

The 2012 National Survey on Abuse of People with SurveyMonkey Disabilities

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	Protective Services Professional (CPS or APS)	Response Totals
Person with a disability	2.2% (7)	2.2% (7)
Parent or family member of a person with a disability	6.8% (22)	6.8% (22)
Direct support worker	1.6% (5)	1.6% (5)
Administrator/manager of an organization providing services or supports to people with disabilities	6.2% (20)	6.2% (20)
Social Worker in the field of disabilities	5.9% (19)	5.9% (19)
Protective Services Professional (CPS or APS)	100.0% (322)	100.0% (322)
Mental Health Professional	2.5% (8)	2.5% (8)
Peace Officer	0.6% (2)	0.6% (2)
Court official (attorney, parole or probation worker, judge)	0.6% (2)	0.6% (2)
Policymaker (Legislator or works for one)	0.6% (2)	0.6% (2)
Public agency employee	7.8% (25)	7.8% (25)

Special Education teacher, aide or administrator	0.3% (1)	0.3% (1)
Teacher or administrator (but not in Special Education)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)
Advocate	4.3% (14)	4.3% (14)
Concerned Citizen	4.3% (14)	4.3% (14)
Other:	4 replies	4
answered question	322	322
	skipped question	0

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

	Which of the following best describes your relationship with people with disabilities? I am a...	
	Protective Services Professional (CPS or APS)	Response Totals
A person who uses a wheelchair or has limited mobility	38.5% (80)	38.5% (80)
A person who is blind or has limited vision	0.5% (1)	0.5% (1)
A person who is deaf or is hard of hearing	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)
A person with an intellectual or a developmental disability, e.g., diagnosis of Mental Retardation, Autism, or Cerebral Palsy	57.2% (119)	57.2% (119)
A person who has difficulty speaking clearly or being understood	1.9% (4)	1.9% (4)
A person who has mental health problems	1.9% (4)	1.9% (4)
Other (please specify)	121 replies	121
answered question	208	208
	skipped question	114

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

	Which of the following best describes your relationship with people with disabilities? I am a...	
	Protective Services Professional (CPS or APS)	Response Totals
A person who uses a wheelchair or has limited mobility	2.7% (8)	2.7% (8)
A person who is blind or has limited vision	1.0% (3)	1.0% (3)
A person who is deaf or hard of hearing	0.7% (2)	0.7% (2)
A person with an intellectual or a developmental disability, e.g., diagnosis of Mental Retardation, Autism, or Cerebral Palsy	52.8% (158)	52.8% (158)
A person who has difficulty speaking clearly or being understood	8.4% (25)	8.4% (25)
A person with mental health problems	11.0% (33)	11.0% (33)
All are abused at about the same rate	35.8% (107)	35.8% (107)
Other (please specify)	27 replies	27
answered question	299	299
	skipped question	23

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

	Which of the following best describes your relationship with people with disabilities? I am a...	
	Protective Services Professional (CPS or APS)	Response Totals
A stranger who a person with a disability encounters alone in a private or public place	0.6% (2)	0.6% (2)
Someone with whom he/she is somewhat familiar	17.4% (56)	17.4% (56)
A caregiver or family member	71.3% (229)	71.3% (229)
All of the above about the same	19.0% (61)	19.0% (61)
answered question	321	321
	skipped question	1

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

	Which of the following best describes your relationship with people with disabilities? I am a...	
	Protective Services Professional (CPS or APS)	Response Totals
Yes, I have a disability.	6.2% (20)	6.2% (20)
Yes, I have an immediate family member with a disability.	29.0% (93)	29.0% (93)
No, none of us has a disability.	65.4% (210)	65.4% (210)
answered question	321	321
	skipped question	1

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.)

	Which of the following best describes your relationship with people with disabilities? I am a...	
	Protective Services Professional (CPS or APS)	Response Totals
Use a wheelchair or have limited mobility	40.2% (37)	40.2% (37)
Blind or have limited vision	6.5% (6)	6.5% (6)
Deaf or Hard of Hearing	12.0% (11)	12.0% (11)
Autism	10.9% (10)	10.9% (10)
Intellectual or developmental disability other than Autism e.g., diagnosis of Mental Retardation, Cerebral Palsy or Epilepsy	23.9% (22)	23.9% (22)
Difficulty speaking clearly or being understood	12.0% (11)	12.0% (11)
Mental Health problems	33.7% (31)	33.7% (31)
Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder	3.3% (3)	3.3% (3)
Other (please specify)	18 replies	18
answered question	92	92
	skipped question	230

