

# 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.) |                              |
|---|--|------------------------------|
|   | Difficulty speaking clearly or being understood  | Response Totals              |
| Person with a disability  | 17.5%<br>(106)   | 17.5%<br>(106)               |
| Parent or family member of a person with a disability   | <b>74.7%</b><br><b>(452)</b>   | <b>74.7%</b><br><b>(452)</b> |
| Direct support worker   | 6.6%<br>(40)   | 6.6%<br>(40)                 |
| Administrator/manager of an organization providing services or supports to people with disabilities | 6.4%<br>(39)   | 6.4%<br>(39)                 |
| Social Worker in the field of disabilities  | 4.0%<br>(24)   | 4.0%<br>(24)                 |
| Protective Services Professional (CPS or APS)   | 1.8%<br>(11)   | 1.8%<br>(11)                 |
| Mental Health Professional  | 3.8%<br>(23)   | 3.8%<br>(23)                 |
| Peace Officer   | 0.3%<br>(2)  | 0.3%<br>(2)                  |
| Court official (attorney, parole or probation worker, judge)  | 1.0%<br>(6)  | 1.0%<br>(6)                  |
| Policymaker (Legislator or works for one)   | 0.2%<br>(1)  | 0.2%<br>(1)                  |
| Public agency employee  | 2.8%<br>(17)   | 2.8%<br>(17)                 |

|   |                         |                |
|---|-------------------------|----------------|
| Special Education teacher, aide or administrator        | 4.0%<br>(24)            | 4.0%<br>(24)   |
| Teacher or administrator (but not in Special Education) | 1.8%<br>(11)            | 1.8%<br>(11)   |
| Advocate  | 18.5%<br>(112)          | 18.5%<br>(112) |
| Concerned Citizen                                       | 9.4%<br>(57)            | 9.4%<br>(57)   |
| Other:  | 35 replies              | 35             |
| <b>answered question</b>                                | <b>605</b>              | <b>605</b>     |
|   | <b>skipped question</b> | <b>12</b>      |

## 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.) |                              |
|---|--|------------------------------|
|   | Difficulty speaking clearly or being understood  | Response Totals              |
| A person who uses a wheelchair or has limited mobility  | 25.0%<br>(101)   | 25.0%<br>(101)               |
| A person who is blind or has limited vision   | 1.0%<br>(4)  | 1.0%<br>(4)                  |
| A person who is deaf or is hard of hearing  | 1.5%<br>(6)  | 1.5%<br>(6)                  |
| A person with an intellectual or a developmental disability, e.g., diagnosis of Mental Retardation, Autism, or Cerebral Palsy | <b>63.9%</b><br><b>(258)</b>   | <b>63.9%</b><br><b>(258)</b> |
| A person who has difficulty speaking clearly or being understood  | 5.0%<br>(20)   | 5.0%<br>(20)                 |
| A person who has mental health problems   | 3.7%<br>(15)   | 3.7%<br>(15)                 |
| Other (please specify)  | 234 replies  | 234                          |
| <b>answered question</b>  | <b>404</b>   | <b>404</b>                   |
|   | <b>skipped question</b>  | <b>213</b>                   |

### 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.) |                              |
|---|--|------------------------------|
|   | Difficulty speaking clearly or being understood  | Response Totals              |
| A person who uses a wheelchair or has limited mobility  | 5.1%<br>(30)   | 5.1%<br>(30)                 |
| A person who is blind or has limited vision   | 3.2%<br>(19)   | 3.2%<br>(19)                 |
| A person who is deaf or hard of hearing   | 3.9%<br>(23)   | 3.9%<br>(23)                 |
| A person with an intellectual or a developmental disability, e.g., diagnosis of Mental Retardation, Autism, or Cerebral Palsy | <b>59.7%</b><br><b>(350)</b>   | <b>59.7%</b><br><b>(350)</b> |
| A person who has difficulty speaking clearly or being understood  | 25.1%<br>(147)   | 25.1%<br>(147)               |
| A person with mental health problems  | 14.2%<br>(83)  | 14.2%<br>(83)                |
| All are abused at about the same rate   | 28.2%<br>(165)   | 28.2%<br>(165)               |
| Other (please specify)  | 52 replies   | 52                           |
| <b>answered question</b>  | 586  | <b>586</b>                   |
|   | <b>skipped question</b>  | <b>31</b>                    |

