

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...

	Do you or an immediate family member have a disability? (Note: If both apply, choose one and complete the survey accordingly.)			ResponseTotals
	Yes, I have a disability.	Yes, I have an immediate family member with a disability.	No, none of us has a disability.	
Person with a disability	82.6% (1,179)	8.2% (274)	0.5% (11)	18.1% (1,242)
Parent or family member of a person with a disability	16.7% (238)	70.3% (2,344)	2.9% (70)	36.2% (2,490)
Direct support worker	6.0% (85)	6.4% (214)	9.2% (219)	7.1% (486)
Administrator/manager of an organization providing services or supports to people with disabilities	9.7% (138)	12.6% (421)	24.7% (591)	16.0% (1,100)
Social Worker in the field of disabilities	4.0% (57)	4.9% (165)	9.9% (238)	6.4% (441)
Protective Services Professional (CPS or APS)	1.4% (20)	2.8% (93)	8.8% (210)	4.7% (321)
Mental Health Professional	6.2% (89)	5.5% (184)	9.5% (227)	6.9% (473)
Peace Officer	0.2% (3)	1.0% (33)	2.0% (48)	1.2% (83)
Court official (attorney, parole or probation worker, judge)	0.4% (5)	1.1% (36)	2.7% (64)	1.5% (103)
Policymaker (Legislator or works for one)	0.3% (4)	0.1% (5)	0.3% (6)	0.2% (13)

Public agency employee	4.0% (57)	3.7% (124)	8.9% (214)	5.5% (377)
Special Education teacher, aide or administrator	2.9% (42)	3.9% (129)	7.0% (167)	4.7% (326)
Teacher or administrator (but not in Special Education)	1.9% (27)	1.1% (36)	1.7% (41)	1.4% (98)
Advocate	23.4% (334)	16.9% (564)	18.4% (441)	17.9% (1,231)
Concerned Citizen	9.7% (138)	7.3% (244)	9.7% (231)	8.2% (560)
Other:	85 replies	216 replies	302 replies	603
AnsweredQuestion	1,427	3,335	2,392	6,871
SkippedQuestion				356

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

	Do you or an immediate family member have a disability? (Note: If both apply, choose one and complete the survey accordingly.)			ResponseTotals
	Yes, I have a disability.	Yes, I have an immediate family member with a disability.	No, none of us has a disability.	
A person who uses a wheelchair or has limited mobility	51.3% (457)	27.3% (631)	30.6% (592)	32.3% (1,611)
A person who is blind or has limited vision	2.5% (22)	0.6% (13)	0.5% (9)	0.8% (41)
A person who is deaf or is hard of hearing	2.4% (21)	0.5% (12)	0.4% (8)	0.8% (40)
A person with an intellectual or a developmental disability, e.g., diagnosis of Mental Retardation, Autism, or Cerebral Palsy	32.8% (292)	66.0% (1,529)	64.5% (1,246)	60.3% (3,004)
A person who has difficulty speaking clearly or being understood	1.9% (17)	1.4% (32)	0.6% (11)	1.1% (57)
A person who has mental health problems	9.2% (82)	4.2% (98)	3.5% (67)	4.6% (228)
Other (please specify)	603 replies	1,146 replies	713 replies	2,462
AnsweredQuestion	891	2,315	1,933	4,981
SkippedQuestion				2,246

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

	Do you or an immediate family member have a disability? (Note: If both apply, choose one and complete the survey accordingly.)			ResponseTotals
	Yes, I have a disability.	Yes, I have an immediate family member with a disability.	No, none of us has a disability.	
A person who uses a wheelchair or has limited mobility	6.8% (94)	3.8% (125)	2.7% (67)	3.8% (261)
A person who is blind or has limited vision	3.7% (51)	1.7% (54)	1.0% (24)	1.7% (118)
A person who is deaf or hard of hearing	4.9% (68)	2.7% (89)	1.2% (31)	2.4% (163)
A person with an intellectual or a developmental disability, e.g., diagnosis of Mental Retardation, Autism, or Cerebral Palsy	47.6% (656)	60.0% (1,960)	56.7% (1,428)	56.5% (3,900)
A person who has difficulty speaking clearly or being understood	11.5% (159)	12.5% (407)	9.0% (228)	10.8% (747)
A person with mental health problems	20.7% (286)	14.0% (456)	12.3% (311)	14.1% (974)
All are abused at about the same rate	36.8% (508)	30.5% (996)	31.6% (797)	32.0% (2,210)
Other (please specify)	119 replies	215 replies	129 replies	463
AnsweredQuestion	1,379	3,265	2,520	6,899
SkippedQuestion				328

