

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...

| | 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.) | |
|---|--|-----------------|
| | Use a wheelchair or have limited mobility | Response Totals |
| Person with a disability | 43.2% (416) | 43.2% (416) |
| Parent or family member of a person with a disability | 42.2% (406) | 42.2% (406) |
| Direct support worker | 5.3% (51) | 5.3% (51) |
| Administrator/manager of an organization providing services or supports to people with disabilities | 10.9% (105) | 10.9% (105) |
| Social Worker in the field of disabilities | 5.0% (48) | 5.0% (48) |
| Protective Services Professional (CPS or APS) | 3.8% (37) | 3.8% (37) |
| Mental Health Professional | 5.3% (51) | 5.3% (51) |
| Peace Officer | 0.9% (9) | 0.9% (9) |
| Court official (attorney, parole or probation worker, judge) | 0.6% (6) | 0.6% (6) |
| Policymaker (Legislator or works for one) | 0.2% (2) | 0.2% (2) |
| Public agency employee | 4.6% (44) | 4.6% (44) |

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| Special Education teacher, aide or administrator | 2.1% (20) | 2.1% (20) |
| Teacher or administrator (but not in Special Education) | 1.7% (16) | 1.7% (16) |
| Advocate | 18.8% (181) | 18.8% (181) |
| Concerned Citizen | 6.8% (65) | 6.8% (65) |
| Other: | 70 replies | 70 |
| answered question | 962 | 962 |
| | skipped question | 31 |

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

| | 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.) | |
|---|---|------------------------------|
| | Use a wheelchair or have limited mobility | Response Totals |
| A person who uses a wheelchair or has limited mobility | 61.1% (378) | 61.1% (378) |
| A person who is blind or has limited vision | 1.3% (8) | 1.3% (8) |
| A person who is deaf or is hard of hearing | 0.8% (5) | 0.8% (5) |
| A person with an intellectual or a developmental disability, e.g., diagnosis of Mental Retardation, Autism, or Cerebral Palsy | 33.0% (204) | 33.0% (204) |
| A person who has difficulty speaking clearly or being understood | 1.1% (7) | 1.1% (7) |
| A person who has mental health problems | 2.7% (17) | 2.7% (17) |
| Other (please specify) | 381 replies | 381 |
| answered question | 619 | 619 |
| | skipped question | 374 |

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

| | 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.) | |
|---|--|------------------------------|
| | Use a wheelchair or have limited mobility | Response Totals |
| A person who uses a wheelchair or has limited mobility | 6.6% (62) | 6.6% (62) |
| A person who is blind or has limited vision | 2.9% (27) | 2.9% (27) |
| A person who is deaf or hard of hearing | 2.6% (24) | 2.6% (24) |
| A person with an intellectual or a developmental disability, e.g., diagnosis of Mental Retardation, Autism, or Cerebral Palsy | 52.8% (496) | 52.8% (496) |
| A person who has difficulty speaking clearly or being understood | 11.0% (103) | 11.0% (103) |
| A person with mental health problems | 12.7% (119) | 12.7% (119) |
| All are abused at about the same rate | 35.3% (331) | 35.3% (331) |
| Other (please specify) | 72 replies | 72 |
| answered question | 939 | 939 |
| | skipped question | 54 |

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

| | 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.) | |
|---|--|------------------------------|
| | Use a wheelchair or have limited mobility | Response Totals |
| A stranger who a person with a disability encounters alone in a private or public place | 6.6% (65) | 6.6% (65) |
| Someone with whom he/she is somewhat familiar | 20.9% (206) | 20.9% (206) |
| A caregiver or family member | 45.0% (443) | 45.0% (443) |
| All of the above about the same | 37.5% (369) | 37.5% (369) |
| answered question | 985 | 985 |
| | skipped question | 8 |

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

| | 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.) | |
|---|--|------------------------------|
| | Use a wheelchair or have limited mobility | Response Totals |
| Yes, I have a disability. | 45.4% (449) | 45.4% (449) |
| Yes, I have an immediate family member with a disability. | 61.8% (612) | 61.8% (612) |
| No, none of us has a disability. | 0.6% (6) | 0.6% (6) |
| answered question | 990 | 990 |
| | skipped question | 3 |

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.)