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

	Which of the following best describes your relationship with people with disabilities? I am a...	
	Protective Services Professional (CPS or APS)	Response Totals
Yes	37.5% (39)	37.5% (39)
No	62.5% (65)	62.5% (65)
answered question	104	104
	skipped question	218

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

	Which of the following best describes your relationship with people with disabilities? I am a...	
	Protective Services Professional (CPS or APS)	Response Totals
Physical abuse (non-sexual)	13.8% (12)	13.8% (12)
Sexual abuse	9.2% (8)	9.2% (8)
Financial abuse	14.9% (13)	14.9% (13)
Verbal or Emotional abuse	25.3% (22)	25.3% (22)
Neglect	16.1% (14)	16.1% (14)
This question doesn't apply to me	58.6% (51)	58.6% (51)
Other (please specify and feel free to comment)	9 replies	9
answered question	87	87
	skipped question	235

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

	Which of the following best describes your relationship with people with disabilities? I am a...	
	Protective Services Professional (CPS or APS)	Response Totals
Yes	29.5% (18)	29.5% (18)
No	70.5% (43)	70.5% (43)
answered question	61	61
	skipped question	261

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

	Which of the following best describes your relationship with people with disabilities? I am a...	
	Protective Services Professional (CPS or APS)	Response Totals
Nothing	6.8% (5)	6.8% (5)
An investigation was done without delay	4.1% (3)	4.1% (3)
The person who committed the abuse was fired, quit, or was asked to avoid contact with me (my family member)	5.5% (4)	5.5% (4)
I believe an interview wasn't done or wasn't thorough because I (my family member) use an alternative way to communicate	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)
I (my family member) was interviewed but was not believed	1.4% (1)	1.4% (1)
An investigation was done but I (my family member) was not interviewed	1.4% (1)	1.4% (1)
An investigation was done but too much time had passed and the investigation was compromised	1.4% (1)	1.4% (1)
An investigation was done but the investigator(s) was not thorough	5.5% (4)	5.5% (4)
The person who committed the abuse was arrested	2.7% (2)	2.7% (2)
The person who committed the abuse was charged with a crime	1.4% (1)	1.4% (1)
The person who committed the abuse was convicted of a crime	1.4% (1)	1.4% (1)
The person who committed the crime served time in prison or jail	1.4% (1)	1.4% (1)
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	1.4% (1)	1.4% (1)
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)	1.4% (1)	1.4% (1)
This question doesn't apply to me	74.0% (54)	74.0% (54)
Comment on your experience with abuse	9 replies	9
answered question	73	73
	skipped question	249

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

	Which of the following best describes your relationship with people with disabilities? I am a...	
	Protective Services Professional (CPS or APS)	Response Totals
Believed nothing would happen	6.7% (5)	6.7% (5)
Did not know how to report or who to report to	4.0% (3)	4.0% (3)
Was told not to say anything (threatened) or was too scared to do anything about the abuse	6.7% (5)	6.7% (5)
Was told not to report it even though I wanted to tell someone about the abuse	1.3% (1)	1.3% (1)
Wasn't able to report the abuse because of my injury	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)
This question doesn't apply to me	85.3% (64)	85.3% (64)
Other (please specify)	10 replies	10
answered question	75	75
	skipped question	247

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

	Which of the following best describes your relationship with people with disabilities? I am a...	
	Protective Services Professional (CPS or APS)	Response Totals
One time	8.8% (8)	8.8% (8)
More than once but less than ten times	17.6% (16)	17.6% (16)
About ten times	3.3% (3)	3.3% (3)
Between 20-40 times	1.1% (1)	1.1% (1)
Too many to times to count	11.0% (10)	11.0% (10)
This question doesn't apply to me	58.2% (53)	58.2% (53)
Comment	7 replies	7
answered question	91	91
	skipped question	231

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

	Which of the following best describes your relationship with people with disabilities? I am a...	
	Protective Services Professional (CPS or APS)	Response Totals
Yes	34.6% (36)	34.6% (36)
No	65.4% (68)	65.4% (68)
answered question	104	104
	skipped question	218

