








The 2012 National Survey on Abuse of People with SurveyMonkey Disabilities

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

		Response Percent	Response Count
A person who uses a wheelchair or has limited mobility		3.8%	261
A person who is blind or has limited vision		1.7%	118
A person who is deaf or hard of hearing		2.4%	164
A person with an intellectual or a developmental disability, e.g., diagnosis of Mental Retardation, Autism, or Cerebral Palsy		56.5%	3,908
A person who has difficulty speaking clearly or being understood		10.8%	747
A person with mental health problems		14.1%	976
All are abused at about the same rate		32.1%	2,218
	Other (please specify)		423
		answered question	6,916
		skipped question	373

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1	Many people do not recognize mental health as a disability, and treat persons with those characteristics like criminals.	Nov 15, 2012 8:13 AM
2	The Term Mental Retardation is no longer appropriate	Nov 15, 2012 7:10 AM
3	ELDER	Nov 13, 2012 8:35 AM
4	those that are trusting of others when they shouldn't be	Oct 18, 2012 12:29 PM
5	A child or anyone who is non-verbal	Oct 15, 2012 5:10 PM
6	the elderly	Oct 4, 2012 11:24 AM
7	A person with memory problems	Sep 25, 2012 4:45 PM
8	A person with memory problems	Sep 25, 2012 4:45 PM
9	All are abused somewhat in the same level, but in different scenarios.	Sep 24, 2012 7:22 AM
10	A person who has a difficult time communicating clearly with others. Could be non verbal or lacks the skills to articulate what is going on.	Sep 19, 2012 2:54 PM
11	non-verbal, autistic	Sep 17, 2012 8:24 AM
12	All are abused; not sure of the "sameness" of rate	Sep 10, 2012 10:06 AM
13	One person can destroy life believes judging book by cover and honestly it's the inside that counts not educated these people	Sep 7, 2012 1:25 PM
14	People with mental health issues are abused by the system itself, as well as others.	Aug 30, 2012 10:31 AM
15	a person with behavioral challenges	Aug 27, 2012 8:22 AM
16	not sure	Aug 27, 2012 8:14 AM
17	all of the above, but not same rate	Aug 22, 2012 1:16 PM
18	Children with mental health and intellectual disabilities in state foster care are most vulnerable	Aug 13, 2012 8:42 AM
19	any, who cannot advocate for themselves, esp. children	Aug 7, 2012 10:01 PM
20	Dually diagnosed	Aug 7, 2012 6:57 PM
21	don't know how to answer this	Aug 7, 2012 6:37 PM
22	particularly individuals in institutions or isolated elsewhere	Aug 7, 2012 9:19 AM
23	older citizens with limited abilities	Aug 7, 2012 7:25 AM
24	Disabled person in care facility	Aug 3, 2012 1:09 PM
25	I don't know.	Aug 3, 2012 6:30 AM

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26	We need to bring it out in the open so something can be done about it!!!	Aug 2, 2012 8:56 AM
27	All are abused but not at the same rate. Especially elderly with disabilities	Aug 2, 2012 6:58 AM
28	None other than marias child by her	Aug 1, 2012 7:13 PM
29	Seniors	Aug 1, 2012 7:39 AM
30	any/all of the above. not just one	Aug 1, 2012 6:17 AM
31	those who cant speak and let you know conditions of their care	Jul 31, 2012 5:14 PM
32	don't know	Jul 31, 2012 4:18 PM
33	mobility, vision, developmental, mental health	Jul 31, 2012 1:37 PM
34	Also deaf or hard of hearing	Jul 31, 2012 1:37 PM
35	All and any of the above mentioned are mostly abused, including elderly	Jul 31, 2012 12:31 PM
36	I don't know.	Jul 31, 2012 7:07 AM
37	No idea	Jul 31, 2012 7:04 AM
38	elderly with no specific family support	Jul 30, 2012 11:26 PM
39	I think people who are more vulnerable, less able to advocate for themselves, and more isolated are at a far higher risk of abuse. Including unreported and underreported abuse. This may include people who have intellectual disabilities as well as other noted groups.	Jul 30, 2012 7:36 PM
40	A person who is helpless and cannot defend him/herself	Jul 30, 2012 5:03 PM
41	I think this is a dumb and leading question. I have no idea of the actual occurances or the statistics of these incidences.	Jul 30, 2012 1:55 PM
42	I don't know statsitics but I imagine that those with the inability to speak for themselves(for whatever reason) or with limited understanding are at greatest risk because of their vunerability. Although all are at risk.	Jul 30, 2012 1:50 PM
43	I do not know	Jul 30, 2012 11:38 AM
44	abuse comes in different forms. I'm sure some types of disabilities are abused more in some ways and another disability might be abused in a different way.	Jul 30, 2012 11:33 AM
45	Most abused are folks who do not have other people in their lives.	Jul 30, 2012 9:56 AM
46	all of the above. it can happen to anyone.	Jul 30, 2012 8:28 AM
47	Abuse is about the abuser	Jul 30, 2012 8:01 AM
48	All are equally at risk-these groups are not necessarily separated into distinct diagnoses	Jul 30, 2012 5:10 AM

