

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...

	What is your ethnic origin?					Response Totals
	Caucasian	African-American	Asian/Pacific Island	Latino	Multiracial	
Person with a disability	17.5% (858)	21.5% (79)	12.4% (16)	11.1% (34)	29.6% (66)	17.8% (1,053)
Parent or family member of a person with a disability	36.0% (1,763)	26.1% (96)	35.7% (46)	42.3% (130)	39.9% (89)	35.8% (2,124)
Direct support worker	6.0% (295)	15.2% (56)	6.2% (8)	7.2% (22)	11.7% (26)	6.9% (407)
Administrator/manager of an organization providing services or supports to people with disabilities	17.0% (835)	14.9% (55)	15.5% (20)	11.1% (34)	16.6% (37)	16.5% (981)
Social Worker in the field of disabilities	6.2% (303)	5.7% (21)	10.9% (14)	8.5% (26)	7.2% (16)	6.4% (380)
Protective Services Professional (CPS or APS)	4.7% (230)	5.7% (21)	5.4% (7)	6.2% (19)	4.5% (10)	4.8% (287)
Mental Health Professional	7.0% (341)	5.4% (20)	7.0% (9)	7.5% (23)	9.4% (21)	7.0% (414)
Peace Officer	1.4% (68)	0.0% (0)	1.6% (2)	1.3% (4)	0.9% (2)	1.3% (76)
Court official (attorney, parole or probation worker, judge)	1.7% (82)	1.4% (5)	0.8% (1)	1.3% (4)	1.8% (4)	1.6% (96)
Policymaker (Legislator or works for one)	0.1% (7)	0.0% (0)	0.8% (1)	0.3% (1)	0.4% (1)	0.2% (10)
Public agency employee	5.4% (263)	9.2% (34)	11.6% (15)	3.6% (11)	4.9% (11)	5.6% (334)
Special Education teacher, aide or	5.1%	4.1%	1.6%	2.9%	4.9%	4.9%

administrator	(251)	(15)	(2)	(9)	(11)	(288)
Teacher or administrator (but not in Special Education)	1.3% (64)	2.4% (9)	1.6% (2)	0.3% (1)	3.1% (7)	1.4% (83)
Advocate	17.9% (879)	22.0% (81)	10.9% (14)	20.5% (63)	23.3% (52)	18.4% (1,089)
Concerned Citizen	7.5% (368)	11.4% (42)	13.2% (17)	8.8% (27)	13.5% (30)	8.2% (484)
Other:	450 replies	17 replies	10 replies	18 replies	12 replies	507
answered question	4,904	368	129	307	223	5,931
skipped question						311

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

	What is your ethnic origin?					Response Totals
	Caucasian	African-American	Asian/Pacific Island	Latino	Multiracial	
A person who uses a wheelchair or has limited mobility	32.2% (1,138)	33.1% (91)	35.8% (39)	31.8% (76)	35.2% (51)	32.4% (1,395)
A person who is blind or has limited vision	0.8% (28)	1.5% (4)	0.9% (1)	0.4% (1)	1.4% (2)	0.8% (36)
A person who is deaf or is hard of hearing	0.9% (31)	0.4% (1)	1.8% (2)	0.8% (2)	0.7% (1)	0.9% (37)
A person with an intellectual or a developmental disability, e.g., diagnosis of Mental Retardation, Autism, or Cerebral Palsy	61.1% (2,164)	54.5% (150)	57.8% (63)	61.1% (146)	51.0% (74)	60.3% (2,597)
A person who has difficulty speaking clearly or being understood	1.0% (34)	2.5% (7)	0.9% (1)	2.1% (5)	1.4% (2)	1.1% (49)
A person who has mental health problems	4.1% (144)	8.0% (22)	2.8% (3)	3.8% (9)	10.3% (15)	4.5% (193)
Other (please specify)	1,702 replies	101 replies	30 replies	82 replies	88 replies	2,003
answered question	3,539	275	109	239	145	4,307
skipped question						1,935

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

	What is your ethnic origin?					Response Totals
	Caucasian	African-American	Asian/Pacific Island	Latino	Multiracial	
A person who uses a wheelchair or has limited mobility	3.3% (166)	5.8% (21)	4.6% (6)	5.2% (16)	3.2% (7)	3.6% (216)
A person who is blind or has limited vision	1.4% (68)	3.6% (13)	1.5% (2)	2.9% (9)	1.9% (4)	1.6% (96)
A person who is deaf or hard of hearing	2.2% (109)	1.4% (5)	2.3% (3)	3.9% (12)	1.9% (4)	2.2% (133)
A person with an intellectual or a developmental disability, e.g., diagnosis of Mental Retardation, Autism, or Cerebral Palsy	58.0% (2,874)	43.3% (158)	57.3% (75)	55.7% (172)	51.9% (112)	56.7% (3,391)
A person who has difficulty speaking clearly or being understood	10.4% (514)	8.5% (31)	13.0% (17)	13.6% (42)	10.6% (23)	10.5% (627)
A person with mental health problems	14.5% (720)	9.6% (35)	13.7% (18)	14.2% (44)	17.1% (37)	14.3% (854)
All are abused at about the same rate	30.6% (1,516)	43.6% (159)	30.5% (40)	37.9% (117)	35.2% (76)	31.9% (1,908)
Other (please specify)	293 replies	10 replies	10 replies	10 replies	23 replies	346
answered question	4,956	365	131	309	216	5,977
skipped question						265