#### 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.) |                              |
|---|--|------------------------------|
|   | Difficulty speaking clearly or being understood  | Response Totals              |
| A stranger who a person with a disability encounters alone in a private or public place | 9.5%<br>(58)   | 9.5%<br>(58)                 |
| Someone with whom he/she is somewhat familiar   | 28.8%<br>(176)   | 28.8%<br>(176)               |
| A caregiver or family member  | 32.8%<br>(201)   | 32.8%<br>(201)               |
| All of the above about the same   | <b>43.3%</b><br><b>(265)</b>   | <b>43.3%</b><br><b>(265)</b> |
| <b>answered question</b>  | 612  | <b>612</b>                   |
|   | <b>skipped question</b>  | <b>5</b>                     |

**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.) |                              |
|---|--|------------------------------|
|   | Difficulty speaking clearly or being understood  | Response Totals              |
| Yes, I have a disability.                                 | 18.2%<br>(112)   | 18.2%<br>(112)               |
| Yes, I have an immediate family member with a disability. | <b>87.3%</b><br><b>(537)</b>   | <b>87.3%</b><br><b>(537)</b> |
| No, none of us has a disability.                          | 0.0%<br>(0)  | 0.0%<br>(0)                  |
| <b>answered question</b>                                  | 615  | <b>615</b>                   |
|   | <b>skipped question</b>  | <b>2</b>                     |

**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.) |                               |
|--|--|-------------------------------|
|  | Difficulty speaking clearly or being understood  | Response Totals               |
| Use a wheelchair or have limited mobility  | 35.3%<br>(218)   | 35.3%<br>(218)                |
| Blind or have limited vision   | 14.1%<br>(87)  | 14.1%<br>(87)                 |
| Deaf or Hard of Hearing  | 12.6%<br>(78)  | 12.6%<br>(78)                 |
| Autism   | 29.5%<br>(182)   | 29.5%<br>(182)                |
| Intellectual or developmental disability other than Autism e.g., diagnosis of Mental Retardation, Cerebral Palsy or Epilepsy | 68.7%<br>(424)   | 68.7%<br>(424)                |
| Difficulty speaking clearly or being understood  | <b>100.0%</b><br><b>(617)</b>  | <b>100.0%</b><br><b>(617)</b> |
| Mental Health problems   | 24.8%<br>(153)   | 24.8%<br>(153)                |
| Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder  | 2.9%<br>(18)   | 2.9%<br>(18)                  |
| Other (please specify)   | 93 replies   | 93                            |
| <b>answered question</b>   | <b>617</b>   | <b>617</b>                    |
|  | <b>skipped question</b>  | <b>0</b>                      |

**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.) |                 |
|--------------------------|--|-----------------|
|                          | Difficulty speaking clearly or being understood  | Response Totals |
| Yes                      | 67.1%<br>(407)   | 67.1%<br>(407)  |
| No                       | 34.8%<br>(211)   | 34.8%<br>(211)  |
| <b>answered question</b> | 607  | 607             |
|                          | skipped question   | 10              |



**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.) |                              |
|---|--|------------------------------|
|   | Difficulty speaking clearly or being understood  | Response Totals              |
| Physical abuse (non-sexual)                     | 40.0%<br>(213)   | 40.0%<br>(213)               |
| Sexual abuse                                    | 18.4%<br>(98)  | 18.4%<br>(98)                |
| Financial abuse                                 | 13.7%<br>(73)  | 13.7%<br>(73)                |
| Verbal or Emotional abuse                       | <b>61.7%</b><br><b>(329)</b>   | <b>61.7%</b><br><b>(329)</b> |
| Neglect   | 33.8%<br>(180)   | 33.8%<br>(180)               |
| This question doesn't apply to me               | 25.1%<br>(134)   | 25.1%<br>(134)               |
| Other (please specify and feel free to comment) | 101 replies  | 101                          |
| <b>answered question</b>                        | 533  | <b>533</b>                   |
|   | <b>skipped question</b>  | <b>84</b>                    |

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

| <p><b>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.)</b></p> |   |                                      |
|--|---|--------------------------------------|
|  | <p><b>Difficulty speaking clearly or being understood</b></p> | <p><b>Response Totals</b></p>        |
| <p>Yes</p>   | <p><b>52.8%</b><br/><b>(244)</b></p>                          | <p><b>52.8%</b><br/><b>(244)</b></p> |
| <p>No</p>  | <p>47.2%<br/>(218)</p>  | <p>47.2%<br/>(218)</p>               |
| <p><b>answered question</b></p>  | <p>462</p>  | <p><b>462</b></p>                    |
| <p><b>skipped question</b></p>   |   | <p><b>155</b></p>                    |