| | 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.) | |
|--|--|-------------------------|
| | Use a wheelchair or have limited mobility | Response Totals |
| Use a wheelchair or have limited mobility | 100.0% (993) | 100.0% (993) |
| Blind or have limited vision | 11.4% (113) | 11.4% (113) |
| Deaf or Hard of Hearing | 10.6% (105) | 10.6% (105) |
| Autism | 7.8% (77) | 7.8% (77) |
| Intellectual or developmental disability other than Autism e.g., diagnosis of Mental Retardation, Cerebral Palsy or Epilepsy | 28.8% (286) | 28.8% (286) |
| Difficulty speaking clearly or being understood | 22.0% (218) | 22.0% (218) |
| Mental Health problems | 18.9% (188) | 18.9% (188) |
| Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder | 1.5% (15) | 1.5% (15) |
| Other (please specify) | 110 replies | 110 |
| answered question | 993 | 993 |
| | skipped question | 0 |

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

| | 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.) | |
|--------------------------|--|------------------------|
| | Use a wheelchair or have limited mobility | Response Totals |
| Yes | 55.2% (544) | 55.2% (544) |
| No | 45.9% (452) | 45.9% (452) |
| answered question | 985 | 985 |
| | skipped question | 8 |

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

| | 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.) | |
|---|--|------------------------------|
| | Use a wheelchair or have limited mobility | Response Totals |
| Physical abuse (non-sexual) | 33.8% (281) | 33.8% (281) |
| Sexual abuse | 20.2% (168) | 20.2% (168) |
| Financial abuse | 17.8% (148) | 17.8% (148) |
| Verbal or Emotional abuse | 51.6% (429) | 51.6% (429) |
| Neglect | 27.2% (226) | 27.2% (226) |
| This question doesn't apply to me | 36.1% (300) | 36.1% (300) |
| Other (please specify and feel free to comment) | 130 replies | 130 |
| answered question | 831 | 831 |
| | skipped question | 162 |

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

| | 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.) | |
|--------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| | Use a wheelchair or have limited mobility | Response Totals |
| Yes | 39.5% (269) | 39.5% (269) |
| No | 60.5% (412) | 60.5% (412) |
| answered question | 681 | 681 |
| | skipped question | 312 |

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

| | 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.) | |
|--|---|------------------------|
| | Use a wheelchair or have limited mobility | Response Totals |
| Nothing | 21.0% (134) | 21.0% (134) |
| An investigation was done without delay | 8.1% (52) | 8.1% (52) |
| The person who committed the abuse was fired, quit, or was asked to avoid contact with me (my family member) | 8.5% (54) | 8.5% (54) |
| I believe an interview wasn't done or wasn't thorough because I (my family member) use an alternative way to communicate | 2.0% (13) | 2.0% (13) |
| I (my family member) was interviewed but was not believed | 5.9% (38) | 5.9% (38) |
| An investigation was done but I (my family member) was not interviewed | 3.6% (23) | 3.6% (23) |
| An investigation was done but too much time had passed and the investigation was compromised | 2.5% (16) | 2.5% (16) |
| An investigation was done but the investigator(s) was not thorough | 7.2% (46) | 7.2% (46) |
| The person who committed the abuse was arrested | 4.2% (27) | 4.2% (27) |
| The person who committed the abuse was charged with a crime | 5.0% (32) | 5.0% (32) |
| The person who committed the abuse was convicted of a crime | 3.4% (22) | 3.4% (22) |
| The person who committed the crime served time in prison or jail | 3.0% (19) | 3.0% (19) |

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|--|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 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 | 2.0% (13) | 2.0% (13) |
| 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) | 3.3% (21) | 3.3% (21) |
| This question doesn't apply to me | 54.5% (348) | 54.5% (348) |
| Comment on your experience with abuse | 148 replies | 148 |
| answered question | 639 | 639 |
| | skipped question | 354 |

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

| | 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.) | |
|--|--|------------------------------|
| | Use a wheelchair or have limited mobility | Response Totals |
| Believed nothing would happen | 18.3% (116) | 18.3% (116) |
| Did not know how to report or who to report to | 10.1% (64) | 10.1% (64) |
| Was told not to say anything (threatened) or was too scared to do anything about the abuse | 9.9% (63) | 9.9% (63) |
| Was told not to report it even though I wanted to tell someone about the abuse | 3.3% (21) | 3.3% (21) |
| Wasn't able to report the abuse because of my injury | 1.3% (8) | 1.3% (8) |
| This question doesn't apply to me | 67.4% (427) | 67.4% (427) |
| Other (please specify) | 153 replies | 153 |
| answered question | 634 | 634 |
| | skipped question | 359 |

