

STATE DATA

Based on 2015-2019 American Community
Survey population estimates.

67,960

STUDY POPULATION:

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

21,644

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

1,598

Girls who were likely
AT RISK of FGM/C

STATE LEGISLATION AND POLICY LANDSCAPE

STATUS

Deficient **Existing Legislation**¹,
Needs Strengthening

IMPROVE BY ADDING

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

¹ <https://bit.ly/3RANsAv>

SUMMARY

FGM/C prevalence was estimated at 34.2% within the study population in Virginia with over 60% of the impacted population in the state identifying as Ethiopian (37.4%), Egyptian (20%) or Somali (8.1%).

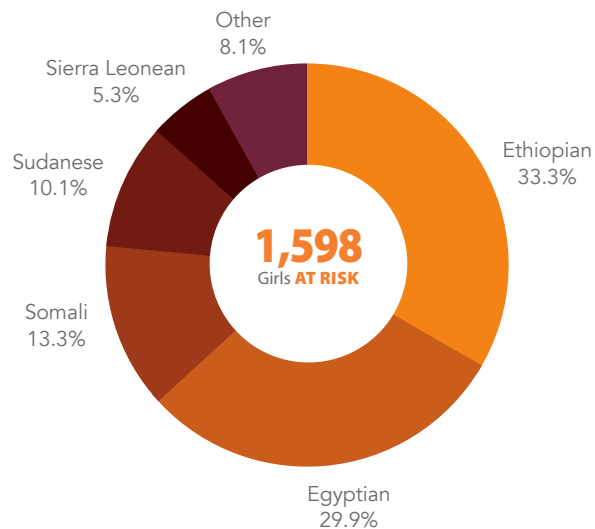
It is estimated that **3,495** women were living with Type 3 FGM/C in Virginia. While all survivors may require some level of medical and mental health support, those living with Type 3 would likely require additional medical attention.

Most of those impacted by FGM/C in Virginia live in the greater Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, Richmond and Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News metropolitan areas.

An estimated 100 women and girls from the **Dawoodi Bohra** community live in Virginia 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 Virginia

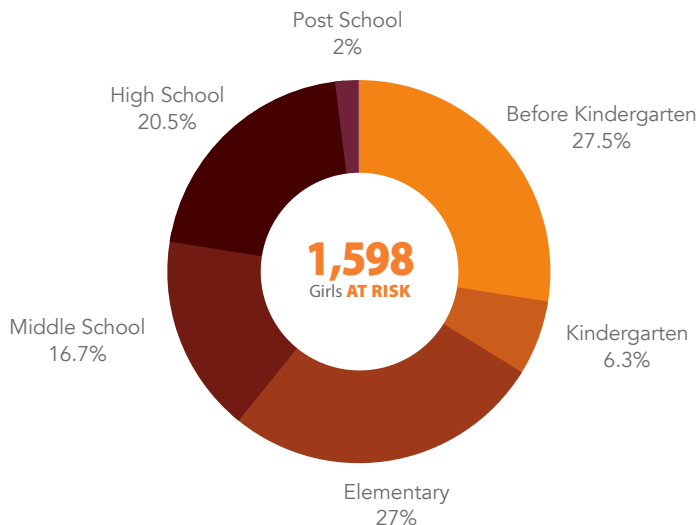


STATE PREVALENCE RANKING



AGE DISTRIBUTION

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



SPATIAL DISTRIBUTION

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

Fairfax	24,047	9,238	572
Alexandria city	8,502	3,763	183
Prince William	10,731	2,202	166
Arlington	4,037	1,567	96
Loudoun	3,737	1,243	75
Henrico	2,563	647	125
Richmond city	1,359	274	31
Virginia Beach city	778	236	16
Newport News city	764	176	34
Chesapeake city	805	173	31

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

Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV	133,213	39,001	2,008
Richmond, VA	5,145	1,187	175
Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News, VA-NC	3,989	992	103
Harrisonburg, VA	942	197	17
Blackburg-Christiansburg-Radford, VA	603	164	2
Lynchburg, VA	552	96	19
Roanoke, VA	235	81	2

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 Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, Richmond and Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News metropolitan areas.

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

All estimates are subject to both sampling and nonsampling error.

For more granular prevalence data contact info@theahafoundation.org

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