



**Urban Indian  
Health Institute**  
A Division of the Seattle Indian Health Board

# DECOLONIZING DATA: RESTORING CULTURE, BUILDING BEAUTY

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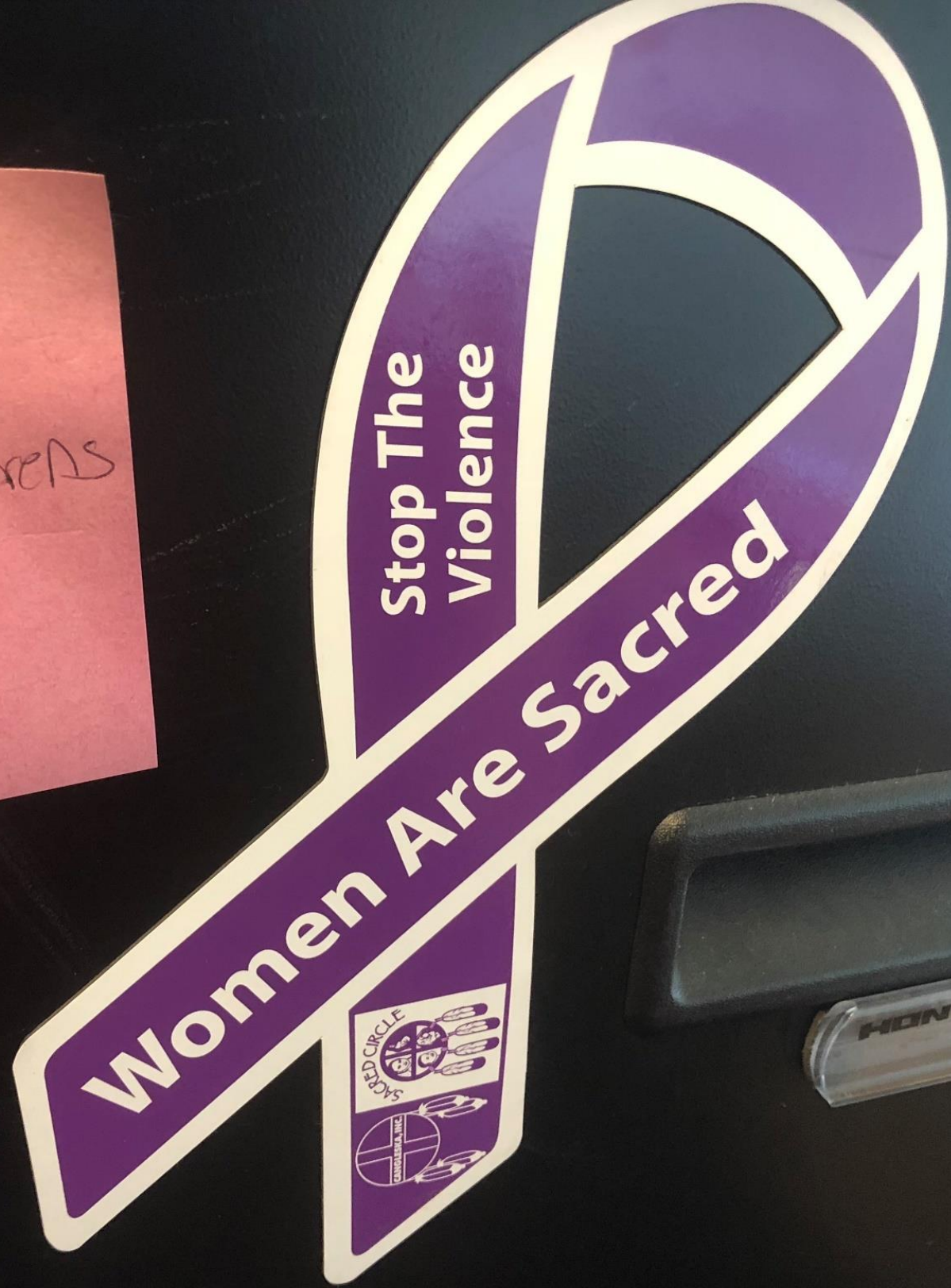
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songs for  
your children  
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# OUR BODIES, OUR STORIES

