Child sexual abuse by different classes and types of perpetrator: prevalence and trends from a national survey

Supplementary File

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Prevalence of any child sexual abuse, by perpetrator class

Table 1 shows descriptive results (number, %) of the prevalence of any experience of any CSA for the whole sample, by gender, and stratified by age groups (participants aged 16-24 years, 25-44 years, and 45 years and over), by the eight classes of perpetrator.

	Any sexual abuse (n, %)	Perpetrator class							
		Class 1: Parents / caregivers in the home	Class 2: Institutional caregivers	Class 3: Other known adults	Class 4: Unknown adults	Class 5: Known adolescents (siblings)	Class 6: Known adolescents (non-romantic relationships)	Class 7: Known adolescents (romantic relationships)	Class 8: Unknown adolescents
Whole sample	2348 (28.5%)	551 (7.8%)	123 (2.0%)	535 (7.5%)	397 (4.9%)	115 (1.6%)	966 (10.0%)	303 (2.5%)	146 (1.4%)
Women	1536 (37.3%)	407 (11.9%)	42 (1.3%)	377 (10.3%)	264 (6.4%)	77 (2.3%)	630 (13.1%)	246 (4.3%)	105 (2.0%)
Men	739 (18.8%)	122 (3.2%)	78 (2.7%)	140 (4.3%)	113 (3.1%)	33 (0.8%)	309 (6.5%)	36 (0.6%)	33 (0.5%)
16-24 Total	889 (25.7%)	151 (4.4%)	18 (0.5%)	155 (4.4%)	145 (4.4%)	25 (0.7%)	460 (13.2%)	194 (5.7%)	79 (2.4%)
Women	589 (35.2%)	101 (6.4%)	8 (0.5%)	121 (7.2%)	102 (6.8%)	10 (0.6%)	299 (17.6%)	150 (9.0%)	55 (3.3%)
Men	244 (14.5%)	34 (1.8%)	8 (0.6%)	25 (1.3%)	26 (1.3%)	10 (0.5%)	139 (8.3%)	26 (1.8%)	18 (1.3%)
25-44 Total	568 (28.8%)	153 (8.0%)	24 (1.2%)	131 (7.5%)	103 (5.5%)	27 (1.2%)	223 (10.9%)	58 (2.6%)	31 (1.4%)
Women	373 (38.8%)	117 (12.8%)	10 (0.9%)	90 (10.7%)	70 (7.8%)	14 (1.2%)	145 (14.5%)	48 (4.3%)	21 (2.0%)
Men	184 (18.5%)	33 (3.0%)	13 (1.5%)	34 (3.7%)	30 (3.1%)	13 (1.3%)	74 (7.2%)	8 (0.8%)	8 (0.6%)
45+ Total	891 (29.1%)	247 (8.5%)	81 (2.8%)	249 (8.3%)	149 (4.6%)	63 (2.1%)	283 (8.5%)	51 (1.7%)	36 (1.1%)
Women	574 (36.9%)	189 (12.6%)	24 (1.7%)	166 (10.7%)	92 (5.4%)	53 (3.4%)	186 (11.1%)	48 (3.0%)	29 (1.8%)
Men	311 (20.2%)	55 (3.8%)	57 (4.2%)	81 (5.6%)	57 (3.7%)	10 (0.6%)	96 (5.6%)	np	7 (0.3%)

Table 1 Prevalence of any child sexual abuse, by perpetrator class (n, %)

Note: the subtotal percentages of our sample who experienced CSA by the respective classes of perpetrator add to more than the total of 28.5% because many participants who experienced CSA experienced CSA by individuals from more than one perpetrator class. Percentages are weighted, and accordingly do not directly correspond with the sample n .

Prevalence of any contact child sexual abuse, by perpetrator class

Table 2 shows descriptive results (number, %) of the prevalence of any experience of contact child sexual abuse (one or more of the three contact sexual abuse items), for the whole sample, by gender, and stratified by age groups (participants aged 16-24 years, 25-44 years, and 45 years and over), by the eight classes of perpetrators.

