

VIOLENCE AGAINST INDIGENOUS WOMEN

All Indigenous women are beautiful, strong people. They are mothers, daughters, sisters, cousins, aunts and grandmothers. Indigenous women are sacred and yet they face life threatening, gender-based violence and disproportionately experience violent crimes because of hatred and racism.

- 🌀 Decades of government policy have impoverished and broken apart indigenous families and communities, leaving many indigenous women and girls extremely vulnerable to exploitation and attack. (No More Stolen Sisters: Justice for the missing and murdered Indigenous women of Canada (Amnesty International))
- 🌀 Indigenous women are three to five times more likely to be victims of violence.
- 🌀 Indigenous women and girls are over-represented among Canada's Missing and Murdered Women, with approximately 1200 Missing and Murder women and girls.
- 🌀 Indigenous women make up 16% of all murdered women, and 11% of missing, and yet only make up 4.3% of the Canadian population (Indigenous female population data based on Census data and the 2011 Statistics Canada National Household Survey)
- 🌀 Indigenous women and girls are most likely to be killed by a stranger than non-indigenous women; almost 17% of those charged were strangers. (Native Women's Association of Canada (2010c). What their Stories Tell Us: research findings from the sisters of spirit initiative. Ottawa: NWAC)
- 🌀 In about 8 of 10 (79%) of violent incidents involving Indigenous women as victims, the predator was male. (Statistics Canada 2009)
- 🌀 Indigenous women experience higher rates and more severe forms of intimate partner and spousal violence.
- 🌀 Indigenous women are also disproportionately represented as homicide victims in Canada. (measuring violence against women: statistical trends-Key findings)
- 🌀 Indigenous women face life threatening, gender-based violence and disproportionately experience violent crimes because of hatred and racism. (Native Women's Association of Canada NWAC)
- 🌀 6 out of 10 incidents of violent crime against Indigenous women are thought to go unreported. (Native Women's Association of Canada NWAC)