

Prevalence of child sexual abuse

Survey of 8500 Australians aged 16-65+

Overall national prevalence of child sexual abuse in Australia:
28.5%



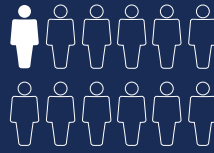
Almost 1 in 4 experienced 1 or more types of **contact child sexual abuse**



Almost 1 in 5 experienced: **non-contact child sexual abuse**



8.7% of Australians experienced: **forced sex in childhood** (rape) 1 in 12



When a child experiences CSA, it rarely happens only once

Among children who experienced CSA

78% experienced it more than **1** time

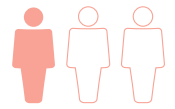
42% experienced it more than **6** times

11% experienced it more than **50** times

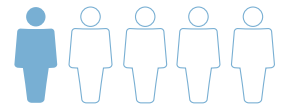
Child sexual abuse in Australia is widespread, enduring and intolerable.

Overall national prevalence breakdown by sex:

More than 1 in 3 girls experience: **child sexual abuse**



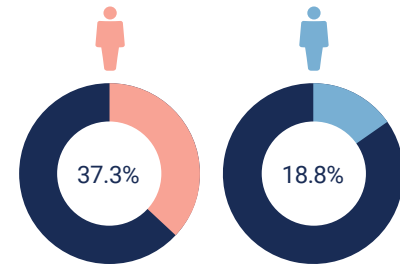
Almost 1 in 5 boys experience: **child sexual abuse**



Massive gender disparity

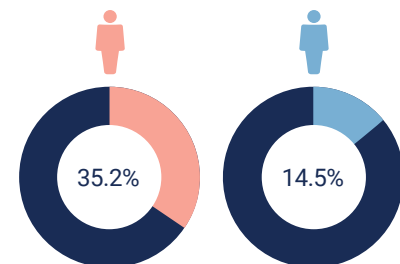
Full sample (aged 16-65+):

Girls experience **double** the rate of **child sexual abuse** than boys



Youth sample (aged 16-24):

Girls experience **2.4 times** the rate of **child sexual abuse**



Mathews B et al. (2023) The prevalence of child maltreatment in Australia: findings from a national survey. Med J Aust. 218 (6).

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