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

	Do you or an immediate family member have a disability? (Note: If both apply, choose one and complete the survey accordingly.)			ResponseTotals
	Yes, I have a disability.	Yes, I have an immediate family member with a disability.	No, none of us has a disability.	
A stranger who a person with a disability encounters alone in a private or public place	8.0% (116)	7.0% (236)	2.6% (69)	5.5% (396)
Someone with whom he/she is somewhat familiar	19.3% (279)	27.9% (947)	22.0% (575)	24.1% (1,730)
A caregiver or family member	44.8% (648)	39.4% (1,337)	57.9% (1,516)	47.1% (3,376)
All of the above about the same	40.0% (579)	37.2% (1,263)	25.0% (654)	33.2% (2,378)
AnsweredQuestion	1,447	3,392	2,617	7,173
SkippedQuestion				54

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

Do you or an immediate family member have a disability? (Note: If both apply, choose one and complete the survey accordingly.)				
	Yes, I have a disability.	Yes, I have an immediate family member with a disability.	No, none of us has a disability.	ResponseTotals
Yes, I have a disability.	100.0% (1,461)	8.2% (280)	0.1% (3)	20.2% (1,461)
Yes, I have an immediate family member with a disability.	19.2% (280)	100.0% (3,422)	0.2% (4)	47.4% (3,422)
No, none of us has a disability.	0.2% (3)	0.1% (4)	100.0% (2,630)	36.4% (2,630)
AnsweredQuestion	1,461	3,422	2,630	7,227
SkippedQuestion				0

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.)

	Do you or an immediate family member have a disability? (Note: If both apply, choose one and complete the survey accordingly.)			ResponseTotals
	Yes, I have a disability.	Yes, I have an immediate family member with a disability.	No, none of us has a disability.	
Use a wheelchair or have limited mobility	38.4% (449)	20.8% (612)	50.0% (6)	25.5% (990)
Blind or have limited vision	9.6% (112)	6.4% (188)	0.0% (0)	7.2% (279)
Deaf or Hard of Hearing	18.3% (214)	7.9% (232)	8.3% (1)	10.3% (400)
Autism	14.4% (169)	31.9% (938)	16.7% (2)	27.0% (1,050)
Intellectual or developmental disability other than Autism e.g., diagnosis of Mental Retardation, Cerebral Palsy or Epilepsy	20.1% (235)	46.0% (1,351)	41.7% (5)	39.2% (1,524)
Difficulty speaking clearly or being understood	9.6% (112)	18.3% (537)	0.0% (0)	15.8% (615)
Mental Health problems	32.6% (382)	24.3% (713)	0.0% (0)	25.6% (995)
Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder	2.0% (23)	3.8% (111)	0.0% (0)	3.1% (120)
Other (please specify)	343 replies	489 replies	2 replies	834
AnsweredQuestion	1,170	2,939	12	3,887
SkippedQuestion				3,340

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

Do you or an immediate family member have a disability? (Note: If both apply, choose one and complete the survey accordingly.)				
	Yes, I have a disability.	Yes, I have an immediate family member with a disability.	No, none of us has a disability.	ResponseTotals
Yes	70.2% (958)	58.8% (1,856)	25.0% (3)	61.3% (2,610)
No	30.8% (420)	42.4% (1,338)	75.0% (9)	39.9% (1,698)
AnsweredQuestion	1,364	3,156	12	4,260
SkippedQuestion				2,967

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

	Do you or an immediate family member have a disability? (Note: If both apply, choose one and complete the survey accordingly.)			
	Yes, I have a disability.	Yes, I have an immediate family member with a disability.	No, none of us has a disability.	ResponseTotals
Physical abuse (non-sexual)	39.2% (475)	32.4% (877)	12.5% (1)	33.5% (1,232)
Sexual abuse	32.2% (390)	19.4% (524)	12.5% (1)	22.5% (827)
Financial abuse	24.4% (295)	13.3% (361)	0.0% (0)	15.6% (575)
Verbal or Emotional abuse	67.5% (818)	50.5% (1,368)	25.0% (2)	54.4% (2,003)
Neglect	28.9% (350)	22.5% (609)	12.5% (1)	23.6% (870)
This question doesn't apply to me	22.5% (273)	34.1% (923)	62.5% (5)	31.5% (1,158)
Other (please specify and feel free to comment)	218 replies	431 replies	1 reply	650
AnsweredQuestion	1,211	2,708	8	3,679
SkippedQuestion				3,548

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

		Do you or an immediate family member have a disability? (Note: If both apply, choose one and complete the survey accordingly.)			
		Yes, I have a disability.	Yes, I have an immediate family member with a disability.	No, none of us has a disability.	ResponseTotals
Yes		37.3% (417)	47.9% (1,065)	50.0% (2)	44.1% (1,372)
No		62.7% (700)	52.1% (1,157)	50.0% (2)	55.9% (1,740)
AnsweredQuestion		1,117	2,222	4	3,112
SkippedQuestion					4,115

