

# 2021 PRESS KIT

This information is to assist you in covering stories related to the Missing & Murdered Indigenous Peoples Walk & Vigil Spokane, WA -- May 5, 2021. Feel free to use any of the statistics, links to the reports are included for your reference.



There are 103 Missing Native American Persons identified by the Washington State Patrol as of 4/1/2021.

52 Cases (50.5% of the total number of cases) originate in Eastern Washington in the 509 Area Code:

- Spokane Police Department -- 6
- Spokane County Sheriff's Office -- 3
- Colville Tribal Police Department - 7
- Omak Police Department -- 1
- Lincoln County Sheriff's Office -- 1
- Yakama Nation Tribal Police Department -- 29
- Yakima County Sheriff's Office -- 1
- Yakima Police Department -- 1
- Toppenish Police Department -- 1
- Klickitat County Sheriff's Office -- 1

In Spokane, 5 of the 9 cases are children, between the ages of 14 and 17. Statewide, nearly 40 percent of the active cases involve children under the age of 18.

Source: [Missing Native American Persons as of 04/01/21 Washington State Patrol: Missing Native American Persons](#)

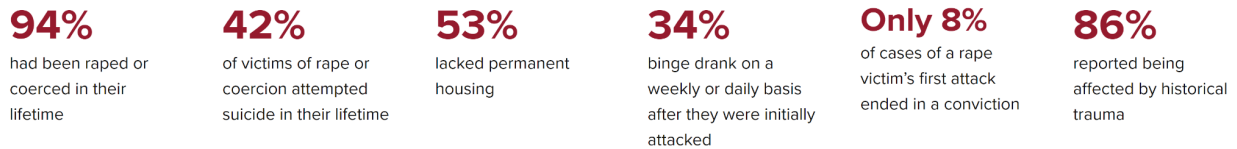
More than four in five American Indian and Alaska Native women and men have experienced violence in their lifetime, and more than one in three experienced violence in the past year, according to a 2016 report from the National Institute of Justice.

As stated by the Native American Coalition, "Missing and murdered indigenous women have disappeared not once, but three times, in life, in the media and in the data."

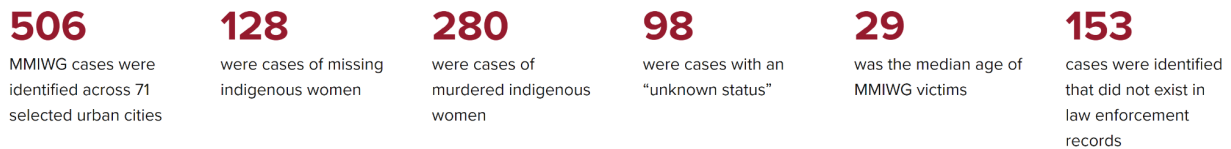
**Native women living on tribal lands are murdered at an extremely high rate of more than 10 times the national average according to Department of Justice (DOJ).**

Source: Washington State Patrol [Missing and Murdered Native American Women Legislative Report](#). Captain Monica Alexander. June 2019.

Sexual violence statistics from survey of 148 Native women in Seattle, Washington



MMIWG statistics from a survey of 71 cities across the United States



“Missing And Murdered Indigenous Women And Girls” Urban Indian Health Institute. 2018. [Our Bodies, Our Stories – Urban Indian Health Institute](#) This report is the second of the Our Bodies, Our Stories series. Urban Indian Health Institute is a division of the Seattle Indian Health Board.

*Missing and  
Murdered  
Indigenous  
Women &  
Girls: Data  
From 71 Cities*

**THIS IS AN UNDERCOUNT.  
WE KNOW THERE ARE  
MORE VICTIMS.**

- 506** MMIWG cases were identified across 71 selected urban cities
- 128** were cases of missing Indigenous women
- 280** were cases of murdered Indigenous women
- 98** were cases with an "unknown status"
- 29** The median age of MMIWG victims



According to a study by the National Institute of Justice, 84 percent of native women have experienced violence in their lifetime. This includes 56 percent who have experienced sexual violence, 56 percent who have experienced physical violence by an intimate partner, 49 percent who have experienced stalking and 66 percent who have experienced psychological aggression by an intimate partner.

In 2016 alone, the National Crime Information Center noted there were 5,712 known murdered and missing indigenous women.

**MORE NEWS COVERAGE FROM THE REGION RELATED TO MMIP:**

Jenny Slagle [MISSING BUT NOT FORGOTTEN](#) interview with Luke Baumgartner on the podcast Range.

[Donell Barlow: Join us to support our Native American women](#) May 2, 2021  
Spokesman Review

[MMIW Silent No More: Scene of the Crime Podcast](#) - April 24, 2021

[Group of Men Trek Across America to Bring Awareness to MMIW](#)

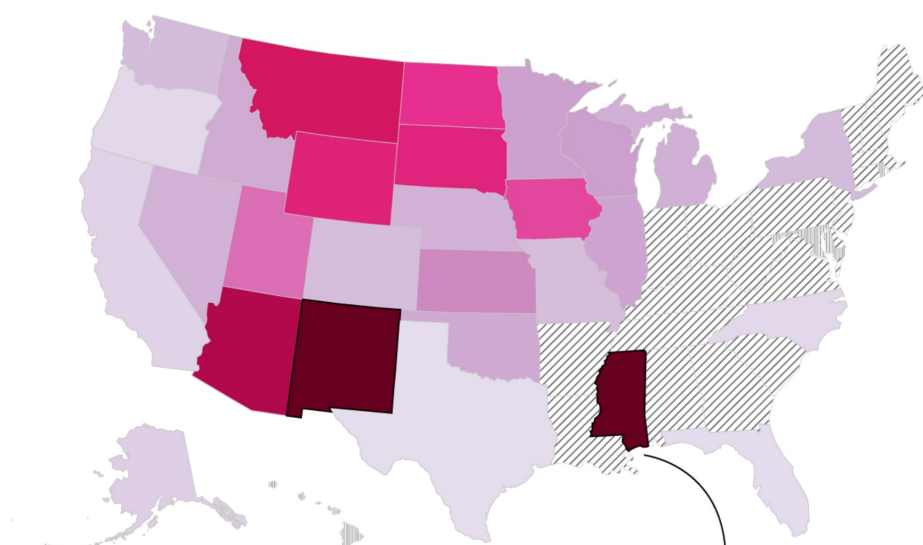
[Newhouse renews plea for special federal office in Yakima to focus on missing, murdered Indigenous women](#)

[Four names added to WSP's list of missing and murdered Indigenous people](#)

[Tribal Law Enforcement expert hired to coordinate Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Program in Washington](#)

### **Covid-19 deaths among indigenous residents, by state**

Covid deaths per 100,000 people  
0  500+



One in every 127 indigenous people in Mississippi have died of Covid-19.

<https://www.apmresearchlab.org/covid/deaths-by-race#counts-over-time>

At least 5,477 Indigenous Americans have lost their lives to COVID-19 through Tuesday, March 2. There were 973 new deaths reported among Indigenous people since our last report four weeks earlier, which is a slight acceleration of losses over the preceding four weeks (956).

For each 100,000 Americans (of their respective group), about 256 Indigenous people have died from the coronavirus, the highest actual mortality rate of all racial and ethnic groups. Asian (96), Latino (147), White (150), Pacific Islander (177) and Black Americans (180) have a lower actual mortality rate than Indigenous people.