

# 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...

	I am a		Response Totals
	Male	Female	
Person with a disability	<b>28.2%</b> (288)	15.9% (807)	17.9% (1,090)
Parent or family member of a person with a disability	22.9% (234)	<b>38.5%</b> (1,946)	<b>35.9%</b> (2,178)
Direct support worker	5.2% (53)	7.3% (368)	6.9% (420)
Administrator/manager of an organization providing services or supports to people with disabilities	20.4% (208)	15.5% (783)	16.3% (990)
Social Worker in the field of disabilities	6.4% (65)	6.6% (332)	6.5% (395)
Protective Services Professional (CPS or APS)	6.7% (68)	4.5% (228)	4.9% (295)
Mental Health Professional	6.9% (70)	7.0% (352)	6.9% (422)
Peace Officer	5.0% (51)	0.6% (28)	1.3% (79)
Court official (attorney, parole or probation worker, judge)	2.4% (24)	1.5% (74)	1.6% (98)
Policymaker (Legislator or works for one)	0.3% (3)	0.2% (8)	0.2% (11)
Public agency employee	8.8% (90)	5.0% (251)	5.6% (341)
Special Education teacher, aide or administrator	2.8% (29)	5.2% (263)	4.8% (292)

Teacher or administrator (but not in Special Education)	1.4% (14)	1.4% (72)	1.4% (86)
Advocate	16.4% (167)	18.9% (958)	18.5% (1,123)
Concerned Citizen	9.9% (101)	7.8% (396)	8.2% (496)
Other:	71 replies	455 replies	526
<b>answered question</b>	<b>1,020</b>	<b>5,061</b>	<b>6,075</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>317</b>

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

	I am a		Response Totals
	Male	Female	
A person who uses a wheelchair or has limited mobility	37.4% (278)	31.4% (1,142)	32.4% (1,419)
A person who is blind or has limited vision	0.1% (1)	1.0% (36)	0.8% (37)
A person who is deaf or is hard of hearing	0.9% (7)	0.9% (31)	0.9% (38)
A person with an intellectual or a developmental disability, e.g., diagnosis of Mental Retardation, Autism, or Cerebral Palsy	<b>53.8%</b> <b>(400)</b>	<b>61.5%</b> <b>(2,241)</b>	<b>60.3%</b> <b>(2,641)</b>
A person who has difficulty speaking clearly or being understood	2.0% (15)	1.0% (35)	1.1% (50)
A person who has mental health problems	5.7% (42)	4.3% (156)	4.5% (198)
Other (please specify)	317 replies	1,768 replies	2,085
<b>answered question</b>	<b>743</b>	<b>3,641</b>	<b>4,383</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>2,009</b>

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

	I am a		Response Totals
	Male	Female	
A person who uses a wheelchair or has limited mobility	5.0% (50)	3.3% (171)	3.6% (221)
A person who is blind or has limited vision	2.4% (24)	1.4% (74)	1.6% (98)
A person who is deaf or hard of hearing	3.6% (36)	2.0% (103)	2.3% (139)
A person with an intellectual or a developmental disability, e.g., diagnosis of Mental Retardation, Autism, or Cerebral Palsy	<b>58.1%</b> <b>(585)</b>	<b>56.2%</b> <b>(2,872)</b>	<b>56.5%</b> <b>(3,456)</b>
A person who has difficulty speaking clearly or being understood	11.0% (111)	10.6% (541)	10.6% (651)
A person with mental health problems	16.8% (169)	13.7% (699)	14.2% (868)
All are abused at about the same rate	27.0% (272)	33.1% (1,690)	32.0% (1,958)
Other (please specify)	70 replies	297 replies	367
<b>answered question</b>	<b>1,007</b>	<b>5,112</b>	<b>6,114</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>278</b>

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

	I am a		
	Male	Female	Response Totals
A stranger who a person with a disability encounters alone in a private or public place	8.6% (90)	4.7% (249)	5.3% (339)
Someone with whom he/she is somewhat familiar	23.9% (251)	24.2% (1,285)	24.2% (1,534)
A caregiver or family member	<b>46.4%</b> <b>(487)</b>	<b>47.6%</b> <b>(2,528)</b>	<b>47.4%</b> <b>(3,010)</b>
All of the above about the same	30.0% (315)	33.2% (1,761)	32.7% (2,074)
<b>answered question</b>	1,050	5,306	<b>6,350</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>42</b>

