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

GEORGIA

STATE DATA

Based on 2015-2019 American Community Survey population estimates.

58,188 STUDY POPULATON:

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

14,786
Women and girls who were likely LIVING
WITH FGM/C

766
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 of Mandatory
Reporting; Annual Statistical
Reporting; Mandatory
Training for Law Enforcement;
Mandatory Revocation of
Medical License

1 https://bit.ly/3QGiDKr



SUMMARY

FGM/C prevalence was estimated at 26.7% within the study population in Georgia with over 60% of the impacted population in the state identifying as Nigerian (22.1%), Ethiopian (21.5%), Somali (10%) or Egyptian (7.7%).

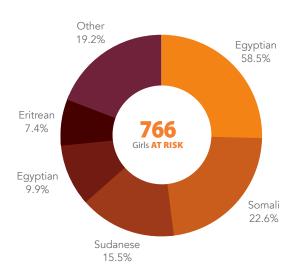
It is estimated that **2,103** women were living with Type 3 FGM/C in Georgia. While all survivors may require some level of medical and mental health support, those living with Type 3 would likely require additional medical attention.

94% of those impacted by FGM/C in Georgia live in the greater Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell metropolitan area.

An estimated 150 women and girls from the **Dawoodi Bohra** community live in Georgia and are not included in the population extrapolation calculation.

ETHNIC BREAKDOWN

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



NOTE: Nigerian 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.

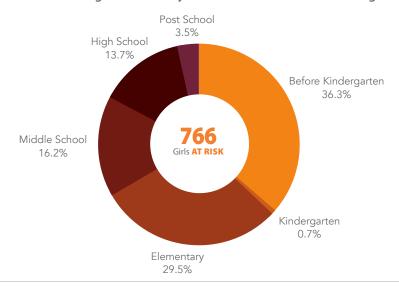
STATE PREVALENCE RANKING

LOW
LESS THAN 100
PER STATE AT RISK

MEDIUM ETWEEN 100 AND HIGH ETWEEN 500 AND 1.000 AT RISK HIGHEST BETWEEN 1000 AND

AGE DISTRIBUTION

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



SPATIAL DISTRIBUTION

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

DeKalb Gwinnett Cobb Fulton Clayton Henry Forsyth Clarke Douglas Fayette	14,129 14,750 8,507 6,119 3,005 2,148 1,111 826 1,397 522	4,645 3,795 1,754 1,494 523 325 254 182 174	403 92 84 70 31 11 20 1
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Metropolitan Areas with the highest STUDY POPULATION | LIVING WITH | AT RISK population

Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA Chattanooga, TN Augusta-Richmond County, GA Gainesville, GA

54,066	13,849	727
639	152	7
440	142	15
263	22	1

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 Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell metropolitan area.

Child Protection should focus on **Ethiopian** girls throughout their childhood and adolescence; **Somali** and **Sudanese** girls between the ages of 5 and 15; and **Egyptian** girls between the ages of 6 and 14.

All estimates are subject to both sampling and nonsampling error.

For more granular prevalence data contact info@theahafoundation.org

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