**94%** had been raped or coerced in their lifetime.

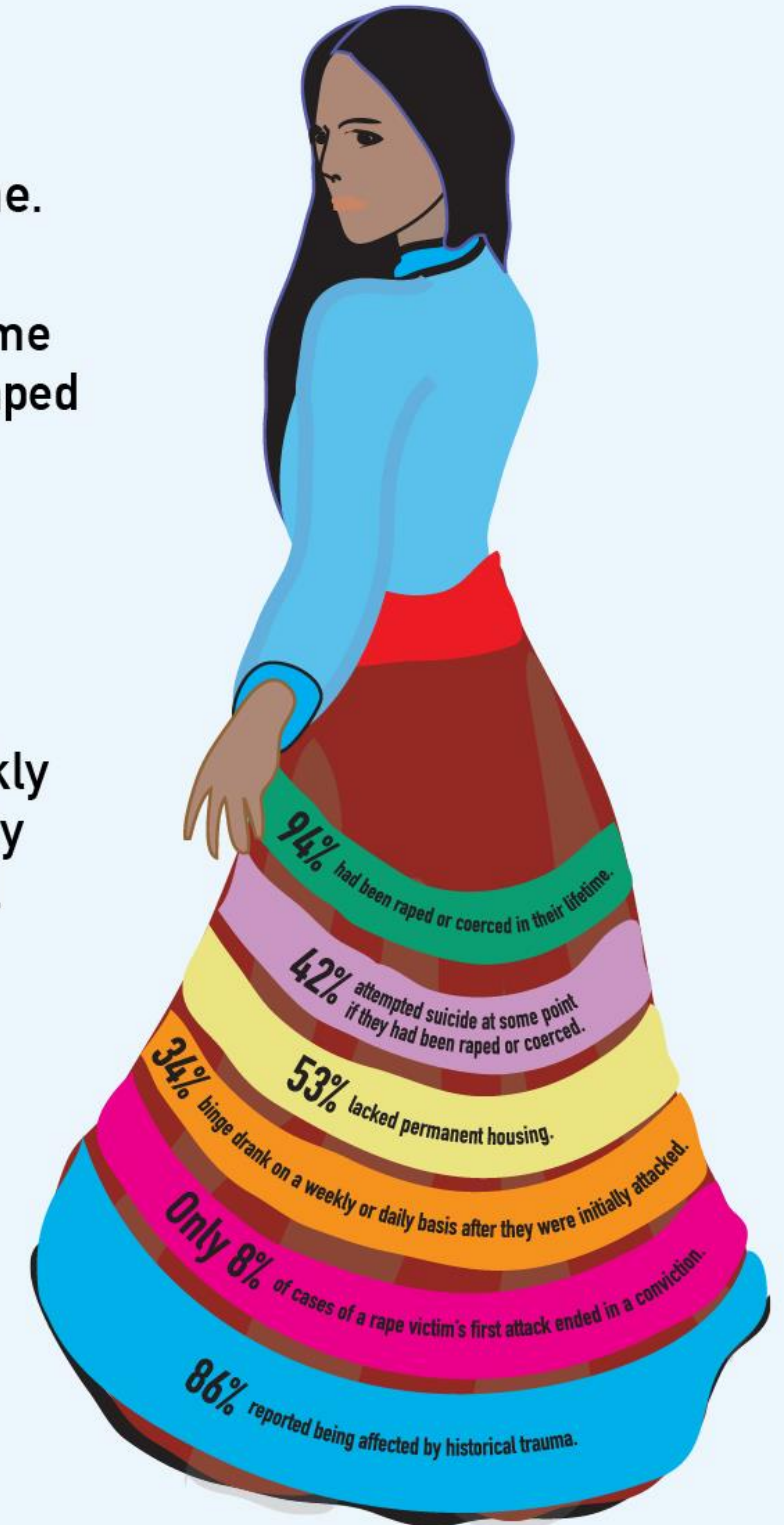
**42%** attempted suicide at some point if they had been raped or coerced.

**53%** lacked permanent housing.

**34%** binge drank on a weekly or daily basis after they were initially attacked.

**ONLY 8%** of cases of a rape victim's first attack ended in a conviction.

**86%** reported being affected by historical trauma.



**Urban Indian Health Institute uses non-Hispanic whites as a comparison group for American Indian and Alaska Native health outcomes in recognition that this population continues to benefit from structural racism that has created and perpetuated health disparities in the United States. UIHI refers to this group as “beneficiaries of structural racism, non-Hispanic whites”.**