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

	I am a		
	Male	Female	Response Totals
Yes, I have a disability.	32.0% (337)	17.9% (952)	20.1% (1,284)
Yes, I have an immediate family member with a disability.	33.8% (356)	<b>49.6%</b> <b>(2,644)</b>	<b>47.0%</b> <b>(2,999)</b>
No, none of us has a disability.	<b>38.9%</b> <b>(410)</b>	36.5% (1,944)	36.9% (2,352)
<b>answered question</b>	1,053	5,328	<b>6,375</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>17</b>

**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.)**

	I am a		Response Totals
	Male	Female	
Use a wheelchair or have limited mobility	27.8% (163)	25.2% (773)	25.6% (935)
Blind or have limited vision	8.3% (49)	7.0% (215)	7.2% (263)
Deaf or Hard of Hearing	11.1% (65)	10.1% (311)	10.3% (375)
Autism	19.1% (112)	28.0% (860)	26.6% (971)
Intellectual or developmental disability other than Autism e.g., diagnosis of Mental Retardation, Cerebral Palsy or Epilepsy	<b>35.4%</b> <b>(208)</b>	<b>40.3%</b> <b>(1,237)</b>	<b>39.5%</b> <b>(1,443)</b>
Difficulty speaking clearly or being understood	11.9% (70)	16.5% (507)	15.7% (575)
Mental Health problems	23.3% (137)	26.6% (818)	26.0% (950)
Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder	2.2% (13)	3.3% (101)	3.1% (114)
Other (please specify)	97 replies	596 replies	693
<b>answered question</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>3,073</b>	<b>3,655</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>2,737</b>

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

	I am a		
	Male	Female	Response Totals
Yes	59.3% (381)	62.9% (2,121)	62.3% (2,497)
No	41.3% (265)	38.3% (1,290)	38.8% (1,555)
<b>answered question</b>	642	3,372	<b>4,009</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>2,383</b>

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

	I am a		Response Totals
	Male	Female	
Physical abuse (non-sexual)	27.0% (149)	34.4% (1,016)	33.2% (1,163)
Sexual abuse	16.7% (92)	23.8% (705)	22.7% (795)
Financial abuse	15.8% (87)	15.4% (454)	15.4% (540)
Verbal or Emotional abuse	<b>50.4%</b> <b>(278)</b>	<b>55.5%</b> <b>(1,641)</b>	<b>54.6%</b> <b>(1,914)</b>
Neglect	23.9% (132)	23.6% (699)	23.7% (829)
This question doesn't apply to me	33.7% (186)	30.6% (906)	31.2% (1,092)
Other (please specify and feel free to comment)	82 replies	481 replies	563
<b>answered question</b>	552	2,956	<b>3,503</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>2,889</b>

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

	I am a		
	Male	Female	Response Totals
Yes	40.0% (191)	44.9% (1,124)	44.2% (1,315)
No	<b>60.0%</b> <b>(286)</b>	<b>55.1%</b> <b>(1,378)</b>	<b>55.8%</b> <b>(1,659)</b>
<b>answered question</b>	477	2,502	<b>2,974</b>
	<b>skipped question</b>		<b>3,418</b>



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

	I am a		Response Totals
	Male	Female	
Nothing	20.3% (87)	21.8% (494)	21.6% (581)
An investigation was done without delay	8.4% (36)	10.5% (239)	10.2% (275)
The person who committed the abuse was fired, quit, or was asked to avoid contact with me (my family member)	10.5% (45)	8.7% (198)	9.0% (243)
I believe an interview wasn't done or wasn't thorough because I (my family member) use an alternative way to communicate	1.6% (7)	3.0% (67)	2.7% (74)
I (my family member) was interviewed but was not believed	4.0% (17)	7.8% (176)	7.2% (193)
An investigation was done but I (my family member) was not interviewed	3.0% (13)	3.8% (86)	3.7% (99)
An investigation was done but too much time had passed and the investigation was compromised	3.3% (14)	3.5% (79)	3.5% (93)
An investigation was done but the investigator(s) was not thorough	6.3% (27)	8.0% (182)	7.8% (209)
The person who committed the abuse was arrested	3.0% (13)	3.9% (89)	3.8% (102)
The person who committed the abuse was charged with a crime	4.2% (18)	4.6% (105)	4.6% (123)
The person who committed the abuse was convicted of a crime	1.6% (7)	3.3% (74)	3.0% (81)
The person who committed the crime served time in prison or jail	0.5% (2)	2.7% (61)	2.3% (63)
The abuse was acknowledged by the criminal justice system and I (My family member) was able to benefit from the Crime Victim-Witness Assistance Program	1.6% (7)	2.2% (51)	2.2% (58)