	Contact sexual abuse (n, %)	Perpetrator class							
		Class 1: Parents / caregivers in the home	Class 2: Institutional caregivers	Class 3: Other known adults	Class 4: Unknown adults	Class 5: Known adolescents (siblings)	Class 6: Known adolescents (non-romantic relationships)	Class 7: Known adolescents (romantic relationships)	Class 8: Unknown adolescents
Whole sample	1960 (23.7%)	497 (7.1%)	101 (1.6%)	489 (6.9%)	327 (4.0%)	103 (1.5%)	795 (7.9%)	298 (2.5%)	129 (1.2%)
Women	1336 (32.4%)	377 (11.1%)	38 (1.1%)	349 (9.6%)	217 (5.3%)	70 (2.1%)	550 (11.0%)	244 (4.2%)	93 (1.8%)
Men	563 (14.2%)	103 (2.7%)	60 (2.1%)	123 (3.8%)	94 (2.5%)	28 (0.8%)	219 (4.6%)	34 (0.6%)	28 (0.4%)
16-24 Total	759 (22.0%)	142 (4.2%)	16 (0.5%)	137 (4.0%)	122 (3.7%)	22 (0.6%)	399 (11.4%)	189 (5.6%)	70 (2.1%)
Women	532 (32.0%)	100 (6.3%)	7 (0.4%)	110 (6.7%)	87 (5.7%)	10 (0.6%)	277 (16.4%)	148 (8.9%)	49 (3.0%)
Men	181 (10.6%)	30 (1.7%)	7 (0.5%)	19 (1.1%)	22 (1.1%)	7 (0.3%)	100 (6.0%)	24 (1.7%)	15 (0.9%)
25-44 Total	463 (23.9%)	126 (6.8%)	19 (1.0%)	124 (7.1%)	80 (4.4%)	23 (1.1%)	184 (9.2%)	58 (2.6%)	28 (1.2%)
Women	314 (33.7%)	99 (11.3%)	8 (0.7%)	86 (10.2%)	53 (6.3%)	12 (1.1%)	126 (12.8%)	48 (4.3%)	19 (1.8%)
Men	139 (13.7%)	25 (2.2%)	10 (1.1%)	31 (3.3%)	24 (2.3%)	11 (1.1%)	54 (5.3%)	8 (0.8%)	7 (0.5%)
45+ Total	738 (24.1%)	229 (8.0%)	66 (2.3%)	228 (7.6%)	125 (3.8%)	58 (1.9%)	212 (6.2%)	51 (1.7%)	31 (0.9%)
Women	490 (31.6%)	178 (12.1%)	23 (1.6%)	153 (9.9%)	77 (4.6%)	48 (3.1%)	147 (8.5%)	48 (3.0%)	25 (1.4%)
Men	243 (15.6%)	48 (3.3%)	43 (3.2%)	73 (5.0%)	48 (3.0%)	10 (0.6%)	65 (3.6%)	np	6 (0.3%)

Table 2 Prevalence of any contact child sexual abuse, by perpetrator class (n, %)
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Prevalence of any non-contact child sexual abuse, by perpetrator class

Table 3 shows descriptive results (number, %) of the prevalence of non-contact child sexual abuse (i.e., endorsement of the single non-contact sexual abuse item), for the whole sample, by gender, and stratified by age groups (participants aged 16-24 years, 25-44 years, and 45 years and over), by the eight classes of perpetrators.