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

	Which of the following best describes your relationship with people with disabilities? I am a...	
	Protective Services Professional (CPS or APS)	Response Totals
School	26.5% (22)	26.5% (22)
Sports team	4.8% (4)	4.8% (4)
Workplace	13.3% (11)	13.3% (11)
Neighborhood/home	12.0% (10)	12.0% (10)
Internet/Cyber space	1.2% (1)	1.2% (1)
Other	3.6% (3)	3.6% (3)
This question doesn't apply	55.4% (46)	55.4% (46)
If "other," describe the place where the bullying occurred	2 replies	2
answered question	83	83
	skipped question	239

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

	Which of the following best describes your relationship with people with disabilities? I am a...	
	Protective Services Professional (CPS or APS)	Response Totals
Once	1.2% (1)	1.2% (1)
Occasionally	23.5% (20)	23.5% (20)
Every day	4.7% (4)	4.7% (4)
Multiple times per day	4.7% (4)	4.7% (4)
It went on for years	10.6% (9)	10.6% (9)
This question doesn't apply	56.5% (48)	56.5% (48)
Please feel free to comment on your bullying experience	3 replies	3
answered question	85	85
	skipped question	237

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

	Which of the following best describes your relationship with people with disabilities? I am a...	
	Protective Services Professional (CPS or APS)	Response Totals
Yes	35.3% (30)	35.3% (30)
No	5.9% (5)	5.9% (5)
This question does not apply	58.8% (50)	58.8% (50)
Please feel free to explain.	4 replies	4
answered question	85	85
	skipped question	237

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)?

	Which of the following best describes your relationship with people with disabilities? I am a...	
	Protective Services Professional (CPS or APS)	Response Totals
Yes	11.1% (10)	11.1% (10)
No	30.0% (27)	30.0% (27)
This question doesn't apply to me	58.9% (53)	58.9% (53)
Please feel free to explain	7 replies	7
answered question	90	90
	skipped question	232

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

	Which of the following best describes your relationship with people with disabilities? I am a...	
	Protective Services Professional (CPS or APS)	Response Totals
Not helpful	1.2% (1)	1.2% (1)
Somewhat helpful	7.3% (6)	7.3% (6)
Very helpful	1.2% (1)	1.2% (1)
Extremely helpful	3.7% (3)	3.7% (3)
This question doesn't apply to me	86.6% (71)	86.6% (71)
Please feel free to describe this experience	3 replies	3
answered question	82	82
	skipped question	240

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.)

	Which of the following best describes your relationship with people with disabilities? I am a...	
	Protective Services Professional (CPS or APS)	Response Totals
Abuse against people with disabilities has been reported to me	69.3% (156)	69.3% (156)
I have investigated abuse as part of my job	93.3% (210)	93.3% (210)
I advocate for people with disabilities who have been abused or have had crimes committed against them	56.0% (126)	56.0% (126)
I have prosecuted people that have committed crimes against people with disabilities.	6.7% (15)	6.7% (15)
I provide some form of therapy or counseling to victims of abuse with disabilities	10.7% (24)	10.7% (24)
I have no personal or professional experience with abuse	0.4% (1)	0.4% (1)
Other	8 replies	8
answered question	225	225
	skipped question	97

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

	Which of the following best describes your relationship with people with disabilities? I am a...	
	Protective Services Professional (CPS or APS)	Response Totals
About the same	3.8% (8)	3.8% (8)
Slightly more prevalent than against people without disabilities	13.7% (29)	13.7% (29)
Many times more prevalent than abuse against people without disabilities at all ages	50.7% (107)	50.7% (107)
More prevalent against children	3.3% (7)	3.3% (7)
More prevalent against adults	4.7% (10)	4.7% (10)
More prevalent against elders	19.9% (42)	19.9% (42)
Not sure	12.8% (27)	12.8% (27)
Other (please specify)	10 replies	10
answered question	211	211
	skipped question	111

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?)

		Which of the following best describes your relationship with people with disabilities? I am a...	
		Protective Services Professional (CPS or APS)	Response Totals
Reported to authorities	0	0.5% (1)	
	1	22.2% (47)	
	2	36.3% (77)	
	3	27.4% (58)	
	4	9.9% (21)	
	5	3.8% (8)	
	rating average	3.35 (212)	3.35 (212)
Authority receiving report takes action	0	0.0% (0)	
	1	13.6% (29)	
	2	14.6% (31)	
	3	23.9% (51)	
	4	32.4% (69)	
		15.5%	