## 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.) |                 |
|--|--|-----------------|
|  | Difficulty speaking clearly or being understood  | Response Totals |
| Nothing  | 27.1%<br>(110)   | 27.1%<br>(110)  |
| An investigation was done without delay  | 11.3%<br>(46)  | 11.3%<br>(46)   |
| The person who committed the abuse was fired, quit, or was asked to avoid contact with me (my family member)             | 13.8%<br>(56)  | 13.8%<br>(56)   |
| I believe an interview wasn't done or wasn't thorough because I (my family member) use an alternative way to communicate | 5.7%<br>(23)   | 5.7%<br>(23)    |
| I (my family member) was interviewed but was not believed  | 10.3%<br>(42)  | 10.3%<br>(42)   |
| An investigation was done but I (my family member) was not interviewed   | 6.4%<br>(26)   | 6.4%<br>(26)    |
| An investigation was done but too much time had passed and the investigation was compromised                             | 4.7%<br>(19)   | 4.7%<br>(19)    |
| An investigation was done but the investigator(s) was not thorough   | 13.3%<br>(54)  | 13.3%<br>(54)   |
| The person who committed the abuse was arrested  | 3.7%<br>(15)   | 3.7%<br>(15)    |
| The person who committed the abuse was charged with a crime  | 4.2%<br>(17)   | 4.2%<br>(17)    |
| The person who committed the abuse was convicted of a crime  | 2.2%<br>(9)  | 2.2%<br>(9)     |
| The person who committed the crime served time in prison or jail   | 2.0%<br>(8)  | 2.0%<br>(8)     |

|  |                              |                              |
|--|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 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                | 1.7%<br>(7)                  | 1.7%<br>(7)                  |
| 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) | 3.7%<br>(15)                 | 3.7%<br>(15)                 |
| This question doesn't apply to me  | <b>39.4%</b><br><b>(160)</b> | <b>39.4%</b><br><b>(160)</b> |
| Comment on your experience with abuse  | 158 replies                  | 158                          |
| <b>answered question</b>   | 406                          | <b>406</b>                   |
|  | <b>skipped question</b>      | <b>211</b>                   |

**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.) |                              |
|--|--|------------------------------|
|  | Difficulty speaking clearly or being understood  | Response Totals              |
| Believed nothing would happen  | 17.5%<br>(68)  | 17.5%<br>(68)                |
| Did not know how to report or who to report to   | 11.3%<br>(44)  | 11.3%<br>(44)                |
| Was told not to say anything (threatened) or was too scared to do anything about the abuse | 9.3%<br>(36)   | 9.3%<br>(36)                 |
| Was told not to report it even though I wanted to tell someone about the abuse             | 4.1%<br>(16)   | 4.1%<br>(16)                 |
| Wasn't able to report the abuse because of my injury                                       | 1.5%<br>(6)  | 1.5%<br>(6)                  |
| This question doesn't apply to me  | <b>69.2%</b><br><b>(269)</b>   | <b>69.2%</b><br><b>(269)</b> |
| Other (please specify)   | 104 replies  | 104                          |
| <b>answered question</b>   | 389  | <b>389</b>                   |
|  | <b>skipped question</b>  | <b>228</b>                   |

## 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.) |                              |
|--|--|------------------------------|
|  | Difficulty speaking clearly or being understood  | Response Totals              |
| One time                               | 8.8%<br>(46)   | 8.8%<br>(46)                 |
| More than once but less than ten times | <b>32.2%</b><br><b>(168)</b>   | <b>32.2%</b><br><b>(168)</b> |
| About ten times                        | 3.3%<br>(17)   | 3.3%<br>(17)                 |
| Between 20-40 times                    | 5.9%<br>(31)   | 5.9%<br>(31)                 |
| Too many to times to count             | 21.8%<br>(114)   | 21.8%<br>(114)               |
| This question doesn't apply to me      | 29.1%<br>(152)   | 29.1%<br>(152)               |
| Comment                                | 103 replies  | 103                          |
| <b>answered question</b>               | <b>522</b>   | <b>522</b>                   |
|  | <b>skipped question</b>  | <b>95</b>                    |

### 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.) |                 |
|--------------------------|--|-----------------|
|                          | Difficulty speaking clearly or being understood  | Response Totals |
| Yes                      | 66.8%<br>(401)   | 66.8%<br>(401)  |
| No                       | 33.2%<br>(199)   | 33.2%<br>(199)  |
| <b>answered question</b> | 600  | <b>600</b>      |
|                          | <b>skipped question</b>  | <b>17</b>       |