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

| | 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.) | |
|--|--|------------------------------|
| | Use a wheelchair or have limited mobility | Response Totals |
| One time | 6.1% (52) | 6.1% (52) |
| More than once but less than ten times | 26.1% (223) | 26.1% (223) |
| About ten times | 4.0% (34) | 4.0% (34) |
| Between 20-40 times | 5.5% (47) | 5.5% (47) |
| Too many to times to count | 19.6% (167) | 19.6% (167) |
| This question doesn't apply to me | 39.1% (334) | 39.1% (334) |
| Comment | 93 replies | 93 |
| answered question | 854 | 854 |
| | skipped question | 139 |

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

| | 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.) | |
|--------------------------|--|------------------------|
| | Use a wheelchair or have limited mobility | Response Totals |
| Yes | 55.0% (522) | 55.0% (522) |
| No | 45.0% (427) | 45.0% (427) |
| answered question | 949 | 949 |
| | skipped question | 44 |

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

| | <p>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.)</p> | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|
| | <p>Use a wheelchair or have limited mobility</p> | <p>Response Totals</p> |
| School | <p>41.3% (338)</p> | <p>41.3% (338)</p> |
| Sports team | <p>2.7% (22)</p> | <p>2.7% (22)</p> |
| Workplace | <p>16.4% (134)</p> | <p>16.4% (134)</p> |
| Neighborhood/home | <p>25.5% (209)</p> | <p>25.5% (209)</p> |
| Internet/Cyber space | <p>6.2% (51)</p> | <p>6.2% (51)</p> |
| Other | <p>10.3% (84)</p> | <p>10.3% (84)</p> |
| This question doesn't apply | <p>37.5% (307)</p> | <p>37.5% (307)</p> |
| If "other," describe the place where the bullying occurred | <p>115 replies</p> | <p>115</p> |
| answered question | <p>819</p> | <p>819</p> |
| | <p>skipped question</p> | <p>174</p> |

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

| | 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.) | |
|---|---|------------------------------|
| | Use a wheelchair or have limited mobility | Response Totals |
| Once | 3.2% (27) | 3.2% (27) |
| Occasionally | 31.8% (265) | 31.8% (265) |
| Every day | 9.7% (81) | 9.7% (81) |
| Multiple times per day | 4.6% (38) | 4.6% (38) |
| It went on for years | 17.9% (149) | 17.9% (149) |
| This question doesn't apply | 37.9% (316) | 37.9% (316) |
| Please feel free to comment on your bullying experience | 87 replies | 87 |
| answered question | 833 | 833 |
| | skipped question | 160 |

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

| | 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.) | |
|------------------------------|--|-----------------|
| | Use a wheelchair or have limited mobility | Response Totals |
| Yes | 51.4% (431) | 51.4% (431) |
| No | 9.3% (78) | 9.3% (78) |
| This question does not apply | 39.3% (330) | 39.3% (330) |
| Please feel free to explain. | 99 replies | 99 |
| answered question | 839 | 839 |
| | skipped question | 154 |

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)?

| | 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.) | |
|-----------------------------------|--|------------------------------|
| | Use a wheelchair or have limited mobility | Response Totals |
| Yes | 14.4% (129) | 14.4% (129) |
| No | 49.0% (439) | 49.0% (439) |
| This question doesn't apply to me | 36.6% (328) | 36.6% (328) |
| Please feel free to explain | 85 replies | 85 |
| answered question | 896 | 896 |
| | skipped question | 97 |

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

| | 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.) | |
|--|---|------------------------------|
| | Use a wheelchair or have limited mobility | Response Totals |
| Not helpful | 3.0% (23) | 3.0% (23) |
| Somewhat helpful | 9.8% (74) | 9.8% (74) |
| Very helpful | 3.8% (29) | 3.8% (29) |
| Extremely helpful | 3.8% (29) | 3.8% (29) |
| This question doesn't apply to me | 79.5% (602) | 79.5% (602) |
| Please feel free to describe this experience | 37 replies | 37 |
| answered question | 757 | 757 |
| | skipped question | 236 |

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.)

