

78%
experienced more than
one event

42%
experienced more than
6
events

11%
experienced child sexual abuse more than
50
times

1 in 12
(8.7%) of people experienced forced sex (rape) in childhood

of people living in Australia have experienced child sexual abuse

1 in 4

young people aged 16 to 24 years old have experienced child sexual abuse.

People aged **65+** reported less of all types of abuse, except for child sexual abuse.

There is a **massive gender disparity**: with child sexual abuse being experienced by more than

1 in 3
more than 1 in 3 girls experienced child sexual abuse

1 in 5
almost 1 in 5 boys experienced child sexual abuse

girls are 2x twice
as likely to experience child sexual abuse as boys

“The gender disparity is a massive, enduring and intolerable injustice. It is within our power to change this. It is imperative that we do so.”

Girls had:

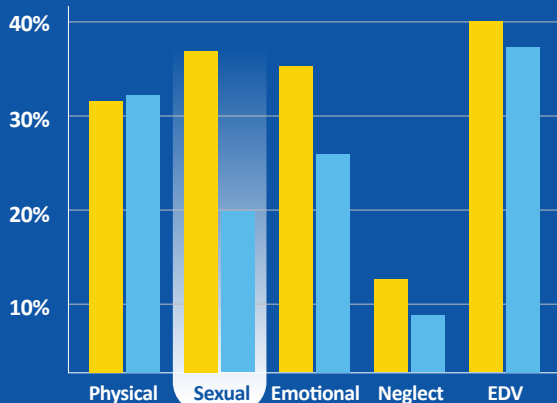
twice the rate of contact sexual abuse by any offender type

triple the rate of any sexual abuse by familial offenders

4X the rate of contact sexual abuse by familial offenders

5X the rate of sexual abuse by current or former romantic partners

Gender differences in maltreatment rates across the whole Australian population



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As a result of child sexual abuse, many people will experience:

attempted suicide and self-harm, cannabis dependence and smoking, and mental health impacts like anxiety, depression and complex trauma.

“Associations between experiences of child maltreatment and mental disorders were strongest for **sexual abuse, emotional abuse and multi-type maltreatment.**”

Who is inflicting child sexual abuse?

Adults

7.8% Parents/adult caregivers in the home
7.5% Other known adults

4.9% Unknown adults
2.0% Institutional adult caregivers

Adolescents

12.9% Known adolescents (aged <18)
1.4% Unknown adolescents (aged <18)