

# **Child Sexual Abuse and Public Opinion in Three Massachusetts Communities**

**A Report to**

**THE MASSACHUSETTS CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE  
PREVENTION PARTNERSHIP**

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# 1. PURPOSE

## **The Massachusetts Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Partnership**

In October 2002, Massachusetts was selected by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, as one of three states in the country to develop innovative new strategies to prevent child sexual abuse. These strategies include training and communications programs that focus on educating the general public, parents, professionals and other adults about how to prevent the perpetration of and respond to possible child sexual abuse.

The three-year grant is administered by Massachusetts Citizens for Children which serves as lead agency for the Massachusetts Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Partnership. The Partnership is a statewide collaborative comprised of 22 public and private sector agencies. From several applicant communities, the Partnership has selected three that will serve as pilot sites to implement its prevention strategies over the next two years. Those communities are Newton, Gloucester and the North Quabbin region comprised of the nine towns of Athol, Orange, New Salem, Phillipston, Wendell, Petersham, Royalston, Erving, and Warwick.

Many current child sexual abuse prevention programs focus on teaching children how to protect themselves from abuse. Experts now recognize that broader initiatives to educate and inform adults about risk and protective factors and prevention strategies need to be explored. The Partnership is focusing on increasing awareness and responsibility in the adult community for the prevention of child sexual abuse. Public opinion surveys are being used to better understand public knowledge and attitudes in these areas and to track changes in public opinion over time. Survey findings will help guide message development, public education initiatives, and recruitment efforts for training programs.

This is the second in a series of benchmark and tracking surveys on public opinion about child sexual abuse and prevention conducted for the Partnership by the University of Massachusetts Poll and Massachusetts Kids Count. The first survey, of Massachusetts adult residents, was conducted from February 27, 2003 through March 5, 2003. This survey, of adults in the three Massachusetts communities of Gloucester, Newton and the North Quabbin region, was conducted from September 24, 2003 through September 30, 2003. Statewide results are included for comparison when the same question was asked on both surveys.

## 2. METHODOLOGY

The following data summarize findings from a telephone survey conducted from September 24, 2003 through September 30, 2003. Interviews were conducted by interviewers under the supervision of a university trained field supervisor.

A random digit dial sample was drawn using the Waksberg method. Quotas were met for sampling location and gender. A random respondent selection was used. A total sample

of 450 Massachusetts residents was achieved; results from the total sample can be interpreted as accurate to within 5% with a 95% level of confidence. The sub-sample for each community is 150. Results from the community sub-samples can be interpreted as accurate to within 8% with a 95% level of confidence.

Respondent cooperation, response rate and call completion were satisfactory and similar to other Massachusetts studies conducted by the research team. The sample performed within expectations for a random digit dial sample.

The statewide Massachusetts data cited in this report is from a survey conducted by the same research team using the same methodology from February 27, 2003 through March 5, 2003. The sample size was 325. Results from the total sample can be interpreted as accurate to within 6% with a 95% level of confidence.

### 3. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

#### **Serious Problem**

The general public considers child sexual abuse a very serious problem at the national, state and local levels. In the statewide poll, very large segments of Massachusetts residents indicated that child sexual abuse is a very serious problem in the state. Not unexpectedly, respondents believe it is a more serious problem on a statewide basis than in their own local community. In addition to high visibility, there is strong public support for action and the need for more information and effective training.

#### **Preventable But More Information Needed**

83% of respondents said that child sexual abuse is definitely or somewhat preventable. 23% said it is definitely preventable and 60% think it is somewhat preventable. It would be important to target this 60% with information relative to the preventability of the problem. The 23% might be the demographic profile of potential training subjects.

In addition, only 27% of all respondents are “very confident” they can identify possible sexual abuse of a child by an adult, while 46% are only “somewhat confident”. Another 18% are “not very confident” and 6% are “not confident at all”. This indicates an enormous need for education and training.

#### **Significant Interest In Training**

A very considerable 43% of those surveyed indicated a willingness to participate in prevention training programs in their community. 15% of all respondents said that they were “very likely” to participate and 28% said that they were “somewhat likely” to participate.

#### **Significant Number Abused**

In the three communities surveyed, a significant number of all respondents, 14%, report being sexually abused as children. This is clearly a sensitive issue, which makes the number of respondents willing to volunteer this information in this way noteworthy. There may be a base of survivors willing to speak out.

## 4. HIGHLIGHTS

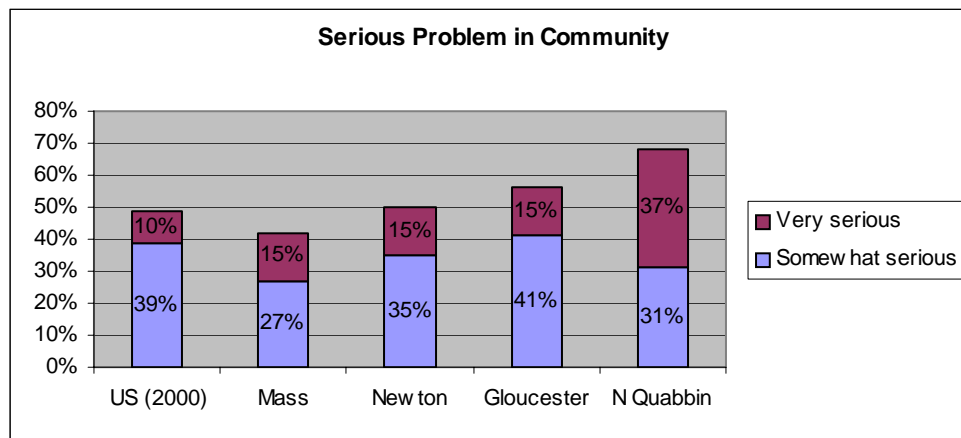
### Child sexual abuse: serious problem at the national, state and local levels

In a national survey of US residents taken in 2000, child sexual abuse was considered a serious problem by 49% of the respondents. In 2003, 42% of Massachusetts residents said that child sexual abuse was a serious problem. These figures are statistically the same.

North Quabbin respondents had the highest perception of how serious the problem is in their community.