	Non-contact sexual abuse (n, %)	Perpetrator class							
		Class 1: **Parents / caregivers in the home**	Class 2: **Institutional caregivers**	Class 3: **Other known adults**	Class 4: **Unknown adults**	**Class 5: Known adolescents (siblings)**	Class 6: **Known adolescents (non-romantic relationships)**	Class 7: **Known adolescents (romantic relationships)**	Class 8: **Unknown adolescents**
Whole sample	1443 (18.1%)	414 (5.8%)	81 (1.4%)	359 (4.9%)	267 (3.2%)	98 (1.3%)	619 (6.9%)	138 (1.2%)	100 (1.0%)
Women	911 (22.9%)	302 (8.6%)	27 (0.9%)	254 (6.7%)	180 (4.1%)	69 (2.0%)	381 (8.7%)	110 (2.0%)	71 (1.4%)
Men	476 (12.6%)	92 (2.6%)	51 (1.8%)	91 (2.9%)	70 (2.0%)	25 (0.6%)	216 (4.7%)	15 (0.3%)	22 (0.4%)
16-24 Total	506 (15.0%)	114 (3.4%)	10 (0.3%)	108 (3.1%)	110 (3.6%)	21 (0.5%)	262 (7.6%)	89 (2.8%)	54 (1.8%)
Women	3118 (19.7%)	78 (5.0%)	np	84 (5.1%)	79 (5.6%)	10 (0.6%)	155 (9.3%)	67 (4.2%)	37 (2.4%)
Men	144 (8.7%)	22 (1.3%)	np	16 (0.9%)	16 (0.9%)	7 (0.4%)	89 (5.2%)	10 (0.9%)	12 (0.9%)
25-44 Total	367 (18.6%)	124 (6.5%)	15 (0.8%)	88 (5.0%)	63 (3.3%)	25 (1.1%)	161 (8.1%)	21 (0.9%)	25 (1.1%)
Women	239 (25.2%)	95 (10.5%)	7 (0.7%)	59 (7.0%)	44 (4.8%)	13 (1.2%)	105 (11.1%)	17 (1.6%)	17 (1.6%)
Men	121 (11.8%)	26 (2.3%)	7 (0.8%)	24 (2.5%)	17 (1.7%)	12 (1.0%)	53 (5.0%)	np	6 (0.4%)
45+ Total	570 (18.6%)	176 (5.9%)	56 (2.0%)	163 (5.4%)	94 (2.9%)	52 (1.7%)	196 (5.8%)	28 (1.0%)	21 (0.7%)
Women	354 (22.2%)	129 (8.3%)	16 (1.2%)	111 (7.0%)	57 (3.3%)	46 (2.9%)	121 (7.0%)	26 (1.8%)	17 (1.0%)
Men	211 (14.2%)	44 (3.1%)	40 (2.9%)	51 (3.7%)	37 (2.6%)	6 (0.4%)	74 (4.4%)	np	np

Table 3 Prevalence of any non-contact child sexual abuse, by perpetrator class (n, %)
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Prevalence of any child sexual abuse, by perpetrator class, and by individual perpetrator type

Table 4 shows prevalence of any child sexual abuse, by each class of perpetrator (n, %, 95% CI), and by each individual type of perpetrator within each class (n, %), stratified by participant age group and gender.

