

## Statistics on Emotional Abuse

In a study of 1,000 women 15 years of age or older, 36% had experienced emotional abuse while growing up; 43% had experienced some form of abuse as children or adolescents; 39% reported experiencing emotional abuse in a relationship in the past five years.

Women's College Hospital. (1995). *Canadian women's health test*. Toronto.  
from <http://www.child-abuse-effects.com/emotional-abuse-statistics.html>

According to [Childhelp](#), a non-profit organization whose mission is to meet the physical, emotional, educational and spiritual needs of abused, neglected and at-risk children, the number of child deaths per day due to abuse has increased from a little over 3 in 1998 to more than 5 in 2010. Also,

- **A report of child abuse is made every ten seconds**
- \*More than **five children die every day** as a result of child abuse.<sup>2</sup>
- Approximately 80% of children that die from abuse are under the age of 4.<sup>1</sup>
- It is estimated that between 50-60% of child fatalities due to maltreatment are **not recorded as such on death certificates.**<sup>3</sup>
- More than 90% of juvenile sexual abuse victims know their perpetrator in some way.<sup>4</sup>
- Child abuse occurs at every socioeconomic level, across ethnic and cultural lines, within all religions and at all levels of education.
- About 30% of abused and neglected children **will later abuse their own children**, continuing the horrible cycle of abuse.<sup>5</sup>
- About 80% of 21 year olds that were abused as children met criteria for **at least one psychological disorder.**<sup>5</sup>
- The estimated annual cost of child abuse and neglect in the United States for 2007 is **\$104 billion.**<sup>6</sup>

85.9% of child abuse consists of neglect and psychological maltreatment – in other words, emotional abuse.

from <http://www.childhelp.org/pages/statistics#gen-stats>

From an article on **USAToday.com**, Dec. 17, 2010:

“Almost 60% of American adults say they had difficult childhoods featuring abusive or troubled family members or parents who were absent due to separation or divorce, federal health officials report.”

from [http://www.usatoday.com/yourlife/parenting-family/2010-12-17-adult-majority-troubled-childhood\\_N.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/yourlife/parenting-family/2010-12-17-adult-majority-troubled-childhood_N.htm)

In 1996, the National Clearinghouse on Family Violence, for Health Canada, reported that 39% of married women or common-law wives suffered emotional abuse by husbands/partners. This report does not address boys or men suffering emotional abuse from families or intimate partners.

from [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Psychological\\_abuse](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Psychological_abuse)