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

	Do you or an immediate family member have a disability? (Note: If both apply, choose one and complete the survey accordingly.)			ResponseTotals
	Yes, I have a disability.	Yes, I have an immediate family member with a disability.	No, none of us has a disability.	
Nothing	27.6% (243)	20.4% (426)	25.0% (1)	21.7% (605)
An investigation was done without delay	8.0% (71)	11.3% (235)	0.0% (0)	10.3% (287)
The person who committed the abuse was fired, quit, or was asked to avoid contact with me (my family member)	6.9% (61)	10.2% (212)	0.0% (0)	9.1% (255)
I believe an interview wasn't done or wasn't thorough because I (my family member) use an alternative way to communicate	1.7% (15)	3.1% (65)	0.0% (0)	2.8% (79)
I (my family member) was interviewed but was not believed	9.3% (82)	6.9% (144)	0.0% (0)	7.3% (203)
An investigation was done but I (my family member) was not interviewed	2.8% (25)	4.1% (85)	0.0% (0)	3.6% (101)
An investigation was done but too much time had passed and the investigation was compromised	3.5% (31)	3.5% (73)	0.0% (0)	3.4% (96)
An investigation was done but the investigator(s) was not thorough	6.1% (54)	8.5% (178)	0.0% (0)	8.0% (222)
The person who committed the abuse was arrested	5.1% (45)	3.6% (75)	0.0% (0)	3.8% (107)
The person who committed the abuse was charged with a crime	5.0% (44)	4.6% (96)	25.0% (1)	4.6% (129)
The person who committed the abuse was convicted of a crime	3.4% (30)	3.0% (62)	0.0% (0)	3.0% (84)
The person who committed the crime served time in prison or jail	2.6% (23)	2.3% (48)	0.0% (0)	2.3% (64)

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	1.9% (17)	2.2% (46)	0.0% (0)	2.1% (59)
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)	3.7% (33)	2.2% (45)	0.0% (0)	2.4% (67)
This question doesn't apply to me	48.0% (423)	49.4% (1,032)	50.0% (2)	49.9% (1,391)
Comment on your experience with abuse	242 replies	564 replies	0 replies	806
AnsweredQuestion	882	2,087	4	2,790
SkippedQuestion				4,437

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

	Do you or an immediate family member have a disability? (Note: If both apply, choose one and complete the survey accordingly.)			
	Yes, I have a disability.	Yes, I have an immediate family member with a disability.	No, none of us has a disability.	ResponseTotals
Believed nothing would happen	28.2% (278)	14.1% (290)	0.0% (0)	17.8% (508)
Did not know how to report or who to report to	16.0% (158)	9.0% (186)	0.0% (0)	11.0% (314)
Was told not to say anything (threatened) or was too scared to do anything about the abuse	18.5% (182)	6.0% (124)	0.0% (0)	9.4% (270)
Was told not to report it even though I wanted to tell someone about the abuse	6.0% (59)	2.5% (52)	0.0% (0)	3.3% (95)
Wasn't able to report the abuse because of my injury	1.9% (19)	0.7% (15)	0.0% (0)	0.9% (26)
This question doesn't apply to me	51.4% (507)	73.9% (1,523)	100.0% (1)	67.6% (1,934)
Other (please specify)	247 replies	456 replies	1 reply	704
AnsweredQuestion	986	2,061	1	2,859
SkippedQuestion				4,368

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

	Do you or an immediate family member have a disability? (Note: If both apply, choose one and complete the survey accordingly.)			
	Yes, I have a disability.	Yes, I have an immediate family member with a disability.	No, none of us has a disability.	ResponseTotals
One time	5.1% (63)	8.0% (215)	0.0% (0)	7.3% (269)
More than once but less than ten times	23.5% (291)	31.0% (836)	0.0% (0)	28.7% (1,060)
About ten times	4.2% (52)	3.6% (97)	0.0% (0)	3.8% (142)
Between 20-40 times	8.1% (100)	4.9% (132)	25.0% (1)	5.6% (207)
Too many to times to count	34.2% (424)	16.6% (447)	25.0% (1)	21.1% (780)
This question doesn't apply to me	26.0% (322)	36.7% (990)	50.0% (2)	34.2% (1,264)
Comment	141 replies	378 replies	0 replies	519
AnsweredQuestion	1,239	2,697	4	3,692
SkippedQuestion				3,535

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

Do you or an immediate family member have a disability? (Note: If both apply, choose one and complete the survey accordingly.)				
	Yes, I have a disability.	Yes, I have an immediate family member with a disability.	No, none of us has a disability.	ResponseTotals
Yes	73.1% (972)	63.5% (1,954)	42.9% (3)	65.6% (2,720)
No	26.9% (358)	36.5% (1,125)	57.1% (4)	34.4% (1,428)
AnsweredQuestion	1,330	3,079	7	4,148
SkippedQuestion				3,079