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)	3.0% (13)	2.2% (50)	2.3% (63)
This question doesn't apply to me	<b>54.0%</b> <b>(231)</b>	<b>49.4%</b> <b>(1,122)</b>	<b>50.1%</b> <b>(1,349)</b>
Comment on your experience with abuse	83 replies	631 replies	714
<b>answered question</b>	428	2,269	<b>2,693</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>3,699</b>

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

	I am a		Response Totals
	Male	Female	
Believed nothing would happen	22.3% (101)	17.0% (391)	17.8% (488)
Did not know how to report or who to report to	10.4% (47)	11.3% (260)	11.1% (305)
Was told not to say anything (threatened) or was too scared to do anything about the abuse	8.8% (40)	9.5% (219)	9.4% (258)
Was told not to report it even though I wanted to tell someone about the abuse	1.5% (7)	3.7% (85)	3.3% (91)
Wasn't able to report the abuse because of my injury	1.3% (6)	0.8% (18)	0.8% (23)
This question doesn't apply to me	<b>67.1%</b> <b>(304)</b>	<b>67.6%</b> <b>(1,555)</b>	<b>67.6%</b> <b>(1,859)</b>
Other (please specify)	78 replies	550 replies	628
<b>answered question</b>	453	2,300	<b>2,749</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>3,643</b>

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

	I am a		
	Male	Female	Response Totals
One time	7.7% (43)	7.2% (215)	7.3% (257)
More than once but less than ten times	27.7% (155)	28.9% (858)	28.7% (1,013)
About ten times	2.5% (14)	4.2% (124)	3.9% (137)
Between 20-40 times	4.3% (24)	5.8% (173)	5.5% (195)
Too many to times to count	22.0% (123)	21.1% (627)	21.2% (748)
This question doesn't apply to me	<b>36.8%</b> <b>(206)</b>	<b>33.6%</b> <b>(999)</b>	<b>34.1%</b> <b>(1,205)</b>
Comment	49 replies	418 replies	467
<b>answered question</b>	560	2,974	<b>3,529</b>
	<b>skipped question</b>		<b>2,863</b>

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

	I am a		
	Male	Female	Response Totals
Yes	61.4% (386)	67.0% (2,212)	66.1% (2,593)
No	38.6% (243)	33.0% (1,089)	33.9% (1,332)
<b>answered question</b>	629	3,301	<b>3,925</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>2,467</b>

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

	I am a		Response Totals
	Male	Female	
School	<b>51.0%</b> <b>(288)</b>	<b>56.9%</b> <b>(1,691)</b>	<b>55.9%</b> <b>(1,975)</b>
Sports team	7.8% (44)	5.9% (176)	6.2% (219)
Workplace	18.4% (104)	15.4% (457)	15.8% (557)
Neighborhood/home	23.7% (134)	27.9% (831)	27.2% (963)
Internet/Cyber space	6.0% (34)	6.0% (179)	5.9% (210)
Other	9.7% (55)	9.8% (290)	9.8% (345)
This question doesn't apply	32.2% (182)	26.4% (785)	27.4% (967)
If "other," describe the place where the bullying occurred	61 replies	376 replies	437
<b>answered question</b>	<b>565</b>	<b>2,974</b>	<b>3,534</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>2,858</b>

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

	I am a		
	Male	Female	Response Totals
Once	3.0% (17)	3.7% (112)	3.6% (129)
Occasionally	<b>37.1%</b> <b>(211)</b>	<b>36.1%</b> <b>(1,080)</b>	<b>36.3%</b> <b>(1,290)</b>
Every day	9.9% (56)	12.6% (376)	12.1% (430)
Multiple times per day	3.3% (19)	6.2% (185)	5.7% (203)
It went on for years	16.9% (96)	19.3% (576)	18.8% (667)
This question doesn't apply	32.9% (187)	27.5% (822)	28.4% (1,009)
Please feel free to comment on your bullying experience	49 replies	412 replies	461
<b>answered question</b>	<b>568</b>	<b>2,989</b>	<b>3,552</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>2,840</b>