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

	What is your ethnic origin?					
	Caucasian	African-American	Asian/Pacific Island	Latino	Multiracial	Response Totals
A stranger who a person with a disability encounters alone in a private or public place	4.9% (250)	7.8% (29)	8.7% (12)	7.0% (22)	6.7% (15)	5.3% (328)
Someone with whom he/she is somewhat familiar	25.6% (1,317)	14.5% (54)	18.8% (26)	22.5% (71)	16.9% (38)	24.3% (1,506)
A caregiver or family member	49.3% (2,542)	34.9% (130)	39.9% (55)	35.9% (113)	43.6% (98)	47.4% (2,938)
All of the above about the same	30.1% (1,550)	49.2% (183)	42.0% (58)	45.7% (144)	40.4% (91)	32.7% (2,026)
answered question	5,152	372	138	315	225	6,202
skipped question						40

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

	What is your ethnic origin?					
	Caucasian	African-American	Asian/Pacific Island	Latino	Multiracial	Response Totals
Yes, I have a disability.	19.9% (1,027)	23.8% (89)	13.9% (19)	12.9% (41)	29.5% (67)	20.0% (1,243)
Yes, I have an immediate family member with a disability.	46.8% (2,421)	40.4% (151)	47.4% (65)	56.5% (179)	51.5% (117)	47.1% (2,933)
No, none of us has a disability.	37.4% (1,932)	39.8% (149)	42.3% (58)	33.1% (105)	27.8% (63)	37.1% (2,307)
answered question	5,171	374	137	317	227	6,226
skipped question						16

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.)

	What is your ethnic origin?					
	Caucasian	African-American	Asian/Pacific Island	Latino	Multiracial	Response Totals
Use a wheelchair or have limited mobility	25.2% (741)	30.5% (62)	18.3% (13)	24.4% (47)	28.2% (42)	25.4% (905)
Blind or have limited vision	6.6% (195)	10.3% (21)	5.6% (4)	6.2% (12)	11.4% (17)	7.0% (249)
Deaf or Hard of Hearing	10.8% (318)	6.9% (14)	5.6% (4)	9.3% (18)	12.1% (18)	10.5% (372)
Autism	26.9% (791)	17.7% (36)	33.8% (24)	30.1% (58)	31.5% (47)	26.9% (956)
Intellectual or developmental disability other than Autism e.g., diagnosis of Mental Retardation, Cerebral Palsy or Epilepsy	39.2% (1,154)	37.4% (76)	49.3% (35)	38.9% (75)	37.6% (56)	39.2% (1,396)
Difficulty speaking clearly or being understood	15.3% (451)	16.7% (34)	22.5% (16)	19.7% (38)	16.8% (25)	15.9% (564)
Mental Health problems	26.5% (780)	25.1% (51)	22.5% (16)	15.5% (30)	34.9% (52)	26.1% (929)
Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder	2.9% (85)	3.4% (7)	1.4% (1)	2.6% (5)	7.4% (11)	3.1% (109)
Other (please specify)	563 replies	33 replies	13 replies	32 replies	25 replies	666
answered question	2,942	203	71	193	149	3,558
skipped question						2,684

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

	What is your ethnic origin?					
	Caucasian	African-American	Asian/Pacific Island	Latino	Multiracial	Response Totals
Yes	62.5% (2,019)	48.2% (107)	66.3% (53)	56.1% (119)	77.9% (127)	62.0% (2,425)
No	38.6% (1,249)	52.7% (117)	33.8% (27)	43.9% (93)	23.9% (39)	39.0% (1,525)
answered question	3,232	222	80	212	163	3,909
skipped question						2,333

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

	What is your ethnic origin?					
	Caucasian	African-American	Asian/Pacific Island	Latino	Multiracial	Response Totals
Physical abuse (non-sexual)	33.7% (951)	22.4% (44)	20.8% (15)	33.3% (57)	46.1% (71)	33.3% (1,138)
Sexual abuse	22.9% (646)	17.3% (34)	12.5% (9)	16.4% (28)	37.0% (57)	22.7% (774)
Financial abuse	15.5% (436)	13.8% (27)	12.5% (9)	11.1% (19)	25.3% (39)	15.5% (530)
Verbal or Emotional abuse	55.5% (1,565)	37.2% (73)	54.2% (39)	46.2% (79)	68.8% (106)	54.6% (1,862)
Neglect	23.5% (664)	18.4% (36)	26.4% (19)	24.0% (41)	27.9% (43)	23.5% (803)
This question doesn't apply to me	30.7% (865)	46.9% (92)	33.3% (24)	36.3% (62)	18.8% (29)	31.4% (1,072)
Other (please specify and feel free to comment)	456 replies	11 replies	11 replies	31 replies	32 replies	541
answered question	2,820	196	72	171	154	3,413
skipped question						2,829

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

		What is your ethnic origin?					
		Caucasian	African-American	Asian/Pacific Island	Latino	Multiracial	Response Totals
Yes		45.1% (1,065)	29.4% (47)	30.4% (21)	39.6% (63)	54.3% (75)	44.0% (1,271)
No		54.9% (1,298)	70.6% (113)	69.6% (48)	60.4% (96)	45.7% (63)	56.0% (1,618)
answered question		2,363	160	69	159	138	2,889
						skipped question	3,353