	5	(33)	
	rating average	4.22 (213)	4.22 (213)
Authority receiving report promptly and thoroughly investigates	0	0.5% (1)	
	1	10.2% (22)	
	2	17.2% (37)	
	3	23.3% (50)	
	4	29.8% (64)	
	5	19.1% (41)	
	rating average	4.29 (215)	4.29 (215)
Victims with disabilities are believed	0	0.5% (1)	
	1	11.2% (24)	
	2	30.8% (66)	
	3	22.4% (48)	
	4	24.8% (53)	
	5	10.3% (22)	
	rating average	3.91 (214)	3.91 (214)
Those who abuse people with disabilities are fired	0	4.2% (9)	

	1	25.0% (53)	
	2	24.5% (52)	
	3	25.5% (54)	
	4	15.1% (32)	
	5	5.7% (12)	
rating average		3.39 (212)	3.39 (212)
Individuals who commit crimes against people with disabilities are arrested	0	10.8% (23)	
	1	42.7% (91)	
	2	24.4% (52)	
	3	13.6% (29)	
	4	7.0% (15)	
	5	1.4% (3)	
rating average		2.68 (213)	2.68 (213)
Individuals who commit crimes against people with disabilities are prosecuted	0	12.7% (27)	
	1	48.4% (103)	
	2	23.5% (50)	
	3	10.3% (22)	

	4	3.8% (8)	
	5	1.4% (3)	
	rating average	2.48 (213)	2.48 (213)
Individuals who commit crimes against people with disabilities are convicted	0	13.6% (29)	
	1	53.1% (113)	
	2	17.8% (38)	
	3	10.3% (22)	
	4	4.2% (9)	
	5	0.9% (2)	
	rating average	2.41 (213)	2.41 (213)
Individuals who commit crimes against people with disabilities go to prison or jail.	0	22.5% (48)	
	1	53.1% (113)	
	2	13.1% (28)	
	3	7.5% (16)	
	4	3.3% (7)	
	5	0.5% (1)	
	rating average	2.17	2.17

	(213)	(213)
Comment	24 replies	24
answered question	215	215
	skipped question	107

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)

	Which of the following best describes your relationship with people with disabilities? I am a...	
	Protective Services Professional (CPS or APS)	Response Totals
Individuals with disabilities are not valued	19.5% (41)	19.5% (41)
Victims with disabilities are not believed to be reliable reporters or witnesses	42.4% (89)	42.4% (89)
Too much extra work to handle cases against victims with disabilities	22.9% (48)	22.9% (48)
Authorities lack adequate training to deal with these victims	46.2% (97)	46.2% (97)
Because incidents of abuse are rarely prosecuted such cases are not handled well	30.5% (64)	30.5% (64)
All of the above are factors in creating unequal justice for these victims	55.2% (116)	55.2% (116)
I do not believe that crime victims with disabilities experience unequal justice any more often than anyone else	5.2% (11)	5.2% (11)
Comment	21 replies	21
answered question	210	210
	skipped question	112

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

	Which of the following best describes your relationship with people with disabilities? I am a...	
	Protective Services Professional (CPS or APS)	Response Count
	59 replies	59
answered question	59	59
	skipped question	263

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

	Which of the following best describes your relationship with people with disabilities? I am a...	
	Protective Services Professional (CPS or APS)	Response Totals
Spend more time in jail when they commit crimes against people with disabilities?	60.3% (178)	60.3% (178)
Spend less time in jail when they commit crimes against people with disabilities?	1.0% (3)	1.0% (3)
Spend the same time in jail no matter whether the victim has a disability or not?	30.5% (90)	30.5% (90)
Not sure or don't know	8.1% (24)	8.1% (24)
Comment	40 replies	40
answered question	295	295
	skipped question	27

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?

	Which of the following best describes your relationship with people with disabilities? I am a...	
	Protective Services Professional (CPS or APS)	Response Totals
Knowledge of and attitudes toward people with disabilities by all segments of society	20.1% (59)	20.1% (59)
More laws to force authorities to do the right things	13.3% (39)	13.3% (39)
More training about abuse reporting	2.7% (8)	2.7% (8)
More mandated training of police and abuse investigators	12.3% (36)	12.3% (36)
More mandated training of prosecutors	11.3% (33)	11.3% (33)
More mandated training of judges	2.7% (8)	2.7% (8)
Enhanced public awareness of abuse victims with disabilities	15.4% (45)	15.4% (45)
Better tracking of people known to abuse people with disabilities	3.4% (10)	3.4% (10)
More legal actions to force compliance with ADA and other Civil Rights legislation	6.5% (19)	6.5% (19)
I cannot decide which is most important or I do not have an opinion	12.3% (36)	12.3% (36)
Comment	46 replies	46
answered question	293	293
	skipped question	29