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

	I am a		
	Male	Female	Response Totals
Yes	53.6% (306)	62.0% (1,832)	60.6% (2,133)
No	11.6% (66)	8.8% (260)	9.3% (326)
This question does not apply	34.9% (199)	29.2% (862)	30.1% (1,061)
Please feel free to explain.	54 replies	426 replies	480
<b>answered question</b>	571	2,954	<b>3,520</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>2,872</b>

### 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)?

	I am a		
	Male	Female	Response Totals
Yes	17.1% (103)	22.5% (711)	21.6% (813)
No	49.3% (297)	51.9% (1,642)	51.4% (1,935)
This question doesn't apply to me	33.6% (202)	25.6% (811)	26.9% (1,013)
Please feel free to explain	47 replies	435 replies	482
<b>answered question</b>	602	3,164	<b>3,761</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>2,631</b>

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

	I am a		
	Male	Female	Response Totals
Not helpful	5.5% (28)	4.7% (125)	4.8% (153)
Somewhat helpful	11.0% (56)	14.7% (396)	14.1% (451)
Very helpful	4.7% (24)	7.0% (189)	6.7% (213)
Extremely helpful	3.5% (18)	4.4% (117)	4.2% (135)
This question doesn't apply to me	<b>75.3%</b> <b>(385)</b>	<b>69.2%</b> <b>(1,860)</b>	<b>70.2%</b> <b>(2,241)</b>
Please feel free to describe this experience	34 replies	200 replies	234
<b>answered question</b>	511	2,687	<b>3,193</b>
	<b>skipped question</b>		<b>3,199</b>



**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.)**

	I am a		Response Totals
	Male	Female	
Abuse against people with disabilities has been reported to me	<b>55.5%</b> <b>(251)</b>	52.3% (1,101)	52.8% (1,350)
I have investigated abuse as part of my job	52.7% (238)	33.1% (696)	36.5% (933)
I advocate for people with disabilities who have been abused or have had crimes committed against them	48.0% (217)	<b>55.2%</b> <b>(1,162)</b>	<b>53.9%</b> <b>(1,377)</b>
I have prosecuted people that have committed crimes against people with disabilities.	5.8% (26)	2.3% (48)	2.9% (74)
I provide some form of therapy or counseling to victims of abuse with disabilities	16.6% (75)	19.6% (413)	19.1% (487)
I have no personal or professional experience with abuse	13.9% (63)	16.1% (339)	15.7% (402)
Other	31 replies	226 replies	257
<b>answered question</b>	452	2,104	<b>2,555</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>3,837</b>

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

	I am a		Response Totals
	Male	Female	
About the same	5.2% (27)	5.2% (135)	5.2% (162)
Slightly more prevalent than against people without disabilities	14.4% (75)	13.1% (339)	13.3% (414)
Many times more prevalent than abuse against people without disabilities at all ages	<b>52.9%</b> <b>(275)</b>	<b>56.5%</b> <b>(1,466)</b>	<b>55.9%</b> <b>(1,740)</b>
More prevalent against children	8.3% (43)	5.9% (153)	6.3% (196)
More prevalent against adults	4.2% (22)	3.5% (90)	3.6% (112)
More prevalent against elders	9.6% (50)	8.3% (215)	8.5% (265)
Not sure	16.7% (87)	16.3% (422)	16.2% (506)
Other (please specify)	13 replies	74 replies	87
<b>answered question</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>2,595</b>	<b>3,114</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>3,278</b>

**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?)**

		I am a		
		Male	Female	Response Totals
Reported to authorities	0	4.3% (23)	3.3% (83)	
	1	28.2% (149)	<b>34.5%</b> <b>(874)</b>	
	2	<b>32.7%</b> <b>(173)</b>	31.8% (806)	
	3	21.7% (115)	18.8% (477)	
	4	9.1% (48)	7.8% (197)	
	5	4.0% (21)	3.7% (94)	
rating average		3.15 (529)	3.04 (2,531)	3.06 (3,056)
Authority receiving report takes action	0	4.4% (23)	3.1% (78)	
	1	16.6% (86)	23.3% (584)	
	2	23.4% (121)	<b>26.3%</b> <b>(659)</b>	
	3	23.2% (120)	23.1% (580)	
	4	<b>24.1%</b> <b>(125)</b>	17.0% (427)	
	5	8.3% (43)	7.2% (181)	

