

The 2012 National Survey on Abuse of People with SurveyMonkey Disabilities

1. Which of the following best describes your relationship with people with disabilities? I am a...

	My age group is:					Response Totals
	18 to 25	26 to 40	41 to 60	61 to 80	Over 80	
Person with a disability	43.5% (101)	19.5% (306)	15.2% (525)	18.4% (156)	43.5% (10)	17.9% (1,091)
Parent or family member of a person with a disability	21.6% (50)	29.5% (463)	38.9% (1,341)	39.5% (335)	39.1% (9)	35.9% (2,188)
Direct support worker	17.7% (41)	7.1% (111)	6.9% (236)	4.6% (39)	4.3% (1)	7.0% (424)
Administrator/manager of an organization providing services or supports to people with disabilities	3.4% (8)	15.2% (238)	17.9% (616)	15.8% (134)	8.7% (2)	16.3% (996)
Social Worker in the field of disabilities	5.2% (12)	8.9% (139)	5.7% (198)	5.3% (45)	8.7% (2)	6.5% (396)
Protective Services Professional (CPS or APS)	0.9% (2)	4.5% (70)	5.2% (178)	5.5% (47)	4.3% (1)	4.9% (297)
Mental Health Professional	3.0% (7)	8.6% (135)	5.9% (204)	9.1% (77)	8.7% (2)	7.0% (424)
Peace Officer	0.0% (0)	1.3% (21)	1.4% (49)	0.9% (8)	4.3% (1)	1.3% (79)
Court official (attorney, parole or probation worker, judge)	0.0% (0)	1.5% (24)	1.7% (59)	1.5% (13)	4.3% (1)	1.6% (97)
Policymaker (Legislator or works for one)	0.4% (1)	0.2% (3)	0.1% (4)	0.2% (2)	4.3% (1)	0.2% (11)
Public agency employee	4.7% (11)	4.3% (68)	6.0% (206)	6.6% (56)	13.0% (3)	5.6% (341)
Special Education teacher, aide or administrator	7.8% (18)	6.8% (106)	4.1% (142)	3.4% (29)	4.3% (1)	4.8% (295)

Teacher or administrator (but not in Special Education)	0.9% (2)	1.0% (15)	1.5% (52)	1.8% (15)	4.3% (1)	1.4% (85)
Advocate	15.5% (36)	18.5% (291)	18.0% (621)	20.7% (176)	30.4% (7)	18.5% (1,129)
Concerned Citizen	15.1% (35)	7.0% (110)	7.4% (255)	10.7% (91)	34.8% (8)	8.2% (499)
Other:	11 replies	110 replies	309 replies	98 replies	2 replies	530
answered question	232	1,570	3,445	849	23	6,099
skipped question						321

2. What image first comes to your mind when you hear the word "disability?"

	My age group is:					Response Totals
	18 to 25	26 to 40	41 to 60	61 to 80	Over 80	
A person who uses a wheelchair or has limited mobility	34.5% (67)	32.6% (399)	31.7% (765)	32.7% (186)	40.0% (8)	32.3% (1,422)
A person who is blind or has limited vision	0.5% (1)	0.8% (10)	0.8% (19)	1.4% (8)	0.0% (0)	0.8% (37)
A person who is deaf or is hard of hearing	0.5% (1)	0.7% (9)	0.9% (22)	0.9% (5)	5.0% (1)	0.9% (38)
A person with an intellectual or a developmental disability, e.g., diagnosis of Mental Retardation, Autism, or Cerebral Palsy	56.2% (109)	60.3% (737)	61.5% (1,487)	57.6% (327)	50.0% (10)	60.4% (2,664)
A person who has difficulty speaking clearly or being understood	2.6% (5)	1.0% (12)	1.0% (23)	2.3% (13)	0.0% (0)	1.1% (50)
A person who has mental health problems	5.7% (11)	4.6% (56)	4.1% (100)	5.1% (29)	5.0% (1)	4.5% (197)
Other (please specify)	49 replies	436 replies	1,252 replies	350 replies	6 replies	2,093
answered question	194	1,223	2,416	568	20	4,408
skipped question						2,012

3. Individuals of which disability group do you believe are most abused?

	My age group is:					Response Totals
	18 to 25	26 to 40	41 to 60	61 to 80	Over 80	
A person who uses a wheelchair or has limited mobility	8.2% (19)	4.9% (78)	3.1% (107)	2.3% (19)	4.5% (1)	3.6% (223)
A person who is blind or has limited vision	3.0% (7)	2.4% (38)	1.2% (43)	1.3% (11)	0.0% (0)	1.6% (99)
A person who is deaf or hard of hearing	2.6% (6)	2.5% (39)	2.1% (74)	2.2% (18)	9.1% (2)	2.3% (139)
A person with an intellectual or a developmental disability, e.g., diagnosis of Mental Retardation, Autism, or Cerebral Palsy	58.6% (136)	56.9% (904)	56.5% (1,964)	55.3% (463)	68.2% (15)	56.6% (3,474)
A person who has difficulty speaking clearly or being understood	12.1% (28)	12.9% (205)	10.3% (357)	7.5% (63)	4.5% (1)	10.6% (651)
A person with mental health problems	22.4% (52)	13.9% (221)	13.7% (475)	14.5% (121)	9.1% (2)	14.1% (869)
All are abused at about the same rate	30.2% (70)	32.9% (523)	31.5% (1,097)	33.2% (278)	31.8% (7)	32.0% (1,966)
Other (please specify)	6 replies	63 replies	216 replies	80 replies	4 replies	369
answered question	232	1,589	3,478	837	22	6,142
skipped question						278

4. Who do you believe is the most likely person to abuse people with disabilities?

	My age group is:					Response Totals
	18 to 25	26 to 40	41 to 60	61 to 80	Over 80	
A stranger who a person with a disability encounters alone in a private or public place	11.1% (26)	5.2% (85)	4.8% (174)	6.2% (55)	4.2% (1)	5.3% (340)
Someone with whom he/she is somewhat familiar	22.6% (53)	25.0% (409)	24.8% (895)	21.0% (187)	8.3% (2)	24.2% (1,543)
A caregiver or family member	53.6% (126)	54.8% (895)	44.6% (1,611)	42.8% (381)	37.5% (9)	47.3% (3,014)
All of the above about the same	28.9% (68)	27.7% (453)	34.4% (1,243)	36.9% (328)	54.2% (13)	32.8% (2,093)
answered question	235	1,634	3,615	890	24	6,377
skipped question						43

5. Do you or an immediate family member have a disability? (Note: If both apply, choose one and complete the survey accordingly.)