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

	What is your ethnic origin?					Response Totals
	Caucasian	African-American	Asian/Pacific Island	Latino	Multiracial	
Nothing	21.5% (458)	13.9% (23)	23.6% (13)	16.2% (24)	38.0% (46)	21.5% (564)
An investigation was done without delay	10.4% (222)	8.4% (14)	10.9% (6)	10.8% (16)	9.9% (12)	10.3% (270)
The person who committed the abuse was fired, quit, or was asked to avoid contact with me (my family member)	9.6% (205)	4.2% (7)	3.6% (2)	5.4% (8)	9.1% (11)	8.9% (233)
I believe an interview wasn't done or wasn't thorough because I (my family member) use an alternative way to communicate	3.0% (64)	1.8% (3)	1.8% (1)	2.7% (4)	2.5% (3)	2.9% (75)
I (my family member) was interviewed but was not believed	7.6% (163)	2.4% (4)	7.3% (4)	4.7% (7)	9.1% (11)	7.2% (189)
An investigation was done but I (my family member) was not interviewed	3.6% (76)	2.4% (4)	5.5% (3)	2.0% (3)	7.4% (9)	3.6% (95)
An investigation was done but too much time had passed and the investigation was compromised	3.3% (71)	1.2% (2)	3.6% (2)	3.4% (5)	8.3% (10)	3.4% (90)
An investigation was done but the investigator(s) was not thorough	8.2% (175)	3.6% (6)	3.6% (2)	4.1% (6)	14.9% (18)	7.9% (207)
The person who committed the abuse was arrested	3.8% (82)	3.0% (5)	1.8% (1)	3.4% (5)	6.6% (8)	3.9% (101)
The person who committed the abuse was charged with a crime	4.9% (104)	2.4% (4)	1.8% (1)	2.7% (4)	8.3% (10)	4.7% (123)
The person who committed the abuse was convicted of a crime	3.1% (67)	0.6% (1)	1.8% (1)	2.0% (3)	7.4% (9)	3.1% (81)
The person who committed the crime served time in prison or jail	2.5% (54)	0.6% (1)	1.8% (1)	0.7% (1)	4.1% (5)	2.4% (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 Program	2.3% (48)	1.2% (2)	3.6% (2)	0.7% (1)	3.3% (4)	2.2% (57)
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)	2.5% (54)	0.6% (1)	0.0% (0)	1.4% (2)	5.0% (6)	2.4% (63)
This question doesn't apply to me	49.6% (1,058)	69.3% (115)	52.7% (29)	54.7% (81)	28.1% (34)	50.2% (1,317)
Comment on your experience with abuse	596 replies	16 replies	10 replies	22 replies	39 replies	683
answered question	2,131	166	55	148	121	2,621
skipped question						3,621

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

	What is your ethnic origin?					
	Caucasian	African-American	Asian/Pacific Island	Latino	Multiracial	Response Totals
Believed nothing would happen	17.4% (385)	19.5% (33)	15.4% (8)	10.7% (16)	25.2% (28)	17.5% (470)
Did not know how to report or who to report to	11.3% (249)	7.1% (12)	15.4% (8)	10.7% (16)	9.9% (11)	11.0% (296)
Was told not to say anything (threatened) or was too scared to do anything about the abuse	9.7% (213)	5.9% (10)	5.8% (3)	8.1% (12)	12.6% (14)	9.4% (252)
Was told not to report it even though I wanted to tell someone about the abuse	3.4% (74)	1.8% (3)	5.8% (3)	2.0% (3)	5.4% (6)	3.3% (89)
Wasn't able to report the abuse because of my injury	0.6% (13)	1.2% (2)	3.8% (2)	1.3% (2)	2.7% (3)	0.8% (22)
This question doesn't apply to me	67.6% (1,493)	72.2% (122)	65.4% (34)	73.2% (109)	61.3% (68)	67.9% (1,826)
Other (please specify)	504 replies	25 replies	15 replies	26 replies	32 replies	602
answered question	2,207	169	52	149	111	2,688
skipped question						3,554

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

	What is your ethnic origin?					
	Caucasian	African-American	Asian/Pacific Island	Latino	Multiracial	Response Totals
One time	6.5% (184)	9.8% (20)	10.7% (8)	13.9% (26)	9.0% (14)	7.3% (252)
More than once but less than ten times	29.5% (830)	18.0% (37)	33.3% (25)	25.7% (48)	24.4% (38)	28.5% (978)
About ten times	4.1% (114)	0.5% (1)	6.7% (5)	2.7% (5)	5.1% (8)	3.9% (133)
Between 20-40 times	5.7% (160)	7.3% (15)	0.0% (0)	3.2% (6)	8.3% (13)	5.7% (194)
Too many to times to count	21.9% (615)	12.7% (26)	13.3% (10)	12.8% (24)	32.7% (51)	21.1% (726)
This question doesn't apply to me	32.9% (924)	52.7% (108)	38.7% (29)	42.8% (80)	21.8% (34)	34.2% (1,175)
Comment	388 replies	12 replies	6 replies	19 replies	25 replies	450
answered question	2,810	205	75	187	156	3,433
skipped question						2,809

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

	What is your ethnic origin?					
	Caucasian	African-American	Asian/Pacific Island	Latino	Multiracial	Response Totals
Yes	67.4% (2,131)	45.9% (102)	62.5% (50)	60.2% (127)	76.7% (122)	66.1% (2,532)
No	32.6% (1,029)	54.1% (120)	37.5% (30)	39.8% (84)	23.3% (37)	33.9% (1,300)
answered question	3,160	222	80	211	159	3,832
skipped question						2,410

