

# Female Genital Mutilation in the United States

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, female genital mutilation (FGM) is widespread in the United States, where an estimated 500,000 women and girls have been forced to endure the procedure, with many more at risk. Most are migrants from other countries. Federal laws banning its practice have been overturned, thus making it a fully legal “surgical” operation, although few performing it are credentialed medical professionals.

The United Nations has proclaimed an official day for “zero tolerance” of FGM.