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49	All are abused but not in same ways	Jul 30, 2012 4:39 AM
50	Bi-polar specifically.	Jul 28, 2012 10:04 PM
51	A person who looks typical, but acts differently, i.e. Aspergers	Jul 28, 2012 5:27 PM
52	There is also abuse in different degrees depending on the person w/disability	Jul 28, 2012 12:37 PM
53	Unsure	Jul 27, 2012 7:18 PM
54	All can be abused but it depends upon the situation. I do not know which group might be abused more so than any other. I am only familiar with my own situation of abuse.	Jul 26, 2012 12:12 PM
55	those in group homes	Jul 26, 2012 9:56 AM
56	one who can't "tell" whether that's a physical or intellectual inability	Jul 26, 2012 9:20 AM
57	It is at a greater rate for those with language issues but is high in all categories	Jul 26, 2012 7:35 AM
58	All are abused, but not fully sure that it would be "at the same rate".	Jul 26, 2012 4:35 AM
59	I have no way of knowing, although news coverage would seem to suggest those with I/DD	Jul 25, 2012 5:06 PM
60	people with significant cognitive abilities and those who can not communicate clearly	Jul 25, 2012 1:13 PM
61	All Of them above	Jul 25, 2012 1:12 PM
62	Those with more severe disabilities regardless of type, who are the most vulnerable would be most abused	Jul 25, 2012 10:43 AM
63	anyone who is unable to communicate	Jul 25, 2012 9:47 AM
64	Those who cannot speak for or defend themselves are most often abused.	Jul 25, 2012 7:09 AM
65	vulnerability	Jul 25, 2012 6:53 AM
66	I believe that all persons who are dd and other health impaired run the risk of abuse. I think this is where we have to have active people who cares what happens to person with dd	Jul 25, 2012 6:31 AM
67	A person w/ an invisible disability	Jul 25, 2012 6:26 AM
68	Anyone who cannot communicate with words their needs and desires	Jul 25, 2012 6:21 AM
69	a person that is disabled BUT OTHERWISE LOOKS NORMAL	Jul 25, 2012 4:22 AM
70	all of the above	Jul 25, 2012 4:20 AM
71	Do not think abused - is strong word - not understood.	Jul 24, 2012 11:07 AM
72	I tend to think about this in terms of environments that are most abusive, rather	Jul 24, 2012 10:18 AM

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	than people who are most abused.	
73	Assuming facts not in evidence	Jul 24, 2012 9:20 AM
74	I would not say all are abused at the same rate, but I would not categorize abuse for one type of disability as greater than another	Jul 24, 2012 8:48 AM
75	Most everyone in society has been abused at some point in their life, whether it be physical or mental abuse.	Jul 24, 2012 8:36 AM
76	Elderly people as well	Jul 24, 2012 8:20 AM
77	Those with non-visible disabilities - intellect, development, mental	Jul 24, 2012 5:42 AM
78	All, but mostly someone who can't speak up.	Jul 23, 2012 4:22 PM
79	a person who can not defend themselves physically or mentally	Jul 23, 2012 2:28 PM
80	those whose disability Traumatic brain injuries.	Jul 22, 2012 8:45 PM
81	all are abused at about the same rate	Jul 22, 2012 1:59 PM
82	a person with an invisible disability of any kind	Jul 22, 2012 11:06 AM
83	People with conditions that limit their ability to perceive danger and/or communicate with others.	Jul 22, 2012 10:17 AM
84	any of the above who have difficulty with communication	Jul 22, 2012 9:33 AM
85	I don't know.	Jul 22, 2012 4:40 AM
86	All are abused as much as is possible. A person with a relatively mild disability who is alone and needs some help may be abused far more often than a severely disabled person with a loving and supportive family.	Jul 22, 2012 1:05 AM
87	person with functional limitations.	Jul 21, 2012 6:30 PM
88	Persons with co-occurring disabilities	Jul 17, 2012 11:20 AM
89	All are equally vulnerable	Jul 16, 2012 4:49 AM
90	not known	Jul 13, 2012 6:32 AM
91	If live with abusers or are cared for by abusive people, it doesn't matter what the disability is, there is a probability of being abused.	Jul 13, 2012 6:24 AM
92	elderly	Jul 13, 2012 4:49 AM
93	A person who is non verbal	Jul 13, 2012 2:51 AM
94	As my Son was in 2009	Jul 11, 2012 2:05 PM
95	I believe all these populations are vulnerable and therefore likely to be abused	Jul 10, 2012 11:15 AM