68% of North Quabbin respondents think it is very (37%) or somewhat serious (31%).  
 56% of Gloucester respondents think it is very (15%) or somewhat serious (41%).  
 50% of Newton respondents think it is very (15%) or somewhat serious (35%)

These rates show a high level of concern among all respondents about the problem of child sexual abuse in their community. While the national, state and local rates are statistically similar, the North Quabbin responses are significantly stronger. This is particularly evident in that the North Quabbin response to “very serious” problem (37%) was two and a half times the response of the other two communities (15%). This pattern of stronger responses in North Quabbin holds true in other questions as well and will require further research to determine the reasons and the implications for prevention strategies in each of the communities.



	US	Massachusetts	Newton	Gloucester	North Quabbin
Very serious or Major problem	10%	15%	15%	15%	37%
Somewhat serious or Somewhat a problem	39%	27%	35%	41%	31%

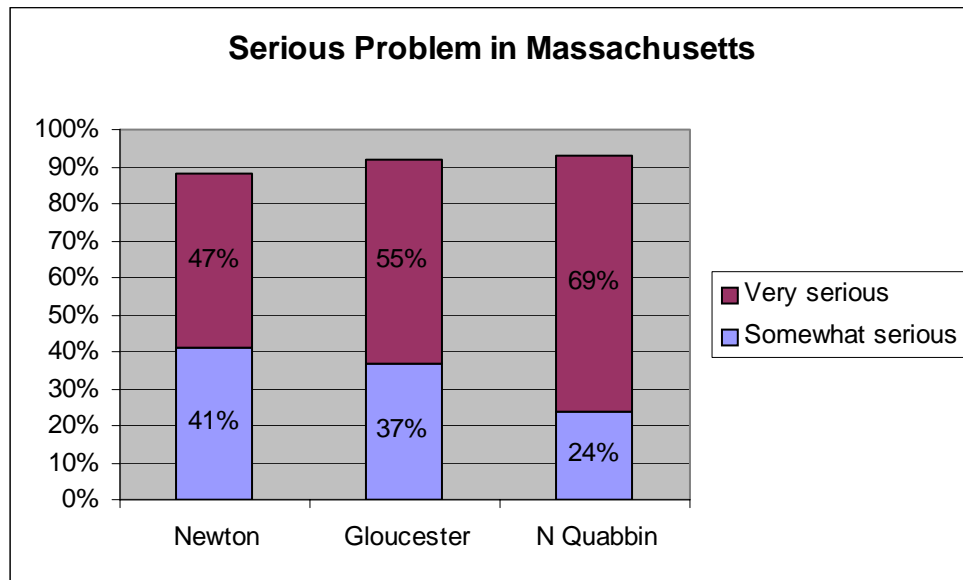
**On balance, respondents think that child sexual abuse is a more serious problem in the state than in their community.**

93% of N. Quabbin respondents think it is a serious problem in Mass. compared to 68% who think it is a serious problem in their community.

92% of Gloucester respondents think it is a serious problem in Mass. compared to 56% who think it is a serious problem in their community.

88% of Newton respondents think it is a serious problem in Mass. compared to 50% who think it is a serious problem in their community.

Respondents from all three communities indicate the same overwhelming sense that child sexual abuse is a serious problem in the state – and significantly more serious in the state than in their own community. Several factors may be at work here. The sustained high-profile news coverage of child sexual abuse by priests in many communities across the state may be one factor. Even though some of the surveyed communities have had local high profile cases of abuse, there might be a tendency to think that these problems are more widespread elsewhere than locally. Denial that such problems exist locally might be another contributing factor.

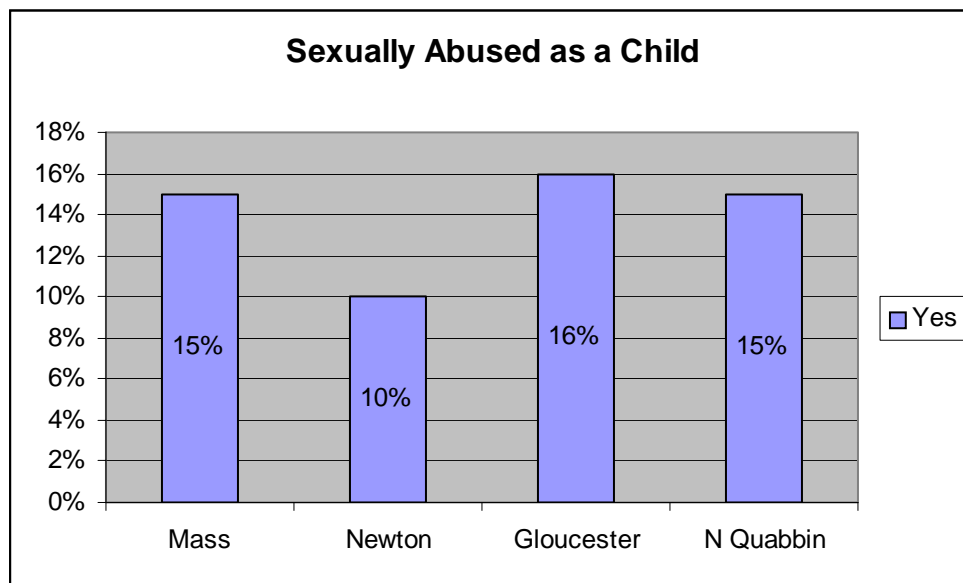


	Newton	Gloucester	North Quabbin
Very serious	47%	55%	69%
Somewhat serious	41%	37%	24%

**Significant number report being sexually abused as children.**

15% of Massachusetts respondents reported being sexually abused as children, 21% of women and 9% of men. 16% of Gloucester respondents said they were abused, 15% of North Quabbin respondents, 10% of Newton respondents

Statistically, these are similar rates within the margin of error. These rates demonstrate a high prevalence of abuse, especially considering that this study was not designed to estimate the prevalence of child sexual abuse, and the methods used for this study differ from those used in studies designed to estimate prevalence. Actual prevalence would be expected to be higher.