	My age group is:					Response Totals
	18 to 25	26 to 40	41 to 60	61 to 80	Over 80	
Yes, I have a disability.	44.5% (106)	21.7% (355)	17.7% (642)	20.7% (185)	37.5% (9)	20.1% (1,286)
Yes, I have an immediate family member with a disability.	29.8% (71)	39.8% (651)	51.3% (1,863)	48.9% (438)	33.3% (8)	47.2% (3,021)
No, none of us has a disability.	35.3% (84)	42.6% (698)	35.0% (1,270)	34.1% (305)	37.5% (9)	36.9% (2,360)
answered question	238	1,637	3,630	895	24	6,403
skipped question						17

6. What is your disability, or that of your family member? There are many types of disabilities. We list only the ones that are the most prevalent. (Check all that apply.)

	My age group is:					Response Totals
	18 to 25	26 to 40	41 to 60	61 to 80	Over 80	
Use a wheelchair or have limited mobility	23.6% (34)	23.7% (202)	25.2% (540)	30.9% (164)	53.3% (8)	25.5% (938)
Blind or have limited vision	3.5% (5)	7.6% (65)	6.7% (144)	9.8% (52)	13.3% (2)	7.2% (263)
Deaf or Hard of Hearing	6.9% (10)	10.7% (91)	9.6% (206)	13.6% (72)	40.0% (6)	10.3% (380)
Autism	34.7% (50)	29.7% (253)	27.9% (599)	14.5% (77)	13.3% (2)	26.6% (978)
Intellectual or developmental disability other than Autism e.g., diagnosis of Mental Retardation, Cerebral Palsy or Epilepsy	37.5% (54)	34.8% (296)	40.1% (861)	46.0% (244)	40.0% (6)	39.5% (1,452)
Difficulty speaking clearly or being understood	11.8% (17)	15.0% (128)	16.3% (350)	17.7% (94)	33.3% (5)	15.9% (584)
Mental Health problems	34.7% (50)	29.5% (251)	25.2% (541)	22.4% (119)	13.3% (2)	25.9% (953)
Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder	2.1% (3)	1.6% (14)	3.4% (73)	4.5% (24)	0.0% (0)	3.1% (114)
Other (please specify)	21 replies	153 replies	413 replies	111 replies	1 reply	699
answered question	144	851	2,147	531	15	3,673
skipped question						2,747

7. Have you or your family member with a disability ever experienced abuse?

	My age group is:					
	18 to 25	26 to 40	41 to 60	61 to 80	Over 80	Response Totals
Yes	61.7% (95)	57.2% (536)	64.2% (1,507)	63.1% (371)	46.7% (7)	62.2% (2,504)
No	39.6% (61)	43.9% (411)	37.0% (869)	37.8% (222)	53.3% (8)	38.9% (1,567)
answered question	154	937	2,349	588	15	4,027
skipped question						2,393

8. If yes, what type(s) of abuse have you or your family member experienced? (Check all that apply)

	My age group is:					Response Totals
	18 to 25	26 to 40	41 to 60	61 to 80	Over 80	
Physical abuse (non-sexual)	30.7% (43)	33.5% (275)	34.3% (712)	29.1% (142)	15.4% (2)	33.2% (1,168)
Sexual abuse	23.6% (33)	23.7% (194)	22.4% (464)	21.9% (107)	15.4% (2)	22.7% (798)
Financial abuse	15.7% (22)	13.7% (112)	16.4% (340)	15.2% (74)	7.7% (1)	15.5% (544)
Verbal or Emotional abuse	56.4% (79)	52.4% (430)	54.8% (1,137)	57.0% (278)	46.2% (6)	54.5% (1,918)
Neglect	25.7% (36)	22.8% (187)	24.7% (512)	20.9% (102)	7.7% (1)	23.7% (833)
This question doesn't apply to me	32.1% (45)	36.6% (300)	29.7% (615)	28.5% (139)	38.5% (5)	31.3% (1,102)
Other (please specify and feel free to comment)	17 replies	89 replies	356 replies	105 replies	3 replies	570
answered question	140	820	2,073	488	13	3,519
skipped question						2,901

9. Did you or your family member report the abuse to the proper authorities (police or protective services)?

	My age group is:					Response Totals
	18 to 25	26 to 40	41 to 60	61 to 80	Over 80	
Yes	29.3% (36)	40.9% (278)	46.8% (828)	44.3% (184)	30.0% (3)	44.3% (1,322)
No	70.7% (87)	59.1% (401)	53.2% (942)	55.7% (231)	70.0% (7)	55.7% (1,661)
answered question	123	679	1,770	415	10	2,983
skipped question						3,437

