

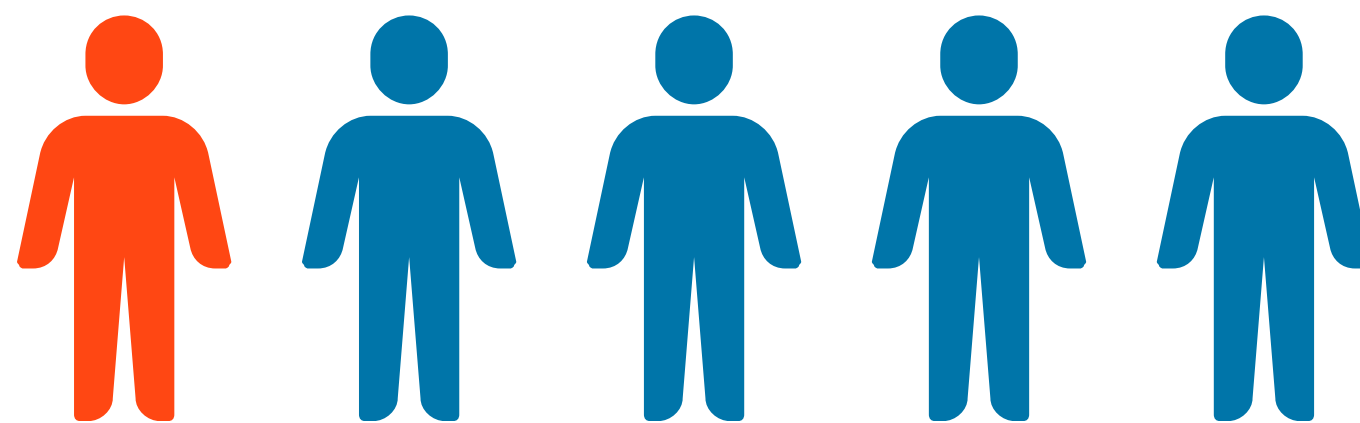
Prevalence of Child Abuse in Australia

Protecting children from harm is a shared responsibility. We must all play a role in the care, safety and protection of children.

Findings from the 2023 Australian Child Maltreatment Study indicate 62.2% of the Australian population has experienced at least one type of child maltreatment. Exposure to domestic violence was the most common form of maltreatment, followed by physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse and neglect.



More than 1 in 3 girls experience child sexual abuse



Almost 1 in 5 boys experience child sexual abuse

Child maltreatment is widespread and harmful. The associated impacts are broad and long lasting. Child maltreatment is a significant problem affecting Australian children and youth. It is a matter of national urgency that we act collectively to reduce child maltreatment and its devastating consequences.

Source: Australian Child Maltreatment Study, 2023