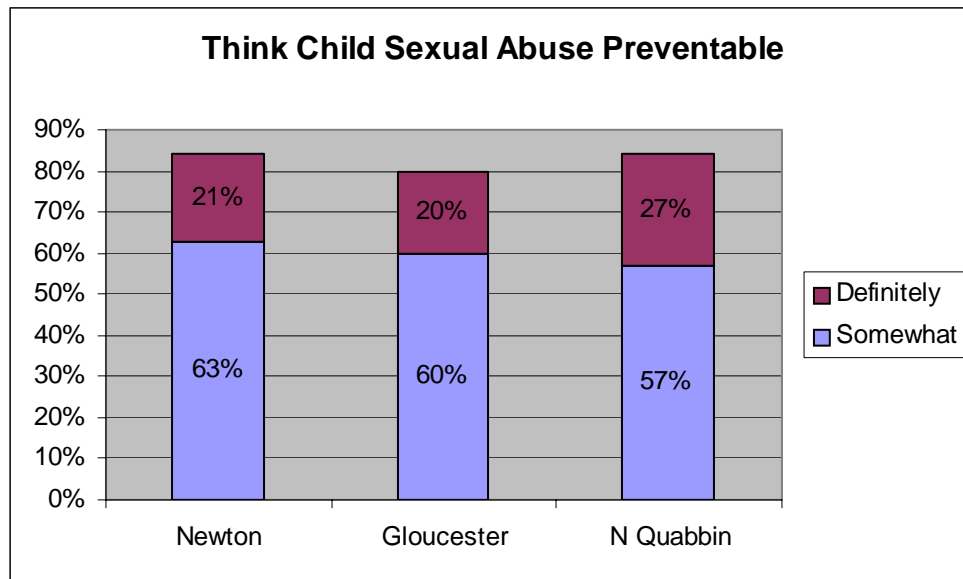


	Mass	Newton	Gloucester	N Quabbin
Yes	15%	10%	16%	15%
No	83%	86%	79%	83%
Refused	2%	3%	4%	1%

**83% of all respondents think that child sexual abuse is “definitely” (23%) or “somewhat” (60%) preventable.**

Responses from the three communities are virtually the same. 27% of North Quabbin respondents think child sexual abuse is definitely preventable; 57% think it is somewhat preventable. 21% of Newton respondents think it is definitely preventable; 63% think it is somewhat preventable. 20% of Gloucester respondents think it is definitely preventable; 60% think it is somewhat preventable.

The strong core of nearly one-quarter of the respondents, who think that child sexual abuse is preventable, combined with the widespread response that it is a serious problem, means there is a receptive environment for prevention strategies. However, it is important that work be done to educate the 60% who think child sexual abuse is somewhat preventable that prevention strategies do exist.

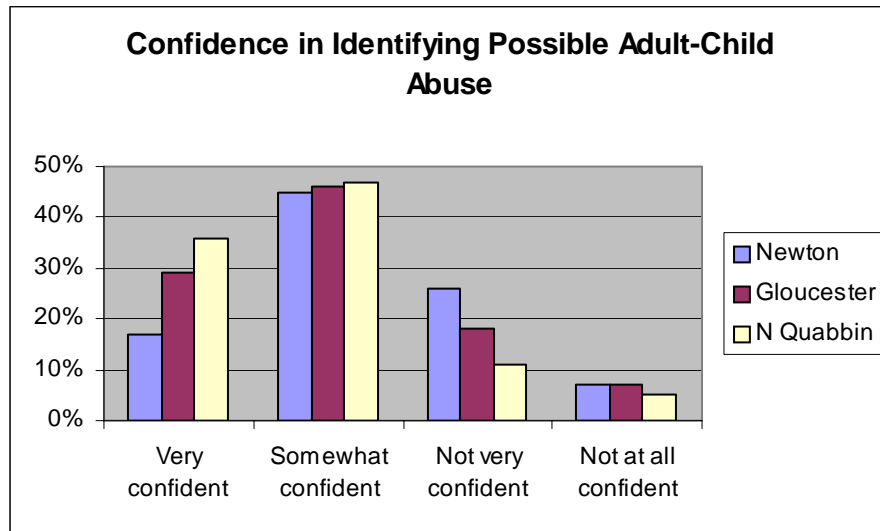


	Newton	Gloucester	North Quabbin
Definitely Preventable	21%	20%	27%
Somewhat Preventable	63%	60%	57%

**27% of all respondents are “very confident” they can identify possible sexual abuse of a child by an adult. Another 24% are “not very” (18%) or “not at all” (6%) confident”.**

Among those who are “very confident”, North Quabbin respondents (36%) were more than twice as likely as Newton respondents (17%) to say they can identify inappropriate behavior of an adult towards children or adolescents that might suggest possible sexual abuse. Newton respondents were the least confident, with 33% “not very” (26%) or “not at all” (7%) confident; while 17% said they were very confident and 45% were somewhat confident. 36% of North Quabbin respondents were very confident and 47% were somewhat confident; while 16% were “not very” (11%) or “not at all” (5%) confident. 29% of Gloucester respondents said they were very confident and 46% were somewhat confident while; 25% were “not very” (18%) or “not at all” (7%) confident.

There is a broad base of respondents (73% overall) who are “very” (27%) or “somewhat confident” (46%) they can identify possible abuse of an adult toward a child. A significant number are “not very” (18%) or “not at all” (6%) confident in this regard and when combined with the 46% that are only “somewhat” confident represent fully 70% of the adult population in need of information or training. The variation among the communities is apparent once again meaning that recruitment and public education will need to be tailored to the needs and profile of each community. Further research will determine which groups in each community are the most likely to attend training programs. It is also important to note that there is a risk of overconfidence when it comes to ability to identify signs of perpetration, because many perpetrators are highly skilled at deception and manipulation. Research has shown that it is very difficult for people to detect deception and manipulation, even when they believe that they are skilled at doing so.