10. If yes, what happened? (check all that apply)

	My age group is:					Response Totals
	18 to 25	26 to 40	41 to 60	61 to 80	Over 80	
Nothing	17.6% (22)	20.9% (138)	23.0% (361)	18.8% (66)	11.1% (1)	21.5% (582)
An investigation was done without delay	5.6% (7)	7.9% (52)	11.1% (174)	12.5% (44)	11.1% (1)	10.3% (278)
The person who committed the abuse was fired, quit, or was asked to avoid contact with me (my family member)	6.4% (8)	6.4% (42)	10.1% (159)	10.0% (35)	22.2% (2)	9.1% (246)
I believe an interview wasn't done or wasn't thorough because I (my family member) use an alternative way to communicate	1.6% (2)	3.0% (20)	2.5% (40)	3.7% (13)	0.0% (0)	2.8% (75)
I (my family member) was interviewed but was not believed	6.4% (8)	6.5% (43)	7.4% (117)	7.1% (25)	11.1% (1)	7.2% (194)
An investigation was done but I (my family member) was not interviewed	0.8% (1)	2.7% (18)	4.0% (63)	5.1% (18)	0.0% (0)	3.7% (100)
An investigation was done but too much time had passed and the investigation was compromised	0.0% (0)	2.9% (19)	3.7% (58)	4.6% (16)	11.1% (1)	3.4% (93)
An investigation was done but the investigator(s) was not thorough	2.4% (3)	5.5% (36)	9.5% (149)	6.6% (23)	0.0% (0)	7.8% (211)
The person who committed the abuse was arrested	2.4% (3)	3.2% (21)	4.1% (64)	4.6% (16)	0.0% (0)	3.8% (103)
The person who committed the abuse was charged with a crime	3.2% (4)	4.5% (30)	4.5% (71)	6.0% (21)	0.0% (0)	4.6% (125)
The person who committed the abuse was convicted of a crime	2.4% (3)	2.3% (15)	3.2% (50)	4.0% (14)	0.0% (0)	3.0% (81)
The person who committed the crime served time in prison or jail	0.8% (1)	1.4% (9)	2.5% (40)	3.7% (13)	0.0% (0)	2.3% (62)
The abuse was acknowledged by the criminal justice system and I (My family member) was able to benefit from the Crime Victim-Witness Assistance	0.0% (0)	1.5% (10)	2.4% (38)	2.6% (9)	11.1% (1)	2.1% (57)

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The abuse was acknowledged by the criminal justice system and the Crime Victim-Witness Assistance Program was not mentioned or made available to me (my family member)	4.0% (5)	1.8% (12)	2.5% (40)	2.3% (8)	0.0% (0)	2.4% (65)
This question doesn't apply to me	67.2% (84)	55.0% (363)	47.5% (747)	45.3% (159)	55.6% (5)	50.1% (1,355)
Comment on your experience with abuse	16 replies	114 replies	451 replies	133 replies	2 replies	716
answered question	125	660	1,571	351	9	2,705
skipped question						3,715

11. If you didn't report the abuse to the authorities why didn't you (or why didn't your family member)?

	My age group is:					Response Totals
	18 to 25	26 to 40	41 to 60	61 to 80	Over 80	
Believed nothing would happen	24.2% (30)	16.8% (114)	16.8% (267)	21.0% (77)	18.2% (2)	17.6% (486)
Did not know how to report or who to report to	20.2% (25)	10.0% (68)	11.1% (177)	9.0% (33)	0.0% (0)	11.0% (303)
Was told not to say anything (threatened) or was too scared to do anything about the abuse	13.7% (17)	11.2% (76)	9.0% (143)	5.4% (20)	9.1% (1)	9.3% (257)
Was told not to report it even though I wanted to tell someone about the abuse	3.2% (4)	3.4% (23)	3.3% (53)	3.0% (11)	0.0% (0)	3.3% (91)
Wasn't able to report the abuse because of my injury	1.6% (2)	0.6% (4)	0.7% (11)	1.6% (6)	0.0% (0)	0.8% (23)
This question doesn't apply to me	58.1% (72)	69.6% (472)	68.2% (1,085)	66.2% (243)	72.7% (8)	67.8% (1,874)
Other (please specify)	17 replies	105 replies	397 replies	112 replies	3 replies	634
answered question	124	678	1,592	367	11	2,762
skipped question						3,658

12. How often have you or a family member with a disability experienced abuse?

	My age group is:					Response Totals
	18 to 25	26 to 40	41 to 60	61 to 80	Over 80	
One time	7.7% (11)	7.2% (60)	7.4% (153)	6.3% (31)	7.7% (1)	7.2% (256)
More than once but less than ten times	19.6% (28)	23.4% (195)	30.6% (635)	31.9% (157)	30.8% (4)	28.7% (1,017)
About ten times	3.5% (5)	3.6% (30)	4.2% (87)	3.5% (17)	0.0% (0)	3.9% (137)
Between 20-40 times	5.6% (8)	4.9% (41)	5.9% (123)	5.3% (26)	7.7% (1)	5.6% (198)
Too many to times to count	29.4% (42)	21.5% (179)	21.1% (439)	19.3% (95)	7.7% (1)	21.1% (748)
This question doesn't apply to me	35.7% (51)	40.1% (334)	31.6% (656)	34.3% (169)	46.2% (6)	34.2% (1,213)
Comment	10 replies	96 replies	272 replies	92 replies	0 replies	470
answered question	143	832	2,078	492	13	3,542
skipped question						2,878

13. Have you or your family member with a disability ever experienced bullying?

	My age group is:					
	18 to 25	26 to 40	41 to 60	61 to 80	Over 80	Response Totals
Yes	75.0% (114)	67.8% (624)	68.1% (1,574)	54.1% (304)	46.7% (7)	66.2% (2,611)
No	25.0% (38)	32.2% (297)	31.9% (736)	45.9% (258)	53.3% (8)	33.8% (1,334)
answered question	152	921	2,310	562	15	3,945
skipped question						2,475

14. If yes, where did the bullying occur? (Check all that apply)

	My age group is:					Response Totals
	18 to 25	26 to 40	41 to 60	61 to 80	Over 80	
School	69.3% (104)	59.4% (510)	56.7% (1,177)	42.6% (200)	28.6% (4)	56.1% (1,992)
Sports team	6.0% (9)	6.4% (55)	6.9% (144)	3.2% (15)	0.0% (0)	6.3% (223)
Workplace	17.3% (26)	18.1% (155)	14.9% (309)	15.8% (74)	21.4% (3)	15.8% (563)
Neighborhood/home	26.0% (39)	27.7% (238)	28.6% (593)	20.7% (97)	28.6% (4)	27.3% (970)
Internet/Cyber space	19.3% (29)	7.5% (64)	5.2% (107)	2.6% (12)	0.0% (0)	6.0% (212)
Other	10.7% (16)	8.3% (71)	10.4% (216)	9.8% (46)	14.3% (2)	9.8% (347)
This question doesn't apply	23.3% (35)	27.3% (234)	25.1% (521)	37.5% (176)	50.0% (7)	27.3% (969)
If "other," describe the place where the bullying occurred	12 replies	76 replies	281 replies	69 replies	3 replies	441
answered question	150	858	2,077	469	14	3,553
skipped question						2,867