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

	What is your ethnic origin?					
	Caucasian	African-American	Asian/Pacific Island	Latino	Multiracial	Response Totals
School	58.1% (1,650)	33.7% (66)	54.3% (38)	49.7% (92)	61.3% (92)	56.3% (1,938)
Sports team	6.6% (188)	4.1% (8)	2.9% (2)	4.3% (8)	6.0% (9)	6.2% (215)
Workplace	16.2% (461)	7.7% (15)	10.0% (7)	9.7% (18)	24.0% (36)	15.6% (537)
Neighborhood/home	27.6% (783)	20.9% (41)	20.0% (14)	18.9% (35)	40.7% (61)	27.1% (934)
Internet/Cyber space	6.2% (175)	0.5% (1)	5.7% (4)	3.2% (6)	9.3% (14)	5.8% (200)
Other	9.9% (280)	5.6% (11)	12.9% (9)	10.8% (20)	10.0% (15)	9.7% (335)
This question doesn't apply	25.9% (737)	49.5% (97)	30.0% (21)	31.9% (59)	18.7% (28)	27.4% (942)
If "other," describe the place where the bullying occurred	361 replies	10 replies	10 replies	20 replies	21 replies	422
answered question	2,842	196	70	185	150	3,443
skipped question						2,799

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

	What is your ethnic origin?					
	Caucasian	African-American	Asian/Pacific Island	Latino	Multiracial	Response Totals
Once	3.0% (87)	5.0% (10)	5.7% (4)	6.9% (13)	7.3% (11)	3.6% (125)
Occasionally	37.9% (1,081)	18.6% (37)	42.9% (30)	34.9% (66)	30.0% (45)	36.4% (1,259)
Every day	12.4% (355)	9.5% (19)	10.0% (7)	11.6% (22)	14.0% (21)	12.2% (424)
Multiple times per day	5.7% (163)	4.0% (8)	4.3% (3)	4.2% (8)	8.7% (13)	5.6% (195)
It went on for years	19.3% (550)	14.1% (28)	11.4% (8)	12.2% (23)	28.0% (42)	18.8% (651)
This question doesn't apply	26.9% (768)	50.8% (101)	28.6% (20)	32.8% (62)	20.7% (31)	28.4% (982)
Please feel free to comment on your bullying experience	380 replies	9 replies	13 replies	17 replies	20 replies	439
answered question	2,855	199	70	189	150	3,463
skipped question						2,779

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

	What is your ethnic origin?					
	Caucasian	African-American	Asian/Pacific Island	Latino	Multiracial	Response Totals
Yes	62.9% (1,782)	35.4% (70)	52.2% (36)	52.9% (99)	65.8% (98)	60.7% (2,085)
No	8.7% (245)	12.6% (25)	11.6% (8)	12.8% (24)	10.7% (16)	9.3% (318)
This question does not apply	28.4% (804)	52.0% (103)	36.2% (25)	34.2% (64)	23.5% (35)	30.0% (1,031)
Please feel free to explain.	393 replies	9 replies	12 replies	20 replies	26 replies	460
answered question	2,831	198	69	187	149	3,434
skipped question						2,808

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)?

	What is your ethnic origin?					
	Caucasian	African-American	Asian/Pacific Island	Latino	Multiracial	Response Totals
Yes	22.0% (663)	15.6% (33)	21.8% (17)	15.6% (31)	29.2% (47)	21.6% (791)
No	52.7% (1,589)	37.9% (80)	46.2% (36)	51.8% (103)	50.9% (82)	51.6% (1,890)
This question doesn't apply to me	25.3% (763)	46.4% (98)	32.1% (25)	32.7% (65)	19.9% (32)	26.8% (983)
Please feel free to explain	403 replies	12 replies	7 replies	14 replies	24 replies	460
answered question	3,015	211	78	199	161	3,664
skipped question						2,578

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

	What is your ethnic origin?					
	Caucasian	African-American	Asian/Pacific Island	Latino	Multiracial	Response Totals
Not helpful	4.9% (124)	4.2% (8)	3.1% (2)	4.1% (7)	5.4% (7)	4.8% (148)
Somewhat helpful	14.6% (372)	7.8% (15)	14.1% (9)	10.0% (17)	19.2% (25)	14.1% (438)
Very helpful	7.0% (180)	5.7% (11)	6.3% (4)	2.9% (5)	6.2% (8)	6.7% (208)
Extremely helpful	4.0% (103)	3.6% (7)	7.8% (5)	4.1% (7)	6.9% (9)	4.2% (131)
This question doesn't apply to me	69.5% (1,777)	78.6% (151)	68.8% (44)	78.8% (134)	62.3% (81)	70.3% (2,187)
Please feel free to describe this experience	186 replies	6 replies	4 replies	4 replies	19 replies	219
answered question	2,556	192	64	170	130	3,112
skipped question						3,130

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.)

	What is your ethnic origin?					
	Caucasian	African-American	Asian/Pacific Island	Latino	Multiracial	Response Totals
Abuse against people with disabilities has been reported to me	53.9% (1,128)	39.0% (62)	50.8% (30)	47.8% (55)	54.8% (40)	52.6% (1,315)
I have investigated abuse as part of my job	38.0% (795)	28.3% (45)	39.0% (23)	29.6% (34)	26.0% (19)	36.6% (916)
I advocate for people with disabilities who have been abused or have had crimes committed against them	55.0% (1,151)	47.8% (76)	47.5% (28)	47.8% (55)	50.7% (37)	53.9% (1,347)
I have prosecuted people that have committed crimes against people with disabilities.	2.8% (59)	1.9% (3)	1.7% (1)	4.3% (5)	2.7% (2)	2.8% (70)
I provide some form of therapy or counseling to victims of abuse with disabilities	18.9% (395)	15.7% (25)	16.9% (10)	20.0% (23)	32.9% (24)	19.1% (477)
I have no personal or professional experience with abuse	14.7% (308)	24.5% (39)	23.7% (14)	18.3% (21)	17.8% (13)	15.8% (395)
Other	207 replies	9 replies	5 replies	9 replies	13 replies	243
answered question	2,094	159	59	115	73	2,500
skipped question						3,742