Perpetrator classes and individual perpetrator codes	Whole sample			16-24			25-44			45+		
	Total	Women	Men	Total	Women	Men	Total	Women	Men	Total	Women	Men
Class 1: Parents/caregivers in the home: all (Codes 1-12)	551 (7.8%) (7.0-8.5)	407 (11.9%) (10.6-13.2)	122 (3.2%) (2.5-3.9)	151 (4.4%) (3.7-5.2)	101 (6.4%) (5.1-7.7)	34 (1.8%) (1.1-2.6)	153 (8.0%) (6.6-9.3)	117 (12.8%) (10.4-15.1)	33 (3.0%) (1.9-4.2)	247 (8.5%) (7.4-9.7)	189 (12.6%) (10.8-14.5)	55 (3.8%) (2.7-4.9)
1. Father (biological/adoptive)	91 (1.2%)	70 (1.9%)	15 (0.3%)	24 (0.7%)	14 (0.9%)	6 (0.3%)	22 (1.0%)	18 (1.7%)	np	45 (1.4%)	38 (2.2%)	6 (0.5%)
2. Mother (biological/adoptive)	24 (0.3%)	10 (0.2%)	11 (0.3%)	7 (0.2	np	np	7 (0.3%)	5 (0.4%)	np	10 (0.2%)	np	7 (0.4%)
3. Step-father, or mother's live-in boyfriend	65 (0.9%)	56 (1.6%)	5 (0.1%)	18 (0.5%)	13 (0.7%)	np	23 (1.4%)	21 (2.5%)	np	24 (0.7%)	22 (1.2%)	np
4. Step-mother, or father's live-in girlfriend	6 (0.1%)	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np
5. A parent's boyfriend, or former boyfriend, who did not live with you	18 (0.2%)	15 (0.4%)	np	7 (0.2%)	6 (0.3%)	np	5 (0.3%)	np	np	6 (0.2%)	5 (0.3%)	np
6. A parent's girlfriend, or former girlfriend, who did not live with you	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np
7. A male relative who lived in your home	115 (1.9%)	82 (2.7%)	28 (0.9%)	30 (0.9%)	20 (1.3%)	6 (0.5%)	31 (1.7%)	20 (2.4%)	10 (1.0%)	54 (2.2%)	42 (3.3%)	12 (1.0%)
8. A female relative who lived in your home	14 (0.2%)	5 (0.1%)	9 (0.3%)	np	np	np	np	np	np	6 (0.2%)	np	5 (0.3%)
9. A male relative who did not live with you	261 (3.6%)	197 (5.6%)	57 (1.6%)	71 (2.1%)	54 (3.4%)	11 (0.6%)	68 (3.3%)	51 (5.3%)	17 (1.4%)	122 (4.3%)	92 (6.3%)	29 (2.0%)
10. A female relative who did not live with you	29 (0.4%)	15 (0.3%)	12 (0.4%)	11 (0.4%)	7 (0.4%)	np	8 (0.4%)	5 (0.5%)	np	10 (0.3%)	np	6 (0.4%)
11. A male foster parent, guardian or kinship carer	10 (0.2%)	9 (0.4%)	np	np	np	np	5 (0.4%)	5 (0.7%)	np	5 (0.2%)	np	np
12. A female foster parent, guardian or kinship carer	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np
Class 2: Institutional caregivers: all (Codes 13-28)	123 (2.0%) (1.6-2.4)	42 (1.3%) (0.8-1.7)	78 (2.7%) (2.0-3.4)	18 (0.5%) (0.3-0.8)	8 (0.5%) (0.1-0.8)	8 (0.6%) (0.1-1.0)	24 (1.2%) (0.7-1.8)	10 (0.9%) (0.3-1.5)	13 (1.5%) (0.6-2.4)	81 (2.8%) (2.2-3.5)	24 (1.7%) (1.0-2.4)	57 (4.2%) (3.0-5.4)
13. A male clergy member, priest, or ordained leader in a religious organisation	21 (0.3%)	np	18 (0.6%)	np	np	np	np	np	np	15 (0.6%)	np	14 (1.1%)
14. Another male adult in a religious org.	7 (0.1%)	np	6 (0.2%)	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np
15. A female clergy member, priest, or ordained leader in a religious org.	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np
16. Another female adult in a religious org.	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np

