

# UNDESIRABLE ELEMENTS/ SECRET SURVIVORS

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## Statistics About Child Sexual Abuse

- 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys will experience child sexual abuse by the age of 18.  
*Centers for Disease Control, Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study, 1997*  
<http://www.cdc.gov/ace/prevalence.htm>
- The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) estimates that over 300,000 children are sexually abused each year in the United States. In as many as 93 percent of child sexual cases, the child knows the person that commits the abuse.  
*Douglas, Emily and D. Finkelhor, Childhood sexual abuse fact sheet,*  
<http://www.unh.edu/ccrc/factsheet/pdf/childhoodSexualAbuseFactSheet.pdf>, *Crimes Against Children Research Center, May 2005*
- As many as 47% child sexual abuse cases involve family or extended family inflicting the abuse.  
*Briere, J., Eliot, D.M. Prevalence and Psychological Sequence of Self-Reported Childhood Physical and Sexual Abuse in General Population: Child Abuse and Neglect*, 2003, 27 10.
- Over 78,000 cases of child sexual abuse were reported and substantiated<sup>i</sup> in 2006, (*Child Maltreatment 2006*.) However, this does not include the majority of cases which are never reported to authorities. Only between 12% (see [Hanson, 1999](#)) and 30% of cases (*Finkelhor, 2008*) are reported to authorities. Based on reporting percentages, the real number could be anywhere from 260,000-650,000 per year.
- Up to 50 percent of those who sexually abuse children are under the age of 18.  
*(Hunter, J.A., Figueredo, A., Malamuth, N.M., & Becker, J.V. (2003). Juvenile sex offenders: Toward the Development of a typology. Sexual Abuse: A Journal of Research and Treatment, (2003) Volume 15, No. 1).*
- 20 to 50% of adolescents who have sexually abused children were themselves victims of physical abuse<sup>i</sup> and approximately 40 to 80% were victims of sexual abuse.  
*(Hunter, J. and Becker, J., "Motivators of Adolescent Sex Offenders and Treatment Perspectives," in J. Shaw (Ed.), Sexual Aggression, American Psychiatric Press, Inc. (Washington, DC, 1998).*

## Additional Resources

Costs of Child Sexual Abuse for Society:

[http://www.d2l.org/site/c.4dICIJOkgcISE/b.6250817/k.91D6/What\\_are\\_the\\_Long\\_Term\\_Consequences\\_of\\_Child\\_Sexual\\_Abuse\\_for\\_Society.htm](http://www.d2l.org/site/c.4dICIJOkgcISE/b.6250817/k.91D6/What_are_the_Long_Term_Consequences_of_Child_Sexual_Abuse_for_Society.htm)

Substance Abuse, Mental Health problems, Obesity and other health consequences for child sexual abuse survivors:

[http://www.d2l.org/site/c.4dICIJOkgcISE/b.6250811/k.B97D/What\\_are\\_the\\_Long\\_Term\\_Consequences\\_of\\_Child\\_Sexual\\_Abuse.htm](http://www.d2l.org/site/c.4dICIJOkgcISE/b.6250811/k.B97D/What_are_the_Long_Term_Consequences_of_Child_Sexual_Abuse.htm)