| | 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.) | |
|--|--|-----------------------------|
| | Use a wheelchair or have limited mobility | Response Totals |
| Abuse against people with disabilities has been reported to me | 58.8% (57) | 58.8% (57) |
| I have investigated abuse as part of my job | 37.1% (36) | 37.1% (36) |
| I advocate for people with disabilities who have been abused or have had crimes committed against them | 62.9% (61) | 62.9% (61) |
| I have prosecuted people that have committed crimes against people with disabilities. | 2.1% (2) | 2.1% (2) |
| I provide some form of therapy or counseling to victims of abuse with disabilities | 27.8% (27) | 27.8% (27) |
| I have no personal or professional experience with abuse | 14.4% (14) | 14.4% (14) |
| Other | 19 replies | 19 |
| answered question | 97 | 97 |
| | skipped question | 896 |

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

| | 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.) | |
|--|--|------------------------------|
| | Use a wheelchair or have limited mobility | Response Totals |
| About the same | 2.6% (5) | 2.6% (5) |
| Slightly more prevalent than against people without disabilities | 14.4% (28) | 14.4% (28) |
| Many times more prevalent than abuse against people without disabilities at all ages | 64.6% (126) | 64.6% (126) |
| More prevalent against children | 7.7% (15) | 7.7% (15) |
| More prevalent against adults | 6.2% (12) | 6.2% (12) |
| More prevalent against elders | 12.8% (25) | 12.8% (25) |
| Not sure | 10.3% (20) | 10.3% (20) |
| Other (please specify) | 3 replies | 3 |
| answered question | 195 | 195 |
| | skipped question | 798 |

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?)

| | | 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.) | |
|---|----------------|--|-----------------|
| | | Use a wheelchair or have limited mobility | Response Totals |
| Reported to authorities | 0 | 7.9% (15) | |
| | 1 | 41.1% (78) | |
| | 2 | 29.5% (56) | |
| | 3 | 14.2% (27) | |
| | 4 | 6.3% (12) | |
| | 5 | 1.1% (2) | |
| | rating average | 2.73 (190) | 2.73 (190) |
| Authority receiving report takes action | 0 | 9.1% (17) | |
| | 1 | 27.8% (52) | |
| | 2 | 29.4% (55) | |
| | 3 | 18.2% (34) | |
| | 4 | 10.7% (20) | |
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|---|----------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| | 5 | 4.8% (9) | |
| | rating average | 3.08 (187) | 3.08 (187) |
| Authority receiving report promptly and thoroughly investigates | 0 | 11.2% (21) | |
| | 1 | 35.3% (66) | |
| | 2 | 27.3% (51) | |
| | 3 | 15.5% (29) | |
| | 4 | 8.6% (16) | |
| | 5 | 2.1% (4) | |
| | rating average | 2.81 (187) | 2.81 (187) |
| Victims with disabilities are believed | 0 | 8.0% (15) | |
| | 1 | 39.4% (74) | |
| | 2 | 29.3% (55) | |
| | 3 | 14.9% (28) | |
| | 4 | 6.4% (12) | |
| | 5 | 2.1% (4) | |
| | rating average | 2.79 (188) | 2.79 (188) |
| Those who abuse people with disabilities are fired | 0 | 20.9% (39) | |

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|---|---|-----------------------------|---------------|
| | 1 | 39.6% (74) | |
| | 2 | 18.7% (35) | |
| | 3 | 13.4% (25) | |
| | 4 | 3.7% (7) | |
| | 5 | 3.7% (7) | |
| rating average | | 2.51 (187) | 2.51 (187) |
| Individuals who commit crimes against people with disabilities are arrested | 0 | 18.1% (34) | |
| | 1 | 50.5% (95) | |
| | 2 | 16.5% (31) | |
| | 3 | 8.0% (15) | |
| | 4 | 4.3% (8) | |
| | 5 | 2.7% (5) | |
| rating average | | 2.38 (188) | 2.38 (188) |
| Individuals who commit crimes against people with disabilities are prosecuted | 0 | 19.0% (36) | |
| | 1 | 50.8% (96) | |
| | 2 | 15.3% (29) | |
| | | 6.9% | |