rating average		3.71 (518)	3.49 (2,509)	3.53 (3,023)
Authority receiving report promptly and thoroughly investigates	0	4.6% (24)	4.1% (103)	
	1	21.1% (111)	<b>28.4%</b> <b>(715)</b>	
	2	<b>24.3%</b> <b>(128)</b>	26.7% (671)	
	3	21.8% (115)	20.4% (513)	
	4	19.7% (104)	14.1% (354)	
	5	8.5% (45)	6.3% (159)	
rating average		3.57 (527)	3.31 (2,515)	3.35 (3,041)
Victims with disabilities are believed	0	4.6% (24)	3.8% (95)	
	1	21.5% (112)	<b>32.2%</b> <b>(809)</b>	
	2	<b>30.9%</b> <b>(161)</b>	29.3% (736)	
	3	24.8% (129)	20.5% (515)	
	4	13.8% (72)	10.7% (268)	
	5	4.4% (23)	3.7% (93)	
rating average		3.35 (521)	3.13 (2,516)	3.17 (3,033)
Those who abuse people with disabilities are fired	0	8.8% (46)	8.4% (208)	
	1	<b>26.8%</b> <b>(140)</b>	<b>31.7%</b> <b>(785)</b>	

	2	23.9% (125)	24.4% (605)	
	3	15.9% (83)	16.9% (420)	
	4	14.9% (78)	11.5% (286)	
	5	9.6% (50)	7.1% (176)	
rating average		3.30 (522)	3.13 (2,480)	3.16 (3,001)
Individuals who commit crimes against people with disabilities are arrested	0	10.0% (53)	9.1% (230)	
	1	<b>34.8%</b> <b>(184)</b>	<b>42.8%</b> <b>(1,079)</b>	
	2	25.2% (133)	25.2% (637)	
	3	15.5% (82)	14.5% (365)	
	4	11.0% (58)	5.7% (144)	
	5	3.4% (18)	2.7% (68)	
rating average		2.93 (528)	2.73 (2,523)	2.76 (3,047)
Individuals who commit crimes against people with disabilities are prosecuted	0	10.8% (57)	10.4% (261)	
	1	<b>38.6%</b> <b>(203)</b>	<b>45.8%</b> <b>(1,152)</b>	
	2	23.4% (123)	23.6% (593)	
	3	14.4% (76)	12.6% (318)	
		9.3%	5.2%	

	4	(49)	(131)	
	5	3.4% (18)	2.5% (62)	
	rating average	2.83 (526)	2.64 (2,517)	2.67 (3,039)
Individuals who commit crimes against people with disabilities are convicted	0	12.3% (64)	12.5% (313)	
	1	<b>41.6%</b> <b>(217)</b>	<b>48.1%</b> <b>(1,206)</b>	
	2	21.1% (110)	20.5% (513)	
	3	14.6% (76)	11.9% (299)	
	4	8.2% (43)	4.9% (123)	
	5	2.3% (12)	2.1% (52)	
	rating average	2.72 (522)	2.55 (2,506)	2.58 (3,027)
Individuals who commit crimes against people with disabilities go to prison or jail.	0	19.2% (101)	17.4% (437)	
	1	<b>45.9%</b> <b>(241)</b>	<b>49.9%</b> <b>(1,254)</b>	
	2	16.0% (84)	18.4% (461)	
	3	11.2% (59)	9.2% (232)	
	4	5.7% (30)	3.3% (84)	
	5	1.9% (10)	1.8% (44)	
	rating average	2.44 (525)	2.36 (2,512)	2.38 (3,036)

Comment	45 replies	289 replies	334
<b>answered question</b>	530	2,552	<b>3,081</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>3,311</b>

**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)**

	I am a		Response Totals
	Male	Female	
Individuals with disabilities are not valued	29.8% (158)	28.8% (736)	29.0% (894)
Victims with disabilities are not believed to be reliable reporters or witnesses	47.6% (253)	48.9% (1,251)	48.7% (1,504)
Too much extra work to handle cases against victims with disabilities	26.6% (141)	23.6% (602)	24.1% (743)
Authorities lack adequate training to deal with these victims	<b>50.3%</b> <b>(267)</b>	49.3% (1,259)	49.3% (1,522)
Because incidents of abuse are rarely prosecuted such cases are not handled well	28.1% (149)	27.4% (700)	27.5% (848)
All of the above are factors in creating unequal justice for these victims	48.8% (259)	<b>55.7%</b> <b>(1,423)</b>	<b>54.5%</b> <b>(1,682)</b>
I do not believe that crime victims with disabilities experience unequal justice any more often than anyone else	7.9% (42)	4.7% (119)	5.2% (161)
Comment	34 replies	214 replies	248
<b>answered question</b>	531	2,556	<b>3,086</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>3,306</b>