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17. A male schoolteacher or other male adult in an educational setting	43 (0.7%)	12 (0.4%)	29 (1.1%)	6 (0.2%)	np	np	11 (0.6%)	np	7 (0.9%)	26 (1.0%)	7 (0.6%)	19 (1.4%)
18. A male sports coach or other male adult in a sports setting	12 (0.1%)	np	8 (0.2%)	np	np	np	np	np	np	8 (0.2%)	np	7 (0.3%)
19. A male teacher or other male adult in an organisation for recreation or culture	23 (0.4%)	9 (0.3%)	14 (0.6%)	np	np	np	np	np	np	20 (0.7%)	7 (0.4%)	13 (1.0%)
20. A female schoolteacher or other female adult in an educational setting	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np
21. A female sports coach or other female adult in a sports setting	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np
22. A female teacher or other female adult in an organisation for recreation or culture	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np
23. A male doctor, nurse or medical professional	22 (0.4%)	14 (0.5%)	8 (0.2%)	np	np	np	5 (0.2%)	np	np	14 (0.5%)	10 (0.8%)	np
24. A female doctor, nurse or medical professional	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np
25. A male disability support worker/carer	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np
26. A female disability support worker/carer	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np
27. A male police officer, corrective services or detention facility personnel	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np
28. A female police officer, corrective services or detention facility personnel	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np	np
Class 3: Other known adults: all (Codes 29-30)	535 (7.5%) (6.7-8.2)	377 (10.3%) (9.0-11.5)	140 (4.3%) (3.5-5.1)	155 (4.4%) (3.6-5.1)	121 (7.2%) (5.9-8.6)	25 (1.3%) (0.8-1.9)	131 (7.5%) (6.1-8.9)	90 (10.7%) (8.4-13.0)	34 (3.7%) (2.4-5.0)	249 (8.3%) (7.2-9.4)	166 (10.7%) (9.0-12.4)	81 (5.6%) (4.3-6.9)
29. Other known adults: male	511 (7.3%)	371 (10.2%)	123 (4.0%)	143 (4.0%)	119 (7.1%)	16 (0.9%)	127 (7.3%)	89 (10.7%)	31 (3.3%)	241 (8.1%)	163 (10.6%)	76 (5.3%)
30. Other known adults: female	40 (0.4%)	14 (0.3%)	25 (0.5%)	15 (0.4%)	np	11 (0.6%)	10 (0.5%)	np	6 (0.6%)	15 (0.4%)	7 (0.4%)	8 (0.4%)
Class 4: Unknown adults: all (Codes 31-32	397 (4.9%) (4.3-5.5)	264 (6.4%) (5.5-7.4)	113 (3.1%) (2.5-3.8)	145 (4.4%) (3.6-5.2)	102 (6.8%) (5.4-8.2)	26 (1.3%) (0.8-1.9)	103 (5.5%) (4.4-6.7)	70 (7.8%) (5.8-9.7)	30 (3.1%) (1.9-4.3)	149 (4.6%) (3.8-5.4)	92 (5.4%) (4.2-6.7)	57 (3.7%) (2.6-4.8)
31. Unknown adults: male	379 (4.7%)	260 (6.3%)	100 (2.9%)	136 (4.2%)	102 (6.8%)	18 (0.9%)	96 (5.1%)	68 (7.6%)	25 (2.5%)	147 (4.6%)	90 (5.3%)	57 (3.7%)
32. Unknown adults: female	32 (0.3%)	9 (0.2%)	20 (0.4%)	17 (0.4%)	np	11 (0.6%)	9 (0.4%)	np	7 (0.7%)	6 (0.2%)	np	np
Class 5: Known adolescents: (siblings) (Codes 33-34)	115 (1.6%) (1.2-1.9)	77 (2.3%) (1.7-2.9)	33 (0.8%) (0.5-1.2)	25 (0.7%) (0.4-1.0)	10 (0.6%) (0.2-0.9)	10 (0.5%) (0.2-0.9)	27 (1.2%) (0.7-1.7)	14 (1.2%) (0.6-1.9)	13 (1.3%) (0.5-2.0)	63 (2.1%) (1.5-2.6)	53 (3.4%) (2.4-4.4)	10 (0.6%) (0.2-1.1)
33. Brother, or other male child who lived with you	100 (1.4%)	72 (2.2%)	24 (0.6%)	20 (0.5%)	9 (0.5%)	7 (0.3%)	21 (1.0%)	13 (1.1%)	8 (0.8%)	59 (2.0%)	50 (3.3%)	9 (0.5%)
34. Sister, or other female child who lived with you	21 (0.3%)	9 (0.2%)	11 (0.3%)	5 (0.2%)	np	np	10 (0.4%)	np	6 (0.5%)	6 (0.1%)	np	np
Class 6: Known adolescents: (non-romantic relationships) (Codes 39-40)	966 (10.0%)	630 (13.1%)	309 (6.5%)	460 (13.2%)	299 (17.6%)	139 (8.3%)	223 (10.9%)	145 (14.5%)	74 (7.2%)	283 (8.5%)	186 (11.1%)	96 (5.6%)