**14. If yes, where did the bullying occur? (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.) |                 |
|--|--|-----------------|
|  | Difficulty speaking clearly or being understood  | Response Totals |
| School   | 57.0%<br>(302)   | 57.0%<br>(302)  |
| Sports team  | 5.5%<br>(29)   | 5.5%<br>(29)    |
| Workplace  | 11.5%<br>(61)  | 11.5%<br>(61)   |
| Neighborhood/home  | 30.9%<br>(164)   | 30.9%<br>(164)  |
| Internet/Cyber space                                       | 5.3%<br>(28)   | 5.3%<br>(28)    |
| Other  | 12.8%<br>(68)  | 12.8%<br>(68)   |
| This question doesn't apply                                | 27.4%<br>(145)   | 27.4%<br>(145)  |
| If "other," describe the place where the bullying occurred | 93 replies   | 93              |
| <b>answered question</b>                                   | 530  | <b>530</b>      |
|  | <b>skipped question</b>  | <b>87</b>       |



## 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.) |                              |
|---|--|------------------------------|
|   | Difficulty speaking clearly or being understood  | Response Totals              |
| Once  | 5.6%<br>(30)   | 5.6%<br>(30)                 |
| Occasionally  | <b>34.7%</b><br><b>(185)</b>   | <b>34.7%</b><br><b>(185)</b> |
| Every day   | 13.5%<br>(72)  | 13.5%<br>(72)                |
| Multiple times per day                                  | 7.5%<br>(40)   | 7.5%<br>(40)                 |
| It went on for years                                    | 18.2%<br>(97)  | 18.2%<br>(97)                |
| This question doesn't apply                             | 27.2%<br>(145)   | 27.2%<br>(145)               |
| Please feel free to comment on your bullying experience | 76 replies   | 76                           |
| <b>answered question</b>                                | <b>533</b>   | <b>533</b>                   |
|   | <b>skipped question</b>  | <b>84</b>                    |

## 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.) |                 |
|------------------------------|--|-----------------|
|                              | Difficulty speaking clearly or being understood  | Response Totals |
| Yes                          | 63.8%<br>(343)   | 63.8%<br>(343)  |
| No                           | 6.1%<br>(33)   | 6.1%<br>(33)    |
| This question does not apply | 30.1%<br>(162)   | 30.1%<br>(162)  |
| Please feel free to explain. | 88 replies   | 88              |
| <b>answered question</b>     | 538  | <b>538</b>      |
|                              | <b>skipped question</b>  | <b>79</b>       |

**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.) |                              |
|-----------------------------------|--|------------------------------|
|                                   | <b>Difficulty speaking clearly or being understood</b>   | <b>Response Totals</b>       |
| Yes                               | 15.4%<br>(87)  | 15.4%<br>(87)                |
| No                                | <b>57.8%</b><br><b>(327)</b>   | <b>57.8%</b><br><b>(327)</b> |
| This question doesn't apply to me | 26.9%<br>(152)   | 26.9%<br>(152)               |
| Please feel free to explain       | 70 replies   | 70                           |
| <b>answered question</b>          | 566  | <b>566</b>                   |
|                                   | <b>skipped question</b>  | <b>51</b>                    |

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

|  | <b>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.)</b> |                              |
|--|---|------------------------------|
|  | <b>Difficulty speaking clearly or being understood</b>  | <b>Response Totals</b>       |
| Not helpful                                  | 4.4%<br>(20)  | 4.4%<br>(20)                 |
| Somewhat helpful                             | 10.4%<br>(47)   | 10.4%<br>(47)                |
| Very helpful                                 | 4.0%<br>(18)  | 4.0%<br>(18)                 |
| Extremely helpful                            | 4.4%<br>(20)  | 4.4%<br>(20)                 |
| This question doesn't apply to me            | <b>76.9%</b><br><b>(349)</b>  | <b>76.9%</b><br><b>(349)</b> |
| Please feel free to describe this experience | 37 replies  | 37                           |
| <b>answered question</b>                     | 454   | <b>454</b>                   |
|  | <b>skipped question</b>   | <b>163</b>                   |