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

	I am a		
	Male	Female	Response Count
	152 replies	900 replies	1,052
<b>answered question</b>	152	900	<b>1,052</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>5,340</b>

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

	I am a		
	Male	Female	Response Totals
Spend more time in jail when they commit crimes against people with disabilities?	<b>51.1%</b> <b>(521)</b>	<b>48.0%</b> <b>(2,507)</b>	<b>48.5%</b> <b>(3,023)</b>
Spend less time in jail when they commit crimes against people with disabilities?	0.7% (7)	1.0% (53)	1.0% (60)
Spend the same time in jail no matter whether the victim has a disability or not?	36.4% (371)	39.7% (2,073)	39.2% (2,442)
Not sure or don't know	13.6% (139)	13.1% (683)	13.2% (820)
Comment	151 replies	797 replies	948
<b>answered question</b>	1,020	5,221	<b>6,235</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>157</b>



**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?**

	I am a		Response Totals
	Male	Female	
Knowledge of and attitudes toward people with disabilities by all segments of society	<b>39.5%</b> <b>(404)</b>	<b>35.9%</b> <b>(1,869)</b>	<b>36.5%</b> <b>(2,272)</b>
More laws to force authorities to do the right things	6.8% (70)	5.8% (302)	6.0% (372)
More training about abuse reporting	3.7% (38)	4.5% (236)	4.4% (274)
More mandated training of police and abuse investigators	8.3% (85)	8.9% (465)	8.8% (550)
More mandated training of prosecutors	2.8% (29)	1.4% (75)	1.7% (104)
More mandated training of judges	1.9% (19)	1.3% (67)	1.4% (86)
Enhanced public awareness of abuse victims with disabilities	14.9% (153)	15.6% (811)	15.4% (959)
Better tracking of people known to abuse people with disabilities	3.6% (37)	4.8% (247)	4.6% (284)
More legal actions to force compliance with ADA and other Civil Rights legislation	7.3% (75)	7.8% (403)	7.7% (477)
I cannot decide which is most important or I do not have an opinion	11.1% (114)	14.0% (727)	13.5% (839)
Comment	141 replies	933 replies	1,074
<b>answered question</b>	<b>1,024</b>	<b>5,199</b>	<b>6,217</b>
	<b>skipped question</b>		<b>175</b>

## 26. I am a

	I am a		
	Male	Female	Response Totals
Male	<b>100.0%</b> <b>(1,059)</b>	0.1% (6)	16.6% (1,059)
Female	0.6% (6)	<b>100.1%</b> <b>(5,342)</b>	<b>83.5%</b> <b>(5,339)</b>
<b>answered question</b>	1,059	5,339	<b>6,392</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>0</b>

## 27. My age group is:

	I am a		
	Male	Female	Response Totals
18 to 25	4.0% (42)	3.7% (198)	3.7% (236)
26 to 40	19.0% (200)	26.9% (1,429)	25.5% (1,627)
41 to 60	<b>57.8%</b> <b>(610)</b>	<b>56.5%</b> <b>(3,004)</b>	<b>56.7%</b> <b>(3,610)</b>
61 to 80	18.6% (196)	13.1% (698)	14.0% (892)
Over 80	1.2% (13)	0.2% (12)	0.4% (24)
<b>answered question</b>	1,055	5,320	<b>6,369</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>23</b>

## 28. What is your ethnic origin?

	I am a		Response Totals
	Male	Female	
Caucasian	<b>81.4%</b> <b>(826)</b>	<b>83.5%</b> <b>(4,323)</b>	<b>83.1%</b> <b>(5,142)</b>
African-American	5.3% (54)	6.1% (317)	6.0% (371)
Asian/Pacific Island	3.3% (34)	2.0% (105)	2.2% (138)
Latino	6.0% (61)	4.9% (252)	5.1% (313)
Multiracial	3.9% (40)	3.6% (184)	3.6% (224)
Other (please specify)	45 replies	155 replies	200
<b>answered question</b>	<b>1,015</b>	<b>5,178</b>	<b>6,188</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>204</b>