15. If yes, how often did the bullying occur?

	My age group is:					Response Totals
	18 to 25	26 to 40	41 to 60	61 to 80	Over 80	
Once	4.7% (7)	4.8% (41)	3.5% (74)	1.9% (9)	7.7% (1)	3.7% (131)
Occasionally	34.9% (52)	35.2% (302)	37.4% (781)	34.8% (165)	38.5% (5)	36.4% (1,301)
Every day	10.1% (15)	12.5% (107)	12.8% (267)	9.9% (47)	7.7% (1)	12.1% (433)
Multiple times per day	8.1% (12)	6.4% (55)	5.9% (124)	3.4% (16)	7.7% (1)	5.7% (204)
It went on for years	28.2% (42)	18.2% (156)	19.4% (406)	14.3% (68)	15.4% (2)	18.7% (667)
This question doesn't apply	24.2% (36)	28.8% (247)	26.0% (543)	38.4% (182)	46.2% (6)	28.3% (1,011)
Please feel free to comment on your bullying experience	9 replies	81 replies	301 replies	70 replies	2 replies	463
answered question	149	859	2,090	474	13	3,570
skipped question						2,850

16. If yes, did other people (bystanders) observe the bullying?

	My age group is:					
	18 to 25	26 to 40	41 to 60	61 to 80	Over 80	Response Totals
Yes	64.0% (96)	60.0% (516)	63.5% (1,305)	49.6% (235)	42.9% (6)	60.6% (2,146)
No	10.0% (15)	10.0% (86)	8.4% (173)	11.2% (53)	7.1% (1)	9.3% (328)
This question does not apply	26.0% (39)	30.0% (258)	28.1% (578)	39.2% (186)	50.0% (7)	30.1% (1,065)
Please feel free to explain.	12 replies	79 replies	320 replies	70 replies	1 reply	482
answered question	150	860	2,056	474	14	3,539
skipped question						2,881

17. Were you or your family member with a disability provided any form of therapy or counseling because of trauma experienced after the abuse (or bullying) incident(s)?

	My age group is:					
	18 to 25	26 to 40	41 to 60	61 to 80	Over 80	Response Totals
Yes	29.1% (44)	22.4% (201)	21.8% (480)	17.5% (92)	6.7% (1)	21.7% (818)
No	44.4% (67)	49.3% (443)	53.6% (1,181)	49.0% (258)	46.7% (7)	51.5% (1,944)
This question doesn't apply to me	26.5% (40)	28.3% (254)	24.6% (541)	33.5% (176)	46.7% (7)	26.9% (1,015)
Please feel free to explain	19 replies	90 replies	296 replies	79 replies	0 replies	484
answered question	151	898	2,202	526	15	3,777
skipped question						2,643

18. If yes, how would you describe the effectiveness of the therapy or counseling that was received?

	My age group is:					
	18 to 25	26 to 40	41 to 60	61 to 80	Over 80	Response Totals
Not helpful	6.4% (9)	4.1% (33)	5.4% (98)	3.2% (14)	7.7% (1)	4.8% (155)
Somewhat helpful	22.7% (32)	12.9% (104)	14.6% (266)	11.8% (51)	0.0% (0)	14.1% (453)
Very helpful	4.3% (6)	6.4% (52)	7.0% (127)	6.7% (29)	0.0% (0)	6.7% (214)
Extremely helpful	2.8% (4)	4.7% (38)	4.2% (76)	3.7% (16)	0.0% (0)	4.2% (134)
This question doesn't apply to me	63.8% (90)	71.9% (580)	68.9% (1,255)	74.5% (322)	92.3% (12)	70.2% (2,248)
Please feel free to describe this experience	10 replies	39 replies	147 replies	38 replies	0 replies	234
answered question	141	807	1,822	432	13	3,204
skipped question						3,216

19. If you are not a family member or a person with a disability, what experiences have you had with abuse of, or crimes against, people with disabilities? (Check all that apply.)

	My age group is:					Response Totals
	18 to 25	26 to 40	41 to 60	61 to 80	Over 80	
Abuse against people with disabilities has been reported to me	28.2% (24)	51.4% (370)	54.2% (766)	56.3% (196)	44.4% (4)	52.8% (1,356)
I have investigated abuse as part of my job	8.2% (7)	31.3% (225)	39.9% (563)	41.1% (143)	11.1% (1)	36.5% (938)
I advocate for people with disabilities who have been abused or have had crimes committed against them	34.1% (29)	54.4% (392)	54.7% (773)	53.2% (185)	55.6% (5)	53.8% (1,381)
I have prosecuted people that have committed crimes against people with disabilities.	1.2% (1)	2.8% (20)	3.0% (43)	2.9% (10)	11.1% (1)	2.9% (74)
I provide some form of therapy or counseling to victims of abuse with disabilities	21.2% (18)	21.4% (154)	17.1% (242)	21.8% (76)	11.1% (1)	19.0% (488)
I have no personal or professional experience with abuse	43.5% (37)	16.0% (115)	14.2% (200)	14.7% (51)	33.3% (3)	15.7% (403)
Other	4 replies	59 replies	144 replies	48 replies	1 reply	256
answered question	85	720	1,412	348	9	2,567
skipped question						3,853

20. Based on your observations or experiences, how prevalent is abuse against people with disabilities compared to people without disabilities?

