

## CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE STATISTICS: THE MAGNITUDE OF THE PROBLEM

### PREVALENCE of Child Sexual Abuse

**FACT:**

Child sexual abuse is far more prevalent than most people realize. It is likely the most prevalent health problem children face with the most serious array of consequences.

- 1 in 4 girls experienced sexual violence.
- 1 in 10 boys experienced sexual violence before age 18.



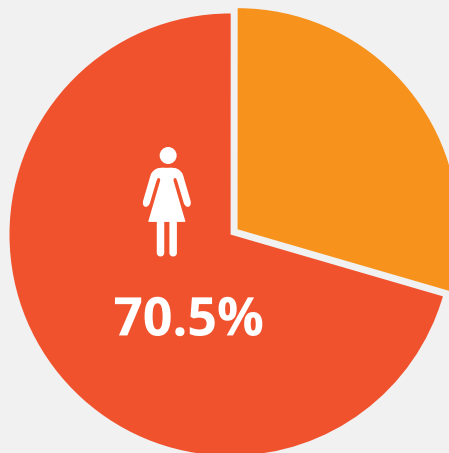
**ONE IN 4 GIRLS EXPERIENCE SEXUAL VIOLENCE.**



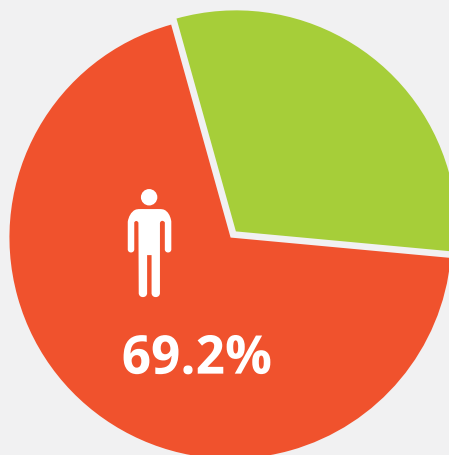
**ONE IN 10 BOYS EXPERIENCE SEXUAL VIOLENCE BEFORE AGE 18.**

- 1 in 8 girls experienced unwanted sexual touching.
- 1 in 10 boys experienced sexual violence before age 18.

- 1 in 9 girls experienced unwanted completed sex.
- 1 in 41 boys experienced unwanted completed sex.



- 70.5% of victimized girls experienced multiple incidents of sexual abuse.



- 69.2% of victimized boys experienced multiple incidents of sexual abuse.

- 1 in 4 girls reported that their first incident of sexual intercourse was unwanted.
- 1 in 10 boys reported that their first incident of sexual intercourse was unwanted.

## INCIDENCE of Child Sexual Abuse



**ONE IN 6 GIRLS EXPERIENCE  
SEXUAL VIOLENCE.**

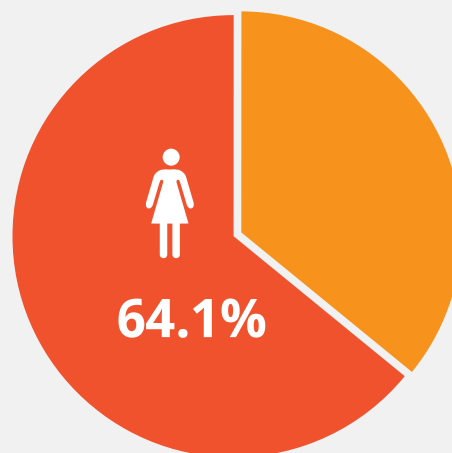


**ONE IN 12 BOYS EXPERIENCE  
SEXUAL VIOLENCE BEFORE AGE 18.**

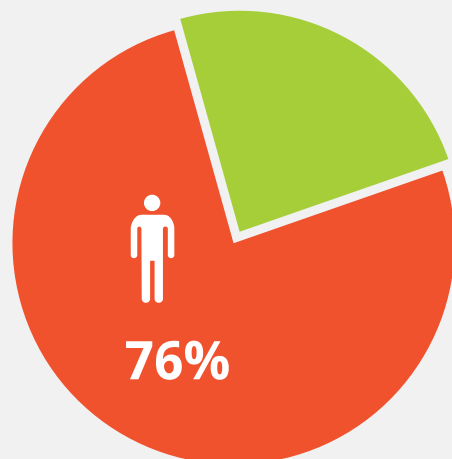
- 1 in 6 girls experience sexual violence.
- 1 in 12 boys experience sexual violence.

- 1 in 10 girls experience unwanted sexual touching.
- 1 in 13 boys experience unwanted sexual touching.

- 1 in 11 girls experience an unwanted sexual attempt.
- 1 in 52 boys experience an unwanted sexual attempt.



- 64.1% of sexually abused girls experience multiple incidents of sexual abuse.



- 76% of sexually abused boys experience multiple incidents of sexual abuse.

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