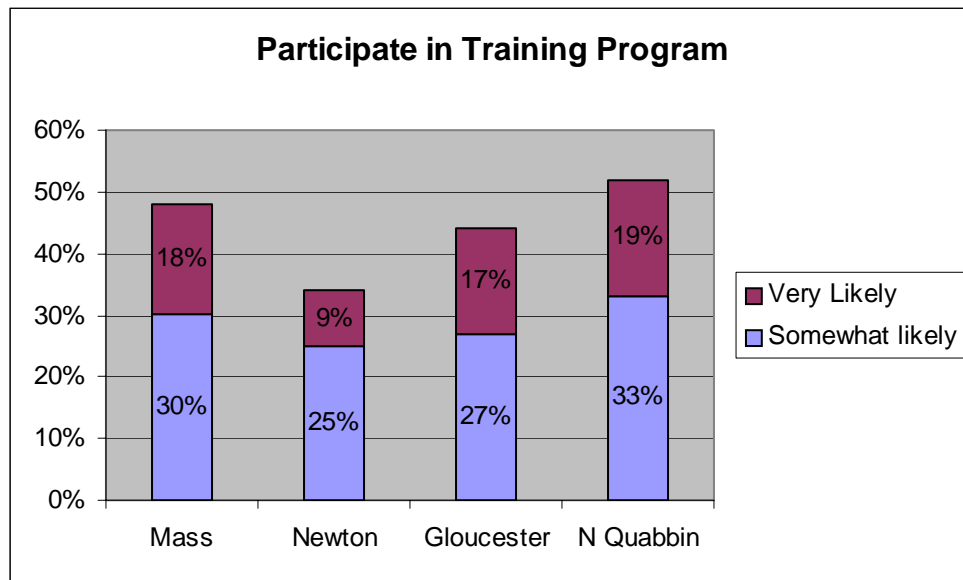


	Newton	Gloucester	North Quabbin
Very Confident	17%	29%	36%
Somewhat Confident	45%	46%	47%
Not Very Confident	26%	18%	11%
Not Confident At All	7%	7%	5%

**Significant interest in participating in prevention training program.**

48% of Massachusetts respondents were very likely (18%) or somewhat likely (30%) to participate in a local prevention program. 52% of North Quabbin respondents were “very” (19%) or “somewhat” likely (33%) to participate. 44% of Gloucester respondents were “very” (17%) or “somewhat” likely (27%) to participate. 34% of Newton respondents were “very” (9%) or “somewhat” likely (25%) to participate.

This strong interest in learning how to prevent the perpetration of and respond to possible child sexual abuse is very encouraging for the Partnership, which is developing a prevention approach that will be implemented by local coalitions. Data from the survey will help to identify the demographic profile and interests of likely participants.



	Massachusetts	Newton	Gloucester	North Quabbin
Very Likely	18%	9%	17%	19%
Somewhat Likely	30%	25%	27%	33%

**“Protecting own children” and “important issue” are top reasons to participate in prevention training.**

**“Too busy” is top reason not to participate.**

69% of respondents in all communities are motivated to participate in a prevention training program either “to protect my own children” (35%) or because “it’s an important issue” (34%).

The top reason given not to participate was “too busy”, which was given by 28% of all respondents in the three communities. The second most common response was because “it has nothing to do with me”, which was given by 18% of all respondents.

These responses will help guide recruitment efforts and public education initiatives. A recruitment message that combines the two top reasons for participation will appeal to most of those who say they are interested in such a program. Program administrators might attract those who are “too busy” by considering the program length, schedule and other issues such as child care.

## 5. SURVEY INSTRUMENT AND FREQUENCIES

Conducted by The University of Massachusetts Poll and Massachusetts Kids Count  
Execution dates: 9-24-03 thru 9-30-03

n = 450 Adult residents in three Massachusetts communities margin of error +/- 5 95% confidence level  
Newton n = 150 margin of error +/- 8 95% confidence level  
Gloucester n = 150 margin of error +/- 8 95% confidence level  
North Quabbin n = 150 margin of error +/- 8 95% confidence level

1. How much would you say you know about child sexual abuse? Would you say you know(READ LIST)

A Great Deal	18%
Quite a Bit	41%
Not Very Much	39%
Nothing At All	2%
Don't Know/Unsure	1%

2. How much of a problem do you think child sexual abuse is in Massachusetts?  
Would you say it is (READ LIST)

Very Serious	57%
Somewhat Serious	34%
Not Very Serious	2%
Not A Problem At All	0%
Don't Know/Unsure	6%

3. How much of a problem do you think child sexual abuse is in your city or town?  
Would you say it is (READ LIST)

Very Serious	22%
Somewhat Serious	36%
Not Very Serious	27%
Not A Problem At All	4%
Don't Know/Unsure	11%

4. Do you think that the problem of child sexual abuse in your city or town has gotten better or worse or stayed the same in the past five years?

Gotten Better	12%
Gotten Worse	17%
Stayed the Same	46%
Don't Know/Unsure	25%

5. Do you think that child sexual abuse is a preventable problem? Is it (READ LIST)

Definitely Preventable	23%
Somewhat Preventable	60%
Somewhat Not Preventable	8%
Definitely Not Preventable	5%
Don't Know/Unsure	4%

6. How confident are you that you can identify inappropriate behavior of an adult towards children or adolescents that might suggest possible sexual abuse? Would you say (**READ LIST**)

Very Confident	27%
Somewhat Confident	46%
Not Very Confident	18%
Not Confident At All	6%
Don't Know/Unsure	2%

7. Some sexual interactions of children and of adolescents are a normal part of growing up, while other sexual interactions are abusive, how confident are you that you can tell the difference. Would you say (**READ LIST**)

Very Confident	28%
Somewhat Confident	52%
Not Very Confident	14%
Not Confident At All	4%
Don't Know/Unsure	2%

In order to avoid misunderstandings, the definition of child sexual abuse that we're using is any sexual touching, or penetration of a child by an adult, adolescent, or older child. In addition, we would include behaviors such as exposing oneself, showing pornography to a child or photographing a child in sexual poses.

Our next few questions are about this definition and any instances you might know of that fit the definition. We are **NOT** interested in details and particularly do **NOT** want names.

