

CHILD SEXUAL ASSAULT: FACTS AND STATS



Approximately 1 in 5 children will experience child sexual assault or exploitation.

(JPrice-Robertson, Bromfield and Vassallo, 2010; Mills, Kisely, Alati, Strathearn, & Najman, 2016; Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, 2017)

In up to 90% of child sexual assault cases, the offender is known to the family.

(Australian Bureau of Statistics 2017; Quadara, Nagy, Higgins & Siegel, 2015)



98% of all child sexual assault reports made by children are found to be true.

(O'Donohue, Cummings & Willis, 2018)

A child aged 0-9 years is approximately 40 times more likely to be the victim of sexual assault than of kidnapping or abduction.

(Australian Bureau of Statistics, 2019)



Approximately 1 in 3 cases of child sexual abuse are instigated by other young people.

(Der Bedrosian, 2018; McKibbin, 2017; Finkelhor, Omrod & Chaffin, 2009)

Children with a learning disability are 2.5 times more likely to be the subject of a sexual abuse allegation than children without a learning disability.

(Helton, Gochez-Kerr & Gruber, 2018)

For more information, including more statistics and facts around child sexual assault and exploitation, please see our website bravehearts.org.au

