

Child Sexual Abuse

- More than 54% of female survivors and nearly 71% of male survivors were first raped before their 18th birthdays.
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