

# CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE STATISTICS: PERPETRATORS

Understanding the relationship between children who experience sexual violence and perpetrators, and how this might differ by type of violence and sex of the child, can contribute towards improving targeting of prevention programs.

# 88%

OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE VICTIMS  
KNOW THE ABUSER



- 1 in 13 girls is being abused by a family member.
- 1 in 11 boys is being abused by a family member.
- 1 in 8 girls is being abused by a stranger.
- 1 in 28 boys is being abused by a stranger.

- 1 in 7 girls is being abused by a neighbour.
- 1 in 4 boys is being abused by a neighbour.

- More than one perpetrator is present when 1 in 13 girls are being sexually abuse.
- More than one perpetrator is present when 1 in 15 boys are being sexually abuse.



**1 IN 8 GIRLS**  
IS BEING ABUSED BY A STRANGER.

**INCIDENCE****WHO ARE THE PERPETRATORS OF  
CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE IN NIGERIA?**

● 1 IN 4 GIRLS  
IS BEING  
ABUSED BY A  
NEIGHBOUR.



● 1 IN 3 BOYS  
IS BEING  
ABUSED BY A  
NEIGHBOUR.

- 1 in 10 girls is being abused by a family member.
- 1 in 31 boys is being abused by a family member.

- 1 in 8 girls is being abused by a stranger.
- Boys are rarely abused by a stranger.

- 1 in 4 girls is being abused by a neighbour.
- 1 in 3 boys is being abused by a neighbour.

- More than one perpetrator is present when 1 in 6 girls are being sexually abused.
- More than one perpetrator is present when 1 in 6 boys are being sexually abused.

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