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96	the types of abuse will vary; i'm not sure that the rate does	Jul 7, 2012 4:51 PM
97	All of the above.	Jul 6, 2012 11:45 AM
98	people who's first language is not English, women with disabilities are more abused than males with disabilities	Jul 6, 2012 11:07 AM
99	with abuse defined very broadly, while some are subjected to different forms or where it may be more consistent and overt with intellectual disability or non speaking people	Jul 5, 2012 10:23 AM
100	any of the above	Jul 3, 2012 7:50 AM
101	No one group is "more" abused than any other, they each face discrimination and potential emotional/physical abuse at the hands of strangers and caretakers.	Jul 2, 2012 8:20 PM
102	who is not strong to stand to say something rights (based on all disabilities)	Jul 2, 2012 10:38 AM
103	not sure	Jul 2, 2012 8:22 AM
104	Dev. Dis. and Mental Health are probably #1 and #2 or equal rates	Jul 2, 2012 1:16 AM
105	when you define abuse broadly, to include the barriers imposed by social & institutional barriers--if you're difference is named disability, you experience abuse the same.	Jun 30, 2012 11:32 AM
106	all are at risk	Jun 30, 2012 10:29 AM
107	Trouble in someone with a mental health disability in keeping quite a good position.(governmental).	Jun 29, 2012 2:41 PM
108	I don't know	Jun 26, 2012 2:03 PM
109	no idea, I know the the dynmics are different and "abuse" is too loose a term for me	Jun 26, 2012 1:47 PM
110	wheelchair user with blindness	Jun 25, 2012 8:39 AM
111	don't know	Jun 25, 2012 7:32 AM
112	a child with a disability "special needs" especially with pragmatic speech deficits	Jun 25, 2012 4:30 AM
113	I don't know	Jun 22, 2012 6:49 PM
114	children	Jun 22, 2012 2:39 PM
115	those with disabilities that cant be seen	Jun 21, 2012 7:19 PM
116	Anyone could be abused	Jun 21, 2012 2:39 PM
117	non verbal	Jun 20, 2012 9:03 AM
118	those with impaired cognition (ID, DD, TBI, ABI, etc) likely more vulnerable	Jun 20, 2012 7:48 AM

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119	I have no idea	Jun 19, 2012 9:31 PM
120	all are abused at one time or another	Jun 19, 2012 11:08 AM
121	don't have a belief	Jun 19, 2012 10:35 AM
122	#4 below~ 1st option????	Jun 18, 2012 2:54 PM
123	I don't know	Jun 18, 2012 2:43 PM
124	I dont' know	Jun 18, 2012 11:35 AM
125	I am not sure.	Jun 18, 2012 10:35 AM
126	A person who doesn't understand what they are supposed to do who is disabled.	Jun 18, 2012 9:22 AM
127	don't know	Jun 18, 2012 8:07 AM
128	hard to qualify as all those with disabilities find that the world does not meet their needs	Jun 18, 2012 4:34 AM
129	Especially in borderline situations where disability is not immediately obvious	Jun 17, 2012 11:06 AM
130	I'm not sure that everyone is abused at the same rate- rather all are at high risk for abuse	Jun 17, 2012 2:04 AM
131	any one different form the abuser	Jun 15, 2012 1:43 PM
132	Older people	Jun 15, 2012 1:31 PM
133	I believe they all are!	Jun 15, 2012 12:45 PM
134	All could be, it is dependent on the definition of 'abuse'	Jun 15, 2012 9:53 AM
135	The elderly need to be included	Jun 15, 2012 9:26 AM
136	I think that there are a combination of circumstances, however, the more dependent they are the more likely they are abused.	Jun 14, 2012 10:50 AM
137	All are abused in some way or another	Jun 14, 2012 8:53 AM
138	A person who needs time from others for care.	Jun 14, 2012 8:06 AM
139	research has shown that blindness is the most feared disability. My husband has always said that fear of the unknown affects how some people relate to someone who is blind, as well as anyone who has a disability. Some people you encounter cannot imagine how they could perform daily tasks, etc. as a blind person. I know that some people with disabilities have been abused. However, I still believe public awareness could help with attitudinal changes and lessen the minimal abuses that you may encounter when you shop, conduct business, go to work, or just live your daily life.	Jun 13, 2012 6:08 PM
140	all of the above	Jun 12, 2012 5:04 PM