	My age group is:					Response Totals
	18 to 25	26 to 40	41 to 60	61 to 80	Over 80	
About the same	6.3% (6)	6.0% (49)	4.9% (86)	4.7% (21)	0.0% (0)	5.2% (162)
Slightly more prevalent than against people without disabilities	27.1% (26)	13.4% (109)	12.1% (214)	14.6% (66)	30.0% (3)	13.2% (414)
Many times more prevalent than abuse against people without disabilities at all ages	43.8% (42)	52.7% (429)	57.9% (1,024)	55.9% (252)	40.0% (4)	55.8% (1,747)
More prevalent against children	7.3% (7)	6.5% (53)	6.2% (109)	6.9% (31)	10.0% (1)	6.4% (199)
More prevalent against adults	6.3% (6)	4.1% (33)	3.3% (58)	4.2% (19)	0.0% (0)	3.7% (115)
More prevalent against elders	10.4% (10)	6.9% (56)	8.5% (151)	11.3% (51)	0.0% (0)	8.6% (268)
Not sure	18.8% (18)	18.9% (154)	15.7% (277)	14.2% (64)	20.0% (2)	16.3% (511)
Other (please specify)	1 reply	18 replies	55 replies	12 replies	1 reply	87
answered question	96	814	1,768	451	10	3,130
skipped question						3,290

21. How would you characterize the outcomes of most reports of abuse against people with disabilities. (To answer this, use this scale of 0 to 5, with 0 indicating that a listed outcome never happens and 5 indicating that an outcome very frequently happens?)

		My age group is:					
		18 to 25	26 to 40	41 to 60	61 to 80	Over 80	Response Totals
Reported to authorities	0	6.3% (6)	2.7% (22)	3.3% (58)	4.6% (20)	10.0% (1)	
	1	30.5% (29)	33.8% (272)	33.7% (585)	32.6% (143)	20.0% (2)	
	2	27.4% (26)	31.7% (255)	31.6% (549)	34.7% (152)	40.0% (4)	
	3	25.3% (24)	19.5% (157)	19.2% (334)	17.6% (77)	20.0% (2)	
	4	8.4% (8)	9.2% (74)	7.7% (133)	7.5% (33)	0.0% (0)	
	5	2.1% (2)	3.1% (25)	4.4% (77)	3.0% (13)	10.0% (1)	
rating average		3.05 (95)	3.08 (805)	3.07 (1,736)	3.00 (438)	3.10 (10)	3.06 (3,071)
Authority receiving report takes action	0	5.3% (5)	2.9% (23)	3.3% (56)	3.8% (16)	0.0% (0)	
	1	21.1% (20)	23.3% (187)	21.7% (374)	22.8% (97)	0.0% (0)	
	2	33.7% (32)	26.8% (215)	24.5% (421)	27.5% (117)	33.3% (3)	
	3	26.3% (25)	23.7% (190)	22.8% (392)	22.3% (95)	33.3% (3)	
	4	10.5% (10)	18.5% (148)	18.9% (325)	16.4% (70)	22.2% (2)	
	5	3.2% (3)	4.7% (38)	8.8% (152)	7.3% (31)	11.1% (1)	

rating average		3.25 (95)	3.46 (801)	3.59 (1,720)	3.47 (426)	4.11 (9)	3.53 (3,038)
Authority receiving report promptly and thoroughly investigates	0	6.3% (6)	3.3% (26)	3.9% (67)	6.2% (27)	10.0% (1)	
	1	37.9% (36)	28.3% (226)	25.6% (442)	29.1% (127)	20.0% (2)	
	2	23.2% (22)	27.6% (220)	26.0% (449)	25.6% (112)	10.0% (1)	
	3	23.2% (22)	21.7% (173)	20.3% (351)	19.5% (85)	40.0% (4)	
	4	7.4% (7)	15.4% (123)	16.1% (278)	11.7% (51)	20.0% (2)	
	5	2.1% (2)	3.8% (30)	8.1% (139)	8.0% (35)	0.0% (0)	
rating average		2.94 (95)	3.29 (798)	3.43 (1,726)	3.25 (437)	3.40 (10)	3.35 (3,056)
Victims with disabilities are believed	0	8.5% (8)	3.0% (24)	4.1% (70)	3.9% (17)	10.0% (1)	
	1	25.5% (24)	29.1% (233)	30.6% (527)	34.3% (148)	0.0% (0)	
	2	35.1% (33)	34.0% (273)	27.0% (465)	28.9% (125)	60.0% (6)	
	3	24.5% (23)	20.4% (164)	21.5% (371)	19.9% (86)	10.0% (1)	
	4	6.4% (6)	9.6% (77)	12.7% (218)	9.5% (41)	10.0% (1)	
	5	0.0% (0)	3.9% (31)	4.2% (72)	3.5% (15)	10.0% (1)	
rating average		2.95 (94)	3.16 (802)	3.21 (1,723)	3.07 (432)	3.40 (10)	3.17 (3,048)
Those who abuse people with disabilities are fired	0	4.3% (4)	7.3% (58)	8.3% (141)	11.8% (51)	30.0% (3)	
	1	23.4% (22)	28.9% (228)	31.1% (529)	34.6% (149)	10.0% (1)	

