

## COMBINED STATE DATA

Based on 2015-2019 American Community Survey population estimates.

**12,652**

### STUDY POPULATION:

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

**2,757**

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

**155**

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

## STATE LEGISLATION AND POLICY LANDSCAPE

### STATUS

Deficient Existing Legislation (**Delaware**<sup>1</sup>), and Severely Deficient Existing Legislation (**Rhode Island**<sup>2</sup> & **Vermont**<sup>3</sup>) Needs Strengthening

1 <https://bit.ly/3Lgt0zj>

2 <https://bit.ly/3Pc7pwd>

3 <https://bit.ly/3saH7kC>

## SUMMARY

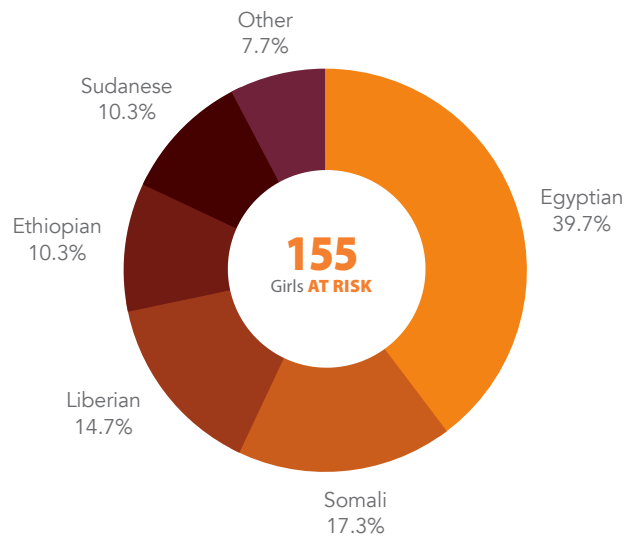
FGM/C prevalence was estimated at 23.0% within the study population in Delaware, Rhode Island and Vermont. The majority of the impacted population in Delaware and Rhode Island identify as Nigerian (24.9%), Liberian (21.4%) or Egyptian (20.5%), while most of the impacted population in Vermont identify as Somali (48.9%) or Sudanese (28.0%).

It is estimated that **264** women were living with Type 3 FGM/C in Delaware (25.4%), Rhode Island (26.5%) and Vermont (48.1%). 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 live in the greater Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD, Providence-Warwick, RI and Burlington-South Burlington, VT metropolitan areas.

## ETHNIC BREAKDOWN

Ethnic breakdown of girls most likely to be **AT RISK** of FGM/C in Delaware, Rhode Island, and Vermont



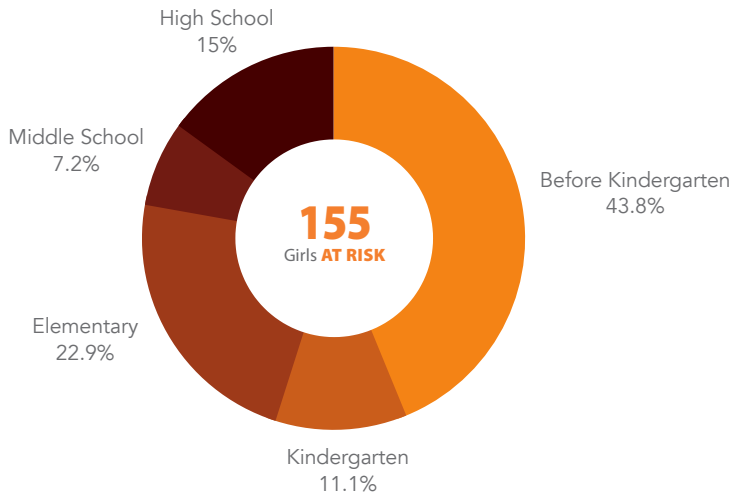
NOTE: Nigerian and Indonesian girls are likely underrepresented in this data since they are cut at a very young age, resulting in most girls being encoded as already living with FGM/C.

## STATE PREVALENCE RANKING



## AGE DISTRIBUTION

Distribution of girls most likely to be **AT RISK** of FGM/C in Delaware, Rhode Island, and Vermont



## SPATIAL DISTRIBUTION

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

Providence, RI	5,278	1,179	45
New Castle, DE	4,638	957	37
Kent, DE	1,179	247	6
Chittenden, VT	319	127	32
Washington, RI	332	95	16
Kent, RI	222	50	2
Franklin, VT	94	37	9
Sussex, DE	193	16	2
Newport, RI	73	16	3
Bristol, RI	43	9	2

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

Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD	36,502	9,054	583
Providence-Warwick, RI	7,647	1,845	95
Dover, DE	1,174	246	6
Salisbury, MD-DE	1,001	275	12
Burlington-South Burlington, VT	428	170	43

## CALL TO ACTION

*Interventions tailored to the specifics of the context.*

Prevention and response interventions should focus on the greater Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD, Providence-Warwick, RI and Burlington-South Burlington, VT metropolitan areas.

Child Protection in DE and RI should focus on **Egyptian** girls between the ages of 6 and 14; and **Liberian** girls from birth throughout their adolescence. Child Protection in VT should focus on **Somali** and **Sudanese** girls between the ages of 5 and 15.

State legislators should prioritize strengthening existing legislation.

DE Improve Legislation by Adding: Education and Outreach; Comprehensive Expanded Definition of FGM/C; Prohibition of Transporting for FGM/C; Civil Cause of Action; Extended Civil Statute of Limitations; Annual Statistical Reporting; Mandatory Training for Law Enforcement; Mandatory Revocation of Medical License

RI Improve Legislation by Adding: Education and Outreach; Comprehensive Expanded Definition of FGM/C; Prohibition of Transporting for FGM/C; Civil Cause of Action; Extended Civil Statute of Limitations; Specification that Culture, Ritual, Religion are Not Defenses to Prosecution; Specification of Mandatory Reporting; Annual Statistical Reporting; Specification of Ability to Prosecute Parents/Guardian; Mandatory Training for Law Enforcement; Mandatory Revocation of Medical License

VT Improve Legislation by Adding: Felony Offense for All FGM/C Types; Education and Outreach; Civil Cause of Action; Extended Civil Statute of Limitations; Specification of Mandatory Reporting; Annual Statistical Reporting; Specification of Ability to Prosecute Parents/Guardian; Mandatory Training for Law Enforcement; Mandatory Revocation of Medical License

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

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