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|--|----------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| | 3 | (13) | |
| | 4 | 4.8% (9) | |
| | 5 | 3.2% (6) | |
| | rating average | 2.37 (189) | 2.37 (189) |
| Individuals who commit crimes against people with disabilities are convicted | 0 | 22.6% (42) | |
| | 1 | 52.2% (97) | |
| | 2 | 11.3% (21) | |
| | 3 | 8.6% (16) | |
| | 4 | 2.7% (5) | |
| | 5 | 2.7% (5) | |
| | rating average | 2.25 (186) | 2.25 (186) |
| Individuals who commit crimes against people with disabilities go to prison or jail. | 0 | 31.0% (58) | |
| | 1 | 48.7% (91) | |
| | 2 | 9.1% (17) | |
| | 3 | 6.4% (12) | |
| | 4 | 3.2% (6) | |
| | 5 | 1.6% (3) | |
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|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| rating average | 2.07 (187) | 2.07 (187) |
| Comment | 29 replies | 29 |
| answered question | 192 | 192 |
| | skipped question | 801 |

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)

| | 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.) | |
|--|--|------------------------------|
| | Use a wheelchair or have limited mobility | Response Totals |
| Individuals with disabilities are not valued | 50.0% (98) | 50.0% (98) |
| Victims with disabilities are not believed to be reliable reporters or witnesses | 53.6% (105) | 53.6% (105) |
| Too much extra work to handle cases against victims with disabilities | 35.7% (70) | 35.7% (70) |
| Authorities lack adequate training to deal with these victims | 56.1% (110) | 56.1% (110) |
| Because incidents of abuse are rarely prosecuted such cases are not handled well | 39.3% (77) | 39.3% (77) |
| All of the above are factors in creating unequal justice for these victims | 60.7% (119) | 60.7% (119) |
| I do not believe that crime victims with disabilities experience unequal justice any more often than anyone else | 4.6% (9) | 4.6% (9) |
| Comment | 17 replies | 17 |
| answered question | 196 | 196 |
| | skipped question | 797 |

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

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|---------------------------------|--|------------------------------|
| | <p>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.)</p> | |
| | <p>Use a wheelchair or have limited mobility</p> | <p>Response Count</p> |
| | <p>169 replies</p> | <p>169</p> |
| <p>answered question</p> | <p>169</p> | <p>169</p> |
| | <p>skipped question</p> | <p>824</p> |

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

| | 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.) | |
|---|---|------------------------------|
| | Use a wheelchair or have limited mobility | Response Totals |
| Spend more time in jail when they commit crimes against people with disabilities? | 49.4% (454) | 49.4% (454) |
| Spend less time in jail when they commit crimes against people with disabilities? | 1.1% (10) | 1.1% (10) |
| Spend the same time in jail no matter whether the victim has a disability or not? | 39.8% (366) | 39.8% (366) |
| Not sure or don't know | 12.3% (113) | 12.3% (113) |
| Comment | 157 replies | 157 |
| answered question | 919 | 919 |
| | skipped question | 74 |

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?

| | 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.) | |
|---|---|------------------------------|
| | Use a wheelchair or have limited mobility | Response Totals |
| Knowledge of and attitudes toward people with disabilities by all segments of society | 37.1% (341) | 37.1% (341) |
| More laws to force authorities to do the right things | 7.1% (65) | 7.1% (65) |
| More training about abuse reporting | 3.3% (30) | 3.3% (30) |
| More mandated training of police and abuse investigators | 8.3% (76) | 8.3% (76) |
| More mandated training of prosecutors | 0.9% (8) | 0.9% (8) |
| More mandated training of judges | 1.1% (10) | 1.1% (10) |
| Enhanced public awareness of abuse victims with disabilities | 13.1% (120) | 13.1% (120) |
| Better tracking of people known to abuse people with disabilities | 4.7% (43) | 4.7% (43) |
| More legal actions to force compliance with ADA and other Civil Rights legislation | 9.0% (83) | 9.0% (83) |
| I cannot decide which is most important or I do not have an opinion | 15.5% (142) | 15.5% (142) |
| Comment | 179 replies | 179 |
| answered question | 918 | 918 |
| | skipped question | 75 |

26. I am a

| | 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.) | |
|--------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| | Use a wheelchair or have limited mobility | Response Totals |
| Male | 17.4% (163) | 17.4% (163) |
| Female | 82.7% (773) | 82.7% (773) |
| answered question | 935 | 935 |
| | skipped question | 58 |

27. My age group is:

| | 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.) | |
|--------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| | Use a wheelchair or have limited mobility | Response Totals |
| 18 to 25 | 3.6% (34) | 3.6% (34) |
| 26 to 40 | 21.5% (202) | 21.5% (202) |
| 41 to 60 | 57.6% (540) | 57.6% (540) |
| 61 to 80 | 17.5% (164) | 17.5% (164) |
| Over 80 | 0.9% (8) | 0.9% (8) |
| answered question | 938 | 938 |
| | skipped question | 55 |