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

	What is your ethnic origin?					
	Caucasian	African-American	Asian/Pacific Island	Latino	Multiracial	Response Totals
About the same	4.8% (124)	7.9% (14)	13.5% (10)	4.2% (6)	1.1% (1)	5.1% (155)
Slightly more prevalent than against people without disabilities	13.7% (351)	7.9% (14)	14.9% (11)	14.6% (21)	10.6% (10)	13.4% (407)
Many times more prevalent than abuse against people without disabilities at all ages	57.0% (1,459)	49.2% (87)	45.9% (34)	47.9% (69)	58.5% (55)	55.9% (1,704)
More prevalent against children	5.9% (150)	6.8% (12)	9.5% (7)	11.8% (17)	7.4% (7)	6.3% (193)
More prevalent against adults	3.8% (97)	2.3% (4)	2.7% (2)	2.8% (4)	3.2% (3)	3.6% (110)
More prevalent against elders	7.7% (198)	11.9% (21)	12.2% (9)	11.8% (17)	14.9% (14)	8.5% (259)
Not sure	15.7% (401)	21.5% (38)	12.2% (9)	21.5% (31)	20.2% (19)	16.3% (498)
Other (please specify)	74 replies	4 replies	0 replies	1 reply	2 replies	81
answered question	2,559	177	74	144	94	3,048
skipped question						3,194

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?)

		What is your ethnic origin?					
		Caucasian	African-American	Asian/Pacific Island	Latino	Multiracial	Response Totals
Reported to authorities	0	3.0% (76)	6.2% (11)	5.6% (4)	5.7% (8)	5.4% (5)	
	1	34.1% (858)	24.7% (44)	31.0% (22)	31.4% (44)	37.6% (35)	
	2	32.5% (817)	27.0% (48)	33.8% (24)	28.6% (40)	26.9% (25)	
	3	18.8% (472)	27.0% (48)	18.3% (13)	19.3% (27)	18.3% (17)	
	4	7.9% (199)	9.6% (17)	8.5% (6)	10.0% (14)	8.6% (8)	
	5	3.7% (93)	5.6% (10)	2.8% (2)	5.0% (7)	3.2% (3)	
rating average		3.06 (2,515)	3.26 (178)	3.01 (71)	3.11 (140)	2.97 (93)	3.07 (2,997)
Authority receiving report takes action	0	2.6% (65)	4.1% (7)	4.3% (3)	7.1% (10)	6.7% (6)	
	1	22.4% (560)	18.2% (31)	17.4% (12)	17.9% (25)	33.3% (30)	
	2	26.2% (653)	21.8% (37)	27.5% (19)	27.9% (39)	25.6% (23)	
	3	23.3% (582)	22.9% (39)	18.8% (13)	21.4% (30)	16.7% (15)	
	4	18.5% (461)	18.2% (31)	21.7% (15)	19.3% (27)	12.2% (11)	
	5	7.0% (175)	14.7% (25)	10.1% (7)	6.4% (9)	5.6% (5)	

rating average		3.54 (2,496)	3.77 (170)	3.67 (69)	3.47 (140)	3.11 (90)	3.54 (2,965)
Authority receiving report promptly and thoroughly investigates	0	3.6% (90)	4.5% (8)	4.3% (3)	7.9% (11)	7.4% (7)	
	1	27.1% (678)	23.9% (42)	25.7% (18)	24.5% (34)	38.3% (36)	
	2	27.2% (679)	21.0% (37)	21.4% (15)	26.6% (37)	19.1% (18)	
	3	20.9% (523)	18.8% (33)	24.3% (17)	18.0% (25)	16.0% (15)	
	4	14.7% (368)	17.6% (31)	18.6% (13)	16.5% (23)	16.0% (15)	
	5	6.5% (162)	14.2% (25)	5.7% (4)	6.5% (9)	3.2% (3)	
rating average		3.35 (2,500)	3.64 (176)	3.44 (70)	3.30 (139)	3.04 (94)	3.36 (2,979)
Victims with disabilities are believed	0	3.2% (80)	5.1% (9)	8.5% (6)	8.6% (12)	8.5% (8)	
	1	31.0% (773)	25.7% (45)	21.1% (15)	27.9% (39)	34.0% (32)	
	2	30.3% (756)	25.1% (44)	23.9% (17)	26.4% (37)	27.7% (26)	
	3	20.8% (519)	20.6% (36)	33.8% (24)	20.7% (29)	16.0% (15)	
	4	11.1% (277)	16.6% (29)	8.5% (6)	12.1% (17)	9.6% (9)	
	5	3.6% (89)	6.9% (12)	4.2% (3)	4.3% (6)	4.3% (4)	
rating average		3.16 (2,494)	3.38 (175)	3.25 (71)	3.13 (140)	2.97 (94)	3.17 (2,974)
Those who abuse people with disabilities are fired	0	7.7% (189)	7.3% (13)	10.1% (7)	19.1% (27)	11.8% (11)	
	1	31.4% (773)	20.9% (37)	29.0% (20)	22.0% (31)	38.7% (36)	