**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.) |                             |
|--|--|-----------------------------|
|  | Difficulty speaking clearly or being understood  | Response Totals             |
| Abuse against people with disabilities has been reported to me   | 52.7%<br>(29)  | 52.7%<br>(29)               |
| I have investigated abuse as part of my job  | 27.3%<br>(15)  | 27.3%<br>(15)               |
| I advocate for people with disabilities who have been abused or have had crimes committed against them | <b>60.0%</b><br><b>(33)</b>  | <b>60.0%</b><br><b>(33)</b> |
| I have prosecuted people that have committed crimes against people with disabilities.                  | 1.8%<br>(1)  | 1.8%<br>(1)                 |
| I provide some form of therapy or counseling to victims of abuse with disabilities                     | 23.6%<br>(13)  | 23.6%<br>(13)               |
| I have no personal or professional experience with abuse   | 18.2%<br>(10)  | 18.2%<br>(10)               |
| Other  | 12 replies   | 12                          |
| <b>answered question</b>   | <b>55</b>  | <b>55</b>                   |
|  | <b>skipped question</b>  | <b>562</b>                  |

**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.) |                             |
|--|--|-----------------------------|
|  | Difficulty speaking clearly or being understood  | Response Totals             |
| About the same   | 2.2%<br>(3)  | 2.2%<br>(3)                 |
| Slightly more prevalent than against people without disabilities                     | 10.4%<br>(14)  | 10.4%<br>(14)               |
| Many times more prevalent than abuse against people without disabilities at all ages | <b>69.6%</b><br><b>(94)</b>  | <b>69.6%</b><br><b>(94)</b> |
| More prevalent against children  | 8.1%<br>(11)   | 8.1%<br>(11)                |
| More prevalent against adults  | 5.2%<br>(7)  | 5.2%<br>(7)                 |
| More prevalent against elders  | 9.6%<br>(13)   | 9.6%<br>(13)                |
| Not sure   | 8.1%<br>(11)   | 8.1%<br>(11)                |
| Other (please specify)   | 5 replies  | 5                           |
| <b>answered question</b>   | 135  | <b>135</b>                  |
|  | <b>skipped question</b>  | <b>482</b>                  |

**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.) |                 |
|---|----------------|--|-----------------|
|   |                | Difficulty speaking clearly or being understood  | Response Totals |
| Reported to authorities                 | 0              | 6.1%<br>(8)  |                 |
|   | 1              | <b>39.7%</b><br><b>(52)</b>  |                 |
|   | 2              | 28.2%<br>(37)  |                 |
|   | 3              | 15.3%<br>(20)  |                 |
|   | 4              | 9.2%<br>(12)   |                 |
|   | 5              | 1.5%<br>(2)  |                 |
|   | rating average | 2.86<br>(131)  | 2.86<br>(131)   |
| Authority receiving report takes action | 0              | 11.5%<br>(15)  |                 |
|   | 1              | 26.2%<br>(34)  |                 |
|   | 2              | <b>30.0%</b><br><b>(39)</b>  |                 |
|   | 3              | 21.5%<br>(28)  |                 |
|   | 4              | 5.4%<br>(7)  |                 |
|   |                |  |                 |

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|---|----------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
|   | 5              | 5.4%<br>(7)                 |               |
|   | rating average | 2.99<br>(130)               | 2.99<br>(130) |
| Authority receiving report promptly and thoroughly investigates | 0              | 14.6%<br>(19)               |               |
|   | 1              | <b>33.8%</b><br><b>(44)</b> |               |
|   | 2              | 28.5%<br>(37)               |               |
|   | 3              | 13.1%<br>(17)               |               |
|   | 4              | 6.2%<br>(8)                 |               |
|   | 5              | 3.8%<br>(5)                 |               |
|   | rating average | 2.74<br>(130)               | 2.74<br>(130) |
| Victims with disabilities are believed                          | 0              | 12.4%<br>(16)               |               |
|   | 1              | <b>36.4%</b><br><b>(47)</b> |               |
|   | 2              | 29.5%<br>(38)               |               |
|   | 3              | 16.3%<br>(21)               |               |
|   | 4              | 3.1%<br>(4)                 |               |
|   | 5              | 2.3%<br>(3)                 |               |
|   | rating average | 2.68<br>(129)               | 2.68<br>(129) |
| Those who abuse people with disabilities are fired              | 0              | 22.1%<br>(29)               |               |