8. If you suspected that someone you **do not know well** might be sexually abusing a child but were not sure, what would you do? (**DON'T READ RESPONSES**)

9. If you suspected that someone you **know well** might be sexually abusing a child but you weren't sure, what would you do? (**DON'T READ RESPONSES**)

	Pilot Sites (9/03)		Statewide (3/03)	
	#8 Not Know	#9 Know Well	#8 Not Know	#9 Know Well
Call the Police	45%	34%	39%	28%
Call Local Child Protect Svcs	14%	10%	13%	10%
Confront or Ask Adult	10%	34%	10%	34%
Tell Childs Parents or Family	8%	6%	6%	4%
Investigate Further	3%	2%	6%	5%
Refer to Agency	2%	1%	1%	
Refer to Counselor or Therapist	2%	1%	0%	
Do Nothing	2%	1%	6%	2%
Discuss with Others	2%	2%	1%	1%
Talk to Another Adult	2%	1%		
Confront or Ask Child	1%	2%	7%	6%
Contact School Officials	1%			
Call Someone - Not Sure Who	1%			
Other	1%	1%	2%	2%
Pray				
Speak with Minister			1%	1%
Keep Kids Away from Problem				
Assault Abuser				1%
Depends on Situation				
Anything Necessary				
Don't Know/Unsure	7%	6%	9%	8%

10. Are you aware of any hotlines or programs you can call for information about child sexual abuse?

Yes	34%
No	64%
Don't Know/Unsure	3%

11. Are you aware of any education or training programs in your community to help parents and other adults recognize and respond to possible child sexual abuse?

Yes	29%
No	67%
Don't Know/Unsure	4%

12. How likely would you be to participate in a training program offered in your community to learn to recognize and respond to possible child sexual abuse? Would you say you would be (**READ LIST**):

	Pilot Sites (9/03)	Statewide (3/03)
Very Likely	15%	18%
Somewhat Likely	28%	30%
Not Very Likely	34%	28%
Not At All Likely	21%	23%
Don't Know/Unsure	1%	1%

13. What would you say is the most important reason that you **DO** want to participate in such a training program? [**DO NOT READ**] n = 195

To Protect My Own Children	35%
It's an Important Issue	34%
I Work with Children & Want to Protect	14%
To Make a Difference	6%
To Protect All Children	5%
Kids Need Help with This	2%
I Was Abused & Don't Want Others to Be	2%
Gain Information	1%
Don't Know	1%

14. What would you say is the most important reason that you do **NOT** want to participate in such a training program? [**DO NOT READ**] n = 248

No Time/Too Busy	28%
Has Nothing to Do with Me	18%
Already Trained/Informed	11%
Not Interested	10%
Too Old	9%
Don't Have Child Care	5%
No Contact w Children	3%
Too Personal	3%
It's Not an Important Issue	2%
Don't Need Training	2%
Don't Have Elder Care	2%
Not Physically Able	2%

Mind My Own Business	1%
Not Effective	1%
Too Emotionally Hard	1%
Don't Know/Refused	3%

15. I'd like to ask one question about sexual abuse in childhood. Again, you do not have to answer if you do not feel comfortable. When you were a child, did an adult or older child ever sexually abuse you?

	<b>Pilot Sites (9/03)</b>	<b>Statewide (3/03)</b>
Yes	14%	15%
No	83%	83%
Refused	3%	2%

## 6. DEMOGRAPHICS

*Now I have just a few more questions so we can classify your answers.*

16. Regardless of your voter registration, how would you describe your politics today, would you describe yourself as... **(READ LIST)**

	<b>Pilot Sites (9/03)</b>	<b>Statewide (3/03)</b>
Mostly Democrat	34%	22%
Leaning Democrat	9%	11%
Completely Independent	37%	35%
Leaning Republican	7%	13%
Mostly Republican	8%	10%
Something Else	2%	5%
Don't Know	2%	2%
Refused	2%	1%

17. In what **YEAR** were you born: 19 / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / **[CONVERTED TO AGE]**

	<b>Pilot Sites (9/03)</b>	<b>Statewide (3/03)</b>
18-25	5%	9%
26-35	10%	15%
36-45	22%	18%
46-55	24%	25%
56-65	17%	15%
Over 65	22%	16%
Don't Know/Refused	1%	3%

18. Which of the following best describes most of your ancestors? **[READ LIST]**

	<b>Pilot Sites (9/03)</b>	<b>Statewide (3/03)</b>
African American	7%	7%
Asian American	1%	3%
Hispanic	1%	4%
European	79%	75%
Mixed Race	3%	3%
Something Else	6%	7%
Not Sure/Don't Know	1%	
Refused	1%	2%

19. What is your zip code? /\_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_/

20. What was the last grade of school or year of college you completed: **[DO NOT READ LIST]**

	<b>Pilot Sites (9/03)</b>	<b>Statewide (3/03)</b>
Less Than High School	4%	6%
H.S. Grad	21%	26%
Some College -2yr	7%	17%
2 yr Associate	7%	6%
Some College +2yr	8%	5%
College Grad	22%	22%
Post Grad	29%	17%
Refused	1%	1%

21. If you are religious, what is your religion? **(DO NOT READ LIST)**

	<b>Pilot Sites (9/03)</b>	<b>Statewide (3/03)</b>
Catholic	36%	45%
Protestant	26%	29%
Jewish	12%	4%
None	21%	15%
Something Else	2%	4%
Refused	3%	3%

22. And finally, which of the following ranges best describes your annual household income, is it **[READ LIST]**

	<b>Pilot Sites (9/03)</b>	<b>Statewide (3/03)</b>
Less Than \$10,000	3%	5%
Between \$10,000 and \$24,999	9%	9%
Between \$25,000 and \$34,999	13%	11%
Between \$35,000 and \$49,999	11%	13%
Between \$50,000 and \$74,999	18%	20%
Between \$75,000 and \$150,000	22%	25%
More Than \$150,000	7%	5%
Don't Know	3%	2%
Refused	14%	11%

23. GENDER **[BY OBSERVATION, ASK IF NECESSARY]**

	<b>Pilot Sites (9/03)</b>	<b>Statewide (3/03)</b>
Male	50%	50%
Female	50%	50%

## 7. Cross tabulations by Community

### Q1: HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE \* SAMPLE Crosstabulation

% within SAMPLE

		SAMPLE			Total
		Newton	Gloucester	North Quabbin	
Q1: HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE	A Great Deal	17.3%	11.3%	24.7%	17.8%
	Quite a Bit	42.7%	47.3%	32.0%	40.7%
	Not Very Much	35.3%	39.3%	42.0%	38.9%
	Nothing At All	2.0%	2.0%	.7%	1.6%
	Don't Know/Unsure	2.7%		.7%	1.1%
Total		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