	2	25.0% (614)	24.9% (44)	17.4% (12)	19.1% (27)	20.4% (19)	
	3	16.9% (416)	16.9% (30)	21.7% (15)	19.1% (27)	11.8% (11)	
	4	11.7% (289)	14.7% (26)	20.3% (14)	13.5% (19)	10.8% (10)	
	5	7.3% (179)	15.3% (27)	1.4% (1)	7.1% (10)	6.5% (6)	
rating average		3.15 (2,460)	3.56 (177)	3.17 (69)	3.07 (141)	2.90 (93)	3.17 (2,940)
Individuals who commit crimes against people with disabilities are arrested	0	9.0% (226)	6.2% (11)	11.4% (8)	12.8% (18)	14.0% (13)	
	1	42.7% (1,068)	29.2% (52)	31.4% (22)	34.0% (48)	51.6% (48)	
	2	25.0% (627)	28.7% (51)	21.4% (15)	27.0% (38)	19.4% (18)	
	3	14.7% (367)	20.2% (36)	21.4% (15)	12.8% (18)	7.5% (7)	
	4	6.3% (158)	8.4% (15)	11.4% (8)	7.8% (11)	4.3% (4)	
	5	2.3% (58)	7.3% (13)	2.9% (2)	5.7% (8)	3.2% (3)	
rating average		2.74 (2,504)	3.17 (178)	2.99 (70)	2.86 (141)	2.46 (93)	2.76 (2,986)
Individuals who commit crimes against people with disabilities are prosecuted	0	10.0% (251)	7.3% (13)	17.4% (12)	15.7% (22)	15.1% (14)	
	1	46.1% (1,153)	34.5% (61)	26.1% (18)	32.1% (45)	53.8% (50)	
	2	23.5% (588)	25.4% (45)	27.5% (19)	27.9% (39)	14.0% (13)	
	3	12.6% (315)	16.4% (29)	15.9% (11)	12.1% (17)	8.6% (8)	
		5.6%	9.0%	10.1%	7.9%	4.3%	

	4	(139)	(16)	(7)	(11)	(4)	
	5	2.2% (54)	7.3% (13)	2.9% (2)	4.3% (6)	4.3% (4)	
rating average		2.64 (2,500)	3.07 (177)	2.84 (69)	2.77 (140)	2.46 (93)	2.67 (2,979)
Individuals who commit crimes against people with disabilities are convicted	0	11.9% (296)	10.2% (18)	17.4% (12)	18.6% (26)	20.4% (19)	
	1	49.2% (1,224)	34.5% (61)	27.5% (19)	32.9% (46)	50.5% (47)	
	2	20.3% (504)	24.3% (43)	27.5% (19)	21.4% (30)	11.8% (11)	
	3	11.8% (293)	16.4% (29)	17.4% (12)	14.3% (20)	7.5% (7)	
	4	5.0% (125)	8.5% (15)	8.7% (6)	10.0% (14)	6.5% (6)	
	5	1.8% (46)	6.2% (11)	1.4% (1)	2.9% (4)	3.2% (3)	
rating average		2.54 (2,488)	2.97 (177)	2.77 (69)	2.73 (140)	2.39 (93)	2.58 (2,967)
Individuals who commit crimes against people with disabilities go to prison or jail.	0	17.0% (424)	14.8% (26)	22.9% (16)	23.6% (33)	26.1% (24)	
	1	51.6% (1,288)	35.8% (63)	32.9% (23)	31.4% (44)	53.3% (49)	
	2	17.5% (438)	23.9% (42)	20.0% (14)	21.4% (30)	8.7% (8)	
	3	9.0% (225)	12.5% (22)	17.1% (12)	12.9% (18)	8.7% (8)	
	4	3.4% (85)	7.4% (13)	5.7% (4)	7.1% (10)	1.1% (1)	
	5	1.4% (36)	5.7% (10)	1.4% (1)	3.6% (5)	2.2% (2)	
rating average		2.35 (2,496)	2.79 (176)	2.54 (70)	2.59 (140)	2.12 (92)	2.38 (2,974)

Comment	271 replies	13 replies	7 replies	9 replies	16 replies	316
answered question	2,531	179	71	141	94	3,016
skipped question						3,226

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)

	What is your ethnic origin?					Response Totals
	Caucasian	African-American	Asian/Pacific Island	Latino	Multiracial	
Individuals with disabilities are not valued	29.7% (754)	23.0% (41)	22.5% (16)	24.6% (35)	32.3% (31)	29.0% (877)
Victims with disabilities are not believed to be reliable reporters or witnesses	50.1% (1,269)	33.1% (59)	46.5% (33)	43.7% (62)	49.0% (47)	48.6% (1,470)
Too much extra work to handle cases against victims with disabilities	24.1% (610)	19.7% (35)	25.4% (18)	25.4% (36)	29.2% (28)	24.1% (727)
Authorities lack adequate training to deal with these victims	50.5% (1,280)	40.4% (72)	47.9% (34)	44.4% (63)	45.8% (44)	49.4% (1,493)
Because incidents of abuse are rarely prosecuted such cases are not handled well	27.6% (700)	27.0% (48)	25.4% (18)	25.4% (36)	25.0% (24)	27.3% (826)
All of the above are factors in creating unequal justice for these victims	54.4% (1,378)	61.8% (110)	52.1% (37)	52.1% (74)	51.0% (49)	54.5% (1,648)
I do not believe that crime victims with disabilities experience unequal justice any more often than anyone else	4.7% (118)	9.0% (16)	11.3% (8)	7.0% (10)	6.3% (6)	5.2% (158)
Comment	215 replies	3 replies	5 replies	9 replies	11 replies	243
answered question	2,535	178	71	142	96	3,022
skipped question						3,220

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

	What is your ethnic origin?					
	Caucasian	African-American	Asian/Pacific Island	Latino	Multiracial	Response Count
	833 replies	54 replies	20 replies	43 replies	62 replies	1,012
answered question	833	54	20	43	62	1,012
skipped question						5,230

