

STATE DATA

Based on 2015-2019 American Community
Survey population estimates.

41,437

STUDY POPULATION:

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

9,416

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

697

Girls who were likely
AT RISK of FGM/C

STATE LEGISLATION AND POLICY LANDSCAPE

STATUS

Adequate **Existing Legislation**¹,
Needs Strengthening

IMPROVE BY ADDING

Specification of Mandatory
Reporting; Annual Statistical
Reporting; Specification of
Ability to Prosecute Parents/
Guardians; Mandatory
Training for Law Enforcement;
Mandatory Revocation of
Medical License

¹ <https://bit.ly/47D6A6r>

SUMMARY

FGM/C prevalence was estimated at 24.4% within the study population in Massachusetts with over 60% of the impacted population in the state identifying as Egyptian (20.9%), Somali (17%), Ethiopian (13.8%) or Nigerian (13.7%).

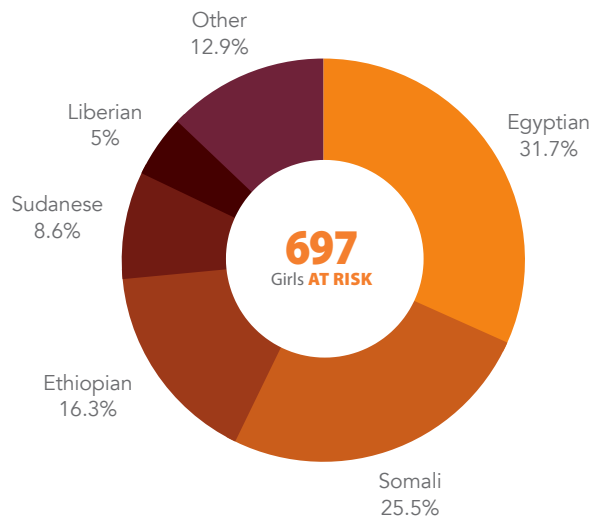
It is estimated that 1,643 women were living with Type 3 FGM/C in Massachusetts. While all survivors may require some level of medical and mental health support, those living with Type 3 would likely require additional medical attention.

Most of those impacted by FGM/C in Massachusetts live in the greater Boston-Cambridge-Newton and Providence-Warwick metropolitan areas.

An estimated 270 women and girls from the **Dawoodi Bohra** community live in Massachusetts 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 Massachusetts



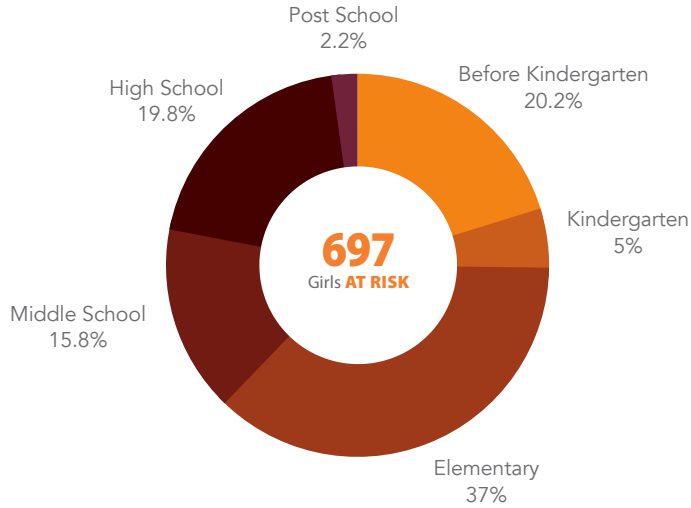
NOTE: Nigerian and Indonesian girls are likely underrepresented in this data since they are cut at a very young age, resulting in most girls being encoded as already living with FGM/C.

STATE PREVALENCE RANKING



AGE DISTRIBUTION

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



SPATIAL DISTRIBUTION

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

Middlesex	13,885	2,810	219
Suffolk	8,167	2,711	98
Norfolk	3,398	1,013	82
Worcester	6,924	965	124
Essex	3,197	583	31
Bristol	1,672	488	28
Hampden	1,452	333	85
Plymouth	1,590	293	19
Hampshire	374	80	6
Franklin	229	49	2

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

Boston-Cambridge-Newton, MA-NH	31,343	7,801	480
Providence-Warwick, RI-MA	7,647	1,845	95
Worcester, MA-CT	6,852	924	109
Springfield, MA	1,658	376	90
Pittsfield, MA	305	42	6
Barnstable Town, MA	244	48	-

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 Boston-Cambridge-Newton and Providence-Warwick metropolitan areas.

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

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