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

	Do you or an immediate family member have a disability? (Note: If both apply, choose one and complete the survey accordingly.)			ResponseTotals
	Yes, I have a disability.	Yes, I have an immediate family member with a disability.	No, none of us has a disability.	
School	56.7% (699)	56.6% (1,535)	40.0% (2)	56.0% (2,072)
Sports team	6.9% (85)	6.3% (170)	20.0% (1)	6.1% (227)
Workplace	29.0% (357)	11.5% (312)	40.0% (2)	15.9% (589)
Neighborhood/home	33.3% (411)	25.9% (702)	20.0% (1)	27.3% (1,011)
Internet/Cyber space	11.7% (144)	4.2% (113)	0.0% (0)	6.1% (227)
Other	12.2% (150)	9.3% (252)	40.0% (2)	9.8% (364)
This question doesn't apply	21.4% (264)	28.7% (779)	20.0% (1)	27.2% (1,006)
If "other," describe the place where the bullying occurred	171 replies	331 replies	2 replies	504
AnsweredQuestion	1,233	2,713	5	3,700
SkippedQuestion				3,527

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

15. If yes, how often did the bullying occur?				
	Do you or an immediate family member have a disability? (Note: If both apply, choose one and complete the survey accordingly.)			
	Yes, I have a disability.	Yes, I have an immediate family member with a disability.	No, none of us has a disability.	ResponseTotals
Once	3.1% (38)	3.8% (105)	40.0% (2)	3.7% (139)
Occasionally	32.7% (402)	38.1% (1,039)	20.0% (1)	36.5% (1,356)
Every day	14.1% (173)	11.8% (322)	20.0% (1)	12.1% (450)
Multiple times per day	6.9% (85)	5.5% (151)	0.0% (0)	5.7% (213)
It went on for years	29.6% (364)	15.4% (419)	40.0% (2)	18.6% (692)
This question doesn't apply	22.0% (270)	29.8% (814)	20.0% (1)	28.2% (1,045)
Please feel free to comment on your bullying experience	178 replies	345 replies	1 reply	524
AnsweredQuestion	1,229	2,728	5	3,711
SkippedQuestion				3,516

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

Do you or an immediate family member have a disability? (Note: If both apply, choose one and complete the survey accordingly.)				
	Yes, I have a disability.	Yes, I have an immediate family member with a disability.	No, none of us has a disability.	ResponseTotals
Yes	63.8% (792)	60.1% (1,614)	50.0% (2)	60.6% (2,230)
No	13.2% (164)	7.9% (212)	0.0% (0)	9.4% (345)
This question does not apply	23.0% (285)	32.0% (861)	50.0% (2)	30.0% (1,104)
Please feel free to explain.	166 replies	368 replies	0 replies	534
AnsweredQuestion	1,241	2,687	4	3,679
SkippedQuestion				3,548

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)?

		Do you or an immediate family member have a disability? (Note: If both apply, choose one and complete the survey accordingly.)			
		Yes, I have a disability.	Yes, I have an immediate family member with a disability.	No, none of us has a disability.	ResponseTotals
Yes		29.1% (376)	19.0% (551)	0.0% (0)	21.4% (843)
No		49.2% (636)	52.7% (1,527)	40.0% (2)	51.7% (2,036)
This question doesn't apply to me		21.7% (280)	28.3% (822)	60.0% (3)	26.9% (1,057)
Please feel free to explain		215 replies	334 replies	1 reply	550
AnsweredQuestion		1,292	2,900	5	3,936
SkippedQuestion					3,291

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

	Do you or an immediate family member have a disability? (Note: If both apply, choose one and complete the survey accordingly.)			
	Yes, I have a disability.	Yes, I have an immediate family member with a disability.	No, none of us has a disability.	ResponseTotals
Not helpful	6.8% (74)	4.4% (107)	0.0% (0)	4.9% (162)
Somewhat helpful	16.6% (180)	13.8% (334)	0.0% (0)	14.3% (469)
Very helpful	9.4% (102)	5.7% (137)	0.0% (0)	6.7% (219)
Extremely helpful	7.1% (77)	3.1% (74)	33.3% (1)	4.2% (138)
This question doesn't apply to me	60.1% (651)	73.0% (1,767)	66.7% (2)	70.0% (2,302)
Please feel free to describe this experience	122 replies	147 replies	1 reply	270
AnsweredQuestion	1,084	2,419	3	3,290
SkippedQuestion				3,937

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.)

