

Child sexual abuse

Survey of **3500** youth aged 16-24

The national prevalence of **child sexual abuse** in Australia in those aged 16-24



25.7%

Girls experience

the rate of child sexual abuse 35.2% vs 14.5%

1 in 12 Australian youth aged 16-24 experienced: forced sex (rape) in childhood



Australian youth aged 16-24 experienced child sexual abuse before age 18

Massive gender disparity

More than 1 in 3 girls experienced child sexual abuse



1 in 7 boys experienced child sexual abuse

As shown by our youth sample aged 16-24, child sexual abuse remains an urgent national problem. 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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