In November 2018, Urban Indian Health Institute (UIHI) released a first-of-its-kind report that provides a comprehensive snapshot of the missing and murdered indigenous women and girls (MMIWG) crisis in urban areas throughout the United States. UIHI identified 506 cases of missing and murdered American Indian and Alaska Native women and girls in 71 cities across 29 states throughout the United States. Due to the poor data collection by numerous cities, the 506 cases identified are likely an undercount of missing and murdered indigenous women and girls in urban areas.

**THE DATA**

- **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** was the median age of MMIWG victims

Visit UIHI.ORG to read the full MMIWG report. Contents in the report may be triggering.
HOW YOU CAN HELP

UIHI’s report has influenced legislation throughout the country and helped bring national attention to the issue. Here are some ways you can help keep the conversation going:

▪ Hold MMIWG awareness events in your area.

▪ Hold police departments accountable by ensuring they are taking the necessary steps to collect information on MMIWG cases.

▪ Educate and inform policymakers—city council members, representatives, senators, governors, mayors, and tribal officials—with data from UIHI’s report or other relevant information.

▪ Advocate for more funding to address MMIWG in your area.

The research and development of UIHI’s report were done with only $20,000 and two researchers. Even with the small budget and limited resources, UIHI was able to find 506 MMIWG cases, 153 of which were not even in law enforcement records.

There is much more work to be done to make sure Native women and girls are safe. You can help by donating at sihb.org/donate and make a note that you are donating for MMIWG research.

Bringing to light the stories of these women through data is an integral part of moving toward an end to this epidemic of violence.