	Do you or an immediate family member have a disability? (Note: If both apply, choose one and complete the survey accordingly.)			ResponseTotals
	Yes, I have a disability.	Yes, I have an immediate family member with a disability.	No, none of us has a disability.	
Abuse against people with disabilities has been reported to me	46.7% (50)	47.2% (153)	52.2% (1,263)	51.2% (1,445)
I have investigated abuse as part of my job	28.0% (30)	30.6% (99)	36.3% (879)	35.3% (995)
I advocate for people with disabilities who have been abused or have had crimes committed against them	61.7% (66)	58.3% (189)	51.0% (1,234)	52.3% (1,474)
I have prosecuted people that have committed crimes against people with disabilities.	0.0% (0)	1.5% (5)	3.3% (79)	3.0% (84)
I provide some form of therapy or counseling to victims of abuse with disabilities	24.3% (26)	20.4% (66)	18.0% (435)	18.4% (519)
I have no personal or professional experience with abuse	14.0% (15)	21.0% (68)	16.4% (397)	16.9% (476)
Other	20 replies	39 replies	227 replies	286
AnsweredQuestion	107	324	2,419	2,820
SkippedQuestion				4,407

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

	Do you or an immediate family member have a disability? (Note: If both apply, choose one and complete the survey accordingly.)			
	Yes, I have a disability.	Yes, I have an immediate family member with a disability.	No, none of us has a disability.	ResponseTotals
About the same	3.4% (8)	3.4% (22)	5.9% (137)	5.2% (165)
Slightly more prevalent than against people without disabilities	14.2% (33)	10.5% (68)	13.8% (319)	13.2% (415)
Many times more prevalent than abuse against people without disabilities at all ages	62.9% (146)	64.8% (421)	52.5% (1,215)	55.6% (1,750)
More prevalent against children	7.8% (18)	9.1% (59)	5.6% (130)	6.4% (201)
More prevalent against adults	6.0% (14)	4.0% (26)	3.5% (80)	3.7% (115)
More prevalent against elders	8.2% (19)	8.9% (58)	8.6% (198)	8.6% (270)
Not sure	10.8% (25)	11.4% (74)	18.3% (424)	16.4% (516)
Other (please specify)	6 replies	14 replies	70 replies	90
AnsweredQuestion	232	650	2,315	3,146
SkippedQuestion				4,081

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?)

		Do you or an immediate family member have a disability? (Note: If both apply, choose one and complete the survey accordingly.)			
		Yes, I have a disability.	Yes, I have an immediate family member with a disability.	No, none of us has a disability.	ResponseTotals
Reported to authorities	0	11.4% (26)	7.9% (47)	1.9% (43)	
	1	41.7% (95)	41.3% (246)	30.8% (712)	
	2	28.9% (66)	28.1% (167)	33.1% (766)	
	3	13.2% (30)	13.9% (83)	20.9% (482)	
	4	3.5% (8)	6.9% (41)	8.8% (203)	
	5	1.3% (3)	1.8% (11)	4.5% (105)	
RatingAverageLC		2.60 (228)	2.76 (595)	3.18 (2,311)	3.05 (3,083)
Authority receiving report takes action	0	15.8% (36)	7.6% (45)	1.4% (33)	
	1	30.3% (69)	32.0% (189)	19.1% (437)	
	2	25.4% (58)	26.6% (157)	25.6% (584)	
	3	15.8% (36)	19.5% (115)	24.4% (558)	
	4	10.5% (24)	9.8% (58)	20.8% (476)	

	5	2.2% (5)	4.4% (26)	8.5% (195)	
RatingAverageLC		2.82 (228)	3.05 (590)	3.70 (2,283)	3.51 (3,050)
Authority receiving report promptly and thoroughly investigates	0	18.0% (41)	9.0% (53)	2.0% (45)	
	1	35.5% (81)	37.1% (218)	24.0% (553)	
	2	22.4% (51)	27.0% (159)	26.3% (606)	
	3	13.6% (31)	15.3% (90)	22.5% (517)	
	4	8.8% (20)	8.8% (52)	17.1% (394)	
	5	1.8% (4)	2.7% (16)	8.1% (187)	
RatingAverageLC		2.65 (228)	2.86 (588)	3.53 (2,302)	3.34 (3,068)
Victims with disabilities are believed	0	15.3% (35)	8.9% (52)	2.0% (45)	
	1	39.3% (90)	42.1% (247)	26.7% (613)	
	2	26.2% (60)	25.9% (152)	30.5% (700)	
	3	9.2% (21)	13.5% (79)	23.9% (548)	
	4	7.0% (16)	7.3% (43)	12.6% (289)	
	5	3.1% (7)	2.4% (14)	4.3% (99)	
RatingAverageLC		2.62 (229)	2.75 (587)	3.31 (2,294)	3.16 (3,060)
Those who abuse people with disabilities are		23.1%	18.9%	5.0%	