	2	25.5% (24)	28.2% (223)	23.0% (391)	22.0% (95)	50.0% (5)	
	3	21.3% (20)	17.3% (137)	16.7% (284)	14.4% (62)	0.0% (0)	
	4	14.9% (14)	11.0% (87)	13.2% (224)	10.7% (46)	0.0% (0)	
	5	10.6% (10)	7.2% (57)	7.8% (132)	6.5% (28)	10.0% (1)	
rating average		3.51 (94)	3.17 (790)	3.19 (1,701)	2.97 (431)	2.60 (10)	3.16 (3,016)
Individuals who commit crimes against people with disabilities are arrested	0	7.4% (7)	9.8% (78)	8.7% (150)	10.7% (47)	10.0% (1)	
	1	42.1% (40)	37.8% (302)	42.6% (737)	44.1% (194)	40.0% (4)	
	2	28.4% (27)	27.9% (223)	24.1% (418)	23.0% (101)	40.0% (4)	
	3	15.8% (15)	16.7% (133)	14.1% (244)	13.0% (57)	10.0% (1)	
	4	3.2% (3)	5.1% (41)	7.7% (134)	6.1% (27)	0.0% (0)	
	5	3.2% (3)	2.6% (21)	2.8% (49)	3.2% (14)	0.0% (0)	
rating average		2.75 (95)	2.77 (798)	2.78 (1,732)	2.69 (440)	2.50 (10)	2.77 (3,062)
Individuals who commit crimes against people with disabilities are prosecuted	0	10.5% (10)	10.5% (84)	10.0% (172)	11.9% (52)	10.0% (1)	
	1	47.4% (45)	43.4% (348)	44.9% (773)	45.4% (198)	50.0% (5)	
	2	27.4% (26)	25.4% (204)	22.3% (384)	23.6% (103)	30.0% (3)	
	3	10.5% (10)	13.3% (107)	13.6% (234)	10.1% (44)	10.0% (1)	
		3.2% (3)	4.5% (36)	6.7% (53)	6.2% (49)	0.0% (0)	

	4	(3)	(36)	(115)	(27)	(0)	
	5	1.1% (1)	2.9% (23)	2.6% (45)	2.8% (12)	0.0% (0)	
	rating average	2.52 (95)	2.67 (802)	2.70 (1,723)	2.61 (436)	2.40 (10)	2.67 (3,053)
Individuals who commit crimes against people with disabilities are convicted	0	14.7% (14)	12.8% (102)	11.8% (203)	13.4% (58)	20.0% (2)	
	1	45.3% (43)	46.5% (371)	46.7% (802)	49.7% (215)	30.0% (3)	
	2	25.3% (24)	21.9% (175)	19.9% (342)	19.4% (84)	40.0% (4)	
	3	8.4% (8)	12.8% (102)	12.9% (221)	10.2% (44)	10.0% (1)	
	4	5.3% (5)	4.1% (33)	6.4% (109)	5.1% (22)	0.0% (0)	
	5	1.1% (1)	1.9% (15)	2.3% (39)	2.3% (10)	0.0% (0)	
	rating average	2.47 (95)	2.55 (798)	2.62 (1,716)	2.51 (433)	2.40 (10)	2.58 (3,042)
Individuals who commit crimes against people with disabilities go to prison or jail.	0	23.2% (22)	17.4% (139)	17.1% (294)	19.0% (83)	30.0% (3)	
	1	42.1% (40)	47.9% (383)	49.7% (855)	51.7% (226)	40.0% (4)	
	2	24.2% (23)	19.3% (154)	17.6% (302)	14.9% (65)	30.0% (3)	
	3	6.3% (6)	10.4% (83)	9.6% (165)	8.9% (39)	0.0% (0)	
	4	4.2% (4)	3.0% (24)	4.2% (73)	3.4% (15)	0.0% (0)	
	5	0.0% (0)	2.0% (16)	1.7% (30)	2.1% (9)	0.0% (0)	
	rating average	2.26 (95)	2.40 (799)	2.39 (1,719)	2.32 (437)	2.00 (10)	2.38 (3,050)

Comment	4 replies	50 replies	208 replies	72 replies	1 reply	335
answered question	95	808	1,747	446	10	3,096
skipped question						3,324

22. If you believe that crimes/abuse against people with disabilities are inadequately handled, why do you think this is so? (Check all that apply)

	My age group is:					Response Totals
	18 to 25	26 to 40	41 to 60	61 to 80	Over 80	
Individuals with disabilities are not valued	32.3% (30)	22.5% (181)	30.1% (527)	36.1% (162)	20.0% (2)	29.0% (898)
Victims with disabilities are not believed to be reliable reporters or witnesses	53.8% (50)	45.6% (366)	48.7% (853)	53.5% (240)	30.0% (3)	48.6% (1,507)
Too much extra work to handle cases against victims with disabilities	26.9% (25)	20.5% (165)	24.8% (435)	27.4% (123)	20.0% (2)	24.1% (747)
Authorities lack adequate training to deal with these victims	49.5% (46)	46.8% (376)	49.5% (867)	53.2% (239)	30.0% (3)	49.2% (1,524)
Because incidents of abuse are rarely prosecuted such cases are not handled well	30.1% (28)	22.5% (181)	28.0% (491)	34.1% (153)	20.0% (2)	27.5% (851)
All of the above are factors in creating unequal justice for these victims	47.3% (44)	50.7% (407)	54.8% (961)	62.8% (282)	80.0% (8)	54.7% (1,695)
I do not believe that crime victims with disabilities experience unequal justice any more often than anyone else	3.2% (3)	4.5% (36)	5.8% (101)	5.3% (24)	0.0% (0)	5.3% (164)
Comment	2 replies	63 replies	139 replies	45 replies	1 reply	250
answered question	93	803	1,753	449	10	3,099
skipped question						3,321

23. Please feel free to comment on any experience you have had with crime victims with disabilities.

	My age group is:					
	18 to 25	26 to 40	41 to 60	61 to 80	Over 80	Response Count
	18 replies	217 replies	639 replies	173 replies	7 replies	1,053
answered question	18	217	639	173	7	1,053
skipped question						5,367

24. Do you believe that people who are convicted of felonies against people with disabilities should...

	My age group is:					
	18 to 25	26 to 40	41 to 60	61 to 80	Over 80	Response Totals
Spend more time in jail when they commit crimes against people with disabilities?	39.1% (91)	47.1% (757)	50.4% (1,789)	45.9% (397)	25.0% (6)	48.4% (3,031)
Spend less time in jail when they commit crimes against people with disabilities?	1.3% (3)	0.4% (7)	1.2% (42)	0.9% (8)	0.0% (0)	1.0% (60)
Spend the same time in jail no matter whether the victim has a disability or not?	49.4% (115)	40.9% (657)	37.8% (1,344)	39.5% (342)	41.7% (10)	39.2% (2,455)
Not sure or don't know	14.6% (34)	14.1% (226)	12.1% (429)	15.0% (130)	33.3% (8)	13.1% (823)
Comment	36 replies	200 replies	565 replies	149 replies	2 replies	952
answered question	233	1,607	3,551	865	24	6,259
skipped question						161

25. In your opinion, what is the single most important thing that needs to be changed in order for crime victims with disabilities to receive equal justice?

