

MMIWG Fact Sheet



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1. More than 2380 people participated in the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, some in more ways than one. ¹
2. The National Inquiry's findings supported characterizing acts against Indigenous people, including violence against Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQQIA people as genocide. ²
3. Researchers have reported that Indigenous women and girls are 12 times more likely to be murdered or missing than other women in Canada, and 16 times more likely than Caucasian women. ³
4. Indigenous women are sexually assaulted three times more often than non-Indigenous women, and most of the women and children trafficked in Canada are Indigenous. ⁴
5. In one Ontario study researchers found that 73% of gender-diverse and two-spirited Indigenous people experienced some form of violence, with 43% having experienced physical and/or sexual violence. ⁵
6. The National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls made 231 Calls for Justice. ⁶



The Native Women's Association first started lobbying the federal government in 2002 to address the systemic violence against Indigenous women and girls. Our Sisters in Spirit project created the first and only database of MMIWG in Canada, listing 582 cases of missing and murdered Indigenous women.

Despite the success of this project in raising awareness about the epidemic of violence against Indigenous women, the project was defunded in 2010. However, the list of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls continues to grow.

NWAC continues to support and advocate on behalf of Indigenous women and their families who have lost loved ones. NWAC calls on the Government of Canada to implement, in a meaningful and respectful way, the National Inquiry into Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls 231 Calls for Justice.

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