fired	0	(52)	(109)	(113)	
	1	37.8% (85)	40.1% (231)	27.7% (629)	
	2	16.9% (38)	20.0% (115)	25.9% (589)	
	3	11.1% (25)	11.3% (65)	18.5% (420)	
	4	6.7% (15)	6.1% (35)	14.1% (321)	
	5	4.4% (10)	3.6% (21)	8.8% (201)	
RatingAverageLC		2.54 (225)	2.56 (576)	3.36 (2,273)	3.15 (3,026)
Individuals who commit crimes against people with disabilities are arrested	0	21.9% (50)	16.7% (99)	6.5% (150)	
	1	43.4% (99)	47.7% (283)	39.5% (910)	
	2	14.0% (32)	19.7% (117)	27.4% (631)	
	3	11.8% (27)	9.8% (58)	16.2% (373)	
	4	5.3% (12)	4.2% (25)	7.4% (170)	
	5	3.5% (8)	1.9% (11)	3.0% (70)	
RatingAverageLC		2.46 (228)	2.43 (593)	2.88 (2,304)	2.76 (3,074)
Individuals who commit crimes against people with disabilities are prosecuted	0	23.9% (55)	17.0% (101)	7.7% (177)	
	1	40.9% (94)	51.1% (303)	43.3% (993)	
	2	16.5% (38)	17.4% (103)	25.6% (587)	

	3	9.1% (21)	8.9% (53)	14.1% (324)	
	4	5.7% (13)	4.0% (24)	6.4% (146)	
	5	3.9% (9)	1.5% (9)	2.9% (66)	
RatingAverageLC		2.43 (230)	2.36 (593)	2.77 (2,293)	2.67 (3,065)
Individuals who commit crimes against people with disabilities are convicted	0	26.3% (60)	19.3% (113)	9.6% (220)	
	1	45.2% (103)	51.5% (302)	46.0% (1,054)	
	2	11.8% (27)	16.0% (94)	22.4% (514)	
	3	9.6% (22)	8.2% (48)	13.4% (308)	
	4	3.9% (9)	3.9% (23)	6.1% (139)	
	5	3.1% (7)	1.0% (6)	2.4% (55)	
RatingAverageLC		2.29 (228)	2.29 (586)	2.68 (2,290)	2.57 (3,054)
Individuals who commit crimes against people with disabilities go to prison or jail.	0	33.2% (75)	25.0% (147)	14.6% (335)	
	1	42.5% (96)	50.9% (299)	49.4% (1,134)	
	2	10.2% (23)	13.6% (80)	19.6% (451)	
	3	7.1% (16)	7.1% (42)	10.4% (238)	
	4	4.0% (9)	2.9% (17)	4.0% (92)	
	5	3.1% (7)	0.5% (3)	2.0% (47)	

RatingAverageLC	2.15 (226)	2.14 (588)	2.46 (2,297)	2.38 (3,062)
Comment	35 replies	92 replies	217 replies	344
AnsweredQuestion	230	604	2,324	3,108
SkippedQuestion				4,119

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)

	Do you or an immediate family member have a disability? (Note: If both apply, choose one and complete the survey accordingly.)			
	Yes, I have a disability.	Yes, I have an immediate family member with a disability.	No, none of us has a disability.	ResponseTotals
Individuals with disabilities are not valued	48.3% (112)	39.0% (246)	24.8% (569)	29.1% (905)
Victims with disabilities are not believed to be reliable reporters or witnesses	53.9% (125)	50.2% (317)	47.8% (1,099)	48.6% (1,512)
Too much extra work to handle cases against victims with disabilities	28.4% (66)	31.1% (196)	21.9% (503)	24.1% (748)
Authorities lack adequate training to deal with these victims	53.0% (123)	51.3% (324)	48.1% (1,106)	49.1% (1,526)
Because incidents of abuse are rarely prosecuted such cases are not handled well	35.8% (83)	30.7% (194)	25.8% (594)	27.4% (851)
All of the above are factors in creating unequal justice for these victims	62.1% (144)	58.5% (369)	53.0% (1,219)	54.5% (1,694)
I do not believe that crime victims with disabilities experience unequal justice any more often than anyone else	2.6% (6)	4.8% (30)	5.7% (131)	5.3% (165)
Comment	21 replies	54 replies	182 replies	257
AnsweredQuestion	232	631	2,298	3,110

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

Do you or an immediate family member have a disability? (Note: If both apply, choose one and complete the survey accordingly.)				
	Yes, I have a disability.	Yes, I have an immediate family member with a disability.	No, none of us has a disability.	ResponseCount
	251 replies	554 replies	307 replies	1,054
AnsweredQuestion	251	554	307	1,054
SkippedQuestion				6,173

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

	Do you or an immediate family member have a disability? (Note: If both apply, choose one and complete the survey accordingly.)			
	Yes, I have a disability.	Yes, I have an immediate family member with a disability.	No, none of us has a disability.	ResponseTotals
Spend more time in jail when they commit crimes against people with disabilities?	47.7% (593)	54.0% (1,599)	41.5% (964)	48.5% (3,044)
Spend less time in jail when they commit crimes against people with disabilities?	1.4% (17)	0.8% (23)	1.0% (23)	1.0% (60)
Spend the same time in jail no matter whether the victim has a disability or not?	36.8% (457)	34.2% (1,012)	47.1% (1,095)	39.2% (2,463)
Not sure or don't know	17.4% (216)	12.9% (383)	11.5% (268)	13.1% (824)
Comment	260 replies	516 replies	236 replies	1,012
AnsweredQuestion	1,243	2,961	2,325	6,279
SkippedQuestion				948

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?