## 29. In what state is your primary residence?

	I am a		Response Totals
	Male	Female	
Alabama	0.0% (0)	1.0% (53)	0.8% (50)
Alaska	0.7% (7)	1.0% (54)	1.0% (61)
Arizona	1.2% (12)	0.9% (47)	1.0% (59)
Arkansas	2.1% (22)	3.5% (182)	3.3% (204)
California	<b>19.4%</b> <b>(200)</b>	<b>15.9%</b> <b>(820)</b>	<b>16.5%</b> <b>(1,019)</b>
Colorado	1.3% (13)	1.6% (83)	1.6% (96)
Connecticut	0.4% (4)	0.5% (27)	0.5% (31)
Delaware	1.2% (12)	2.0% (105)	1.9% (117)
District of Columbia	1.6% (17)	0.7% (37)	0.9% (54)
Florida	3.3% (34)	2.8% (145)	2.9% (178)
Georgia	1.1% (11)	1.1% (58)	1.1% (69)
Hawaii	1.7% (18)	1.1% (59)	1.2% (77)
Idaho	0.6% (6)	0.5% (24)	0.5% (30)
Illinois	2.3% (24)	2.7% (139)	2.6% (163)

Indiana	1.8% (19)	1.9% (96)	1.9% (115)
Iowa	0.7% (7)	1.1% (56)	1.0% (63)
Kansas	0.2% (2)	0.7% (34)	0.6% (36)
Kentucky	1.8% (19)	1.3% (68)	1.4% (87)
Louisiana	1.2% (12)	0.9% (45)	0.9% (57)
Maine	0.6% (6)	0.4% (21)	0.4% (27)
Maryland	2.2% (23)	1.7% (87)	1.8% (110)
Massachusetts	2.9% (30)	3.2% (166)	3.1% (194)
Michigan	1.9% (20)	2.6% (133)	2.5% (153)
Minnesota	1.0% (10)	2.2% (111)	2.0% (121)
Mississippi	0.2% (2)	0.5% (26)	0.5% (28)
Missouri	1.5% (15)	1.3% (69)	1.4% (84)
Montana	0.3% (3)	0.1% (7)	0.2% (10)
Nebraska	0.5% (5)	0.7% (37)	0.7% (42)
Nevada	0.7% (7)	0.4% (21)	0.5% (28)
New Hampshire	0.8% (8)	0.5% (28)	0.6% (36)

New Jersey	2.7% (28)	2.6% (132)	2.6% (160)
New Mexico	1.0% (10)	1.3% (66)	1.2% (76)
New York	5.6% (58)	5.2% (266)	5.2% (323)
North Carolina	2.9% (30)	5.0% (258)	4.7% (288)
North Dakota	0.2% (2)	0.3% (15)	0.3% (17)
Ohio	4.7% (48)	4.0% (206)	4.1% (254)
Oklahoma	1.4% (14)	0.9% (49)	1.0% (63)
Oregon	4.4% (45)	2.8% (142)	3.0% (187)
Pennsylvania	3.7% (38)	3.7% (192)	3.7% (230)
Rhode Island	0.5% (5)	0.4% (21)	0.4% (26)
South Carolina	0.4% (4)	0.8% (40)	0.7% (44)
South Dakota	1.2% (12)	0.9% (47)	1.0% (59)
Tennessee	0.9% (9)	1.3% (68)	1.2% (77)
Texas	4.6% (47)	3.7% (193)	3.9% (239)
Utah	0.3% (3)	0.3% (15)	0.3% (18)
Vermont	0.7% (7)	0.4% (22)	0.5% (29)
Virginia	2.1% (22)	4.8% (248)	4.4% (270)

Washington	3.7% (38)	3.2% (163)	3.2% (201)
West Virginia	0.5% (5)	0.8% (41)	0.7% (46)
Wisconsin	3.5% (36)	2.6% (133)	2.7% (169)
Wyoming	0.3% (3)	0.1% (7)	0.2% (10)
If not a resident of the U.S., in what country do you reside?	53 replies	255 replies	308
<b>answered question</b>	1,032	5,159	<b>6,185</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>207</b>

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

	I am a		
	Male	Female	Response Count
	523 replies	2,448 replies	2,964
<b>answered question</b>	523	2,445	<b>2,964</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>3,428</b>