*Warrants Outstanding Contingent Fund*

April	1	Warrants Paid	119	81,330	Apr 1 Wts Outstanding	98,406.00
"	30-07	So Balance Per List		88,800	" 30-07 Wts Outstanding	98,585.50
May	31-07	Warrants Paid	372	19,699.50	May 31-07 Wts Outstanding	19,699.10
"	31-07	Warrants Outstanding		372,000	" 31-07 Wts Outstanding	18,888.70
June	30	Warrants Paid	129	2,860.32	June 30 Wts Outstanding	10,086.40
June	30-07	Warrants Outstanding		2,899.59	June 30-07 Wts Outstanding	2,897.52
July	31-07	Warrants Outstanding			July 31-07 Wts Outstanding	2,860.32
"	"	Warrants Outstanding			" " Wts Outstanding	9,716.50
Aug	31-07	Wts. Outstanding		41,383.75	Aug 31-07 Wts Outstanding	3,831.97
Sept	30-07	Wts. Outstanding		41,383.75	Sept 30-07 Wts Outstanding	23,861.70
"	"	Wts. Outstanding		51,231.35	" " Wts Outstanding	9,865.60
Oct	31	Wts. Outstanding		51,231.35	Oct 31 Wts Outstanding	33,727.30
Nov.	30	Wts. Paid		6,072.57	Nov 30 Wts Outstanding	31,010.80
"	"	Wts. Outstanding		5,280.00	" " Wts Outstanding	1,037.29
Dec	31	Wts. Outstanding		70,177.40	Dec 31 Wts Outstanding	41,383.70
Jan	31	Wts. Outstanding		51,485.70	Jan 31 Wts Outstanding	9,847.60
"	"	Wts. Outstanding		27,371.20	" " Wts Outstanding	51,231.30
Feb	29	Wts. Outstanding		78,856.00	Feb 29 Wts Outstanding	51,231.30
Mar	31	Wts. Outstanding		14,277.75	Mar 31 Wts Outstanding	9,494.40
"	"	Wts. Outstanding		22,560.00	" " Wts Outstanding	6,072.57
Apr	30	Wts. Outstanding		36,939.80	Apr 30 Wts Outstanding	6,072.57
May	31	Wts. Outstanding		16,604.25	May 31 Wts Outstanding	9,451.70
"	"	Wts. Outstanding		15,379.35	" " Wts Outstanding	7,017.74
June	30	Wts. Outstanding		19,836.00	June 30 Wts Outstanding	6,966.94
July	31	Wts. Outstanding		9,251.60	July 31 Wts Outstanding	9,186.90
"	"	Wts. Outstanding		16,836.00	" " Wts Outstanding	7,885.64
Aug	31	Wts. Outstanding			Aug 31 Wts Outstanding	2,737.12
Sept	30	Wts. Outstanding			Sept 30 Wts Outstanding	9,568.60
Oct	31	Wts. Outstanding			Oct 31 Wts Outstanding	3,693.98
Nov	30	Wts. Outstanding			Nov 30 Wts Outstanding	2,560.00
Dec	31	Wts. Outstanding			Dec 31 Wts Outstanding	9,423.50
Jan	31	Wts. Outstanding			Jan 31 Wts Outstanding	1,983.60
Feb	29	Wts. Outstanding			Feb 29 Wts Outstanding	1,983.60
Mar	31	Wts. Outstanding			Mar 31 Wts Outstanding	1,537.93
"	"	Wts. Outstanding			" " Wts Outstanding	1,537.93

DECOLONIZE DATA



REVISION APR 30

# Decolonize Data Grantees

**American Indian Cancer Foundation**, Saint Paul, MN

**American Indian Health Service of Chicago**, Chicago, IL

**Center for Native American Youth at the Aspen Institute**,  
Washington, DC

**Data for Indigenous Justice**, Anchorage, AK

**Data Warriors Lab**, Lame Deer, MT

**Little Earth Residents Association**, Minneapolis, MN

**Lower Brule Community College**, Lower Brule, SD

**National Indian Education Association**, Washington, DC

**Native Conservancy**, Cordova, AK

**Natives for Community Engagement and Equity**,  
West Linn, OR

**New Mexico Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs**,  
Albuquerque, NM

**Red Lake Nation Emergency Youth Shelter**,  
Red Lake, MN

**So'oh-Shinálí Sister Project**, Commerce, CA

**Texas Tribal Buffalo Project**, Waelder, TX

**Ttawaxt Birth Justice Center**, Wapato, WA

**Indigenous Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias  
Data Advisory Group**, New Orleans, LA

**Urban Indigenous Collective**, New York, NY



**THIS IS AN UNDERCOUNT.  
WE KNOW THERE ARE  
MORE VICTIMS.**

**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** The median age of MMIWG victims



# MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN & GIRLS

“...our crime systems are not flexible enough to pick out Native Americans from others in the system...”

“[Many] Native Americans adopted Hispanic names back during colonial times...Our crime systems are not flexible enough to pick out Native Americans from others in the system...it would be impossible to compile any statistically relevant information for you.”

-Representative from Santa Fe Police Department



A group of people are gathered inside a large tent at night. In the foreground, a man in a yellow tank top and blue jeans is playing a drum. To his left, another man is playing a drum. In the background, a large group of people is gathered, some are singing and some are playing drums. The tent is decorated with a banner that has a zig-zag pattern. The overall atmosphere is festive and communal.

**SING** your  
own **SONG**