



NM Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women & Relatives Task Force



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Report Findings

- Data is not being collected consistently across jurisdictions.
- Federal funding is not enough to meet the exceptional need that exists on tribal lands.
- Limited manpower prevents police from dedicating adequate resources to investigate cases of missing persons.
- Service providers need training about the realities of violence experienced by high-risk populations such as youth and Trans/2S+ LGBTQ and their heightened victimization risks.



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Data Findings

- Missing Persons Data
 - Albuquerque Police Department
 - Total Female (2014-2019): 287 (43%)
 - Total Male (2014-2019): 373 (57%)
 - Gallup Police Department
 - Total Missing Persons Between 2014-2019: 675
 - Of this total 53% were women
 - Native Americans comprise 76% of all the missing person cases
 - Farmington Police Department
 - Total Missing Persons Between 2014-2019: 73 (70 cases resolved)
 - Of this total 48.5% were Native American and 66% were missing Native American females
- Data from two NM Counties (San Juan and McKinley) showed that AI/AN missing persons tend to be younger than missing persons from other racial and ethnic groups.



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Data Findings

- Murder/Homicide Data
- The Albuquerque Police Department also provided our team with data on murdered persons in 2018-2019. There were nine Native Americans who were murdered over this time period whose cases were solved; eight of those nine victims were men.
- The Gallup police department data indicates that in 2014-2019, there were 15 homicide cases in Gallup;
 - Among those 15 cases, 13 were Native American. This means a robust 87% of all homicide cases in Gallup during this period were Native American.
- Between 2013 and 2017, Native Americans had significantly higher homicide rates compared to Hispanics and whites.
- Native American women in New Mexico have the highest rate of homicide among all racial and ethnic groups.



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Next Steps

- Continue support for the MMIWR Task Force so it can complete the data collection initiatives that were not able to get accomplished during this first year.
- Create a dedicated MMIWR position within state government to continue leading the task force and to start implementing the task force recommendations.
- Expand Task Force membership to include more representatives and community voices.



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Missing Person Case File Overview

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Murder Case File Overview

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Thank you!

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