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

	What is your ethnic origin?					
	Caucasian	African-American	Asian/Pacific Island	Latino	Multiracial	Response Totals
Spend more time in jail when they commit crimes against people with disabilities?	48.3% (2,443)	50.0% (184)	40.3% (54)	50.8% (159)	55.1% (119)	48.6% (2,959)
Spend less time in jail when they commit crimes against people with disabilities?	0.8% (42)	2.2% (8)	0.0% (0)	1.6% (5)	0.5% (1)	0.9% (56)
Spend the same time in jail no matter whether the victim has a disability or not?	39.5% (1,997)	38.3% (141)	47.0% (63)	37.1% (116)	30.1% (65)	39.1% (2,382)
Not sure or don't know	13.2% (667)	11.7% (43)	13.4% (18)	12.1% (38)	17.1% (37)	13.2% (803)
Comment	775 replies	31 replies	14 replies	29 replies	53 replies	902
answered question	5,057	368	134	313	216	6,088
skipped question						154

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?

	What is your ethnic origin?					
	Caucasian	African-American	Asian/Pacific Island	Latino	Multiracial	Response Totals
Knowledge of and attitudes toward people with disabilities by all segments of society	37.4% (1,885)	30.8% (113)	36.0% (49)	30.8% (96)	34.2% (76)	36.5% (2,219)
More laws to force authorities to do the right things	5.6% (281)	8.7% (32)	4.4% (6)	8.3% (26)	4.5% (10)	5.8% (355)
More training about abuse reporting	4.4% (223)	5.7% (21)	3.7% (5)	3.5% (11)	5.0% (11)	4.5% (271)
More mandated training of police and abuse investigators	9.0% (452)	7.1% (26)	7.4% (10)	11.5% (36)	7.7% (17)	8.9% (541)
More mandated training of prosecutors	1.7% (88)	0.8% (3)	1.5% (2)	1.6% (5)	1.8% (4)	1.7% (102)
More mandated training of judges	1.5% (74)	1.1% (4)	0.7% (1)	0.3% (1)	0.9% (2)	1.3% (82)
Enhanced public awareness of abuse victims with disabilities	15.1% (760)	19.1% (70)	19.9% (27)	18.9% (59)	12.6% (28)	15.5% (944)
Better tracking of people known to abuse people with disabilities	4.6% (230)	3.3% (12)	4.4% (6)	3.8% (12)	7.7% (17)	4.6% (277)
More legal actions to force compliance with ADA and other Civil Rights legislation	7.1% (357)	11.2% (41)	9.6% (13)	9.3% (29)	11.7% (26)	7.7% (466)
I cannot decide which is most important or I do not have an opinion	13.8% (694)	12.3% (45)	12.5% (17)	11.9% (37)	14.0% (31)	13.6% (824)
Comment	892 replies	35 replies	18 replies	34 replies	46 replies	1,025
answered question	5,041	367	136	312	222	6,078
skipped question						164

26. I am a

	What is your ethnic origin?					
	Caucasian	African-American	Asian/Pacific Island	Latino	Multiracial	Response Totals
Male	16.1% (826)	14.6% (54)	24.6% (34)	19.5% (61)	17.9% (40)	16.4% (1,015)
Female	84.1% (4,323)	85.4% (317)	76.1% (105)	80.5% (252)	82.1% (184)	83.7% (5,181)
answered question	5,142	371	138	313	224	6,188
skipped question						54

27. My age group is:

	What is your ethnic origin?					
	Caucasian	African-American	Asian/Pacific Island	Latino	Multiracial	Response Totals
18 to 25	3.6% (186)	6.4% (24)	5.1% (7)	2.2% (7)	4.0% (9)	3.7% (233)
26 to 40	24.4% (1,261)	21.7% (81)	26.1% (36)	39.6% (125)	35.7% (80)	25.5% (1,583)
41 to 60	57.0% (2,945)	60.7% (227)	53.6% (74)	51.9% (164)	53.6% (120)	56.8% (3,530)
61 to 80	14.9% (771)	11.5% (43)	14.5% (20)	7.6% (24)	6.7% (15)	14.0% (873)
Over 80	0.4% (22)	0.0% (0)	0.7% (1)	0.0% (0)	0.4% (1)	0.4% (24)
answered question	5,168	374	138	316	224	6,220
skipped question						22

28. What is your ethnic origin?

	What is your ethnic origin?					
	Caucasian	African-American	Asian/Pacific Island	Latino	Multiracial	Response Totals
Caucasian	100.1% (5,188)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	83.1% (5,188)
African-American	0.0% (0)	100.0% (375)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	6.0% (375)
Asian/Pacific Island	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	100.0% (138)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	2.2% (138)
Latino	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	100.0% (317)	0.0% (0)	5.1% (317)
Multiracial	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	100.0% (227)	3.6% (227)
Other (please specify)	35 replies	2 replies	2 replies	5 replies	17 replies	61
answered question	5,185	375	138	317	227	6,242
	skipped question					0