	My age group is:					Response Totals
	18 to 25	26 to 40	41 to 60	61 to 80	Over 80	
Knowledge of and attitudes toward people with disabilities by all segments of society	44.5% (105)	38.2% (614)	34.2% (1,207)	39.5% (344)	45.8% (11)	36.5% (2,278)
More laws to force authorities to do the right things	4.2% (10)	6.0% (97)	6.3% (224)	5.1% (44)	4.2% (1)	6.0% (372)
More training about abuse reporting	5.9% (14)	4.3% (69)	4.8% (168)	3.3% (29)	0.0% (0)	4.5% (279)
More mandated training of police and abuse investigators	5.5% (13)	7.8% (125)	9.6% (337)	8.5% (74)	12.5% (3)	8.8% (551)
More mandated training of prosecutors	0.0% (0)	0.7% (12)	2.2% (78)	1.6% (14)	0.0% (0)	1.7% (104)
More mandated training of judges	0.0% (0)	1.1% (17)	1.3% (46)	2.4% (21)	4.2% (1)	1.4% (85)
Enhanced public awareness of abuse victims with disabilities	17.4% (41)	16.9% (271)	14.9% (524)	14.7% (128)	8.3% (2)	15.4% (962)
Better tracking of people known to abuse people with disabilities	3.0% (7)	3.7% (59)	5.1% (179)	4.3% (37)	8.3% (2)	4.5% (284)
More legal actions to force compliance with ADA and other Civil Rights legislation	4.7% (11)	8.0% (128)	7.9% (279)	7.2% (63)	4.2% (1)	7.6% (476)
I cannot decide which is most important or I do not have an opinion	14.8% (35)	13.4% (215)	13.9% (489)	13.3% (116)	12.5% (3)	13.7% (853)
Comment	31 replies	202 replies	673 replies	167 replies	2 replies	1,075
answered question	236	1,607	3,528	870	24	6,244
skipped question						176

26. I am a

		My age group is:					
		18 to 25	26 to 40	41 to 60	61 to 80	Over 80	Response Totals
Male		17.8% (42)	12.3% (200)	16.9% (610)	22.0% (196)	54.2% (13)	16.6% (1,055)
Female		83.9% (198)	87.8% (1,429)	83.2% (3,004)	78.3% (698)	50.0% (12)	83.5% (5,320)
answered question		236	1,627	3,610	892	24	6,369
skipped question							51

27. My age group is:

		My age group is:					
		18 to 25	26 to 40	41 to 60	61 to 80	Over 80	Response Totals
18 to 25		100.0% (239)	0.2% (3)	0.1% (3)	0.3% (3)	4.2% (1)	3.7% (239)
26 to 40		1.3% (3)	100.0% (1,638)	0.2% (6)	0.2% (2)	8.3% (2)	25.5% (1,638)
41 to 60		1.3% (3)	0.4% (6)	100.1% (3,643)	0.7% (6)	8.3% (2)	56.7% (3,640)
61 to 80		1.3% (3)	0.1% (2)	0.2% (6)	100.0% (900)	8.3% (2)	14.0% (900)
Over 80		0.4% (1)	0.1% (2)	0.1% (2)	0.2% (2)	100.0% (24)	0.4% (24)
answered question		239	1,638	3,640	900	24	6,420
skipped question							0

28. What is your ethnic origin?

	My age group is:					Response Totals
	18 to 25	26 to 40	41 to 60	61 to 80	Over 80	
Caucasian	79.8% (186)	79.7% (1,261)	83.5% (2,945)	88.3% (771)	91.7% (22)	83.1% (5,168)
African-American	10.3% (24)	5.1% (81)	6.4% (227)	4.9% (43)	0.0% (0)	6.0% (374)
Asian/Pacific Island	3.0% (7)	2.3% (36)	2.1% (74)	2.3% (20)	4.2% (1)	2.2% (138)
Latino	3.0% (7)	7.9% (125)	4.6% (164)	2.7% (24)	0.0% (0)	5.1% (316)
Multiracial	3.9% (9)	5.1% (80)	3.4% (120)	1.7% (15)	4.2% (1)	3.6% (224)
Other (please specify)	5 replies	54 replies	114 replies	26 replies	0 replies	199
answered question	233	1,583	3,527	873	24	6,220
skipped question						200

29. In what state is your primary residence?

	My age group is:					Response Totals
	18 to 25	26 to 40	41 to 60	61 to 80	Over 80	
Alabama	1.3% (3)	0.6% (10)	0.9% (31)	1.0% (9)	0.0% (0)	0.8% (50)
Alaska	0.4% (1)	1.0% (15)	1.1% (40)	0.7% (6)	0.0% (0)	1.0% (62)
Arizona	0.4% (1)	1.0% (15)	0.8% (28)	1.3% (11)	20.8% (5)	1.0% (60)
Arkansas	1.3% (3)	3.9% (61)	3.3% (116)	3.0% (26)	4.2% (1)	3.3% (207)
California	11.0% (25)	15.4% (242)	15.7% (556)	22.3% (194)	20.8% (5)	16.4% (1,020)
Colorado	1.3% (3)	1.8% (29)	1.3% (45)	2.2% (19)	4.2% (1)	1.6% (97)
Connecticut	0.4% (1)	0.3% (5)	0.6% (22)	0.3% (3)	0.0% (0)	0.5% (31)
Delaware	2.2% (5)	1.4% (22)	2.2% (77)	1.7% (15)	0.0% (0)	1.9% (119)
District of Columbia	5.3% (12)	1.0% (15)	0.7% (23)	0.5% (4)	0.0% (0)	0.9% (54)
Florida	2.2% (5)	2.3% (36)	3.3% (116)	2.4% (21)	0.0% (0)	2.8% (177)
Georgia	2.2% (5)	1.3% (21)	0.8% (29)	1.3% (11)	0.0% (0)	1.1% (66)
Hawaii	0.9% (2)	0.6% (9)	1.2% (41)	2.8% (24)	0.0% (0)	1.2% (76)
Idaho	0.9% (2)	0.3% (5)	0.6% (21)	0.3% (3)	0.0% (0)	0.5% (30)
Illinois	2.2% (5)	2.3% (37)	2.7% (96)	3.0% (26)	4.2% (1)	2.7% (165)

