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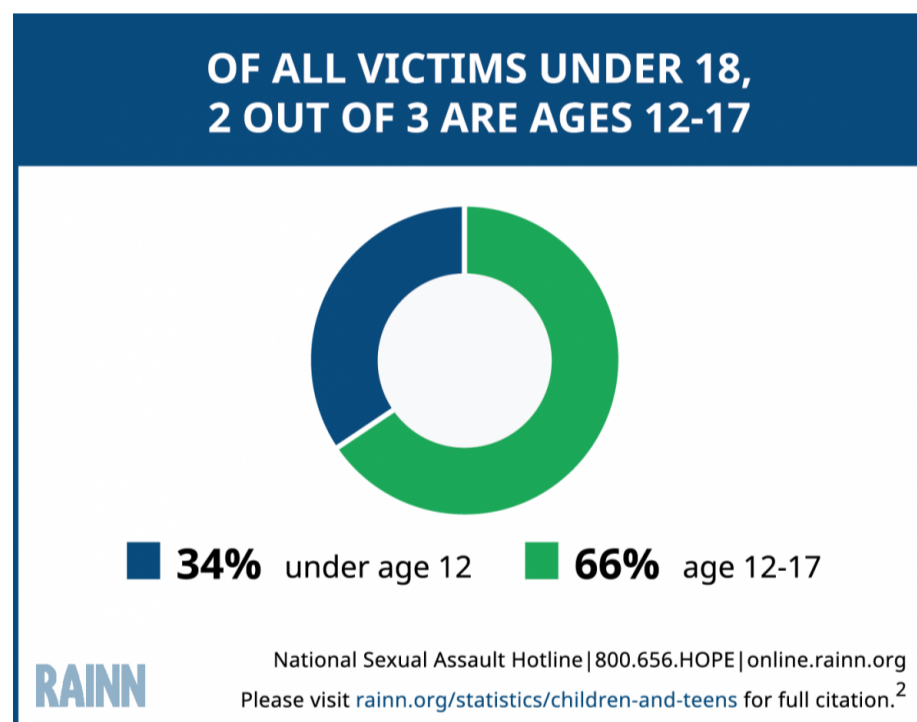
# Children and Teens: Statistics

## Child Sexual Abuse Is a Widespread Problem

**Every 9 minutes,**  
child protective services substantiates, or finds  
evidence for, a claim of child sexual abuse.

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- In FY16 alone, Child Protective Services agencies substantiated, or found strong evidence to indicate that, 57,329 children were victims of sexual abuse.<sup>1</sup>



- One in 9 girls and 1 in 20 boys under the age of 18 experience sexual abuse or assault.<sup>3</sup>
- 82% of all victims under 18 are female.<sup>4</sup>
- Females ages 16-19 are 4 times more likely than the general population to be victims of rape, attempted rape, or sexual assault.<sup>2</sup>

The effects of child sexual abuse can be long-lasting and affect the victim's mental health. Victims are more likely than non-victims to experience the following mental health challenges:<sup>5</sup>

- About 4 times more likely to develop symptoms of drug abuse
- About 4 times more likely to experience PTSD as adults
- About 3 times more likely to experience a major depressive episode as adults

## Perpetrators of Child Sexual Abuse Are Often Related to the Victim

**CHILD VICTIMS OFTEN KNOW THE PERPETRATOR**