26. I am a

	Which of the following best describes your relationship with people with disabilities? I am a...	
	Protective Services Professional (CPS or APS)	Response Totals
Male	23.1% (68)	23.1% (68)
Female	77.3% (228)	77.3% (228)
answered question	295	295
	skipped question	27

27. My age group is:

	Which of the following best describes your relationship with people with disabilities? I am a...	
	Protective Services Professional (CPS or APS)	Response Totals
18 to 25	0.7% (2)	0.7% (2)
26 to 40	23.6% (70)	23.6% (70)
41 to 60	59.9% (178)	59.9% (178)
61 to 80	15.8% (47)	15.8% (47)
Over 80	0.3% (1)	0.3% (1)
answered question	297	297
	skipped question	25

28. What is your ethnic origin?

	Which of the following best describes your relationship with people with disabilities? I am a...	
	Protective Services Professional (CPS or APS)	Response Totals
Caucasian	80.1% (230)	80.1% (230)
African-American	7.3% (21)	7.3% (21)
Asian/Pacific Island	2.4% (7)	2.4% (7)
Latino	6.6% (19)	6.6% (19)
Multiracial	3.5% (10)	3.5% (10)
Other (please specify)	14 replies	14
answered question	287	287
	skipped question	35

29. In what state is your primary residence?

	Which of the following best describes your relationship with people with disabilities? I am a...	
	Protective Services Professional (CPS or APS)	Response Totals
Alabama	1.0% (3)	1.0% (3)
Alaska	0.7% (2)	0.7% (2)
Arizona	0.3% (1)	0.3% (1)
Arkansas	0.7% (2)	0.7% (2)
California	13.9% (41)	13.9% (41)
Colorado	4.1% (12)	4.1% (12)
Connecticut	0.7% (2)	0.7% (2)
Delaware	1.4% (4)	1.4% (4)
District of Columbia	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)
Florida	0.7% (2)	0.7% (2)
Georgia	2.0% (6)	2.0% (6)
Hawaii	0.7% (2)	0.7% (2)
Idaho	0.3% (1)	0.3% (1)

Illinois	3.1% (9)	3.1% (9)
Indiana	1.4% (4)	1.4% (4)
Iowa	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)
Kansas	1.0% (3)	1.0% (3)
Kentucky	1.4% (4)	1.4% (4)
Louisiana	1.0% (3)	1.0% (3)
Maine	1.7% (5)	1.7% (5)
Maryland	1.4% (4)	1.4% (4)
Massachusetts	3.1% (9)	3.1% (9)
Michigan	0.3% (1)	0.3% (1)
Minnesota	3.4% (10)	3.4% (10)
Mississippi	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)
Missouri	1.4% (4)	1.4% (4)
Montana	0.3% (1)	0.3% (1)
Nebraska	1.7% (5)	1.7% (5)
Nevada	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)
New Hampshire	2.4% (7)	2.4% (7)

New Jersey	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)
New Mexico	0.3% (1)	0.3% (1)
New York	1.0% (3)	1.0% (3)
North Carolina	4.4% (13)	4.4% (13)
North Dakota	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)
Ohio	4.8% (14)	4.8% (14)
Oklahoma	7.1% (21)	7.1% (21)
Oregon	5.1% (15)	5.1% (15)
Pennsylvania	4.4% (13)	4.4% (13)
Rhode Island	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)
South Carolina	0.3% (1)	0.3% (1)
South Dakota	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)
Tennessee	1.7% (5)	1.7% (5)
Texas	7.8% (23)	7.8% (23)
Utah	1.0% (3)	1.0% (3)
Vermont	0.3% (1)	0.3% (1)

Virginia	8.2% (24)	8.2% (24)
Washington	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)
West Virginia	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)
Wisconsin	3.4% (10)	3.4% (10)
Wyoming	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)
If not a resident of the U.S., in what country do you reside?	4 replies	4
answered question	294	294
skipped question		28

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

	Which of the following best describes your relationship with people with disabilities? I am a...	
	Protective Services Professional (CPS or APS)	Response Count
	121 replies	121
answered question	121	121
skipped question		201