Indiana	2.2% (5)	2.0% (31)	1.8% (63)	1.8% (16)	0.0% (0)	1.8% (114)
Iowa	0.4% (1)	1.5% (23)	1.0% (36)	0.5% (4)	0.0% (0)	1.0% (64)
Kansas	0.4% (1)	0.6% (9)	0.7% (25)	0.1% (1)	0.0% (0)	0.6% (36)
Kentucky	0.4% (1)	2.2% (34)	1.2% (44)	0.9% (8)	0.0% (0)	1.4% (87)
Louisiana	0.4% (1)	0.8% (13)	1.1% (39)	0.5% (4)	0.0% (0)	0.9% (57)
Maine	0.0% (0)	0.3% (5)	0.4% (13)	1.0% (9)	0.0% (0)	0.4% (27)
Maryland	5.3% (12)	1.4% (22)	1.9% (66)	1.3% (11)	0.0% (0)	1.8% (110)
Massachusetts	3.1% (7)	2.5% (40)	3.5% (123)	3.1% (27)	8.3% (2)	3.1% (195)
Michigan	3.5% (8)	2.2% (34)	2.9% (101)	1.4% (12)	0.0% (0)	2.5% (155)
Minnesota	0.9% (2)	2.3% (37)	2.0% (72)	1.5% (13)	0.0% (0)	2.0% (124)
Mississippi	0.0% (0)	0.3% (5)	0.6% (21)	0.2% (2)	0.0% (0)	0.5% (28)
Missouri	1.8% (4)	1.3% (20)	1.4% (50)	1.1% (10)	0.0% (0)	1.4% (84)
Montana	0.4% (1)	0.1% (2)	0.1% (5)	0.2% (2)	0.0% (0)	0.2% (10)
Nebraska	0.0% (0)	0.7% (11)	0.8% (27)	0.6% (5)	0.0% (0)	0.7% (43)
Nevada	0.9% (2)	0.4% (7)	0.5% (16)	0.3% (3)	0.0% (0)	0.5% (28)
New Hampshire	0.9% (2)	0.4% (7)	0.6% (21)	0.9% (8)	0.0% (0)	0.6% (38)

New Jersey	2.6% (6)	2.5% (39)	2.4% (86)	3.6% (31)	0.0% (0)	2.6% (162)
New Mexico	0.4% (1)	1.3% (21)	1.2% (44)	1.5% (13)	0.0% (0)	1.2% (76)
New York	10.1% (23)	6.2% (97)	4.6% (162)	4.8% (42)	4.2% (1)	5.2% (324)
North Carolina	5.3% (12)	4.4% (70)	4.9% (172)	4.3% (37)	4.2% (1)	4.7% (290)
North Dakota	0.4% (1)	0.3% (4)	0.3% (10)	0.2% (2)	0.0% (0)	0.3% (17)
Ohio	5.7% (13)	4.2% (66)	4.4% (157)	2.2% (19)	0.0% (0)	4.1% (255)
Oklahoma	0.4% (1)	1.2% (19)	1.0% (36)	0.8% (7)	0.0% (0)	1.0% (63)
Oregon	1.3% (3)	3.4% (53)	3.2% (114)	2.1% (18)	0.0% (0)	3.0% (188)
Pennsylvania	2.6% (6)	4.4% (70)	3.5% (124)	3.8% (33)	4.2% (1)	3.8% (233)
Rhode Island	0.9% (2)	0.4% (6)	0.4% (14)	0.6% (5)	0.0% (0)	0.4% (27)
South Carolina	0.0% (0)	0.7% (11)	0.8% (30)	0.3% (3)	4.2% (1)	0.7% (45)
South Dakota	1.3% (3)	0.9% (14)	1.0% (34)	0.8% (7)	0.0% (0)	0.9% (58)
Tennessee	0.4% (1)	1.3% (21)	1.2% (44)	1.3% (11)	0.0% (0)	1.2% (77)
Texas	3.5% (8)	3.6% (56)	4.0% (141)	4.0% (35)	8.3% (2)	3.9% (241)
Utah	0.0% (0)	0.4% (6)	0.3% (10)	0.2% (2)	0.0% (0)	0.3% (18)
Vermont	0.9% (2)	0.6% (9)	0.4% (15)	0.3% (3)	0.0% (0)	0.5% (29)
Virginia	6.6% (15)	5.4% (85)	3.8% (134)	4.0% (35)	4.2% (1)	4.3% (268)

Washington	2.2% (5)	3.9% (62)	3.2% (112)	2.5% (22)	0.0% (0)	3.2% (201)
West Virginia	0.0% (0)	0.7% (11)	0.8% (28)	0.9% (8)	0.0% (0)	0.8% (47)
Wisconsin	0.9% (2)	2.0% (32)	3.0% (107)	3.2% (28)	4.2% (1)	2.7% (170)
Wyoming	1.3% (3)	0.1% (1)	0.1% (4)	0.2% (2)	4.2% (1)	0.2% (10)
If not a resident of the U.S., in what country do you reside?	16 replies	86 replies	164 replies	41 replies	1 reply	308
answered question	227	1,575	3,538	870	24	6,213
skipped question						207

30. Please feel free to give us your email address so we can provide you with the results of this survey (optional).

	My age group is:					Response Count
	18 to 25	26 to 40	41 to 60	61 to 80	Over 80	
	87 replies	681 replies	1,744 replies	456 replies	17 replies	2,975
answered question	87	681	1,741	456	17	2,975
skipped question						3,445