

Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women & People (MMIWP) Task Force



WA State Attorney General's Office (AGO)

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Washington State MMIWP Overview

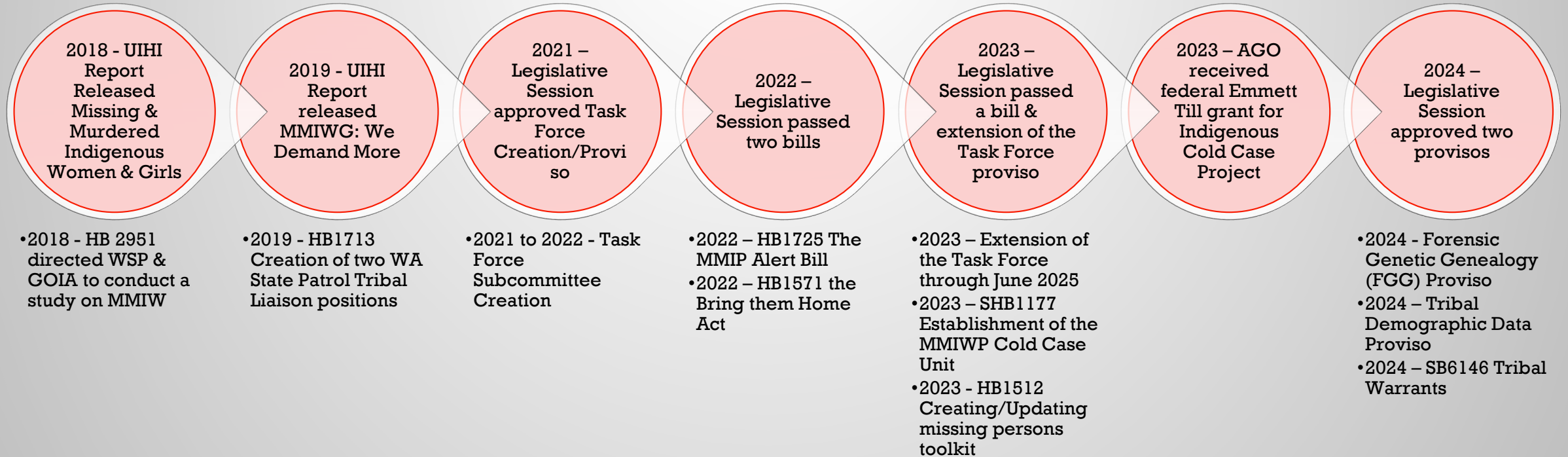


Homicide Investigation Tracking System (HITS) as of 2024

- Total Number of Unsolved/Missing Person cases with Indigenous victims: **114**
- Total Number of Murder/Missing Person cases with Indigenous victims: **457**



MMIWP Task Force timeline



MMIWP Task Force



- **ATNI Presentation by Annie Forsman-Adams**
- **MMIWP Task Force for the WA State Attorney General's Office (AGO) created 2021 extended until June 2025**
- **MMIWP Task Force Proviso appointed 23 Task Force members**
- **MMIWP Task Force created (5) Subcommittees**
 - **Families Subcommittee**
 - **Criminal Justice & Public Safety**
 - **Data & Research**
 - **Community Services & Resources**
 - **Tribes**

Task Force Updates



- Tribal Warrant's Bill – effective 2025
- Forensic Genetic Genealogy Proviso – passed March 2024
- Demographic Data Proviso – passed March 2024

- Missing Indigenous Person's Alert – 100 alerts to date
- Missing Person's Toolkit – update in progress
- Cold Case Unit – fully staffed as of February 2024
- MMIWP Site Visits – Six state wide site visits for community resources & services

Resources

MMIWP Task Force for the WA State Attorney General's Office Webpage:

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