	Do you or an immediate family member have a disability? (Note: If both apply, choose one and complete the survey accordingly.)			ResponseTotals
	Yes, I have a disability.	Yes, I have an immediate family member with a disability.	No, none of us has a disability.	
Knowledge of and attitudes toward people with disabilities by all segments of society	37.5% (469)	37.0% (1,093)	34.8% (804)	36.4% (2,278)
More laws to force authorities to do the right things	5.7% (71)	6.7% (199)	5.3% (123)	6.0% (374)
More training about abuse reporting	3.5% (44)	4.0% (118)	5.4% (125)	4.5% (279)
More mandated training of police and abuse investigators	7.5% (94)	8.3% (246)	10.1% (234)	8.8% (554)
More mandated training of prosecutors	0.7% (9)	1.4% (41)	2.5% (57)	1.7% (104)
More mandated training of judges	1.0% (13)	1.5% (43)	1.4% (32)	1.4% (86)
Enhanced public awareness of abuse victims with disabilities	12.2% (153)	14.6% (430)	17.5% (405)	15.4% (966)
Better tracking of people known to abuse people with disabilities	3.4% (43)	4.8% (142)	4.6% (106)	4.6% (285)
More legal actions to force compliance with ADA and other Civil Rights legislation	12.2% (152)	8.3% (246)	4.9% (114)	7.6% (479)
I cannot decide which is most important or I do not have an opinion	16.2% (202)	13.3% (393)	13.5% (311)	13.7% (857)
Comment	269 replies	583 replies	298 replies	1,150
AnsweredQuestion	1,250	2,951	2,310	6,262
SkippedQuestion				965

26. I am a

		Do you or an immediate family member have a disability? (Note: If both apply, choose one and complete the survey accordingly.)			
		Yes, I have a disability.	Yes, I have an immediate family member with a disability.	No, none of us has a disability.	ResponseTotals
Male		26.2% (337)	11.9% (356)	17.4% (410)	16.5% (1,053)
Female		74.1% (952)	88.2% (2,644)	82.7% (1,944)	83.6% (5,328)
AnsweredQuestion		1,284	2,999	2,352	6,375
SkippedQuestion					852

27. My age group is:

Do you or an immediate family member have a disability? (Note: If both apply, choose one and complete the survey accordingly.)				
	Yes, I have a disability.	Yes, I have an immediate family member with a disability.	No, none of us has a disability.	ResponseTotals
18 to 25	8.2% (106)	2.4% (71)	3.6% (84)	3.7% (238)
26 to 40	27.6% (355)	21.5% (651)	29.6% (698)	25.6% (1,637)
41 to 60	49.9% (642)	61.7% (1,863)	53.8% (1,270)	56.7% (3,630)
61 to 80	14.4% (185)	14.5% (438)	12.9% (305)	14.0% (895)
Over 80	0.7% (9)	0.3% (8)	0.4% (9)	0.4% (24)
AnsweredQuestion	1,286	3,021	2,360	6,403
SkippedQuestion				824

28. What is your ethnic origin?

	Do you or an immediate family member have a disability? (Note: If both apply, choose one and complete the survey accordingly.)			ResponseTotals
	Yes, I have a disability.	Yes, I have an immediate family member with a disability.	No, none of us has a disability.	
Caucasian	82.6% (1,027)	82.5% (2,421)	83.8% (1,932)	83.1% (5,171)
African-American	7.2% (89)	5.1% (151)	6.5% (149)	6.0% (374)
Asian/Pacific Island	1.5% (19)	2.2% (65)	2.5% (58)	2.2% (137)
Latino	3.3% (41)	6.1% (179)	4.6% (105)	5.1% (317)
Multiracial	5.4% (67)	4.0% (117)	2.7% (63)	3.6% (227)
Other (please specify)	59 replies	105 replies	51 replies	215
AnsweredQuestion	1,243	2,933	2,306	6,226
SkippedQuestion				1,001

29. In what state is your primary residence?

	Do you or an immediate family member have a disability? (Note: If both apply, choose one and complete the survey accordingly.)			ResponseTotals
	Yes, I have a disability.	Yes, I have an immediate family member with a disability.	No, none of us has a disability.	
Alabama	0.7% (8)	0.6% (19)	1.0% (24)	0.8% (50)
Alaska	0.9% (11)	0.8% (25)	1.2% (28)	1.0% (62)
Arizona	1.4% (17)	0.8% (25)	1.0% (22)	1.0% (60)
Arkansas	2.4% (29)	2.7% (78)	4.5% (104)	3.3% (207)
California	12.8% (157)	18.0% (531)	15.8% (365)	16.4% (1,021)
Colorado	1.1% (13)	1.3% (38)	2.1% (48)	1.6% (97)
Connecticut	0.7% (8)	0.5% (16)	0.3% (8)	0.5% (30)
Delaware	2.0% (25)	1.6% (46)	2.3% (53)	1.9% (119)
District of Columbia	3.4% (42)	0.5% (14)	0.2% (5)	0.9% (54)
Florida	4.5% (55)	3.1% (91)	1.7% (39)	2.9% (178)
Georgia	1.0% (12)	1.2% (34)	1.0% (23)	1.1% (68)
Hawaii	0.8% (10)	1.0% (30)	1.7% (39)	1.2% (77)