### Q2: HOW MUCH A PROBLEM THINK CHILD SEX ABUSE IS IN MASS \* SAMPLE Crosstabulation

% within SAMPLE

		SAMPLE			Total
		Newton	Gloucester	North Quabbin	
Q2: HOW MUCH A PROBLEM THINK CHILD SEX ABUSE IS IN MASS	Very Serious	47.3%	55.3%	68.7%	57.1%
	Somewhat Serious	41.3%	37.3%	24.0%	34.2%
	Not Very Serious	2.0%	4.0%	.7%	2.2%
	Not A Problem At All	.7%			.2%
	Don't Know/Unsure	8.7%	3.3%	6.7%	6.2%
Total		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**: HOW MUCH A PROBLEM THINK CHILD SEX ABUSE IS IN COMMUNITY \* SAMPI  
Crosstabulation**

% within SAMPLE

		SAMPLE			Total
		Newton	Gloucester	North Quabbin	
Q3: HOW MUCH A PROBLEM THINK CHILD SEX ABUSE IS IN COMMUNITY	Very Serious	14.7%	14.7%	37.3%	22.2%
	Somewhat Serious	35.3%	40.7%	30.7%	35.6%
	Not Very Serious	34.7%	24.0%	21.3%	26.7%
	Not A Problem At All	4.0%	5.3%	4.0%	4.4%
	Don't Know/Unsure	11.3%	15.3%	6.7%	11.1%
Total		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**Q4: PROBLEM IN YOUR CITY/TOWN HAS GOTTEN IN LAST 5 YEARS \* SAMPLE  
Crosstabulation**

% within SAMPLE

		SAMPLE			Total
		Newton	Gloucester	North Quabbin	
Q4: PROBLEM IN YOUR CITY/TOWN HAS GOTTEN IN LAST 5 YEARS	Gotten Better	16.7%	16.0%	4.7%	12.4%
	Gotten Worse	6.7%	14.7%	30.0%	17.1%
	Stayed the Same	42.7%	45.3%	48.7%	45.6%
	Don't Know/Unsure	34.0%	24.0%	16.7%	24.9%
Total		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**Q5: THINK CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE IS PREVENTABLE PROBLEM \* SAMPLE  
Crosstabulation**

% within SAMPLE

		SAMPLE			Total
		Newton	Gloucester	North Quabbin	
Q5: THINK CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE IS PREVENTABLE PROBLEM	Definitely Preventable	21.3%	20.0%	27.3%	22.9%
	Somewhat Preventable	62.7%	60.0%	57.3%	60.0%
	Somewhat Not Preventable	4.7%	10.0%	8.7%	7.8%
	Definitely Not Preventable	6.0%	6.7%	3.3%	5.3%
	Don't Know/Unsure	4.7%	3.3%	3.3%	3.8%
	Refused	.7%			.2%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**Q6: HOW CONFIDENT COULD IDENTIFY INAPPROP BEHAVIOR ADULT & CHILD \* SAMPLE  
Crosstabulation**

% within SAMPLE

		SAMPLE			Total
		Newton	Gloucester	North Quabbin	
Q6: HOW CONFIDENT COULD IDENTIFY INAPPROP BEHAVIOR ADULT & CHILD	Very Confident	17.3%	28.7%	36.0%	27.3%
	Somewhat Confident	45.3%	46.0%	47.3%	46.2%
	Not Very Confident	26.0%	18.0%	10.7%	18.2%
	Not Confident At All	7.3%	6.7%	5.3%	6.4%
	Don't Know/Unsure	4.0%	.7%	.7%	1.8%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	

**HOW CONFIDENT COULD IDENTIFY ABUSE BETWEEN CHILDREN & ADOLESCEN**  
**\* SAMPLE Crosstabulation**

% within SAMPLE

		SAMPLE			Total
		Newton	Gloucester	North Quabbin	
Q7: HOW CONFIDENT COULD IDENTIFY ABUSE BETWEEN CHILDREN & ADOLESCENTS	Very Confident	18.7%	29.3%	37.3%	28.4%
	Somewhat Confident	56.0%	52.0%	46.7%	51.6%
	Not Very Confident	18.0%	14.7%	10.0%	14.2%
	Not Confident At All	4.7%	4.0%	4.0%	4.2%
	Don't Know/Unsure	2.7%		2.0%	1.6%
Total		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**IF THOUGHT CHILD BEING ABUSED BY SOMEONE NOT KNOWN WELL WOULD**  
**\* SAMPLE Crosstabulation**

% within SAMPLE

		SAMPLE			Total
		Newton	Gloucester	North Quabbin	
Q8: IF THOUGHT CHILD BEING ABUSED BY SOMEONE NOT KNOWN WELL WOULD	Confront or Ask Adult	13.3%	10.7%	6.0%	10.0%
	Confront or Ask Child	1.3%	1.3%	.7%	1.1%
	Tell Childs Parents or Family	12.0%	10.7%	2.7%	8.4%
	Call the Police	28.0%	45.3%	62.0%	45.1%
	Call Local Child Protective Svcs	18.7%	14.7%	8.7%	14.0%
	Refer to Agency	1.3%	2.0%	2.0%	1.8%
	Refer to Counselor or Therapist	2.7%	1.3%	1.3%	1.8%
	Do Nothing	2.7%	.7%	1.3%	1.6%
	Discuss with Others	4.7%		.7%	1.8%
	Contact School Officials		1.3%	.7%	.7%
	Talk to Another Adult	1.3%	2.0%	1.3%	1.6%
	Investigate Further	.7%	2.7%	4.7%	2.7%
	Pray	.7%			.2%
	Speak with Minister	.7%			.2%
	Keep Kids Away from Problem		.7%		.2%
	Call Someone - Not Sure Who	.7%	1.3%	1.3%	1.1%
	Assault Abuser			.7%	.2%
	Depends on Situation		.7%		.2%
	Anything Necessary		.7%		.2%
	Don't Know/Unsure	11.3%	4.0%	6.0%	7.1%
Total		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**9: IF THOUGHT CHILD BEING ABUSED BY SOMEONE KNOWN WELL WOULD**  
**SAMPLE Crosstabulation**

