AHA FOUNDATION STUDY FINDINGS ON FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION IN THE U.S.

FLORIDA

STATE DATA

Based on 2015-2019 American Community Survey population estimates.

32,154

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

9,743
Women and girls who were likely LIVING
WITH FGM/C

543
Girls who were likely
AT RISK of FGM/C

STATE LEGISLATION AND POLICY LANDSCAPE

STATUS

Deficient Existing Legislation¹, Needs Strengthening

IMPROVE BY ADDING

Education and Outreach;
Comprehensive Expanded
Definition of FGM/C; Civil
Cause of Action; Extended
Civil Statute of Limitations;
Specification that Culture,
Ritual, Religion are Not
Defenses to Prosecution;
Annual Statistical Reporting;
Mandatory Training for Law
Enforcement; Mandatory
Revocation of Medical License

1 https://bit.ly/3DZYXcG



SUMMARY

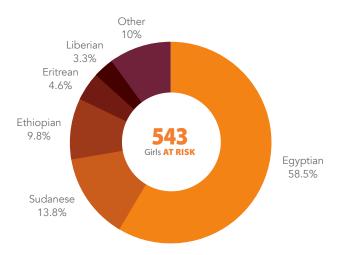
FGM/C prevalence was estimated at 32% within the study population in Florida with over 60% of the impacted population in the state identifying as Egyptian (46%), Nigerian (12.2%) or Indonesian (11%).

It is estimated that **636** women were living with Type 3 FGM/C in Florida. While all survivors may require some level of medical and mental health support, those living with Type 3 would likely require additional medical attention.

70% of those impacted by FGM/C in Florida live in the greater Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach (27%), Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater (26%) and Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford (17%) metropolitan areas.

ETHNIC BREAKDOWN

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



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

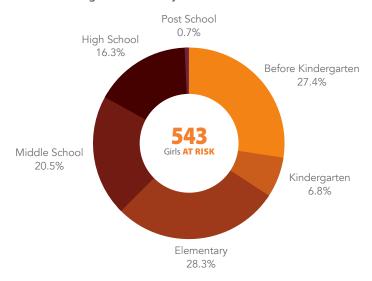
LOW LESS THAN 100 PER STATE AT RISK

MEDIUM TWEEN 100 AND 500 AT RISK HIGH TWEEN 500 AND

HIGHEST BETWEEN 1000 AND 10.000 AT RISK

AGE DISTRIBUTION

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



SPATIAL DISTRIBUTION

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

Hillsborough Broward Miami-Dade Pinellas	4,465 3,784 2,588 1,938	1,169 1,069 800 772	80 74 37 47
Palm Beach	2,608	768	39
Orange	2,645	760	21
Duval	3,069	681	49
Seminole	1,371	545	63
Pasco	1,347	541	22
St Lucie	704	307	11

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

Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach, FL
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL
Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford, FL
Jacksonville, FL
Port St. Lucie, FL
Gainesville, FL
Deltona-Daytona Beach-Ormond Beach, FL
Nort Port-Sarasota-Bradenton, FL
Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville, FL
Pensacola-Ferry Pass-Brent, FL

0.074	2.424	
8,976	2,634	151
7,770	2,482	149
4,768	1,650	93
3,417	776	53
801	345	11
868	286	13
557	230	10
569	198	2
681	182	10
813	164	4

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 Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach, Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater and Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford metropolitan areas.

Child Protection should focus on **Egyptian** girls between the ages of 6 and 14; **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

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