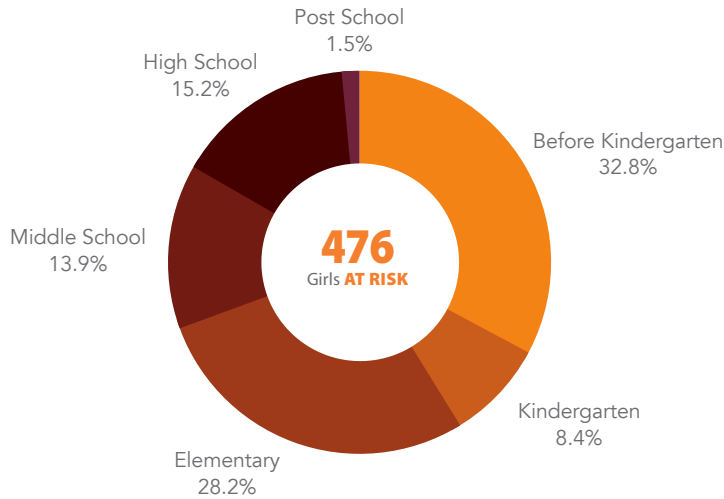
NOTE: Nigerian and Indonesian girls are likely underrepresented in this data since they are cut at a very young age, resulting in most girls being encoded as already living with FGM/C.

## STATE PREVALENCE RANKING



## AGE DISTRIBUTION

Distribution of girls most likely to be **AT RISK** of FGM/C in Arizona



## SPATIAL DISTRIBUTION

Counties with the highest  
**STUDY POPULATION** | **LIVING WITH** | **AT RISK** population

Maricopa	13,593	4,212	409
Pima	2,102	645	60
Pinal	231	93	-
Mohave	270	50	4
Cochise	97	32	-
Coconino	103	30	4
Yavapai	131	28	-
Yuma	33	15	-
Santa Cruz	37	12	-

Metropolitan Areas with the highest  
**STUDY POPULATION** | **LIVING WITH** | **AT RISK** population

Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ	13,821	4,306	408
Tucson, AZ	2,102	645	59
Lake Havasu City-Kingman, AZ	291	54	4
Prescott, AZ	131	28	-
Flagstaff, AZ	103	30	4
Yuma, AZ	33	15	-

## CALL TO ACTION

*Interventions tailored to the specifics of the context.*

State legislators should prioritize strengthening existing legislation.

Prevention and response interventions should focus on the greater Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale and Tucson metropolitan areas.

Child Protection should focus on **Somali** and **Sudanese** girls between the ages of 5 and 15; and **Ethiopian** girls throughout their childhood and adolescence.

*All estimates are subject to both sampling and nonsampling error.*

For more granular prevalence data contact [info@theahafoundation.org](mailto:info@theahafoundation.org)

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