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|---|---|-----------------------------|---------------|
|   | 1 | <b>41.2%</b><br><b>(54)</b> |               |
|   | 2 | 16.8%<br>(22)               |               |
|   | 3 | 10.7%<br>(14)               |               |
|   | 4 | 3.8%<br>(5)                 |               |
|   | 5 | 5.3%<br>(7)                 |               |
| rating average  |   | 2.49<br>(131)               | 2.49<br>(131) |
| Individuals who commit crimes against people with disabilities are arrested   | 0 | 16.4%<br>(21)               |               |
|   | 1 | <b>49.2%</b><br><b>(63)</b> |               |
|   | 2 | 21.9%<br>(28)               |               |
|   | 3 | 7.0%<br>(9)                 |               |
|   | 4 | 2.3%<br>(3)                 |               |
|   | 5 | 3.1%<br>(4)                 |               |
| rating average  |   | 2.39<br>(128)               | 2.39<br>(128) |
| Individuals who commit crimes against people with disabilities are prosecuted | 0 | 16.2%<br>(21)               |               |
|   | 1 | <b>53.8%</b><br><b>(70)</b> |               |
|   | 2 | 19.2%<br>(25)               |               |
|   |   | 6.9%                        |               |

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|  | 3              | (9)                         |               |
|  | 4              | 1.5%<br>(2)                 |               |
|  | 5              | 2.3%<br>(3)                 |               |
|  | rating average | 2.31<br>(130)               | 2.31<br>(130) |
| Individuals who commit crimes against people with disabilities are convicted         | 0              | 19.7%<br>(25)               |               |
|  | 1              | <b>52.8%</b><br><b>(67)</b> |               |
|  | 2              | 15.7%<br>(20)               |               |
|  | 3              | 7.9%<br>(10)                |               |
|  | 4              | 1.6%<br>(2)                 |               |
|  | 5              | 2.4%<br>(3)                 |               |
|  | rating average | 2.26<br>(127)               | 2.26<br>(127) |
| Individuals who commit crimes against people with disabilities go to prison or jail. | 0              | 27.9%<br>(36)               |               |
|  | 1              | <b>50.4%</b><br><b>(65)</b> |               |
|  | 2              | 10.9%<br>(14)               |               |
|  | 3              | 7.0%<br>(9)                 |               |
|  | 4              | 1.6%<br>(2)                 |               |
|  | 5              | 2.3%<br>(3)                 |               |
|  |                |                             |               |

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| rating average           | 2.11<br>(129)           | 2.11<br>(129) |
| Comment                  | 21 replies              | 21            |
| <b>answered question</b> | 132                     | <b>132</b>    |
|                          | <b>skipped question</b> | <b>485</b>    |

**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.) |                             |
|--|--|-----------------------------|
|  | Difficulty speaking clearly or being understood  | Response Totals             |
| Individuals with disabilities are not valued   | 48.9%<br>(65)  | 48.9%<br>(65)               |
| Victims with disabilities are not believed to be reliable reporters or witnesses                                 | <b>65.4%</b><br><b>(87)</b>  | <b>65.4%</b><br><b>(87)</b> |
| Too much extra work to handle cases against victims with disabilities  | 43.6%<br>(58)  | 43.6%<br>(58)               |
| Authorities lack adequate training to deal with these victims  | 60.9%<br>(81)  | 60.9%<br>(81)               |
| Because incidents of abuse are rarely prosecuted such cases are not handled well                                 | 42.1%<br>(56)  | 42.1%<br>(56)               |
| All of the above are factors in creating unequal justice for these victims                                       | 61.7%<br>(82)  | 61.7%<br>(82)               |
| I do not believe that crime victims with disabilities experience unequal justice any more often than anyone else | 7.5%<br>(10)   | 7.5%<br>(10)                |
| Comment  | 12 replies   | 12                          |
| <b>answered question</b>   | 133  | <b>133</b>                  |
|  | <b>skipped question</b>  | <b>484</b>                  |

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

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|                          | <p><b>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.)</b></p> |                       |
|                          | <b>Difficulty speaking clearly or being understood</b>   | <b>Response Count</b> |
|                          | 126 replies  | 126                   |
| <b>answered question</b> | 126  | <b>126</b>            |
|                          | <b>skipped question</b>  | <b>491</b>            |

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

|   | <b>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.)</b> |                              |
|---|---|------------------------------|
|   | <b>Difficulty speaking clearly or being understood</b>  | <b>Response Totals</b>       |
| Spend more time in jail when they commit crimes against people with disabilities? | <b>55.9%</b><br><b>(319)</b>  | <b>55.9%</b><br><b>(319)</b> |
| Spend less time in jail when they commit crimes against people with disabilities? | 1.2%<br>(7)   | 1.2%<br>(7)                  |
| Spend the same time in jail no matter whether the victim has a disability or not? | 32.0%<br>(183)  | 32.0%<br>(183)               |
| Not sure or don't know  | 15.2%<br>(87)   | 15.2%<br>(87)                |
| Comment   | 107 replies   | 107                          |
| <b>answered question</b>  | 571   | <b>571</b>                   |
|   | <b>skipped question</b>   | <b>46</b>                    |