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141	statistics show sexual abuse highest for people with intellectual disabilities; for physical abuse I believe it is people with limited mobility and/or who use wheelchairs	Jun 12, 2012 1:15 PM
142	It's the society we live in. If you are brain injured, YOU WILL BE TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF. INCLUDING BY STARVING ATTORNEYS, AND JUDGES AND SOCIAL WORKERS AND PSYCHOLOGISTS. THEY CAN ALL BE BOUGHT.	Jun 12, 2012 10:53 AM
143	Persons with unseen or hidden multiple morbidities: e.g. brain injury and mental health issues	Jun 11, 2012 6:27 PM
144	All of them; depends on the disability	Jun 11, 2012 2:51 PM
145	not sure	Jun 11, 2012 1:56 PM
146	frail elderly, dementia or alzheimers	Jun 11, 2012 1:05 PM
147	The word abuse should have been defined.	Jun 11, 2012 11:02 AM
148	Older adults with Dementia	Jun 11, 2012 6:41 AM
149	Individuals who are unable to communicate to tell others about the abuse.	Jun 10, 2012 5:36 PM
150	I would imagine that all "other abled" people are at risk, but I do think that those who require more aide/assistance with physical needs are more vulnerable and are higher at risk	Jun 10, 2012 7:12 AM
151	Those whose disability is noticeable	Jun 9, 2012 8:48 PM
152	adhd, add, dyslexia	Jun 9, 2012 1:28 PM
153	people with dementia	Jun 8, 2012 1:25 PM
154	Its an assumption, based on what is being shared by media, that this particular group is being targeted most. Could be other groups too.	Jun 8, 2012 8:47 AM
155	All children are in harms way	Jun 8, 2012 5:58 AM
156	Hard to say since we are all treated like crap if not criminals.	Jun 7, 2012 12:03 PM
157	Children or elders with any type of disability.	Jun 7, 2012 10:24 AM
158	depends on caregivers all can and are abused	Jun 7, 2012 8:58 AM
159	There is the problem of communicating what happened	Jun 7, 2012 7:35 AM
160	thoes who are bed bound and unable to communate	Jun 7, 2012 4:52 AM
161	those are my top three selections	Jun 6, 2012 4:13 PM
162	An aging person with diminishing cognitive capacity	Jun 6, 2012 1:26 PM
163	A person with dementia	Jun 6, 2012 8:39 AM

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164	level of functioning and supports depend on rate of abuse	Jun 6, 2012 7:26 AM
165	level of functioning and supports depend on rate of abuse	Jun 6, 2012 7:26 AM
166	depends on the many factors: community, economics etc	Jun 6, 2012 3:52 AM
167	All of the above	Jun 5, 2012 3:13 PM
168	probably ppl w/ cog/int or DD in conjunction with another disb	Jun 5, 2012 11:09 AM
169	All are significantly at risk depending on the circumstances and context	Jun 5, 2012 9:12 AM
170	I have no knowledge about abuse of the disabled.	Jun 5, 2012 6:22 AM
171	I understand that people with disabilities are at a heightened risk of experiencing abuse but not necessarily one disability over another	Jun 5, 2012 6:15 AM
172	I do not have any verified data to support answering the question above.	Jun 4, 2012 5:16 PM
173	Varies with each individual	Jun 4, 2012 4:26 PM
174	individuals residing in institutional settings	Jun 4, 2012 1:53 PM
175	I think this is another question where I have no pre-conceptions. We get complaints about abuse of the disabled from so many areas, it is hard to pick one.	Jun 4, 2012 10:59 AM
176	The aging population residing in nursing homes	Jun 4, 2012 9:40 AM
177	Non-verbal, medically decompensated, developmentally delayed with no way to communicate	Jun 4, 2012 7:10 AM
178	dementia	Jun 4, 2012 7:08 AM
179	Abusers don't target any particular category. There is a goal of power and control in order to meet their own needs and will take advantage of any frailty/weakness to achieve their goal.	Jun 4, 2012 7:08 AM
180	all of the above	Jun 4, 2012 6:57 AM
181	Any one, disabled or not is at risk for being abuse - unfortunately	Jun 4, 2012 5:06 AM
182	Older adults with cognitive and functional limitations	Jun 4, 2012 3:15 AM
183	People who have invisible disabilities, like neuropathy or Crohn's, are looked at and judged fine by people not experiencing the pain of these disabilities, and people just assume that they are lazy and that they could be doing more when they can't. At least with the more obvious disabilities there is general deference where there isn't bold antisocial prejudice. With those whose disabilities are not visible, (this also includes many mental disabilities), the discrimination arises from false assumptions based on appearance that the disability is "all in their head," when it is legitimate and real.	Jun 3, 2012 12:08 PM
184	All are abused, but "most" is hard to characterize	Jun 3, 2012 5:09 AM

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185	All in different ways....	Jun 2, 2012 5:45 PM
186	I pu	Jun 2, 2012 5:42 PM
187	a person with some level of support needs, and particularly those who are living in institutions or group houses	Jun 1, 2012 3:38 PM
188	there is no way to compare or try to assign levels of oppression, and it is not productive to attempt to do so	Jun 1, 2012 1:54 PM
189	I really don't have an opinion	Jun 1, 2012 8:24 AM
190	person with Autism	Jun 1, 2012 8:20 AM
191	All persons with the above criteria are at risk of abuse	May 31, 2012 9:13 AM
192	It's sad to say but all are targeted and preyed upon.	May 31, 2012 8:54 AM
193	I think deaf & HOH may be less abused than the others.	May 31, 2012 6:00 AM
194	All have that potential of abuse	May 31, 2012 5:38 AM
195	All of the above-not necessarily at the same rate	May 31, 2012 5:09 AM
196	victims of serious crime	May 31, 2012 4:15 AM
197	I don't know.	May 31, 2012 3:58 AM
198	I don't believe all are abused about the same but I believe all are abused, it is hard for me to say which group is "the most". I believe this could be skewed by what a person might be around the most.	May 30, 2012 4:42 PM
199	the financial abuse of those with alzheimers and dementia	May 30, 2012 2:29 PM
200	People with disabilities that you cannot SEE their pain	May 30, 2012 2:21 PM
201	All of the above, I don't necessarily think it's at the same rate.	May 30, 2012 12:45 PM
202	We don't know, there's not data to my knowledge.	May 30, 2012 12:27 PM
203	I think it depends on the community and services available.	May 30, 2012 12:23 PM
204	Those persons who have been institutionalized.	May 30, 2012 12:18 PM
205	Rather than specific disability it may depend more on level of vulnerability	May 30, 2012 12:17 PM
206	autistic	May 30, 2012 8:44 AM
207	especially those viewed as an easy target	May 30, 2012 8:23 AM
208	please do not use the term mental retardation	May 30, 2012 7:45 AM
209	It depends in what setting the individual is in. I have personal and professional experience in the legal system and the problem there for those with invisible	May 30, 2012 7:45 AM

