

# Child maltreatment in Australian young people aged 16-24

**1st** Nationally representative Australian prevalence data on how many young people aged 16-24 years have experienced child maltreatment.

Surveyed **3500** Australians aged 16-24

Among 16-24 year olds:

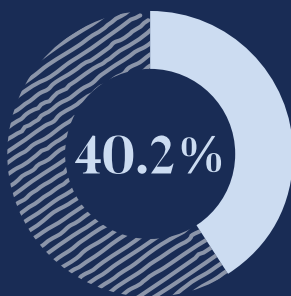
**28.2%** experienced physical abuse

**25.7%** experienced sexual abuse

**34.6%** experienced emotional abuse

**10.3%** experienced neglect

**43.8%** experienced exposure to domestic violence (EDV)



experienced: **>1 type of abuse**



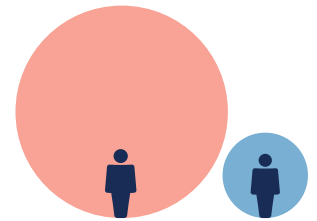
**25.4%** experienced: **3-5 types of abuse**

Girls experience:

**2.4 x**

the rate of **sexual abuse**

35.2% vs 14.5%



Girls experience:

**1.5 x**

the rate of **emotional abuse**  
40.5% vs 26.9%

**Higher rates** of **neglect**

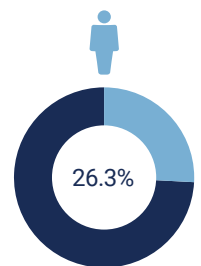
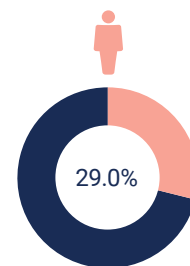


12.5% vs 7.2%

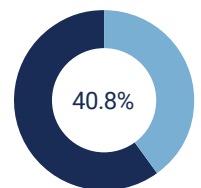
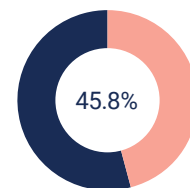


Girls and boys experience comparable rates of:

**Physical abuse**



**EDV**



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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NOTE: All percentages refer to maltreatment in childhood up to age 18.