

STATE DATA

Based on 2015-2019 American Community
Survey population estimates.

6,788

STUDY POPULATION:

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

2,259

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

235

Girls who were likely
AT RISK of FGM/C

STATE LEGISLATION AND POLICY LANDSCAPE

STATUS

Deficient **Existing Legislation**¹,
Needs Strengthening

IMPROVE BY ADDING

Comprehensive Expanded
Definition of FGM/C; 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

¹ <https://bit.ly/3qCBoDS>

SUMMARY

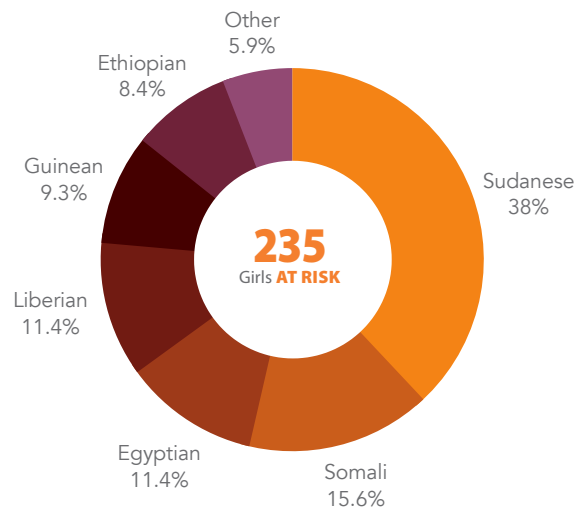
FGM/C prevalence was estimated at 36.7% within the study population in Iowa with over 60% of the impacted population in the state identifying as Sudanese (36.6%), Somali (11.7%), Egyptian (11.5%) or Ethiopian (8.5%).

It is estimated that **898** women were living with Type 3 FGM/C in Iowa. 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 Iowa live in the greater Omaha-Council Bluffs and Des Moines-West Des Moines metropolitan areas.

ETHNIC BREAKDOWN

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

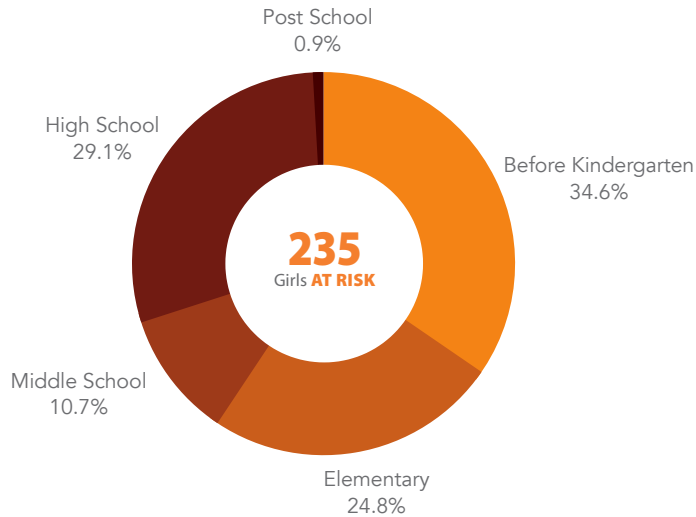


STATE PREVALENCE RANKING



AGE DISTRIBUTION

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



SPATIAL DISTRIBUTION

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

Polk	3,250	938	146
Johnson	926	344	-
Linn	483	166	2
Dallas	389	160	14
Woodbury	174	48	-
Buena Vista	62	36	2
Carroll	62	36	2
Wapello	56	32	2
Crawford	49	29	2
Warren	91	23	4

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

Omaha-Council Bluffs, NE-IA	4,377	1,562	350
Des Moines-West Des Moines, IA	3,883	1,159	169
Iowa City, IA	926	344	-

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 Omaha-Council Bluffs and Des Moines-West Des Moines metropolitan areas.

Child Protection should focus on **Sudanese** and **Somali** girls between the ages of 5 and 15; **Egyptian** girls between the ages of 6 and 14; and **Liberian** girls between the ages of 0 and 19.

All estimates are subject to both sampling and nonsampling error.

For more granular prevalence data contact info@theahafoundation.org

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