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	injuries is mind blowing.	
210	I noticed that here in California, it's the blind.	May 29, 2012 7:48 PM
211	Those who cannot speak are the most vulnerable I think	May 29, 2012 11:57 AM
212	not sure, as deaf person I was abused	May 29, 2012 11:17 AM
213	A person who is nonverbal.	May 28, 2012 10:42 AM
214	a person whose disabilities make them socially awkward	May 26, 2012 9:10 AM
215	I don't think there is one specific group, neither do I think that they are all abused at the same rate, so much depends on the abuse.	May 26, 2012 4:49 AM
216	The weakest are the most abused	May 25, 2012 2:55 PM
217	Neglect mostly.	May 25, 2012 10:44 AM
218	All groups have experienced abuse	May 25, 2012 7:57 AM
219	We are taken advantage and most are not aware how to report the abuse.	May 25, 2012 4:41 AM
220	people in institutions	May 24, 2012 10:23 AM
221	ALL ARE VULNERABLE	May 23, 2012 10:53 PM
222	I don't know	May 23, 2012 12:43 PM
223	I believe abuse happens across all fields dependong on the area the person lives in and the education of others who provide services for them .	May 23, 2012 12:32 PM
224	The more vulnerable the person is, whether physically, mentally or otherwise, the more likely they are to be taken advantage of and/or abused.	May 23, 2012 11:49 AM
225	Not at thje same rate... this would vary based on demographics.	May 23, 2012 10:14 AM
226	I think the abuse is widespread across all disabilities but more so for the nonverbal population as they cannot report what us going on	May 23, 2012 7:18 AM
227	all of the above are vulnerable and need protective services available	May 23, 2012 6:29 AM
228	persons with PTSD who have to relive the trauma	May 22, 2012 8:06 PM
229	there is physical, psychological, emotional abuse- all have been abused one way or another- as a group I would think the developmental disability cuz they can least talk back to defend themselves	May 22, 2012 7:45 PM
230	Any person who has a disability or is thought to have a disability that can be visually seen	May 22, 2012 1:57 PM
231	All of the groups but the groups who cannot communicate or move are at a higher risk of abuse.	May 22, 2012 12:01 PM

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232	Oh, boy! Let's talk about oppression which is a "socially acceptable form of unrecognized abuse!!!"	May 22, 2012 11:44 AM
233	children and people with high support needs because staff have the most power over them	May 22, 2012 10:19 AM
234	you'd better define "abuse"	May 22, 2012 9:04 AM
235	deaf and blind	May 22, 2012 8:45 AM
236	multiple disabilities and/or degree of disability	May 22, 2012 6:24 AM
237	Non-Verbal	May 22, 2012 6:07 AM
238	nonverbal individuals	May 22, 2012 5:32 AM
239	persons who have disabilities which are not readily visible	May 22, 2012 5:26 AM
240	Residential programs, institutions	May 22, 2012 2:35 AM
241	All are abused at different, varying rate	May 21, 2012 9:29 PM
242	Abused?	May 21, 2012 6:16 PM
243	No some are worse than others.	May 21, 2012 12:55 PM
244	people who have a disease/disability but invisible to others and so you are judged	May 21, 2012 12:53 PM
245	I believe abuses go on in all the above mentioned areas just like in other areas of life. Abuse isn't restricted to one particular class.	May 21, 2012 10:07 AM
246	Anyone with a disability is vulnerable to abuse	May 21, 2012 9:51 AM
247	dementia etc	May 21, 2012 9:27 AM
248	vulnerable adults	May 21, 2012 8:01 AM
249	There should be another other category forth next question. There I would say the legal system.	May 21, 2012 4:25 AM
250	frankly all of the above	May 20, 2012 9:21 PM
251	I really don't know	May 20, 2012 7:15 PM
252	Invisible disabilities...	May 20, 2012 9:50 AM
253	All Of Them	May 19, 2012 8:40 AM
254	Children with mental health disorders whose disability manifests thru challenging behaviors and dysregulation	May 19, 2012 8:06 AM
255	all of the above	May 19, 2012 6:17 AM