% within SAMPLE

		SAMPLE			Total
		Newton	Gloucester	North Quabbin	
Q9: IF THOUGHT CHILD BEING ABUSED BY SOMEONE KNOWN WELL WOULD	Confront or Ask Adult	37.3%	32.0%	31.3%	33.6%
	Confront or Ask Child	3.3%	2.0%	2.0%	2.4%
	Tell Childs Parents or Family	9.3%	6.0%	1.3%	5.6%
	Call the Police	22.7%	38.7%	39.3%	33.6%
	Call Local Child Protective Svcs	11.3%	8.7%	10.7%	10.2%
	Refer to Agency	.7%		2.0%	.9%
	Refer to Counselor or Therapist	.7%		1.3%	.7%
	Do Nothing	.7%		2.7%	1.1%
	Discuss with Others	4.7%			1.6%
	Contact School Officials		.7%		.2%
	Talk to Another Adult	.7%	2.0%	1.3%	1.3%
	Investigate Further	1.3%	1.3%	2.7%	1.8%
	Speak with Minister			.7%	.2%
	Keep Kids Away from Problem		.7%		.2%
	Call Someone - Not Sure Who	.7%	.7%		.4%
	Assault Abuser			.7%	.2%
	Anything Necessary		.7%		.2%
	Don't Know/Unsure	6.7%	6.7%	4.0%	5.8%
Total		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**Q10: AWARE OF HOTLINES OR PROGRAMS \* SAMPLE Crosstabulation**

% within SAMPLE

		SAMPLE			Total
		Newton	Gloucester	North Quabbin	
Q10: AWARE OF HOTLINES OR PROGRAMS	Yes	20.7%	34.7%	45.3%	33.6%
	No	78.7%	61.3%	51.3%	63.8%
	Don't Know/Unsure	.7%	4.0%	3.3%	2.7%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**Q11: AWARE OF ANY EDUCATION OR TRAINING PROGRAMS IN COMMUNITY \* SAMPLE Crosstabulation**

% within SAMPLE

		SAMPLE			Total
		Newton	Gloucester	North Quabbin	
Q11: AWARE OF ANY EDUCATION OR TRAINING PROGRAMS IN COMMUNITY	Yes	26.7%	32.0%	29.3%	29.3%
	No	72.7%	62.0%	66.7%	67.1%
	Don't Know/Unsure	.7%	6.0%	4.0%	3.6%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**Q12: HOW LIKELY TO PARTICIPATE IN LOCAL TRAINING PROGRAM \* SAMPLE Crosstabulation**

% within SAMPLE

		SAMPLE			Total
		Newton	Gloucester	North Quabbin	
Q12: HOW LIKELY TO PARTICIPATE IN LOCAL TRAINING PROGRAM	Very Likely	9.3%	16.7%	19.3%	15.1%
	Somewhat Likely	25.3%	26.7%	32.7%	28.2%
	Not Very Likely	32.7%	38.7%	30.0%	33.8%
	Not At All Likely	30.7%	16.7%	16.7%	21.3%
	Don't Know/Unsure	1.3%	.7%	1.3%	1.1%
	Refused	.7%	.7%		.4%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**13: MOST IMPORTANT REASON WOULD PARTICIPATE IN TRAINING \* SAMPLE  
Crosstabulation**

% within SAMPLE

		SAMPLE			Total
		Newton	Gloucester	North Quabbin	
Q13: MOST IMPORTANT REASON WOULD PARTICIPATE IN TRAINING	To Protect My Own Children	32.7%	36.9%	35.9%	35.4%
	I Work with Children & Want to Protect	11.5%	26.2%	6.4%	14.4%
	I Was Abused & Don't Want Others to Be		1.5%	3.8%	2.1%
	It's an Important Issue	36.5%	30.8%	34.6%	33.8%
	Kids Need Help w This			3.8%	1.5%
	To Protect All Children	7.7%	3.1%	5.1%	5.1%
	Gain Information	1.9%		1.3%	1.0%
	To Make a Difference	7.7%	1.5%	9.0%	6.2%
	Don't Know	1.9%			.5%
Total		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**Q14: MOST IMPORTANT REASON WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN TRAINING \* SAMPLE  
Crosstabulation**

% within SAMPLE

		SAMPLE			Total
		Newton	Gloucester	North Quabbin	
Q14: MOST IMPORTANT REASON WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN TRAINING	No Time/Too Busy	24.2%	25.3%	35.7%	27.8%
	Don't Have Child Care	9.5%	3.6%	1.4%	5.2%
	Don't Have Elder Care	3.2%	1.2%	1.4%	2.0%
	Has Nothing to Do w Me	20.0%	20.5%	12.9%	18.1%
	Not Interested	8.4%	12.0%	10.0%	10.1%
	Too Personal	1.1%	6.0%	2.9%	3.2%
	It's Not an Important Issue	2.1%	2.4%		1.6%
	Don't Need Training	2.1%	1.2%	1.4%	1.6%
	Already Trained/Informed	13.7%	8.4%	10.0%	10.9%
	Too Old	4.2%	9.6%	12.9%	8.5%
	No Contact w Children	4.2%	2.4%	2.9%	3.2%
	Mind My Own Business		1.2%	2.9%	1.2%
	Not Effective	2.1%			.8%
	Not Physically Able	1.1%	2.4%	1.4%	1.6%
	Too Emotionally Hard			4.3%	1.2%
	Not Widespread Problem		1.2%		.4%
	Don't Know	3.2%	1.2%		1.6%
	Refused	1.1%	1.2%		.8%
Total		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**5: WHEN YOU WERE A CHILD, EVER SEXUALLY ABUSED \* SAMPLE Crosstabulation**

% within SAMPLE

		SAMPLE			Total
		Newton	Gloucester	North Quabbin	
Q15: WHEN YOU WERE A CHILD, EVER SEXUALLY ABUSED	Yes	10.0%	16.0%	15.3%	13.8%
	No	86.0%	79.3%	83.3%	82.9%
	Don't Know/Unsure	.7%	.7%		.4%
	Refused	3.3%	4.0%	1.3%	2.9%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**Q16: WOULD DESCRIBE YOUR POLITICS TODAY \* SAMPLE Crosstabulation**