**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.) |                 |
|---|--|-----------------|
|   | Difficulty speaking clearly or being understood  | Response Totals |
| Knowledge of and attitudes toward people with disabilities by all segments of society | 36.0%<br>(205)   | 36.0%<br>(205)  |
| More laws to force authorities to do the right things                                 | 8.8%<br>(50)   | 8.8%<br>(50)    |
| More training about abuse reporting   | 2.8%<br>(16)   | 2.8%<br>(16)    |
| More mandated training of police and abuse investigators                              | 6.7%<br>(38)   | 6.7%<br>(38)    |
| More mandated training of prosecutors   | 0.5%<br>(3)  | 0.5%<br>(3)     |
| More mandated training of judges  | 1.6%<br>(9)  | 1.6%<br>(9)     |
| Enhanced public awareness of abuse victims with disabilities                          | 12.6%<br>(72)  | 12.6%<br>(72)   |
| Better tracking of people known to abuse people with disabilities                     | 6.1%<br>(35)   | 6.1%<br>(35)    |
| More legal actions to force compliance with ADA and other Civil Rights legislation    | 11.1%<br>(63)  | 11.1%<br>(63)   |
| I cannot decide which is most important or I do not have an opinion                   | 13.9%<br>(79)  | 13.9%<br>(79)   |
| Comment   | 131 replies  | 131             |
| <b>answered question</b>  | 570  | <b>570</b>      |
|   | <b>skipped question</b>  | <b>47</b>       |

**26. I am a**

| <p><b>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.)</b></p> |   |                                      |
|--|---|--------------------------------------|
|  | <p><b>Difficulty speaking clearly or being understood</b></p> | <p><b>Response Totals</b></p>        |
| Male   | <p>12.2%<br/>(70)</p>   | <p>12.2%<br/>(70)</p>                |
| Female   | <p><b>88.2%</b><br/><b>(507)</b></p>                          | <p><b>88.2%</b><br/><b>(507)</b></p> |
| <b>answered question</b>   | <p>575</p>  | <p><b>575</b></p>                    |
|  | <p><b>skipped question</b></p>                                | <p><b>42</b></p>                     |

**27. My age group is:**

|                          | <b>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.)</b> |                              |
|--------------------------|---|------------------------------|
|                          | <b>Difficulty speaking clearly or being understood</b>  | <b>Response Totals</b>       |
| 18 to 25                 | 2.9%<br>(17)  | 2.9%<br>(17)                 |
| 26 to 40                 | 21.9%<br>(128)  | 21.9%<br>(128)               |
| 41 to 60                 | <b>59.9%</b><br><b>(350)</b>  | <b>59.9%</b><br><b>(350)</b> |
| 61 to 80                 | 16.1%<br>(94)   | 16.1%<br>(94)                |
| Over 80                  | 0.9%<br>(5)   | 0.9%<br>(5)                  |
| <b>answered question</b> | 584   | <b>584</b>                   |
|                          | <b>skipped question</b>   | <b>33</b>                    |



## 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.) |                 |
|--------------------------|--|-----------------|
|                          | Difficulty speaking clearly or being understood  | Response Totals |
| Caucasian                | 80.0%<br>(451)   | 80.0%<br>(451)  |
| African-American         | 6.0%<br>(34)   | 6.0%<br>(34)    |
| Asian/Pacific Island     | 2.8%<br>(16)   | 2.8%<br>(16)    |
| Latino                   | 6.7%<br>(38)   | 6.7%<br>(38)    |
| Multiracial              | 4.4%<br>(25)   | 4.4%<br>(25)    |
| Other (please specify)   | 21 replies   | 21              |
| <b>answered question</b> | 564  | <b>564</b>      |
|                          | <b>skipped question</b>  | <b>53</b>       |

## 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.) |                              |
|----------------------|--|------------------------------|
|                      | Difficulty speaking clearly or being understood  | Response Totals              |
| Alabama              | 0.9%<br>(5)  | 0.9%<br>(5)                  |
| Alaska               | 0.4%<br>(2)  | 0.4%<br>(2)                  |
| Arizona              | 0.9%<br>(5)  | 0.9%<br>(5)                  |
| Arkansas             | 1.3%<br>(7)  | 1.3%<br>(7)                  |
| California           | <b>18.1%</b><br><b>(101)</b>   | <b>18.1%</b><br><b>(101)</b> |
| Colorado             | 1.3%<br>(7)  | 1.3%<br>(7)                  |
| Connecticut          | 0.4%<br>(2)  | 0.4%<br>(2)                  |
| Delaware             | 1.3%<br>(7)  | 1.3%<br>(7)                  |
| District of Columbia | 1.3%<br>(7)  | 1.3%<br>(7)                  |
| Florida              | 3.6%<br>(20)   | 3.6%<br>(20)                 |
| Georgia              | 0.9%<br>(5)  | 0.9%<br>(5)                  |
| Hawaii               | 0.5%<br>(3)  | 0.5%<br>(3)                  |
| Idaho                | 0.0%<br>(0)  | 0.0%<br>(0)                  |