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256	why are you using the totally unacceptable term about MR?	May 18, 2012 2:18 PM
257	unsure	May 18, 2012 11:55 AM
258	both developmental and speach. because they dont know how to communicate or what is oing on.	May 18, 2012 11:22 AM
259	Person with cognitive disabilities are easier targets, but not necessarily most abused.	May 18, 2012 9:00 AM
260	Thankfully, i have seen no abuse	May 18, 2012 7:03 AM
261	I don't know if there is reliable data on this..(don't think there is! this I say as an epidemiologist)	May 17, 2012 2:37 PM
262	I have never seen abuse	May 17, 2012 1:18 PM
263	All of the above but those with limited communication skills are at a higher risk	May 17, 2012 1:11 PM
264	All of the above in different ways	May 17, 2012 12:35 PM
265	Any thing that impairs accurate communication	May 17, 2012 11:02 AM
266	Weaker members/ high risk=can not report	May 17, 2012 10:49 AM
267	don't know	May 17, 2012 7:05 AM
268	in institution or jail	May 17, 2012 6:58 AM
269	all are under scrutiny	May 16, 2012 6:11 PM
270	older adults	May 16, 2012 3:33 PM
271	What is the form physical emotion or negllet	May 16, 2012 2:43 PM
272	This probably really varies	May 16, 2012 2:12 PM
273	Not sure that we know	May 16, 2012 12:57 PM
274	Hard to say which disability is the most vulnerable	May 16, 2012 11:42 AM
275	and depends on the situation they are in	May 16, 2012 10:33 AM
276	all of the above are vulnerable and potential victims to a predator	May 16, 2012 6:14 AM
277	I have no idea	May 16, 2012 5:21 AM
278	Someone that looks fine ex: ADHD/learning disability	May 16, 2012 3:27 AM
279	Female abuse is pandemic, a disgrace. Within the framework of disabilities all are abused at about the same rate	May 15, 2012 3:42 PM
280	Please include FASD on the list	May 15, 2012 2:58 PM

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281	Elderly with cognitive decline and/or dementia	May 15, 2012 1:10 PM
282	The less people you have around you and your ability to communicate increase your vulnerability	May 15, 2012 10:48 AM
283	Chances are its deaf/hard of hearing based on info known to me.	May 14, 2012 6:26 PM
284	no idea	May 14, 2012 3:07 PM
285	women	May 14, 2012 12:29 PM
286	Elderly, person with MH problems, limited mobility, developmental disability, and person who has difficulty speaking clearly or being understood.	May 14, 2012 10:44 AM
287	also the elderly	May 14, 2012 10:08 AM
288	Any disabled citizen being served in the Ma human service system has a high probability of being abused.	May 14, 2012 9:25 AM
289	depends on how you define abuse	May 14, 2012 7:58 AM
290	While I feel that some persons are abused that have both physical and mental disabilities, I feel as a whole, abuse is minimal compared to the entire population.	May 14, 2012 5:46 AM
291	all could, including people who are frail due to age, but I believe those with DD may be most vulnerable	May 14, 2012 5:26 AM
292	All people are subject to abuse.Women with disabilities have the highest abuse rate from my experience.	May 14, 2012 4:03 AM
293	All are abused but I think persons with with developmental delays and mental health are	May 12, 2012 9:53 AM
294	those whose disability has a "behavioural" component	May 12, 2012 5:12 AM
295	there not	May 11, 2012 10:47 PM
296	Unsure until I examine the statistics	May 11, 2012 10:39 AM
297	All can be abused in different ways	May 11, 2012 9:42 AM
298	All of them	May 11, 2012 9:03 AM
299	Developmentally delayed persons and elders with cognitive decline.	May 11, 2012 7:04 AM
300	Those with more significant levels of disability	May 11, 2012 5:50 AM
301	Women with disabilities	May 10, 2012 1:04 PM
302	unclear but most are neglected by policy and Mentally ill by actual abusive thinking if nothing else	May 10, 2012 10:41 AM
303	not qualified t answer.	May 10, 2012 10:38 AM

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304	None are excluded	May 10, 2012 10:30 AM
305	I haven't seen any good reseach on specifically which group is "most abused" however all the above groups are vulnerable and at increased risk. The group as a whole is abused more often than others.	May 10, 2012 9:57 AM
306	women	May 10, 2012 7:46 AM
307	It is more immediately visible	May 10, 2012 6:52 AM
308	Those who are non-verbal and cannot speak out.	May 10, 2012 6:21 AM
309	It's about the skills and ability to communicate to others. Those who cannot speak or speak clearly are likely at the most at risk because they can't tell anyone and their abusers know it. Those who have hearing, site, or mobility issues are most likely abused in more covert ways as to obscure the abuse as much as possible and decrease the liklihood of getting 'caught'	May 9, 2012 3:34 PM
310	I don't think it is a question of who is "most" abused. Al experience abuse and oppression, but it might look different for people with different disabilities. The way this question is worded is problematic.	May 9, 2012 3:02 PM
311	A person who is Chemically Dependent	May 9, 2012 2:26 PM
312	A person with mental health, intellectual, or developmental disabilities; a person who is dependent on others for primary care.	May 9, 2012 1:08 PM
313	Don't know. I would imagine each "group" represents various types of vulnerability.	May 9, 2012 12:40 PM
314	abuse happens in any number of ways including verbal, physical, emotional and can be in the form of discrimination where they are limited to services	May 9, 2012 11:14 AM
315	I do not know	May 9, 2012 9:03 AM
316	All of the above.	May 9, 2012 8:28 AM
317	All are vulnerable	May 9, 2012 8:23 AM
318	2 groups equally = people with developmental disabilities and people with mental health issues	May 9, 2012 8:17 AM
319	Aged population	May 9, 2012 5:27 AM
320	Children who cannot communicate effectively are targets	May 9, 2012 5:12 AM
321	Older people with dementia or Alzheimer	May 9, 2012 3:59 AM
322	Not sure. Would be interested to see statistics on this	May 8, 2012 8:09 PM
323	70 to 90% of women in alcohol drug treatment have experienced domestic and or aexual violence. People with other disabilities experience very high rrates but as far as this survey goes peopleexperiencing a disability stemming from a substance use disorder are invisible. I am disappointed about that invisibility but	May 8, 2012 6:30 PM

