

Based on the information available, here are some key numeric statistics regarding childhood sexual abuse in the U.S.

Prevalence and Incidence

- **Estimated Rates:** Self-report surveys suggest that the actual rates of childhood sexual abuse (CSA) are significantly higher than official reports.
 - Approximately 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 13 boys are estimated to experience CSA.¹
 - Other estimates suggest 1 in 5 girls and 1 in 20 boys are victims.³
 - One study found that 20% of adult females and 5-10% of adult males recall a childhood sexual assault.³
- **Reported Cases (2022):**
 - An estimated 558,899 children were victims of abuse and neglect.¹ Of these, sexual abuse accounted for 11% of cases.¹
- **Victim Demographics:**
 - Girls have a victimization rate of 8.2 per 1,000, which is higher than boys at 7.1 per 1,000.¹
 - 82% of all victims under the age of 18 are female.⁴
 - Children aged 8 to 12 are considered most vulnerable to CSA.⁵
 - American Indian or Alaska Native children have the highest victimization rate at 14.3 per 1,000, followed by African American children at 12.1 per 1,000.¹
 - Children with developmental and intellectual disabilities experience abuse at a rate 3.5 times higher than the average child.¹

Perpetrators and Dynamics of Abuse

- **Perpetrator Demographics:**
 - 93.5% of individuals sentenced for sexual abuse in federal court were men.⁶
 - The average age of individuals sentenced for sexual abuse was 38 years.⁶
 - Juveniles account for approximately 30% of CSA offenders.⁵
- **Relationship to Victim:**
 - 93% of juvenile victims knew their abuser.⁷ Of those, 59% were acquaintances, 34% were family members, and only 7% were strangers.⁷
 - In substantiated abuse cases, 76% of children were victimized by a parent or legal guardian.¹
- **Online Trends:**
 - Federal sexual abuse offenses have increased by 62.5% since fiscal year 2020.⁶
 - The two primary types of offenses in federal cases are the production of child pornography (52.8%) and travel for prohibited sexual conduct (28.3%).⁶

Consequences of Abuse

- **Educational and Economic Impact:**
 - A history of CSA is linked to a 36% to 41% higher likelihood of high school dropout and a 17% to 24% lower likelihood of earning a college degree.⁸
 - Survivors are 6% to 8% less likely to be employed full-time and have a 13% to 19% reduction in their earnings.⁸

- **Financial Cost:**

- The average lifetime cost of rape is estimated to be approximately \$122,461 per victim.⁹ The total economic burden for all victims in the U.S. is estimated at \$3.1 trillion, with government sources bearing about one-third of that cost.⁹