	(9.2-10.8)	(11.8-14.3)	(5.6-7.5)	(11.9-14.4)	(15.6-19.6)	(6.8-9.8)	(9.4-12.4)	(12.1-16.9)	(5.5-9.0)	(7.4-9.6)	(9.3-12.8)	(4.3-6.8)
39. A male adolescent/child <18 who you knew	832 (8.5%)	587 (12.0%)	221 (4.8%)	394 (11.2%)	284 (16.7%)	90 (5.2%)	190 (9.2%)	128 (13.0%)	58 (5.3%)	248 (7.4%)	175 (10.2%)	73 (4.3%)
40. A female adolescent/child <18 who you knew	226 (2.4%)	88 (2.2%)	131 (2.6%)	108 (3.2%)	32 (1.7%)	71 (4.4%)	60 (3.0%)	30 (2.8%)	29 (3.2%)	58 (1.9%)	26 (2.0%)	31 (1.7%)
Class 7: Known adolescents (romantic relationships) (Codes 35-38)	303 (2.5%) (2.2-2.9)	246 (4.3%) (3.6-5.0)	36 (0.6%) (0.3-0.9)	194 (5.7%) (4.8-6.5)	150 (9.0%) (7.5-10.5)	26 (1.8%) (1.0-2.6)	58 (2.6%) (1.9-3.3)	48 (4.3%) (3.0-5.6)	8 (0.8%) (0.2-1.4)	51 (1.7%) (1.2-2.2)	48 (3.0%) (2.1-4.0)	np
35. Your boyfriend at the time	200 (1.7%)	182 (3.3%)	6 (0.05%)	118 (3.4%)	104 (6.2%)	5 (0.2%)	42 (1.8%)	39 (3.5%)	np	40 (1.3%)	39 (2.4%)	np
36. Your girlfriend at the time	26 (0.2%)	6 (0.1%)	20 (0.4%)	18 (0.6%)	5 (0.3%)	13 (1.0%)	6 (0.3%)	np	6 (0.6%)	np	np	np
37. Your former boyfriend	98 (0.7%)	85 (1.2%)	np	73 (2.1%)	61 (3.6%)	np	13 (0.6%)	13 (1.1%)	np	12 (0.4%)	11 (0.7%)	np
38. Your former girlfriend	16 (0.1%)	np	13 (0.3%)	11 (0.4%)	np	8 (0.6%)	np	np	np	np	np	np
Class 8: Unknown adolescents: all	146 (1.4%) (1.1-1.6)	105 (2.0%) (1.5-2.6)	33 (0.5%) (0.3-0.8)	79 (2.4%) (1.8-3.0)	55 (3.3%) (2.3-4.3)	18 (1.3%) (0.5-2.1)	31 (1.4%) (0.8-1.9)	21 (2.0%) (1.1-2.9)	8 (0.6%) (0.1-1.0)	36 (1.1%) (0.7-1.5)	29 (1.8%) (1.0-2.5)	7 (0.3%) (0.05-0.6)
41. Unknown adolescents: male	134 (1.3%)	102 (2.0%)	24 (0.4%)	70 (2.0%)	52 (3.1%)	12 (0.7%)	29 (1.3%)	21 (2.0%)	6 (0.5%)	35 (1.1%)	29 (1.8%)	6 (0.3%)
42. Unknown adolescents: female	20 (0.1%)	np	16 (0.2%)	13 (0.5%)	np	10 (0.9%)	5 (0.2%)	np	np	np	np	np

Table 4 Prevalence of any child sexual abuse by each class of perpetrator (n, %, 95% CI), and by individual perpetrator type (n, %), by gender and age group

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