28. What is your ethnic origin?

| | 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.) | |
|--------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| | Use a wheelchair or have limited mobility | Response Totals |
| Caucasian | 81.9% (741) | 81.9% (741) |
| African-American | 6.9% (62) | 6.9% (62) |
| Asian/Pacific Island | 1.4% (13) | 1.4% (13) |
| Latino | 5.2% (47) | 5.2% (47) |
| Multiracial | 4.6% (42) | 4.6% (42) |
| Other (please specify) | 40 replies | 40 |
| answered question | 905 | 905 |
| | skipped question | 88 |

29. In what state is your primary residence?

| | 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.) | |
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| | Use a wheelchair or have limited mobility | Response Totals |
| Alabama | 0.6% (5) | 0.6% (5) |
| Alaska | 0.3% (3) | 0.3% (3) |
| Arizona | 1.2% (11) | 1.2% (11) |
| Arkansas | 2.8% (25) | 2.8% (25) |
| California | 16.0% (143) | 16.0% (143) |
| Colorado | 1.5% (13) | 1.5% (13) |
| Connecticut | 0.3% (3) | 0.3% (3) |
| Delaware | 1.6% (14) | 1.6% (14) |
| District of Columbia | 1.0% (9) | 1.0% (9) |
| Florida | 5.0% (45) | 5.0% (45) |
| Georgia | 1.5% (13) | 1.5% (13) |
| Hawaii | 1.3% (12) | 1.3% (12) |
| Idaho | 0.8% (7) | 0.8% (7) |

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| Illinois | 4.1% (37) | 4.1% (37) |
| Indiana | 2.0% (18) | 2.0% (18) |
| Iowa | 0.7% (6) | 0.7% (6) |
| Kansas | 0.7% (6) | 0.7% (6) |
| Kentucky | 1.3% (12) | 1.3% (12) |
| Louisiana | 1.0% (9) | 1.0% (9) |
| Maine | 0.2% (2) | 0.2% (2) |
| Maryland | 2.9% (26) | 2.9% (26) |
| Massachusetts | 3.2% (29) | 3.2% (29) |
| Michigan | 2.3% (21) | 2.3% (21) |
| Minnesota | 1.7% (15) | 1.7% (15) |
| Mississippi | 0.7% (6) | 0.7% (6) |
| Missouri | 1.3% (12) | 1.3% (12) |
| Montana | 0.2% (2) | 0.2% (2) |
| Nebraska | 0.6% (5) | 0.6% (5) |
| Nevada | 0.3% (3) | 0.3% (3) |
| New Hampshire | 0.8% (7) | 0.8% (7) |

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| | New Jersey | 1.7% (15) | 1.7% (15) |
| | New Mexico | 0.9% (8) | 0.9% (8) |
| | New York | 6.0% (54) | 6.0% (54) |
| | North Carolina | 4.5% (40) | 4.5% (40) |
| | North Dakota | 0.0% (0) | 0.0% (0) |
| | Ohio | 3.5% (31) | 3.5% (31) |
| | Oklahoma | 1.0% (9) | 1.0% (9) |
| | Oregon | 2.8% (25) | 2.8% (25) |
| | Pennsylvania | 2.9% (26) | 2.9% (26) |
| | Rhode Island | 0.6% (5) | 0.6% (5) |
| | South Carolina | 0.4% (4) | 0.4% (4) |
| | South Dakota | 0.6% (5) | 0.6% (5) |
| | Tennessee | 1.2% (11) | 1.2% (11) |
| | Texas | 4.4% (39) | 4.4% (39) |
| | Utah | 0.1% (1) | 0.1% (1) |
| | Vermont | 0.8% (7) | 0.8% (7) |
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| Virginia | 2.9% (26) | 2.9% (26) |
| Washington | 3.1% (28) | 3.1% (28) |
| West Virginia | 0.7% (6) | 0.7% (6) |
| Wisconsin | 3.7% (33) | 3.7% (33) |
| Wyoming | 0.2% (2) | 0.2% (2) |
| If not a resident of the U.S., in what country do you reside? | 73 replies | 73 |
| answered question | 894 | 894 |
| | skipped question | 99 |

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

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| | 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.) | |
| | Use a wheelchair or have limited mobility | Response Count |
| | 472 replies | 472 |
| answered question | 472 | 472 |
| | skipped question | 521 |