29. In what state is your primary residence?

		What is your ethnic origin?					
		Caucasian	African-American	Asian/Pacific Island	Latino	Multiracial	Response Totals
Alabama		0.9% (46)	1.1% (4)	0.8% (1)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.8% (51)
Alaska		1.1% (53)	0.3% (1)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	2.8% (6)	1.0% (60)
Arizona		0.9% (47)	0.3% (1)	0.0% (0)	3.5% (11)	0.5% (1)	1.0% (60)
Arkansas		3.4% (171)	7.8% (29)	0.0% (0)	1.0% (3)	0.5% (1)	3.4% (204)
California		14.8% (742)	8.1% (30)	35.7% (45)	39.7% (124)	21.3% (46)	16.3% (987)
Colorado		1.7% (84)	0.3% (1)	1.6% (2)	1.3% (4)	2.8% (6)	1.6% (97)
Connecticut		0.6% (29)	0.5% (2)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.5% (31)
Delaware		1.7% (86)	4.8% (18)	1.6% (2)	1.3% (4)	2.3% (5)	1.9% (115)
District of Columbia		0.4% (18)	8.1% (30)	1.6% (2)	0.3% (1)	1.4% (3)	0.9% (54)
Florida		2.9% (146)	1.3% (5)	0.8% (1)	5.4% (17)	1.9% (4)	2.9% (173)
Georgia		1.0% (51)	2.7% (10)	1.6% (2)	0.3% (1)	0.5% (1)	1.1% (65)
Hawaii		0.7% (34)	0.0% (0)	23.0% (29)	1.0% (3)	4.6% (10)	1.3% (76)
Idaho		0.4% (22)	0.0% (0)	1.6% (2)	0.6% (2)	1.4% (3)	0.5% (29)
Illinois		2.8% (142)	3.0% (11)	0.8% (1)	1.9% (6)	0.5% (1)	2.7% (161)

Indiana	2.1% (104)	1.3% (5)	0.0% (0)	0.6% (2)	1.4% (3)	1.9% (114)
Iowa	1.1% (56)	0.8% (3)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	1.9% (4)	1.0% (63)
Kansas	0.7% (34)	0.5% (2)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.6% (36)
Kentucky	1.6% (82)	0.3% (1)	1.6% (2)	0.0% (0)	0.5% (1)	1.4% (86)
Louisiana	0.8% (39)	4.0% (15)	0.0% (0)	0.6% (2)	0.5% (1)	0.9% (57)
Maine	0.5% (26)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.4% (26)
Maryland	1.6% (81)	5.9% (22)	1.6% (2)	0.3% (1)	0.0% (0)	1.8% (106)
Massachusetts	3.4% (169)	1.1% (4)	1.6% (2)	2.6% (8)	2.3% (5)	3.1% (188)
Michigan	2.9% (145)	0.5% (2)	0.8% (1)	0.3% (1)	1.9% (4)	2.5% (153)
Minnesota	2.3% (118)	0.0% (0)	0.8% (1)	0.0% (0)	0.9% (2)	2.0% (121)
Mississippi	0.4% (21)	1.9% (7)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.5% (28)
Missouri	1.5% (73)	1.1% (4)	2.4% (3)	0.0% (0)	1.9% (4)	1.4% (84)
Montana	0.1% (7)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.3% (1)	0.0% (0)	0.1% (8)
Nebraska	0.8% (39)	0.3% (1)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.7% (40)
Nevada	0.4% (21)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	1.0% (3)	0.9% (2)	0.4% (26)
New Hampshire	0.7% (37)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.6% (37)

New Jersey	2.7% (136)	3.2% (12)	0.0% (0)	1.9% (6)	2.3% (5)	2.6% (159)
New Mexico	1.0% (49)	0.0% (0)	0.8% (1)	3.8% (12)	2.8% (6)	1.1% (68)
New York	5.4% (269)	3.0% (11)	4.0% (5)	3.5% (11)	6.0% (13)	5.1% (309)
North Carolina	3.9% (197)	18.0% (67)	1.6% (2)	1.9% (6)	6.0% (13)	4.7% (285)
North Dakota	0.3% (17)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.3% (17)
Ohio	4.6% (233)	2.2% (8)	0.0% (0)	1.0% (3)	2.8% (6)	4.1% (250)
Oklahoma	1.0% (52)	0.3% (1)	0.8% (1)	0.3% (1)	1.4% (3)	1.0% (58)
Oregon	3.0% (151)	0.5% (2)	2.4% (3)	2.9% (9)	8.3% (18)	3.0% (183)
Pennsylvania	4.1% (208)	3.2% (12)	1.6% (2)	0.3% (1)	2.8% (6)	3.8% (229)
Rhode Island	0.5% (24)	0.5% (2)	0.0% (0)	0.3% (1)	0.0% (0)	0.4% (27)
South Carolina	0.7% (35)	1.6% (6)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	1.4% (3)	0.7% (44)
South Dakota	1.1% (56)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.9% (56)
Tennessee	1.4% (70)	1.6% (6)	0.0% (0)	0.3% (1)	0.0% (0)	1.3% (77)
Texas	3.3% (164)	2.7% (10)	4.8% (6)	15.7% (49)	4.2% (9)	3.9% (238)
Utah	0.3% (17)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.3% (17)
Vermont	0.5% (26)	0.3% (1)	0.8% (1)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.5% (28)
Virginia	4.4% (221)	6.2% (23)	3.2% (4)	2.9% (9)	2.8% (6)	4.3% (263)

Washington	3.3% (168)	0.3% (1)	1.6% (2)	2.6% (8)	5.1% (11)	3.1% (190)
West Virginia	0.9% (46)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.8% (46)
Wisconsin	3.1% (156)	0.5% (2)	0.8% (1)	0.3% (1)	1.9% (4)	2.7% (164)
Wyoming	0.2% (10)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.2% (10)
If not a resident of the U.S., in what country do you reside?	243 replies	10 replies	15 replies	8 replies	16 replies	292
answered question	5,025	372	126	312	216	6,051
skipped question						191

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

	What is your ethnic origin?					
	Caucasian	African-American	Asian/Pacific Island	Latino	Multiracial	Response Count
	2,429 replies	154 replies	62 replies	148 replies	104 replies	2,897
answered question	2,426	154	62	148	104	2,894
skipped question						3,348