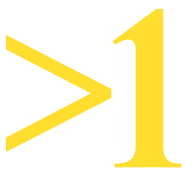


# Multi-type maltreatment

The ACMS has identified, for the first time, how many Australians have experienced multi-type maltreatment. This data is based on a representative sample of Australians aged 16-65 and older.

## Survey of Australians aged 16-65+



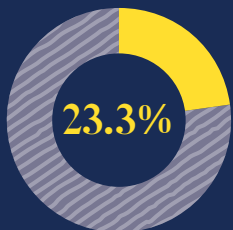
**Multi-type maltreatment** is when a child experiences **more than one type** of maltreatment in any combination of:

- Physical abuse
- Sexual abuse
- Emotional abuse
- Neglect
- Exposure to domestic violence



2 in 3 children who are maltreated experience: >1 or more types of maltreatment

2 in 5 Australians experienced: 2 or more types of maltreatment

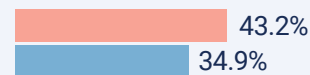


experienced: 3-5 types of maltreatment

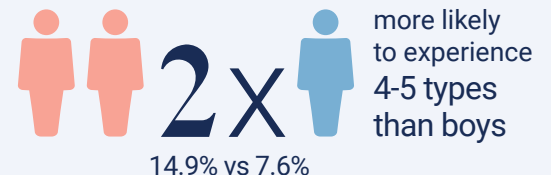
3.5 % of Australians experienced: all 5 types



More girls than boys experience **multi-type maltreatment**



Girls are almost:



Each form of hardship (parental separation, family mental illness, family substance problems and family economic hardship)

## Doubles

the risk of **multi-type maltreatment**

The top 6 most frequently experienced multi-type maltreatment combinations include

**exposure to domestic violence**

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