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	not surprised.	
324	Seniors with a disability	May 8, 2012 2:41 PM
325	People with limited mental functioning or ability to communicate	May 8, 2012 1:20 PM
326	women with disabilities	May 8, 2012 12:36 PM
327	Abuse is not about the Abused it is about the Abuser. So any individual with a disability can be abused. The focus is power and control.	May 8, 2012 11:12 AM
328	I've always thought deaf CHILDREN, and then children with any disability that might make it difficult or impossible for them to report or make it likely they would not be taken seriously.	May 8, 2012 10:52 AM
329	individuals with profound autism who have language difficulties and behavioral manifestations	May 8, 2012 10:30 AM
330	All can be victims of abuse. You have left out those who cannot communicate.	May 8, 2012 10:15 AM
331	I think anyone who has limitations has the opportunity to be abused by someone	May 8, 2012 8:19 AM
332	any person that I may come in contact with	May 8, 2012 7:30 AM
333	a person whose disability is not visible (FAS)	May 8, 2012 7:12 AM
334	A person with dementia or age related issues	May 8, 2012 6:53 AM
335	People with invisible disabilities, i.e., people who do not present immediate symptoms but who are quickly judged and dismissed when differences surface.	May 8, 2012 5:47 AM
336	people who are invisible because of their disability and cannot speak up for themselves	May 8, 2012 4:49 AM
337	fasd an invisible disability	May 8, 2012 3:01 AM
338	a person with a hidden disability, like FASD	May 7, 2012 10:23 PM
339	a person who needs a lot of hands on, strength and time consuming care	May 7, 2012 10:09 PM
340	elderly individuals	May 7, 2012 6:50 PM
341	This question assumes that all persons with disability are abused in some way. I acknowledge there is abuse but there is abuse in all parts of society.	May 7, 2012 5:02 PM
342	There is abuse to mental health people thru the disbielf of when they are expressing systemes that are medical but are viewed as "the mental health" issue...then they are ignored	May 7, 2012 3:22 PM
343	elderly	May 7, 2012 3:11 PM
344	but all people with disabilities are vulnerable to abuse.	May 7, 2012 2:57 PM
345	a person with behavioral difficulties.	May 7, 2012 2:10 PM

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346	all of these groups	May 7, 2012 12:03 PM
347	PERSONS WITH BRAIN INJURY	May 7, 2012 11:55 AM
348	unknown	May 7, 2012 11:45 AM
349	elder, frail and dependent	May 7, 2012 11:22 AM
350	all are abused but at different rates and in different ways	May 7, 2012 11:21 AM
351	Homosexuals, ADHD,HOH	May 7, 2012 11:11 AM
352	all of the above can be abused or taken advantage of	May 7, 2012 10:40 AM
353	I speculate those with "MH problems" and/or Developmental disabilities	May 7, 2012 10:00 AM
354	It depends on the type of abuse	May 7, 2012 9:22 AM
355	the aging & those with intellectual/developmental disability	May 7, 2012 6:20 AM
356	FAS/FASD	May 7, 2012 5:13 AM
357	Possibly those that are very low functioning in all of the above areas.	May 7, 2012 4:38 AM
358	All groups will be abused at some point in their lives	May 6, 2012 4:38 PM
359	special ed kids	May 6, 2012 9:56 AM
360	ALL, BUT "THE SAME RATE"?	May 6, 2012 12:32 AM
361	I don't know	May 5, 2012 5:56 PM
362	Excuse me, but putting the autistic in the same group as the retarded or those with cerebral palsy is in itself abuse.	May 5, 2012 4:17 PM
363	I would not say at the same rate but all are abused	May 4, 2012 11:01 PM
364	People that have a less obvious disability	May 4, 2012 10:54 PM
365	not sure about this one	May 4, 2012 6:55 PM
366	I think it depends on the situation, and what disability is present.	May 4, 2012 5:25 PM
367	the ones least likely to be able to talk about it or be believed if they do talk about it	May 4, 2012 2:19 PM
368	don't know	May 4, 2012 12:04 PM
369	The elderly are the most abused	May 4, 2012 10:33 AM
370	Patience and understanding concerning differences is not possessed by people who are stressed which is basically society today. There are exceptions.	May 4, 2012 9:57 AM
371	don't know	May 4, 2012 9:06 AM

