

# The lifetime prevalence of child sexual abuse and sexual assault assessed in late adolescence

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CLASSIC STUDY

**Results:** The lifetime experience of 17-year-olds with sexual abuse and assault : 26.6% for girls and 5.1% for boys.

Sexual abuse and assault:

Females: up from 16.8% (15 years old) to 26.6% (17 years old)

Males: UP from 4.3% (15 years old) to 5.1% (17 years old)

**Conclusions:** late adolescence reveal high rates of lifetime experience with sexual abuse and sexual assault at the hands of both adults and peers.

**sexual abuse by other adults  
(babysitters, other older relatives,  
teachers, coaches, etc.) is damaging to  
the child**

- **sexual dysfunction in adult life**
- **Promiscuity**
- **problems with intimacy**
- **delinquent activities and  
behavioral problems in  
adolescence**
- **learning problems in school**