Idaho	0.8% (10)	0.5% (14)	0.3% (8)	0.5% (30)
Illinois	4.2% (51)	2.1% (63)	2.5% (57)	2.6% (164)
Indiana	2.6% (32)	1.5% (44)	2.0% (46)	1.8% (115)
Iowa	1.1% (13)	0.8% (25)	1.3% (29)	1.0% (64)
Kansas	0.8% (10)	0.5% (15)	0.6% (13)	0.6% (36)
Kentucky	1.0% (12)	1.2% (34)	1.9% (44)	1.4% (87)
Louisiana	1.1% (13)	1.0% (30)	0.7% (17)	0.9% (57)
Maine	0.2% (3)	0.3% (10)	0.6% (14)	0.4% (27)
Maryland	2.4% (30)	1.7% (50)	1.5% (35)	1.7% (108)
Massachusetts	3.8% (47)	4.0% (119)	1.8% (41)	3.2% (197)
Michigan	2.7% (33)	3.0% (88)	2.0% (47)	2.5% (157)
Minnesota	1.9% (23)	1.8% (52)	2.4% (55)	2.0% (126)
Mississippi	0.2% (3)	0.5% (15)	0.4% (10)	0.4% (28)
Missouri	1.6% (20)	1.5% (45)	1.0% (23)	1.3% (84)
Montana	0.4% (5)	0.1% (3)	0.1% (3)	0.2% (10)
Nebraska	0.5% (6)	0.9% (26)	0.5% (12)	0.7% (43)
Nevada	0.5% (6)	0.5% (14)	0.4% (9)	0.4% (28)

New Hampshire	0.7% (9)	0.5% (15)	0.6% (15)	0.6% (38)
New Jersey	1.6% (19)	2.5% (75)	3.1% (72)	2.6% (162)
New Mexico	0.9% (11)	1.8% (54)	0.6% (14)	1.2% (75)
New York	5.6% (69)	4.6% (136)	5.9% (136)	5.2% (324)
North Carolina	2.7% (33)	5.4% (159)	4.6% (107)	4.7% (291)
North Dakota	0.2% (2)	0.2% (7)	0.4% (9)	0.3% (17)
Ohio	3.2% (39)	3.1% (92)	5.6% (130)	4.1% (256)
Oklahoma	0.8% (10)	0.8% (25)	1.4% (33)	1.0% (63)
Oregon	4.6% (56)	2.7% (78)	2.9% (67)	3.0% (188)
Pennsylvania	2.9% (35)	3.9% (114)	4.0% (92)	3.7% (233)
Rhode Island	0.7% (9)	0.3% (10)	0.5% (12)	0.4% (27)
South Carolina	0.1% (1)	1.0% (30)	0.6% (15)	0.7% (45)
South Dakota	1.1% (13)	1.1% (33)	0.7% (16)	0.9% (59)
Tennessee	1.1% (13)	1.2% (36)	1.5% (35)	1.3% (78)
Texas	4.9% (60)	4.8% (140)	2.5% (58)	3.9% (241)
Utah	0.2% (3)	0.2% (7)	0.4% (9)	0.3% (18)

Vermont	0.6% (7)	0.4% (12)	0.5% (11)	0.5% (29)
Virginia	2.7% (33)	3.5% (102)	6.0% (139)	4.3% (270)
Washington	3.1% (38)	3.3% (98)	2.9% (67)	3.2% (199)
West Virginia	0.6% (7)	1.1% (31)	0.4% (9)	0.8% (47)
Wisconsin	4.1% (50)	3.1% (90)	1.8% (41)	2.7% (171)
Wyoming	0.3% (4)	0.1% (4)	0.1% (3)	0.2% (10)
If not a resident of the U.S., in what country do you reside?	101 replies	155 replies	71 replies	327
AnsweredQuestion	1,225	2,942	2,310	6,225
SkippedQuestion				1,002

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

Do you or an immediate family member have a disability? (Note: If both apply, choose one and complete the survey accordingly.)				
	Yes, I have a disability.	Yes, I have an immediate family member with a disability.	No, none of us has a disability.	ResponseCount
	694 replies	1,466 replies	965 replies	2,980
AnsweredQuestion	694	1,466	964	2,980
SkippedQuestion				4,247