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|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| Illinois      | 2.0%<br>(11) | 2.0%<br>(11) |
| Indiana       | 1.6%<br>(9)  | 1.6%<br>(9)  |
| Iowa          | 0.2%<br>(1)  | 0.2%<br>(1)  |
| Kansas        | 0.4%<br>(2)  | 0.4%<br>(2)  |
| Kentucky      | 1.3%<br>(7)  | 1.3%<br>(7)  |
| Louisiana     | 0.7%<br>(4)  | 0.7%<br>(4)  |
| Maine         | 0.0%<br>(0)  | 0.0%<br>(0)  |
| Maryland      | 2.0%<br>(11) | 2.0%<br>(11) |
| Massachusetts | 5.4%<br>(30) | 5.4%<br>(30) |
| Michigan      | 2.7%<br>(15) | 2.7%<br>(15) |
| Minnesota     | 2.0%<br>(11) | 2.0%<br>(11) |
| Mississippi   | 0.5%<br>(3)  | 0.5%<br>(3)  |
| Missouri      | 2.0%<br>(11) | 2.0%<br>(11) |
| Montana       | 0.4%<br>(2)  | 0.4%<br>(2)  |
| Nebraska      | 0.5%<br>(3)  | 0.5%<br>(3)  |
| Nevada        | 0.9%<br>(5)  | 0.9%<br>(5)  |
| New Hampshire | 0.7%<br>(4)  | 0.7%<br>(4)  |

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|  | New Jersey     | 2.2%<br>(12) | 2.2%<br>(12) |
|  | New Mexico     | 3.0%<br>(17) | 3.0%<br>(17) |
|  | New York       | 3.4%<br>(19) | 3.4%<br>(19) |
|  | North Carolina | 6.6%<br>(37) | 6.6%<br>(37) |
|  | North Dakota   | 0.2%<br>(1)  | 0.2%<br>(1)  |
|  | Ohio           | 3.4%<br>(19) | 3.4%<br>(19) |
|  | Oklahoma       | 1.3%<br>(7)  | 1.3%<br>(7)  |
|  | Oregon         | 2.2%<br>(12) | 2.2%<br>(12) |
|  | Pennsylvania   | 2.5%<br>(14) | 2.5%<br>(14) |
|  | Rhode Island   | 0.2%<br>(1)  | 0.2%<br>(1)  |
|  | South Carolina | 1.4%<br>(8)  | 1.4%<br>(8)  |
|  | South Dakota   | 0.9%<br>(5)  | 0.9%<br>(5)  |
|  | Tennessee      | 0.7%<br>(4)  | 0.7%<br>(4)  |
|  | Texas          | 5.7%<br>(32) | 5.7%<br>(32) |
|  | Utah           | 0.0%<br>(0)  | 0.0%<br>(0)  |
|  | Vermont        | 0.2%<br>(1)  | 0.2%<br>(1)  |
|  |                |              |              |

|   |              |              |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| Virginia  | 2.2%<br>(12) | 2.2%<br>(12) |
| Washington  | 4.8%<br>(27) | 4.8%<br>(27) |
| West Virginia   | 1.1%<br>(6)  | 1.1%<br>(6)  |
| Wisconsin   | 4.1%<br>(23) | 4.1%<br>(23) |
| Wyoming   | 0.2%<br>(1)  | 0.2%<br>(1)  |
| If not a resident of the U.S., in what country do you reside? | 43 replies   | 43           |
| <b>answered question</b>                                      | 558          | <b>558</b>   |
| <b>skipped question</b>                                       |              | <b>59</b>    |

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

|                          |   |                       |
|--------------------------|---|-----------------------|
|                          | <b>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.)</b> |                       |
|                          | <b>Difficulty speaking clearly or being understood</b>  | <b>Response Count</b> |
|                          | 304 replies   | 304                   |
| <b>answered question</b> | 304   | <b>304</b>            |
| <b>skipped question</b>  |   | <b>313</b>            |