% within SAMPLE

		SAMPLE			Total
		Newton	Gloucester	North Quabbin	
Q16: WOULD DESCRIBE YOUR POLITICS TODAY	Mostly Democrat	54.0%	21.3%	27.3%	34.2%
	Leaning Democrat	8.0%	12.0%	6.7%	8.9%
	Completely Independent	22.0%	43.3%	45.3%	36.9%
	Leaning Republican	8.7%	7.3%	4.7%	6.9%
	Mostly Republican	4.0%	11.3%	7.3%	7.6%
	Something Else	.7%	2.0%	2.7%	1.8%
	Not Registered			1.3%	.4%
	Don't Know	.7%	1.3%	3.3%	1.8%
	Refused	2.0%	1.3%	1.3%	1.6%
Total		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**Q17: AGE \* SAMPLE Crosstabulation**

% within SAMPLE

		SAMPLE			Total
		Newton	Gloucester	North Quabbin	
Q17: AGE	18-25	4.7%	5.3%	5.3%	5.1%
	26-35	8.7%	11.3%	9.3%	9.8%
	36-45	15.3%	22.0%	27.3%	21.6%
	46-55	28.7%	20.0%	22.7%	23.8%
	56-65	19.3%	13.3%	19.3%	17.3%
	Over 65	22.7%	26.7%	16.0%	21.8%
	Don't Know/Refused	.7%	1.3%		.7%
Total		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**Q18: DESCRIBES ANCESTORS \* SAMPLE Crosstabulation**

% within SAMPLE

		SAMPLE			Total
		Newton	Gloucester	North Quabbin	
Q18:	African	6.0%	5.3%	9.3%	6.9%
DESCRIBES	American				
ANCESTORS	Asian	1.3%	1.3%	1.3%	1.3%
	American				
	Hispanic		.7%	2.0%	.9%
	European	88.7%	78.0%	70.7%	79.1%
	Mixed				
	Race		7.3%	2.7%	3.3%
	Something				
	Else	2.0%	4.7%	12.7%	6.4%
	Not				
	Sure/Don't		1.3%	.7%	.7%
	Know				
	Refused	2.0%	1.3%	.7%	1.3%
Total		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**Q19: ZIP CODE \* SAMPLE Crosstabulation**

% within SAMPLE

	SAMPLE			Total
	Newton	Gloucester	North Quabbin	
Q19: 1331			45.3%	15.1%
ZIP 1344			2.7%	.9%
COD 1355			4.7%	1.6%
E 1364			26.7%	8.9%
1366			3.3%	1.1%
1368			6.7%	2.2%
1378			1.3%	.4%
1379			6.7%	2.2%
1380			2.7%	.9%
1930		100.0%		33.3%
2458	10.7%			3.6%
2459	26.7%			8.9%
2460	10.7%			3.6%
2461	11.3%			3.8%
2462	5.3%			1.8%
2464	5.3%			1.8%
2465	15.3%			5.1%
2466	6.7%			2.2%
2467	3.3%			1.1%
2468	4.0%			1.3%
2495	.7%			.2%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**Q20: LAST GRADE OF SCHOOL OR COLLEGE COMPLETED \* SAMPLE Crosstabulation**

% within SAMPLE

		SAMPLE			Total
		Newton	Gloucester	North Quabbin	
Q20: LAST GRADE OF SCHOOL OR COLLEGE COMPLETED	Less Than High School	2.7%	4.7%	4.7%	4.0%
	H.S. Grad	6.0%	34.7%	22.7%	21.1%
	Some College -2yr	5.3%	4.7%	11.3%	7.1%
	2 yr Associate		4.0%	18.0%	7.3%
	Some College +2yr	4.7%	9.3%	10.7%	8.2%
	College Grad	27.3%	24.0%	16.0%	22.4%
	Post Grad	53.3%	16.7%	16.0%	28.7%
	Don't Know			.7%	.2%
	Refused	.7%	2.0%		.9%
Total		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**Q21: IF RELIGIOUS, WHAT IS YOUR RELIGION \* SAMPLE Crosstabulation**

% within SAMPLE

		SAMPLE			Total
		Newton	Gloucester	North Quabbin	
Q21: IF RELIGIOUS, WHAT IS YOUR RELIGION	Catholic	18.7%	50.7%	37.3%	35.6%
	Protestant	20.0%	24.7%	34.7%	26.4%
	Jewish	30.7%	3.3%	.7%	11.6%
	None	20.7%	16.0%	26.7%	21.1%
	Something Else	2.7%	1.3%	.7%	1.6%
	Don't Know	.7%	.7%		.4%
	Refused	6.7%	3.3%		3.3%
Total		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**Q22: HOUSEHOLD INCOME \* SAMPLE Crosstabulation**

% within SAMPLE

	SAMPLE			Total
	Newton	Gloucester	North Quabbin	
Q22: Less Than \$10,000		3.3%	5.3%	2.9%
OLD INCOME Between \$10,000 and \$24,999	8.7%	8.0%	11.3%	9.3%
Between \$25,000 and \$34,999	5.3%	18.7%	14.0%	12.7%
Between \$35,000 and \$49,999	9.3%	12.0%	12.7%	11.3%
Between \$50,000 and \$74,999	10.7%	18.0%	25.3%	18.0%
Between \$75,000 and \$150,000	30.7%	17.3%	17.3%	21.8%
More Than \$150,000	15.3%	3.3%	2.0%	6.9%
Don't Know	2.7%	2.7%	3.3%	2.9%
Refused	17.3%	16.7%	8.7%	14.2%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**Q23: RESPONDENT'S GENDER \* SAMPLE Crosstabulation**

% within SAMPLE

		SAMPLE			Total
		Newton	Gloucester	North Quabbin	
Q23: RESPONDENT'S GENDER	Male	51.3%	49.3%	49.3%	50.0%
	Female	48.7%	50.7%	50.7%	50.0%
Total		100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%