**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.


According to [Childhelp](http://www.childhelp.org), 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.  
- Approximately 80% of children that die from abuse are under the age of 4.  
- It is estimated that between 50-60% of child fatalities due to maltreatment are not recorded as such on death certificates.  
- More than 90% of juvenile sexual abuse victims know their perpetrator in some way.  
- 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.  
- About 80% of 21 year olds that were abused as children met criteria for at least one psychological disorder.  
- The estimated annual cost of child abuse and neglect in the United States for 2007 is **$104 billion**.

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


From an article on [USAToday.com](http://www.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.”

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