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372	who is incapacitated due to mental or physical condition	May 4, 2012 8:05 AM
373	and female more often than male	May 4, 2012 7:47 AM
374	Don't know--probably less the nature of the disability and more the circumstances (less resources, ability to be understood, connection with multiple people)	May 4, 2012 7:18 AM
375	a person who is unable to advocate for himself	May 4, 2012 6:37 AM
376	nursing homes	May 4, 2012 3:01 AM
377	I don't know.	May 3, 2012 12:00 PM
378	Elderly and all of the above	May 3, 2012 11:30 AM
379	wouldn't guess-are there statistics?	May 3, 2012 11:19 AM
380	A person who either does not have the verbal skills to express what has happened to them or someone who has been bullied into not talking about it	May 3, 2012 9:49 AM
381	A person who has a mental health issue and cannot get treatment and is self neglecting	May 3, 2012 8:33 AM
382	Mobility and cognitive impairment.	May 3, 2012 8:31 AM
383	Everyone who is disabled is vulnerable, though.	May 3, 2012 8:05 AM
384	Anyone who has a disability has the potential to be more easily abused than someone without a disability for different reasons.	May 3, 2012 7:05 AM
385	I also think people with mental health issues also.	May 3, 2012 6:53 AM
386	I don't know	May 3, 2012 6:35 AM
387	All are abused but possibly at different rates	May 3, 2012 6:33 AM
388	many variables-depends on support system and person's own capabilities	May 3, 2012 6:18 AM
389	Mental Retardation is now called Intellectual Disability	May 3, 2012 6:02 AM
390	I don't know.	May 2, 2012 3:11 PM
391	Only because this type is not easily discernable	May 2, 2012 10:33 AM
392	i beleive they are abused to different degrees. people with a disability are just looked at different	May 2, 2012 9:03 AM
393	About the same rate but in many different ways specific to the individuals disability.	May 2, 2012 7:20 AM
394	all of the above	May 2, 2012 7:06 AM
395	Autism and other disabilities that have deficits in communication.	May 2, 2012 6:30 AM

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396	not sure if these are the *most* abused, but my sense is abuse of those with intellectual disability, particularly those who are less likely to speak, goes under the radar a lot more often	May 2, 2012 2:40 AM
397	any who are vulnerable and are incapable or feel too vulnerable	May 1, 2012 11:18 PM
398	Anyone who is nonverbal or can't communicate what's happening to them.	May 1, 2012 11:17 PM
399	why are you asking us such a stupid question? do you really think we all make an assumption about this?	May 1, 2012 9:35 PM
400	i can not recall stats off the top of my head but i believe the rate is horrifyingly high	May 1, 2012 7:45 PM
401	seniors with disabilities, as well	May 1, 2012 5:44 PM
402	mental health next I suspect	May 1, 2012 3:47 PM
403	FASD	May 1, 2012 1:23 PM
404	The disabled elderly	May 1, 2012 12:37 PM
405	Persons who are non-verbal and Persons who live in institution-like settings	May 1, 2012 9:39 AM
406	people with invisible disabilities	May 1, 2012 8:51 AM
407	aggressive individuals who are unable to speak and report abuse	May 1, 2012 6:38 AM
408	this is a poorly worded question.	May 1, 2012 5:37 AM
409	All of the above except a peorson who uses a wheel chair but that has verbal/intellectual skills	May 1, 2012 5:35 AM
410	it depends on the type of abuse.	May 1, 2012 5:14 AM
411	Those who are non verbal and cannot tell us what his happening to them.	May 1, 2012 4:26 AM
412	People that are not able to advocate for themselves.	Apr 30, 2012 7:18 PM
413	Abuse as defined by who?	Apr 30, 2012 2:09 PM
414	Don't know.	Apr 30, 2012 12:48 PM
415	an individual w/ significant behavioral and/or communication challenges	Apr 30, 2012 9:55 AM
416	People with 'hidden' disabilities	Apr 30, 2012 8:57 AM
417	Individuals who have no means of communication and I/DD	Apr 30, 2012 8:57 AM
418	but all experience more abuse than general public	Apr 30, 2012 7:53 AM
419	people with intellectual disabilities and people with mental health problems	Apr 30, 2012 7:52 AM
420	I think anyone with difficulty communicating, whether it's because of speach	Apr 30, 2012 4:42 AM

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difficulties or being considered 'mentally incompetent' are targeted because the abuser thinks it will be easy to get away with.

421	Definitely anyone who is non-verbal.	Apr 29, 2012 4:11 PM
422	People who have Bladder and or bowel incontinence	Apr 29, 2012 9:16 AM
423	A person in a forensic psychiatric hospital	Apr 29, 2012 8:34 AM